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# Liberty Fest to liven up Heritage Park



The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will be one of many participants in the Liberty Fest parade on Saturday.

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The pancakes, the music, the fireworks - Liberty Fest is almost here.

"This is what we do," said Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator Jon LaFever. "This is the pinnacle of our whole year. We have something for everyone and it's just a feel-good event."

While Liberty Fest will take place Friday and Saturday in Heritage Park, there will be a bit of a sneak preview on Thursday. The event's family zone will be open to public from 5-10 p.m., and there will be a concert by 50 Amp Fuse at 7 p.m.

For a complete list of Liberty Fest activities, please see our Liberty Fest special section in Thursday's Observer.

The events will begin rolling out Friday afternoon with Rock 'n' Roll K-9 Shows at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the family zone. Nickelodeon Live, which will take place at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the amphitheater are sure to be kid favorites, LaFever said.

"It will be very interactive," he said. "There will be slime."

Bon Journey, a tribute band to Bon Jovi and Journey, will take to the Canton Live stage at 8 p.m. "We're finding that a lot of Canton's young families

grew up with the music of Journey and Bon Jovi so they're excited about Bon Journey." LaFever said.

On Saturday, the festivities will open with the annual pancake breakfast by the Canton Lions Club in Kohl's parking lot on Ford Road at Sheldon. The complimentary event (the Lions will be accepting donations) is a popular mainstay of the festival, LaFever said. "Some people come out just for the breakfast," he said. "It's a big hit."

In addition to the breakfast, the Liberty Fest parade will make its way along Ford Road from Sheldon to Lilley. Saturday's headlining act, The John Corbett Band, which is fronted

#### 17TH ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST

When: Friday and Saturday Where: In and around Heritage Park What: The festival will feature plenty of entertainment, food, and family activities.

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by the "Sex and the City" actor, will be followed by the annual fireworks display at dusk, which will last about 45 minutes.

## Library's reading program a big hit with adults

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Who says summer reading programs are kids' stuff? Not the hundreds of adults who participate in the annual book extravaganza at Canton Public Library.

The program, which begins June 16, is in its third year and has become a favorite among library patrons. Laurie Golden, library spokeswoman, said 500 people participated last summer which was up from 345 in 2006.

"We were surprised that first year because we didn't know how many adults would do it and we were even more surprised the next year," she said, adding that some participants began inquiring about this summer's offering early.

"The summer months have a slower pace and more people do pleasure reading.

About 700 people are expected to participate this year.

The theme of this summer's program is Challenge of the Decades. Participants will be encouraged to choose books, movies and music from the 1930s to the 2000s. Those who complete a decades worth of material, will be eligible for prize

In addition to items such as gas cards being up for grabs in weekly contests, the grand prize for the program is a \$500 gift certificate from Northwest Airlines.

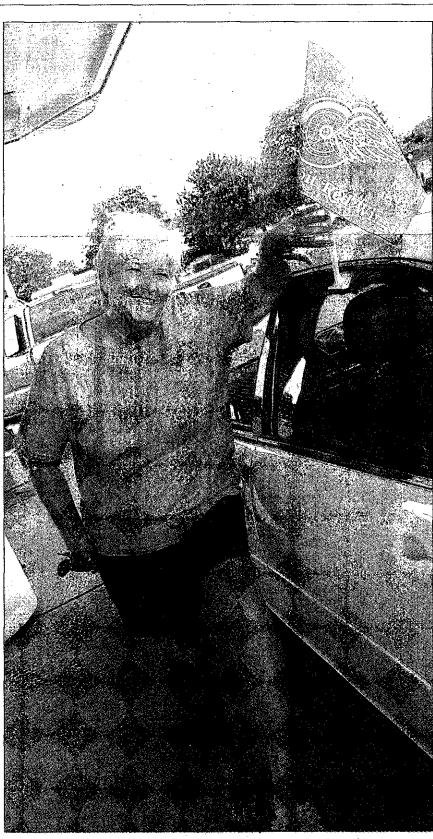
Laura Fawcett, adult services librarian, said there are suggested materials for every category and highlighted the program's other activities, such as an adult video gaming session.

"Adult summer reading should be fun," she said.

"It's time to put away the business journals and parenting books and read for your enjoyment."

Those interested in the program must be at least 18 years old. Township residency is not required.

For more information, call (734) 397-0999 or visit www.cantonpl.org.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Feeling red from head to toe

Canton's Barbara Kowalski was still dressed in red Thursday morning after staying up all night celebrating the Red Wings latest Stanley Cup championship. "I was up to four o'clock in the morning celebrating. I usually have my Red Wings earrings on and a jersey," said Kowalski, who was pumping gas at a Sunoco Station in Westland. For more on the Red Wings celebration, please see page A3.

# Couple remarries after being divorced for 37 years

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mary and Thomas Hartunian ended their 22-year marriage in 1971 and neither of them has looked back.

Well, except to remarry each other June 1.

The couple has spent the past 37 years as "good friends." But family members say everyone began wondering "what if?" last month when the two took to the dance floor together at the wedding of their granddaughter,

Lindsay Freda. "It was magical when they started dancing," said Freda, a

Virginia resident. They have been the best of friends since their divorce. They never really faltered in their relationship and we all couldn't be happier that they are going to spend the rest of

their days together." Soon after Freda's nuptials, Thomas, 85, invited Mary, 78, over to his Canton home and proposed to her on his deck. "I thought he just wanted to

talk," Mary said with a chuckle, adding that after he proposed, she quickly shot back "okey dokey" as her answer. The couple, who first tied the

knot in August 1949 and have two sons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, never remarried during their time apart. Thomas has a portrait of

Mary, as a flawless 19-year-old bride, hanging above his fireplace.

Last weekend, in front of dozens of family members and friends, the Hartunians

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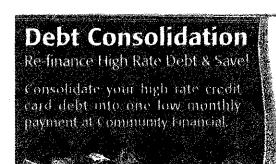
Thomas and Mary Hartunian remarried each other June. 1 - after divorcing in 1971. The two are standing under a portrait of Mary pictured on their first wedding day in 1949.

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## **Coming Thursday**





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St. Edith teacher Debbie Malek, third from left, was joined at a retirement surprise party by her husband, Bob, principal Sister Margaret Kijek, and mother, Lucille Galanty.

# Funny teacher with picky friend retires after 30 years

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Not only is Debbie Malek retiring, but she's taking Mrs. Picky with her.

Mrs. Picky is the alter ego who helped the Canton resident teach grammar to students at St. Edith over the past 30 years — things like commas belonging inside quote marks.

"I have never met anyone so picky during English class," said seventh-grader Nicholas O'Donnell.

"She is pretty picky," Malek said of her alter ego. "I told them I'm going to be picky about quotes." Grammar is the foundation, she said.

Students said they would miss the review games like English Baseball, Malek's sense of humor and even the colorful cat poster hanging on her wall.

Malek taught more than 900 students in her 30 years at St. Edith, which is located in Livonia. On Wednesday, the school put on a celebration with cheers, tributes, presentations, prayers and a banner that read, "We love you Mrs. Malek," signed by everyone.

"I thought I was coming for



Students at St. Edith School made up a cheer for fourth-grade teacher Debbie Malek, who is retiring after 30 years at the school.

will miss all of you. I love you. Thank you."

It wasn't hard to keep the secret, said Ava Dwyer, who's in Malek's fourth-grade class. What she likes about her teacher is, "She's funny and she's

usually smiling."
"She taught all my kids, and I call her my friend," said Dale Mary Orsucci, the school secretary, who has worked with Malek for 28 years.

"She was an amazing teacher," said eighth-grader Kelly Campbell. "She taught me that even though sometimes life's

hard, we can get through it." Just as athletes perform bet-

ter when calm, "Her more delicate approach got the best out of her students," said former student Rob Orsucci.

Malek and her husband, Bob, live in Canton and have two adult children, Elizabeth and Bob, who also attended St. Edith. In her retirement, she will spend time at their Florida home, work on golf and spend time on her hobbies, crafting and gardening.

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## Canton team has top public service video

Beer cans aren't your friends. That's the winning mes-

sage of the student team from Canton High School - the top winner in the Buddy's Pizza/ Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers public service video contest.

Buddy's representative Marcy Brontman presented the Canton team with its \$1,000 prize June 3. Janet Sutherland, video production teacher at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, said the money will be used to buy new equipment for the class.

The Canton students and Sutherland were also treated to a pizza dinner courtesy of Buddy's.

The 30-second PSA was written, filmed and edited by Adam Somers, Alex Magee, Eric Piwowar, Mark Edwards and Lucas Seibel. All five will graduate today from Canton High School. Somers will attend Schoolcraft College and study communications. Magee intends to study television production and computer science at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, while Piwowar heads to Michigan State University to study communications. Edwards, the



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marci Brontman of Buddy's Pizza presents Canton High School students, (from left) Alex Magee, teacher Janet Sutherland, Eric Piwawar, Lucas Seibel, Mark Edwards and Adam Somers with a scholarship check after their public service announcement was picked as the winner for the PSA contest sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and The Observer and Eccentric Newspapers.

voice on the PSA, will attend Schoolcraft College to study accounting and Seibel will major in film and video pro-

duction at Columbia College. Sutherland praised the students for their creativity.

"It was a collaborative effort," she said, adding "the challenging part was trying to tie in the "Buddy's message with a serious public service

announcement."

The students said it took about 10 hours to write the script, film and edit the PSA.

Other schools competing for the \$1,000 prize included Plymouth, Livonia Franklin, Berkley, Livonia Ladywood, Northville, Troy Athens and Farmington Harrison.

To view the PSAs go to www. buddyspizza.com.

## We've moved!

The Plymouth and Canton Observer editorial staffs have relocated to the company's Livonia headquarters.

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again vowed to love and honor each other in Thomas's backyard.

Freda served as the matron of honor and Dan Hartunian, the couple's grandson, was the best man.

"I never thought I would stand up for my grandparents' wedding," Dan smiled.

"I'm just happy for them."

Mary, who carried a bouquet of red roses, carnations and stephanotis, was walked down the aisle by Gerald Sahagian of Toledo.

Sahagian, who is Thomas' nephew, was the ring bearer at the couple's first wedding. I think this is absolutely great," Sahagian said while

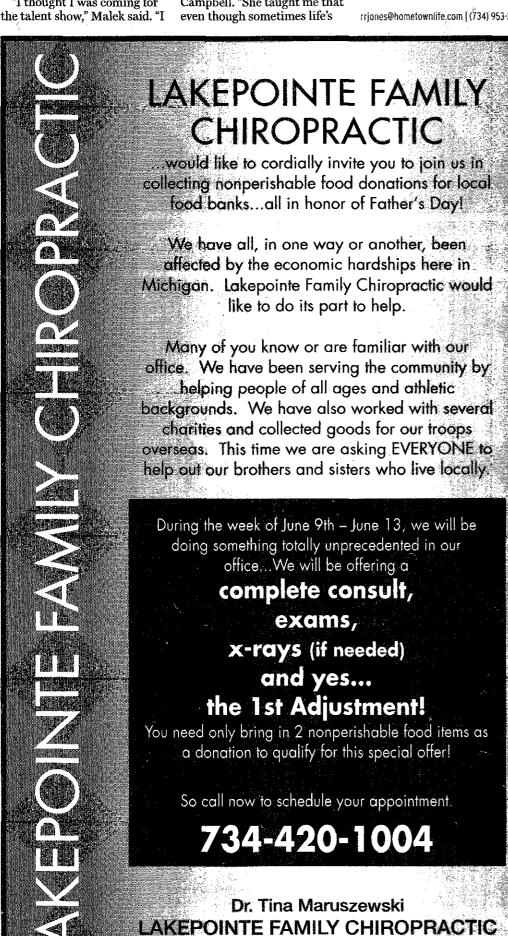
holding Mary's hand and joking that he has all the inside stories from the 1949 celebration.

"I am thrilled and happy for them."

