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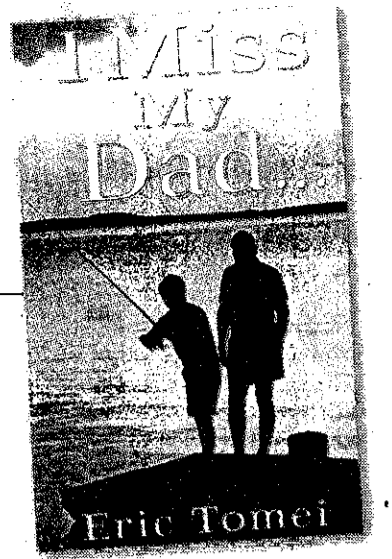


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Attorney: Teen forced himself on teacher



Stephanie Stein

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From eighth-grade English to Wayne County Circuit Court. The trial of Stephanie Ann Stein, the Canton woman accused of having a sexual relationship with her former student at Plymouth Christian

Academy, began Thursday with her attorney telling the jury they shouldn't believe anything said by her former student, now 16.

"There are two sides to every story," said defense attorney Todd Flood, adding that the boy, who was 15 when the two became intimate, has a violent nature. "He is

going to lie. He is going to try and hijack you."

Stein, a mother of two young children, had the boy, whose name will not be published because he is a minor, as a student in her English class at PCA and confessed to Canton Police Department detectives that she had sex with him on

multiple occasions.

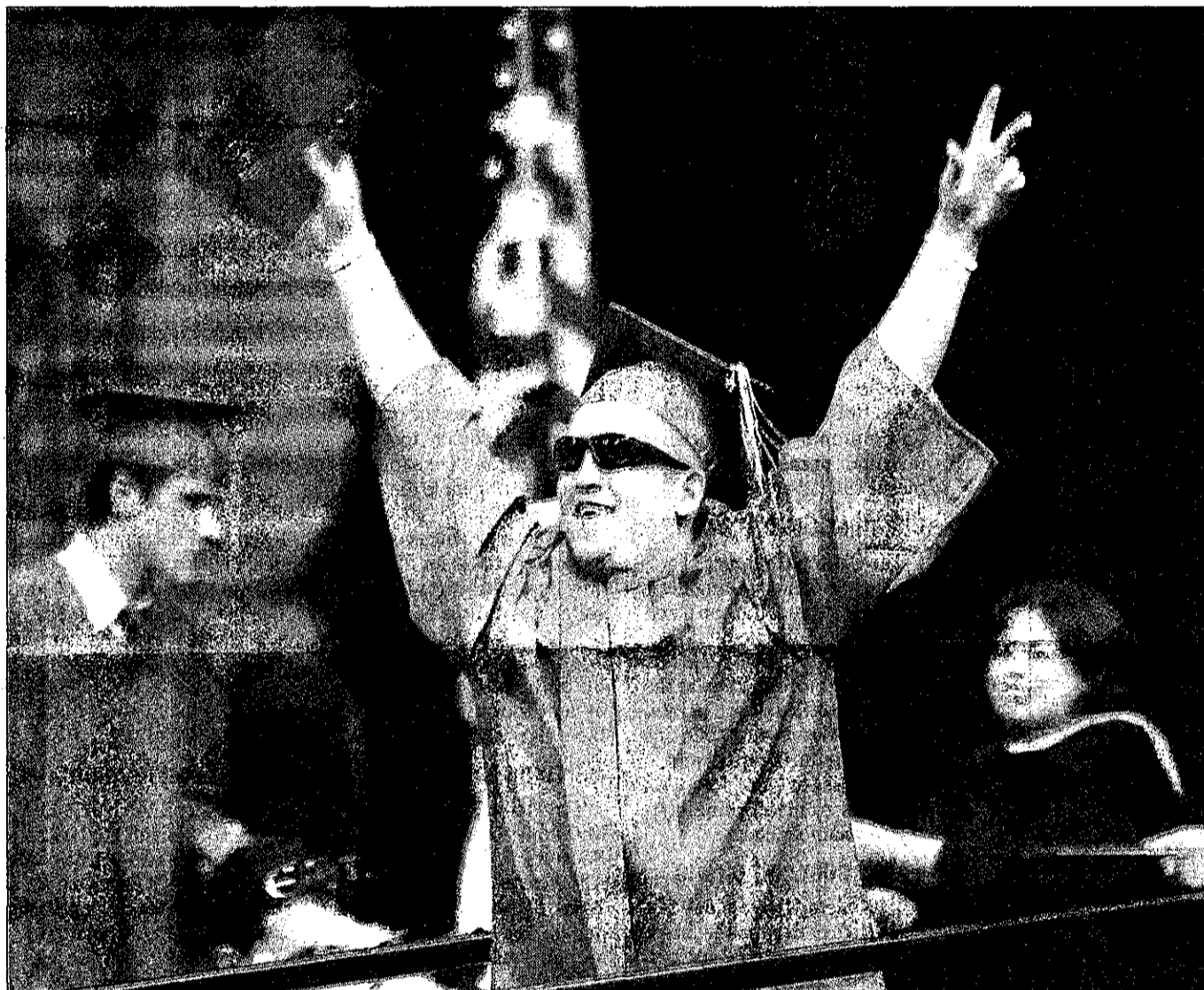
Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said the facts are not at issue in this case and that Stein simply wants her day in court.

"If she wants a trial, she gets a trial," Weingarden said, adding that the former teacher tossed

aside the law and succumbed to the advances of a student who fell "totally in love" and pursued her. "That woman, 31 (at the time), had sex with a 15-year-old."

The state's first witness, Canton Detective Michael Wells, read for

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I'm free!

Douglas Shane Sittler is a happy guy as he graduates with the rest of his class at Canton High School's commencement ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. For a list of the graduates, please turn to page A4. For more photos, please visit our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

District brings back 19 laid-off teachers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a strange situation for Bentley Elementary first-grade teacher Kimberly Lee at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting. Lee was being honored, along with 40 other Plymouth-Canton Schools teachers, for obtaining tenure. That honor came shortly after Lee was notified she was one of 19 teachers — of the 48 who had been laid off — who are being recalled.

"I was in this position (of being laid off) last year, and so I kind of understood there was a really good chance I would be back," said Lee. "I had encouragement not to be worried, and I encouraged those who wouldn't be recalled."

"The unknown is scary because teachers like to plan and get prepared, but you can't because you don't know what to prepare for," said Lee on Friday, the last day of school for students. "It's a bittersweet feeling for some people ... happy it's the end of the school year, but sad that you may not see students again and that relationship may be lost."

The district earlier announced it will eventually lay off 22 K-12 full-time positions to help balance the 2008-09 budget.

However, there could be more recalls.

"We expect a few more to come back but it depends on the number retirements we have," said Ray Bihun, executive director of human resources.

Meanwhile, interim Superintendent Ken Jacobs received a review of his nearly six-month tenure as the district's CEO following the retirement of Jim Ryan. On a scale of 1-5, Jacobs received a 4.68 for leadership.

"The district is in good shape, we don't seem to be missing a beat," said board Vice President Barry Simescu. "He's provided quality leadership and implemented a very collaborative team effort in addressing the district's issues. He's brought new energy to the job ... and he's been a stimulus for his team to step up and be more accountable."

Jacobs credited his team for the high evaluation. "The work that was done was by the team pulling together," said Jacobs. "Everybody pitched in ... and it's been a good experience for all of us."

Plymouth-Canton's new superintendent, Craig Fiegel, will start on July 1.

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Local company cuts the mess out of painting

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Two Canton men, friends since middle school, say they've come up with an answer to the age-old question of painters everywhere: "Where's the stick?"

The two, Breck Waggoner and Dave Stott, are founders of the Better Way Tool Company and have released their first product, the Lid/Stir.

The product attaches to any one-gallon paint can and stirs the paint when hooked up to a drill or kitchen mixer. After 15 seconds, the paint is mixed and can be poured from the Lid/Stir's drip-free spout.

The system, which is designed to be used on one can until it's empty, can be reused.

"I've used it in my own house and the time savings is great,"

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said Waggoner, a stay-at-home father of three. "You can stir your paint without having to (continuously) pry off the lid."

Waggoner, 42, and Stott, 40, a manufacturing representative, came up with the idea for their invention a couple years ago as they tackled a window-painting

project at Waggoner's home.

While the two had an initial goal of simplifying the paint mixing process, the mess-free aspect of the Lid/Stir's spout was an added bonus, Stott said, pointing out that those who use their product will never have to deal with paint crust gathering the can's rim.

"The drip-free spout was an added benefit to what we wanted to do," said Stott, a father of two.

While Waggoner, who is called "the brush," thought the Lid/Stir was a gem immediately, Stott, who is known as "the can," said he believed in it but wasn't sure others would. Those doubts were settled, he said, after 90 percent of the Handyman Club of America's 400 members gave the device their stamp of approval.

"That was convincing enough

for me," Stott said.

In addition to the Handyman Club, Stott joked that his wife, Kelly, has created her own test market and has given the product away to many of their friends.

"Everyone that has tried it, loves it," he said.

Waggoner, who said Kelly and his wife, Regina, have been supportive of their efforts, said it feels good to have people enjoy their creation. The two also have more inventions they want to release, he said.

"The business is fine, but our friendship is the top priority," Stott said. "We are focused on maintaining our friendship."

The Lid/Stir, which is manufactured in Plymouth, retails for \$12.99 and is available at Sears Hardware Stores and at www.lidstir.com.



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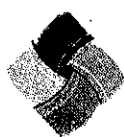
Inventors Dave Stott and Breck Waggoner show off their new product — a combination paint stirring paddle and can lid.

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Coming Thursday in filter

Randy Scott at Jazz on the Grass



Crowds come out early for Liberty Fest fun

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Forget the 'Family Zone,' it was more like a kid's paradise. The 2008 Liberty Fest got off to a running start Thursday with a sneak preview of the celebration's colorful Family Zone.

As groups of children took over Heritage Park, smaller kids stayed close to their parents and clamored for corn dogs and candy. And with the Ferris wheel spinning high over the park, many fathers were given the task of lugging around big teddy bears and other oversized prizes won from carnival games.

WHAT DID YOU THINK?

Did you attend Liberty Fest this year? If so, what did you think? What were your favorite (or least favorite) aspects of the annual festival? Either e-mail Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

The two-day annual celebration, which kicked off officially Friday afternoon, included the highly anticipated music groups, Bon Journey -- a tribute band to Journey and Bon Jovi -- and The John Corbett

Look in Thursday's Observer for photos and stories about Liberty Fest, or visit our Web site at www.hometownlife.com

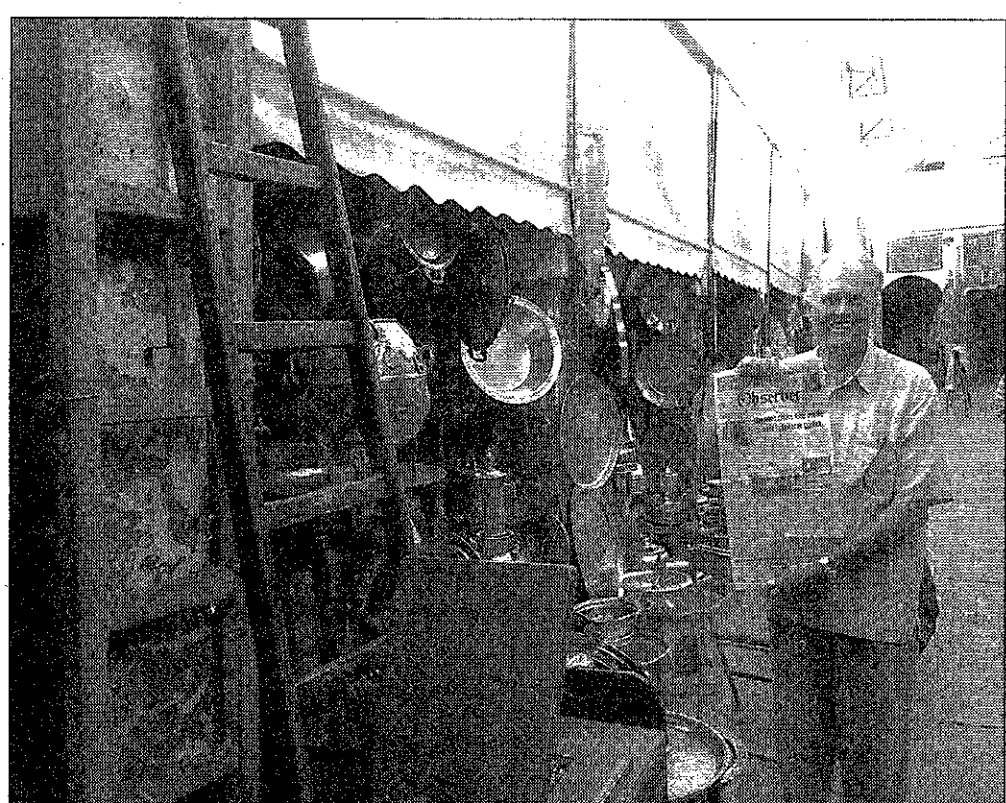
Band, which is fronted by John Corbett, the actor from Sex and the City fame.

Canton residents Dan and Mary Ochs brought their granddaughter, Nevaeh Burgos, 4, to the activities.

"She had a lot of fun," Dan said, adding that she seemed to especially enjoy the large, inflatable attractions.

With the three coming out for the preview on Thursday, Mary said Liberty Fest has become a family favorite.

"We'll probably come back out," she said. "We all have fun."



Wish you were here

Jay Young, former Livonia Public Schools administrator, visited Casablanca, Morocco, on a 10-day humanitarian visit with 30 other volunteers and medical professionals through an organization called Global Aid Network (GAIN). They conducted eye screenings, dental work, plastic surgery and general medical care for more than 1,000 Moroccan children. Here he holds a copy of the Canton Observer while in a marketplace during their one day off. "It was a great experience and I recommend this kind of volunteer work for anyone whose has the time to do it," said Young, a Canton resident.

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Summer blood drive

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the Canton Public Library on Friday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are available by calling the library at (734) 397-0999. Walk-ins are welcome.

According to the Red Cross, every two seconds someone in America needs blood. Historically, the summer months are a challenging time for blood centers. The most prominent factor affecting summer collections is that high schools, colleges and universities are on summer recess. During the non-summer months, this population accounts for approximately 15 percent of Red Cross blood collections. Other factors affecting the supply are that people have more options on how to spend their free time during the summer as they take vacations and engage in traditional summer activities.

Design nominations

Canton's Committee for Community Excellence is currently accepting nominations for their annual Design Excellence awards, which promote excellence in landscape, architectural, and environmental design. The deadline to submit a nomination is July 15 and all entries must include a street view photograph. Entries submitted without a photo will be disqualified. Judging will take place July through August and awards will be presented at an appreciation ceremony in October.

Nomination forms are available on Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org, the Summit on the Park, Canton's Administration Building, and in the June Focus Newsletter. Completed forms must be sent to: Canton Design Excellence Award Attn: Amy Colligan 1150 Canton Center Road South Canton, MI 48188 The Design Excellence Awards are sponsored by Canton's Committee for Community Excellence. For questions or more information please call (734) 394-5164.

Chamber Grub Crawl

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is now selling tickets for its annual Canton Grub Crawl, which is scheduled for July 22. Grub Crawl T-shirts are now available for pickup at the Chamber Office. If you're interested in volunteering your time to help out during this event, contact Lisa at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail eventscoordinator@cantonchamber.com.

Salem pom golf outing

The Salem High School Rockettes pom squad will be hosting its 8th annual golf out-

ing Saturday Aug. 10 at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 North Territorial Road, in Salem Township. For additional information call Bryan Cornell (734) 536-2185.

Garage sale

The River Meadow community will host a neighborhood-wide garage sale Saturday, June 20, 21 and 22 at (8 a.m.-4 p.m. all days). The neighborhood is located off of Geddes Road between Beck and Canton Center (there are two entrances).

Farmers market

The Bartlett-Travis property in Cherry Hill Village is the site of the Canton Farmers Market every Sunday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. through Oct. 26. Admission is free. The weekly event features entertainment, as well as vendors selling fresh produce, baked goods, plants, crafts and more. For more information, call the market master at (734) 394-5323.

Memorial golf outing

Dave and Lynn Garr of Canton will hold the Seventh Annual Vanessa Grace Garr Memorial Golf Outing on July 12 at the Links of Novi. The outing, a memorial to their daughter Vanessa, will benefit the Oakwood Program for Exceptional Families which is located in Allen Park and serves children with all types of disabilities.

Vanessa passed away in 2001 due to complications from cerebral palsy, a brain defect which occurred at birth. In the past six years, the outing has raised more than \$150,000 for disabled children's charities in and around Metro Detroit.

"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.

Marching band alumni BBQ

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and Music Boosters are hosting the 'PCMB All Decades Alumni Reunion Picnic & BBQ' for current student members and parents, alumni, staff, former boost-

ers, etc. from noon-9 p.m., on Saturday, June 21 at Heritage Park.

The event is open to any student or parent who has participated in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park music programs or marched with the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. Registration is required. A golf outing is also being planned for Sunday, June 22nd.

The reason for the event is to gather all alumni with current students in order to share in the history of the great program and have fun. A PCMB Memorabilia room is being built at Plymouth High School to capture the heritage and history of the program. Participants are asked to bring any memorabilia that you wish to donate to the PCMB history room.

For more information and to register, visit www.pcmb.net and click on the alumni picnic link. If you have any questions, call Chris Hensel at (313) 268-2098 or e-mail alumni BBQ coordinators Lee Bonner at bonner_lee@yahoo.com or Bryan Thomas at bryan.thomas91@yahoo.com.

MDOT meeting

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 on-going 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. During the meeting, MDOT staff will listen to concerns and address questions regarding the study.

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

Ice cream social

Northville Cooperative Preschool welcomes the community to its new location at the Revival Outreach Center, 16115 Beck, with an Ice Cream Social 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, in The Bistro, Building D. The school is now enrolling for the 2008-09 school year and has openings for 2s, 3s and 4s programs. For more information, call (734) 254-9129.

John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Roma's of Garden City. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information please visit the Web site jghs88reunion.com.

Grief support group

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

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Chamber throwing fund-raiser for beloved stroke victim

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Nicki Wilson expressed reluctance in accepting help from her friends to raise money for her husband's therapy treatment, Canton Chamber of Commerce President Dianne Cojei listened to her concerns but then charged forward in putting together a pig roast benefit picnic for him.

Wilson

Don Wilson, a longtime Canton chamber member, suffered a stroke in December. His family is looking to enroll him in the University of Michigan Aphasia Program. The six-week program costs about \$28,000.

The pig roast fund-raiser will take place from noon to 4 p.m. June 21 at the chamber offices at 45525 Hanford Road.

