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Partners asking for school supplies

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps is asking Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren school district residents to drive the bus in helping struggling families before the start of the school year.

The partnership is hoping to fill an entire school bus with school supplies to help families in need.

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, volunteers will be on hand at The Salvation Army church and community center at 9451 S. Main to accept donations of pens, paper, crayons, backpacks and other supplies needed to start the school year. The supplies will then be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families a week later.

"These hard economic times are squeezing parents on every front," said Major Jim Irvine, pastor and corps officer at The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps. "The Salvation Army is seeing the outcome of those realities every day as parents turn to us for help. We're glad to partner with the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren public school systems to ensure students have the basic supplies needed to start the school year without need or embarrassment."

Plymouth-Canton school officials, who have noticed increased usage of the district's Clothing Bank, aren't surprised by the increasing need for school supplies.

"There isn't any question we're seeing more and more families who are struggling," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "The district has always had a relationship with the Salvation Army, and we're working with them to define the needs of the community and help meet those needs."

Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Corps' director of family and community ministries, said the number of people asking for help before the start of school is certain to top last year's 36 families for a total of 113 students.

"We've already had several calls for help before the start of school, and we're expecting a lot more," Aren said. "We're definitely seeing folks without jobs, those with reduced hours and families who had two incomes who are now trying to survive on one."

The back-to-school drive is sponsored by The Wilcox Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and Comcast, with special donations being made by CVS Pharmacy and Payless Shoe Source.

For more information, call the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps at (734) 453-5464.

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Jim Colflesh adjust a customer's bicycle at his new bicycle shop, Bicycles in Town, at Ford Road and Sheldon.

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Gas prices bring bike binge

Cost of fuel has
some drivers
dropping to 2 wheels

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the cost of gas continuing to linger around the \$4 a gallon mark, some are opting to ditch their four wheels for two.

This has come as a pleasant surprise to Jim Colflesh, owner of Bicycles in Town, 5844 N. Sheldon Road.

Colflesh, 35, of Livonia, relocated his shop to Canton earlier this year and said he's had several customers point

to gas prices as their reasoning for pedaling to work.

"I have been a little surprised because I didn't think the gas prices were high enough yet for people to think about (switching to a bike)," he said. "But it's definitely been good to see more people doing it."

Colflesh took over an existing bike shop in downtown Ypsilanti nearly four years ago and decided to move the business to the North Harvard Square plaza at Sheldon and Ford to be closer to his home.

The shop sells road bikes, mountain bikes, comfort bikes, BMX bikes, children's bikes and can make custom cycles and do repairs.

"I have always been into bikes," said

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Cash flows as hopefuls head down election stretch

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Campaign spending in the treasurer's race has topped the township's other contests.

Both candidates fighting for the position being vacated by Elaine Kirchgatter have financed the bulk of their election campaigns.

Longtime board trustee Melissa McLaughlin loaned herself \$24,000 of the \$30,495 she has gathered in contributions. According to campaign finance reports required by the state, as of July 20, McLaughlin had spent \$22,083 and has a remaining balance of \$8,412.

Joan Noricks, president and CEO of the Canton Community Foundation, had a pool of \$15,525, of which \$10,000 came from a personal loan. After spending \$14,741 through July 20, Noricks has \$783 left in campaign funds.

In addition to McLaughlin and Noricks lending money to their campaigns, trustee Todd Caccamo beefed up his campaign with a \$4,000 personal loan bringing his total contributions to \$9,509. The first-term trustee has a remaining balance of \$1,760.

Trustee candidate Jaldhar Prasad loaned himself most of the \$2,162 he had spent through July 20.

He has a remaining balance of \$108.

Political newcomer John Anthony has brought in the most money of any of the trustee candidates. The former FBI agent had spent \$7,210 leaving him a balance of \$7,380.

Trustee Karl Zarbo has utilized \$6,320 of his campaign contributions, which totaled \$13,924. He has a remaining balance of \$7,605.

In his first bid for public office, trustee candidate Pat Williams collected \$7,900 in contributions and had spent \$6,907 through July 20.

While trustee candidate



McLaughlin



Noricks

Mike Andro filed that he didn't expect his campaign to exceed \$1,000, Fred Bolden reported a negative balance in contributions. The trustee hopeful brought in \$1,400 in contributions but had spent \$4,833 on his campaign.

In letters to the Canton Observer and

at a candidate's forum last month, the practice of developers offering campaign contributions to township candidates was raised.