Thomas Hartunian, the couple's oldest son, got married the same year his parents divorced and said he didn't knock their decision to separate.

"I love them both and throughout the years we still had that family unity," he said, but added that he never expected his parents to reunite romantically.

As family members offered light-hearted quips about the couple's honeymoon period, their youngest son, Bob Hartunian, joked: "No more kids."



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# Well done, Wings!

## Local fans fly high after Detroit wins Stanley Cup

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Laurie Golden acknowledges people think it's a little crazy her family has a replica Stanley Cup, complete with red spotlight, stationed in the front yard of her Plymouth home.

The way people were celebrating after the Red Wings won the decisive sixth game of the Stanley Cup finals, 3-2, over the Pittsburgh Penguins Wednesday, maybe people won't think it's that crazy after

"We watch all the games all the time," said Golden, who said they're "fairly famous" for the hockey display. "People think we're nuts."

While fans crowded around televisions in homes, restaurants and bars around the area, it was a quiet night at the Canton Public Library, where Golden is marketing and communications manager, with most patrons off watching the Red Wings clinch the Stanley

"Not nearly as many people in the library and phones were quiet," Golden said.



The corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Main in Plymouth was a popular celebration site after the Detroit Red Wings won the Stanley Cup Wednesday.

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Denise Semion of Plymouth Township and husband Bill also cheered on the Wings, who won their first Stanley Cup since 2002.

"Boy, that was close," Denise Semion said. A colleague of hers at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks didn't wear his "lucky" Red Wings tie to work Wednesday, worried he had iinxed the team in the Monday night heartbreaker of a loss at

Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Kate Rosevear, owner of Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Plymouth, said she "just

watched the very tag end" of Wednesday's game.

"It was fantastic," Rosevear said. "I watched as much of it as my heart could stand. I'm proud of them, although it sure was a cliff-hanger. Great game."

Plymouth Township resident Rosevear had a meeting Wednesday but saw the end when she got home.

"Anything that's positive about Detroit is wonderful," she said, noting the Wings are the hardest-working, lowestpaid athletes, "and they get the job done."

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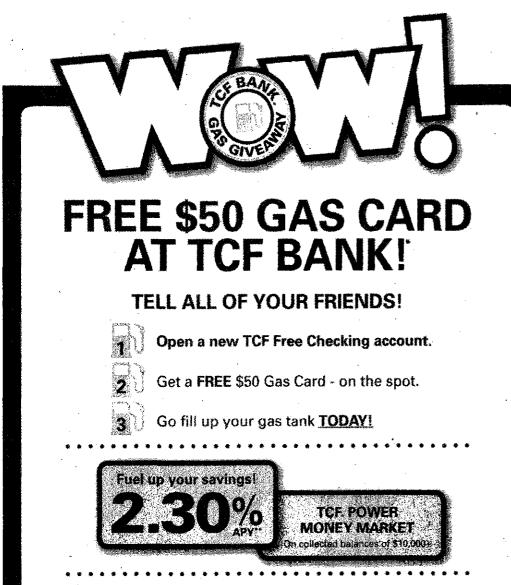


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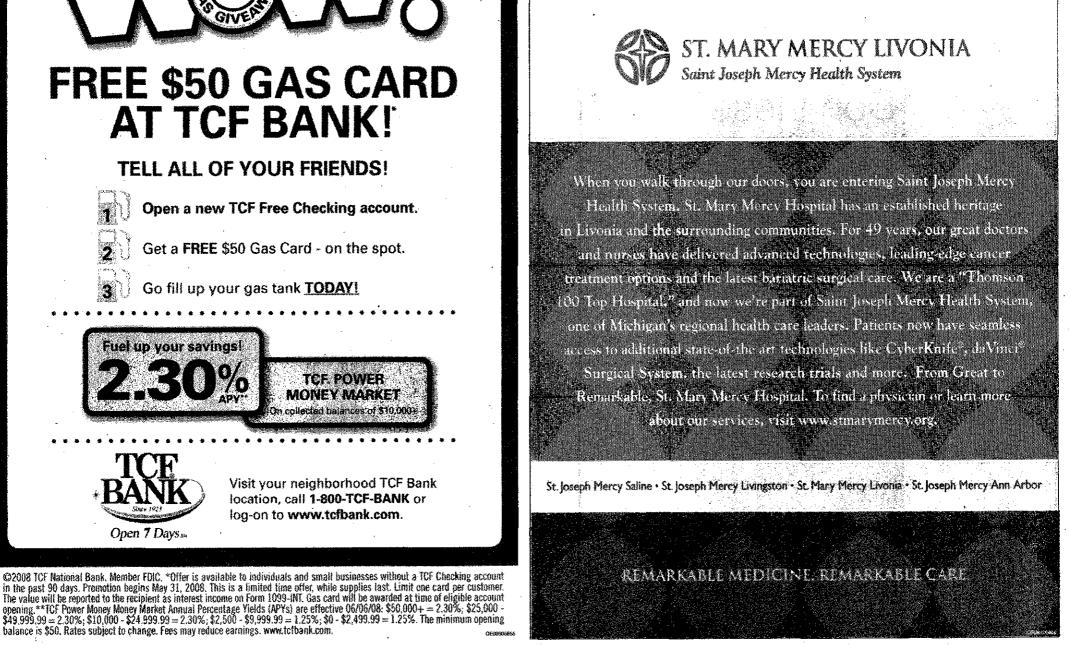


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## Memorial golf outing

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"This is a wonderful organization with a truly caring staff that puts a lot of blood, sweat

and tears into helping the children that come into their office," said Dave Garr of the Oakwood program. "In fact, Dr. Susan Youngs, who runs the program, was the only one of Vanessa's doctors to show up at her funeral. That shows you what kind of people they have there." The outing, which costs \$125 per golfer or \$50 for dinner only guests, features lunch, golf, dinner, three hours of open bar, silent and live auctions and lots of door prizes. To support the outing either by playing or by contributing, please contact Dave Garr at (734) 542-6800.

#### MDOT meeting

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The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will hold a public information meeting Thursday, June 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Canton's Administration Building to discuss the findings of an ongoing traffic operations and safety study being done at the

Ford Road and Beck Road intersection. The study is being done in an effort to increase safety and reduce congestion at the intersection. The June 26 meeting is open to the public and business owners and residents located near the intersection are urged to attend.

For more information on the June 26 meeting please call MDOT at (313) 375-2400.

#### Weight loss challenge

In the effort to raise awareness of the obesity epidemic sweeping Michigan, Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic of Canton and Anytime Fitness of Plymouth are each hosting Weight Loss Challenges that will begin June 10 at the Canton Center Chiropractic Clinic and June 12 at Anytime Fitness. The challenges will provide 12 weeks of informational meetings, group support and one on one coaching. Opportunity for free spinal evaluations and advice from a

fitness trainer will be offered at both locations. Some of the topics that will be covered include protein and its role, metabolism, digestion, stress and dining out.

The cost to join the 12 week challenge is \$39, of which \$10 will be donated to FIT KIDS, a non-profit organization that funds agencies working to eliminate childhood obesity. The rest of the money will be paid back to the participants in cash and prizes with 50 percent going to the greatest percentage loser, 30 percent to the second place loser and 20 per cent to the third place loser. In addition, anybody who participates from June 2008 through December 2008 is eligible to win a Hawaiian vacation for two by becoming the biggest percentage loser throughout the U.S.

To register or for more information, please call (888) 233-0398. Space will be limited at both challenges.

# Two injured in apartment fire

Two men were injured during an early morning fire at Village Squire Apartments on Friday. When Canton firefighters arrived at the unit, located on the 5900 block of Edinburgh just north of Ford Road (near Lotz Road), they found smoke coming from a second-story apartment. All of the building's occupants were evacuated, with assistance from police officers, except for the apartment that was on fire.

After using forced entry to get into the apartment, firefighters found one of the men in a bedroom. The middle-aged man was conscious but was suffering from smoke inhalation. Canton paramedics transported him to Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

The other man, also middle aged, had exited the apartment possible leg fracture. He was treated on scene by paramedics and later transported to St. Joseph-Mercy Hospital by the Westland Fire Department. None of the occupant's injuries are believed to be life threatening. There were no other reported injuries.

Firefighters extinguished the fire, which had originated in the microwave oven in the kitchen. Damage estimates are not yet available, but the apartment where the fire started sustained significant smoke and heat damage. The apartment beneath the fire had some water damage. The remainder of the eight-unit apartment building sustained minor smoke damage and residents were able to return to their apartments.



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You are correct. The capital gains rate for many taxpayers is reduced to zero this year. Unfortunately, not all taxpayers get this break. If your ordinary income tax bracket is 10 or 15 percent, then your capital gain tax and the tax on qualified dividends is 5 percent. However, for 2008 through 2010, the capital gain rate is reduced to

For taxpayers who are in higher tax brackets, their capital gain rate and tax on qualified dividends is 15 percent. Unfortunately, there is no reduction in taxes for those taxpayers.

Because of the reduction in capital gain rates for lowincome taxpayers, this could

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In selling appreciated securities for children, one issue to consider is the kiddie tax which is the tax on a child's investment income. If a child's investment income is above the annual threshold amount, that income is taxed at their parents' highest bracket.

For 2008, the threshold

amount for children is \$1,800. In addition, in 2008 the rules with regard to the kiddie tax changed. Under the new rules, the kiddie tax applies to children who are under 19 or full-time students under age 24 if they are claimed as dependents. Therefore, the key to having the capital gains tax free and avoiding the kiddie tax is to keep a child's investment income below \$1,800.

Under current tax law, the zero capital gains rate will remain in effect through 2010, however, tax laws change all the time and there is no certainty that the zero bracket will remain in effect until 2010. For taxpayers who are in the 10 of 15 percent regular income tax bracket, this year

creates an excellent planning opportunity. Therefore, don't delay in taking advantage of this great opportunity. Dear Rick: I heard you say at the Observer  $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$  Eccentric Senior Expo that certificates of deposit were a good short-term but not a good long-term investment. I am a conservative investor and I cannot afford to lose my money. I have a \$75,000 CD coming due next month and I won't need the money for another couple of years. Is a CD OK?

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only issue is comfort level. In that regard, just take a step back and look at how different the world is today than when it was just 10 years ago. All of us are now using more technology than ever before, whether it is direct deposit of checks or bill payment services online.

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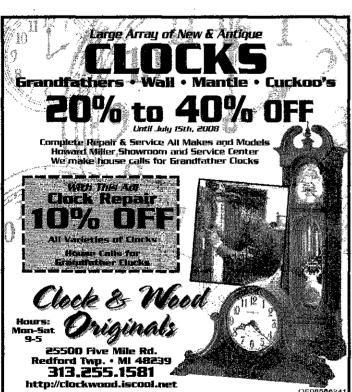
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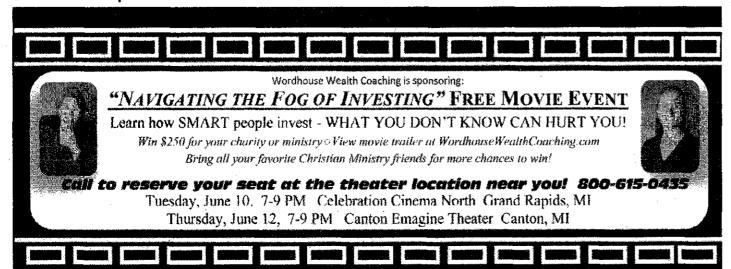
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The event objective is to pro-

vide annuity information to help attendees make best case retirement and estate decisions. Most people don't know where to start, what to do, or who to call when it comes to making well-researched, retirement planning choices. Unfortunately, without proper understanding of today's complex financial tools, the consumer may simply avoid these tools altogether or may even be persuaded into making a

wrong decision which can also have painful consequences.

The panel presenters include: Eudora Adolph, Financial Growth Engineer, AverTrust Advisors; Marc Melamed, Estate Planning Attorney, Maroko and Landau; Al Plecha, CPA; Tony Pappas, senior vice president, John Hancock; Dawn Impellizzeri, vice president, Transamerica Capital.