"Don is the nicest person in the entire world," Cojei said, adding that she's hopeful they will bring in enough donations to cover the entire cost of the therapy. "I was telling someone that if we get 1,500 people to donate \$20, we would make the goal and they asked where was I going to find 1,500

DON WILSON PIG ROAST

When: noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21

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people? Well, there are 85,000 people living in Canton."

Cojei said she understood Nicki's hesitation in agreeing to the fund-raiser because she had a similar experience when her son needed treatment for cancer in the late '90s.

"When you are so used to being a giver it can be hard to be on the other end," she said, adding that after her friends organized a fund-raiser on her son's behalf, she was grateful for more than the donations. "It gave me a big feeling of appreciation to know that people cared that much."

Nicki, who admittedly says "she feels a bit awkward" about the fund-raiser, said while she and her two adult children believe the U-M program would be a good fit for Don, they have been concerned with the cost of the program since most insurances don't cover it.

"It's not pocket change that you have lying around, but it

would be worth it to Don," she said, adding that while he is still unable to talk, Don's comprehension has improved.

The couple, who live in Pittsfield Township, have been married for 37 years and have two grandsons. Don is the owner of Specialty Web Design and Nicki is the owner of Interiors by Decorating Den.

"He has a long, long recovery ahead of him but we take it one day at a time," she said. "For the most part, Don has been taking this well and we try to handle it with a sense of humor."

The benefit is open to the public. Those unable to attend can drop off or mail checks, payable to Don Wilson Stroke Rehabilitation Fund, to the chamber office. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

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Dogs need oxygen too

Canton resident Christy Jones (at left with her dog Jasper) donated 15 animal oxygen masks to the Canton Fire Department to be used specifically for dogs that are suffering from smoke inhalation. Jones had contacted the department to see whether it carried the animal oxygen masks with their fire equipment. When she was informed that was something the department did not normally stock, she took it upon herself to purchase the devices, which will be placed at all three fire stations. "We've made due with available masks for pets when needed, but now having the specifically designed units will certainly be a benefit," said Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher.

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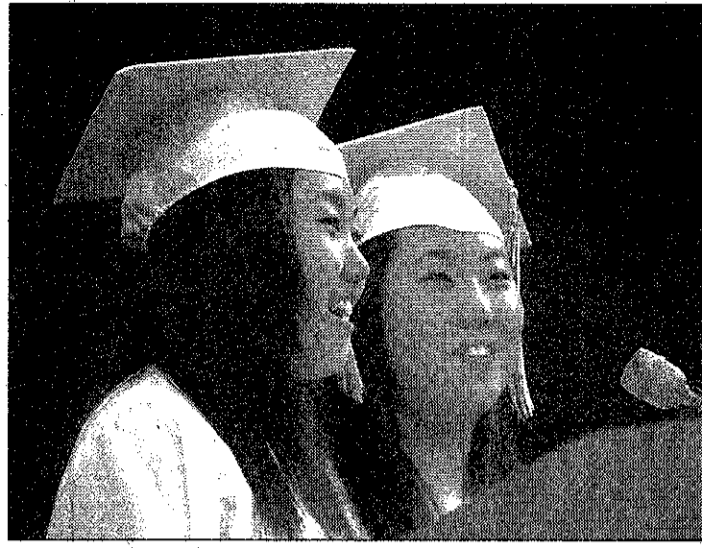


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Children can be disinherited, but rules must be followed

Dear Rick: I have three children. Upon my death, for a variety of reasons, I want to disinherit one of my children. I did a will about 10 years ago where I named two children as the sole beneficiaries. I was discussing my estate plan with a friend and he said I could have a problem because I left out one child. He said parents have to leave their kids something. Is it legal to disinherit a child and how does one do it?

Yes, you can disinherit a child. A parent is under no obligation to leave anything to a child. However, there are specific rules.

It appears that your present will names two of your children as the beneficiary while not including, perhaps not even mentioning, your



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third child. If the will contains no mention of your third child, then you did not disinherit him/her under the law. Under Michigan law, you must name your children in the document. Otherwise, the law makes the presumption that you have forgotten that child and thus they are still allowed to inherit a portion of your estate.

The best way to disinherit a child is to mention him/her in the will and state you are purposely not leaving anything to them or their heirs. In this way, you comply with the law and that child will not be able

to inherit from you.

Many people are under the false impression that somehow the law requires them to leave something to their children. You are under no obligation to leave anything to your child, nor do you have to treat your children equally. There are many times during the estate planning process where children are treated differently. This is done because children's needs may be different, not from a lack of love and affection.

The issue of unequal inheritances is something I frequently encounter with my clients. In some situations there is a vast difference between the children's economic stature. Sometimes you have one child that is in excellent financial shape while another may be in financial

distress. The issue for parents always is even though they love their children equally, do they leave more financial resources to one child than another because of need. Obviously, situations like this are difficult to resolve, however, life is not always easy.

As our world gets more and more complex, it becomes more important for all of us to do some sort of estate plan. If you do not have an estate plan then ultimately the state of

Michigan determines who gets your money.

The law, just like everything else in our society, has become more complex. I recommend hiring a professional who specializes in estate planning.

Remember that estate planning is just not for death. A good portion of estate planning has nothing to do with death, but rather how to handle a family emergency.

Take the opportunity to do an estate plan, whether it is a

simple will accompanied by medical and durable power of attorneys or something more complex as a trust. If you've already done an estate plan, make sure it is up to date.

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

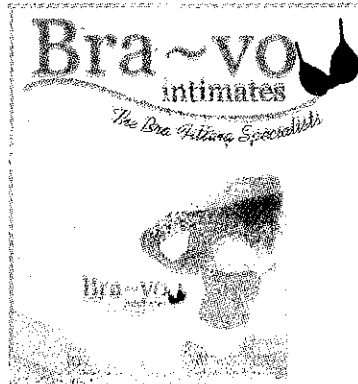
League holds judicial forum

The League of Women Voter from Wayne County will be sponsoring a judicial candidates' forum for those running for the Third Circuit Court, non-incumbent positions, in the Aug. 5, 2008, primary election.

This primary will cut the field from 11 to six candidates for the three open seats.

The forum will be held 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2008 from at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia.

The public is encouraged to attend and learn about the candidates.



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Canton man faces trial in assault incident

BY LEANNE ROGERS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Canton man has been bound over for trial on charges of assaulting a handicapped man with chemical spray. Alexander Lee Carey, 36, waived his preliminary examination in Garden City's 21st District Monday on charges of felonious assault, a four-year

felony, and assault with a self-defense spray, a two-year misdemeanor. Inkster resident Kevin Bradford, 51, was traveling in his motorized wheelchair along Cherry Hill heading for the Garden City post office at Merriman when the March 15 incident occurred. Due to the lack of sidewalks, Bradford was traveling in the street along the

curb which slowed traffic. A driver pulled up near Bradford, put down the passenger window and sprayed him in the face with a chemical spray. Bradford had to be taken to Garden City Hospital for treatment but along with a witness was able to get a license plate number and description of the suspect. Police reported that once

contacted, Carey cooperated with the investigation and turned himself in for arraignment after a warrant was issued. Scheduled for arraignment in Wayne County Circuit Court on June 23, Carey remains free on a \$10,000 personal bond and conditions including staying off Cherry Hill remain in effect. Bradford lives on Cherry Hill.

Judge sentences woman to prison in prostitution case

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A Westland woman was sentenced Monday to 3-20 years in prison for running a prostitution ring that involved a 16-year-old girl who ultimately confessed to her mother. Davina Shirley Lloyd, 26, was ordered imprisoned by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margie Braxton after earlier pleading guilty to transporting a female for purposes of prostitution from Woodcrest Villa

Apartments, on Wayne Road south of Joy, to a Canton hotel. Lloyd's sentencing came after her boyfriend, 24-year-old Lanard Mack Henley, was sent to prison in April for 3-20 years for helping Lloyd run the prostitution ring, which involved posting explicit pictures on the Craigslist Web site and arranging for young women to meet clients for paid sex. Police arrested the couple in January after an undercover officer arranged to meet an 18-year-old prostitute at the

Fairfield Inn in Canton. One girl testified during a preliminary hearing in February that she was only 16 when she stayed with Lloyd and Henley at Woodcrest Villa while she worked as a prostitute. She said the couple drove her to meet customers and "they asked me to lie about my age." The girl also testified that Lloyd became upset with her for lying about being raped by a customer in hopes of getting time off work. The teenager

said Lloyd slapped her and warned that she would "end up dead in an alley, if I lied to her." The girl finally went to her mother in Detroit, and they went to the Westland Police Department to file a complaint. The teenager had met Lloyd and Henley outside a Detroit gas station, where she said Henley gave her a business card and told her that she could make money. The girl said she initially talked with the couple because she was attracted to Lloyd.

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the jury the statement that Stein gave to police when she was questioned in September. In the statement, Stein says she "never intended to have sex" with the teen but developed a friendship with him after he initially began corresponding with her husband.

"I was a confidante for (him) and vice versa," Stein wrote adding that their relationship took a romantic turn when he entered her classroom one day after school and asked for a hug. She agreed to hug the boy and said that he kissed her.

After that, Stein said the two would "make out" almost everyday after school in her class and that when the school year was over, they would go to the mall or Taco Bell. Stein, who left her part-time teaching post at PCA, said she took the teen with her when she went on a job interview at Macy's.

When asked about having sex with the boy, Stein told Wells, "He didn't rape me but I didn't stop it."

In his statement to police, the boy said that he "made" Stein have sex with him and that he "made" her send him nude photographs of herself.

In addition to banning the media from identifying the teenager, Judge Craig S. Strong also banned the media from publishing the last name of the boy's mother, who testified Friday.

His mother, a Canton resident, described for the jury how her "happy go lucky kid" became moody and withdrawn toward the end of 2006. She said he confided in her that he had contemplated suicide and she responded by getting him into counseling.

In January 2007, PCA officials contacted the boy's mother after he submitted an essay that described a character attempting suicide multiple times. Soon after, the boy's mother said Stein took on the role as a mentor to the teen.

"At the time, I thought it was

'Troubled' teen allegedly threatens attorney

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The second day of Stephanie Ann Stein's trial started late because her attorney, Todd Flood, said he had just discovered evidence that caused him "grave concern." Stein, 32, of Canton is on trial for having a sexual relationship with a 15-year-old teenager she met while she was a teacher at Plymouth Christian Academy.

a teacher just helping a student out," she said, adding that by summer 2007, Stein and her son were texting back and forth nearly 300 times daily. At one point, they spent nine hours on the phone together. The woman said she became suspicious when she arrived home one day to find Stein leaving her residence. Stein, who had occasionally picked the boy up from his home, allegedly turned her head away from his mother and drove off without waving.

The teen's mother said she decided to involve police after she realized that "it wasn't going to end."

Under cross-examination, the woman said she had installed a monitoring program on her son's computer that she checked every couple of weeks but denied seeing any questionable Web sites that he visited.

When Flood asked whether the teen was a computer hacker, his mother said no. At that point, Flood questioned her about an investigation PCA conducted to determine whether the teen had hacked into the school's computers. The boy's mom initially said the matter was resolved without any punishment toward her son, but later admitted that he been punished by having his computer privileges at PCA limited and restricted to one unit.

The boy, who attended a Baptist school before trans-

Without the jury present, Flood recited a passage of instant messages that the boy allegedly sent another man in February.

Referring to Flood and listing his telephone number, the teen is accused of writing: "He needs to be shot. And killed. I hate him. I hate Steph."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden said Flood has had that document in his possession for

more than a month. "People say things like that out of anger all the time," she said, adding that the issue wasn't relevant to Stein's trial. Judge Craig S. Strong agreed with Weingarden.

Still, Flood said he believes that the teenager is troubled. "I am not taking it lightly," he said. "It has startled me."

In addition to the threat against Flood, the teen also allegedly threatened Stein's estranged husband.

ferring to PCA, is now being home schooled.

Stein has been charged with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, each a 15-year felony; one count of using the Internet to communicate with a minor to commit a crime, a four-year felony; and one count of distributing obscene material of a sexual

nature to a minor, a two-year felony.

The township woman previously rejected a deal from the state to serve 30 months to 15 years in prison if she pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct.

The trial will continue Monday.



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U-11	1	6pm-7:15pm	June 18th	June 19th	10	15
U-12 •	1	5:30pm-7pm	June 18th	June 19th	10	15
U-13	3	6pm-8pm	June 18th	June 19th	13	20
U-14 •	3	7pm-8:30pm	June 18th	June 19th	13	20
U-15 •	4	7pm-8:30pm	June 18th	June 19th	13	20
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ON THE AGENDA

Van Buren Public Schools

The school board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m., June 16 at the administration building, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville.

Agenda items include: 2007-08 budget discussion; Title I program discussion; technology department discussion; Fifteen Hour building secretary discussion; Belleville High School security program discussion; middle school enrichment program discussion;

2008-09 budget discussion; and non-union contracts discussion.

Canton Board of Trustees

The board will hold a study session at 7 p.m., June 17 at the Canton Administration Building. Agenda items include: Residential development completion update; clay stockpile lease agreement for Sauk Trail Landfill Daily Cover; and Habitat for Humanity project. There will also be a closed session to discuss employee negotiations.

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WW officials claim district has 'hit wall' with budget

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Strapped for money, Wayne-Westland Community Schools will face deepening budget cuts next year as officials battle plummeting cash reserves, soaring fuel costs, a shrinking tax base, declining enrollment and rising employee costs.

"We've hit the wall," Superintendent Greg Baracy said, "and it's very dismal." The ominous warning came Monday as the seven-member school board adopted a new spending plan, for a one-year period starting July 1, that estimates the budget surplus will plunge from \$12.7 million to just \$7.8 million. Just six years earlier, the district's balance stood at \$23.1 million.

School officials blame Lansing leaders for failing

to keep promises to pay for education — forcing districts like Wayne-Westland to spend more money than they're taking in just to maintain programs and services that students and parents have come to expect.

"Lansing is the problem," Gary Martin, the district's deputy superintendent of administrative and business services, said during Monday's school board meeting.

Administration officials have crafted a new budget that will protect programs for one more year in this 13,800-student district, although expenses of \$121.4 million will outpace revenues of \$116.5 million. It's a deficit-spending situation that officials say cannot continue.

"The past four to five years, and this upcoming budget year, have shown much volatility,

as both the federal and state budgets have had to deal with extraordinary economic challenges," Martin wrote in a letter to Baracy and school board members.

The problems have trickled down, officials say, raising fears of painful budget cuts that already have plagued districts which didn't have the once-healthy cash reserve that Wayne-Westland had — had being the key word.

The projected \$7.8 million fund balance in the new budget compares to a \$15 million to \$16 million surplus that most experts agree the district should have, Baracy said. Officials said they already have pared spending, including Monday's layoffs of two teachers. Board trustee Steve Becher said some districts already have laid off 30-40 educators.

Moreover, Wayne-Westland officials worried aloud that one more year of current programs will be followed by forced budget cuts. Baracy said state revenues to the district have fallen far behind the rate of inflation.

Local teachers also are worried about negotiations for a new contract, with union leaders reminding district officials that they engaged in concessionary bargaining two years ago.

As early as this summer, officials expect to have to borrow money for cash-flow purposes until state dollars come through, whatever the funding levels may ultimately be. As he faced the audience during a meeting that will air on local cable, Baracy implored residents to contact state legislators and demand fair funding for education.

Wayne-Westland school board honors McClain

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On the night he ceremoniously ended his tenure as a Wayne-Westland school board trustee, Terrance McClain was hailed as an eloquent and impassioned elected leader who brought diversity and tireless dedication to a position he held for nearly five years.



McClain

School board trustees and educators alike gave McClain a standing ovation as he stepped aside to concentrate on earning his doctoral degree in education with a major in counseling from Oakland University.

McClain, minister of Annapolis Church of Christ in Westland's historic Annapolis Park neighborhood, was commended by board colleague Steve Becher as a talented champion of education who, along with fellow board member and pastor Fred Weaver, never let his duties as a pastor intrude on public policy. Becher commended McClain for effectively representing the school district on the local, state and national levels.

"I know we have not heard the last of Terrance McClain," he said.

McClain, who was the

board's only current African-American member, was commended by board President Skip Monit for bringing "a diverse voice" to the board even as he engaged himself as a "true team participant." Monit gave McClain a plaque in honor of his service.

McClain hinted that he may mount another school board campaign after he has pursued certain dreams, including a doctoral degree that involves a teaching internship next summer at the University of Botswana.

In his farewell meeting, McClain said he has had the utmost respect for the district he has represented, and he described himself as having the "highest regard" for Superintendent Greg Baracy. McClain's influence on the Wayne-Westland community has been wider than his role as a school board trustee. He also has stirred large audiences at his church during the city's observances of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

McClain will be replaced by board newcomer William Gabriel, who has served Westland as a member of the library board and, more recently, the Planning Commission. Gabriel, who sat in the audience Monday, received a warm welcome from the board as he vowed to take his newly elected position seriously. "I'll do my best," he pledged.

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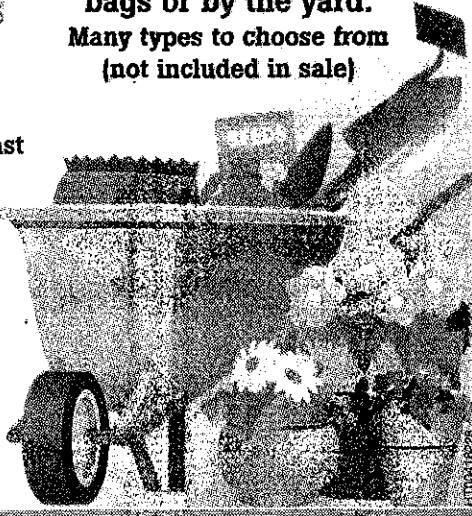
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Today's dad plays a much different role than his dad

People across the area will gather today to honor dad, and the role he plays in the family unit. Father's Day never has received the attention that Mother's Day does, except perhaps in the retail advertising world, where the price of recliners is slashed and the latest big-screen televisions are pitched.

It's not that dads aren't deserving of a special day of their own. It's just that for centuries, the role of fathers in our society has been to be the financial provider, and the jobs of raising the kids and keeping the home were largely left to mom.

Boy, how times have changed. These days, dads are as likely to be actively involved in helping out with the home and raising the kids as moms are to be in the workforce contributing equally — if not more — to the family budget. More and more families have to rely on two incomes to make ends meet, so the business of raising the kids has become much more of an equal partnership.

There is an undisputed special bond that forms between a mother and her child. And Mother's Day always will be a "bigger" special day than Father's Day. But a dad's role in the home is vastly different from what it was just 40 years ago, and many would argue it has changed for the better.

Many two-parent families have become a true partnership where all responsibilities are equally divided as best they can between mom and dad. Which means children get to see their parents in multiple roles, and in equal roles which historically has not been the case.

It is common for people to yearn for the "good old days" when life was simpler. Dad was the provider and mom stayed home and raised the kids. There was no need for latchkey programs, day care centers and the angst of relying on "strangers" to raise our kids.