McLaughlin, who has said her "integrity is not for sale," reported that Oak Park developer Dick Lewiston donated \$500 to her campaign while the Lois Lewiston Living Trust offered \$250.

The donation to McLaughlin is not a rarity. The Lewistons also gave contributions to other candidates including Anthony, Williams and Zarbo.

Noricks' heftier contributions included \$300 from Canton resident Olivia Scott and \$250 from Loren Wadington of the CCF.

Both McLaughlin and Noricks received funds from the Singh political action committee.

Township Supervisor candidate Phil LaJoy reported spending \$5,186 of his coffers, which totaled \$15,635. David Marsh, also a candidate for the supervisor position, filed that he didn't expect to spend more than \$1,000.

Terry Bennett, on the ballot to retain her position as township clerk, also filed that she didn't expect to spend more than \$1,000.

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Canton hosts crime, drug prevention event Tuesday

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

National Night Out is coming to the township.

The Canton Police Department, in partnership with Leisure Services, will host the township's first National Night Out event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at Heritage Park.

Those invited to attend include members of Canton's Community Watch program, as well as those who would like to join the community-

based effort designed to have residents and businesses work with law enforcement officials to detect and prevent crime.

"We can fight crime if we work together to keep the community safe," said Canton Sgt. Deb Newsome.

While this will mark the first time Canton has recognized National Night Out, the crime and drug prevention event is in its 25th year and is expected to have 35 million participants nationwide.

Newsome said the program's

national goals of generating support for local anticrime efforts, strengthening police-community partnerships and sending a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back are in line with Canton's Community Watch.

"We want to get more people and businesses to join us by being involved," she said, noting that the program got off the ground in January.

Community Watch works by having the chosen coordinator of a group,

such as a homeowner's association, be a contact person for Newsome.

"I send them information and they send me stuff, too," she said, adding that it's the responsibility of the coordinator to get the information to other members of their group. "There is no reason to be uninformed in Canton."

Tuesday's event is free and will include food, entertainment and activities for children.

Public Safety officials will have police cars and fire trucks on display,

a canine show, the Fire Safety House and child identification kits.

Reservations for the event are required through local Community Watch coordinators. Those unsure of their coordinator's identity are encouraged to call their homeowner's association board or Newsome at (734) 394-5424.

For more information on Community Watch, log on to www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

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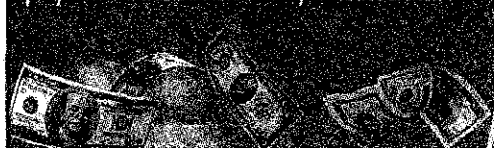
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Coming Thursday in filter



West Bloomfield High grad Brandon T. Jackson stars alongside Ben Stiller and Jack Black in the upcoming comedy 'Tropic Thunder.'

Chamber golf classic

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host the 2008 Chamber Golf Classic on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at Pheasant Run Golf Club. Registration for the fund-raising event begins at 8:30 a.m.

There are several packages to participate available.

The Golf for Four Sponsorship Package is \$650, and includes golf for four with a tee or green sponsorship, signage at the dinner banquet, and a plaque, plus 18 holes of golf, with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, dinner, gift package, awards & prizes.

The Golf for Four Package is \$550, and includes golf with cart for four, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, buffet dinner banquet, prizes, and gift package.

Individual golf is \$150 and includes golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, buffet dinner banquet, prizes, gift package, and more.

For those who only want dinner, the cost is \$35.

To register for the event or for more information, visit the Chamber Web site at www.cantonchamber.com or call (734) 453-4040.

Leadership Canton

Leadership Canton is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 leadership class. This is an eight month class from October through May designed to help current and potential leaders broaden their awareness of leadership opportunities in the Canton community.

Registration deadline is Aug. 15. The cost of the class is \$800. Each day long seminar includes lunch.

Leadership Canton is a joint collaboration between Canton Township and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce office at (734) 453-4040 or e-mail eventscoordinator@cantonchamber.com.

Literary arts class

Literary Arts Class For Children - Embark On A Creative Writing Journey Poet and photographer Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin of

Canton offers a Literary Arts Class for Children noon-1 p.m., Aug. 4-7, at the Tinkham Center off Venoy Road in Westland.

The class is designed to live up your story telling skills by writing in your journal, learn about new ways to describe things so that all of your stories and haiku will be cool to write and fun to share with others.

Call (734) 419-2426 to register. Anyone wishing to speak first to Martin can e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net or call (734) 397-1626.