Panel discussion topics will

partially include:

■ What are the differences between variable annuities

and fixed or index annuities? ■ When and for whom are these financial tools appropri-

ate and when are they not? ■ How does an annuity help fund retirement and provide for heirs?

How does an annuity impact taxes?

■ Annuity contracts have fees, penalties, step ups, payouts, and benefit riders that either cost or benefit the owner. What do these terms mean?

■ What questions should one ask if invited to an annuity sales presentation to evaluate what is being presented?

There will be time after the panel discussion for attendees to speak with the presenters, request additional information, and register for detailed sessions. Annuity sales materials will not be available at this event, but further educational resources from government agencies will be provided to attendees.

There is a fee of \$10, payable at the door by check, payable to Sigma Financial Corp., to cover the costs of printing and room fees.

## Congressional candidates meet in forum

The Democratic candidates for the 11th Congressional District will participate in a candidate's forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin and former Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall will participate in the forum sponsored by the Livonia Democratic Club.

The two candidates will face each other in the Aug. 5 primary. The winner will face the incumbent U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

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# Report offers a dynamic view of Michigan's promise

The Center for Michigan, a public policy organization founded by Philip Power, former owner of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, has released a challenging report on Michigan's economic and political future: "Michigan's Defining Moment: A Common Ground Agenda for Michigan's Transformation."

The centrist group's report focuses on what Michigan needs to do to build on its resources to become a major economic center again. The decline in the domestic auto industry, trade policies that drained manufacturing jobs from the state and political squabbling over tax policies have made Michigan the first casualty in a weakening national economy.

The report sets out three guiding principles for turning Michigan around: 1) A talented and globally competitive workforce; 2) A vibrant economy and great quality of life; and 3) Effective, efficient and accountable government.

The last point emphasizes a running theme in this report, that Michigan has been damaged by partisan bickering at the expense of dealing with the state's problems. Michigan has been deeply hurt by the dependence of the two major political parties on constituent groups that tend to place their particular agendas above the interests of the state as a whole. While we support and understand the need for political parties, around which people with common beliefs can rally, we agree with the report that for far too long, Michigan has been sacrificed to the political process.

The report, based on meetings with residents across the state, offers some dynamic ideas for improving K-16 education in the state and retaining graduates; supporting economic development and entrepreneurialism; creating vibrant urban centers and preserving Michigan's natural resources, particularly its water; rebranding Michigan as the North Coast; developing government accountability and promoting bipartisan leadership; and revising the state's tax structure to address the continuing structural deficiencies in the state budget.

To read the report in full and to participate in the process of revitalizing this great state, go to www.thecenterformichigan.net.

## PCEP not handicapped friendly

I recently attended my first softball game played at Canton High School on Saturday, May 31, and I can't express how disappointed I was.

Being handicapped, walking does not come easy, and when I found my way to the nearest parking lot to the ball field, I could not believe the distance I would have to walk just to get to the field. Surely, with all the land located around the three high schools, a parking lot closer to the fields ought to be considered so people like myself and others with walking disabilities may come and see a game and not have to worry about the distance to the field.

Please consider the handicapped people and the elderly who would also love to see their son or daughter or grandson or granddaughter play softball or baseball at the high schools.

> Amy Kehrer Canton

#### Writing centers are great

I would like to share with you and your readers a glimpse of my experience in one of the three writing centers at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Most students and parents know it as a place to go to get quick help on essays, but the experience is entirely different as a tutor.

For tutors, writing center is a class where the majority of class time is spent tutoring either students or other tutors. However, this is only one facet of the class. The other facets are our own writings: journals, tutor reflections, tutor articles, polished writings and the I-Search. All our compositions are done outside of school.

The most extensive and important writing piece is the I-Search. As the due date approaches is when I-Searching gets really interesting. At the end of first semester, over winter break, everyone in Salem writing center second lunch got together for an "I-Search party." The I-Searches

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were due the day we got back from break, and we needed a total of six peer edits for it to be considered complete. We met in a tutor's basement at noon and spent the next six hours together, laughing and reading our favorite excerpts aloud.

We all adored Jessica's I-Search about cartooning. The cartoons she'd drawn about crushes were clever and reminded me of my own experiences from kindergarten. Gunjan's I-Search about asparagus was very scientific and exact, and impressed me with the meticulous details she'd learned about the nutritional values of asparagus. Stephanie's was about Eastern medicine, and I was able to experience what she'd experienced as she researched her topic her thoughts, frustrations, feelings and quest to learn more.

Gunjan and her mother were kind enough to surprise us with some delicious pasta half way through.

When we got back to editing, we spent most of our time telling stories of what we'd done for research, and could barely work for all the joking we did. The joking was about all the fun we'd had researching, though, and the funny experiences we'd had. What I remember most is jumping from chair to chair as we rearranged ourselves to work most comfortably with our current partner. There were papers scattered across the floor, table, chairs and various cushions. It was chaos as, when I picked up a sheaf of papers to edit, I found three different I-Searches. All the working and learning we did together for these six hours was one of the highlights of my senior year.

This was only one of the many fun things that happened in writing center, though. We have fun working with students on their papers, with each other on publicity campaigns, and learning with other tutors about different literary forms. Writing Center was an unforgettable experience that will influence my writings for the rest of my life.

Rene Perry Canton

## Thanks for article on

On Mother's Day in the Hometown Life section, you published an article by Linda Chomin titled, "A Mother's Love." My family was the focus of that article, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Chomin and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers for the wonderful presentation of the facts regarding the need for blood cell and marrow donors and providing a forum to make others aware. We were also able to share the locations of the many free registry drives that occurred in our area. Several people said that they joined the donor registry because of the article.

I would also like to thank the many businesses in northwest Livonia that allowed us to post flyers in their establishments about the donor registry drives. Several people also mentioned seeing the flyer in a store or restaurant and following up to register at one of the drives listed.

The strong community support was overwhelming, and you will never know what an important role you played. I hope our community will support your establishments as much as you supported this cause.

Finally, I would like to thank our family and friends who gave so unselfishly of their time and energies in organizing registry drives, distributing flyers and working at the drives. Thank you all so much for your efforts. I was unable to participate, but based on the results, it's apparent you gave it your all.

As a results of the donor drives organized by our small group, nearly 700 new potential donors joined the marrow registry, giving renewed hope to those in need of blood cell and marrow transplants. (Including the Ford Motor Co. drives being held across North America, I am confident the number of new registries will exceed 1,000.)

We may never know if someone who joined the registry during

these drives was a match for one of the over 6,000 people in need, but know that because of your efforts, the possibility that someone's life will be saved is very real.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. For more information on joining the marrow registry or the most recent list of registry drives in your area, please visit www.marrow.org and click on "join".

Deb Rusnock Livonia

#### Beware of the loyalty

Of the many juvenile characteristics possessed by President G.W. Bush, I think the most humorous are his penchant for giving everyone a nickname and his *Little Rascal*-like devotion to a misguided sense of loyalty. Not loyalty to authority.

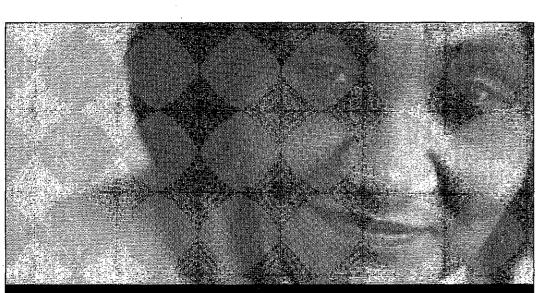
Not loyalty to truth, but loyalty to the gang. If it weren't so childish, it would be Nixonian.

Former Bush press secretary
Scott McClellan's new book
includes description of the Bush
administration's dishonesty in
their runup to the invasion of
Iraq. I knew it. You knew it, but
it's always nice to get confirmation. Of course, Bush defenders
scurried from beneath the woodwork to attack McClellan, but
oddly enough, they didn't dispute
his words. Instead, they were
incredulous that Scott would do
such a thing.

Loyalty to the truth before loyalty to G.W.? Shame on McClellan! I'll bet in the near future there will be more insiders coming clean to avoid having their pictures taken in leg irons after a Democrat occupies the oval office ... but don't despair, you Bushies. I'm sure that lil' George is changing the secret handshake and password as we speak and you always have Bush the Eldest, nicknamed John McCain.

G.W. took us to the brink of Armageddon and John McCain wants to finish the job. He's a loyal guy and he knows the handshake. Voter, beware!

Bill McClevarty Livonia

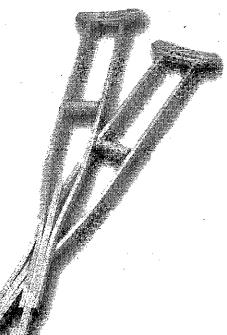


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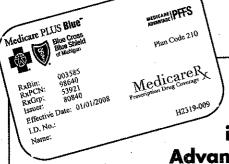
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Mid-way through the Division 4 team state golf meet held Friday and Saturday at Forest Akers West Golf Course in East Lansing, first-time attendee Plymouth Christian Academy

Scores were affected by the hot (90 degrees) and windy (30miles-per-hour gusts) conditions.

performer Ross Gerulis was leading the way with an 80 on the demanding layout, which is the home course of Michigan State University. Gerulis' eightover-par total placed him in a tie for eighth among all of the competitors. White Pigeon's Chase Olsen was leading the medalist race with a first-round

Also competing for PCA were Robert Qualls (91), Mitchell Geracz (92), Scott Hampson

A pair of local golfers competed in the Division 1 individual. portion of the tournament, which was also held Friday and

McCurley, a resident of Canton, fired a 79, which put him five shots behind first-round leaders Matt Alessi (Birmingham Brother Rice), Tim Shield (Grosse Pointe South) and Jackson Davison (Rockford).

Division 1 team tournament following Friday's first round.

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BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

was holding its own.

Following Friday's opening round of the 36-hole event, the Eagles were in 11th place with a score of 358 - 30 more than front-runner Saugatuck.

Senior returning All-State

(95) and Ryan Palmer (99).

Saturday.

Belleville High School's Zach

Canton High School's Zach Conrad, the lone PCEP player to qualify for the individual state meet, carded a 10-over 82.

Brother Rice's 314 led the

#### PCS lacrosse alumni game

The third annual Plymouth-Canton-Salem Alumni vs. Varsity lacrosse game will be held Friday, June 13, at 6 p.m. at the PCEP varsity stadium. Alumni of the

PCS teams that played for the Warriors from 2002 to 2007 are invited to take on graduating seniors from this year's Plymouth, Canton and Salem squads.

This spring marked the first year each school had its own team.

All alumni who are interested in playing or who have questions regarding Friday's game should call Nina Smithpeters at (734) 981-3290 or e-mail her at nsmithpeters@ wowway.com; or contact Stephanie Saia at (734) 453-6914 or sasaia@ comcast.net.

Alumni are asked to arrive at the field by 5 p.m. o Friday.

The game will serve as a fundraiser for the 1/24 Battalion Memorial, which benefits the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines Division, which four alumni have served.

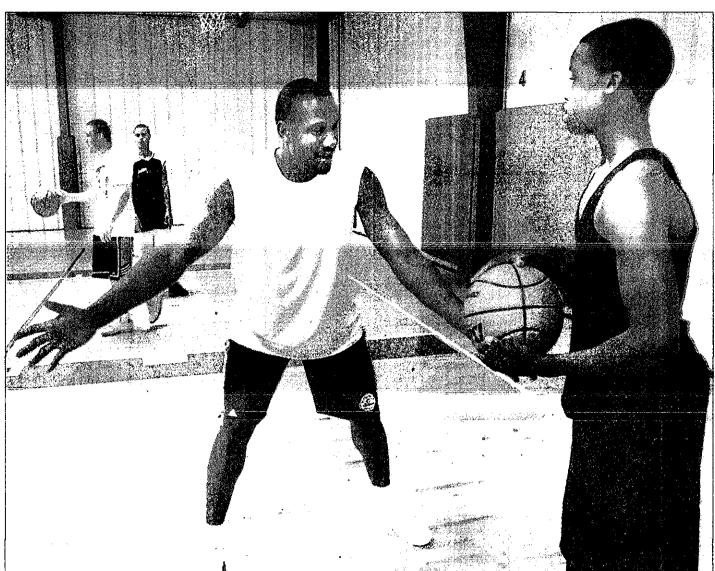
Last year's game raised over \$500 for the memorial.

