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'The hero man'

CCW holder acted quickly to break up bank robbery

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When cops stormed a Canton Comerica Bank Monday in response to a robbery attempt, Nabil Fawzi's two sisters who were waiting for him in the parking lot began crying at the thought their brother was being held at the mercy of a robber.

They should have known better.

Fawzi, 39, of Dearborn has gained local attention for stopping Joseph Webster of Ypsilanti from robbing the Comerica location at 45420 Michigan Ave. Fawzi, a Lebanese native, called

PROFILE IN COURAGE

Nabil Fawzi of Dearborn

Age: 39 years old

Family: Married with three sons, and another child on the way

Background: The Lebanese native served in Lebanon's army. His family now owns a chain of check cashing stores and gas stations.

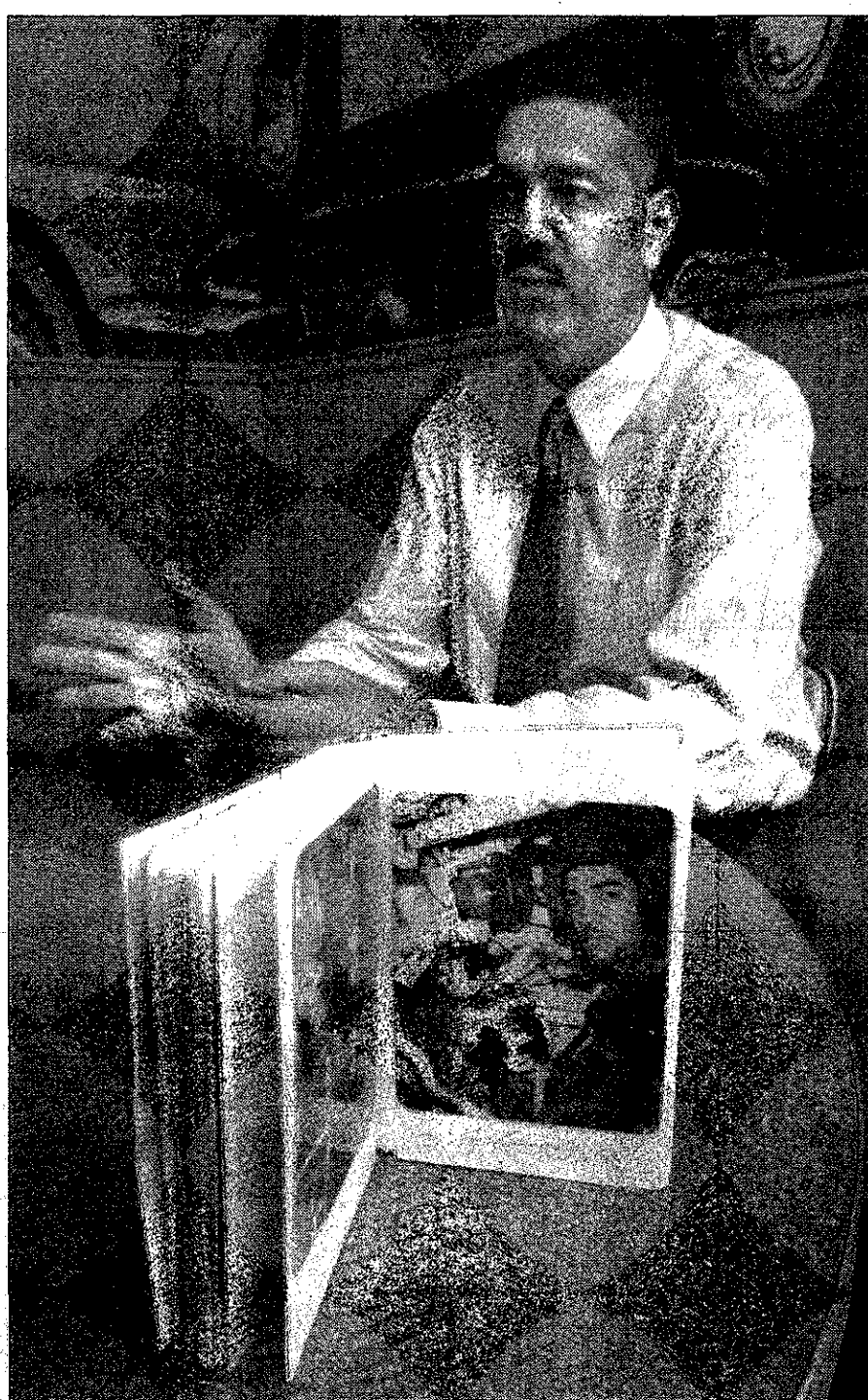
Quote: "I think I was more calm than him."

Webster's bluff that he had a bomb strapped to his waist and pulled out his 9mm, for which he has a concealed weapons (CCW) permit, and directed the unemployed 54-year-old to a chair until Canton police arrived.

A married father of three sons with a fourth child on the way, Fawzi has a lighthearted approach to the situation and shakes his head at the media attention surrounding his actions.

"I called in to a radio show and they had me say 'You are not robbing this bank today, punk!' My sisters made fun of me by saying it was 'a little weak.'"

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Nabil Fawzi, with a photo of him in his younger days, serving in the Lebanese Army.



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Christian Andresen and Jan Seyfarth watch soccer at TC Gators in Canton. Both are from Germany where similar anti-smoking laws are proposed. Like the United States, Germany's smoking laws vary from state to state.

Locals have mixed feelings about possible smoking ban

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some probably wouldn't expect the manager of a bar to support a smoking ban but Nyki Martin of TC Gators said she's all for it.

"I think it's a good idea," Martin said of the efforts at the state level to put an end to smoking in workplaces. "I can see where it will be an inconvenience for smokers, but I think it's great for those who don't smoke."

TC Gators, located at 42559 Ford Road, has a patio that could accommodate those who want to light up, Martin said.

"I know smokers will feel like they're being punished, but nonsmokers are punished every day of their lives with (second-hand smoke)," she said.

The state House and Senate have both passed bills that would ban smoking in bars and restaurants. However, the Senate bill goes farther, banning smoking in all public establishments.

The House would like there to be some exceptions, especially for the Detroit casinos.

According to Rep. Marc Corriveau, a Northville Democrat whose district includes part of Canton, there have been ongoing discussions between House and Senate leaders, and he expects a deal to be struck by as early as next week, before lawmakers take summer recess.

He said he understands the casinos might be hurt, but if there is an exception made for them, then others will want exceptions, too.

"As soon as you give an exception to the casinos, the horse tracks are at a disadvantage, and so on. Once

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you agree with the state Legislature's efforts to ban smoking in workplaces? Either e-mail your thoughts to Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

you open the door, you open the door," said Corriveau, who noted he would support a complete ban.

Domenic Tassielli, owner of the Crow's Nest at 6166 N. Canton Center Road, also takes exception with the House's exclusion of casinos from its efforts.

"If it's really about the health and safety of the public, (the ban) should be across the board," he said, adding that he believes business owners should have the final say in allowing smoking in their establishments.

Jason Prescott, entertainment director of the Crow's Nest, agreed with Tassielli and questioned how night clubs and bars would enforce the possible ban.

"Businesses should be able to make the decision," he said.

TC Gators patron Terry Savola said he was against the measure.

"I want to be able to smoke when I go out," he said.

TC Gators waitress Christie Daniels said the ban can't pass soon enough.

"I smoke but not by choice," she said making a reference to second-hand smoke.

"When I go home, my entire room smells like smoke. I can't get it out."

Concerts bring variety of music to Heritage Park

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In Canton, Tuesdays are terrific and Thursday nights are just right for toe tapping and dancing. The Thursday Night Concerts in the Park has already rolled out two performances and will continue until Aug. 7. The Tuesdays Are Terrific series is scheduled to kick off Tuesday and end Aug. 5.

"There have been huge crowds," said Jennifer Provenzano, Canton Leisure Services recreation specialist of the Thursday performances. "We have had awesome weather and the people have been getting up and dancing."

While both series take place in Heritage Park and are hosted by Leisure Services, Telecom Credit Union has sponsored the Tuesday concerts, which are

geared toward preschool and elementary-aged kids. "We have almost all new entertainment this year," said Provenzano, noting that the exception is Harpbeat, who had a rained out performance last year.

The first performers are the duo Gemini. The Tuesday shows are all scheduled at noon and are expected to last 45 minutes. The Thursday shows are from 7:30-9 p.m. Performers include Chateau, Bill Bynum (bluegrass/folk), NINE (pop/rock), Hot Sauce (soul/R&B/blues/jazz), Jim Paravantes and Company (swing), Swingmania (swing/jive), and the Beatles tribute band The Backbeats. All performances are free. "The price is great," Provenzano said with a laugh.

For more information on either series, log on to leisure.canton-mi.org or call (734) 394-5460.

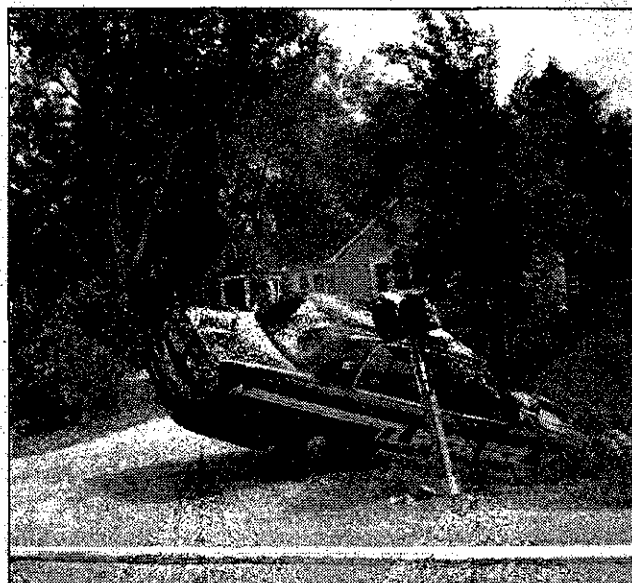


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Oops

A Canton police officer attempting to respond to an accident at Lilley and Cherry Hill roads Thursday afternoon ended up in a ditch after another motorist made a U-turn in front of his vehicle. Michigan State Police were brought in to deal with the cruiser accident. Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said the driver that turned in front of the officer was probably trying to get out of the slowed-down traffic caused by the first accident.

"The officer is OK," Pomorski said.

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Coming Thursday in filter

SO MUCH FUN

Local filmmakers attract big attention, DTE goes green and organizers ready for the Huntington Woods Art Fair. Read about it all in the next issue of Filter on Thursday.

Tiger legends to visit

Detroit Tigers legends Mickey Lolich and Willie Horton will be the guests of honor as the new Canton Huntington Bank hosts a grand opening event on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. While the former Tigers will autograph photos, there will also be games, giveaways, food and more as part of the event. The new Canton office, located at 47152 Michigan Avenue, officially opened its doors on May 27. It is the 44th banking office in Southeastern Michigan for Huntington. During the grand opening, anyone that opens a qualified checking account will receive a \$50 American Express Gift Card.

Murder mystery dinner theater

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater returns to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, June 28 in the Biltmore Studio. Audience members will be invited to help track down a homicidal mas-termind. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person and include both dinner and the show. A cash bar will also be available.

This professionally-pro-

duced performance of "That's Amore," featuring Partners In Crime, Inc., is recommended for adult audiences only. The menu, catered by Main Street Catering, will include chicken Marsala, wild rice, vegetable medley, Caesar salad, rolls and butter, dessert and soft drinks/coffee. Wine and beer by the glass is available for an additional charge. Additional Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre shows have been scheduled in the upcoming months, including: "Motivation for Death" on Saturday, July 19; "Bet Your Bottom Dollar" on Saturday, Aug. 16; "Until Death Do You Part" on Friday, Sept. 12; and "Aura of Death" on Friday, Nov. 14.

For more information, or to purchase tickets online visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Tickets can also be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person. To purchase tickets at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill box office, stop by during box office hours or one hour prior to each performance.

Ident-A-Kid event

In honor of National Safety Month, Tutor Time Child Care/Learning Center will host an Ident-A-Kid event from 10-11 a.m. at its Canton school, located at 951 North Canton Center. The event is open to the public.

For \$10, families will receive three copies of an immedi-

ate response card, designed to provide parents and law enforcement officials with crucial information should a child become lost or missing. The driver's license-like card contains the child's photograph, fingerprint and description. Parents keep the card with them at all times and, in an emergency, can provide law enforcement with it for immediate response. Families can receive five cards for \$15. A kit for receiving a DNA sample is also included.

"It's a sad reality, but more than 58,000 children are abducted by non-family members every year," said Melanie Guenther, center director. "Since child safety is of the utmost importance to us at Tutor Time, we realize how important having items such as the Immediate Response Card can be and we are proud to offer this service to our families and the community."

For more information, call (734) 981-8463 or visit www.tutortime.com.

Public art walk

Canton's Public Art Walk encourages area residents to take a walk along Canton's Ford Road on Friday, June 27 and discover the temporary public art exhibit currently on display.

Participants of this special narrated tour will meet in the IKEA parking lot at 8 a.m., and be shuttled to the starting point at the Canton Community Arch, a permanent art display at Canton Center. The group will then be guided in a two and a half mile walk east on Ford Road, viewing



Celebrating the Wings

The Mid American Pompon All Star Team was selected to participate in the Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup victory parade recently. Several of the All Stars were members of the Canton High School pompon team. The Canton residents on the team who participated are Kristen Beyer, Emily Bouse, Ashley Delbrocco, Courtney Fravala, Brooke Graham, Brooke Julien, Brittney Koptchia, Jessica Lee, Katie Schwalm, Nicole Sheldon, and Michelle Smiley. Plymouth residents include Kristina Crilley, Sarah Graves, Lauren Hutchings, and Emily Nairn.

several sculptures along the way. The walk will end back at the IKEA parking lot, where refreshments and a special gift await participants.

This event is weather permitting. No make-up dates will be scheduled if this walk is cancelled, due to inclement weather. Be sure to wear walking shoes.

There is no cost to participate in this walk, but pre-registration is required by Wednesday, June 25. To register, call (734) 394-5460 or stop by the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, visit leisure.canton-mi.org.

Afterwards participants will be divided into break-out session where they will be able to give input and ideas that can help shape the future of the watershed.

Pre-registration is required at least two days in advance of the meeting. To register please call (734) 272-0289 or e-mail rsvp@allianceofrougecommunities.com. If you are unable to attend the public meetings, you may still give input by filling out ARC's on-line survey at www.allianceofrougecommunities.com.

For more information on the ARC visit www.allianceofrougecommunities.com.

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.

**PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008
7:00 PM
(734) 453-1234**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at the Cultural Center to consider the following:

Due to remodeling of City Hall, the meeting will be held at the Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer. A notice is posted at City Hall that includes a map to the Cultural Center.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR:**

Text amendments to the Sign Ordinance for political signs.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008
6:00 PM**

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2008 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

* Application 1459, 15169 Northville Rd: The applicant is requesting a variance in minimum front yard setback from (50) feet to (12) feet to build a 2-story office addition. Requested variance is (38) feet.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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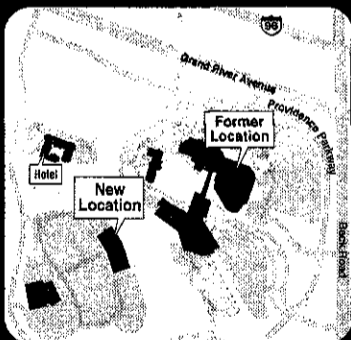
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Central students compiling digital storybook

The Plymouth Historical Museum used a \$5,000 grant it got from the Michigan Department of Education to put Central Middle School students to work.

The grant was used to oversee a digital storybook about Abraham Lincoln involving Central Middle School students. According to Elizabeth Kerstens, executive director of the museum, the Plymouth Historical Society's prized Weldon Petz Abraham Lincoln Collection helped the project land in Plymouth.

A digital storybook uses recorded voices, photos, and video to create stories that can be viewed on VHS, CD-ROM, DVD, or the Internet.

The "Digital Story-Telling Project" was the brainchild of Karen R. Todorov, social studies consultant with MDOE and a member of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee of Michigan (www.

milincn.org).

"The museum was hand-picked for this assignment because of its strong on-site Lincoln collection and documents, as well as its close proximity to Central Middle School," said Todorov, a Livonia resident. "Students of today come from the 'digital age' and educational programs that follow this digital format have better success at gaining student interest and better retention of content."

The grant funds the creation of a digital storyboard about a play, *John Beechard and Mr. Lincoln: A Michigan Story*, written by Michigan social studies teacher Sam Sicilia earlier this year. Thirteen volunteer seventh- and eighth-graders and two teachers from Central Middle School worked at the Plymouth Historical Museum to create the digital storybook.

The story is a fictional

account about factual characters and events, Kerstens said. President Lincoln's only visit to Michigan occurred in Kalamazoo when he was campaigning for presidential candidate, John C. Fremont, in 1856. The story explains how Lincoln's Bronson Park (Village Park) speech motivated and inspired young 13-year-old John Beechard to later enlist in the Union army in the 6th Michigan Cavalry. Beechard's father, while disapproving of slavery, disapproved of a war pitting American against American. The story follows the Beechard family through the war and ends with the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

The finished product will be available for any school or community group in Michigan to use free of charge to help educate students about the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, and to celebrate Lincoln's

200th birthday Feb. 12, 2009. The project is being filmed by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district as a guide for Michigan teachers to use if they decide to do a similar project.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. For more information, contact Dan Packer at (734) 455-8940.



Parents and campers watch the finished product, "John Beechard and Mr. Lincoln."

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Residents asked to restrict outdoor watering

In an effort to reduce low water pressure and help control future water rate increases, Canton officials are asking residents and businesses to use voluntary use odd/even days for outdoor water usage throughout 2008.

Addresses with odd numbered addresses (ending in 1,3,5,7, or 9) are asked to do outdoor watering only on odd-numbered dates. Likewise,

those with even-numbered addresses should water lawns, fill swimming pools, wash cars, etc., only on even-numbered dates.

Residents and business owners are also asked to set their automatic irrigation systems to water between midnight and 6 a.m. By watering during these off-peak demand hours, Canton enables all customers to continue receiving an even

distribution of water with minimal low-pressure problems.

Homeowners in subdivisions with common areas are also asked to restrict watering their common areas to every other day. Residents should be aware that many public areas, such as parks, golf courses, etc., receive irrigation water from ponds which are independent of the public water system.


Implementing these voluntary restrictions will keep future water rates down, because Canton buys water from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Rates are based on a formula that includes daily demand and peak hour demand.