But many of today's dads relish the role they play, and wouldn't change a thing. And the same, no doubt, is true for moms as well. So take a moment today to share a thank you with the dad in your life, and for the ever-increasing role he likely plays in your family.

Happy Father's Day.

Dems dropped the ball

As I watched the exit speech of Hillary Clinton, I couldn't help but feel that the Democratic Party has failed us again by eliminating one of the best presidential candidates this country has seen in years.

Also, it is obvious to me that this nomination was hijacked by the party elites and of course the news/opinion media. It will be difficult to forget all the petty, small-minded, vicious, vile comments Hillary Clinton was subjected to by these individuals, which many of her supporters found hurtful and disrespectful. And the disloyalty of the Democratic Party's leadership never ceases to amaze me.

But, as Hillary so eloquently stated in her speech today, we can't dwell on what might have been; we need to go on and look to the future. As John McCain's mother has stated, in reference to her son's candidacy, we will all have to hold our noses, and vote for him, or we can vote for the Democratic candidate that our party, not the people, have chosen for us.

Mary Young
Canton

'Hire' McLaughlin

Canton residents,
Please realize that you will soon be asked to "hire" some new employees to serve you in this township for the next four years. The election process is just another way of hiring employees and you have the ultimate voice in choosing those people.

May I suggest that the proper person to choose for the position township treasurer is Melissa McLaughlin. Melissa has served the township long and well. She has served on the Planning Commission, Historical Commission, DDA board and Board of Trustees. She has also been a part of the Canton Goodfellows program for many years and a personal friend as well.

Melissa knows her way around government, she is well respected by her peers in township government and in nonpolitical circles as well. She works as a team player, or leader, as the need arises. She is always willing to help on any project that she is requested to join. She is a great supporter of programs in Canton, including the Lions Club, firefighters, police and many others.

The job of treasurer is not a fund-raising job. It is a job which needs a person with background in township service. It is a job which encompasses investing and control of the township's funds. From tax collection and lien placements to knowledge and ability in the area of handling funds, Melissa McLaughlin has the knowledge, and is the most capable person, to do the best job. She is an honest and truthful person, a woman of moral and ethical values

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and not a gossip or rumormonger. She is trustworthy, knowledgeable and highly capable, and should be elected to the job of treasurer of Canton Township.

Please vote for Melissa McLaughlin on Aug. 5.

Nancy Spencer
Canton

Basics of life are changing

As an avid reader of financial news from around the world, especially from European and Asian publications, I have come across three major paradigm changes that are sweeping the world right now that, for some reason or another, are under reported in the American press. These paradigm shifts involve three major aspects of our everyday lives: housing, food and transportation.

Housing: Once seen as a good investment with appreciation potential and tax benefits, homeownership is no longer a good investment. In fact, the view on homeownership seems to be shifting back to the views held in the distant past: a house is a good asset to own if you plan to live in it. Otherwise it is a liability. I think this is particularly true in Canton with its high tax rates, association fees, and water rates.

Food: In the past people in poor countries used to act as shock absorbers for food prices. When food prices inched up, they used to tighten their belts and eat less and/or cheaper food. As someone who grew up in India in the 1970s, I know this to be true from personal experience.

Not any more. The average real income of the more than two billion Indians and Chinese have grown by more than a 1,000 percent in the past 15 years, and their share of monthly income spent on food has fallen from about 60 percent to less than 25 percent. Their paychecks have more than kept up with food inflation, so they are no longer willing to cut back on food and act as shock absorbers when food prices go up.

Transportation: Again, it is back to the basics. In the past good transportation meant the most efficient way to get from point A to point B. With cheap gas came the gas guzzlers, bells and whistles, and the car as a symbol of our lifestyles. Not any more. With high gas prices, automobiles will once again be judged on how efficiently they get you from point A to point B, as personal automobiles compete with public transportation for cost effectiveness.

Desikan Namookaran
Canton

Fathers need more rights

It is with hope we celebrate Father's Day in Michigan this year. Hope that we will finally recognize and admit our failures of the past.

Not necessarily the failures of fathers to their families, but rather the failure of government and society to permit fit, responsible fathers to be equitable parents to their children, despite marital status.

This is especially significant in Detroit, Flint and other urban areas of Michigan where nearly 70 percent of families are headed by single parents ... mostly mothers where the children have little or no involvement from their fathers. Society and government policies have traditionally made it easy to vilify these fathers as irresponsible. But in truth, most fathers are responsible, non-abusive, and desire to be fit parents. However, government has historically implemented and continues to exercise policies and laws that mandate only financial child support, completely ignoring the emotional, psychological, and spiritual support of fathers children also desperately need.

Overwhelming social pathology research shows single-parented children are growing up in increasingly alarming numbers to use drugs, experiencing educational, health, emotional/behavioral problems and especially engaging in criminal behavior much more so than those who either live in two-parent households or who have meaningful access to both fit parents.

While current Michigan law may permit joint custody of minor children to be only a consideration in divorce cases, state family courts seldom rule in favor of this type of shared parenting responsibilities; thus, creating single family custodial households at an alarming rate. The results are publicized in the press and media nearly every day with "most dangerous city" crime headlines and dismal "worst in the nation" high school graduation rates.

Yet legislators and public officials still refuse to implement the only changes that offer us real solutions to many of our societal problems. That is to enable both fit and willing parents to discharge their parenting responsibilities in a significant manner without state government interference, even if not under one roof.

This U.S. constitutional right, known as the shared parenting bill, is currently under review in the Michigan House of Representatives. It is a simple, inexpensive solution that costs the taxpayers nothing and, in fact, will save billions of dollars over time that our state government now must spend in social services, law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. The shared parenting responsibility legislation would allow children to have the love and care of both fit parents in their lives regardless of marital status.

Father's Day 2008 could indeed be a celebration for all Michigan families once we truly recognize what has been missing in nearly a million of our children's lives — responsible fathers.

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Eleven-year-old Canton resident Ryan Korody is pictured during a recent ATV race. Korody won four Michigan MPX Series races in 2007.

FLYIN' RYAN

Canton youngster excels at four-wheel racing

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While most of his buddies are playing action-packed racing video games this summer, 11-year-old Canton resident Ryan Korody will be living one.

The recent graduate of Fiegel Elementary School is one of the best young four-wheel, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) racers in the country — and he has several trophies that are nearly as tall as he is to prove it.

Every other weekend from the end of March through August, the fearless, curly-haired youngster and his dad, Scott, travel to national competitions from Alabama to New York

where he traverses hilly, 1.5-mile courses at speeds of close to 55 miles per hour.

And judging by the 25-foot-high hill-to-hill jumps he's required to complete on occasions, the younger Korody is not afraid to fly.

"You can take a child, put him on a soccer field and teach him to kick the ball into the net — even if they don't really like the game," said Scott Korody.

"But unless they really love racing, you can't take somebody Ryan's age, put him on a motorized vehicle, tell him to go 60 miles per hour and jump

Please see **SPEED, B4**



Canton resident Ryan Korody is pictured on his customized all-terrain vehicle. The 11-year-old has captured several state and national titles.

Poor policy should be gone — not Canton's Randolph

At a time when the Plymouth-Canton Community School District should be brain-storming for ideas to secure its most effective educators, it appears to be going out of its way to drive some of them away.

As a result, Casey Randolph will be taking his incredible gift of motivating students — both in the classroom and in the athletic arena — to Tecumseh beginning this fall.



Ed Wright

If you're not familiar with Randolph's work, you should be. Along with serving as a respected member of the Canton High School physical education staff the past three years, he guided the Chjefs' wrestling program from the depths of mediocrity to state prominence in just seven

years. While Randolph values his wrestling program's incredible on-the-mat triumphs — four straight District titles, two Regional titles and a pair of trips to the state finals in Battle Creek to name a few — he's even more proud of the fact his teams have achieved Academic All-State status four times.

This guy has not only been an unbelievably positive difference-maker in the lives of hundreds of local kids the past seven years, he's been a force.

And now he's headed to Tecumseh — thanks in large part to a terrible policy that our school district's decision-makers are too stubborn to tweak even an inch.

Too much to ask?

Last fall, Randolph — a father of four — spent countless hours developing a proposal that focused on a single, modest request: Let students of school district employees attend the high school where their mother or father is employed, if they so desired.

The way the system works now, every sixth-grader in the district receives a letter in the mail in May letting them know which of the three PCEP high schools they'll be attending.

If your dad teaches or coaches at Salem, the odds of you becoming a Rock are 1-in-3 — just like everybody else.

Mercifully, the district allows younger siblings of high schoolers to attend the same high school as their older brothers or sisters.

It is an unfortunate system that sends next-

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Fall baseball

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association is currently accepting registrations for its fall baseball leagues. The association offers leagues from T-ball through 14U. Registration closes on July 31.

For more information on the leagues, visit www.gcybsa.com and click on the "Online Registration" link.

Schedules will run from mid-August through mid-October.

Precision baseball

Starting June 18, every Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, baseball and softball players can receive semi-private hitting lessons with Wayne State University head baseball coach Jay Alexander and softball instructor Devan Briskey, the head softball coach at the University of Detroit at Precision Baseball, which is located in Canton.

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The classes will be held at the Plymouth High School tennis courts.

For registration information, visit www.pccs.k12.mi.us/communityed.asp.

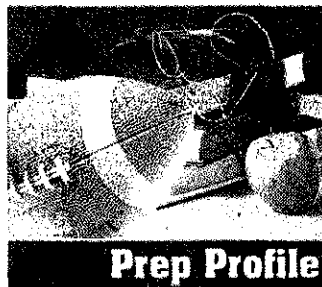
Giles strides to hurdles stardom

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

To fully grasp how far Mike Giles has come as a high school hurdler over the past four years, you'd have to retrace his smooth, gliding steps back to the first varsity race he competed in his freshman year at Salem.

"I was going along pretty good," the recently graduated Giles recalled, "but then I got tangled up in a hurdle, I fell and broke my hip. I was done for the year after just one meet."

Giles' body may have been bruised, but his competitive



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spirit and love for the sport was unfazed.

Armed with a diligent work ethic and some natural athleticism, Giles jumped back on the saddle the following spring and hasn't broken stride since.

He finished this past season as one of the area's most-

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accomplished hurdlers, a fact that is reflected in his sixth-place showing in the 110-meter high hurdles at the highly competitive Division 1 Regional meet held May 16 at the PCEP varsity track.

"Mike is one of those athletes who worked for everything he got," said Salem coach Kyle Meteyer. "He wasn't the most gifted hurdler his first couple of years here, but he worked as hard as anybody to get better

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Mike Giles, pictured above during a meet earlier this season, recently completed a stellar hurdling career for the Rocks. The senior competed in both the 110-meter high hurdles and the 300-meter intermediate events.

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Rice earns spot in D-1 finals following 4-1 win vs. Jenison

BY DAN STICKRADT
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Behind the pitching of junior Derek Kilmer, Birmingham Brother Rice won its state semifinal Friday at Nichols Field, topping Jenison and advancing to the Division 1 championship game, 4-1.

"When you get here, the goal is always to get to Saturday," Rice coach Bob Riker said. "I've been on both sides of the fence. It's my third trip up here as a head coach."

"It's a different group of guys, and it's exciting for everybody that comes up here. I'm happy for this group, because they get a chance to play on the last day."

Kilmer went six strong innings, scattering four hits with seven strikeouts and only two walks to gain the win. He carried a no-hitter into the fifth, and that was spoiled with two outs in the frame.

"He's a battler," Riker said. "He's a guy who doesn't back down. I knew he was going to give me his best effort and he did. I'm happy for him, happy for the school, happy for this team. They did a good job."

Matt Conway pitched the seventh inning. The lefty gave up an earned run off a walk, a fielder's choice and an RBI single by Cody Rabrahn, but he shut the door with a pair of strikeouts to ice the win.

Riker switched pitchers because Jenison's bottom half the order was swinging the bat better against



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In a key moment from Friday's state semifinal game, Birmingham Brother Rice catcher Jimmy Pickens holds on to the ball after placing a tag on Jenison's Jack Scanlon in a close play at the home plate. Scanlon was called out on the play.

Kilmer. "Their bottom of the order had hit (Kilmer) the last time through, so we decided to make a switch," Riker said. "I thought their timing with Derek was a little more on. I thought, being up four (runs), we'd put Matt out there and give it a shot."

Jenison (31-5) never threatened until the sixth. Three consecutive singles went for naught when Conway, playing left field at the time, gunned down Jack Scanlon at the plate, with Rice catcher Jimmy Pickens applying the tag.

"That was a momentum changer with that throw home," Riker said. "And it was a good play by Pickens coming out."

"When you have a catcher with a football mental-

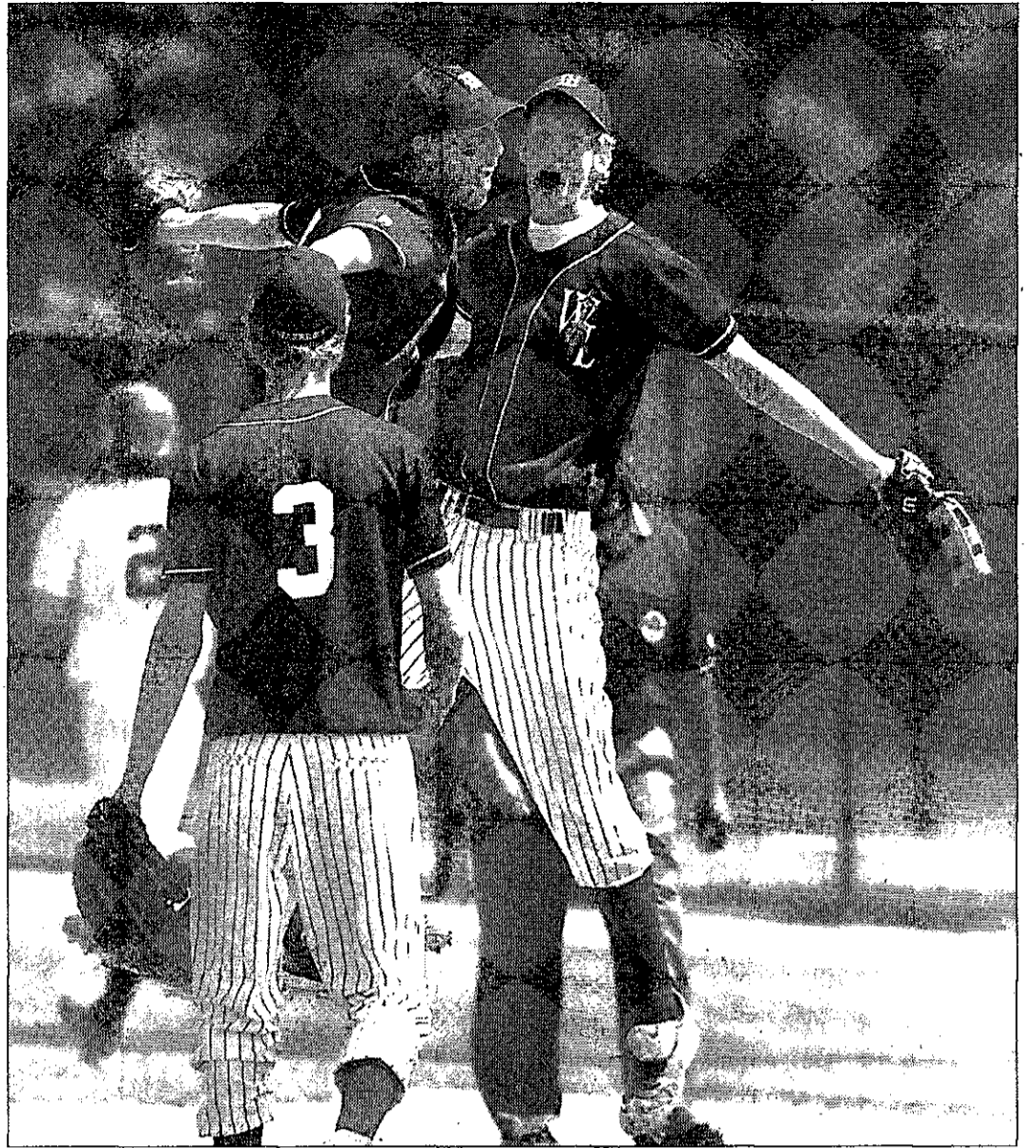
ity like Jimmy, you're not going to knock him over. And Matt did a good job throwing it on a line right to Jimmy."

Brother Rice (33-6) scored all of its runs in the third inning.

Andy Lentz hit a one-out single and advanced two bases on a throwing error. Pat Mackenzie came through with an RBI single, and Conway had an RBI double to left-center to give Rice a 2-0 lead.

Conway advanced on a groundout and scored when Jason Kelmigian reached on another error. Kilmer added an RBI single to left to cap the rally.

"It's really all about winning and bringing home a championship," Riker added.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lutheran Westland second baseman Aaron Derminer (left) and first baseman Nate Bachert react after the final out of the Division 4 state semifinals as winning pitcher Ryan Baglow walks over following a 9-3 victory over Frankfort.

Warriors in position to claim ultimate prize

Frankfort ousted in semifinal, 9-3

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Lutheran High Westland added another page to its captivating 2008 state tournament baseball story Friday in Battle Creek.

The Warriors were solid in all three phases of the game — pitching, hitting and defense — en route to a convincing 9-3 victory over Frankfort in the Division 4 semifinals at Bailey Park's Nichols Field.

The victory moves Lutheran Westland's overall record to 25-7 and a shot in Saturday's state championship game at C.O. Brown Stadium against Bay City All Saints (27-12-1), which advanced with an 8-5 semifinal win over North Muskegon.

Senior right-hander Ryan Baglow improved his record to 8-0 with a five-hitter and junior third baseman Sam Ahlersmeyer went 3-for-4 with three RBI to spark the Warriors' victory.

Sophomore shortstop Austin Baglow also came up with four of his five assists over the final three innings as the Warriors pulled away after Frankfort had sliced an early 5-0 deficit with three runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Senior catcher Dan Abbott also sparked defensively with five put-outs.

"We're Cinderella, we're living it up," Lutheran Westland fourth-year coach Kevin Wade said. "We're living on emotion, but our guys know we can compete. It's amazing, it's unbelievable. The kids are having fun and that's what it's all about."

The Warriors collected 12 hits and took advantage of six Frankfort errors to send the Panthers home with a 32-4 overall record.

Lutheran Westland scored three times in the bottom of the first inning.

After Adam Zehel drew a lead-off walk, Micah Hausch reached first on a bunt single and the husky Ahlersmeyer singled to left to make it 1-0.

Nate Bachert's fly to right was

mishandled and Ryan Baglow helped his own cause with an RBI single. Ahlersmeyer advanced to third and scored on a throwing error by the right field.

In the second inning, the Warriors added two more runs to make it 5-0 on back-to-back triples by Hausch and Ahlersmeyer to chase Frankfort starter Max Bankston. Abbott followed with an RBI single, which took a wicked hop past Frankfort freshman left-handed shortstop Kyle Zimmerman.