Hospice volunteers sought

Compassionate Care Hospice, a community-based organization that provides hospice care for patients and their families, is currently seeking caring and dedicated individuals to provide support by being a friendly visitor or clerical volunteer.

Training is provided, and will be held at the organization's office at 5820 Lilley Road, Ste. I, in Canton. For more information, contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050.

Marching band fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton marching band is hosting its annual "Car Wash-A-Thon" on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Plymouth High School parking lot in Canton from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between one half cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1,000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

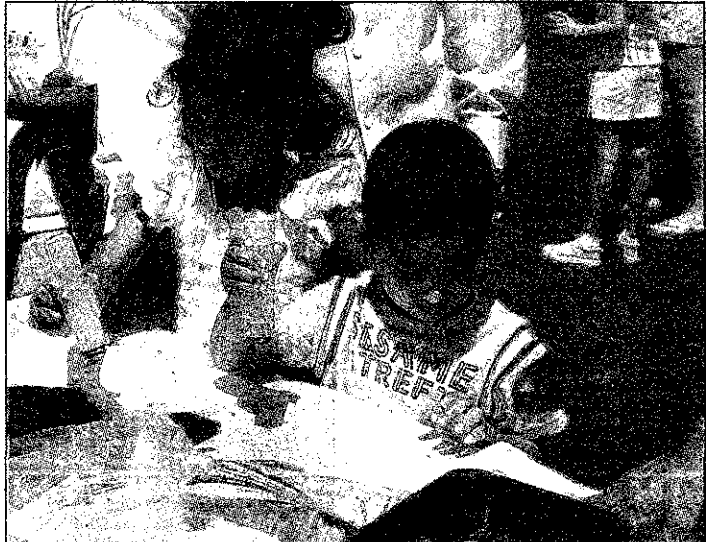
"The Car Wash-A-Thon" is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year," said Scott Ragland, president of the 2008 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters.

"The money raised helps the kids with participation fees to be in the band, including uniforms, instruction, and the cost to attend band camp in August. The car wash itself is fun for the kids and parents alike."

Salem pom golf outing

The Salem High School Rockettes pom squad will be hosting its 8th annual golf outing Saturday Aug. 10 at Fox Hills Golf Club, 8768 North Territorial Road, in Salem Township.

For additional information call Bryan Cornell (734) 536-2185.



Having fun in the sun

Siblings Tanisha, 5, and Revanth Kuncharala, 3, of Canton made pictures at the craft table during the Canton Library's Fun in the Sun event on July 9. The weather was perfect for the event, which drew close to 400 people. In addition to crafts and games, Canton Leisure Services provided an inflatable and rock wall. The event was part of the library's Summer Reading Program, which wraps up on Aug. 6. For more information about the program, visit the library's Web site at www.cantonpl.org.

Salem football sponsorships

The Salem Rocks football team now has sponsorships and advertisements available for purchase.

Local businesses, organizations and individuals are now able to purchase sponsorships and program advertisements for the upcoming football season. It's an opportunity to get your name in front of Plymouth and Canton families all season long.

There are multiple levels available, including programs advertisements, stadium signage, announcements at games and much more. All proceeds support the Salem Rocks football team.

For more information, contact Don Turner via e-mail at dturner@longwalkpartners.com or by calling (734) 812-0504.

Chamber luncheon


The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its August network luncheon will be held at 11:45 a.m., Aug. 6 at Summit on the Park. Guest speaker will be Jane Applegate, a leading business expert. A former syndicated columnist for the Los Angeles Times, she is the author of four books for entrepreneurs, including "201 Great Ideas for Your Small Business" and "The Entrepreneur's Desk Reference."

Applegate will discuss how a turbulent world economy is stressing out entrepreneurs and what you can do now to save time, money and reduce stress.

Cost for the luncheon is \$20.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Chamber at (734) 453-4040 or e-mailing memberservices@cantonchamber.com.