If residents or business owners have any questions regarding the requested water use restriction, they can call Canton's Public Works Division at (734) 394-5150.



Ready to read

Jennifer Thompson of Canton registers her children Kenzie and Matthew for the Canton Public Library's summer reading program with help from librarian Michelle Neuwirth on Monday. The first day of the summer reading program sign up is typically the busiest day of the year, but the 13,533 items signed out on Monday set a new one-day circulation record. Other records were also set as nearly 4,000 patrons streamed through the doors, eager to get a jump on summer reading. The adult program led the way with 439 registrations. The last day to register for summer reading is July 25. You do not have to be a Canton resident to participate. For more information, call the library at (734) 397-0999 or visit www.cantonpl.org.



**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234**

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, July 3, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Cultural Center, to consider the following:

Due to remodeling of City Hall, the meeting will be held at the Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer. A notice is posted at City Hall that includes a map to the Cultural Center.

Z 08-09	551 Auburn	Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Ryan & Brenda Karell
Z 08-10	584 W. Ann Arbor Tr	Non-Use Variance Requested Extension of Off-site Sign Zoned: B-2, Central Business Applicant: Connektiv
Z 08-11	1497 Penniman	Non-Use Variance Requested Fence Height Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Sam Aldridge
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All interested persons are invited to attend.

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HERO

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he said with a laugh. "They weren't impressed."

Fawzi, whose family operates a string of check cashing stores and gas stations, has been dubbed "the hero man" by some friends.

"I never would have thought this would happen," said the frequent customer of the bank.

Just as Webster, who had passed along a note saying that he had a bomb, reached out to collect the money from the bank teller, Fawzi stepped in and brought Webster's plans to an abrupt end.

Webster, who didn't resist Fawzi's directions, has been charged with bank robbery, armed robbery and a habitual third offense.

"I think I was more calm than him,"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Joseph Webster was arraigned by video in 35th District Court Tuesday afternoon.

said Fawzi, who spent six years in the Lebanese army. "I did a body search on him just like a cop — I watch too much television."

When township police entered the

bank, Fawzi said he put down his gun, stepped away from it and then got on the floor.

"Everyone told the police I was the good guy," he said. "I don't know how soon they got there because when you are in a situation like that you don't feel the time. It felt like hours but I'm happy we all got out safe."

At Webster's arraignment Tuesday, Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said he believes Fawzi's actions were a "total reaction" and that in general, they wouldn't recommend that citizens approach someone who is attempting a robbery.

"We prefer someone to be a witness," he said.

Webster is being held on a \$100,000 cash bond. If convicted, he faces 25 years up to life in prison.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
JULY 10, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Steven Johnson, Vicki Wely
Alternate: Dawn Zuber

Acceptance of Agenda

- Bryan L. Amann, 355 North Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187, for vacant light industrial property located at 7001 N. Haggerty Road (Rudolph Libbe Building-Life Church), west side of Haggerty Road between Warren and Koppernick Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.04, setback variances for parking lot in side yard for west property line, front yard for Haggerty Road, and buffer along Warren Road. Zone L-I (special use approval for church pending) Parcel 046 99 0003 718 (Planning)
- Joseph White, 660 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, MI 48170 for vacant light industrial property located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 4.00, Section 4.01.C, variance from the minimum parking requirements for medical office uses. Zone LI-R Parcel 099 99 0001 704 (Planning)
- Anurag Bajaj, 41133 Van Born Road, Suite 200, Belleville, MI 48111, for vacant light industrial property located on the north side of Van Born Road between Haggerty Road and I-275, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 21.00, Section 21.03.A.4; Article 26.00, Section 26.04.c; Article 4.00, Section 4.01.C.6, parking and parking spaces variance. Zone LI-1 Parcel 143 99 0020 000 (Planning)
- Darryl G. Myers, 2400 E. 14 Mile Road, Warren, MI 48092, for residential property located at 45072 Lothrop Court, east side of Canton Center Road between Glengarry and Old School Lane, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback variance. Zone R-3 Parcel 087 01 0214 000 (Building)
- AT & T, 42633 and 42641 Ford Road, Canton, MI 48187, for commercial property located at same address, south side of Ford Road between Morrison and Lilley Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.17, wall sign area variance. Zone C-2 Parcel 054 99 0001 701 (Building)
- John Groat, 43611 Hanover Court, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, west side of Morton Taylor Road between Warren and Joy Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback variance. Zone R-5 Parcel 012 03 0401 000 (Building)
- John Cassar, 46836 Wareham Court, Canton, MI 48187, for residential property located at same address, south side of Ford Road between Beck and Hendrie Roads, appealing Buildings and Building Regulations Article V, Section 78-131(4).b, corner lot fence variance. Zone R-3 Parcel 062 02 0131 000 (Building)

Approval of the June 12, 2008 Minutes

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

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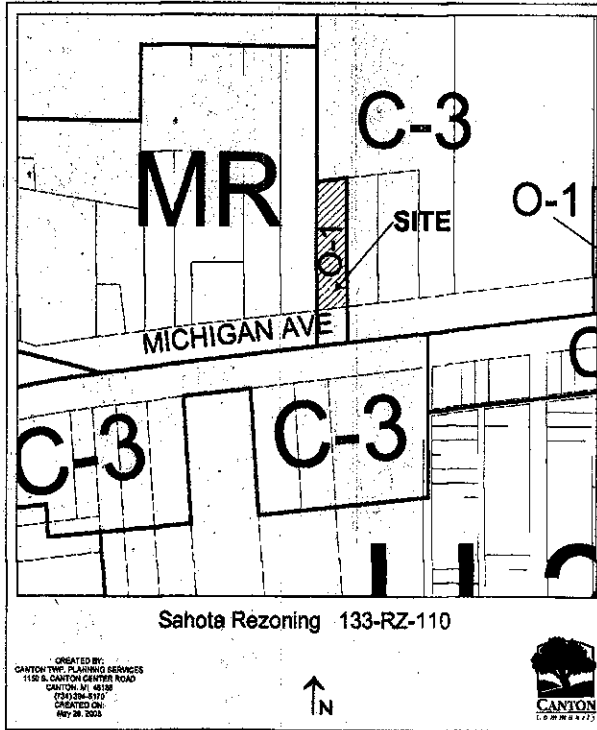
**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 12 of 2008, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 7, 2008 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SAHOTA REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 133 99 0010 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue between Sheldon and Morton Taylor Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, July 3, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



Sahota Rezoning 133-RZ-110

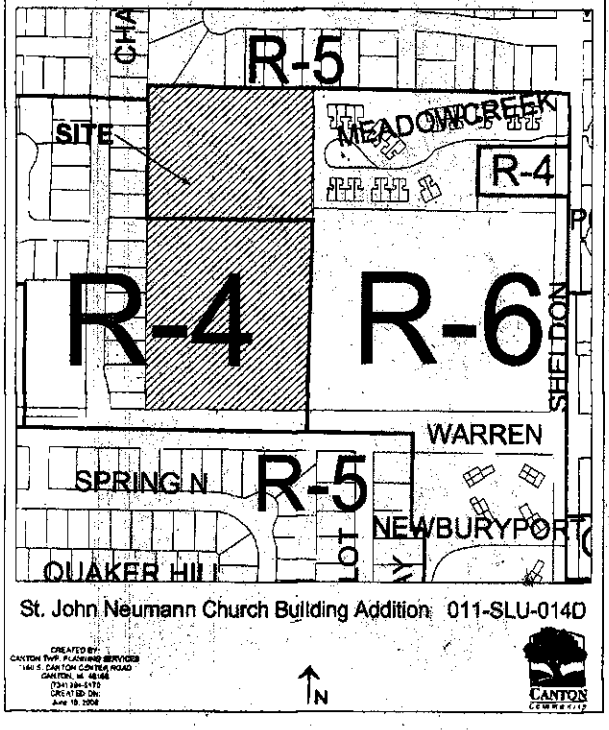
Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.3 FOR PARCEL NO. 011 99 0018 704 (44800 WARREN). Property is located north of Warren and west of Sheldon Road.



St. John Neumann Church Building Addition 011-SLU-0140

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Insurance companies can raise premiums on long-term care policies

Dear Rick: I have a long-term care nursing home policy with John Hancock that I bought over 15 years ago. I was told when I bought the policy the premiums cannot increase. A friend of mine, who also has a John Hancock policy, was told by his agent that his premiums are going up. Is it legal for the company to raise the premiums? If they do, what should I do?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

later in life than actually did.

In deciding whether you should keep your policy, the first issue to consider is whether you need the coverage. If your answer is yes, then retain your current policy. If you purchased a new long-term care policy today, it would be substantially more expensive. Therefore, if you need the coverage, it pays to retain your current policy.

If you do not need the policy, why continue to pay for it?

I've always been a believer that insurance is not an investment, but a means of covering risk. Therefore, with all insurance policies the question to consider is, does the risk exist and if it does occur, do you have the financial means to

throughout their lifetime, resulting in more claims being paid by the companies. I believe insurance companies thought that more people would cancel their policies

handle the situation?

If the risk no longer exists or if it does occur and the financial consequences are minimal, then my general advice is you don't need the insurance.

Dear Rick: I just graduated from college and will start my first job in a few weeks. My dad is a big fan of your radio show and says I should fully fund my 401(k) plan, which I plan to do. The one issue is whether I should use the Roth option or not. My dad said I should use the Roth option, but a friend of mine told me that because of the tax breaks the traditional 401(k) is better. What do you recommend?

I guess the old saying is right, always listen to your father. Your dad is correct. In your situation, it does make sense to select the Roth option.

The traditional 401(k) does give you some short-term tax breaks. All the money that you contribute into a 401(k) traditional plan is pre-tax money. On the other hand, the money you contribute into the Roth 401(k) is post-tax money.

There is no question, for

your current tax bill, that putting in pre-tax money is certainly better than post-tax, however, that's not the end of the story.

The other half of the equation is that money in a traditional 401(k) grows tax-deferred while money in the Roth 401(k) grows completely tax-free. I believe the tax break in the Roth IRA is much more significant because the money grows tax-free. You will never pay income taxes on your Roth 401(k) when you start taking distributions, while you eventually will pay taxes on withdrawals from your traditional 401(k). Also, a Roth 401(k) is not subject to required minimum distributions at age 70½ unlike the traditional 401(k).

When you do the number crunching for someone who is young, it is a slam dunk — the 401(k) Roth is the way to go.

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 from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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Sheriff Evans says labor negotiations led to budget overrun

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER



Evans

including 264 in the Sheriff's Office, be eliminated to erase

increase in its budget last year but still managed to exceed it by \$17 million.

The claim comes as county officials are recommending 726 jobs, including 264 in the Sheriff's Office, be eliminated to erase

a \$34 million deficit. "That goes to my ability to manage, and I can't let that go without telling you how ridiculous that assertion was," said Evans.

"During the fiscal year, the county executive negotiated a contract with deputies, the lieutenants and sergeants, a three-year contract that involved retroactivity, additional retirement benefits

and a number of things that a collective bargaining contract does," said Evans. "All I can tell you is I had nothing to do with negotiations, and after they were over I was hit with \$14 million attached to this year's budget ... and now the sheriff is over \$17 million.

"What I've always seen in collective bargaining agreements is you have a little pot of money somewhere and you

give raises commensurate with what's in the pot," he said. "If you don't have anything in the pot, you don't give out raises. I think what they just said is 'We're going to take it out of your existing budget and make you look like a moron. I don't like the moron part.'"

Evans admitted the recommendations are only early dialogue on the budget. "All I know is what was

recommended in terms of funding is just going to kill us," Evans said. "The reality is you'll have to close significant jail facilities ... there's not that much savings outside the jails to ever be able to do that."

"In a county where you're talking about building a regional jail to add 700 beds, it seems kind of silly not to allocate funds and reduce the number of beds," he said. "There's no question in my mind the county has less money and revenues are down. What I am saying is when you get to the core the most important service government provides is safety of the public."

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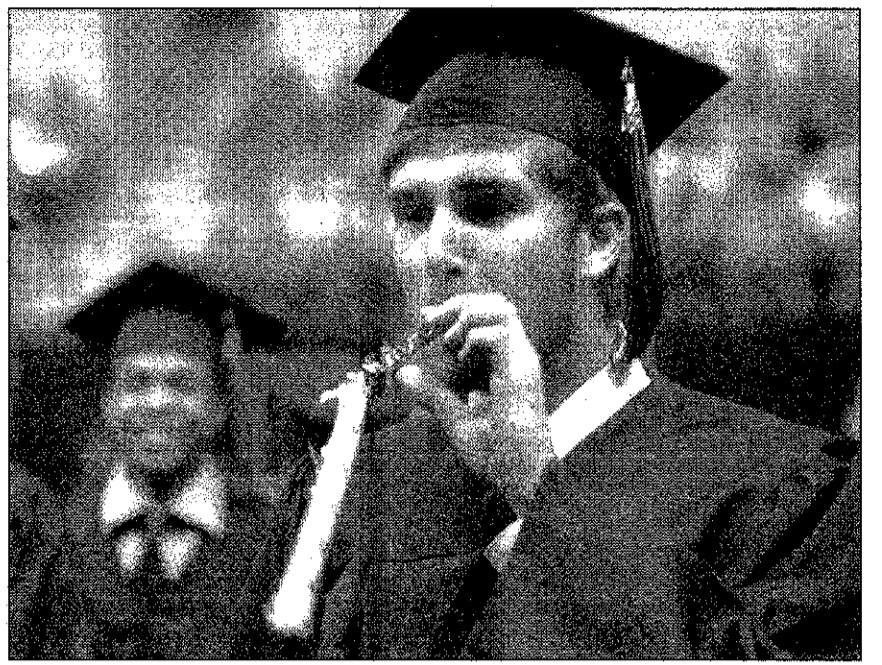


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It was party time for graduate Lucas Seibel and his fellow members of the Plymouth High School Class of 2008, who concluded their high school careers in a graduation ceremony at Eastern Michigan University. For a list of graduates, turn to Page A3; for more photos from the ceremony, go to our Web site at www.hometownlife.com

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Bid documents are available to pick up at Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCL) 44978 Ford Road, Suite A, Canton, Michigan 48187. A nonrefundable fee of \$65.00 will be charged for the bid packet.

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA

Zoning Board of Appeals

July 8, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.
Livonia City Hall - Gallery (5th Floor)
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APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-06-25: Bruce Hofess and Alice Kachman, 41559 Tompkins, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, seeking to erect a single-family dwelling upon property located on the east side of Stamford (18236) between Curtis and Pickford, resulting in deficient lot area and lot width.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-30: Walgreen Company, 300 Wilmont Road, Deerfield, IL 60015, on behalf of Lessee Dollar Tree, north side of Plymouth (33330) between Farmington and Mayfield, seeking to erect an additional wall sign on the south elevation resulting in this sign being the same size as the first permitted sign, which is not allowed. The proposed sign can only be half the area of the first permitted sign.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-31: Mohamad Bandar, 6333 Campus Drive, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, seeking to construct a retail building associated with gasoline sales on property located on the north side of Schoolcraft (31420) between Merriman and Berwick, resulting in deficient building setbacks from Merriman and Schoolcraft Roads.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-32: Richard and Dawn Barron, east side of Fredrick (8978) between Alabama and Arizona, seeking to erect a 6-ft. tall privacy fence within the side yard, which is not allowed. Privacy fences must be within the rear yard only.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-29: Herold Samhat, 267 Woodberry Drive, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304, on behalf of Lessee Ross Towing of Livonia, west side of Inkster (13301) between Schoolcraft and the C & O Railroad, seeking to operate a vehicle towing and storage operation, which is not allowed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2008-07-33: Nazzareno Troiani, 33182 Martin Street, Livonia, MI 48152, seeking to construct a single-family dwelling with an attached garage on property located on the east side of Vanderhaven (18936) between Seven Mile Road and south end, resulting in deficient front yard setback.

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11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20
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OUR VIEWS

State should step back from full-day kindergarten debate

On the surface, it would seem making full-day kindergarten mandatory, as is being proposed by some members of the state Legislature, makes sense. A cornerstone of the state's long-term economic recovery program is improving the educational climate, or so say the governor and lawmakers.

But, in fact, the proposal doesn't make sense, at least not now.

There are bills pending in the state House and Senate that would require all school districts teach full-day kindergarten. Many districts already do offer full-day kindergarten; some charge for it, while others are considering it.

But for a variety of reasons, many districts are resisting it. And they have some legitimate reasons for doing so.

First — and most importantly — it is debatable what long-term benefit there is in sending children to kindergarten for a full day. Studies have shown short-term boosts for children who get a head start by being in kindergarten all day, but the long-term benefits are inconclusive.

Second, there is the expense. Longer kindergarten days may require more staff and

resources, something that is preciously scarce in almost all Michigan school districts these days.

True, schools receive per-pupil funding regardless of whether the child is in half-day or full-day kindergarten. And some districts offer full-day kindergarten at a cost — effectively double-dipping.

But, frankly, they need the money. Drying up another source of revenue is not healthy for the schools.

Finally, mandating full-day kindergarten would be another incursion by the state into what should be the affairs of the school districts.

Proposal A, which was enacted in 1994, gave the state an extraordinary degree of control by effectively taking over the funding of the schools. The federal No Child Left Behind program with its mandates has put additional pressure on the schools.

The bottom line is that school districts know what is best for their communities. Until ironclad data is available documenting the educational advantages of full-day kindergarten, the issue should be left to local school officials, not lawmakers in Lansing.

Prenatal, preschool years vital to success in school

As a retired elementary teacher and reading consultant, I agree with Hugh Gallagher's premise that "the educational journey

needs to begin early and last a lifetime." I agree that we must put more emphasis on preschool education, especially for low-income groups. Waiting until later years, or high school, is

simply too late, no matter how much money and goodwill we put into it.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of educators who talk about educational reform, focus in other areas and seem to equate it with additional funding. They believe that, if we just spend more money, things will get better. For example, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the *New York Times* (whom you quote in your article) both talk about the need for smaller high schools, more teachers training and making college preparatory education available to all. This will cost millions of additional dollars. The United States already spends more money on education than any other nation in the world; unfortunately, our children are falling further and further behind in literacy rates. Equating money with educational progress simply hasn't worked for us.

I think it is about time we stopped looking at pricey programs that have been found wanting in the past and go back to the beginning and take a new look at the research regarding the value of prenatal and preschool learning. We can start with the recognition that the most important years in the life of a child are

the nine months before birth, and the five years before kindergarten, and build our programs around these periods. Using these two periods as a basis, we need to educate prospective parents so that they can be more involved in the education of their children before they come to school.