In the top of the fourth, Frankfort answered with three runs of its own. Cameron MacArthur and Devin Gokey both singled, but MacArthur was erased at third on a bullet throw by Abbott for the first out. Designated hitter Alex Stieve followed by hitting a bloop to left, which dropped in front of a sprawling Lutheran Westland left fielder Billy Meier, who was caught in the right forearm from the spike of shortstop Austin Baglow.

Two runners scored on the play when Meier's throw to third bounced into the Warriors' dugout. Bankston then singled home Tyler Stratton, who had earlier reached base on a fielder's choice.

Meier needed immediate medical attention after the play, suffering three-inch cut and a 1-inch gash that required 26 stitches. Hausch moved over to left and Tony Cipolla came in to play right.

Meanwhile, Frankfort had a runner aboard with one-out, but Ryan Baglow got out of the fourth-inning jam with a pop-out to first and a grounder to Ahlersmeyer, who adeptly handled a slow tapper off the bat of Wade Luxford and gunned the ball to Bachert at first to end the inning.

After Frankfort had scored the three times, Baglow had a confab on the mound with his catcher.

"My catcher (Abbott) came out and he just makes me smile," the senior right-hander said. "He just reminded me to relax and have fun. I was able to find my groove again and get back the momen-

tum."

The Warriors, sending eight batters to the plate, put it away with four runs on five hits in the bottom of the fifth.

Cipolla came through with a clutch RBI triple to the right field fence, scoring Bachert who had reached base following a Frankfort infield error. Aaron Derminer, Hausch and Ahlersmeyer each added RBI singles during the uprising.

Wade was proud of the way his team bounced back after Frankfort cut the deficit to two runs.

"They're seniors, they've been through it before and they handled it themselves," the Lutheran Westland coach said of the players-only mound meeting. "They (Frankfort) had a lot of momentum and to hold them and get more runs was huge. I'm glad the way they responded."

"We were aggressive early on the bases and it was working, but we were hesitant during the middle innings and there was a big momentum swing. I was also concerned about Billy Meier. Austin Baglow tried to avoid him and clipped him. We were happy to get out of that inning."

Ryan Baglow, who retired the final 11 Frankfort batters in order, went all seven innings. He struck out four and walked only two.

"We hadn't committed six errors in a week and their pitcher did a good job of keeping us off-balance," Frankfort coach Mike Zimmerman said. "We never stayed consistent."

The 3-0 first-inning advantage also gave the Warriors confidence.

"I've always gotten the run support, you can usually count on that," Baglow said. "But we've won with defense, too. We have a good defensive crew. We have faith in every single play."

"We put runners on early, got some runs and that's what this team has been doing. It put them on their heels."

"We play loose and have fun. It's a good ballclub. We play as a group."

Lefty Derek Fleetham, who was the quarterfinal hero Tuesday throwing a two-hitter in a 7-0 win over Ottawa Lake Whiteford, was the scheduled Lutheran Westland starter in the state championship game against All Saints.

But Ryan Baglow, wearing an ice pack on his right arm, made it clear he was ready to go again on a day's notice.

"If they need an inning or an out — for sure," he said. "It's the state finals."

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World Series-bound

The 12U PC Pride Stars, a tournament-only team, will be competing in the USSSA World Series at Disney's Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla., for the third consecutive year after placing second at the Liberty Park Spring Fest May 31-June 1. Pictured (front row from left) are Elliott Mitchem, Kaitlyn McIntosh, Lauren Hayes, Aubrie Cragg, Elaine Gerou, (second row from left) Casey Bias, Shannon Watson, Jessica Webster, Katy Meade, Catherine Porter, Megan Webster, (back row from left) assistant coach Nancy Hayes, head coach Mike Gerou, assistant coach Kevin Bias and assistant coach John Watson. Not pictured is Ashley Tatro.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: Marlowe Street Residents, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan

SIDWELL NUMBERS

57-01-0084-000	57-01-0129-002	57-01-0147-302	57-01-0208-002
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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements which consist of road paving of Marlowe Street, from Saltz Road to Fellows Creek.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$390,000. The estimated cost per property owner is \$1,206.00 per year on average based on a 10 year assessment.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 24th day of June, 2008, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Township Hall Board Room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof. Appearance and protest, in writing, on or before the hearing is required to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal (MTT). A written appeal of the special assessment must be filed with the MTT within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested, in writing, on or before the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll.

Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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State medalists performing at high level

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

CHRIS GOLONKA, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (SHOT PUT): The senior wound up 14th in the Division 1 state meet with an area-best toss of 49 feet, 6.25 inches.

Golonka was runner-up at the regional and fifth at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet. He also took a fifth in the discus at the WLAAs meet with a toss of 152-0.

"Chris has only been throwing for two seasons and has done a great job for this short time," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "I wish he would have participated in track as a freshman because I think he could have been much better. He has a good work ethic and is competitive come meet time."

ZACH BOZIGIAN, SR., WESTLAND GLENN (DISCUS): Under the guidance of throws coach Charles Hallman, the senior captain had a breakout season placing third in the Division 1 state meet with a school-record toss of 163-0.

Bozigian, a four-year letterman, also placed first at the regional (153-9), first at the MITCA Meet of Champions and was runner-up in the WLAAs (156-7).

"Zach is one of the most focused, goal-oriented athletes I have ever coached," Glenn's Jess Shough said. "He followed his plan exactly in placing in the state finals and setting a new school record. He was a very versatile athlete who could have been an outstanding sprinter and long jumper."

MITCHELL WHITE, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (HIGH JUMP): The senior capped off an outstanding career by winning the Division 1 state title with a leap of 6-6.

White captured the Livonia City meet with a school-record and area-best 6-8. He also captured the WLAAs title and was third at the regional.

"Mitchell has worked hard at becoming a good high jumper," Shaw said. "He had success early in his career, but was inconsistent. This season was by far his most consistent season between 6-5 and 6-7 most every meet. He has a great chance of being successful at the next level."

KESHAWN MARTIN, SR., WESTLAND GLENN (LONG JUMP): The senior, headed to Michigan State on a football scholarship, made of the most of his only season of high school track winding up ninth in Division 1 after winning the regional (22-3).

Martin was also WLAAs champion (21-10.5) and finished undefeated in dual meets. He was also Elks, Raider, EMU Huron and Jackson Northwest invitational champion.

Martin, who scored 298 points this season (fourth all-time at Glenn), also stood out in the sprints and relays. He was clocked in 22.3 in the 200 only behind teammate Larry Dawkins.

"Keshawn is a phenomenal athlete," Shough said. "This has been his first year running track and he made an unbelievable impact on the success of our team. He was the missing link that made this team so successful."

"He is a very quick learner and a very welcomed addition to our team. I wish him great success in his career at MSU and it has been a pleasure coaching him."

DEREK PETERMAN, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL (POLE VAULT): The junior wound up fourth in Division 1 and holds the school record in the pole vault (15-3).

Peterman was WLAAs, regional and Ann Arbor Huron River Rat Invitational champion. He was also an MHSAA Academic All-Stater.

"His vault overshadows the success he is beginning to experience in the hurdles (15.2 and 43.0)," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "He possesses an incredible work

ethic and loves the sport. He travels all over the state in the off-season to vault and train. The sky is the limit in '09 as he'll get stronger and faster in the off-season. We'll work hard on his hurdle technique and conditioning so that he can enjoy success there next season to help his team."

MYLES WHITE, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (110-METER HURDLES): The senior took first at the Observerland Relays with a meet record and area-best time of 13.87.

White was also first at the regional and WLAAs meets.

In the 300 hurdles, White took first at the regional and fourth at the WLAAs. His best clocking was a 39.07 (breaking his own school record).

In the long jump, White took second at the regional, third at the state meet (school-record 22-3.5).

"Myles' career is for the most part a highlight," Shaw said. "Placing third in the state in the long jump and first at Observerland breaking his record with a sub-14 are the biggest."

"He is probably one of the best multi-sport athletes Stevenson has had. He was one of the state's top hurdlers, which is impressive since he's been doing it for just a couple of years. He has worked very hard at it in the off-seasons. He owns three school records, plus the Observerland and WLAAs records in the 110 hurdles."

TIM BELCHER, SR., CANTON (300 HURDLES): The senior captain was a multi-faceted performer for the Chiefs, earning points in the 110 high hurdles, 800 relay, 1,600 relay and 300 intermediate hurdles. He set a school record of 39.2 seconds in the 300 hurdles and finished second at the WLAAs meet. He also qualified for the Division 1 state meet after placing second in the event at the Regional competition.

"Tim was a great leader for us this season and was voted as one of the team MVP winners," said Canton coach Bob Richardson.

LARRY DAWKINS, SR., WESTLAND GLENN (100 DASH): The senior captain placed third in Division 1 after posting a school-record time of 10.42 en route to runner-up honors at the regional.

Dawkins was the WLAAs champion in the 100 (10.6) and 200 (21.86). He holds the school record for career points by over 200 and competed Saturday in the Midwest Meet of Champions.

"Larry developed into one of the premier sprinters in the state with a lot of hard work," Shough said. "His confidence grew during his junior year and continued through his senior year."

"He loved the challenge of facing the top sprinters in the area and state, and expected to beat them. He will truly be missed by our team and our coaches. He plans on continuing his running at Eastern or Central Michigan."

CONNOR MCKINNEY, JR., PLYMOUTH (200): The junior enjoyed a break-out season, setting school records in the 200 (22.6) and 400 (51.3). He's a two-time state qualifier.

"Connor is a great athlete who will do whatever is asked to help his team," said Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. "He can compete in eight events and he's an awesome young man."

DEREK BUSKEY, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (400): The senior posted the area's best time with a 49.66, which also included a regional title and a runner-up finish at the WLAAs meet.

Buskey also took a surprising third at the WLAAs meet in the 200 (22.5) and was a state qualifier in the 400 and 4 x 400 relay.

"Derek is a very hard worker at practice," Shaw said. "He's very unselfish and will run anything you

ask him if it benefits the team. He had a very good senior year because of his work ethic."

BRANDON GRYSKO, SR., LIV. CHURCHILL (800): The four-time All-Area, All-City and state qualifier posted the area's top time (1:58.7) en route first-place finish at the Livonia City, WLAAs and regional meets. He was also a member of Churchill's first-place City, WLAAs and regional 3,200 relay teams.

Grysko, headed to run cross country at Madonna University, also holds the school record in the 1,600 (4:22.0).

"Brandon has been a star in our program since his freshman year when he was conference champ and qualified for the state meet in the 800," Austin said. "A co-captain, he was a tremendous leader during his career. He anchored our 3,200 relay team, ran the 400, 800 and 1,600 and anchored our 1,600 relay. His versatility allowed our team to be very successful during his career as he was a two-time conference champion (2005 and 2007), Observerland Relays champion (2005), Lakes Division champion (2006) and regional champion (2007)."

"His competitive desire was a tremendous influence on our program and will be missed."

MIKE GIBBONS, SR., LIV. STEVENSON (1,600): The senior showed his versatility with a runner-up regional time of 1:59.23 in the 800 and an area-best 4:29.9 en route to a second-place showing at the WLAAs meet.

Gibbons was also a member of Stevenson's state qualifying 4 x 400 relay squad.

"Mike ran a strong fourth place last year in the conference in the 800 going under two minutes," Shaw said. "Mike is a very hard worker. He got the most out of his talent because he works hard. He's a very good student-athlete and will be attending Grand valley State next for school and run track."

KEVIN DEBEAR, SR., SALEM (3,200): The senior capped a spectacular career by winning city, conference and Regional titles in the 3,200. DeBear was unbeaten in the two-mile run until the state meet, where he placed 13th, and has the sixth-fastest time in the 38-year history of Salem High School. DeBear is going to Wayne State University with a cross country scholarship.

"Kevin was a leader for three years on this team," said Salem coach Kyle Meteyer. "Our distance squad is only getting better and Kevin deserves accolades for that -- not only as a performer, but as a leader."

RELAY EVENTS
STEVENSON, 400 (AUSTIN WHITE, SOPH.; JACOB GUDEMAN, JR.; MITCHELL WHITE, SR.; NICK ANAGNOSTOU, JR.): This foursome, made up of three underclassmen, finished fifth in the Division 1 state meet with an area-best time of 42.74.

They also took first at the Livonia City Meet, second at Observerland and third at both the WLAAs and regional meets.

"This group got better all season because we had some great competition all year running against Franklin (42.8) and John Glenn (42.81), which finished sixth and seventh at the state meet," Shaw said.

JOHN GLENN, 800 (JAJUAN MARKS, SOPH.; KESHAWN MARTIN, SR.; COREY DAVIS, SR.; LARRY DAWKINS, SR.): This quartet wound up sixth in Division 1 (1:29.9) after placing second at the regional (1:30.3) and winning the Western Lakes title (1:30.1).

This foursome posted the second fastest time in school history and missed the school-record by only 2-10ths of a second. Marks will be the only returnee next season. The other three are seniors.

"This relay has been an exciting team to watch all season," Shough said. "They have been a very dedicated group who have worked very hard to be successful. The addition of Keshawn Martin to a veteran team has been the missing link that made them state caliber."

CANTON, 1,600 (JORDAN WISNIEWSKI, SOPH.; SHERIF HASSANIAN, JR.; TIM BELCHER, SR.; ERIC PIWOWAR, SR.): This quartet saved its best for last, posting a time of 3:26.0 at the Division 1 state meet.

"They were also Regional champions and placed third in the WLAAs conference meet," Richardson added.

PLYMOUTH, 3,200 (KYLE WALLATH, SR.; MATT LEWARDOWSKI, SR.; JUSTIN HUEY, SR.; WARREN BUZZARD, SOPH.): This Wildcat foursome broke the school record in this event twice during the 2008 campaign and qualified for the D1 state meet this spring.

"They saved their best for last, running 8:04.47 at the state finals," said Britnell. "It's a great group of young men that always competed with purpose."

COACH OF THE YEAR
JESS SHOUGH, WESTLAND GLENN: The 63-year-old Shough has been coaching 29 years, including the past 17 as head track and field coach with the Rockets. He has also served 20 years as the Glenn boys varsity cross country coach.

Shough guided the Rockets to their most successful season since 1997 when they captured the Class A regional.

This year's Glenn squad was runner-up at the Division 1 regional at Canton; fifth in the WLAAs meet and third in the MITCA Meet of Champions. The Rockets went 3-3 in dual meets.

Under the direction of Shough and throws coach Charles Hallman, the Rockets set five school records including the 100, 200, discus, 110 hurdles and 400 relay. They missed the school record in the 800 relay by 2-10ths of a second.

"Our senior leadership was tremendous," said Shough, who teaches physical education at Glenn. "They worked very hard to get there and the addition of Keshawn Martin, who was our top point-getter with 298, was a blessing. He never ran track previously, but he was the one guy needed for our sprint relays to replace Ian Thornton (who graduated)."

Shough, a native of Adrian, played football, baseball and basketball before going to Eastern Michigan University on a football scholarship. He began coaching track at the middle school level and was an assistant at Garden City East before going to Glenn.

"Our (1997) regional championship team was deep, but they did not have the records this team had," Shough said. "I know what it's like not to have success. When you achieve success from hard work it's rewarding. It's more meaningful because we had to work harder and the kids had to appreciate what they had."

"In track there are so many ingredients. Our throws coach -- Charles Hallman, and I, have worked together for 11 years. He's been invaluable and this season it paid off with a school-record in the discus."



Christopher Golonka Stevenson



Zach Bozigian John Glenn



Mitchell White Stevenson



Keshawn Martin John Glenn



Myles White Stevenson



Tim Belcher Canton



Larry Dawkins John Glenn



Connor McKinney Plymouth



Derek Buskey Stevenson



Brandon Grysko Churchill



Michael Gibbons Stevenson



Kevin deBear Salem



Austin White Stevenson



Jacob Gudeman Stevenson



Nick Anagnostou Stevenson



JaJuan Marks John Glenn



Corey Davis John Glenn



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Eric Piowar Canton



Matt Lewandowski Plymouth High



Justin Huey Plymouth



Warren Buzzard Plymouth



Jess Shough John Glenn

2008 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TRACK TEAMS

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Chris Golonka, Sr., Livonia-Stevenson; 2. Ed Merhi, Soph., Salem; 3. Dana Baltazar, Soph., Salem.

Discus: 1. Zach Bozigian, Sr., Westland John Glenn; 2. Austin Hassen, Sr., Wayne Memorial; 3. James Kelly, Sr., John Glenn.

High jump: 1. Mitchell White, Sr., Stevenson; 2. (tie) Pat York, Sr., Stevenson; 3. Chris Beardon, Jr., Salem; 3. Zack Gaskell, Soph., Salem.

Long jump: 1. Keshawn Martin, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Billy Gutowski, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 3. Mark Simor, Jr., Stevenson.

Pole vault: 1. Derek Peterman, Jr., Churchill; 2. Joe Tesner, Sr., Churchill; 3. Chris McGinnis, Sr., Canton.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Myles White, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Marcus Bennett, Sr., Redford Thurston; 3. Dennis Dillard, Sr., John Glenn.

300 hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher, Sr., Canton; 2. Renaldo Powell, Sr., Wayne; 3. Sherif Hassanien, Jr., Canton.

100 dash: 1. Larry Dawkins, Sr., John Glenn; 2. Nick Anagnostou, Jr., Stevenson; 3. Eric

Piowar, Sr., Canton.
200: 1. Connor McKinney, Jr., Plymouth; 2. Kyle Kempf, Sr., Lutheran Westland; 3. (tie) Darrell Myree, Sr., Livonia Franklin; Devon Easterling, Jr., Churchill.

400: 1. Derek Buskey, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Nate Sergison, Jr., Stevenson; 3. John Stoddard, Jr., Garden City.

800: 1. Brandon Grysko, Sr., Churchill; 2. Kyle Wallath, Sr., Plymouth; 3. (tie) Michael Schmidt, Jr., Churchill; Spencer Lyle, Jr., Lutheran Westland.

1,600: 1. Mike Gibbons, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Mark Waterbury, Jr., Churchill; 3. Jacob Schofield, Sr., Wayne.

3,200: 1. Kevin deBear, Sr., Salem; 2. Matt Devey, Jr., Salem; 3. Duncan Spitz, Jr., Canton.

RELAY EVENTS
400: 1. Stevenson (Austin White, Soph.; Jacob Gudeman, Jr.; Mitchell White, Sr.; Nick Anagnostou, Jr.); 2. Franklin (Darrell Myree, Sr.; Isaac Cadet, Jr.; Mike Baumgardner, Soph.; Paul Voegel, Jr.); 3. John Glenn (JaJuan Marks, Soph.; Keshawn Martin, Sr.);

Corey Davis, Sr.; Larry Dawkins, Sr.); **800:** 1. John Glenn (JaJuan Marks, Soph.; Keshawn Martin, Sr.; Corey Davis, Sr.; Larry Dawkins, Sr.); 2. Stevenson (Derek Buskey, Sr.; Mitchell White, Sr.; Nate Sergison, Jr.; Myles White, Sr.); 3. Churchill (Travis Tomey, Jr.; Jeff Ricketts, Jr.; Devon Easterling, Jr.; Billy Gutowski, Sr.).