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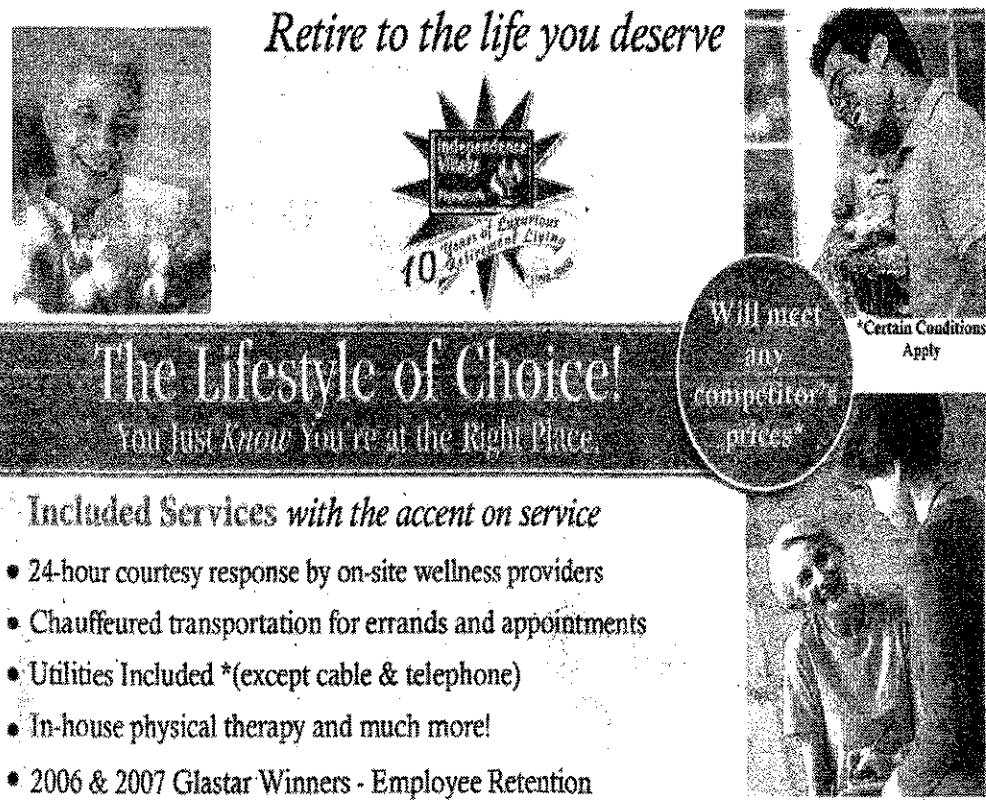


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Lost and found

Election failure brings author an inspiration

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

From the moment the name Dora Stockman escaped from her campaign advisor's lips, Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly was fascinated.

It was 1984 and O'Rourke-Kelly, now a Canton resident, was vying to become the state representative for the 2nd district of Ingham County when Tom Klunzinger casually mentioned that Stockman had campaigned for, and won, the same seat 40 years earlier.

"I thought 'How could that be? Why have I never heard of her?' and I began researching," said O'Rourke-Kelly, 63, who has released a book titled Phenomenal Woman: The Dora Stockman Story. "I lost that election but I found something better."

Born in 1872, Stockman started teaching at age 16 and was the first woman elected to statewide public office in Michigan, serving on the State Board of Agriculture for two terms. In addition, she created a radio talk show, was a newspaper editor and penned songs, plays and poems.

O'Rourke-Kelly was getting her Master's in theater history when she stumbled upon Stockman.

"I was able to relate everything to her life," she smiles. "I think my friends and family got bored because I talked about her all of the time."

Puzzled by the lack of acclaim for Stockman,



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Dr. Margaret O'Rourke-Kelly wrote "Phenomenal Woman: The Dora Stockman Story."

PHENOMENAL WOMAN: THE DORA STOCKMAN STORY

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Publisher: Zoe Life Publishing

Availability: Borders.com; Amazon.com; Target.com

The biography of a woman the author calls a "patriotic woman of God," the Dora Stockman Story chronicles the life of the first woman elected to a statewide public office in Michigan. For more information or to book a performance of O'Rourke-Kelly's one-woman show, contact her at DrMork@sbcglobal.net

woman show about her in 1994.

"It brings her to life, I think," said O'Rourke-Kelly, a mother of two adult children and the wife of Dr. Gerald Kelly.

In addition to having signings for Phenomenal Woman, which is published by the Canton-based Zoe Life Publishing, O'Rourke-Kelly continues to perform her one-woman show about Stockman in an effort to drum up support for the 161-page book.

"I think it was destiny that led me to find her," said O'Rourke-Kelly, who has met with Stockman's son and grandson. "This was my equivalent of an archeological dig. This is my life's work and it has become a treasure for me."