A growing body of research today clearly demonstrates that learning — real learning — takes place before birth. This new research demonstrates that speech and reading capacities are laid as early as the first two or three months of pregnancy, and that the womb is indeed the developing child's first classroom. As the National Children's Reading Foundation put it, "The physical capacity to read is hard-wired in the brain before birth."

We might use nature as a prime example. We learned long ago that, if we want healthy plants, a greener lawn, or better fruit, we must make every effort that the growing environment is enriched to build a solid root system. To wait until the plant is nearly grown is too late for good results. The same is true for children. To get off to a healthy start in life, they need care and educational nutrients prior to birth and prior to school.

A good healthy prenatal environment doesn't cost a cent. It takes time and effort on the part of the mother, who needs little or no training. It includes simple and natural tasks such as reading and talking to the baby, stroking the baby in the womb, singing songs, thinking positive thoughts and staying healthy. None of these activities cost the mother or society a single cent, but will reap benefits for a lifetime.

After the baby's birth, the child needs positive preschool experiences such as exposure

to language and song, read aloud to the child on a regular basis, recognition of letters of the alphabet and positive reinforcement. With these experiences, the child has an excellent chance of being successful in school. Ignore the two important periods in the child's life and the child will have little chance of success his/her lifetime.

It is a well-known fact, for example, that the child who is exposed to books and language experiences before coming to school has a tremendous advantage over the child with little exposure. The child exposed to early learning activities generally retains that advantage for the rest of his/her years in school. Getting off to a good start in school is one of the most important things a parent can do for a child.

To make this successful, we want parents to be the first educators, not the state. The more the state becomes involved, the less responsibility for the parents and the less results for the children. Politicians, teachers, doctors, churches, newspapers, instead of pleading for more and more money to improve education at a later date, where it will be less effective, need to get back to where it all begins and educate parents and prospective parents about their need to be personally involved in the education of their children. We have known for some time now that the more the parents are involved in education, the better it works out for the child.

I conclude by encouraging all teachers, parents and parents-to-be to become informed about the recent findings about the value of prenatal and preschool education and how it affects learning. It's fascinating reading and it works.

Edmund V. Starrett is a Livonia resident with an education doctorate.

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A member of the Shark Club's Class E slow-pitch softball team prepares to take a rip at a looping pitch during a Thursday night game at the Canton Sports Center. Close to 5,000 players from 18 to 80 participate in leagues at the 12-field facility on Michigan Avenue.



Canton residents Don Godfrey (left) and Todd Browne, who play for the Industrial Sales Group, are models of the camaraderie slow-pitch softball generates.



Canton resident Tim McKnight (middle) plays on the same team as his sons Sean (left) and Casey. At right, Plymouth resident Peter Sosa prepares to do some damage to the opposing pitcher's earned-run average during a game Thursday night at the Canton Sports Center.



Winning is nice, but fun is the bottom line for rec slow-pitch softball players

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Don Godfrey let out an "oom-mmff" sound as he took a mighty cut at an appetizing pitch during a Class E slow-pitch softball game Thursday night at the Canton Sports Center.

"You had to grunt for that," a teammate jeered good-naturedly at Godfrey as the ball rolled harmlessly foul.

A few moments earlier, on an adjoining field, a semi-line drive crossed paths with the glaring sun just before it reached Young Guns left-center fielder Billy Gauthier's mitt and crashed squarely onto the bridge of the 19-year-old's nose.

As soon as he saw the stream of blood that resulted from the violent collision, the batter peeled off his shirt, sprinted toward Gauthier and pressed the makeshift band-aid onto the injured area in an attempt to curtail the bleeding.

Less than 10 minutes later, Gauthier rose to his feet, emerged from the crowd of concerned players who had gathered around him and — with his right hand holding his opponent's shirt against his nose — walked toward the infield with his left arm raised

high, flashing a thumbs-up sign.

"He's a hockey player," one of the bloodied player's teammates said. "I doubt if he'll even let them take him in the ambulance."

On the next field over, sweat glistened on the forehead of 50-year-old Tim McKnight as he delivered an arching pitch for his USA Jet Airlines team.

"I play for the exercise and because I get to play on the same team as two of my sons," said McKnight, explaining his passion for slow-pitch softball. "I love this game. I'll play it until I can't."

Blood, sweat and jeers — that's what it was all about on a picture-perfect night on three picture-perfect fields at one of the busiest sports complexes in Michigan.

Recession-proof activity

More than 440 teams and close to 5,000 players will take their cuts this summer at the 12-field facility located just south of Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Due to a sagging economy, people may be driving fewer miles and buying fewer groceries, but they're still flocking to the diamonds in waves.

"I think the main appeal of

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Ideal summer job

Salem grad's internship is one every sports fan would covet

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The most amazing summer of Jane DeWitt's young life can be summed up with one four-letter acronym: ESPN.

This past spring, the 2005 Salem graduate defied odds that would crush even the

most resilient optimist when she secured a two-month summer internship with the Connecticut-based media giant.

DeWitt, a senior-to-be at Murray State (Ky.) University, was one of just 105 college students who earned an ESPN internship that roughly 10,000

hopefuls applied for.

"It's been an unbelievable experience so far," said DeWitt, who is working in ESPN's Chicago-based Consumer Marketing & Sales Department. "Everyone is so passionate about their jobs

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Salem graduate Jane DeWitt (right) is pictured behind the ESPN SportsCenter anchor desk during her visit to the popular network's campus in May. DeWitt, a senior-to-be at Murray State (Ky.) University, secured a rare summer internship at ESPN.

Dearborn Divine Child will stage a weekly track series from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30, at the high school track located at 1001 N. Silvery Lane (one mile west of Telegraph between Cherry Hill and Ford roads).

The cost for athletes and spectators is \$3 per person. Registration begins at 5 p.m.

Youth age groups include: 8-and-under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18.

The open division includes 30-40 and 40-and-over.

The July 9 and 23 meet competition includes: 50-meter dash (8-and-under), 100, 400, 1,600, 3,000, shot put, discus and 4 x 400 relay.

The July 16 and 30 meets includes: 200, 800, 5,000 (13-and-over), 100 and 110 hurdles, 400 hurdles, long jump, high jump; and 4 x 100 relay.

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All-Observer girls tennis team shines

FIRST-TEAM SINGLES
LINDSAY HOSTETTER, SR., STEVENSON: Hostetter served as the Spartans' No. 1 singles player and their co-captain during the 2008 campaign. She registered an incredible 20-2 record this past season and a 71-7 career mark.

She will attend Brevard College (N.C.), an NCAA Division II school. "I can't say enough about Lindsay's leadership and dedication to this team and her desire to be the best player she can be," said Stevenson coach Kathy Ladd. "Lindsay has a powerful all-around game, with huge ground strokes and crisp volleys."

TRACY LYTLE, SR., SALEM: Lytle closed out her stellar career in fine fashion as she crafted a solid 8-3 WLAA record against the conference's talented list of No. 1 singles players. Her only setbacks were to Hostetter, Northville's top player and at Walled Lake Northern.

"Tracy didn't even play tennis until she was in the eighth grade, so to go from a non-player to a very good No. 1 singles player in high school is pretty impressive," said Salem coach Lin Ware. "She has earned a lot of tennis awards the past few years and all of them have been well-deserved."

LAURA SIMS, SR., STEVENSON: The senior co-captain enjoyed a productive season at No. 2 singles, going 15-6. She advanced to the finals at the WLAA conference meet and stroked her way to the semi-final round of the D1 Regional meet. She also earned silver medals at the Ann Arbor and Novi invitational.

"Laura has great fundamentals and is really a model of stroke production," said Ladd. "Laura has a real weapon in her serve and a pretty consistent overhead, all of which add up to a very good, all-court tennis player."

PAIGE MCNAMARA, JR., STEVENSON: The Spartans' No. 3 singles player racked up an 18-6 record this past spring. Her lone setback in conference play came against always-tough Northville.

"Paige is a model of mental toughness, focus, intensity and persistence," said Ladd. "Once she steps on the tennis court, she goes from being a delightful and animated teenager to a bulldog of concentration and determination."

ALLI CARPENTER, JR., SALEM: The Rocks' No. 2 singles player went 9-2 with her only two blemishes coming against Northville and Stevenson.

"Alli is going to be the player to beat next year," said Ware. "She's a strong

ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS

2008 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS TENNIS FIRST-TEAM SINGLES

Lindsay Hostetter, Sr., Stevenson
 Tracy Lytle, Sr., Salem
 Laura Sims, Sr., Stevenson
 Paige McNamara, Jr., Stevenson
 Alli Carpenter, Jr., Salem
 Carli Marschner, Soph., Stevenson
 Linda Ling, Jr., Salem
 Angelica Woods, Fr., Franklin

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

Ariel Rojo, Jr., Salem
 Rachel Norman, Soph., Salem
 Katherine Morse, Sr., Stevenson
 Katy Roberts, Sr., Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR

Kathy Ladd, Stevenson

player who has improved each year. She's become much more consistent with her game and she's developed a variety of strokes."

CARLI MARSCHNER, SOPH., STEVENSON: The versatile Marschner played primarily at No. 4 singles for the Spartans, but also moved up to No. 2 and No. 3 at times. She finished with a 13-9 record.

"Carli is all business on the tennis court," Ladd said. "Carli is all about consistency. As one opposing coach observe, 'Does she ever miss a backhand?'"

LINDA LING, JR., SALEM: The junior made a very effective move from No. 1 doubles to No. 4 singles this season, racking up a 9-2 WLAA record with her only losses coming to Northville and Walled Lake Northern.

"Linda is a very consistent, all-around player," said Ware. "She's very athletic and gets to the ball really well. She'll be one of our co-captains next year."

ANGELICA WOODS, FR., FRANKLIN: The ninth-grader played well beyond her years, registering an impressive 18-5 record that included first-round victories in both the Regional and conference tournaments.

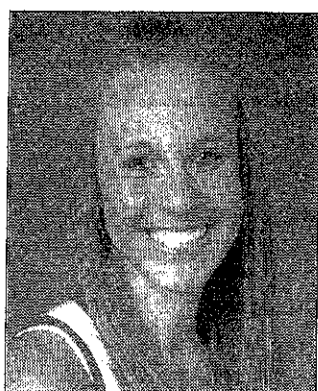
"Angelica's work ethic is exceptional and she is a model for court etiquette," Franklin coach Lori George said. "All three of her losses this season were against experienced, upper-class opponents. Angelica has an arsenal of strokes and strategy to get her opponents off-balance. She's a rising athlete and one to watch in years to come."

FIRST-TEAM DOUBLES

ARIEL ROJO, JR., SALEM: Rojo teamed with Rachel Norman to give the Rocks a spectacular No. 1 doubles team. The duo lost just two matches in the conference.



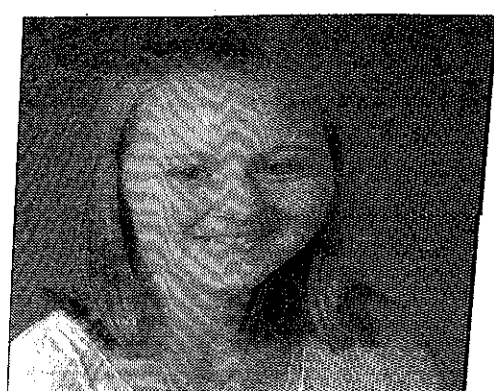
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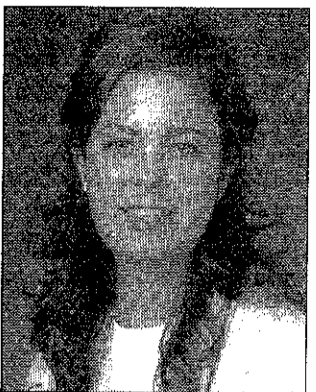
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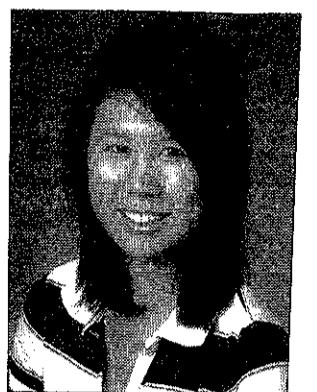
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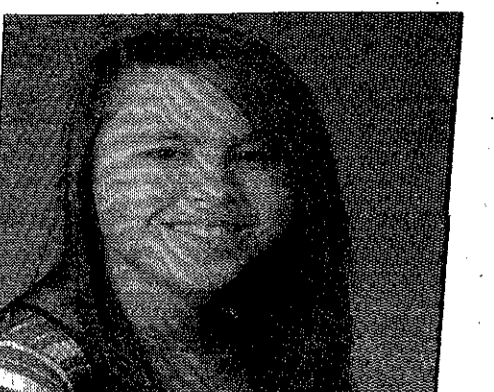
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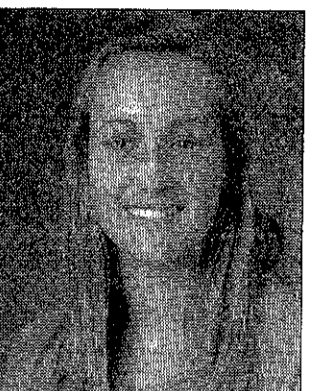
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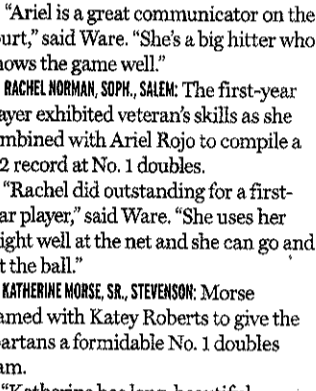
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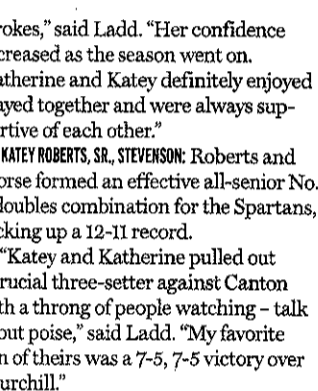
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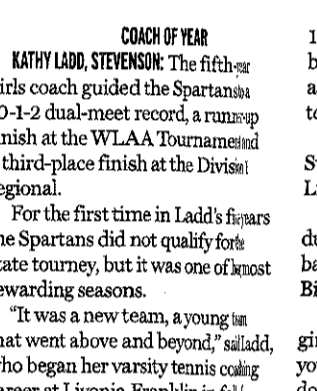
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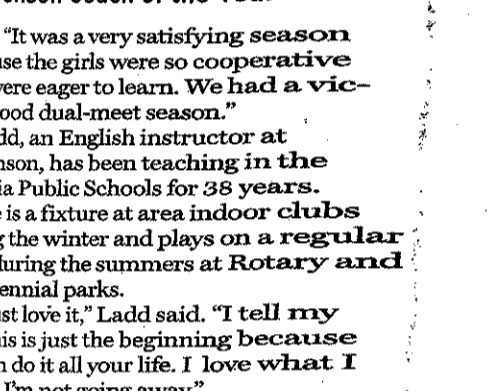
Ariel Rojo, Jr., Salem



Rachel Norman, Soph., Salem



Kathy Ladd, Stevenson Coach of the Year



Kathy Ladd, Stevenson Coach of the Year

strokes," said Ladd. "Her confidence increased as the season went on. Katherine and Katy definitely enjoyed playing together and were always supportive of each other."

KATEY ROBERTS, SR., STEVENSON: Roberts and Morse formed an effective all-senior No. 4 doubles combination for the Spartans, racking up a 12-11 record.

"Katey and Katherine pulled out a crucial three-setter against Canton with a throng of people watching - talk about poise," said Ladd. "My favorite win of theirs was a 7-5, 7-5 victory over Churchill."

COACH OF YEAR

KATHY LADD, STEVENSON: The fifth-year girls coach guided the Spartans to a 10-1-2 dual-meet record, a runner-up finish at the WLAA Tournament and a third-place finish at the Division 1 regional.

For the first time in Ladd's tenure the Spartans did not qualify for state tournament, but it was one of the most rewarding seasons.

"It was a new team, a young team that went above and beyond," said Ladd, who began her varsity tennis coaching career at Livonia Franklin in fall

1996. "It was a very satisfying season because the girls were so cooperative and were eager to learn. We had a victory good dual-meet season."

Ladd, an English instructor at Stevenson, has been teaching in the Livonia Public Schools for 38 years.

She is a fixture at area indoor clubs during the winter and plays on a regular basis during the summers at Rotary and Bicentennial parks.

"I just love it," Ladd said. "I tell my girls this is just the beginning because you can do it all your life. I love what I do and I'm not going away."

Area golfers leave lasting impressions

FIRST TEAM
Drew Mossoian, Soph., Liv. Stevenson: The sophomore finished 28th overall in the Division 1 state tournament at The Meadows in Allendale with 86-76 for a 164 total.

He averaged 39.18 in dual matches, where he was medalist three times, along with a 77.95 in tournament play.

Mossoian was All-Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association tourney with a 76 and carded a 79 at the Division 1 district tourney. He qualified for the state tourney with a third-place finish at the Washtenaw Country Club regional shooting a 75.

Mossoian also shot a 74 to place runner-up at the Pinckney Invitational and captured the Western Wayne Invitational with a 75. He also won the stroke play at the Livonia City Tournament with a 37.

"Drew is young with loads of talent and is always willing to go the extra mile to improve," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski said.

Zach Conrad, Soph., Canton: The sophomore enjoyed a break-out season, registering a 38.1 nine-hole average and 78.3 18-hole average. He was a dual-match medalist five times and broke 40 in eight matches.

"Zach has a complete game," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "He is very accurate and is an outstanding putter. His increased length off the tee has helped him lower his scores."

Hagan Risner, Sr., Garden City: His coach, Ron Pummill, described Risner as perhaps the best golfer the high school has ever seen. The fact Risner owns virtually every Garden City golf record reinforces that lofty praise.

Risner, a fourth-year varsity starter, again made the All-Mega White with a nine-hole average of 36.5 strokes to go with 11 medals and team MVP honors. He was one stroke shy of qualifying for the state meet.

"(Hagan) absolutely a joy to coach and one of the hardest-working golfers, too," said Pummill about Risner, being heavily recruited by Wayne State University. "It's his commitment to want to be the best player on the course every time he's on the course."

Tyler Jeleniewski, Sr., Salem: The senior is a four-year letter winner whose game improved each year. He earned All-WLAA first-team honors and provided the Rocks with vital leadership throughout the season.

"Tyler's game is fundamentally sound from tee to green," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "He's long off the tee, is very consistent with his irons and has a great short game."

Josh Proben, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The four-year letter winner and team MVP averaged 38 per nine and 78.8 for 18 holes his senior year.

ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF

2008 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM

Drew Mossoian, Soph., Liv. Stevenson
 Zach Conrad, Soph., Canton
 Hagan Risner, Sr., Garden City
 Tyler Jeleniewski, Sr., Salem
 Andrew Rickerman, Jr., Canton
 Josh Proben, Sr., Liv. Churchill

SECOND TEAM

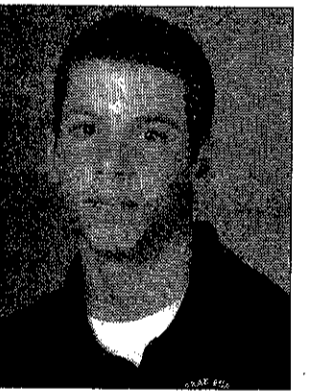
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 Adam Powers, Jr., Salem

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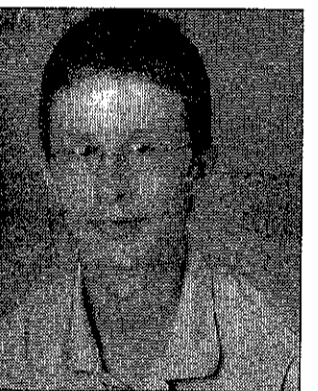
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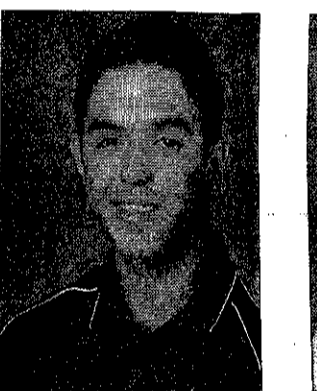
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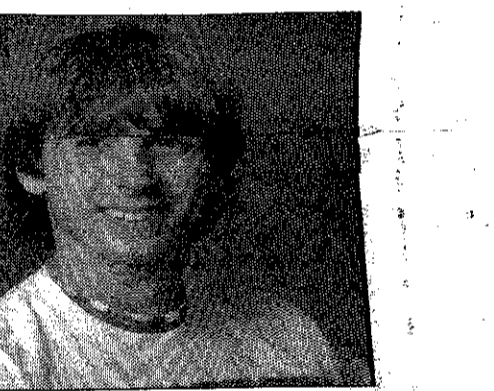
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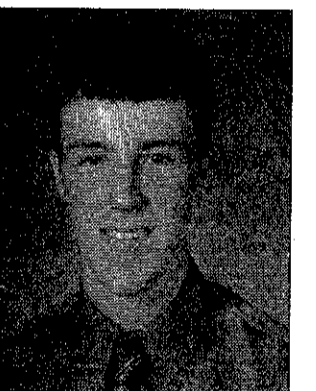
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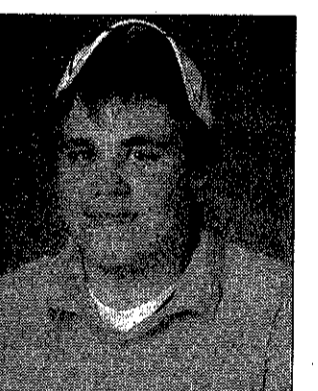
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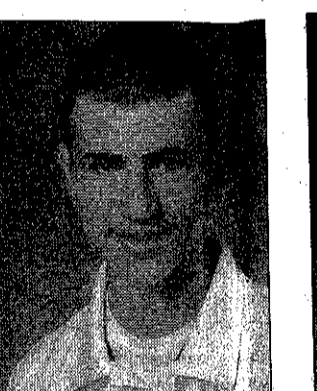
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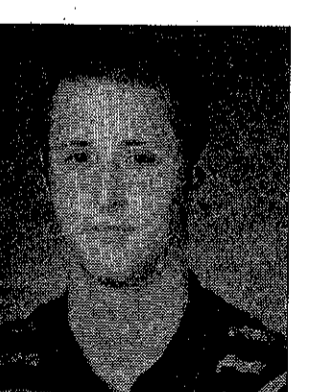
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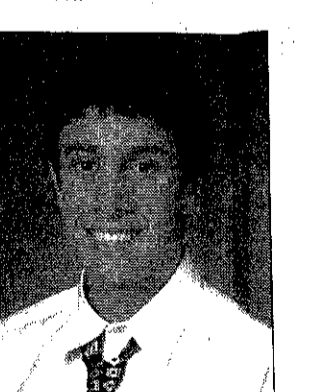
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Tom Alles, Canton Coach of the Year

Proben finished fourth in the Division 1 district with a 74 and wound up All-Division in the WLAA with a 77 (14th overall). He also tied for eighth at the Farmington Invitational with a 75. He added a 77 at Brighton and an 81 at Pinckney.

"Josh had an outstanding season," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "As one of the team captains this year, he displayed great leadership through his play. His consistent play will be missed next season along with his spirited attitude and patience toward the game. He should have great success furthering his golf career at Schoolcraft College in the fall."

Andrew Rickerman, Jr., Canton: Rickerman was solid all year, averaging 38.2 for nine holes and 79.2 for 18. He was a dual-match medalist twice and broke 40 in seven matches.

"Andrew is technically sound in all phases of the game," said Canton coach Tom Alles. "He is constantly working to

improve his game."

SECOND TEAM

CHRISTIAN DEBAY, SOPH., LIV. STEVENSON: The sophomore averaged 40 in dual matches, where he was medalist four times, and 78 in tournament play.

Debay shot a 74 to make All-Division in the WLAA and tied for 20th at the district with an 81. He went on to place 10th at the regional with a 78.

He also shot 74 at the Western Wayne Invitational, a 79 at the Pinckney Invitational and an 80 at the Huron Valley Invitational.

"Christian was a pleasure to coach, always has an upbeat attitude and walks the course always smiling," Omietanski said.

JUSTIN ADAMS, SR., LIV. FRANKLIN: The senior took All-Western Lakes honors with 73 and took 11th at the Division 1 district tourney with a 77.

Adams averaged 41.91 per nine and 81.33 per 18 holes. He also added an 80 at the Wayne County Championship and shot 81 at Pinckney.

"Justin was a solid player and leader all year," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said. "He was a good example for the team with his work ethic and even-temperament. He is a very long driver for a player of his size and a real streaky putter. This gives him the ability to go low, which he showed at the WLAA tournament with his 73."

CHRIS CISLO, SR., GARDEN CITY: The fourth-year Cougar really came into his own down the stretch, winning the Mega White meet with an 18-hole round of 76 and shooting an 80 at the regionals, missing the cut for state meet by just three strokes.

"He really wrapped up an excellent high school career with a superb senior year," Pummill said.

Cislo made the All-Mega White team for the first time after averaging 40 strokes for nine and 80 for 18. He was a three-time medalist.

KEVIN ROBINSON, JR., LIV. CHURCHILL: The two-year letter winner was runner-up at the Division 1 district at Whispering Willows.

Robinson, a junior, averaged 39.9 per nine and 80 per 18. He shot 79 at the WLAA tourney and added a 78 at the Farmington Invitational. He also went 81 and 83, respectively, at the Brighton and Pinckney invitational.

"Kevin will be looked upon as one of the team leaders next season," Worley said. "He showed many signs of that this year with his grind-it-out attitude on the links. This led him to improve his score in every invitational and tournament he played in this year from the previous year. He's a gamer and loves of the game of golf, always practice during his free time."

BRENDAN MUIR, SOPH., CANTON: Only a sophomore, Muir proved to be a key player in the Chiefs' ultra-successful season, firing a 79 at the WLAA Conference meet and a 75 at the District tournament - a score that earned him medalist honors.

"Brendan has immense talent," said Alles. "He became a much more consistent golfer from his freshman to sopho-

more years."

ADAM POWERS, JR., SALEM: Powers saved his best for last, firing 78's at both the WLAA Conference meet and at the Division 1 District tournament. He is an accomplished hockey player along with being a polished golfer.

"Adam came on very strong at the end of the year and played really well in our biggest tournaments," said Wilson. "Being a good hockey goalie, he has great hand-eye coordination and great instincts. He was rock solid when it counted this season."

COACH OF THE YEAR

TOM ALLES, CANTON: The veteran mentor guided the Chiefs to one of their most successful seasons in years as they registered a 3-2 WLAA Western Division record, which was good for a tie for second with Livonia Franklin, and a third-place showing in the highly competitive WLAA conference meet. Alles' steady influence was crucial for the young Chiefs, who will return four of their top six players next season.

Mosher's pitching prowess sparks Rams to 1-0 victory

Derek Mosher's performance on the mound Friday night at Livonia's Bicentennial Park was highly efficient to say the least.

The right-hander from Western Michigan University threw just 77 pitches and allowed just two hits and a walk while striking out 10 to propel the 20-and-under Michigan Rams to a 1-0 Michigan Collegiate Baseball League victory over the 22-and-under Trailblazers.

The Rams are now 7-5 in the MCBL, while the Trailblazers fall to 1-11-1.

Mosher's no-hit bid was broken up with two outs in the sixth when Tommy Jablonski beat out an infield single after Rams third baseman Ryan Abraham snagged the sharply hit ball, but was unable to get the runner out at first.

Mosher, who played high school ball at Ann Arbor Pioneer, got the final out with his 10th strikeout of the game.

Billy Anderson led off the top of the seventh with a single, but Mosher retired the next three batters in order including his 11th strikeout.

The Rams tallied their only run in the third on a walk to Mosher, a sacrifice by Brett Mazmanian and a single by Tim Cross.

Canton's Shawn Little (Madonna University) went 2-for-3 to lead the Rams' six-hit attack.

Losing pitcher Rob Hamley struck out six and walked three in six innings.

On Wednesday, the Rams snapped a three-game losing skid with a 5-4 triumph over the 20-and-under Detroit Eagles as Mazmanian went 4-for-4 and drove home Livonia Stevenson's

Nick Plinka (MU) with what proved to be the game-winning run in the top of the sixth.

Brad Herman went 3-for-4 with an RBI, while Abraham and Plinka each added two hits. Dan Augustine also drove in a run for the Rams.

Stevenson's Ben Schroeder (Kalamazoo College) worked the first four innings, allowing two runs on four hits and two walks. He fanned three before giving way to James Bertakis, who picked up the save going the final three innings. Bertakis allowed one earned run on four hits and three walks while fanning three.

Dan Welch, who worked the final 4.1 innings in relief of starter Evan Morris, suffered the loss.

B.B. Edwards went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Eagles (2-9).

ALL-WLAA SOFTBALL

2008 ALL-WLAA SOFTBALL TEAMS

ALL CONFERENCE

Pitcher: Allison Holmes, Sr., Northville.
Catcher: Brittany Taylor, Jr., Franklin.
Infielders: Mary Cox, Jr., Salem; Brianna Taylor, Jr., Franklin; Stacey Kionowski, Soph., Plymouth; Jenna Dumbleton, Sr., Northville.
Outfielders: Christina Parsons, Jr., Salem; Amy Bondy, Sr., Plymouth; Amanda Rysdorp, Jr., Canton.
At-Large: Sarah Rounsifer, Jr., Northville; Emily Pitcole, Jr., Salem.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION

Pitcher: Kristi Hardy, Jr., W.L. Central.
Catcher: Lindsay Okenka, Sr., W.L. Central.
Infielders: Heidi Schmidt, Fr., Salem; Krista Hakola, Soph., W.L. Central; Paula Guzik, Jr., Churchill; Kari Knight, Fr., W.L. Northern.

Outfielders: Hanna Turner, Jr., W.L. Central; Lena Scarpace, Jr., W.L. Central.
At-Large: Briana Lee, Fr., Salem; Lauren Brueck, Sr., Stevenson; Kathleen Hoehn, Jr., Stevenson; Katie Hockstad, Soph., W.L. Northern.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION

Pitcher: Natalie Samborn, Jr., Franklin.
Catcher: Erin Rodes, Jr., Plymouth.
Infielders: Beth Heldmeyer, Jr., Plymouth; Alyssa Marcucci, Sr., W.L. Western; Amanda Burnard, Soph., Plymouth; Amy Dunneavy, Soph., Canton; Brittany Birdsall, Sr., Northville; Alex Kaszuba, Sr., Northville.
Outfielders: Mariel Wilson, Jr., Northville; Jessica Stailey, Sr., Franklin.
At-Large: Emily Carlson, Jr., W.L. Western; Megan Hofmeister, Sr., Northville.

HONORABLE MENTION

John Glenn; Brittany Holbrook, Jr.; Stacey Truskowski, Jr.; Amanda Murakami, Jr.; Katie Down, Soph.; Salem; Lizzy Mazorowicz, Fr.; Kelli Janiczek, Fr.; Lizzy McCloud, Sr.; Mary Johnson, Soph.; W.L. Central; Heather Weidenhauer, Jr.; Chelsea Rapp, Sr.; Kara Wiechert, Soph.; Churchill; Jordan Kerr, Sr.; Katie Stodulski, Jr.; Stevenson; Christina Vackevic, Jr.; Shelby Wilson, Soph.; Amanda Paison, Jr.; Jamie Johnson, Sr.; W.L. Northern; Charli Coram, Sr.; Liz Jones, Soph.; Mackensy Lakian, Fr.; Chelsy Jacobson, Jr.; W.L. Western; Elizabeth Hart, Sr.; Lauren Ruben, Sr.; Canton; Lauren Leskovitz, Fr.; Nicole Rago, Sr.; Samantha Parfain, Fr.; Wayne; Heather Henning, Sr.; Taylor Krohn, Jr.; Kathy Harris, Jr.; Jordan Berry, Soph.; Plymouth; Gina Giordano, Sr.; Jill Brennan, Jr.; Meghan Patterson, Sr.; Franklin; Nicole Emry, Soph.; Natalie Polakowski, Jr.; Chelsea Williams, Fr.; Jessica Emery, Fr.; Northville; Mary Rounsifer, Fr.; Kelsey Lewis, Sr.; Kelsey Whelan, Sr.; Jamie Crono, Sr.

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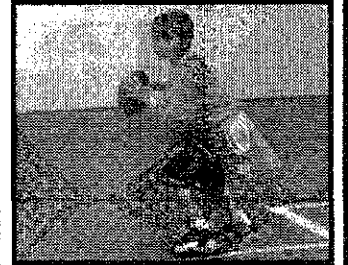
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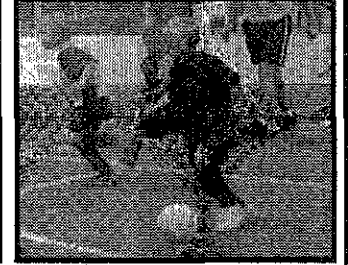
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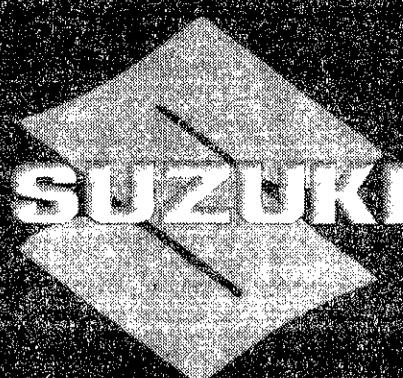
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Young Guns left-center fielder Billy Gauthier flashes the thumbs-up sign just a few minutes after a ball he lost in the sun crashed into the bridge of his nose.



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SOFTBALL

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slow-pitch softball is that it's a sport everybody can participate in," said CSC Program Director Ann-Marie Carravallah. "You don't have to be a pro to have fun. You can play right-field or play catcher and still be a factor in your team's success."

Having fun is No. 1

Like a lot of teams that play at the CSC, winning isn't everything to the Young Guns — it's the *lonely* thing.

The second-year squad that is made up of a group of high school friends from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park had just two victories in 16 games heading into Thursday night's regular season-ending double-header.

But they weren't going to let a few losses get in the way of a good time.

"Winning is a plus — we're here to have fun," said 20-year-old Young Guns third baseman Mike Sikora. "I went to high school with all these guys on my team, so we've been buddies for so long. It's nice to get everybody together again during the summer while everybody's home from school."

"A lot of times when we're out here playing, we act like we're in high school again — almost."

In sharp contrast to the more talent-laden players that toil in Class C and

D leagues, Sikora said members of the Young Guns don't fork over hundreds of dollars on high-end equipment.

"I picked this mitt up on sale at Dick's for \$40," he said smiling. "Before I bought this, I used my sister's old softball mitt."

Work reprieve

For 25-year-old Canton resident Adam Hernandez, slow-pitch softball is a great post-work stress-reliever.

"A lot of us have busy work weeks, so this gives us some time to get out of the house and hang out with our friends," he said. "We've been playing together for a long time, so, yeah, we want to win. But if we don't, we don't get mad."

"It's a sport we all played when we were kids," said 32-year-old Canton resident Joseph Willey, when asked why he signs up to play in the weekly double-headers throughout the summer. "Some of these guys only played four years in elementary school; others played all the way through high school. No matter how long you played, it's still fun."

As Willey spoke, Gauthier was helped into the side door of an emergency vehicle for observation.

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"ESPN treats its interns so well because a large number of them are hired for full-time positions after they graduate from college, so they know that a lot of the interns are the future of the company."

Never a dull day

Unlike more typical summer jobs that involve burger flipping, house painting and errand running, DeWitt's days are far from redundant.

"One of the cool things about this internship is that there is no such thing as a typical day," she said. "For instance, on Friday, the company rented one of the roof-tops by Wrigley Field so we can host some clients during the Cubs-White Sox (baseball) game."

"Some days, I've shadowed one of the company's marketing reps and other days I've actually sat in on teleconference meetings where I've helped brainstorm marketing ideas for potential clients."

"I learn something new every day."

Not long after DeWitt's May 27 starting date, she was flown to the company's Bristol, Conn., headquarters for a tour of its massive home base.

Among her SportsCenter highlights were sitting in the same anchor chair that Stewart Scott occupies, and eating in the same cafeteria that Chris Berman dines in.

"It's like a huge college campus," DeWitt said, describing the ESPN headquarters. "Of the company's 5,500 employees, 4,000 of them work in Bristol."

A long road

DeWitt's incredible journey started in December when she began researching internships at ESPN.

She sent out a resume in January and secured her first phone interview in February.

Following a second phone interview, DeWitt was one of eight candidates who were flown to Chicago to compete for one opening.

"There was a job fair at Murray State the week before I went to Chicago, so I tried to get as many interviews as I could to get some practice," she said.

A few days after the in-person interview with ESPN's Jevon Thoresen, she saw a missed call on her cell phone that had a Chicago area code.

Whoever called didn't leave a message.