1,600: 1. Canton (Jordan Wisniewski, Soph.; Sherif Hassanien, Jr.; Tim Belcher, Sr.; Eric Piowar, Sr.); 2. Plymouth (Matt Lewandowski, Sr.; Mike Hanchett, Sr.; Connor McKinney, Jr.; Kyle Wallath, Sr.); 3. Stevenson (Nate Sergison, Jr.; Stephen Pollard, Soph.; Mike Gibbons, Sr.; Derek Buskey, Sr.).

3,200: 1. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Sr.; Matt Lewandowski, Sr.; Justin Huey, Sr.; Warren Buzzard, Soph.); 2. Churchill (Michael Schmidt, Jr.; Brandon Grysko, Sr.; Nathan Wise, Jr.; Paul Folk, Sr.); 3. Canton (Keith Zech, Soph.; Josh Hurst, Jr.; Paul Rakovitis, Soph.; Derek Hoerman, Sr.).

COACH OF THE YEAR
Jess Shough, John Glenn

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GILES

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and become the best he could be."

Courage is essential

One of the first hurdles Giles had to clear during his early hurdling days at East Middle School was a mental one.

"You have to be a little brave to be a hurdler," he said. "But once you get over the mental barrier, it just takes hard work and practice to get the right form down."

The stopwatch told the ultimate story of Giles' dedication to the sport. He chopped his personal-best time of 20 seconds as a freshman to 15.5 as a senior in the 110s. In the 300 intermediates, he knocked 10 seconds off his PR from his freshman to senior seasons.

"My first two years at Salem we had a hurdling coach, Dan Johnson, who holds the school record in the 300s," Giles said. "He taught me a lot along with Coach Meteyer."

"After Dan left before my junior season, I kind of self-taught myself and I tried to pass on to the younger guys what coach Johnson had taught me."

No hurdles in classroom

Giles didn't hesitate when asked what accomplishment has brought him the most pride during his four-year career at Salem.

"Receiving the WLAA academic athlete award in cross country and track meant a lot to me this year," he said, "because it was based on a mix of athletics and getting good grades."

Judging by his 3.9 grade-point average, guitar-playing skills and the fact that he works several hours a week at K-Mart, Giles' time-management skills are as smooth as his hurdling form.

He has been accepted into Eastern Michigan University's Honors College, where he will work toward a degree in Exercise Science.

"My goal is to become a physical therapist," Giles said.

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Shooters Golf Tour

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

The SGT is also the only tour of its kind in the state that offers up-to-the-minute live scoring on the internet.

For more information, visit www.shootersgolf.com.

Plymouth LAX camp

The Plymouth High School lacrosse program will be offering an instructional skills camp that will cover every aspect of the game for players of all skill levels on June 28-29, from 9 a.m. to noon for kids in grades 6th through 8th; and from 1-4 p.m. for 9th through 12th graders at Heritage Park in Canton.

The camp will be staffed by high school coaches as well as current and former college and high school players.

The cost is \$50, which includes a custom-reversible jersey, six hours of instruction, one-on-one and specialized instruction for every position and a post-camp evaluation.

Players can register online at www.plymouthlacrosse.com. For more information,

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send an e-mail to info@plymouthlacrosse.com.

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

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

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

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

Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. For more information, contact Lisa Goble at (734) 207-8889 or at Rgoble64@aol.com.

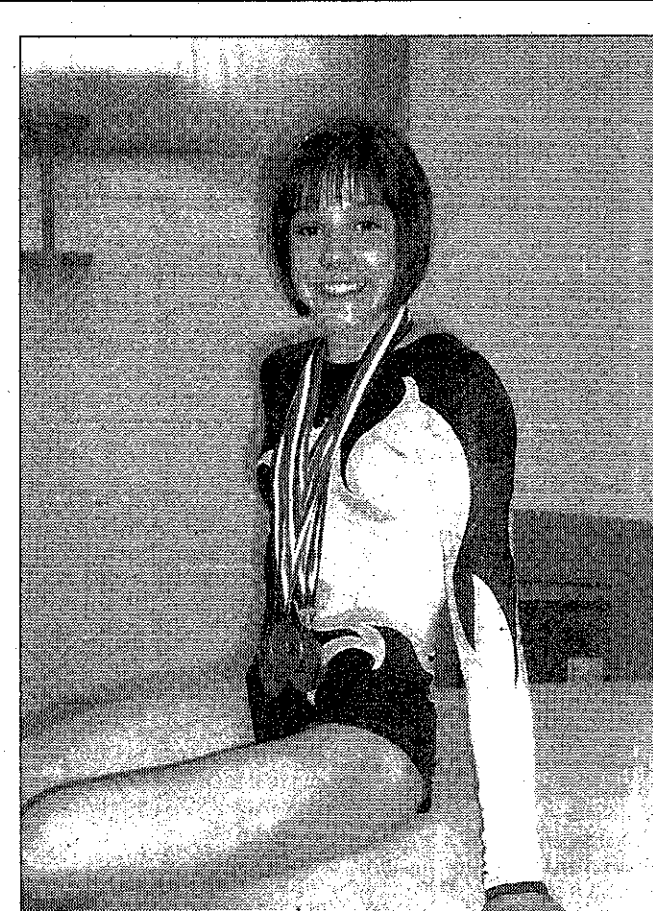
The registration deadline is July 7.

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.



Accomplished gymnast

Canton resident Adelaida Jepperson, a level 6 gymnast at the Oakland Gymnastic Training Center, earned five medals at the 2008 state meet held earlier this spring. Jepperson placed second in both the floor and all-around competitions.

Augustine's bat bolsters Rams

Dan Augustine went 3-for-4 with an RBI as the Michigan Rams unloaded for 14 hits Wednesday in a 6-4 Michigan Collegiate Baseball League triumph over the Blue Knights at Ford Field.

The 20-and-under Rams improved to 5-2 in the MCBL, while the 22-and-under Blue Knights fell to 4-4-1.

Joe Barnes also had three hits and scored a run for the Rams, while teammates Tim Cross and Frank Persichino each added two hits and an RBI.

Aaron Wick, Brett Mazmanian and Nick Plinka also drove in runs.

Tony Fazi went 2-for-4 with two RBI for the Blue Knights.

Brent Opland and Keith Kampe contributed two hits apiece.

Kalamazoo College's Ben Schroeder (Livonia Stevenson), the Rams' starter, went the first 4.1 innings, allowing four runs (two earned) on seven hits and a walk. Brett Spencer (Madonna University) went the final 2.2 innings and did not allow a run to pick up the save. He allowed just one hit and a pair of walks.

Losing pitcher Justin Barber went four innings, allowing four earned runs on 11 hits, a pair of walks and one hit batter. Casey Haggerty finished up, giving up one runs on three hits.



Hahn receives scholarship

Plymouth senior Laura Hahn (second from right) is the first recipient of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' women's lacrosse scholarship. Hahn is pictured with her parents and PCS head coach Dave Medley (right).

POLICY

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door neighbors — kids that have been attending school together in some cases for nine years — to different high schools.

While it may not totally divide neighborhoods and subdivisions, it certainly doesn't unite them.

Randolph was merely trying to convince the school administrators to at least keep families together during the high school years.

If enacted, Randolph's proposal would have affected less than 1 percent of the entire PCEP student population, while serving as a well-deserved — not to mention cost-free — perk for the district's employees.

A rare loss

SPEED

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from here to that Jeep," he explained, pointing toward his next-door neighbor's vehicle that was parked about 30 feet away. "Racing four-wheelers is kind of like hockey. Some kids can throw their skates on and tear up the hockey rink right away while others never pick it up. Ryan seemed to pick this up right away."

Risk factor

Not surprisingly, there is a danger element involved with the sport. Korody has endured his share of spills, but none serious enough to knock him out of a race, thanks in large part to the state-of-the-art equipment the riders are required to wear.

"I've crashed about five times really hard," he said. "One time I flipped over a couple of times and bent a piece of metal on my ATV that was built strong enough for NASCAR cars. But 15 minutes later, I went back out there and finished third."

Racing is more of a lifestyle than a hobby for the Korodys,

In October, Randolph presented his proposal to members of a school district policy committee with the same heart and soul he puts into his teaching and coaching jobs.

Four months later, he was handed a letter from the district that flat-out rejected his idea.

"All I was trying to do was keep my family together," said Randolph. "My kids have been wearing Canton red since they've been born. My wife and I love it here. We would have lived here 30 more years if not for this ridiculous policy."

A few months before his oldest child received the letter that revealed which high school the computer had randomly selected for her, Randolph decided to accept an elementary school physical education position in

Tecumseh along with the high school's head wrestling coaching position. He will also serve as an assistant football coach at the school.

"It was the toughest decision I've had to make in a long time because we love Canton, but it was something I felt I needed to do for my family," he said. "It was gut-wrenching when I had to tell my (Canton) team that I was leaving. I'm sure some of the younger guys feel that I'm betraying them, but the older guys understand."

"Trust me when I say that Randolph's departure may just be the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the number of incredibly successful mentors at the Park leaving in the coming years if the policy is not altered soon."

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who dedicate much of their free time and money to the sport their son loves.

"The entire family has to be dedicated to it, or it's not going to work," Scott Korody emphasized. "I probably spend four nights a week — sometimes 20 to 30 hours a week — in the garage working on his machine."

"And it's very expensive, too. If you compete in the season-long Nationals like we're doing, it'll cost \$30,000 to \$40,000, especially with the cost of gas now."

"We joke with the other parents about how we're all broke because we're racers."

Jam-packed schedule

Once the ATVA National MX Series season starts in late March, the Korodys' every-other-week schedule gets crazy.

"We usually take off for the race on Thursday night, drive all night and get there Friday morning," said Scott Korody. "Friday is usually a practice day, then the racing takes place on Saturday and Sunday."

"On Sunday night we take off and get home by 7 a.m. so Ryan can get to school."

Ryan Korody's racing success is extra-impressive considering he rarely gets to practice. Since there are no courses in the metropolitan Detroit area, the only chance he gets to sharpen his skills are when he travels to his grandpa's five-acre parcel of land near West Branch.

"The only kids that finish ahead of Ryan are the ones that live down south who have their own tracks in their backyards, so they get to practice about an hour every day," said Scott Korody. "Ryan has been able to overcome his lack of practice because he has really good hand-eye coordination, but compared to the kids he's racing against, he really doesn't ride enough."

A straight-A student, Korody said his ultimate goal is to continue to compete against kids his age until he can turn pro once he turns 16.

"I love racing," he said. "The best part is going down a hill as fast as I can and pulling a whole shot on everybody."

Good luck getting that kind of adrenaline rush playing a video game.

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Mark Thompson, who has epilepsy, stands with one of his golf clubs in the backyard of his Canton home.

Advocating for people with epilepsy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The minute the camera's flash went off Mark Thompson fell backwards. If someone didn't know the 15-year-old Canton boy had epilepsy they might just think he was fooling around. But epilepsy is a serious disorder and that's why his mother, Carol, thinks pharmacies should consult the patients and their physicians before switching from a brand medication to a generic or from one generic to another.

Two bills in the Michigan House (HB 5077) and Senate (SB 926) would require approval before a change is made in medication for the neurological disorder caused by a misfire in electrical functions of the brain. Epilepsy affects 100,000 people in Michigan including 30,000 children.

Anything that startles Mark can cause a seizure. A freshman, Mark has been confined to a wheelchair at Plymouth High School to prevent any further injuries from falling. The incidents started happening in November around the time one of his epilepsy medications was switched. Carol can't say for sure if the change caused the falls because Mark struggles with cerebral palsy as well as the effects of a stroke as a baby, but she's backing the bills.

"People go to doctors for medical expertise," said Carol Thompson. "Why should second and third parties get involved?"

EXPERT VIEWS

Dr. Brien Smith has seen how an unauthorized switch in epilepsy medication can affect a patient. As chairman of government and legal affairs for the Epilepsy Foundation of America, he has met with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) three times in Maryland to voice his concerns. Smith writes about the bills in A Call to Action, an Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan publication. He has been treating epilepsy patients 18 years and is concerned because at least four antiepileptic drugs become available in generics in the next 12 months and although the FDA advertises the drugs as safe that isn't always true. Patients stable for years or months can suddenly have seizures.

"For the most part probably 90 percent of the patients I treat can make the switch but we should be educating them that there is some risk that's a real concern," said Smith, a neurologist and medical director of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program at Henry Ford Hospital's neurology department.

"When the FDA approves a generic drug they test the blood in healthy volunteers. They only accept prospective randomized trials looking



Dr. Brien Smith

backwards at patients. A special task force at the American Epilepsy Society has been set up to look at these patients to challenge the equation the FDA's been using. When a drug goes to a generic 10 companies can make it so patients could actually have a blood level change 10-14 percent in a month. There can be serious consequences of having a major seizure in the wrong place at the wrong time."

ADVOCACY

Smith is putting together an epilepsy advocacy group to battle lobbyists opposing the identical bills. Currently HB 5077 sponsored by state Rep. John Espinoza, D-Crosswell, is in the Health Policy Committee. Jack Cardinal, a legislative aide in Espinoza's Lansing office, said they're "very optimistic we'll get a hearing." The bill was introduced in the last legislative session and reintroduced this session.

Arlene Gorelick is working with Smith, Espinoza, and state Sen. John Gleason, D-Flushing, who sponsored SB 926. As president of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan in Southfield, Gorelick has seen the improvements in epilepsy treatment in the last 19 years. The foundation started 60 years ago as the Epilepsy Clinic. In 1994 when health systems like Henry Ford, the Detroit Medical Center and the University of Michigan began developing comprehensive epilepsy centers, the nonprofit decided to give their practice to the Henry Ford system and focus on advocacy and helping people with the neurological disorder.

"Doctors spend a lot of time getting the right drug to control their seizures without making them toxic. They're very powerful drugs," said Gorelick. "There are at least 40 different syndromes which respond better to different drugs. One formulation to another may not act the same. Epilepsy is life threatening. It can cause sudden death. I heard one story of a woman who had a seizure in the bathtub and drowned."

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Foundation works to eliminate stigma of disorder

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Epilepsy changes every aspect of a person's life when uncontrolled, including the ability to hold a job, drive a car, or just be seen as normal.

Mark Thompson wants to be treated like a regular kid who enjoys playing golf, pool, Wii, and fishing at his grandfather's cottage near Jackson. Arlene Gorelick and the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan are working to make that a reality.

"The stigma isn't as great as it used to be, but it is (there) and especially for kids it can be difficult," said Gorelick, the nonprofit's president. Everybody knows somebody with epilepsy. They just might not know it. At the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan we want people to live their dreams. We do a lot of education, have a camp for kids. Many of these kids have never seen another kid with epilepsy. We try to make it easier for people to live in the community.

"People still don't like to talk about it, but I have noticed a change especially in young people."

Thompson, 15, of Canton enjoys golfing, and was on the Wildcats team at Plymouth High School until falling and breaking a finger. He struggles with seizures while physicians try to find the right combination of drugs to treat the epilepsy. He's currently on three medications plus a special diet high in fat, low in carbs.

Six decades ago there were only one or two medications to treat the disorder and many people with epilepsy were sent to state hospitals, according

to Gorelick. Over the years new drugs were developed as well as epilepsy surgery. Dr. Brien Smith is about to start a study at Henry Ford Hospital on NeuroPace, the latest implantable device that monitors electrical activity in the brain and delivers stimulation when a seizure is detected.

"There's new improvements every day," said Smith. "There's hope for the future, three to four new agents coming out in the next year or two."

In the meantime the foundation is trying to raise awareness about the neurological disorder which can be caused by head trauma or stroke.

"People still believe the old wives tales that someone can swallow their tongue. They can't," said Gorelick. "People break teeth and jaws so don't put anything in their mouth. If you see someone having a convulsion do very little but what is required to keep them safe. We recommend putting them on their side so they can breathe better. They might be disoriented so don't grab them."

"Most seizures don't last long. Over five minutes they need to call someone (for help)."

For more information about the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, call (800) 377-6226 or visit www.epilepsymichigan.org.

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This Father's Day, help dad stay healthy

The best gift this Father's Day can't be found on store shelves or through an online retailer—it's the gift of life. With approximately 64.3 million fathers in America, Father's Day provides a great opportunity to educate the men in our lives about their greatest health risks.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the top five causes of death in American men are heart disease, cancer, accidental injuries, stroke, and chronic lower respiratory disease — most of which are either preventable or treatable if caught early. This year, share the following tips with dad from the Prostate Cancer Education Council, a national nonprofit dedicated to raising awareness on prostate cancer and men's health (www.prostateconditions.org). It just might help keep him happy, healthy and celebrating many more Father's Days for years to come.

Heart Disease: The number one cause of death in American men, dad's risk can be reduced by making healthier lifestyle choices and taking care of conditions that can increase his risk of heart disease including high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. Encourage dad to eat right, maintain a healthy weight, give up smoking, and get regular check ups (blood pressure, cholesterol, etc.).

Cancer: Early detection is imperative to fight this cause of death among men. Screenings have been shown to be effective in finding cancer early particularly for prostate cancer. Often treat-

able if detected early, there are frequently no signs or symptoms of the disease at its earliest stages making screening essential to save lives. If dad is 45 years or older or 40 years of age with high risk factors, the Prostate Cancer Education Council advises that dad keep screening on his yearly to-do list.

Accidental Injuries: Motor vehicle, poisoning, falls and drowning accidents are among those most common causes of fatal unintentional injury to men. While accidents can happen any time, we need to encourage dad to take safety measures whether driving, at home or in the workplace.

Stroke: While nearly three-quarters of all strokes occur in people over age 65, they can and do occur at any age. While you can't control some stroke risk factors such as family history, age and race, you can encourage dad to control the leading cause, high blood pressure, as well as other contributing factors such as smoking and diabetes.

Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease: Refers to ongoing diseases that affect the lower respiratory tract including the lungs. One of the most serious and prevalent forms is chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) which includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis. The main cause of COPD is smoking and men who smoke are 12 times as likely to die of COPD compared to men who've never smoked. This year, help Dad quit smoking, avoid second hand smoke and minimize exposure to workplace chemicals to reduce his risk for COPD.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE

Allergies lecture

Natural Solutions To Allergies 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 3rd floor, 32777 Five Mile, between Merriman & Farmington Rds. Guest speaker, Dr. William H. Karl, D.C. No charge but seating is limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to register.

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/peoplesmedicalcollege.

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.leukemiamicigan.org.