#### PCA's Allen lauded

Plymouth Christian Academy's Jordan Allen earned All-MIAC champion distinction at the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

meet last month. Allen, a first-year competitor, took first place in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet, 11 inches.

Allen also excels off the track as has served at the Congressional Student Leadership Conference and National Student Leadership Conference.



Detroit Piston Lindsay Hunter, a resident of Plymouth Township, teaches 15-year-old Canton resident C.J. Mwila a few of the defensive techniques that have helped him throughout his 15-year NBA career.

# Plymouth's Piston

## Hunter's best advice to young hoop players: 'Hard work pays off

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Lindsey Hunter's early childhood athletic dreams had come true, the Plymouth Township resident would probably be preparing to hold a series of football clinics this summer — not the basketball camps he's set to host beginning later this month at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

"I was a football player

37-year-old Hunter, a 15-year veteran of the NBA who has enjoyed two successful stints with the Detroit Pistons. "My dad and I always thought I'd play wide receiver for Jackson State (his alma mater). I grew up watching Jerry Rice and guys like that."

Hunter, who is widely regarded as one of the NBA's most tenacious on-the-ball defenders, didn't switch his sport of choice until his fresh-

"I had a ninth-grade basketball coach who thought I had a lot of basketball talent and he kind of catapulted me from there," said Hunter. "I wasn't even the best player on my high school team, but I worked, and I worked and I worked to get

"The best player on my high school team was my backcourt running mate, James Robinson. He went to Alabama

#### **LEARN FROM A PRO**

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering three week-long summer basketball camps featuring Detroit Piston Lindsey Hunter. Following are the facts:

■When: The five-day camps will begin June 23, July 7 and July 21 and run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

**Where:** High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton:

■Who: The camps are open to girls and boys between the ages of 8 and 17 years old; Hunter is scheduled to appear every day of every camp;

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HV-SPORT or visit www.hvsports.com.

#### Please see HUNTER, B6 man year of high school. when I was younger," said the PCA ousted by Gryphons in shoot-out

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Christian Academy girls soccer team's do-itall season was done in Wednesday night by a do-it-all goalkeeper.

The Eagles, who entered the game ranked No. 2 in Division 4, were edged 1-0 by nemesis Ann Arbor Greenhills in a thrilling double-overtime shootout Regional back. semifinal contest at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

Gryphon sophomore keeper Madeline Hutchison not only made two saves in the shoot-out - one of which was a spectacular diving effort - she also scored the clinching goal to give her team an insurmountable 4-2 lead with PCA having just one shot left.

It was the second consecutive year the Gryphons sidelined the Eagles, who enjoyed a stellar season, winning their second straight Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title while losing just

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twice prior to Wednesday's set-

PCA goalie Sara Ross matched Hutchison save for save during the first 110 minutes of play - the two 40-minute halves and the pair of 15-minute overtime sessions.

The shootout, which consisted of five shots by each team, was knotted at 1-all after Greenhills Emma Betzig and PCA's Jalese DeBiasi converted their shots. However, the Gryphons seized a 2-1 advantage after round 2 when Andrea McIntosh scored and Hutchison stoned Brooke Williams' hard, knee-high shot.

Greenhills took a 3-1 lead on

Sara Nelson's high, hard shot into the right corner, but PCA stayed alive thanks to Jenna Misch's tally that brought the Eagles to within

PCA received new life when Gryphon mid-fielder Miranda Dershimer's effort sailed just high, however, Hutchison denied Kimberly Clearly when she went horizontal to her right to knock the firmly struck ball out of harm's

Hutchison then ended the shootout in the fifth round by hitting a low shot past Ross to make it 4-2.

Several Eagles shined in defeat, most notably DeBiasi, Alyson DeKruyter, Meghan Polera, Misch, Peggy Abraham and Annette Somercik.

The victory propelled the Gryphons into Friday night's final against the winner of Wednesday night's Monroe Catholic Central-Bishop Foley match-up.

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Plymouth Christian Academy junior defender Kimberly Cleary (6), pictured above in a game earlier this season, helped the Eagles shut out Ann Arbor Greenhills during 80 minutes of regulation play and two 15minute overtimes in Wednesday's Regional semifinal game at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School. The Gryphons eventually prevailed in a shoot-out.

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#### **Canton Chiefs** baseball camp

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Hitting instruction from ex-Chicago Cub Brent Sachs will be one of the highlights of the camp, which is offered to kids between the ages of 7 and 14

The \$120 fee for the four-day camp includes instruction, lunch and a camp T-shirt

Interested parties can register by visiting: www.eteamz.com/ cantonchiefsbaseballclub and clicking on the "Summer Camp"

Information is also available by calling Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255.

#### 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) 582-5696.

#### Hoop camps

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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

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 avail-

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#### 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 p.m.

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

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 hands-on 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 email to psstoo@comcast.net.



program: coach Michelle Homsy (bottom), Candice Williams, Abby Combs, Lexi Granowicz, Gabby Homsy, Vanessa Homsy, Elise Livingston, Genevieve St. Jean, Sophie Szczotka and Leigha Vanderklok. Not pictured are Holly Schultz and Kayla Neme: and assistant coaches Cathie Williams and Margie Ladzick.

# Workman students enjoy running club

There's a lot more than running involved in Workman Elementary School's "Girls on the Run" program.

While an increased level of fitness is one of the program's goals, the 10-week course also offers third-through fifthgraders important advice on how to recognize rumors, how gossiping hurts everyone, good food choices and the difference between inner and outer beauty.

To conclude the course, participants will run in the 5K Father's Day Run in Plymouth to celebrate their accomplishments.

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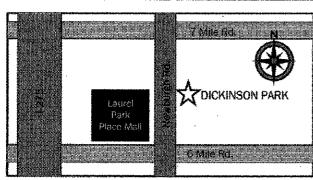
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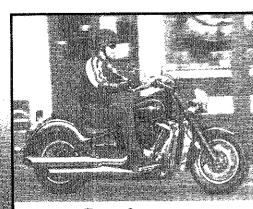
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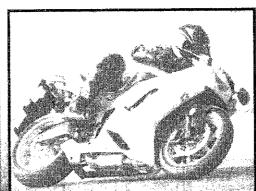
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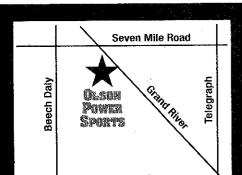
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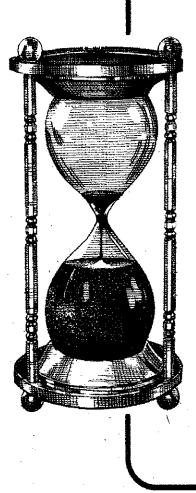
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Registration begins 8 a.m. and ends 10 a.m. Sunday, June 8, begins and ends at 25 Mile and Shelby Rd., Shelby Township. Choose from a 18 mile casual ride to. a 100K road ride or 17.5 mile trail ride. Benefits Lupus Alliance support groups, community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

#### 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 Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

#### Fund-raiser

The Women of Bloomfield (WOB) hosts its 24th Annual Juried Arts & Crafts Show with 65 artists/crafters 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple at Pleasant, Birmingham. The show is a fund-raiser for CARE House of Oakland County and SCAMP. Proceeds to SCAMP will go to summer camp scholarships for special needs children. Proceeds to CARE House go to prevention, intervention and education programming. There will be a 50/50 Raffle, a Bake Sale and Food Booth. For information, call Beverly Allen (248) 737-4160.

#### Diabetes presentation

Diabetes and Your Heart 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Uŝe Main Entrance on Five Mile. For information, call (734) 655-8955. Speaker is cardiologist Syamasundera Zampani, Staff Member of St. Mary Mercy Hospital, No charge, pre-registration not required.

#### Support group

Metro Fibromyalgia & CFS meet 1-3 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Rd., Garden City, Speaker is Katherine Gothard, a psychotherapist. The subject is coping with fibro. No dues, donations accepted. Questions call Lucy (734) 462-1768.

#### Awards benefit

The 2008 the Man & Woman of the Year of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Michigan Chapter reaches its culmination when the male and female candidates who raise the most money will be revealed during the Grand Finale celebration June 12 at the Ritz Carlton. in Dearborn. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The 2008 winners will be announced at 7 p.m. Winners and runners-up also receive a variety of donated prizes. Admission is complimentary, but donations are welcome. For more informa-

#### tion, call (248) 582-2900. Free presentations

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is: hosting When God and Cancer Meet: the Heart, Mind and Soul of a Cancer Survivor, 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia (classroom 1, enter South Lobby off Levan, and Saturday, June 14, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 McAuley Dr., Ypsilanti (Education Center Auditorium. Speaker is Lynn Eib, cancer survivor, patient advocate and author. A book signing follows. For details, call

#### (734) 655-1616. Kids for a cure

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 Tshirt. Call Eileen Hogg at (734) 525-9276.

#### People's medical college

Stay Hip and Active presentation on Birmingham Hip Resurfacing System June 21, at MSU Management Center, 811 W. Square Lake Rd., Troy, Pre-registration required. Call (888) DMC-2500 or visit www.dmc.org/peoplesmedicalcol-

#### Golf benefit

The 2008 Gray's Reef Golf Classic that raises money each year for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF) is scheduled for Monday, June 23, at Oakland University, Rochester Hills with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start, the day includes continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at Meadowbrook Hall, open bar, silent auction, prizes and dinner. For more information or to register for the Grays Reef Golf Classic, call (248) 353-8222 or visit www.leukemiamichigan.org.



## Studies show tart cherries may help prevent heart disease

Mitchell Seymour doesn't let a day go by without eating tart dried cherries. As a University of Michigan research assistant, he's learned about the health benefits derived from a diet rich in fruits and vegetables. The most recent study at the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center showed that tart cherry powder reduced cholesterol, body fat and weight gain — risk factors for heart disease - when obesity-prone rats were fed the supplement along with a high-fat, American-style diet.

Anthocyanin, the bright red pigment in cherries, is a flavonoid known for its antioxidant activity. Antioxidants have been shown to prevent free radicals from damaging cells in the body. Flavonoids are part of a group of antioxidants found in fruits, vegetables, green tea, red wine and cocoa. Cherries, blueberries, cranberries, blackberries, eggplant, red wine and red cabbage are all rich in anthocyanins. Tart red cherries were studied rather than the darker sweet Bings because of the sour fruit's higher levels of anthocyanins.

We think as a class, anthocyanin-rich fruits and vegetables could be a component for preventing cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Cherries as part of an anthocyanin-rich diet are really helpful," said Seymour, a U-M research associate under the direction of Dr. Steven Bolling, a U-M cardiac surgeon and director of the laboratory. Seymour was senior scientist on the project.

'We're interested in a compound in anthocyanins because of some promising research where it was tested in test tubes for its effect on individual cells. It affected some enzymes related to inflammation and cholesterol."

The latest study at the U-M Cardiovascular Center followed research done on lean rats fed a low-fat diet with or without cherries. The animals who received cherries had lower blood sugar, cholesterol and fat storage in the liver. The findings from both studies were revealed at annual Experimental Biology

"We were looking at effects of cherry in otherwise healthy animals," Seymour said. "When tested in normally lean rats, we found it lowered cholesterol and triglycerides, basically affected a fat accumulation in the liver, reduced fatty liver. We thought what if we tested this in an obese rat and looked at other tissues and organs.