"When I saw it was a Chicago number, I thought, 'Oh, shoot!'" she recalled. "It was 6:30 when I saw it, so I thought whoever called would probably be long gone from the office," she remembered. "But I called the number back any way. Jevon answered and said, 'Congratulations and welcome aboard.' It was very exciting."

Impressive credentials

DeWitt, a member of the Murray State women's soccer team, theorized that two factors played a major role in her getting the job.

"I think they liked the fact that I played a sport in college," she said. "And I was very involved with my school's marketing team — the I-Racers — so I had some experience in sports promotions."

In addition to working for ESPN, DeWitt is staying in top-notch soccer shape by playing for the Chicago United Breeze in the Women's Premier Soccer League.

"The team has a pool of 28 or 30 players and they only dress about 18 for each game, so I let them know when I can play," she said. "They know that ESPN is my No. 1 priority, so they've been very flexible with me."

DeWitt is set to return to Murray State the first week of August for pre-season soccer training.

And once school commences later that month, if she's required to write a paper on what she did over her summer break, she'll be able to fill up more than a page or two.

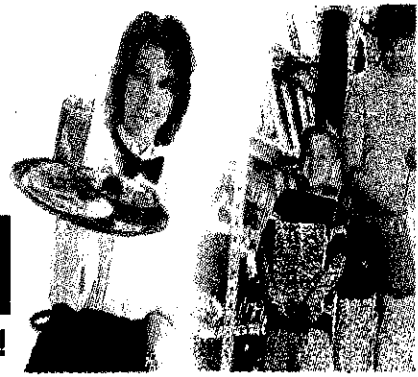
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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

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

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

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The next time you eat a scoop of yogurt, remember that you may be helping your gums as much as your digestive system. According to recent research, regularly consuming yogurt and other foods with lactic acid (mild acid) is associated with a lower occurrence of gum disease.

Previous research had found that people who eat high amounts of dairy products had less gum disease, but the identity of the exact dairy products responsible for this beneficial effect was not found. With yogurt now acknowledged as promoting better periodontal health, it is thought that the probiotic effect of *Lactobacillus* bacteria found in lactic-acid foods may be responsible. Probiotics are living microorganisms, such as *Lactobacillus* bacteria in yogurt, that are beneficial to health.

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It's healthy to know neighbors, ourselves

When Fred Rogers died several years ago, I wrote a column called "About My Neighbor."

In it, I reflected on how Mr. Rogers, through the quiet and low-key atmosphere and message of his TV show, gave so many children and families a chance to feel good about themselves, know that they were valued and of value just for who they are, and that the whole world could, and hopefully would, be our neighborhood.

That has come back to me now as the Multicultural Multiracial Commission of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills has invited people to start having "porch parties" to discover who is actually in your neighborhood.

Do you know your neighbors? How different are they from you? How similar are they to you? Why would I even want to know?

You might want to know for practical reasons. Your neighborhood can be an attractive place to live and work if all of its residents work together. If you know your neighbors it can improve neighborhood safety to have your neighbors watch your property when you are away.

You might find your neighbor has a skill which can help you with a project. Your neighbor might find that since you have lived in the community longer, you might have some suggestions as to where to find a service of some kind like hairdresser, or medical needs or a house of worship or the nearest YMCA.

The notion of coming to know your stranger even has a parallel in your inner life. As a survival tactic or coping skill, the ego has a way of distancing the conscious self from parts of the personality which seem painful, able to inflict pain, or generally have qualities which do not help in relationships and general public acceptance.

These parts of us are either hidden or only come into play in extreme circumstances or they take the form of being such a part of us that while we are familiar and just know us as the way we are others might find us difficult to relate to.

One example is depression. Many who are depressed either deny it consciously or have developed ways to cope which push the depression away. But in either of those cases the depression, an integral part of ourselves because it is in our hardwiring, our experience, is a stranger and not a neighbor. The basic technique in therapy for treating depression, or any other parts of our lives that might be problematic, is to make them known, to "meet them," to understand more about that part of ourselves, to become "neighbors" with the part of ourselves we don't like.

Rather than be ruled by fear, or ignorance or uncertainty or denial we can reach out to meet this part of ourselves. In the meeting and learning about that part of ourselves the personality heals a "split," becomes more unified, and more energy focuses on the unity and common goal of the health and strength of the person.

This psychological process is a bit like what can happen in our neighborhoods where we live, or across neighborhoods, or across cities, states, countries, cultures within and among religious communities.

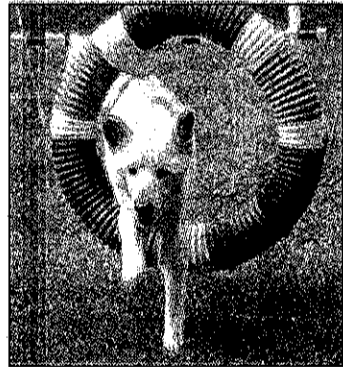
Simplistic? Perhaps, except that when walls are broken down, and people move away from fear and learn to trust, both them and their neighbors, the peace of the community broadens and strengthens.

Just some thoughts as we think about whether or not to host either neighborhood parties in our own neighborhood or take a look within ourselves to meet the stranger there.

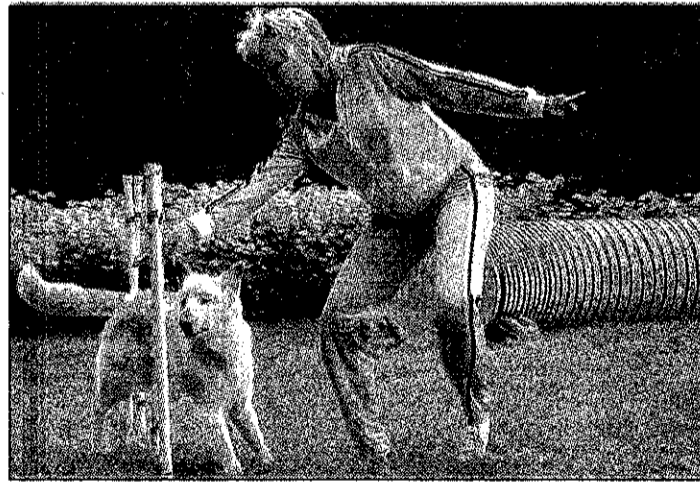
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Debbie McDermott and Roxie sit with some of the ribbons Roxie won in the national Canine Performance Events held recently in Mason, south of Lansing.



Roxie runs through the agility practice course in her Livonia backyard.



Debbie McDermott runs Roxie through the practice course in the backyard. Roxie has struggled with an illness making it difficult for her to eat but both she and McDermott have never given up and Roxie continues to work as a therapy dog and win ribbons in competitions.

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Persevering pooch

Dog inspires owner to never give up

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Roxie flies through the air as if she was never diagnosed with myasthenia gravis, a neuromuscular disease that prevents her from eating normally. Her owner Debbie McDermott believes the dog's love for running obstacle courses strengthens her will to fight the autoimmune disorder.

Ever since the diagnosis on Dec. 23, McDermott has literally lived her life around Roxie feeding her every four hours and making sure the Israeli herding dog takes her seven medications.

All of Roxie's food must be liquefied and fed to her in a specially

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HELP is around the corner to learn English

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Sister Mary Martinez couldn't say no when she received a call to tutor Hispanic immigrants in English even though it means the 76-year-old Felician nun must travel three times a week from Livonia to Pontiac. After 59 years of teaching foreign languages she was eager to reverse her role as an instructor and help the students build a future in this country.

Martinez insists on not taking sole credit for the endeavor. Ana Mandelbaum of Franklin came up with the idea for HELP, the Hispanic Education for Life Skills Project. Al Swerdlow of Farmington Hills not only volunteers as a tutor but promotes the program. Sister Paulita Bikowski, as administrator of the Montessori School run by the Felicians, lent her 32 years of experience to care for the children of students during classes. Sister Alfonsa Van Overberghe, treasurer, helped with funding through the Felician Sisters who made donations and purchased materials. Sister Renetta Rumpz, Felician provincial minister, provides support wherever she can. Many more men and women in business and education volunteer as well.

Although classes ended June 11 HELP is hoping to attract students and volunteers to the summer program that starts July 8, and runs for a month. The academic year begins again on Sept. 16.

"It's a program that's very much needed. They come from Mexico. The men go to work, children to school and they're learning English," said Martinez. "They want to learn and that's a big plus."

"The hardest part is to be creative and find new ways to present things. I've been criticized for doing English and Spanish, but learned if you only teach it in one language and they fall behind, they're lost."

Mandelbaum can relate to the struggle of learning English. She came to this country from Cuba in 1966 without knowing the language. That's one of the reasons she wanted to start HELP at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Pontiac. Mandelbaum eventually learned to read and write and graduated from Henry Ford High School in 1968 then went on to Wayne State University where she not only earned a bachelor's degree but a PhD in languages. Her master's is from the University of Michigan.

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Sister Mary Martinez (right) and Sister Paulita Bikowski talk about the HELP program which tutors Hispanic students in the English language.

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Chorales reunite for final concert

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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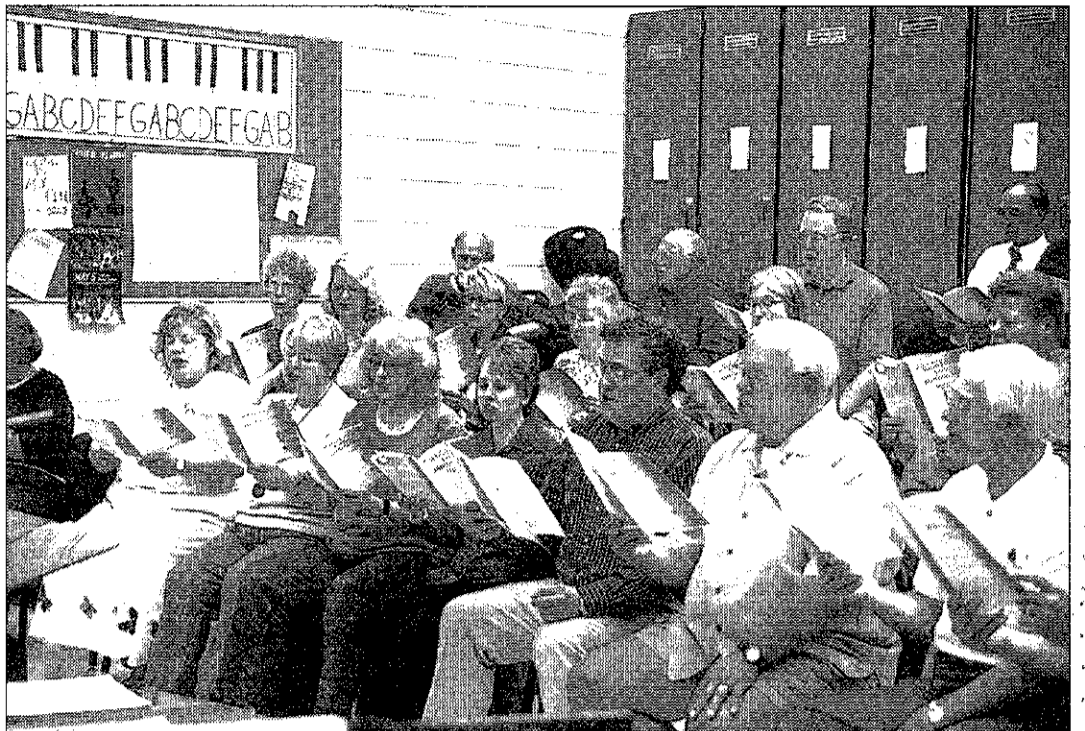
Don Pratt probably will never forget 1966. He was a high school student on his way to South America as a member of the Youth for Understanding Chorale. Little did he know the experience would open his eyes to diverse cultures and lead to life-long friendships with chorale members not only from his year but 1958 to 1973 when the program existed.

On Sunday, June 29, more than 172 singers return to Hill Auditorium for a reunion concert and a weekend of rehearsals and activities. The chorales traditionally ended their tours in Ann Arbor where Rachel Andresen founded the groups that brought together junior and high school seniors from southeast Michigan. Over the years chorales averaged about 70 singers.

"We got the whole exchange experience without living there for a year," said Pratt of Canton. "I lived with nine different families on my tour in Chile, Uruguay and Brazil, and was on the 1972 staff with the chorale in Germany, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, and '73 in Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala.

"As a chorale member you have a musical experience memorizing music from classical to spirituals. You might be singing in Portuguese or Spanish and learn a variety of music and music styles. You really grow a lot musically."

Pratt is especially excited about being joined on stage by his sister Carolyn, a chorale member who went on to become a professional soloist in Bloomington, Minn.; his wife Kathy, an alto and chaperone for the '72 and '73 chorales with Pratt, and his father Robert, conductor



Youth for Understanding Chorale members from 32 states and four foreign countries reunite for a concert next Sunday.

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of the chorale from 1964 to 1973. Robert, now 81, takes to the stage to conduct the chorale's 50th anniversary and the last of a series of reunion concerts held every two years.

"It's special to have my father conduct. He's conducted in Michigan for 57 years," said Pratt. "It's going to be spectacular. Alumni who can't do the entire weekend will join us on stage at the end for four pieces every chorale sang. There will probably be 200 voices or more."

DuAnne Sonnevill has

spent last week taking registration. The Orchard Lake woman is proud to have been a member of the 1966 chorale with Pratt.

"It's a huge project but it's so wonderful in the end. We have members coming from 32 states and four foreign countries," said Sonnevill, who sings with Pratt in the Plymouth Oratorio Society. "It was a life changing experience. We were going to be an ambassador for the country. It broadened everybody's horizon. We were the first ones traveling. We opened those doors. We were sent into areas people had not even seen Americans or met them to show we were very much like them. They only knew what they saw on television. Different doesn't mean better or worse just different."

Germans welcomed the chorale with open arms in 1958. David B. Graves knows he'll never forget the destruction still visible from World War II.

Although unsettling, the

experience triggered a love for travel in the Troy man. As a result he worked in the industry until 2001.

"How we traveled and communicated back to home from Europe compared to today is just worlds apart," said Graves. "When we flew over it took 20 hours with two refueling stops. I remember standing out on the runway and the International building at Detroit Metropolitan Airport was little more than a prefabricated building."

"In Germany we were still seeing a great deal of destruction. I was a naive teenager at the time. I remember the great deal of people wounded from the war. It was quite something to experience yet we received such warm welcomes wherever we were. It was unusual for teens to be traveling to Europe, to be one of the first to participate in an adventure as what we did was really quite ground breaking."

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Robert Pratt of Canton will conduct the Youth for Understanding Chorale Reunion Concert Sunday, June 29, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

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Gait is different in conditions where nerve damage has occurred. In Parkinson's Disease walking has a shuffling character and turning is difficult. In instances of diabetic neuropathy the gait is slow with short steps as the person cannot feel solid footing. In the case of sciatica the individual may drag a foot because muscles in the leg are not receiving the usual signals to contract and raise the foot.

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built doggie high chair. Roxie still receives about a quarter of her daily nutrition through a feeding tube which had been her lifeline from January through early May.

McDermott keeps repeating how Roxie has taught her to persevere especially through the critical night when she slept beside the dog on the floor at the animal hospital. Twice McDermott and her husband Frank had talked about ending Roxie's suffering but then her health began to improve.

By late May the 11-year-old Canaan was not only competing in agility but winning First Place ribbons in national Canine Performance Events in Mason, south of Lansing. Although extremely thin, Roxie jumps over and runs through the obstacles

seemingly without effort.

Over the years she's competed from California to Nova Scotia and earned her Agility Championship a year ago.

"She's a fighter," said McDermott, who works Roxie's care into her schedule as a member of the Livonia Planning Commission. "The first time she ran since September was the second week in May when I tried her out at a smaller competition and she took off. I found by doing something she loved she had renewed energy and you could see the light come back in her eyes. It's not the ribbons. It made her so happy. They say a runner gets a high when they run. That's what she experienced."

Roxie has always given her all, whether it's on the obstacle course or visiting Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit and Camelot nursing home in

Livonia as a member of Therapy Dogs International. During the school year she's known as Roxie the Reading Dog at Buchanan Elementary in Livonia where students practice their reading skills as she quietly listens. Even when extremely ill, Roxie visited patients at Camelot.

"I've seen her in the hospital or nursing home. She somehow knows how to nudge up and comfort them," said McDermott. "There was a teenage girl at Children's Hospital who wanted to walk her. I asked the girl's father if it was okay. While we were walking through the halls the girl said she'd coded twice that week and that she was dying of brain cancer. She's given so much to so many people."

This isn't Roxie's first bout with illness. At age 2 she had to quit competing in obedience trials because of another autoimmune disorder. Roxie's

current struggle keeps her sitting vertically in a chair for at least 20 minutes after every meal to enable the liquefied diet to travel down the esophagus with gravity.

McDermott has experimented with a variety of feeding methods she learned about on the megaesophagus Yahoo group on the Internet. She says Roxie is worth it.

"She's taught me that no matter how bad it looks you never give up on life or in life," said McDermott. "I set up her equipment last night and she watched me through the door anxious to run her course. We're hoping."

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Roxie gets a mid-morning snack from Debbie McDermott. Because of her illness, Roxie stays in a special chair to keep her upright 20-25 minutes after eating.