Win the weight game

An alternative to dieting will be presented 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at the Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham. Fee is \$24. Through this program, participants learn how to develop a moderate approach to eating and exercise and acquire skills to be trim and healthy for a lifetime. To register, call (248) 644-5832. For more information, call (248) 828-7333 or visit www.thinktrim.com.

com.

Volunteers needed

For Camp Discovery for children with epilepsy (June 29 to July 3), at Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, northwest of Kalamazoo. Volunteer training from experts on epilepsy and camp procedures Saturday, June 28. Free room/board. For information/application, visit www.epilepsymichigan.org, call (800) 377-6226, option 1, Ext. 231 or send e-mail to scdarroch@epilepsymichigan.org

UPCOMING

Summer camp

The Health Exploration Station at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton brings back its Amazing Me camp to teach second to four grade students about the human body and how to keep it healthy 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 4-8. Cost \$169. For information, call (734) 398-7518.

Active older adults workshop

Learn about issues such as medical considerations, orthopedic concerns and the normal effects of aging on exercise and health 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netaffit.org.

Vinaya yoga

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 17. Vinaya yoga blends strength and flexibility training emphasizing power, precision, timing, grace and coordination, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. To register, call Julie Burt at (734) 394-5460 or online at www.netaffit.org.

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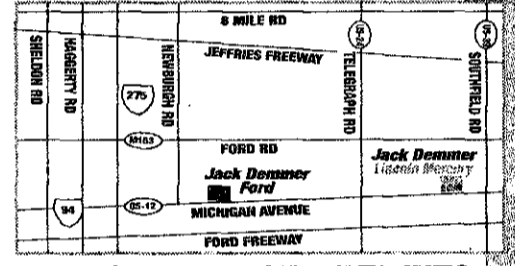
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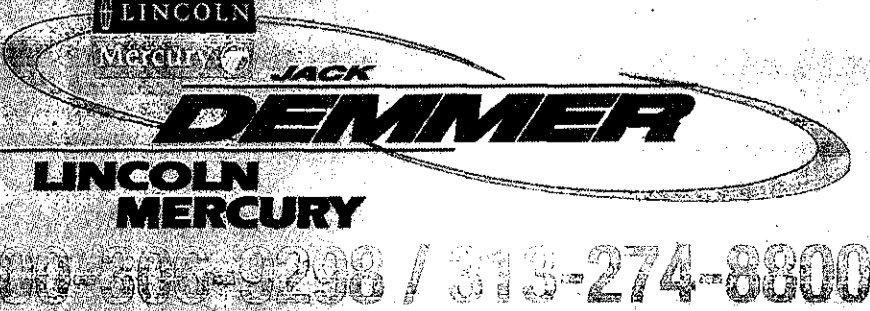
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One theory on how the mind works

Years ago, I found myself in my first brain cutting class at U-M's Neuropsychology Department. I found that slicing the brain was like cutting into a substance such as meatloaf. It seemed rather fragile. The instructor pointed out the frontal lobe, the temporal lobe, etc., but I wondered, and asked naively, "Where is the mind?"

The instructor taught me that the mind is what the brain does. He used the analogy that the mind is to the brain as breathing is to the lungs. The mind and breathing are the functions of the brain and the lungs, respectively. One cannot see either, except on a cold day when one exhales and proclaims, "I can see my breath." But no such luck on the visibility of the mind, cold day or otherwise.

Sigmund Freud has often been misquoted and thus misunderstood in the translations of his volumes of writings from German to English. However, he originated, by observing people reveal their thoughts to him without reservation (free association), a theory of what the mind is and how it works.

Freud postulated that the mind is made up of two general areas. These are the conscious and the unconscious. The first

is what we are aware of at any given moment. The latter is what we are unaware of and is similar to a hidden storage area where memories, thoughts, feelings and experiences are stored from birth onward.

Freud further wrote that there are three main components to the conscious and unconscious.

These were termed the id, the ego and the super ego (although he never used these words, mistranslations have left us with them). Actually you could call them anything, even X, Y and Z. Now, what follows below is a very oversimplified explanation of very complex phenomena, since the brain/mind is arguably the most complex thing we know of that exists in our universe, perhaps, with one exception — that being our soul.

The id is likened to an energy source of basic instincts, drives and motivations of which we are unaware. The ego can be thought of as the rational part of the mind which helps tame impulses and gives us resources such as memory, reason and the ability to learn and become socialized. The super ego (or conscience) is a source of parental and/or societal regulation which the ego and id use to determine right from wrong or moral from immoral.

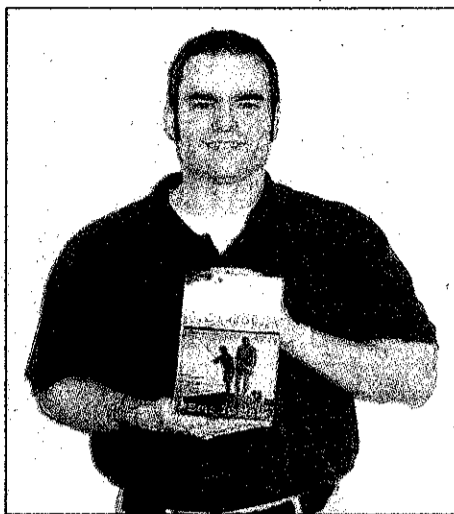
When Freud was asked to define mental health, he said it was a balance of these three parts of the mind so as to allow a person relative satisfaction/success in the worlds of work and love. Mental disorder then is the product of trauma and/or other experiences which leads to an imbalance. This usually shows itself as conflict and disturbance of thoughts, feelings and behavior.

Psychoanalytic treatment was created by Freud to be a method of education of one's self, with the aid of an analytic therapist to understand how one's mind works, what its "parts" are and how to use this self-knowledge to resolve disorders of thought, feeling and behavior which lead to emotional suffering.

So, back to my brain cutting class. Although I could not have my instructor show me, in physical form, the location of the human mind and its theoretical divisions of conscious and unconscious, id, ego and super ego, I was able to accept the abstract existence and conceptual nature of the human mind and, thus, of mental health and illness. It made more sense after lengthy, further study and also seemed to explain how other theoretical frameworks which are non-analytic work.

It has been said that you can't repair something without understanding how it works and how it was injured. So, you see, this analytic theory of the mind gives us an invaluable framework or guideline upon which we can fall back on in our understanding of this most complex part of us: how our mind works, how it gets hurt and how it is subject to the forces of disorganization and the restorative process of reorganization.

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Eric Tomei lists hundreds of reasons for missing his dad in a new book.

Father's Day brings back memories of life lessons

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Eric Tomei is especially looking forward to continuing his tradition of paying tribute to his late father by competing in the Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run which raises money for scholarships for kids.

This year is extra special because he's sharing all the lessons learned from his dad in a new book. Tomei never mentions the name of his father in *I Miss My Dad*. He wants readers to relate to the words of wisdom as if they'd heard them from their loved one. Dads from Farmington Hills to Birmingham seem to spout the same type of rhetoric like "the only person who can make you happy is yourself."

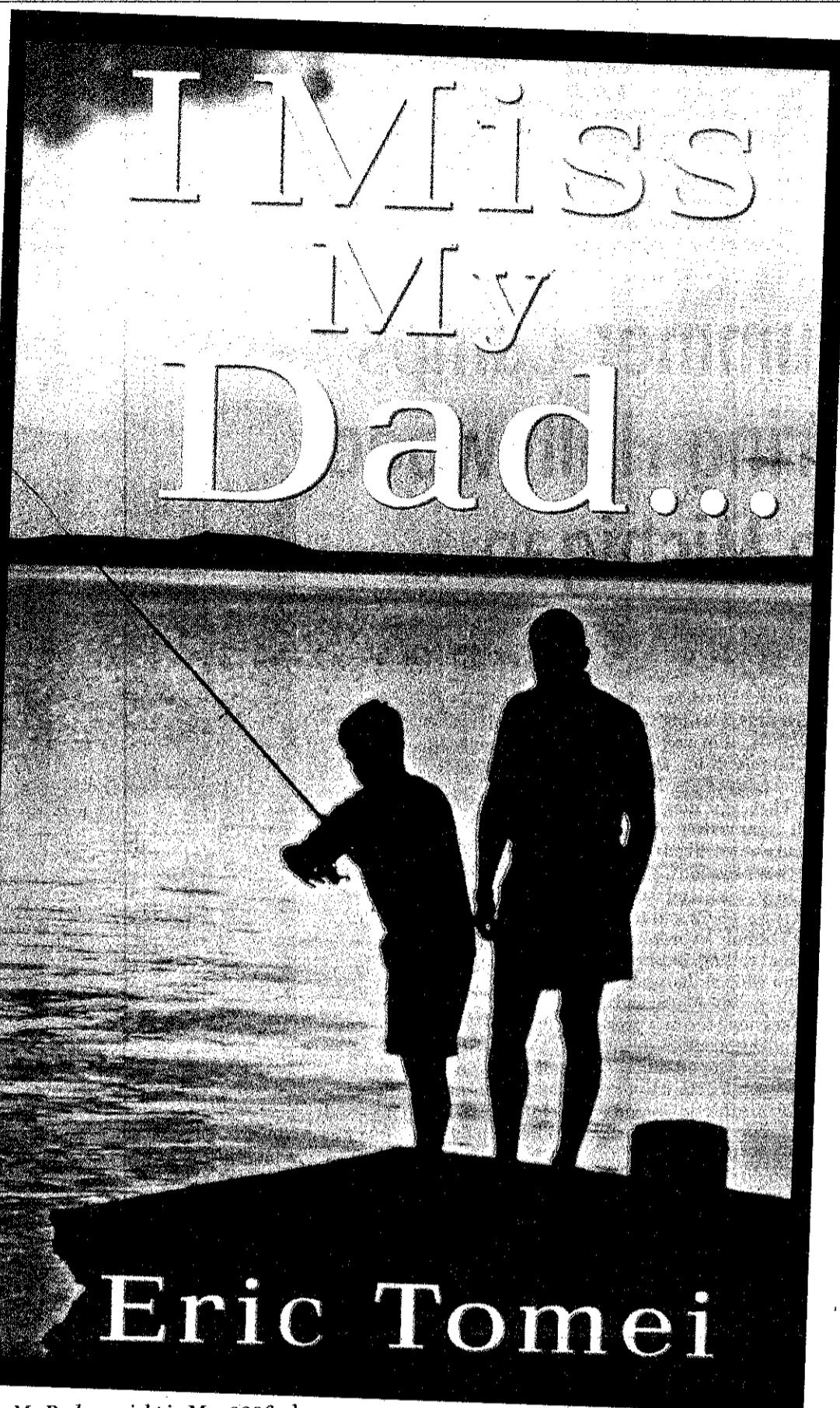
Tomei grew up in Canton and eventually went on to become a physical therapist. Today the 32-year-old Rochester man is giving back just as his father did. The two began volunteering together for Habitat for Humanity about 20 years ago. Fifteen percent from the \$15 price of the self-published book goes to the nonprofit to build houses for those in need. Tomei set a goal to raise \$1 million.

"Habitat for Humanity was my dad's favorite charity. He volunteered about every other year. When he retired from his engineering job in Westland he was going to help more. I can't think of a better way to honor his memory than to raise a lot of money for a charity he loved," said Tomei. "The greatest lesson I learned from my dad was always try to do the right thing, always try to genuinely help people. It doesn't take any more effort to have a big dream than a small dream. I've calculated the exact amount of books I need to sell to meet that goal, 444,445 books."

Even the cause of his father's death has inspired Tomei. His dad died from a heart attack due to advanced cardiovascular disease at age 57 leaving behind his wife of 36 years and Tomei and his two sisters. Tomei uses the foreword of the book to remind dads to go to the doctor for a checkup and to take care of themselves. Tomei's dad had annual physical exams but never exercised and had "irregular eating habits."

"It is an important part of the book for me. If it can impact one person's life then it's an accomplishment for me," said Tomei, who graduated in 1993 from Plymouth Canton High School.

This is Tomei's first book. In elementary school he always came in last in young author competitions and vowed one day he would write a book. Tomei started writing *I Miss*



My Dad one night in May 2006 when couldn't sleep and decided to take a pen and notebook and write all the constructive ways his father influenced his life. It was a way of coming to terms with the loss.

"I really miss my dad. He loved to build things, loved to work outside. He loved to build structures," said Tomei. "I want to carry out that legacy. It's important for me to make sure that legacy continues."

On Tuesday, Jim St. Louis and Paul Bersche were reminiscing about their fathers just before lunch at Big Apple Bagels in downtown Farmington. They have passed on lessons learned from their dads to their children.

"My dad taught us to love God, one another and our mom was the queen of the household," said Bersche of Farmington Hills. Bersche was one of four sons. His father died 34 years ago. "He taught us love and respect, obedience, the value of following authority. We worked hard together and played hard together. All of the sons were athletes. He had been an athlete. We played golf together. That's where all the conversations took place, lessons of life, plans for the future."

St. Louis still remembers the road trip he took with his father many years ago when the family moved from Florida to Michigan. His father had sent St. Louis's mom and sisters ahead.

"He taught me the value of family. He was a strong leader but shared the role equally with my mom," said St. Louis, who learned to fish from his father who died 24 years ago. St. Louis, a Farmington Hills resident, will spend Father's Day fishing in Copper Harbor.

Charlotte O'Hare is looking forward to doing all the things she likes to do with her dad Thomas on Father's Day. The 4-year-old little girl and her father were visiting his mother who lives in Farmington. The father and daughter duo live in Hemmingford, Quebec.

"I like to catch turtles and butterflies and ride bikes and jump on the trampoline," said Charlotte.

Thomas said it takes a lot of energy to be a single dad. That's one of the lessons he's learning the hard way.

"It takes sleep deprivation and endless patience when you're tired," said Thomas Hemmingford as he swooped the love of his life into his arms and headed for one of the stores in downtown Farmington.

I Miss My Dad is available at www.lostdad-club.com.

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Gardens provide plenty of inspiration

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Big White opens his big mouth the minute he sees Bernie Kaselmas coming with his strawberry fishy treats. The two-foot long koi is not alone. About 70 of the colorful creatures rise to the top of the pond, one of three in the Livonia backyard designed and tended by Kaselmas and Rose Carpenter. The couple has been working on this peaceful oasis since moving into their home in 1990. It is one of seven gardens on a walk to raise funds for the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Park Saturday, June 21.

In 1997, Kaselmas and Carpenter won the *Detroit Free Press* competition for the Most Beautiful Backyard. Humans aren't the only ones who find the garden attractive. Until two weeks ago the koi pond

was covered with net to discourage the Great Blue Heron who likes to dine there. Yard art scattered throughout the 100-by-200-foot lot is whimsical but serves a purpose. A giant Nemo fish swimming above another pond keeps the ducks out.

"This is the cottage I don't have Up North," said Carpenter. "It's so relaxing just to come back here."

The couple doesn't spend much time sitting though. Every evening after returning from their Electronics Connection business in Westland, the two work in the garden pulling weeds and thinning plants. One pond is filled with water hyacinths which filter the water but can become invasive over the summer.

"We try to do everything as naturally as possibly, earth friendly," said



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

James Dixon of Livonia talks about his backyard garden which will be part of the upcoming Garden Walk to benefit Greenmead Historical Park.

Please see GARDENS, C3

Benefit a chance to view fireworks high above the river

LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Jim Vella couldn't be more excited about catching the fireworks with Cass Community Social Services Monday, June 23, at Coach Insignia on the 71st and 72nd floors of the Renaissance Center in Detroit. Not only does the event provide a great view of the international spectacular with more than 10,000 pyrotechnic effects, but raises money for the non-profit that provides food, housing and medical services for those in need.

"It's a great place to watch the fireworks protected from the weather

CATCH THE FIREWORKS WITH CASS

What: A fun evening with fireworks, gourmet food, and silent and live auctions to benefit Cass Community Social Services

When: 6 p.m. Monday, June 23
Where: Coach Insignia on floors 71 and 72 of the Renaissance Center, Detroit
Tickets: \$250. Call (313) 883-2277 or visit www.casscommunity.org

and whatever else comes along, a great venue for watching the fire-

works on the river," said Vella, a Canton resident who's co-chairing the benefit this year with Andrea Long.

Vella is also president of the Ford Motor Co. fund, one of the sponsors of the fun evening. Vella leads all philanthropic and community service-related activities including coordinating volunteer efforts by Ford employees and all activities of the Ford Motor Co. Fund, a separate philanthropic organization funded mainly by Ford Motor Co. profits.

"The Ford fund supports a lot of organizations in and around southeastern Michigan. Especially in these

difficult times the need is growing," said Vella. "Cass Community Social Services not only help folks with basic needs but to get back on their feet. In the next 6 to 8 weeks they're turning an abandoned apartment building into homes for homeless moms and their children and trains them to get a job and get back on their feet."

In addition to the gourmet strolling dinner with open bar and fabulous desserts the event includes silent and live auction items to raise money. Vella grew up in southwest Detroit near Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and believes his charitable work is a way of giving

back which he does regularly by serving on the boards of the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute, New Detroit and Detroit Renaissance, Detroit Public Television, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, The Henry Ford Academy, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor.

"It's also a good way to be a role model for the younger generation," said Vella. "Some day one of the them will be in my chair."

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Summer camps bring Hollywood to Michigan

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Christopher Barbeau loves to watch kids learning the right way to jump and fall at the Summer Stunt Camp put on by Ring of Steel Action Theatre, a nonprofit student organization of the University of Michigan.

This year's sessions, June 23-27, July 21-25, and Aug. 25-29 for ages 8-12 and 12-18 include not only swordplay, falling and rolling, but light saber and whip skills, and fighting for film. At the end of each session students present a production spotlighting skills they developed. This the third year for the camps on the U-M Athletic Campus in Ann Arbor.