"In the second study, we found that the dose of cherries, only one percent of the diet from whole cherries, reduced body fat in the abdomen of these animals,

which is an increased risk for cardiovascular disease. We also found reduced markers of inflammation in the plasma. We also found the same thing in the first study, that the cherries lowered triglycerides and cholesterol. These animals were genetically prone to obesity and eating a Western-style diet like humans with saturated fat and cholesterol."

Seymour says previous research, which looked at blueberries containing similar compounds, was encouraging and led to the U-M studies.

"These studies are going to help support the evidence," Seymour said. "At this point, we only have anecdotal evidence. We want to back that up. We think cher-

ries are acting through this particular target for treating metabolic syndrome and could be complementary to standard medical treatment."

The U-M Cardiovascular Center is currently in the midst of studying the effects of cherries on humans in a clinical trial, with results expected this fall. The center is also studying grapes and apples as they pertain to heart disease. Grapes were the first fruit studied by the center,

The cherries first worked in lean animals, but we're talking about impacting humans. We're going to put the cherry to the test from that standpoint," Seymour said. "We have a clinical study

under way now, similar to the first study. with relatively healthy individuals with a dose equivalent to what we gave the rats. We're looking in blood and urine for what compounds are there. For the human study, we're using whole cherries, frozen tart cherries, doing two different doses, 45 cherries, the other 90 cherries

or about two cups. "We need to know the long-term effects. We know the short-term effects. We know you're going to have a lower blood pressure eating fruits and vegetables, but we don't understand the mechanism, how is this working."

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# high blood pressure cholesterol heart disease diabetes

# HAP sponsors Splash Bash

More than half of the 20.6 million American adults who have diabetes also have arthritis, which often keeps them from being active and controlling their

disease Health Alliance Plan is encouraging western Wayne County residents with arthritis and diabetes - and others who have trouble exercising on land - to give the pool a try this summer through HAP's free Moms in Motion and Senior Splash Bash classes.

Classes will be held 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning June 17 and ending Aug. 21, at the Bailey Recreation Center pool, 36651 Ford, Westland.

Physical activity, such as water aerobics, can help control blood sugar levels and reduce joint pain; however, according to a report in the May 9 issue of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, people with diabetes and arthritis are more likely to be physically inactive (29.8 percent) compared to those with diabetes alone (20.1

Water aerobics can be ideal for people with arthritis because the buoyancy of the water reduces stress on joints, bones and muscles. Many of the pools participating in this HAP-sponsored program have zero-depth entry, which make it easier for anyone to enter and exit the pool.

In 2007, nearly 5,000 metro Detroiters participated in Moms in Motion and Senior Splash Bash classes, with an average daily participation of more than 500.HAP hopes to continue to grow participation this summer as it has done each year since the program began.

While the program targets mothers and seniors, any adult may participate. Classes are not limited to HAP members. For more information about classes, contact HAP at (313) 664-8420 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Registration is required.



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## **Eagles in search of birdies**

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys golf team captured the school's first Division 4 Regional championship Friday, May 30, at Bald Mountain Golf Course in Clarkston. Pictured (from left) are coach Kurt Johnston, Ryan Parker, Bobby Qualls, Ross Gerulis, Mitch Geracz and Scott Hampson.

and I went to Jackson State, which wasn't really a highly touted school. But I kept working hard and ended up getting drafted (with the 10th overall pick in 1993 NBA Draft by the Pistons).

Hunter chuckled and shook his head when asked if he had a state-of-the-art facility like HVS to sharpen his hoop skills while growing up in Utica, Miss.

"No, I had a hoop in my backyard," he said. "At first, it was a dirt court, but my dad said if I worked hard enough, he'd put down concrete, which he eventually did.

"Looking back now, it wasn't a real big court, but at the time I thought it was the best court in the world."

Hunter said he jumped at the chance to help out at the weeklong basketball camps HVS is offering beginning June 23, July 7 and July 21.

"I haven't done camps in about four years, but I thought it would be a great idea to help out because I enjoy working with my own kids (he has three sons and a daughter) and I like to get active in the camps," said Hunter.

"The biggest thing I want the kids thinking about when they walk out of the camp is that if they really want to excel at something, they have to work hard at it. Everybody isn't going to be a superstar, but everybody can learn to be a good basketball player if they're willing to work

Hunter said he's enjoyed living in the Plymouth-Canton area since moving from Bloomfield Hills in 2004.

"We sold our house in Bloomfield four years ago when I got traded to the Lakers," he said.  $\tilde{I}$  love this area — it reminds me of the South where I grew up - so we were going to stay in Michigan, regardless of who I played for.

"We found this house on the market in Plymouth with a lot of land that we liked, and since I didn't play for the Pistons, we didn't have to live close to the Palace. But as soon as we closed on this house, I got traded back to Detroit."

Hunter said he sympathized for ex-Piston coach Flip Saunders, who was fired on Monday.

"Yeah, I feel for him — it's unfortunate for anyone to lose a job," he said. "Unfortunately, it's the nature of this business. Players get traded, players get cut and coaches get fired."

Hunter was non-commital when asked who he thought would win this year's NBA Finals between Boston and Los Angeles.

"It's too painful to watch because I think we should be in it," said Hunter. "I hope it ends in a tie," he con-

cluded, chuckling.

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#### **SPORTS SHORTS**

#### 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.

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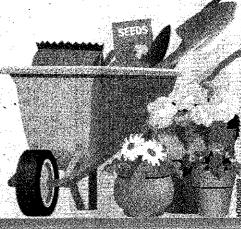
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# Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

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

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

the visually impaired. "People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

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

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

> Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith explained.

Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May.

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

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training improves the patient's Paid Advertisement



Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further

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

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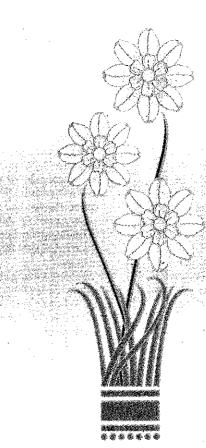
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# Be honest about long-distance relationship

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My boyfriend is moving to Florida. I don't know if I should wait around for him or if I should move on. I don't want to move on, but I feel like I have no choice. What should I do?

Long Distance in Garden City

I'm so sorry to hear your boyfriend is moving so far away. Losing a friend, boyfriend or girlfriend, can be very hard. Maintaining that relationship from so far away is even more difficult! You need to ask yourself if it's a realistic idea that your boyfriend will return to this area. If he's not planning on moving back in the near future,

there may be nothing to wait around for. If moving back is a small possibility, it might be nice to try to maintain a friendship while he's gone

friendship while he's gone.
These days, with MySpace,
Facebook, IM and e-mail,
long-distance friendships
are a little easier to keep. If
he moves back, you two can
decide to try dating again

and see where things go from there. You both have many years ahead of you and the opportunity to meet many new people in that time. You both might find it difficult to stay committed to each other and you might be setting each other up for "cheating" opportunities. Be honest about the reality you're facing and try not to set impossible and unrealistic goals. Start by being friends across the miles and see where the road takes you!

My friend had to put her dog down last week. Her dog meant a lot to her and, knowing this, I've made an effort not to talk about the dog or anything related to him. Well, the other day, I heard her talking to another friend. She said I was being insensitive. I was really confused — I've been treating her the same (I never talked about her dog before) and I even gave her my sympathy. I think she might be too sensitive and I'm upset that she talked about me behind my back. What should I do?

Lost Puppy Love Garden City

Monica Fulton

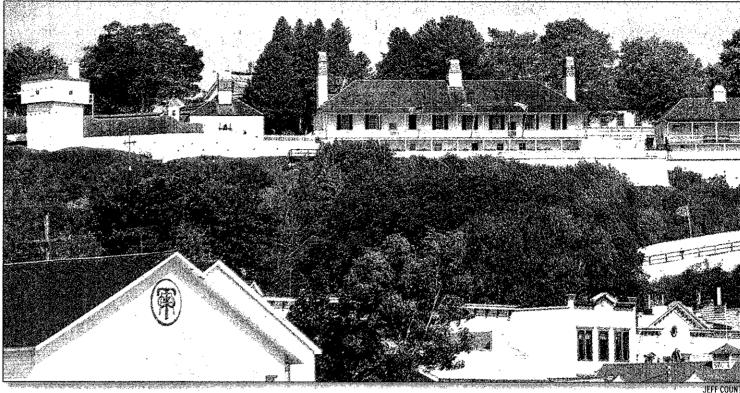
It sounds like you may have hurt your friend's feelings even though you were trying to do the right thing. Sometimes, people do want to talk about how they feel after losing something or someone so important to them. Your friend probably doesn't realize that you were actually trying to help by not bringing up painful memories. As for talking about you behind your back, I think she was feeling very confused about what she thought was insensitive behavior on your part. I encourage you to talk to her and explain that you were just trying to save her from painful memories and that you didn't mean to be insensitive. Let her know that you'll always listen if she ever wants to talk about her feelings and about the loss of her dog.

I have a problem about a friend with a problem. My friend's problem has to do with food — he's addicted. And my problem with that is that he steals all of my food! Every time I see him, he's scarfing down a cheeseburger. What do I do?

Starving

**Garden City** It sounds like there are two issues going on ... your concern for your friend's eating habits and your anger about your friend stealing your food. First, tell your friend to keep his hands off of your food. If he's stealing your lunch food, tell him that he can't eat your lunch anymore. Let him know that you feel angry when he helps himself to your lunch. Second, you can help your friend by letting him know that you are concerned that his eating habits aren't healthy ones. Ask him if there's something else going on that he'd like to talk about. Lots of times, people use food as a way of feeling better when they are under stress or feeling depressed. Invite him to shoot hoops with you or challenge him at a round of Guitar Hero ... exercise and activities not only help keep pounds off, they help us feel less stressed and less depressed. And if his hands are busy playing Guitar Hero, he can't be scarfing down cheeseburgers!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can reached by e-mail at monicafulton@ sbcglobal.net.



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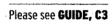
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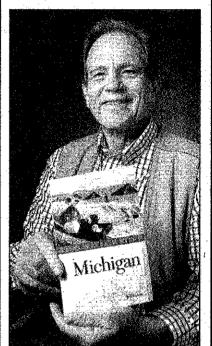
Jeff Counts has explored all the wild areas of Michigan.

The former *Observer* community editor in Plymouth-Canton and Redford is an avid outdoorsman who has found Michigan a perfect place to hunt, fish, hike, canoe and bike. Now he's spreading the word in his first book, *Michigan*, part of the Explorer's Guide series of travel books.

Counts of Livonia originally proposed a book on the Upper Peninsula and learned something about the book proposal process and book marketing.

"You have to do your own marketing research, get online, talk to tourism officials, find out how many people visit





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Jeff Counts has been to every corner of Michigan's two peninsulas to write his new Explorer's Guide Michigan.

ALL ABOUT:

Book: Michigan, An Explorer's Guide
What: A detailed guide to Michigan towns
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Author: Jeff Counts

**Publisher**: The Countryman Press **Price**: \$19.95

**Available:** All major bookstores in the travel guide section.

# Tin can sailors

The Tahquamenon Falls is a must-see for visitors to Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

#### MICHIGAN BULL SESSION

What: The annual gathering of the Tin Can Sailors When: Noon registration, 6 p.m. dinner Saturday, July 12

Where: American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh, Livonia

Cost: \$35, includes dinner. Call (734) 425-2590. To register using a credit card, call (877) 846-2267. Deadline for registration is July 5. BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

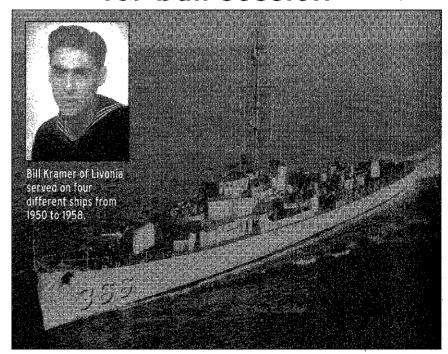
Bill Kramer compares serving on a destroyer to being tossed around like a cork in a bathtub. It's a rare experience sailors have shared since the first warship of this nature was built in the late 1800s.