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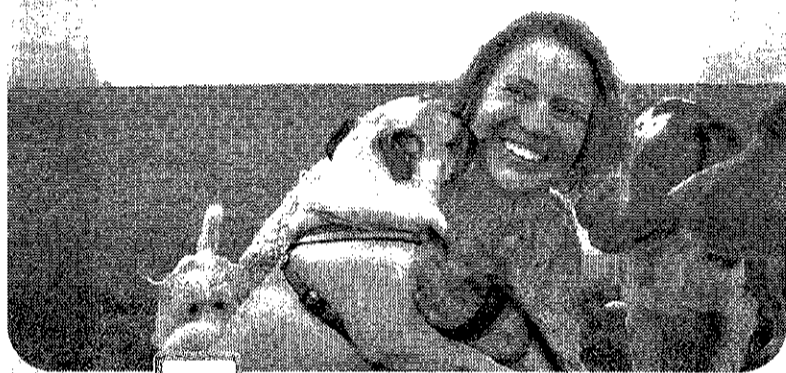
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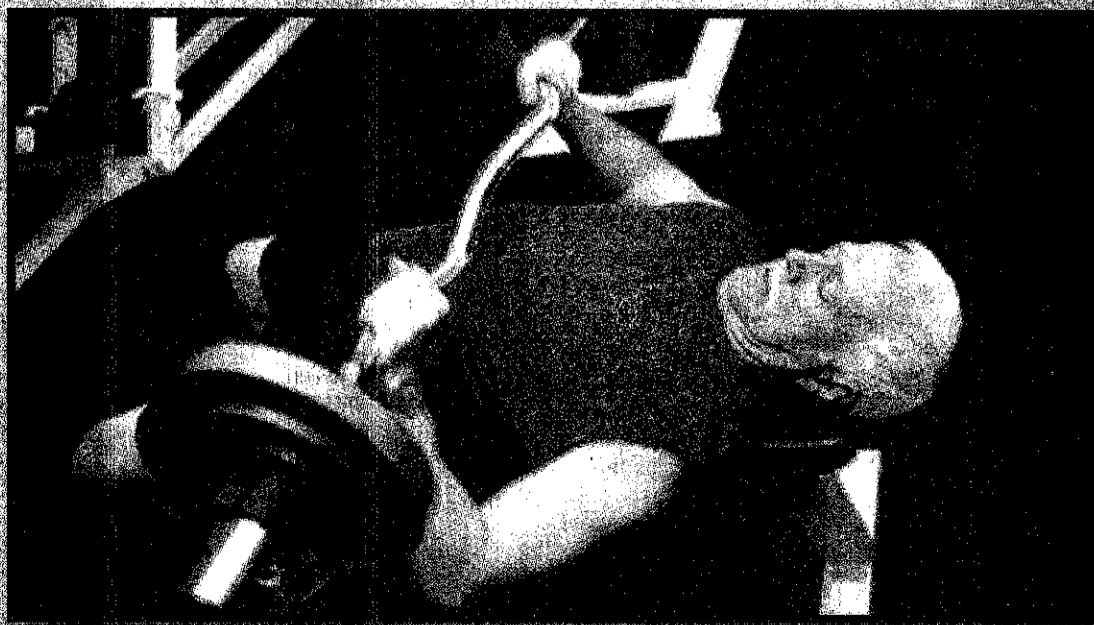
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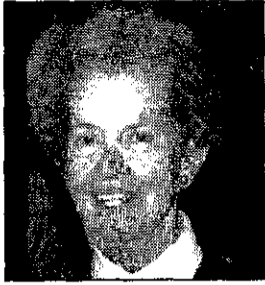
WILLIAM ADOLPH BRUNSTAD

Passed away on Sunday, June 15, 2008, after a short illness. Bill, as he was known to everyone, was born in Chipewewa Falls, WI on February 7, 1916. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Carleton College in Northfield, MN and obtained his law degree from Northwestern University in Chicago, IL where he was a member of the Board of Editors for the Illinois Law Review. He practiced law for a short time in Chicago before joining the FBI in 1941 as part of the war effort for the United States. He volunteered for the service in the elite SIS group which took him to Ecuador and Argentina as an undercover agent. After the war, he spent his entire career with General Motors Corporation. He was one of the early participants in the labor relations arena and was recognized as a keen draftsman and respected member of the General Motors' negotiation team. He retired in 1979 as Assistant Director of Labor Relations. Bill married Alice V. Wade on June 26, 1948. His death came only 11 days before he and his wife were to celebrate 60 years of marriage. Bill and Alice lived in Birmingham, MI for most of his career with General Motors before moving to Stuart, FL to retire. While in Birmingham, Bill served on a number of civic and charitable committees including his service as an elder and a trustee for the Presbyterian Church, The Kirk in the Hills. Bill loved to play golf and despite a somewhat questionable golf swing always managed to stay competitive with his peers and his family. He and Alice moved to Atlanta in 2006 to be closer to their family. A memorial service was held in Birmingham, AL on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. The family asks that donations be made to The Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302. Bill is survived by his wife Alice, two sons James W. Brunstad and William D. Brunstad and four grandchildren, Elizabeth Brooks Brunstad, Margaret Wade Brunstad, Louis Egan Brunstad and John Miller Brunstad.



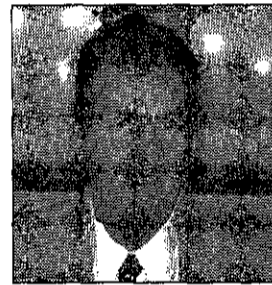
HUGH ROSS MACK, JR.

June 15, 2008. Beloved husband of Elizabeth D. Mack for 58 years, died at the age of 85 at Woodward Hills Nursing Center from cancer related illness. Incredibly father to Anne Ganiard, Wendy O'Connor, and Hugh Ross Mack, III. Devoted grandfather to Lindsay, Elizabeth, Christopher, Lauren, J.J., Mary and Michael. Hugh graduated from Baldwin High School where he made All State in football. Coach Fritz Chrysler of The University of Michigan recruited Hugh to play football. Hugh lettered in both football and wrestling while at U of M. He was a loyal member of Chi Psi fraternity, and those friendships have been everlasting. Hugh served in WWII in the Navy as a torpedo officer on the destroyer USS Ellison. After the war he graduated from U of M with a degree in economics. Hugh was a former member of the Birmingham Athletic Club, when it was first organized, and he was a 60 year member of the Detroit Athletic Club where he enjoyed handball, squash and bowling. Hugh volunteered at Old Brighton Hospital and Guest House. Manressa meetings and members where dear to his heart. Members of Christ Church Cranbrook for 58 years, Hugh and wife Betsy taught Sunday school and Hugh ushered until his illness. A private commitment will be held in the columbarium at Christ Church Cranbrook and there will be a memorial service July 19, 2008 at 11:00 am at Christ Church Cranbrook. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Beaumont Hospice, 3601 W. 13 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073.



RUTH MESTON (MEIER) TAYLOR

Age 90, of Ann Arbor passed away gracefully, peacefully and in her home, per her wishes, in early June, 2008. Ruth was born in July, 1917 in Detroit, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late James Herbert Meier and Hazel (Davidson) Meier and the wife of the late Thomas S. Taylor (Major, U. S. Army, ret.). Ruth Meier began her career in the fashion department of the J. L. Hudson Co., Detroit, MI, and was quickly promoted to Director of the Bridal Department. She was also a writer, editor and fashion consultant for the Detroit Shopping News. After the Second World War Ruth toured Europe by bicycle twice, leading an American Youth Hostel group on her second trip (1949) wearing a series of outfits for which she had just won First Prize in the National Sewing Contest (original design) which included a week's trip through the fashion world of New York, NY. She won four Michigan and two national competitions. By 1959 she had been graduated by Wayne State University with Bachelor of Arts degree, was member of the American Association of University Women, the Great Books Society and active in charity work. Ruth Meier married Thomas S. Taylor in 1960 and adopted his two sons, Robert and TS. "Mom had a great 90 year run," one of the boys remarked recently. Raising her family also included being a guide for Greenfield Village for eight years and being elected President of the Riverwoods Garden club in Southfield, MI as Tom was raising bees and harvesting honey. The city of Southfield recognized Ruth's community beautification accomplishments for her "Trees for Telegraph Road" project in the 1970s. Ruth and family enjoyed back-woods camping near Harbor Springs, MI, and fly fishing. They camped and fished their way around America through Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, Dinosaur National Monument at the northern corner of Utah and Colorado, Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore, OK, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, ND, and Niagara Falls, NY. With Tom, Ruth went white-water-rafting down the Colorado river through the Grand Canyon and followed the Klondike Gold Rush highway in Alaska. Recently, Ruth and her boys toured five Hawaiian Islands, Pearl Harbor and appreciated Ann Arbor Art Fairs and Top of the Park celebrations. She is survived by her sons, her brother, George Meier of Grand Rapids, and her sister, Alice Hughes of Baltimore, MD and several nieces and nephews. Ruth's other sister, Sylvia Throckmorton of Sudbury, MA passed away in 2006. Ruth appreciated the many caregivers, and open-access hospice, who assisted her in her home in recent years, thank you to all. Viewing will be Wednesday, 25 June from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Haley Funeral Directors, 24525 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI and a viewing and service on Thursday, 26 June from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 120 South State Street, Ann Arbor. A family memorial ceremony will be scheduled later this year. On-line condolences and directions at: www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com



CARL PARK

June 15, 2008. Loving friend of Joan Valente. Dear brother of Jacqueline Kendal, Dr. Kenneth (Kathy), Kathleen, Kevin (Cherlyn), Lisa (Ron) Keefe and the late Richard. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation Saturday, June 28th, 10 a.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 4000 Six Mile Road (west of Haggerty) until time of Memorial Service at 11 a.m. Carl was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Local care and services were entrusted to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road, Livonia. Memorial donations to St. Jude Hospital would be appreciated. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

P. DOUGLASS PFAFF

Age 69, of Venice, Florida, passed away on June 17, 2008. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 24, 1939 and moved to Venice five years ago from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He was a member of the Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club, Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, Venice High School Football Boosters Club, past-president of I.A.D.D. and the Oxford Rotary Club in Oxford, Michigan and a member of Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He also served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Dorothy; three sons, Kevin of Littleton, Colorado, Chris (Debra) of Westwood, Massachusetts, Doug (Jennifer) of Birmingham, Michigan; a brother, Rae (Tilde) of Orchard Lake, Michigan; five grandchildren, Drew, Mitchell, Jake, Tucker, Griffin and nine nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Monday, June 23, 2008 at the Venice Presbyterian Church. Memorial donations may be made to TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, Florida 34238 or to the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club, P.O. Box 8, Venice, Florida 34284. Farley Funeral Home in Venice, Florida is handling the arrangements. To send condolences visit: www.farleyfuneralhome.com

CHRISTOPHER GROCHOWSKI

Age 51, of Garden City, June 18, 2008. Beloved husband of Debbie. Loving father of Robert, James, John (Heather), Christina, Daniel, and Matthew. Dearest son of Zofia and the late Tadeusz. Dear brother of Barbara (Chris), Steve (Helena), and Teresa (Salim). Loving grandfather of six. Dear godfather of two. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Christopher served proudly in the military for 21 years. He then went on to work for Plymouth Ford Vieston for 19 years. Ultimately, after his courageous fight Christopher last his long battle to leukemia. Visitation on Monday, June 23, 2008, 2-9pm at the Vora Funeral Home (Dearborn Chapel), 23701 Ford Rd. Funeral Service Tuesday at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Garden City. Obituary/Guestbook at: www.vorafuneralhome.com



BRENDA L. KERN

Age 49 of Novi, June 14, 2008. Loving wife of Richard. Devoted mother of Kristen. Beloved daughter of George and the late Alice Kupchinsky. Dear sister of Lynn Schick. Dear aunt of Thomas Schick. Visitation was held at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. In state 10 AM until the 11 AM funeral service at NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial, (at Ridge Rd) Plymouth. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Bible Study Fellowship International, or to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center. To view obituary and share memories, please visit: vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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ENGAGEMENTS

Janes-Lucas

Margaret Rose Janes and Matthew Aaron Lucas will be married in July at the Pine Knob Mansion in Clarkston, Michigan. Maggie is the daughter of Joseph and Judith Janes of Oakland Township. She graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's in International Relations and received a master's in Public Health from Tulane University in New Orleans. Maggie is employed by Public Health Solutions in New York City.

Matt is the son of Charles and Kenyann Lucas of Texarkana, Texas. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he received



a bachelor's in Business Management. Matt resides in New York City where he is studying for his master's in International Relations.

Both are returned Peace Corp Volunteers who served in West Africa. The couple will make their home in New York City after the wedding.



Condon-Dinnan

Paul and Cathy Condon of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann Condon, to Clinton James Dinnan, son of Bill and Hope Dinnan of Holly.

Kelly is a graduate of Michigan State University Osteopathic Medical School, and is a surgical resident at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Clinton is a graduate of Oakland Community College and is a registered nurse in the emergency room at Providence Park Hospital in Novi.

Kelly and Clinton are planning a June, 2009, wedding on the beach in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Prabhu-Howery

Suhas and Kiran Prabhu of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Neha Prabhu, to Dan Howery, son of Terry Howery of Northville, and Doris Howery of Livonia.

The bride-to-be graduated from North Farmington High School and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Michigan. She is currently working as an investment analyst.

The future groom graduated from Stevenson High School in Livonia and also attended University of Michigan, where he obtained a bachelor's in Computer Science Engineering. He works as a



video game programmer at Midway Games.

The couple met at college and now reside in Chicago.

A May 23, 2009 wedding and reception are planned at the Dearborn Inn.

Samulski-Orehek

Walter and Diane Samulski of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Samulski, to Mike Orehek, son of Ed and Joyce Orehek of Livonia and Pam and Stan Stachowicz of Brighton. The bride-to-be is currently a student at Central Michigan University. She will graduate in December, 2008, with a bachelor's in journalism with a concentration in public relations and minors in mar-

keting and sport management.

The future groom graduated in December, 2007, from Madonna University where he was a pitcher on the baseball team for four years. He has a bachelor's in Business Administration and works for Guardian Glass Industries as a line supervisor.

A June 13, 2009 wedding is planned at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth followed by a reception at Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.



ENGLISH

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"A former immigrant, I'm a woman and a mother and have a lot of things in common with my students. I felt there was a bond there. I felt I could make a difference because I could sense what they've gone through," said Mandelbaum. "It was very difficult. I basically struggled. I was lucky. My teachers were willing to accommodate my situation. If I could not write, they allowed me to do it orally."

Mandelbaum originally helped students learn English while working for another agency in Pontiac. After developing the program there she decided to start HELP and bought books with her own money.

"I wanted to really fulfill the need that I realized we have in the Hispanic community," said Mandelbaum. "I wanted to focus on English and computer skills and was able to offer more opportunities."

"These people are desperate to learn English and to work so their situation varies day by day. Enrollment is always open. Some can only come in one day. We always welcome

you as long as you want to learn. I've learned a lot this year. When I hear some of the things these people are going through it amazes me they still have the motivation to learn."

HELP originally started with about 150 students. There are now about 70 studying in the basement of St. Michael's Catholic Church where pastor Sean Sylvester loans space for the program independent of the parish. Mandelbaum welcomes all denominations of students and volunteers.

"Our volunteers are from different backgrounds, religions and colors," said Mandelbaum, who is Jewish. "We come together because we want to make a difference. It makes you feel good when you're doing something for someone else, but you're also doing it for yourself."

Swerdlow's been volunteering as a tutor for more than 20 years. The 82-year old man worked with the Oakland Literacy Council in the past. He offered his services after hearing the program was desperately in need of help.

Swerdlow's father was 26 and didn't know a word of English when he came to America from Russia and later

would ask his son to teach him the language.

"We now have six levels of instruction," said Swerdlow. "Ana is the spark plug of this whole thing. She doesn't get paid and the students know her personally and she knows each of them by name."

"They're a great bunch of students. They're so appreciative. The vast majority are women who never get a chance to speak English. In the house when they come home there's only one language, Spanish."

HELP is still looking desperately for tutors and an attorney to assist HELP in becoming a nonprofit. Tutors need not know Spanish. Contributions are welcome as well. The computer lab was entirely donated.

"The beauty of it really is it is so rewarding for the tutors," said Swerdlow. "They're in love with the program and students, and we don't spend a dime on salaries. It is so interesting to find how many people out there are looking for opportunities to volunteer. It is a part of my life I would not want to give up."

For more information or to volunteer, call (248) 787-6207.

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REUNIONS

Berkley High School

Class of 1958
Planning a 50th Reunion, Sept 19-21, 2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn, 2601 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 bhbsfirst-five.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/chhsclassof65/> CHHSInksterReunionMain.html.

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1988
A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resourcel@gfn.org.

Crestwood High School

Class of 1968
A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch, (313) 937-3477 or e-mail

CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1963
A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.net.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Classes of 1958
The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008, at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443. Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

January Class of 1958
A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Note the October date and location for the January class reunion. Call Nancy at (248) 851-5257 or Pat at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

Erasing misconceptions

Working and walking to raise awareness about psoriasis

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Doug Medonis wears a long sleeved shirt whenever his psoriasis flares up. A paralegal for a Bingham Farms attorney, the 51-year-old covers the red, scaly patches out of habit. Some people still think the immune disorder is contagious so Medonis is working not only to erase the stigma, but raise money for programs and studies to improve the lives of patients with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

Earlier this year he met with lawmakers in Washington, D.C. as a representative of the National Psoriasis Foundation to increase federal funding for research. Back home he serves on a committee organizing the first local Walk for Awareness, set for June 28 in Ann Arbor. Proceeds go to education, advocacy and support.

Diagnosed at age 8 with psoriasis, Medonis is among 10 to 30 percent of patients who develop psoriatic arthritis which can damage the joints. He wakes up most mornings tired and stiff.

"It's a noncontagious disease," said Medonis. "It is very isolating as there are a lot of misunderstandings about it. When I was in my 20s we were much more ashamed about it. It has quite an effect on people's lives. Relationships are difficult because you have this nasty stuff on your skin. It's also very painful and will crack and bleed. There's still a lot of shame attached to it especially if they're a public figure. It's an immune system disease with a lot of physical and emotional burden."

Medonis has found relief with Remicade, one of the biologic treatments that include Enbrel and Humira. While infusions of Remicade don't cure the condition, the biologic does manage it.

Treatment for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis has come a long way according to Dr. Joseph Skender. The Beaumont Hospital rheumatologist prescribed Remicade for Medonis.

"In 1990, psoriatic arthritis was treated traditionally with anti-inflammatories, methotrexate. We had biologic medications approved in 1998 for rheumatoid arthritis and later for psoriatic arthritis," said Skender of Birmingham. "Biologics have really come to the forefront and do a great job on moderate to severe psoriasis. Traditionally a lot of our treatments haven't



Doug Medonis (left) visited lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to encourage increases in federal funding of psoriasis research.

NATIONAL PSORIASIS WALK FOR AWARENESS

What: 1k and 5k walks to raise money for the National Psoriasis Foundation
When: Saturday, June 28 (8 a.m. registration before 9 a.m. walks)
Where: Wheeler Park, Depot Street and N. 5th Avenue, Ann Arbor
Cost: \$25 to register.
For information: Visit www.pso.org/ann-arborwalk or call Randy Little (586) 296-6444, or Liz Fischer at (800) 723-9166, ext. 397

helped in inflammation in the back and back pain, but biologics have.

"There are other biologics they're working on right now, more things coming down the pike that are exciting. In the last 10 years we've seen more advances for arthritis than in the past. Psoriatic arthritis like rheumatoid can start chewing up the joints and can be a destructive debilitating arthritis."

Medonis says it's difficult for patients to find the drug that works for them. As one of the co-leaders of a psoriasis support group which meets at the Novi Public Library, he invited Dr. Henry Wong to speak about the disorder. Wong is director of the biologics clinic and lymphoma clinic in the dermatology department at Henry Ford Hospital.