"We teach them how real stunt men do it for the movies, how gymnastically you maneuver your body and learn to land in a relaxed and safe fashion to protect your neck and back," said Barbeau. "We're using pro-

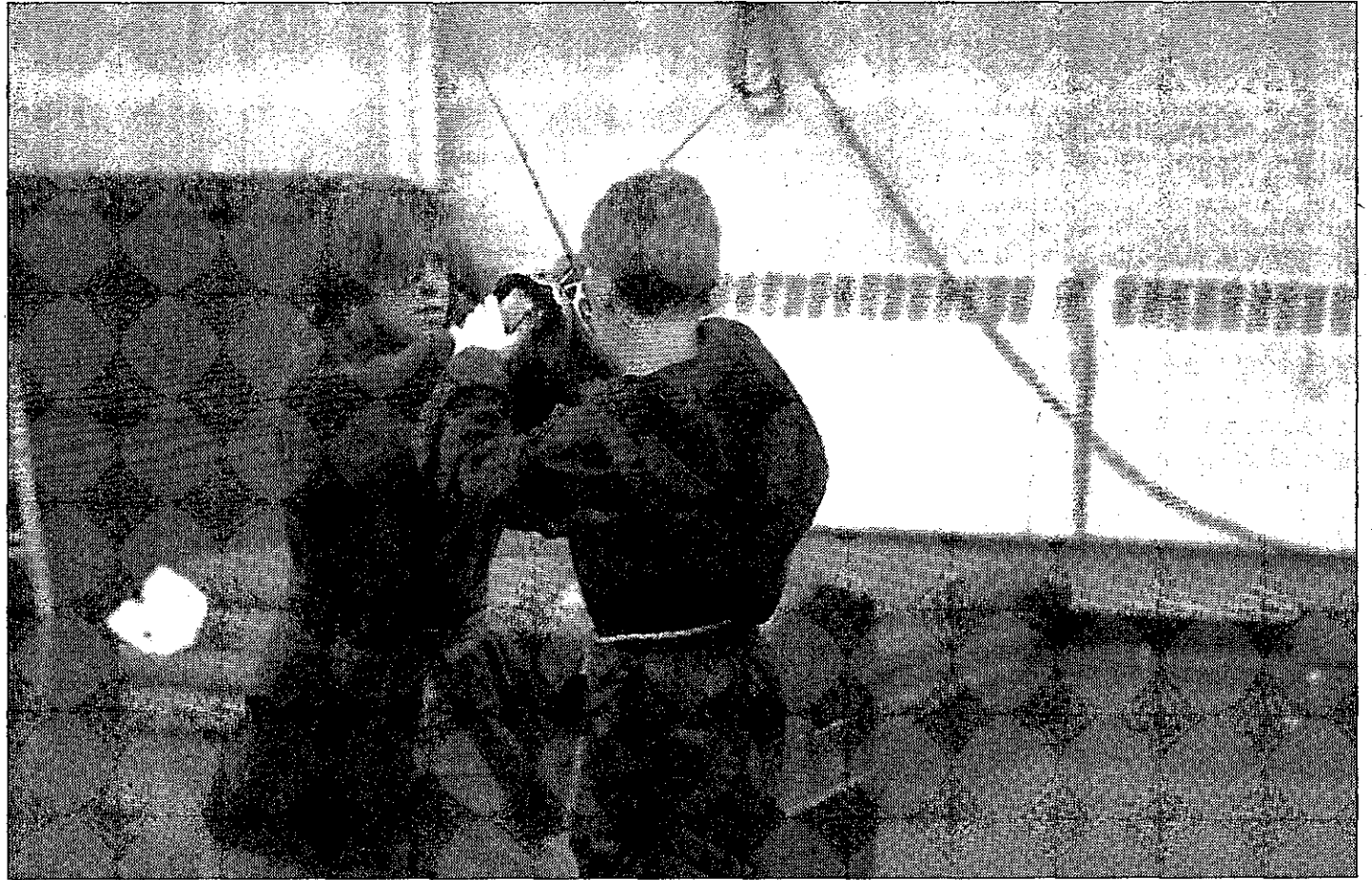
SUMMER STUNT CAMPS

What: Learn the secrets of Hollywood stunts and film making at camps by Ring of Steel Action Theatre

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 23-27, July 21-25, and Aug. 25-29
Where: Student Theatre Arts Complex, University of Michigan Athletic Campus, Ann Arbor
Cost: \$275 for first child, \$225 for each additional child. Call (734) 320-1147, send e-mail to rosteel@umich.edu or visit www.ringofsteel.org/camp/.

fessional stunt equipment, martial arts and gymnastics techniques. Kids even scared to climb up do it one foot at a time."

Barbeau, 45, is the lead instructor of Ring of Steel which he founded in 1989 as a U-M student. He is a 35 year veteran of theater work and stunt coordinator for the Michigan Opera Theatre,



Kids learn all about safe sword play at stunt camps put on by Ring of Steel.

Toledo Opera, Michigan Classical Repertory Theater, and Village Shakespeare Festival. He has performed at the Michigan Renaissance Festival since it was founded in 1980 and was fight director for 4 years. In total Barbeau has choreographed more than 350 different shows and 13 feature films, holds a third degree black belt in aikido, and has multiple black belts in different martial arts. Barbeau first became interested in theater when he took fencing and martial arts as a student of The Roeper School in

Bloomfield Hills. "By studying theater and martial arts I can create a safe and effective story of fighting that appears to the audience they're fighting but no one ever hits the person for real especially if it's a \$25 million dollar actor," said Barbeau who's "very excited about all the tax incentives that just passed to bring movies to Michigan." In anticipation of the industry's arrival, Barbeau is adding a Stunt Film Camp which coincides with the July and August camps. It is only for ages 12-18.

"We're teaching young movie maker wannabes how to film action and work with kids in other camps to learn how to use professional equipment like jibs and steadicams, a harness arrangement to hold camera steady even if you're running," said Barbeau. "They'll work with Hollywood film maker Brian Thompson who worked for Fox Studios for 11 years. A Michigan native as well, he's bringing his skills back to Michigan. They'll learn about sound and lights and camera work to tell the story."



A harness was used to teach kids wire work at last year's Ring of Steel summer stunt camp. Actors use the devices to fly in productions ranging from 'Peter Pan' to 'Superman.' Stunt men create illusions of surviving explosions.

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Bernie Kaselmas and Rose Carpenter enjoy the gardens and ponds behind their Livonia home.

GARDENS

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Carpenter. "We were green before green was in. Tadpoles eat the ants. We have no mosquitoes because fish eat them. We use coffee grounds around plants."

"You learn a lot of stuff over the years by trial and error," said Kaselmas.

James Dixon says he doesn't think his garden is ever going to be done. He began working on his back yard in 1993. The large park-like area contained only two spruce trees and a viburnum bush back then. Today two ponds and a waterfall offer a place to rest under the towering spruce.

"I saw a space but the trees were to the ground and space wasted and I reclaimed the area," said Dixon, who does most of the gardening. His wife spends her time painting watercolors.

"I like the way it's coming now. I just keep working on it."

Over the years, Dixon has added 53 trees. Plantings come and go. Last winter, he lost eight roses and needs to replace the bushes. Dixon credits Crimboli Nursery in Canton for not only providing all of the greenery but advice. He makes use of every inch of space. Tomato plants grow between the young evergreens. Another area boasts pots of petunias and herbs. Dixon loves to cook almost as much as he loves to garden. When he isn't working in his Michigan garden, Dixon tends his son's tropical plants in Florida.

Janet Bennett invited Dixon to be on the Livonia walk because she likes the paths, rocks and plantings scattered throughout the back yard. The Kaselmas and Carpenter garden was on the walk in 1997 and has literally grown into a northern retreat.

"We have some pretty yards,"

said Bennett, president of Friends for the Development of Greenmead which hosts the walk. "One in Rosedale is very charming. One started a garden in front because she didn't like mowing down into the ditch so she planted orange day lilies and then began expanding year after year. Another woman dug her own fish pond. There's some really interesting places to see."

"I'm especially excited because shortly after the walk we are going to have a luncheon and present our check for \$25,000 (from the Friends for the Development of Greenmead) for the restoration of the old Hill House. We also contributed \$1,000 to Greenmead recently for the purchase of trees and landscaping."

The Greenmead gardens will also be on the walk.

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The Finnish Cultural Center presents an Argentine Tango and Finnish Dance on Friday, June 20, following a fish fry at the center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. The fish fry begins at 5 p.m. and runs to 7 p.m. with dancing afterwards. The cost is \$20. Music is live and recorded. Instruction and demonstration available. For reservations and information, call (248) 478-6939 or visit www.finnishcenter.org.

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Irene E. Blaharski, 94, center, of Westland, is the anchor for five generations of the Blaharski family. Counter-clockwise are her son, Don Blaharski, 72, of Livonia; his son, Robert Blaharski, 49, of Holland; his son, Joseph Blaharski, 23, of Kalamazoo; and Joseph's daughter, Anya J. Blaharski, six months.



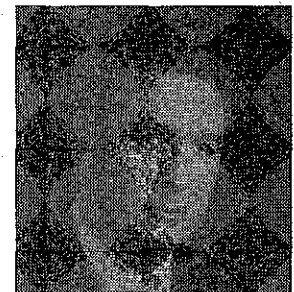
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THOMAS J. ATKINSON

June 10, 2008 of Sarasota and long-time resident of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved husband of the late Thelma. Loving father of Gerald (Sally), Terry and Christopher (Grace). Dearest grandfather - "Bepa" of Sarah, Paige, Emily, Antonio, Alex and Gabriela. Brother of Muriel Kort and Aileen Graswick. Memorial Mass Monday 11am at St. Regis Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser, Bloomfield Hills. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ERIK T. JOHNSTON

August 1, 1971-June 7, 2008. Beloved son of Claud T. Johnston and the late Linda Johnston of Westland. Brother of Kris Barrett (Andy), Uncle to Chad, Rebecca and Linda. Private Family Service to be held in Portsmouth, Ohio.



ALICE A. JONES

Passed away June 12, 2008, age 78 of Canton. Loving wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Robert (Becky), Carol, Janet (Larry) Peruski, Gary (Betsy), Tom (Laura), and Mary (David) Coleman. Proud grandmother of 13. Dear sister of Peter Moore. Visitation Sun 3-9pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). In state Mon. 10am until 10:30am Funeral Mass at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Rd, Canton. Interment Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimers Association. To share a memory, go to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

KATHLEEN CROWE (PRICE) McAFEE

A lifelong resident of Rochester, died on June 6 at the age of 83. Wife of the late James McAfee and Neil Crowe. Survived by her brother William Price of Troy; daughters Kathleen Crowe of Newton, MA, Cynthia Crowe Miller of Centerville, VA, Pamela Crowe of Dryden, and Lauri Crowe Kowalski of Roswell, GA; son Blair Crowe of Marietta, GA; stepson Daniel McAfee of Tavernier, FL; stepdaughter Kathleen Scholtz of Grand Haven; and 11 grandchildren. Memorial service on Tuesday, June 17, 11:30 a.m., at the Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow Ave. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester or the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center, Ann Arbor. Please sign Kathleen's online guestbook at: www.cremationmichigan.com.

FRANCES K. REES

June 12, 2008, age 83. Beloved wife of the late Alfred. Loving mother of Dan (Scott Fortner). Dear friend to many. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Sunday 3-8pm. Funeral Mass Monday 10am at Holy Name Church, 630 Harmon @ Woodland, Birmingham. Visitation begins at church 9:30am. Memorial tributes to The Capuchins or The Judson Center. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



NANCY ANN RICHARD

Age 73, of Bear Lake, a long-time journalist, publicist and civic worker, died Tuesday, June 10, 2008 in Munson Hospice, Traverse City, after a short bout with stomach cancer. She was born August 27, 1934 in Benton Harbor, the daughter of Harry P. and Adelia (Radesky) Jeschke, graduated from St. Joseph public schools and Benton Harbor Community College, and attended the University of Michigan. She also attended the Interlochen Arts Academy. She worked until 1962 for the old St. Joseph Herald-Press as a reporter and section editor. On June 10, 1961, she was married to Tim Richard, who survives. From 1962-67, she spent about five years at Kalamazoo College in two jobs - a news bureau writer and administrator in the foreign study office, making students' travel arrangements. When the couple moved to Livonia, she was a publicist for the Clarenceville School District, handling public information for its popular jazz series with name bands like Stan Kenton and Buddy Rich. Later she served on the board of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, chairing the Young Artists Competition. Many winners became professional musicians, and one became a first chair in the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. After they retired to Bear Lake in 1999, she joined the Lioness Club and served as president. She served on the 2007 Bear Lake Days Committee and on the Lioness arts and crafts exhibit panel. Her most recent project was to chair the Dog-Gondest Doggie contest during Bear Lake Days. She said the inspiration came from their Australian Shepherd, Chester, who thought people should have more fun activities with their dogs. Surviving besides her husband are a brother, James (Linda) Jeschke, and a nephew, Drew Jeschke, all of St. Joseph; and several cousins scattered around the country. Nancy enjoyed foreign travel, visiting England, Scotland, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, France, Malta, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Chile and Thailand. Cremation has taken place. No memorial service is scheduled. Memorial contributions in Nancy's name may be made to Homeward Bound Animal Shelter, PO Box 144, Manistee, MI 49660. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center of Bear Lake.

ROBERT W. SWIRLES

Age 82, formerly of Redford Twp., passed away on May 22nd in Port Charlotte, Florida. Robert was retired from the US Postal Service where he was manager of the Redford station on Plymouth Road. He is survived by his beloved wife Patricia; son Gordon and family. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elsie.

BYRNECE VIVIAN

Age 87 of Canton, June 10, 2008. Wife of the late Douglas. Beloved mother of Cheryl (Ron) Miller and Jesse (Andrea) Vivian. Loving grandmother of Rachael (Danny) Peake, Matthew and Christopher Vivian. Preceded in death by granddaughter Rebecca Miller. Proud great-grandmother of Eli Peake. Byrnece was a graduate of Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. She was a registered nurse in various settings but especially loved camp nursing at O'Fairwinds Girl Scout Camp. She was active at Hurley Hospital Auxiliary, Unity Christian Church and other community centers in the Flint area. She loved her church, traveling and playing cards. She will be missed by many family and friends. The Vivian family would like to thank the staff of Waltonwood at Carriage Park, St. Joseph Hospital & Hospice, and the clergy from St. Michael's Lutheran and St. John's Episcopal. A memorial service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S Sheldon Rd, Plymouth at 11 AM on June 21. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hurley Hospital Foundation, 1 Hurley Plaza, Flint, MI 48503. To share a memory, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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McGuire-Buchanan
Steve and Lori McGuire of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Mary Theresa McGuire, to Matthew Brady Buchanan, son of Buck and Diana Buchanan of Mount Pleasant.

Megan is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in early childhood development. She is currently employed at Gretchen's House in Ann Arbor as a preschool teacher.

Matt graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in business manage-



ment. He is employed at HGA group in Brighton as a project coordinator.

Megan and Matt are planning a September wedding in Plymouth. They will be honeymooning in Aruba.

Reyer-Magnus

Joseph and Renee Reyer of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Christin Renee Reyer, to Bradley John Magnus, son of William and Megan Magnus of Unicoi, Tenn.

An August wedding is planned for Southside Baptist Tabernacle with a reception to follow at The Woodlands of Van Buren.

The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica and make their home in Johnson City, Tenn.

Hanstad-Daley

Marlin and Sue Hanstad of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Louis Hanstad to Joseph Alan Daley, son of Paul and Lisa Daley of Cameron, N.C.

The bride-to-be graduated from Salem High School in 2004 and received a bachelor's degree from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., in May 2008.

The future groom also graduated from Liberty University in May 2008.

An August wedding is



planned in Plymouth. The couple will reside in Chesapeake, Va.

WEDDING

Sitler-Balish

John and Pamela Sitler of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Ivy Rose Sitler, to Jason Erick Balish.

The wedding took place on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church of Redford.

Ivy is a 2004 graduate of Franklin High School of Livonia. Jason is a 1994 graduate of Thurston High School of Redford. Both currently reside in Dearborn Heights. Jason's parents are Jacqueline Balish and the late Jack Balish.

Jason and Ivy met at Riverside Arena of Livonia, which is where he proposed to her. Ivy's parents also met at Riverside Arena.



ANNIVERSARY

Martins celebrate 50th

James and Madeline (Laird) Martin of Livonia are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Martins were married June 28, 1958, at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in Detroit. They have been Livonia residents for 42 years.

They have five sons: Mark (Kim) Martin of Livonia; James (Kristin) Martin of Fowlerville; Paul (Bal) Martin of Fallbrook, Calif.; Matthew (Wendie) Martin of Fowlerville; and, Christopher (Wendy) Martin of Redford.

They have 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jim and Madeline are the retired owners of Martin's Butcher Block Meats of Farmington and Livonia.

Jim enjoys woodworking projects and Madeline enjoys her Bible study group. Both enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren.

A dinner out with the whole family is planned.



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 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing. Contact: csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to the web site: www.bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Bishop Borgess High School

Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and 1974
A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact 248-442-0946 or bbsfirstfive.com

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.

Cherry Hill High School

Classes 1962-1987
An All-Class Reunion will be held on 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts, 28500 Avondale, Inkster, cost is \$15 pre-paid, \$20 day of event. For additional information and a pre-registration form go to Alumni Association web page: <http://hometown.aol.com/chh-classof65/CHHSInksterReunionMain.html>.

Claireville 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.

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, Judgygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@willag-eford.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: Kaynillu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Kliveringston@nu-core.com.

Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008, at Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha

(Duza) Movesian, (313) 277-5624, or Joyce (Anderson) Mechalko, (313) 278-4488.

Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 22, adult gathering at Avenue Bar & Grill, Dearborn. \$25 per person. Saturday Aug. 23, Family Picnic at Ford Field, Dearborn. \$25 per family. For details and to RSVP see www.free-webs.com/fordson88 or e-mail fordson-classof88@yahoo.com

Detroit Cass Tech

Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School

Class of 1957
An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

Detroit Chadsey High School

Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspotalera@comcast.net.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary

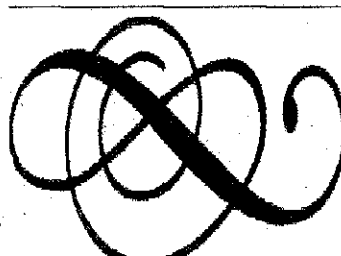
Class of 1963
A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit Holy Redeemer High School

Class of 1958
A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelly K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burnsmary@aol.com for information.

Detroit High School of Commerce

Class of 1958 January, June and August
A 50-year Reunion will be on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.



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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 Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, is 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 Sunday, June 22. Registration for the picnic is required. For more information and to register, visit www.pcmcb.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

Growth Works golf

Golfers representing youth agencies and local businesses will join the Board, staff and friends of Growth Works on the links of the Northville Hills Golf Club June 23 for the 10th annual golf outing. Serving Western Wayne County and surrounding communities since 1971, GWT will use proceeds to provide substance use treatment and a range of prevention, diversion and support services for at-risk youth and their families. Last year, the event raised more than \$9,000 to continue to provide services at no or low cost. The 18-hole scramble will kick off with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for Men's and Women's Longest Drives. Closest to the Pin and a Las Vegas hole. Finlan Insurance Agency is returning to offer major prizes for the Hole in One. Golfers will receive a Cutter & Buck premium golf shirt, have lunch at the turn and attend an early banquet dinner where everyone will end their day with a gift and a sense of community. Interested players, duos and foursomes are invited to join us for a fantastic day of fun, festivities and fund raising for a good cause. Contributions by non-golfers are welcome and appreciated. Tee Sign/Hole sponsorship is \$100. Please call for corporate or family sponsorship options. For registration information, contact Cristy Cardinal or Judi Matouka at (734) 455-4095, or send an e-mail to mail@growth-works.org

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 days. 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 first-come, 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 e-mail him at jtrojan@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 (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 lounge. The money raised will benefit homeless and hospitalized veterans. For more information, call (734) 721-9440.