Once a year, Kramer looks forward to hearing the stories of men who sailed aboard these vessels, but first he has to find them. As chairman of the annual Michigan Bull Session of Tin Can Sailors, Kramer is expecting the usual old salts Saturday, July 12, at American Legion Post 32 in Livonia, but would like to see some new faces. The Tin Can Sailors is the National Association of Destroyer Veterans.

Individual states hold the one-day events for all destroyer sailors regardless of when they served or which vessel they were on. Kramer served on four different ships including the U.S.S. Alvin C. Cockrell from 1950 to 1958. During the Korean War from 1950 to 1953 he helped train the Thai Navy. He's already received calls about the

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# Old salts gather for bull session



Bill Kramer served on the U.S.S. Alvin C. Cockrell. He's calling on all sailors to attend the Michigan Bull Session July 12, in Livonia.

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# Serious piano students happy to play through summer

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Rie Summers doesn't mind driving all the way from the Lansing area to Schoolcraft College in Livonia. She would do just about anything for her daughter Lisa to study with professor Donald Morelock at the Summer Piano School for students from midelementary through high school.

Lisa is especially looking forward to attending the Piano Concertos and Chamber Music program July 7-17. The first session, Solo Piano and Piano Duets, takes place June 16-27. Morelock is director of the summer school that offers intense sessions in music theory and history, composition, sightreading, keyboard technique, and master classes.

"Her piano teacher in the Lansing area was recommending Mr. Morelock," said Rie Summers of Mason.

Lisa began studying piano at age 5 and today takes lessons with teacher Gerado Ascheri. She learned about the Summer Piano School a couple of

#### SUMMER PIANO SCHOOL

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What: Two sessions for plano students in mid-elementary through high school When: 9 a.m. to noon or 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-27 (Solo Piano and Piano Duets) and July 7-17 (Piano Concertos and Chamber Music Performance) with hours tailored to individual students

Where: Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia

**Tuition:** \$310 per session. To schedule an audition time, call (734) 462-4403

years ago when Morelock judged one of the competitions she entered.

"I liked both sessions last year," said Lisa Summers. "It's been awhile since I was interacting with kids my age who like music. Last summer I starting learning to be more of a performer. Doing competitions and performing is a bit of a different crowd. I've been more conscious of how I present

myself. There's a certain way to move." Lisa needs to learn as much as she can before applying to the University of Michigan School of Music to study for a degree in music performance. Lisa enters her senior year in high school next fall. She admits she likes playing piano, because she's the center of attention. The Concertos and Chamber Music Performance session gives her the opportunity to rehearse and perform with a professional string ensemble.

"I like performing, people watching me and showing what I can do," said Lisa who recently won a Lansing Matinee Musicale scholarship. "I'm looking to be more comfortable playing with other people. I'm used to being the solo. I need to work with a quartet."

Anne Greenstein and the piano teacher members of the Farmington Musicale can't say enough about the Schoolcraft College summer school. Greenstein is chairwoman of the musicale's summer scholarship program which provides funding for students attending the Schoolcraft sessions as well as an operetta workshop at the Detroit Opera Theater.

The nonprofit musicale provides free monthly music programs from September through June and is affiliated with the Michigan Federation of Music Clubs.

"If we don't help the younger generation there won't be a future in music," said Greenstein of Farmington Hills. "Last year we sponsored three students, this year two students. We also do a citywide music competition for students (and award cash prizes)."

This year Kate Knoth and Zachary Jirik were selected to attend the summer piano school. Knoth is taught by Susan Coseo of Northville, Jirik by Janice Smith of West Bloomfield. Both teachers are members of the Farmington Musicale. To contribute to the scholarship fund, call (248) 626-7768. For more information about the Farmington Musicale or its teachers, visit FarmingtonMusicale. com. Parkwest Gallery in Southfield is a major donor for the piano workshop.

Smith, a past musicale president, said last year Jirik attended the workshop and although the first day was somewhat overwhelming, by the end of the session he was so enthusiastic he did not want the workshop to end. His enthusiasm carried over into his piano studies this year.

"We offer these opportunities based on the child's abilities and a recommendation from one of our club's teachers," said Greenstein. "These are talented students."

In addition to registering students for the summer school, the Schoolcraft College music department is signing up young pianists for the fall semester for its' Piano Academy. The Elementary Division offers students in grades 1-4 a one-hour group lesson and a half-hour private lesson once a week. Intermediate Division students in grades 4 and above receive a 45-minute private lesson every week and a monthly master class with Donald Morelock, chairman of the college's music department.

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and Gel Monotypes. New is The Warm Glow of Reflected Light, two all-day sessions in August with Gwen Tomkow.

Costs range from \$20 for a one day workshop to \$128

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#### **UPDATE ON OSTEOPOROSIS**

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When your doctor orders a DEXA examination, it is in your best interest to inquire if, at the same

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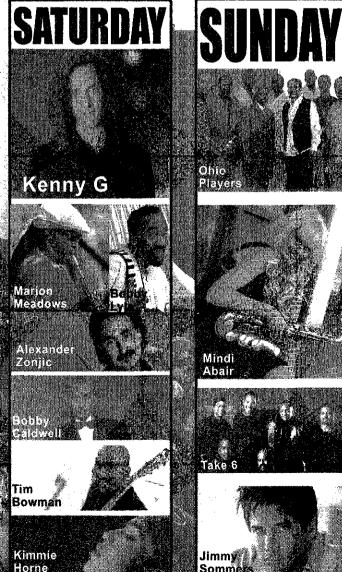
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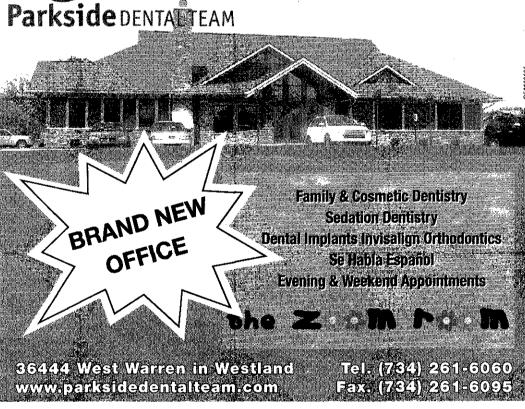


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and what's the potential market for the book," he said.

In the end, the publisher wanted a book that covered the whole state, including Detroit and other urban areas.

The Explorer's Guide publisher asks their writers to veer away from chain lodgings, restaurants and stores to find the unique and local. They pay all expenses, writers are not allowed to take complimentary meals, admissions or lodging.

But Counts wasn't sure Michigan fit the "New England" model of other Explorer books.

"You can't swing a dead cat in New England without hitting a bed and breakfast or a cute little inn or quaint country store," he said.

#### **DIFFERENT LURE**

While Michigan has its share of B&Bs and quaint stores, it also has towns where the only place to shop is an IGA and the only places to stay

ing used to be the major lures for visitors from outside the state, but Counts says that times have changed.

"Hunting and fishing are down, but even hunting and fishing have changed," he said. "More couples are involved. Hunting and fishing used be Bud and Fred in a bass boat and how much you could fill your freezer or did you get five deer this year. There is still some of that, but now people are traveling for a lesser amount of time but for a better experience."

Counts said a Michigan traveler can be fishing a trout stream one day and attending a wine tasting in Traverse City the next. The state has hip urban communities, pristine beaches, bike trails, vast forests and legendary trout streams.

The book is organized geographically to include every section of the state with interesting facts, places to stay, places to eat for fine dining and casual lunches, recreation opportunities, cultural and entertainment venues, museums and more. In addition to

providing lively commentary, Counts also took the numerous black and white photos. The book also includes maps for each section of the state.

#### **WANDERING AROUND**

Counts, publisher of the outdoor magazine Streamside Journal, has some strong opinions about different parts of the state that he admits don't fit with the views of oth-

"My favorites are not the favorites in the book," he said. "My favorites are the quirky places. The publisher lets you be honest."

He says that Traverse City, the urban center of Up North Michigan, is "overrated," but he enjoys the quieter, nearby Lake Michigan towns of Ludington, Manistee and Frankfort. And he loves the UP and devotes a large section to Michigan's rich wilderness land from Grand Marais to the Keweenaw.

Counts said it is the vast amount of public land that makes the UP so special.

"In the UP we have thousands and thousands of acres," the towns are cheap, rent a hotel room or camp. You can bird watch or canoe or camp, mountain bike all over the place. It's that old 19th century thing where you can wander. That's been lost in modern day society."

Counts says the state government hasn't been doing a good enough job promoting the state's recreational resources to other parts of the country and he thinks his book might help spread the word about our special place.

"This is a good book to give to any prospective employer because employers are looking for places with a good quality of life," he said.

Counts said he's already started to hear from people about their favorite places that he wasn't able to include.

"I had a 100,000 word limit and at the end I was getting frantic and started to cut," he said.

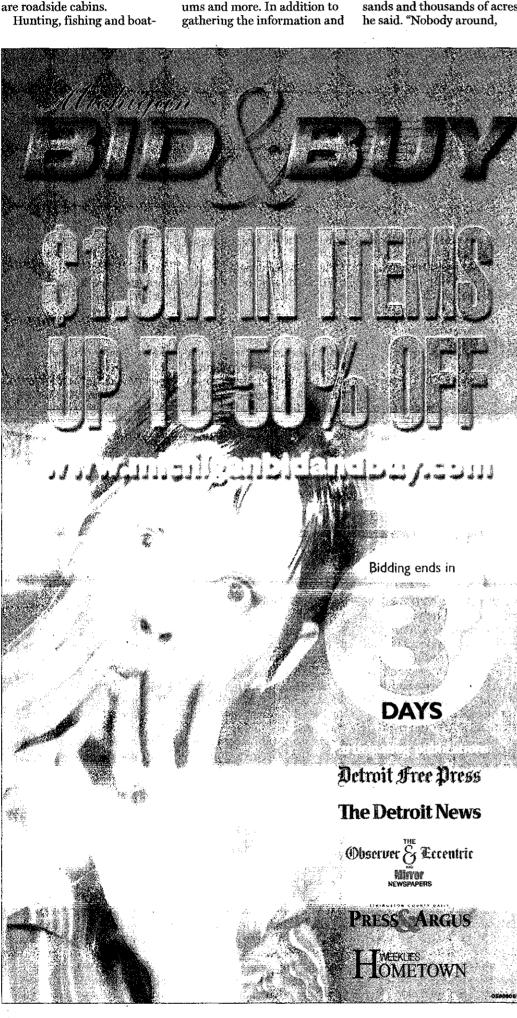


Miner's Castle is one of the many striking features along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore along Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

But he's been taking notes for a second edition. The Explorer Guides are updated every couple of years.

the rounds for book signings in the weeks ahead and planning some other writing projects.

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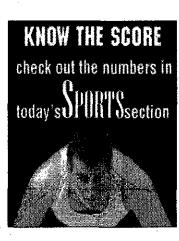
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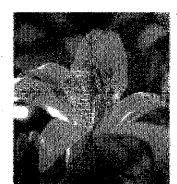
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#### ADELINE CLARK BARNES

Age 81, died at her home in Birmingham, May 30, 2008. Mrs. Barnes was born March 28, 1927, in San Diego, California. She was active in St. James Episcopal Church, Girl Scouts, AAUW, Stoneycroft Hills Club and the Village Club. Adeline is survived by her husband of 57 years, Frank, children, Martha, Webb and Jane and grandchildren, Joshua and Alessa. Memorial service at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Saturday, June 14th at 11am. Memorials appreciated to St. James Friends of Music, 355 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, 48009, Arrangements entrusted to:

Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors 248-435-0660

#### **CAROLYN B. PECK**

Age 82, June 5, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Roger Peck. Loving mother of Sharon (Glen) Holmes, Bill (Mary) Peck, Linda Peck-Farley, Debra (Steve) Brock, Bob (Laurie) Peck, and Carolyn (John) Thiele. Cherished grandmother of Joe, Jason, Nathaniel, Sarah, Melissa, Leah, Jonathan, Kyle, Ian, and Randi. Great-grandmother of Jacob, Ashley, Nicholas, and Melanie. Dear sister of Louise Galloway. Graveside Services were held Friday at Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society Arrangements entrusted to THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, HOME, Farmington.