Wong has seen a lot of progress in treating psoriasis since he started seeing patients as a dermatologist in 1993. While psoriasis patients benefit from topical medications, steroids and UVB light treatments, those with psoriatic arthritis frequently receive help from one of the biologics. Wong evaluates and treats patients with psoriasis as well as psoriatic arthritis.

"We've seen a lot of new therapies developed from our understanding of the disease," said Wong. "We believe it's an immune mediated disease with genetic and environmental components that lead to the development of this disease. It's an abnormality of the immune system where certain parts of the system are overactive. We have begun to use agent therapies that target the immune system."

Early on researchers developed drugs to depress the immune system but the treatments had serious side effects. Over the last 6 to 7 years the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved injectable medications or biologics that have changed the treatment of moderate to severe psoriasis as well as psoriatic arthritis. Enbrel and Humira are given by injection from once or twice a week to once every two weeks. Patients receive Remicade by infusion in a physician's office once every two months.

"Biologics are revolutionary in terms of treating psoriasis," said Wong, who lives in Bloomfield Township. "They target parts of the immune system that are overactive. One of the risks is depressing the immune system. With any medication there can be side effects. Patients can be at increased risk for tuberculosis and other infections although this is not seen very frequently, and it can reveal people who may be predisposed to multiple sclerosis."

Wong says new therapies are on the horizon that are very effective. At Henry Ford Hospital he's organizing a clinical trial comparing one of the new treatments to Enbrel. He expects the study to begin in the next month or two. For more information, call (313) 874-9171.

Henry Ford Hospital also does basic research studying immune defects in psoriasis patients at the molecular level.

PSA test best way to monitor prostate cancer

Carl from Rochester Hills suffered from prostate cancer that is now in a state of remission. He emails for tips on keeping the condition in check.

Carl, you probably know PSA testing is the best way to monitor treatment for prostate cancer. When the PSA rises after treatment it is a good bet the disease is still active. Patients have a tough choice



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

to make, use treatments that block testosterone production or wait for symptoms to reappear. Hormone therapy can stop the progress of the disease for years, but it is not a cure. Treat a patient with a high PSA but no symptoms and it is likely that within a year he will have side effects. They can include decreased mental sharpness, energy loss and sexual dysfunction. Be sure to stay in close contact with your specialist to determine progress. At least once every six months is a good rule of thumb.

Jim from Livonia writes that he has tried all the gimmick diets but they just don't seem to work! What can he do?

Jim, the answer to your weight problem could be between your ears! Studies show that despite all the miracle diets, Americans continue to rank near the top of the chart world wide when it comes to weight problems.

Why?? The answer is many of those diets claim you can eat all you want and still lose weight.

For the vast majority of us, that is just not true! It is almost impossible to achieve long term weight loss with short term diets! To get to the bottom of weight gain, we need to explore the reasons why we overeat to begin with!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Cook hamburgers thoroughly to prevent E. coli

The Michigan Department of Community Health and several local health departments are investigating an increase in the number of illnesses related to the bacteria E. coli O157 after receiving reports of 29 cases of infection so far in the month of June. In the past four years, Michigan has averaged 10 cases for the month of June.

Although the investigation is ongoing, early laboratory results, including DNA analysis of the bacteria, indicate that several of the illnesses may be linked, suggesting a common food source. Preliminary information collected from patients indicates ground beef is most likely the source.

Historically E. coli infections have resulted from the consumption of contaminated ground beef. Public health officials would like to remind consumers that using a digital instant read food thermometer is the only way to be sure a ground beef patty is thoroughly cooked at a high enough temperature to destroy any bacteria that may be present. The minimal internal temperature for a hamburger patty is 160 degrees

Fahrenheit and just using color as an indicator of safety may not be adequate. USDA data show that eating pink ground beef patties without using a thermometer is a significant risk factor for food-borne illness.

Symptoms vary, but often include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting. If there is fever, it usually is not very high (less than 101 degrees). Most people get better within five to seven days. Some infections are very mild, but others are severe or even life-threatening.

Here are a few tips from the Partnership for Food Safety Education to make sure you don't become ill from E. coli.

- Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food.

- Always marinate foods in the refrigerator, not on the counter or outdoors. Don't use sauce that was used to marinate raw meat or poultry on cooked food. Boil used marinade before applying to cooked food.

- When grilling foods, preheat the coals on your grill

for 20 or 30 minutes, or until the coals are lightly coated with ash.

- If you partially cook food in the microwave, oven or stove to reduce grilling time, do so immediately before the food goes on the hot grill.

- When it's time to cook the food, cook it to a safe internal temperature. Use a food thermometer to be sure.

- Never place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood or eggs. Be sure to have on hand plenty of clean utensils and platters.

- Grilled food can be kept hot until served by moving it to the side of the grill rack, away from the coals where it can overcook.

- Never let raw meat, poultry, eggs, cooked food or cut fresh fruits or vegetables sit at room temperature more than two hours before putting them in the refrigerator or freezer (one hour when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit).

For more information, visit www.usda.gov or www.cdc.gov and search for food safety or E. coli.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE

Golf benefit

The 2008 Gray's Reef Golf Classic that raises money each year for Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan 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, call (248) 353-8222 or visit www.leukemiamichigan.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 \$24. Through this program participants learn to develop a moderate approach to eat-

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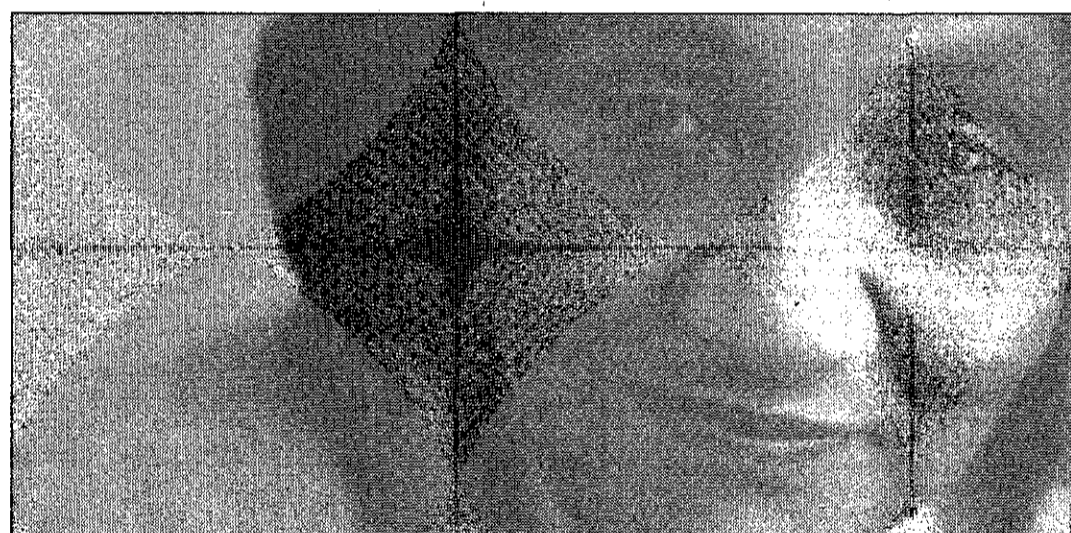
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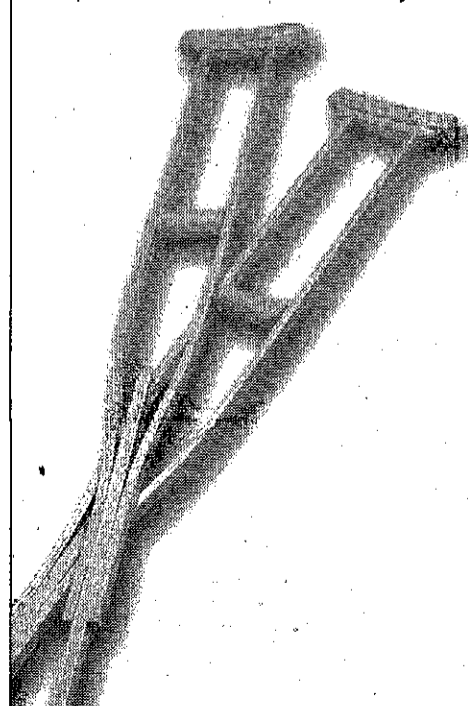


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FROM THE OUTSIDE IN -- INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES AT WORK



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Let's turn the tables on ourselves. Instead of thinking about the behaviors of people from other countries, let's look at how they view ours. Doing so might teach us a little about our workplace practices.

You're most likely accustomed to a 9-to-5 or 8-to-5 schedule. Baltimore's Sophia Tade, Client Services consultant at Global Lead L.L.C., headquartered in Cincinnati, had to adjust to a completely different schedule when she started working here. In her native West African country of Benin, lunch and dinner with family are extremely important: so people leave home at 7:00 a.m., return around noon or 1:00, take a nap and get back into the office at 3:00 or 4:00. Then they go home about 7:00 p.m. The only thing their schedule has in common with ours is that it's not flexible.

Taiwan native Angeline Chang is assistant Marketing director of the flagship gallery of the family business, Liuli, in San Francisco. She comments on the stepped-up schedule of talking while eating in this country, compared with the Chinese practice of not speaking while eating. "In

the United States," she observes, "there are many occasions when you have to eat and talk. American people can talk so easily when they're eating."

South Korean Hoon Yang is senior associate on the Game Planning & Design team at Nexon America Inc., in Los Angeles, a computer game company. After he graduated from high school in San Antonio and attended the University of Arizona, he returned to Korea until May, 2006, when he was promoted and relocated to Los Angeles. He mentions that Americans eat alone, and that it's acceptable. In Korea, people eat in groups. Tade remarks that she frequently eats at her desk to get her work done -- very different from life in Benin.

Yang also points out that when e-mailing, Koreans carbon "a lot of people," their managers, who are the workplace equivalent of elders. "This is the (managers') way of keeping up with what's going on," he says. "Here, the approach is more do-it-yourself. There's a little more freedom. It's easy to understand the pros and cons of each."

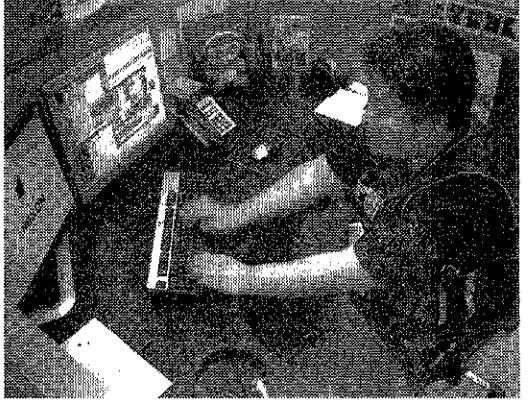
Tade is struck by the networking events people are expected to attend. "Here you have to do these extra things to have enough exposure to the boss," she says. She discusses at length the challenge this presents her, and it's clear that the activity of self-promotion continues to be difficult for her. She grew up in a culture that emphasized hard work coupled with humility as the key to success. "I just went and talked with my supervisor and asked how to

do this," she recalls. "I'm always thinking I have to be flexible and that understanding things from the perspective of Americans is the best way to improve."

Chang is similarly challenged, particularly when she has to turn her back on Asian culture when someone compliments her and she can't possibly deny it. "Here, when people come into our gallery and compliment us on our pieces," she mentions, "you have to say, 'Thank you.' You have to convince yourself and control your mouth."

Chang comments that there is much more humor in our workplace. In particular, she recalls an incident about a man who took his bulldog to work, put him in a cage and placed a sign on it that read, "Chief Security Officer." "Chinese dogs don't go to work and owners don't make light of them. Tade was struck by cultural differences when she observed an incident of conflict resolution devolving from miscommunication. "We had a session about communicating with each other," she says. "I thought we could talk to each other directly. There's something that I'm missing here," she remembers thinking. "It means we don't have this great relationship. People are smiling and talking without really meaning it."

Yang indicates that the differences in his two workplaces are really quite insignificant. "Business is their common language." Tade remarks that you have to remain alert: "After three years, I still have cultural shock. I thought I knew a lot about the culture but learned I didn't



Los Angeles' Hoon Yang works in the same computer game company here, Nexon America Inc., as he did in his native South Korea. While he notices cultural differences in the two workplaces, he observes that they share the language of business.

know that much. You have to keep learning and be open to new things every day, because there never will be that day when you'll fully understand how this works." (Dr. Mildred L. Culp is an award-winning journalist. Copyright 2008 Passage Media.)



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Communications Member Outreach Coordinator
Farmington Hills tech society seeks dynamic, enthusiastic and professional individual to implement various member outreach activities. Primary duty is to phone new members among a diverse population, coordinate and track communication strategies, monitor and analyze survey data, generate reports, and other member projects. Requires excellent telephone/written communication skills. BA in Communications/Marketing/Public Relations preferred. 3-5 yrs. pertinent exp. Proficient in MS Office and other database a plus. **Send resume and salary requirements to:**
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Admissions Coordinator

West Bloomfield Nursing Center is currently seeking a Part Time Admissions Coordinator. This professional candidate must possess skills in customer service, organization, efficiency, and computer skills. This individual will be welcoming our new residents and their families to our facility as well as completing necessary paperwork. Previous experience in a health care setting preferred.
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BILLER/RECEPTIONIST
For family oriented dental practice in Canton. Dentrix exp. req'd. Must be organized, friendly & able to multi-task.
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Bloomfield Hills Endodontic office seeking highly motivated, energetic individual to join our team. Experience preferred but willing to train. Fax resume ATTN: Lisa at: 248-647-0576

Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT
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Want to love coming to work? Farmington Hills dental office seeks assistant with an eye for details & a great work ethic. Experience valued but not necessary. Call: (248) 426-0011

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PT 20-25 hrs/wk for established Troy practice. Exp. preferred. Good computer & communication skills needed. Includes some eyes & Sats. Call: 248-528-1611 or fax resume to: 248-528-0245

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Exp. needed. Part time could lead to full time. Canton area. Fax resume: 734-981-5021

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

Medical Receptionist Part-Time

Needed for busy family practice in Livonia. Must have previous front desk experience in a physician's office. Hours: Mon. 8:15am-5pm, Thurs. 8:45am-6pm (or closing), Fri. 8:45am-3pm (closing); plus vacation coverage.
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Medical Receptionist

For Westland office. Experience in internal or family medicine a MUST! Full or part time. Call 734-323-0335

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT
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All Shifts. Assisted Living Facility Plymouth Inn 205 Haggerty Rd., Plymouth 734-451-0700

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Full-time for Livonia outpatient facility. Exp. in General, OB, Breast & Vascular. Fax resume: 734-285-2243

Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5080

COOK

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Medical Biller
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Part time, 16 hrs/wk, flexible schedule. Busy medical office in Livonia. Email resume to: skindoc@scgjobal.net

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A full-time position is immediately available for an experienced telephone salesperson to join our sales team. This position will develop business and sustain existing accounts. Prospecting is required. Your capacities to maintain relationships, communicate product benefits, up sell/cross sell products, and secure sales opportunities will be key to success.

Candidates for this position must have:

- ◆ a proven track record of telephone sales experience in a business to business market,
- ◆ the ability to work in a team environment and respond positively to feedback, be professional and pleasant, and be motivated to succeed,
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College degree is preferred, but not required. The starting compensation for this position comprised of a base salary plus commission on all sales. Qualified candidates should forward their resume to: AET33C@dnapply.com or fax (313) 447-2552.

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24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$177**
NOW **\$14,521*** \$2500 due at signing

2008 FORD FUSION SE
2.3L 14 eng, 5-speed auto trans, P205/60R16 all season tires, air, speed/tilt wheel, pwr W/L, perimeter anti-theft system, 1st & 2nd row air curtains, fog lamps, 6-way power seat. Stock #82843. Was \$20,660

24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$157**
NOW **\$17,127*** \$2500 due at signing

2008 FORD ESCAPE XLT
Privacy glass, power windows & locks, power seat, fog lamps, auto headlamps, tilt, speed control, AM/FM CD, moonroof, sat. radio, more. Stock #82958. Was \$22,975

24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$208**
NOW **\$19,105*** \$2500 due at signing

2008 FORD MUSTANG V-6 PONY
Automatic transmission, ambient lighting, HD headlamps, safety pkg, Int. upgrade pkg. Stock # 80456. Was \$25,440

24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$271**
NOW **\$20,335*** \$2500 due at signing



Drive one.