Learn to go Beyond War

The Livonia-based Citizens for Peace, which covers the entire 11th District, invites residents the chance to join in study-discussion groups on the topic,



Junior varsity spirit

The Canton High School Chieftettes recently held auditions, and these are the girls who made the squad: (back, from left) Sarah Dean, Rylie Miller, Allie Stephens, Kirsten Holland, Jessica Goodbred, Kristen Hollingsworth, Maggie Kokoszka; (middle) Ashley Garvin, Mikayla Schnettler, Abby Rice, Samantha Juback, Julia Beydoun, Kayla Channell; and (front) Renee Janisse, Kara Bureau, Rachael Martin, Lindsey Mason, Melissa Webster, Nicole Webster.

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

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 3- and 4-year-olds are available. Potty training is not required. Four-year-old class runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; three-year-old class runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. More information can be found at the school's Web site www.academicpathwayspreschool.com or call (734) 261-9540.

Gardeners meet

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

Post Polio Clinic

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

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TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

Imagine if all it took to prevent tooth decay in your children was to "convince" them to eat lollipops? This may not be as farfetched as it sounds. In fact, a professor with joint appointments in UCLA's dental and medical schools recently documented the benefits of diligent laboratory work when he and his team identified the natural ingredient found in licorice that kills the primary bacterium (*Streptococcus mutans*) that causes tooth decay. He then incorporated this agent into sugar-free, orange-flavored herbal lollipops that taste good enough for kids to lick them willingly. By eating the recommended two lollipops a day for ten days four times per year, the doctor hopes to greatly reduce tooth decay in children. Even with the numerous, innovative dental products, techniques, and equipment on the market today, you can't escape it—daily brushing and flossing remain at the cornerstone of good oral hygiene. These two elements of dental care will help ensure that your professional dental visits will be shorter, more comfortable, and less costly than if routine maintenance is ignored. New patients are always welcome here at **496 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 201, Plymouth.** Please call **734-453-9413** for an appointment. We are located one block East of Kellogg Park.

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2008 Hummer H2: More Power To Match Girth

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The 2008 HUMMER H2 has been redesigned to deliver a more refined interior, enhanced safety features and, perhaps the biggest change, a more powerful engine.

General Motors Corp. is putting the 6.2-liter V8 and six-speed automatic transmission from the Cadillac Escalade in the H2 for a much-needed power boost.

The H2 now makes 393 horsepower, an increase of about 20 percent over the previous engine, while actually picking up a few miles in fuel economy at the same time. Towing capacity goes up as well, rising from 6,500 to 8,000 pounds.

These numbers are available thanks to an overall mass reduction by the engine featuring an aluminum cylinder block and by using other lightweight materials.

At 6,600 pounds, the H2 is still heavy, though. This is felt when you try to steer this huge beast. It handles like a big boat, so you better know which direction you're going well before you turn the wheel. This kind of handling makes it a bad choice for city driving in which last-second, erratic maneuvers are needed.

But if you buy the H2, chances are you want to utilize its off-road capabilities, which are easily best-in-class. There is a lot of ground clearance and large approach and departure angles meaning climbing over objects like fallen trees is a cinch.

While drivers will feel the same rugged performance on the road, they'll be treated to a more inviting interior than before with a lot of soft-touch surfaces replacing hard plastics of previous models. The interior also features a completely redesigned instrument panel, new door trim panels, new controls and a new rear-seat heating/air conditioning system. Also, a rear HVAC system is now standard.

The 2008 H2, which starts off at \$55,655, now includes a full third row that seats two people, in place of the single seat offered on previous models.

Numerous available comfort and convenience features are either new or carried over into the previous H2, such as a new rear-seat overhead DVD entertainment system, a navigation system and heated windshield washer fluid. OnStar and XM Satellite Radio are also standard.

The H2 now also offers a remote starting system that enables the vehicle's interior to be heated or



The 2008 HUMMER H2 has a 20 percent more powerful engine than the previous model. It also has a more refined interior and new standard safety features.

cooled prior to driving.

New standard safety features include head curtain side air bags for first-, second- and third-row passengers with a rollover sensing system and a new traction control system. An electronic stability control system with rollover mitigation technology returns for 2008.

The new, anti-lock braking/traction control system, called ABS/TCS, provides optimum control on slippery surfaces. In addition, the ABS can detect and adjust its braking appropriately to rough off-road surfaces like gravel and potholes.

And to offer the best driving style for negotiating a steep, rocky trail, which is one foot on the brake and the other on the gas pedal, the system allows the driver to use the two-foot driving technique. The TCS also includes the ability to gain traction through a single wheel.

A self-leveling rear air spring suspension system is available for extreme off-road and towing requirements.

Also new is a panic brake assist feature, a first for a full-size GM truck or SUV. This system detects emergency braking situations and maintains maximum brake pressure to help stop the vehicle more quickly and with more control.

An additional optional safety feature is HUMMER's Rear Vision System - a rearview camera that can be viewed on the navigation touch screen when backing up.

On the outside, all 2008 H2 models are set apart from previous models by a bigger grille that features larger openings to accommodate the cooling needs of the more powerful engines. The lower bumpers on 2008 models are now silver instead of black.

The H2 can still perform the same impressive feats as last year's model. Like traveling through streams 2

feet deep, climbing 16-inch steps and rocks and paddling through deep sand or snow.

The H2 SUT is similar to the regular H2, but features an open cargo bed to store larger items. When cargo requires more space, a 4-foot by 6-foot pickup bed can be created by powering the rear window into the Midgate, then folding forward the Midgate and rear seat.

The rear of the SUT's passenger compartment remains upright when four occupants are on board, yet it still provides generous cargo-carrying capacity.

True to its outdoor nature, the H2 SUT also offers an open driving experience. At the push of a button, the driver can lower all four side windows and the rear window. And by using a separate switch, the standard sunroof can also be opened, to further the open-air feeling.

Official gas mileage stats will not be released as the H2 is a Class 3 truck and is not required to carry an EPA fuel economy rating. However, the improvement is estimated to be 10 percent above the 2007 model's numbers, which are around 11 to 12 miles per gallon.

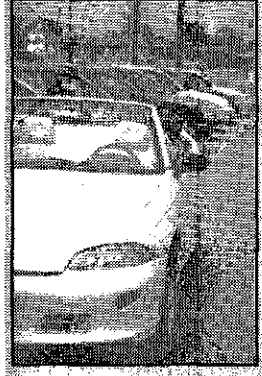
When a potential buyer is shopping for an SUV, the new H2's added power and interior amenities may be well-received, but not enough to make them forget about its horrible gas mileage.

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2008 HUMMER H2
Vehicle class: Luxury SUV.
Power: V8 engine.
Mileage: About 10 city / 13 highway.
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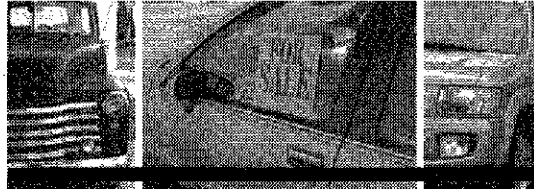
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Some business owners never return to traditional employment. They discover that their personalities fit their businesses and that they can handle the multitude of problems that stem from business ownership -- full P&L responsibility, constant decision-making and hop-scotching from one task to the next. However, there's the business owner who does make the transition and is happy about it. What propels him to leave what he's built? How does he meet the inevitable challenges of a job search? What does he do correctly?

Robert Jackson, executive senior partner at the Lucas Group, a division of Lucas Associates Inc., in Dallas, sold security equipment through his own company for five years. He was good at it, until he discovered that his product had such a life span that building repeat business would be virtually impossible. Wary of the obstacle, he decided to find a company that would enable him to work continuously with corporations. "I just fell into this," he says. "I answered an ad in The Dallas Morning News -- the only job he applied for. Today he places former military in major

corporations requiring leadership and technical aptitude. Ann Zuccardy, communications specialist at National Life Group in Montpelier, Vt., spent 11 years "doing everything at Vermont Shortbread Co., including inventing the product, marketing, baking at the beginning, public relations, Web site development and writing a blog," she recalls. "I found out what I wasn't good at." Her position in internal communications comes with lots of creative license.

Doug Florzak, data analyst at SXC Health Solutions Inc., in Lisle, Ill., owned his technical writing business for 15 years. He did so well that he self-published two books explaining the process to others. That provided two revenue streams. As the industry began to offshore work to India, the social isolation was getting to him and his wife's health insurance wasn't stable because of her volatile industry. He earned his M.B.A. and now develops data-intensive management reports.

Peggy Deparry of Ann Arbor, Mich., lasted the longest -- 20 years -- as sole owner of the Back Alley Gourmet, which sells gourmet food and catering services. She was thinking about getting out of the business when she became a single parent and needed stability, but the catalyst came when she received an attractive offer. Today, nine years later, she's in marketing for an upscale grocery chain.

CHALLENGES
All four of these business owners are thriving. Two of

them, Zuccardy and Florzak, have kept their businesses. Zuccardy is trying to decide what to do with hers, whether to sell or have a joint venture, while Florzak has kept his book revenue stream alive.

Florzak had to find a way to present his work so that the gaps between assignments, some of which lasted for months, wouldn't show. Jackson's challenge was "to convince my boss that what I was looking for was a complete change of careers, not a pit stop." Zuccardy's challenge was more personal. She had to suspend her fear that her company of choice wouldn't be stable, that she might not have all of the creative license she wanted and that she might not be allowed to work at home. For Deparry, suffering from temporary loss of focus was a problem: "I shudder when I think I almost took a job at a bank as an investment advisor!" she exclaims.

Looking back, all four realize that they did something correctly. Zuccardy discovered that she'd been networking extensively, but she didn't rely on that completely. On the Web she spotted and appreciated a creative, well-written ad. Its writer became her boss. Jackson, who saw the newspaper ad, responded to the fax number by "hunting down the phone number and the name of the person I'd be talking to," he observes. "I called instead of sending a letter."

Deparry searched the industry she already knew and landed her first interview with an employee of the



Ann Zuccardy joyfully found a new communications job in Montpelier, Vt.'s National Life Group after more than a decade of entrepreneurship. At this writing, she hadn't quite decided what to do with the business -- a pleasant problem to have, she concedes.

company. Florzak placed his resume on a large site, where a recruiter found it. "I also indicated that I'd do employee or contract-to-hire so that it increased the number of choices potentially available," he says. Then he "de-committed" the part of the business he was willing to let go. (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)

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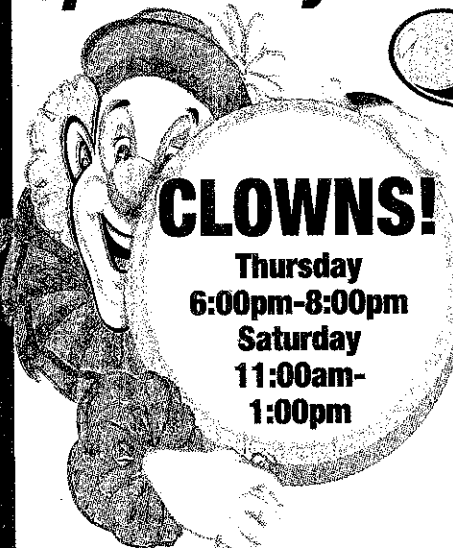


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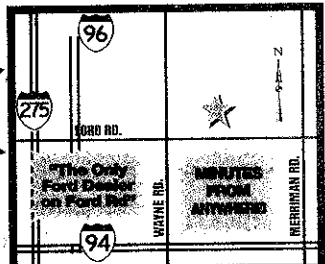
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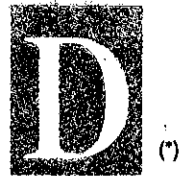
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New Homes



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Advertising Feature

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

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

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

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

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

The Baymont, a colonial, measures 1250 square feet

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

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

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

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

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

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 3-inch 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 high-efficiency 40-gallon hot water tank, R44 ceiling insulation and a fireplace with gas logs.

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

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

Pella vinyl windows with Low E glass, as well as glass block on the basement

windows finish each home.

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

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

"As you can see Livonia 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."

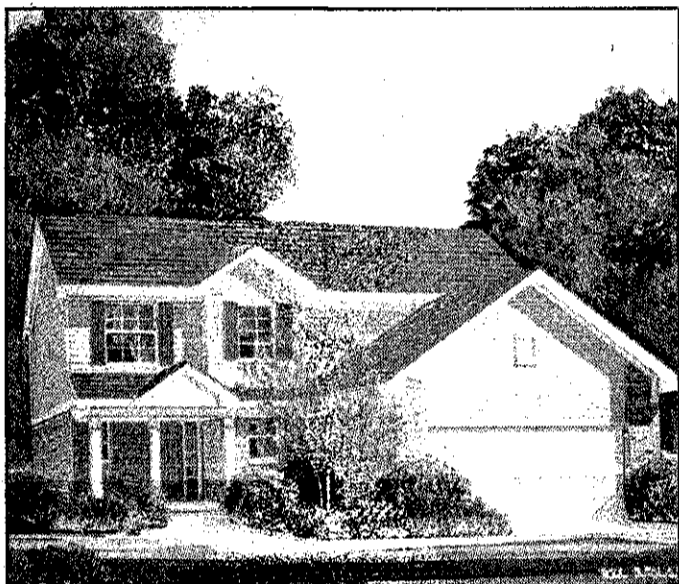
Veri worked with his in-house mortgage lender, Mortgage Concepts, and came up with a 5% down,

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-of-pocket 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.

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- 15 Note before la
- 16 Just scraped by
- 17 Arrived
- 18 Crushed, as grapes
- 20 Blockbuster rental
- 21 Somber evergreen
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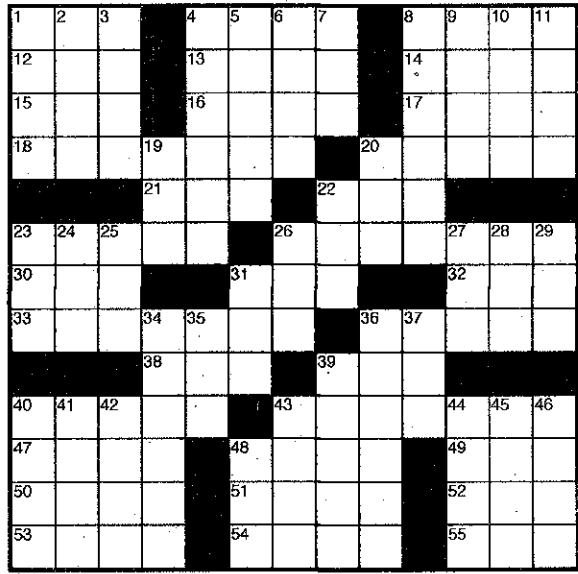
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- 47 Sound in body
- 48 Rolaids rival
- 49 Dory mover
- 50 Unreturnable serves
- 51 On the briny
- 52 Herr in Madras
- 53 Immediately following
- 54 Mr. Arnaz
- 55 Graceful tree
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- 8 More suggestive

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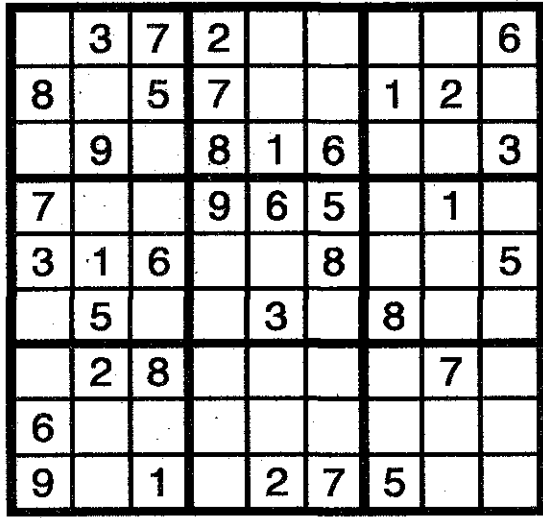
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- 10 Titled lady
- 11 Black-and-white snake
- 19 Textile colorer
- 20 — out (relax)
- 22 Large antelope
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- 24 Cheerleader's yell
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- 26 Contented sigh
- 27 Luge surface
- 28 Very long time
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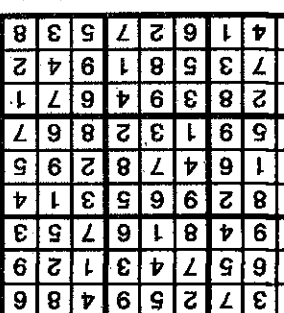
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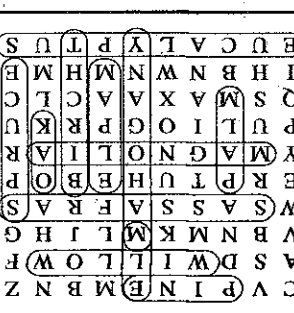
THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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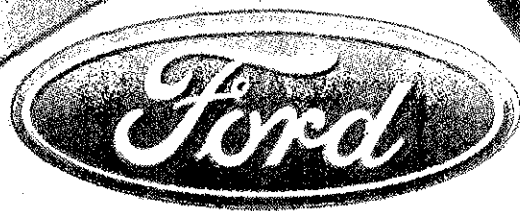
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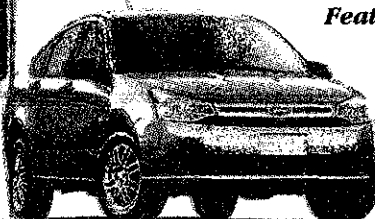


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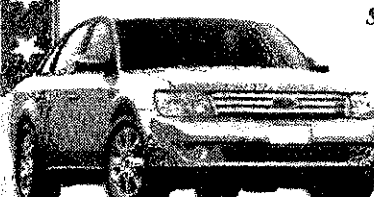


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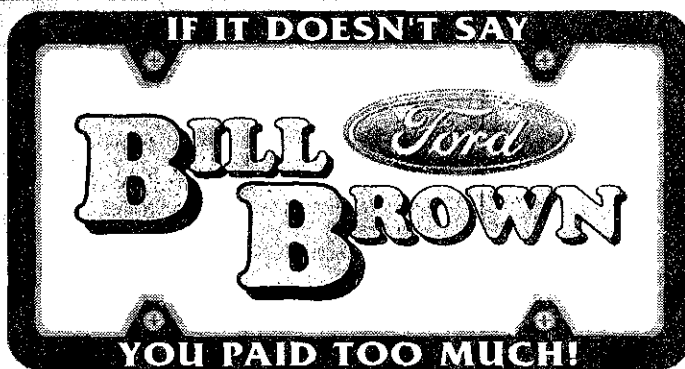
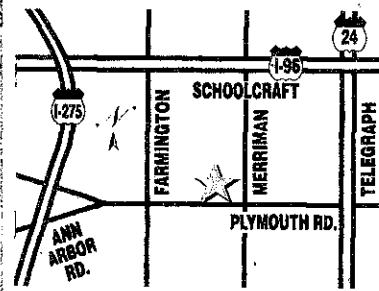
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