#### EARL C: OPPERTHAUSER

Age 83. Resident and former Mayor of Farmington Hills, passed away after a long battle with cancer June 3. 2008. Beloved husband of Ann, father of Denise (Michael), Kathy, Steve and Scott (Sheryl). Grandfather of Jason, Joe, Christina, Charles, Chloe, Megan, Brandon, Alex and Heather. Earl was a WWII veteran and earned his law degree after an honorable discharge in 1944. He became involved in his local community serving on the planning commission, drain commission, township board of trustees and two terms as Mayor of Farmington Hills. Services held at Heeney Sundquist Funeral home in Farmington.

#### **ELIZABETH (Betsy)** BENTLEY

Age 67; of Rochester, MI; died May 2008. Betsy was a 1959 graduate of Rochester High School and 27-year employee of Rochester Public Schools. She is survived by her mother, Elizabeth Cook, brother, Rev. Robert Cook, Jr., three children, Mark Bentley, Debbie Melekian, Amy Reilly and 4 grandchildren. Memorials gifts requested to Rochester Public Schools, Special Education Program or Old Village School, Northville, MI.

### **NANCY J. DAUGHERTY**

Age 73, of Diamondale, formerly of Plymouth and Livingston County. Mrs. Daugherty passed away on Tuesday in Lansing, following a brief illness. She was born June 2, 1935 in Whitmore Lake, MI, the daughter of Stewart and Virginia (Keebler) Stoll. She married Floyd Daugherty and he preceded her in death in 2002, she was also preceded in death by one son, Ronald in 1978. Nancy moved to Diamondale from the Plymouth area in 2004. Prior to her retirement she had been employed as a press operator with Vica Products in Plymouth for over 30 years. Surviving is one daughter, Debbie (John) Conrad of Charlotte, three sons, Floyd (Debby) Óhio. Richard Daugherty of Michigan, and Mike (Chris) Daugherty of Twining. Also nine grandchildren and three greatgrandchildren and two sisters, Joyce and Bobbi and two brothers, Jerry and Jim. Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, 2008 in Brighton and burial followed at Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor.



#### JOSEPHINE DUNCHOCK

Age 92 of Bloomfield Hills, formerly of Detroit and Hamburg, Michigan, died June 3, 2008, at Clarkston Specialty Health Care Center. Mrs. Dunchock was born February 20, 1916, in Sioux City, Iowa. She was a graduate of South Eastern High School and prior to her marriage to Nicholas Dunchock, she attended Del Mar Beauty School in Detroit and became a licensed beautician. Mrs. Dunchock retired from her active work as a beautician to raise her family. She enjoyed her activity and association with the Our Shepherd Lutheran Church community. Mrs. Dunchock is survived by her daughter, Geraldine Joan (William) son, Arnold (Dianne) Dunchock, grandchildren, Dana, Marcia, and Kellie and great-grandchildren, Samantha, Sydney, Tyler, Trevor and Jeri. She is also survived by her sister, Sophie Richards, a niece and nephews. Mrs. Dunchock is preceded in death by her husband, licholas. Funeral services were held Saturday at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. Interment in Chapel Cemetery, White Trov. Memorials Church Lutheran Endowment Fund, 2225 E. Fourteen Mile Road, Birmingham, Michigan

48009. Arrangements entrusted to: Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors 248-435-0660

## MAUREEN A. GALEA

June 5, 2008, age 77. Beloved wife of the late Charles. Dear mother of Timothy (Nancy), Ann Moore, Patricia (Gary) Glass, Catherine (Barry) White and Carolyn (Michael) Chico. Also leaves nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Sister of Genie (Gerry) Nehs, Linda Norton and the late Patricia Sanford. Services were held Saturday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com

#### NORMAN OSCAR NORGREN (Norm)

Howell, MI, age 63, passed away on June 4, 2008 at home with his wife and sister by his side. Norm was born in Pontiac, MI on November 8, 1944 to Oscar and Agnes (Nampa) Norgren. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University and earned a Master's Degree from Eastern Michigan University. Norm started his teaching career for one year in Shepherd Public He worked for the Novi Community School District in the junior high and high school for 41 years as a world history teacher, auditorium manager, boys/girls cross country coach, and "Jack-of-all-Trades". is survived by his wife, Sheila; his sons, Timothy and Andrew; sister, Jane (Mike) McKie; and grandsons, Gideon and Lincoln. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 14, at 11:00 am at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home in Howell. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Novi Educational Foundation for the Norman Norgren Memorial Scholarship, MI, 48374.



THOMAS PERRY WARD Age 82, died June 3, 2008 peacefully in his sleep. A 1943 WWII Veteran, rved as a Flight Engineer and Army Air Corp who fought in Normandy, North France, Central Germany and Korea. Beloved husband of Mary Ann Ward for 37 years. Loving father of May and Jimmy Williams, Uncle of many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Predeceased by his parents William and Lula Ward, as well as his four sisters, Frieda W Bailey, Ida L. Cappello, Ruth Davidson, and Eleanor Nichols. Services were held at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI. Condolences and/or contributions may be made to the family via the funeral home. Please make any contributions payable to Mary Ann Ward.

#### R. ERIC STANLEY

Age 72, June 2, 2008. Beloved husband of Joan. Loving father of Marc (Cynthia), Peter (Dominika) and Richard (Jill). Cherished grandfather of Sara, Anna, Karl, Gareth, Kira, Caitlyn and Evan. Loving son of the late Stanley E. and Mary Stanley. Dear brother-in-law of the late James H. Allen. Eric served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He retired from Ford Motor Company and was a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn. A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church (701 Church Street, Plymouth, MI 48170), Saturday, June 14th at 10:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army (16130 Northland Dr., Southfield, MI 48075-9522) and to the Dearborn Kiwanis Foundation: Eric Stanley Memorial Fund (22211 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127).

#### MRS. SUZANNE EVA (Volgyesi) HAGEMAN April 5, 1936, Bupapest-June 4, 2008, Toledo

Mrs. Suzanne Hageman of Toledo, OH

passed away Wednesday, June 4, 2008 as Hospice of Northwest Ohio. She was born in Budapest, Hungary on April 5, 1936 to Dr. and Mrs. Ferenc (Magda Tausik) Volgyesi. She emigrated to the USA in August 1959 to New Haven, CT. In 1962 she graduated with a BS in Medical Technology from the Quinnipiac and took a posi-tion in the Clinical Microscopy laboratory at Yale. She met her former husband, John H. Hageman at the Yale School of Medicine. They were married on June 2, 1962 at the Dwight Memorial Chapel by the Rev. William Sloane Coffin. They were blessed four daughters: Margaret, Martha, Diane, and Kimberly. The family moved to Detroit, MI in July, 1967. Suzanne cared for her family with love and devotion. The family moved to loledo in 1985 completed a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1990 at the University of Toledo- Medical College of Ohio Consortium Until 2001, Suzanne worked in several Toledo area nursing homes as an RN. Mrs. Hageman's life focus has always been her education, her career, and her family. She is survived by her former husband John Hageman; daughters, Margaret (Ed) Petrovich, Martha (Don Kirk) Hageman, Diane (Rick) Wickliff and Kim (Dave Felcan) Hageman; eight grandchildren; sister, Vera Ferenczi; sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Volgyesi, Diane Volgyesi, Nancy Ullom and brother-in-law, James Ullom; nieces. nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 9, from 12 noon until PM at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3077 Valleyview Dr., Sylvania, OH, with funeral services starting at 2:00 PM. Interment will be at the Reformed Dutch Church Cemetery of Claverack, New York Memorial contributions may be made Myelodysplasia International Foundation, P.O. Box 310, Churchton, MD 20733. Arrangements by the Walker Funeral Home, 5155 Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH. 43623 ( 419)-841-2422.Condolences may be sent to the family at:

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#### **ENGAGEMENT**



#### Dowedite-Ripley

Joyce Dowedite of Livonia announces the engagement of her daughter, Kristin Michelle Dowedite, to David Jeffrey Ripley, son of John and Kathy Nibbelink of Grand Rapids and Jeff and Teres Ripley of Sparta.

The bride-to-be graduated from Livonia Churchill High School in 2000 and received a bachelor's degree in elementary education and theater from Hope College n 2004.

She is enrolled in a masters' program at Grand Valley State University and is employed as a middle school teacher in Rockford.

The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Forest He is currently enrolled at Cornerstone University studying business manage-

He is currently working for Perkins Restaurant and Fredrick Meijer Gardens.

## Hills Northern High School.

A July wedding is planned for Holland, Mich.

#### WEDDING

#### Benson-Stone < Barrie Elizabeth Benson and Paul Edward Xavier Stone were united in marriage Sept. 22, 2007, at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington, Ky. The Rev. Robert L. Sessum officiated.

The bride is the daughter of John K. and Judy B. Benson of Lexington, Ky.

The groom is the son of Roger L. and Pamela T. Stone of Canton.

Jessica Baldwin of Charleston, S.C., friend of the bride, served as maid of hoпог. The bride's honor attendants were Ruth Wilson, Amy Graves and Lindsay Bouchard, all friends of the bride; and Erik Benson, brother of the bride. The reader was Jan Gardner, aunt of the bride.

Kevin Stone of Farmington, brother of the groom, served as best man. The groomsmen were Tomi Saveski and Joe Rork, fraternity brothers of the groom; Tate Dobbs and Trent Dobbs, friends of the groom. The ushers were Kislaya Sinha, Rich Firth and Ryan Miller.

A reception was held at the Bodley-Bullock House.

The bride is a graduate of Henry Clay High School in Lexington, the College of

Charleston in Charleston, S.C. and received a master's in business administration from Clemson University. She is employed by Sealed Air Corp., Cryovac Division, in Duncan, S.C. in new business development.

The groom is a graduate of Traverse City High School, the University of Michigan and received a master of business administration degree from Clemson University. He is vice president of Acquisitions for TIC Properties in Greenville,

The couple honeymooned in the Mediterranean. They reside in Greenville, S.C.

#### **ANNIVERSARY**

#### Suchners celebrate 60th

Bill and Shirley Suchner of Westland are celebrating their 60th anniversary.

The Suchners were married June 5, 1948, in Detroit.

They have two sons, Bill Suchner of South Lyon and Tom Suchner of Kagel Canyon, Calif.

The Suchners live in Westland during the summer and Nalcrest, Fla., during the



winter. They have traveled extensively during their married life and continue to have an active lifestyle.

event from as far away as West Branch, Indiana and Ohio.

"We're looking for any Navy or Coast Guard who served aboard tin cans. In the old days that only covered the destroyer then they built the destroyer escort," said Kramer, 75, of Livonia. "The destroyer is a tin can, it's how you're bounced around. More guys serve on destroyers than anything else, but it's for any sailor that served aboard a destroyer, destroyer escort, APD ship which hauls the frog man, or fast frigate which is taking the place of the destroyer. The Bull Session we get together for the camaraderie, yak away, tell sea stories. We sell merchandise too, shirts and jackets with Navy insignias and children's stuff, belt buckles and rank insignias.'

Kramer delights in spouting off in sea terminology saying a bubblehead is a submariner, snipes an engineer and the poop deck is as far forward as a sailor can go on a ship. It's apparent that Kramer, who was a deputy sheriff for Wayne County for 25 years, never lost his love for destroyers. He belongs to seven Navy-related organizations and twice a year works on a museum ship in Albany, N.Y. The U.S.S. Slater was built in 1943 and is one of seven museum ships around the country which are supported by Tin Can Sailors.