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Speed control, tilt, power windows, locks, power seat, CD, chrome wheels and more. Stock #85067. Was \$28,870

24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$246**
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2008 FORD EDGE SE
17" aluminum wheels, power windows & locks, privacy glass, speed control, tilt, front & side impact air bags. Stock #81217. Was \$26,585

24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$179**
NOW **\$22,495*** \$2500 due at signing

2008 FORD EXPLORER XLT
4.0L SOHC, 5-speed auto OD trans, conven. group, cast alum whls, auto lamp headlamps, and much, much more. Stock #82901. Was \$27,230

24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$246**
NOW **\$18,636*** \$2500 due at signing

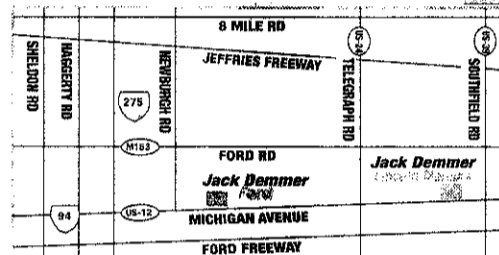
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24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$191**
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2008 MERCURY MARINER
2.3L Duratec X-4 eng, 4 spd auto trans, 6 CD/MP3, moon & tune, Sat. radio, speed control, fog lamps, priv. glass, roof rack w/crossbars & much more. Stock #81933

24 Month Lease
Per Mo. **\$250**
Down

2008 LINCOLN MKZ
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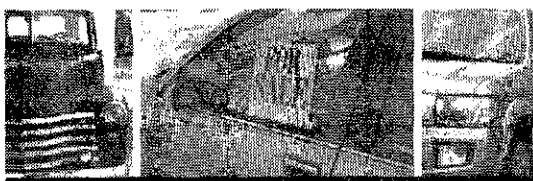
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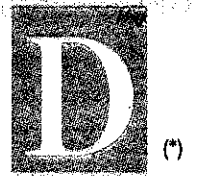
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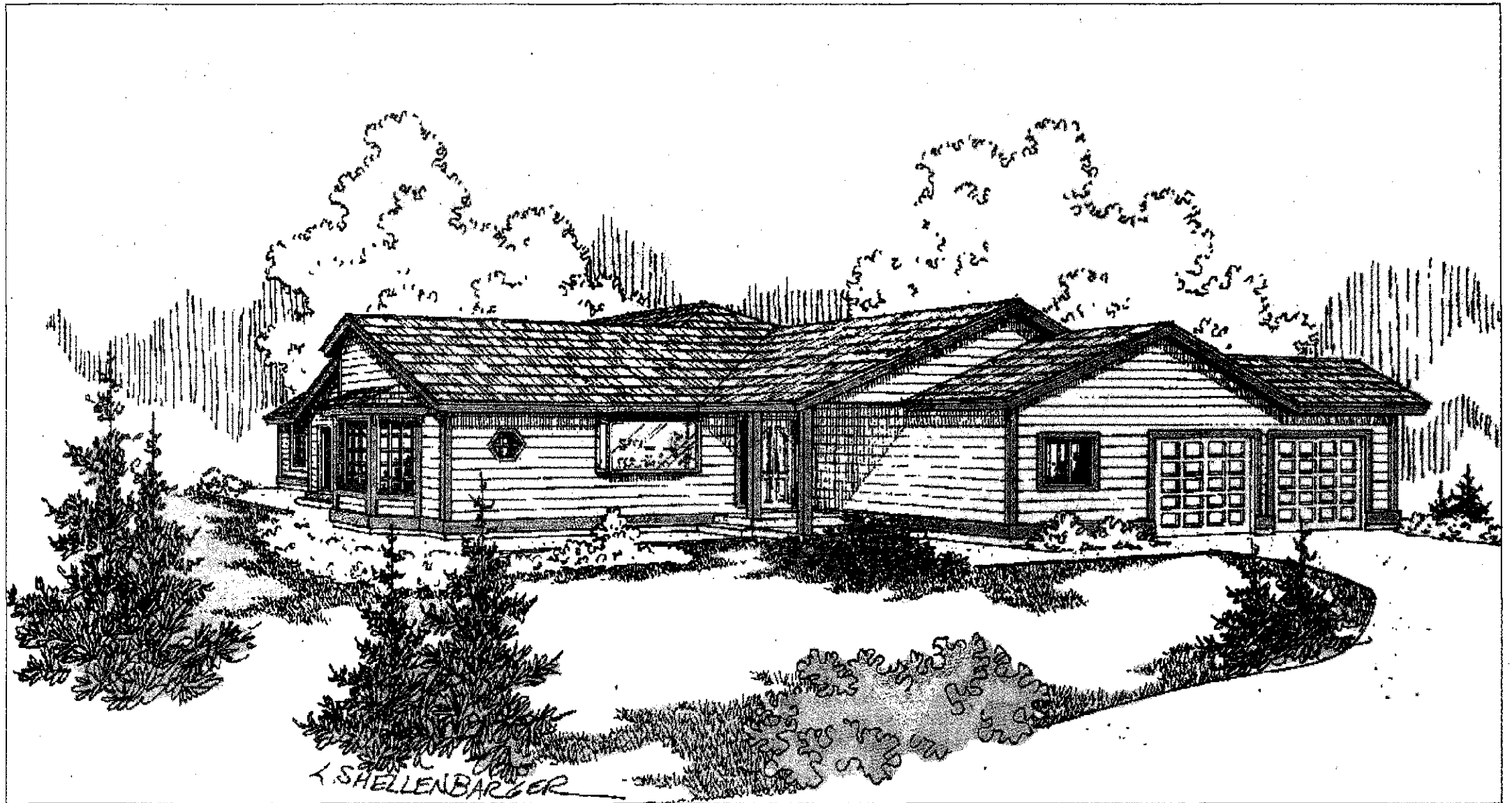


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Country comfort, gracious living abound in Borges

The Borges (405-39) has been designed to fit on the narrower, deeper lots that are becoming more common. Because space has become precious, the Borges is compact in size yet spacious in living area. The home has 2,032 square feet, with a bay window to give the exterior a more country look.

The two-car garage has a shop on the left side, with double doors for storing the lawnmower, wheelbarrow, or any other tools. The door from the garage opens into the utility room. There is a sink available for cleanup.

To the left of the entry is the kitchen, with a huge walk-in pantry. Over the sink is a garden window, supplying the kitchen with light and warmth. The cooking island contains an eating bar and there is a compact built-in desk. The nook has a large bay window with a view of the outdoors.

A formal dining room opens onto the patio through glass doors. Adjacent to the dining area is a fireplace facing into the living room. A bay window that could contain a window seat provides light, along with the large window facing the patio. The master suite opens off the living room, with a cor-

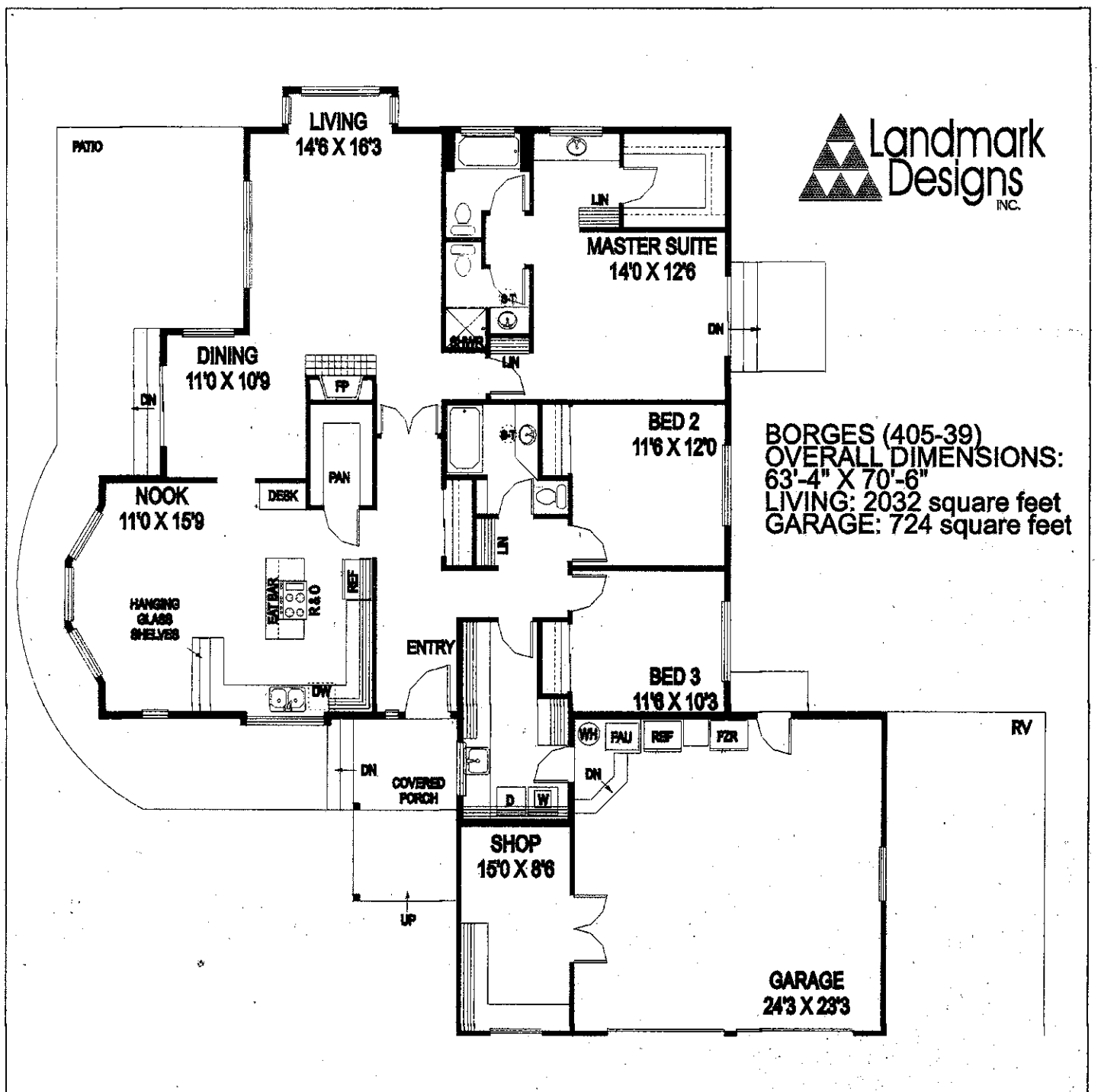
ner walk-in closet, two linen closets, a separate sink area, and dual bathrooms. There is a tub in one part, while the other has a sink and shower. Sola-tubes have been used to provide natural lighting.

Bedroom 2 and 3 have access to a full bath. Sola-tube lighting has been provided in this bath also. A large closet along with a linen closet is located off the bath area, available to the two bedrooms.

The Borges would be great for the young family, looking for more room, or the empty nesters that wish to lower their square footage, but still have a gracious home with open living space.

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"Realtors build communities and understand better than anyone else how important homeownership is to our nation," said NAR President Dick Gaylord, a broker with RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, Calif. "Realtors are working every day in cities across the country to bring more Americans home; we help build strong families and

vibrant communities." In the 40 years since the 1968 Fair Housing Act became law, the influence and impact of minority populations on the housing market has grown significantly. Minority buying power in the United States is estimated today to be over \$2 trillion. Government and industry data indicate that two out of every three new households are being formed by people who are foreign born or members of a minority population. Foreign-born homeowners already account for \$1.2 trillion in housing wealth.

As the nation's leading advocate for homeownership, NAR provides Realtors and aspiring buyers with important tools and resource aides to make homeowner-

ship a reality. NAR's Housing Opportunity Program, Home from Work™ Program, Ambassadors for Cities and HOPE Awards program all aim to expand homeownership opportunities and promote affordable housing year-round.

NAR's Housing Opportunity helps Realtors identify, develop, advocate and promote business opportunities, programs, products, and resources that expand housing availability to ensure opportunities for all in the rental and homeownership sectors of the market. More than 600 Housing Opportunity Programs have already been established throughout the country; many state Realtor associations have multiple programs in

place. Since 2007, more than 1,400 Realtors have participated in the Home from Work™ Program, which teaches Realtors how to promote workforce housing initiatives effectively at the grassroots level and work with public- and private-sector employers to establish employer-assisted housing benefits.

The Ambassadors for Cities Program unites local Realtors and mayors to increase home affordability and rental opportunities within a town or city. The goal is to highlight models of success that can be adopted in other areas. Since its inception, the program has honored 29 cities and awarded \$145,000 in grants to support local afford-

able housing initiatives. This year's Ambassador Cities are Alexandria, Va.; Allentown, Pa.; Asheville, N.C.; Bowling Green, Ky.; Irvine, Calif.; and Richmond, Va.

The HOPE Awards (Home Ownership Participation for Everyone) is a biennial awards program that recognizes organizations and individuals who are making outstanding contributions to the cause of increasing minority homeownership. Recent recipients have been honored for achievements that include establishing a mortgage company to address language barriers, creating partnerships that provide townhomes for low-income minority foster parents, and offering loan programs and supportive financial counseling that help

families turn homeownership dreams into reality.

"I have been in this business for more than 30 years, and there is no better feeling than helping first-time buyers find the homes of their dreams," Gaylord said. "Homeownership is more than a financial investment — it is an investment in families and communities."

For more resources and information in support of National Homeownership Month, visit www.realtor.org/homeownership.

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GREAT ROOM
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Over 3,000 Sq Ft
On Wooded Lot. Kitchen w/Grt Liv room has Cathedral Cell. Fireplace. 1st Fr Mstr Suite. Din, Breakfast Rooms lead to Deck. Bsmt prep. for 3rd Bath. Beach, Boat, Lk Priv. \$400,000, #28097802
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Quiet End Ranch Condo
Many Upgrades, 3 Rm w/Frnc. Frm Din Rm + Open Kit. Mstr Ste w/Cath Cell, WIC + Priv BA. Convenient Lndry. 1.5 Car Gar. lots of storage. \$129,000 #28097767
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newer furnace, c/a, roof, gutters, porch, walkway, hardwood floors, prof fin basement, 2 patios in pretty backyard \$204,900 MLS 28065110
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Novi 3290
BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM
with view of Walled Lake. Spacious family room with fireplace, living room with bay window, dining room with doorwall to patio. \$209,900 MLS 27099073
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CENTURY 21 TODAY

END UNIT
includes the following upgrades: granite counter tops, cherry cabinets crown molding, hardwood floors, oak mantel around fp & stainless steel appl. It's pet friendly and very close to fine dining and shopping. \$204,900 MLS 28081749
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SPACIOUS
4br, 2.5ba cape cod. New oak kitchen w/cr island. Lovely den/library. Great room. Hrdwd flrs, vaulted ceilings, 2 way fireplace. \$289,900 (28056515)
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THIS FOUR BEDROOM
2.1 bath is a great buy in Novi with Novi school district. Great neighbor hood. Has updated kitchen, hardwood floors in family room, stairs, and hall. Large dining rm hot tub on large deck, fenced yard finished basement. \$230,000 MLS 27028506
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UPDATED
island kitchen w/granite counter & pergo floors. Family rm w/fireplace & doorwall to large deck. Library w/pergo floors. Large master bed. W/priv. Bath, walk-in closet. Walkout lower level. 1st fr laundry, 2 car att garage. \$309,900 MLS 28026103
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CENTURY 21 TODAY

Oak Park 3305
TOTALLY UPDATED
gorgeous 4bedroom, brick bungalow. Over 40k of renovations! New windows, furnace, & air. Gourmet kit w/all new apps. Fin bsmt. \$119,900 (28075996)
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Plymouth 3347
ALMOST NEW END UNIT
with private tree area & pond view. 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, great room with gas fireplace, gourmet kit \$169,900 MLS 28079726
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Redford 3350
AWESOME & BIG HOME!
1500 sq. ft. all updated. Move in condition with new siding & roof on home & 2 car garage. New windows, electric, plumbing, paint, kitchen & bath. S of 7 Mile, E. of Inkster. \$99,900
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remodeled kit & bath vinyl windows, c/a, 6 panel doors, updated electrical, 2.5 car vinyl sided garage/opener \$89,500 MLS 28068557
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WESTERN GOLF sub ranch vinyl windows, Lenox furn, updated kit w/whetry wood, door off kit to covered deck, fin basement \$119,900 MLS 28081802
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BREATHTAKING VIEWS
of the Franklin River off the Deck. Custom construction & awesome lay out. Lower level incl. media room. Master Suite w/acuzzi tub & fireplace and deck. Grand entry w/ large foyer & winding staircase. \$400,000 MLS 27186955
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CENTURY 21 TODAY

MAINTAINED 4 BEDROOM
w/new carpet, energy efficient windows, furnace & a/c. Updated kit w/leaving area. Fam rm w/fireplace. Mstr bdr has walk in closet & master bathrm. Vanity in main bth w/granite & his and her sink/frn basement \$220,000 MLS 28055182
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SPECTACULAR
custom 4bedroom, 3.5bath ranch on beautiful 1.27 acre lot. No expense spared for amenities! Gourmet Kit w/granite. Great Room w/marble frnc. Deck. \$399,900 (28085727)
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BEAUTIFUL
'04 bit Midtown condo offers 2br & 2ba. Fr w/frnc, dining area, & island kitchen w/bar & breakfast area. Mstr suite. Att gar. \$239,859 (28030197)
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BEAUTIFUL
4bedroom, 2.5bath cape cod. New oak kitchen w/cr island. Lovely den/library. Great room. Hrdwd flrs, vaulted ceilings, 2 way fireplace. \$289,900 (28056515)
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WALK OUT
from Family Room to brick paver patio in sizeable fenced yard. All appliances stay in pretty kitchen w/oak cabinetry and ceramic tile. Crown molding abounds in LR, DR, most bedrooms. Newer furnace, vinyl windows, and HWH. \$225,000 MLS 28093017
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2.5 bath home. Wood floor entry, great room with fireplace that opens to dining room, doorwall to cedar deck. Large bedrooms with shelving in closets. \$189,900 MLS 28073299
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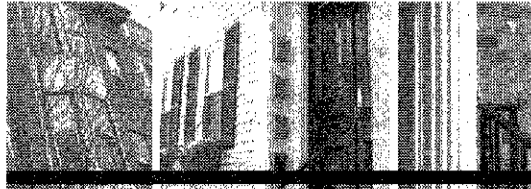
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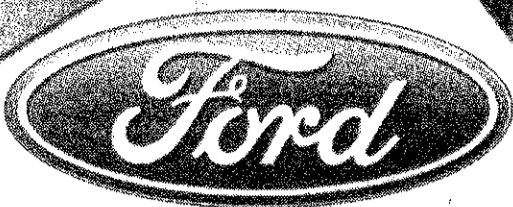
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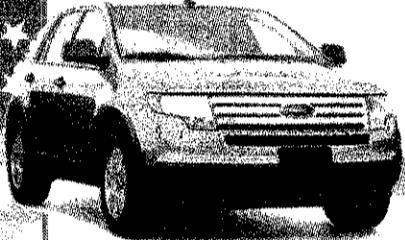


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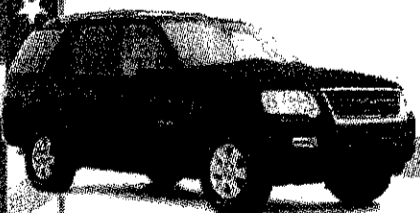


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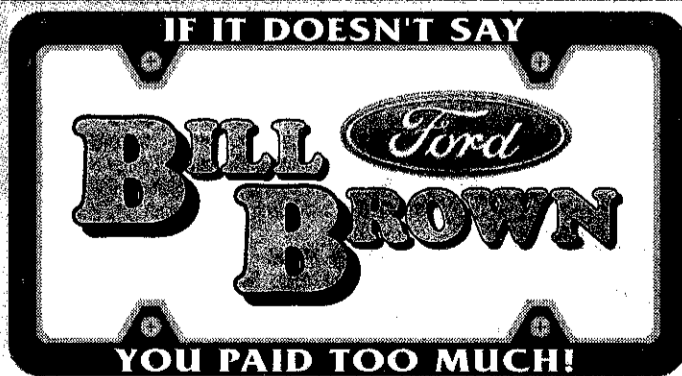
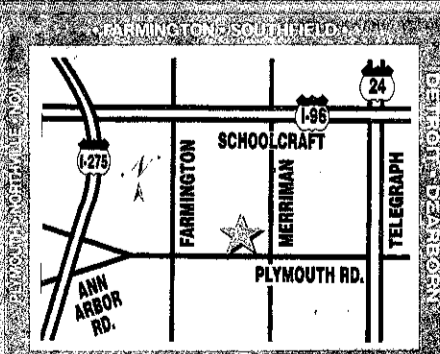
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