Bill Biggerstaff attended his first Bull Session 20 years ago in Jackson. The 84-year-

old Wayne man served during World War II on convoy duty with the Reuben James which was sunk by torpedo off of western Iceland in October 1940. The Sturtevant DD 240 was later sunk in April 1942 off Marquesas Key, Fla., but he survived to spend the next 30 years as a Wayne police officer. Biggerstaff served a total of 42 years in the Navy and reserves as a chief torpedo man.

"When the war started all the merchant ships were taking cargo to Europe. The Sturtevant had sonar for submarines so they could drop depth charges on enemy submarines," said Biggerstaff. "There were 60 ships in the convoys. Some had big bombers strapped on the ship. We were taking everything we could to England. They weren't doing too good. They were losing the war and we were in the North Atlantic taking convoys across. This was before Pearl Harbor and German U boats and Hitler sent the Bismarck.

"When you think of most of the ships in the Navy, you think of big battleships, but then they started building destroyers, but they're small and they started calling them tin cans even though you're 300 feet long."

Biggerstaff likes telling and listening to stories, that's why he's attended not only Michigan Bull Sessions but events in San Diego, Denver and New York.

"You meet different people. Once a year they hold the national this year in August in Pittsburgh. You meet a lot of sailors but they're fading

away. They're dying away," said Biggerstaff. "I like the Navy people and they're all old timers like me, but Tin Can a lot of younger guys go to it." Ted King won't be attending

the bull session because of his emphysema but enjoys talking about his Navy days as well. When he was younger, the 86year-old Alpena man served in World War II with Biggerstaff. He remembers the day the U.S.S. Sturtevant was sunk. April 26, 1942. He'd been on the boat 13 months to the day.

There were a lot of German subs in the gulf (off Florida)," said King. "The month of April '42 merchant ships were sunk and the beaches were covered with oil. Miami Beach was nothing but oil."

Donald Smith is one of the younger Tin Can Sailors who likes listening to the stories of old salts like King. Smith served from 1960 to 1963 on a destroyer tender, a repair ship, and then a destroyer, the U.S.S. Turner, an escort ship to aircraft ships which is used for close in combat where other ships can't go and for anti-submarine warfare. He's been to the bull sessions four times. He sailed all over the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Caribbean.

"It's interesting to talk to people on different ships and different times," said Smith of South Lyon. "Sailors from the late 1930s to early 2000s attend. Some were in the Second World War, Korean War, at Vietnam or around Vietnam."

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#### REUNIONS

#### 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 West 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 Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at the door. Contact 248-442-0946 or bbhsfirstfive.

#### **Brighton High School** Class of 1989

Planning our 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.

#### Dearborn Edsel Ford January Class of 1958

A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Note the October date and location for the January class reunion. Call Nancy at (248) 851-5257 or Pat at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

#### Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968

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

#### Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

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

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### Band reunion barbecue

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., Saturday, June 21, at Canton's Summit on the Park Amphitheatre in Heritage Park. Any student or parent who has participated in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park music programs or marched with the award-winning

invited to attend the weekend event. Registration is required. The picnic and barbecue is scheduled noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 21. A golf outing is also being planned for

Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, is

Sunday, June 22. Registration for the picnic is required. For more information and to register,

visit www.pcmb.net and click on the alumni picnic link. For more information, call Chris Hensel, Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Alumni Rep. (313) 268-2098 or e-mail alumni BBQ coordinators

Lee Bonner at bonner\_lee@yahoo.com

or Bryan Thomas at bryan.thomas91@

yahoo.com HVA 911 camps

Huron Valley Ambulance conducts its free two-day annual Camp 9-1-1 day camps for 8- to 12-year-olds at two locations in western Wayne County, where space has been donated. All camps are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both

The camp is scheduled July 17-18 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. 525 Farmer, in Plymouth, and July 10-11 at the Michigan Boathouse at Belleville Lake, 50745 Van Buren Park in Belleville.

The day camp's activities include touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a local emergency room. HVA Paramedics and EMTs serve as "camp counselors," teaching campers about safety at home and at play, how to perform lifesaving skills on injured victims, and all about Emergency Services careers. Registration is firstcome, first-served and enrollment is limited to 30 participants. There are limited spaces available

For a registration form or more information, call Jason Trojan, Camp 9-1-1 Coordinator, at (734) 477-6781 or

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of John C. Moorehead, Deceased

Your interest in the Estate may be

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Washtenaw County, Michigan. There are robate proceedings regarding this Estate.

The Estate is being administered by Lilian E. Moorehead and Jean M. Libs, whose address is 2619 Essex, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Lilian E. Moorehead

and Jean M. Libs are Successor Co-Trustees of the John C. Moorehead

Revocable Trust Under Agreement dated January 17, 1991, as amended

Creditor of the deceased are notified

that all claims against the Estate will be

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within four (4) months of the date of

publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the Estate consisting

of the residue of said Trust will then be

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Personal Representatives: Lilian E. Moorehead and Jean M. Libs, 2619 Essex, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Telephone

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e-mail-him at itrojan@hva.org Girl Scout camp

Space is still available in day camp or overnight camp for girls ages 5-17 at Camp Linden, the premier camp property of Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council.

Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council has a variety of exciting programs at Camp Linden, 400 minimally developed acres of woodland in northern Livingston County, Kayaking, swimming, exploring nature, sports, horseback riding and arts and crafts - all these experiences and more await girls at Camp Linden this summer. All girls can attend, whether they have been Girl Scouts or not. To enroll your daughter today, call 1-800-49-SCOUT.

#### 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 founge. 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

90th birthday today (Sunday). She was born June 8, 1918 in Winnipeg, Canada. She later moved to the United States in 1951 where she resides today in Plymouth, Dorothea is the mother of son Wilfred (Phylis) Sycamore and daughters Donna Sycamore and Janet (Edward) Newman, She has nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

celebration included a coffee hour at her residence, Tonquish Creek in Plymouth, June 4 and a five-generation family party scheduled for July 5 in Brooklyn, Mich.

Dorothea's 90th birthday

requested for the use of the church facilities. For details, contact Colleen

Mills at 734-425-0079. 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

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

#### **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.newhopecenter.

#### Post Polio Clinic

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

#### **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-

#### 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 are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746 or for Technical questions please 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.

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#### PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR June meeting Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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

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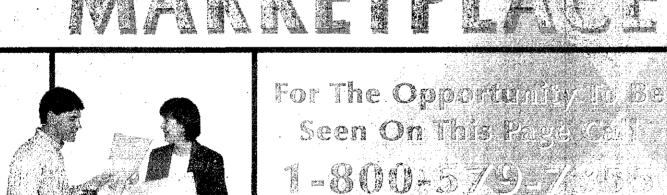
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into narcissistic bosses at some point in your career, because they gravitate toward leadership. "Most public leaders have a Mildred L. large streak of Culp narcissism in them or I don't think they'd be

able to lead," says psychologist and executive coach Randall White, principal at The Executive Development Group L.L.C., in the Greensboro, N.C., location. "They tend to be perceived as overly ambitious . . . (with) an 'it's all about me'-quality, becoming extremely harsh with employees.

He maintains that this self-orientation shapes a view of the world that colors everything they do and say. It also sets agenda as theirs alone. Most are task-oriented, "letting the crumbs fall down on employees to make the boss look good," White adds.

David Nour, CEO of BeOne Now Inc., in Atlanta, a coaching firm specializing in relationship economics, points out that narcissists "actually get joy or, perhaps, attention from creating discomfort for others." Also a coach, he believes further that narcissists can be skilled manipulators who think that they can get others to

perform by manipulating them. Unfortunately, sometimes the tactic works. BEHAVIOR

It's easier to avoid the traps than to get out of them, but you have to learn how to spot them. While you might think that conversation alone -- virtual or face-to-face -- can ensnare you, that's not the case. Bill Krug, associate professor in the Organizational Leadership Department of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., reports that bosses with impossible performance demands might well be narcissists, endlessly "nitpicking, no matter what you bring. They're never satisfied. After the fifth change, you bring your original . . ." and they accept it.

Krug says to watch the nature of their assignments to you. Meaningless ones, such as personal errands, tasks completely outside of your job description, and burdensome duties requiring "unreasonable hours for your position"suggest that you're their "step 'n fetch it." And that won't change

Nour observes that the fact that they're narcissistic is evident in the manner in which "they telegraph" it to you. You don't get a critical memo or an invitation to a key meeting until it's too late for you to add it to your schedule. "They use delay tactics," he continues, "blame tactics to intentionally disrupt, cause stress within the team and the organization. They tend to target individuals they're threatened by, such as the high performer who might

outshine them. GETTING OUT

Fortunately, there are several ways to get out of the trap. Leaving - getting promoted or completely moving or -- might be an option, if you can get a good recommendation, according to Nour. But there might be compelling personal or professional reasons to keep your

In this case, you must come up with something that won't get you fired, because, as Nour emphasizes, "It tend to get worse before it gets better. Narcissistic bosses will not stop."But before you take action, Krug recommends, document incidents, because harassment is a possibility. Then, consider your options:

-- Reconsider. "In this global war for talent, I don't think anyone should have to deal with narcissistic bosses (Nour).

- "Learn to expect a temper tantrum and let him do that if you can, but not if you're the only person being belittled in front of others" (Krug).

- "Realize that this is a learning opportunity for you, if only that you'll never treat people this way." (White) You have one final option in an individual case, which

is to confront the person. White advocates "appealing to the person's potential enlightened self-interest by saying something like 'If I can do my best work, I can make you look better." In other words, creep, it does you no good to



Psychologist Randall White coaches a colleague about narcissistic bosses. A principal at the Greensboro, N.C., location of The Executive Development Group L.L.C., he offers uncommon insight into handling this toublesome type of boss.

make me feel incompetent, bad or something else, because it will keep me from doing my best job for you.

You'll put the jerk on notice that, as White indicates, you won't "punish yourself for the person's behavior" by quitting. You also won't submit.

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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 lotsize in Brookfield Estates is 60x120. Larger and wooded lots are available.

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

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

Guests are welcomed into the foyer by oak floors which are also used in the kitchen and nook. Granite countertops, Merillat cabinets, a designer faucet, and undermount double bowl stainless steel sink comprise just some of the kitchen's amenities.

The cabinetry and faucets are carried into the ceramic-tiled bathrooms with the powder rooms featuring a pedestal sink and oak floors.

12 x 12 Ceramic tile is also used in the laundry rooms and carpeting covers the great room, dining room, and bedrooms where ceiling lights illuminate the nighttime chambers.

Each room is surrounded by upgraded 4 inch thick baseboard moldings and 3inch door casing moldings finish out the two-panel interior smooth finish doors.

The homes include a high efficiency Comfortmaker furnace, 13 SEER Comfortmaker air conditioning unit, a highefficiency 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.

Ford Road is a mere mile

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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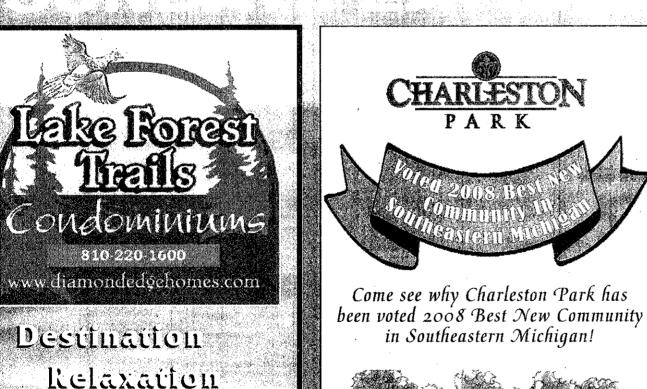
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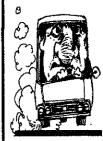
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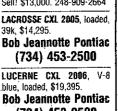
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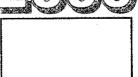
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