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O'Rourke-Kelly, a professor at Spring Arbor University, continued digging into Stockman's background and began performing a one-

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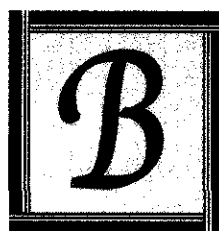
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PAH-fest honors Livonia team's 6-minute film

The second annual Project Accessible Hollywood (PAH-fest) Motown'08 has come to a close after a week of events, contests, filmmaking, and concerts. Area artists stepped into the limelight as their stories were showcased during an awards ceremony at Madonna University's Kresge Hall, on Sunday, July 20. The ceremony, featuring movie-viewing, awards and celebration, was hosted by WXYZ Channel 7's Dennis Neubacher.

The main event at PAH-fest is Mobi-Flicks, a competition where participants create and produce a six-minute film in four days. This highly anticipated award — \$1,000 cash and a digital recorder — went to a team of Livonia residents: Christina Harris, Ryan Brown, Ashley Harris, Matthew McFerris, Susan Knighton, and Madonna instructor Chuck Derry (coach). Their film, entitled "Espranza," told the story of Detroit's Angela Reyes, founder of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC), which provides a fun, safe environment for local youth.

PAH-fest creator Christopher Coppola was so inspired by the creativity and enthusiasm of the children involved with Circus Vision, a PAH-fest event that took place near Hart Plaza, he made an unscheduled visit to the DHDC so the children there could participate in Cell Phone Art, which had been scheduled to take place at Madonna's campus in Livonia only.

The other competitions that took place throughout the festival were: DigiPortraits, two-minute portrait shot with a cell phone; Circus Vision,

a smart phone digital treasure hunt for kids 14 and younger; Cell Phone Art, one-minute movie on a cell phone; Cellular Tone Poems, images that visually express an original musical composition are recorded using a cell phone

The awards ceremony recognized creative minds of all ages and from all walks of life. Rozell Clay of Detroit won the Circus Vision contest, receiving \$100. Mary Fairgrieve took home a \$250 prize for her Cell Phone Art entry. Nancy Boyd, 13, and Megan Griesbeck, 12, from Highland Township, won the DigiPortrait competition and also received a \$250 cash prize. Detroit resident, Lisa Dorrough, was awarded a digital recorder for her Tone Poem.

Coppola, who officially has become a member of the Madonna broadcast and cinema arts faculty, presented the University with the first Spirit of PAH award, for its enthusiasm and dedication to helping make Hollywood accessible to all. In receiving this award, Madonna University sets the bar for all other PAH-Fest hosts around the world.

The second annual PAH-fest Motown took place throughout the week of July 14-20 at Madonna University's main campus in Livonia, as well as in Detroit. The free, digital media festival travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, giving people of all walks of life a chance to tell their stories through movies. PAH-fest is the brainchild of Christopher Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage.

Coppola was at the main campus of Madonna University (www.madonna.edu) at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia, throughout the festival. The University also has centers in Southwest Detroit, Orchard Lake and Gaylord.



PAH-Fest award winners, left to right: Chuck Derry (coach) Susan Knighton, Matthew McFerris, Ashley Harris, Ryan Brown, Christina Harris and, PAH-fest organizer Christopher Coppola.

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Poison ivy is bigger and badder than ever

First: an annoying little itch. More likely than not, you pay no attention. Next, tiny blisters appear. And if you are not particularly sensitive, that may be all that happens. But for many Oakland County residents, itching intensifies, your skin may become inflamed and fluid filled oozing rashes become unbearable and sink summer fun. You scream out "Benadryl!" and race for the dermatologist. Your misery lasts for weeks. You are just one more victim of an extreme case of rhus dermatitis. Poison ivy got you good!

And it is not your imagination that poison ivy of today is bigger and badder than back in



On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

the days when granny would strip you down after your backwoods romp, sponge you with that rough bar of laundry soap and leave you to soak in an oatmeal bath. Studies are confirming what some scientists were suspecting. Rising levels of carbon dioxide are producing more potent, more vigorous poison ivy. And that is not good news if you are part of the 85 percent of the popu-

lation that is sensitive to this plant.

If all you know about poison ivy is the old adage, "Leaflets three, let it be," the summer of '08 may be your downfall. Many plants have three leaves; one of my favorites is wild strawberry.

And poison ivy takes on many different forms. Poison ivy can be found on the ground, but it also takes on thick bushy forms in open fields. In woodlands and along park trails it is often an enormous high climbing vine thick as your arm. And from that vine monstrosity large face-slapping leaves reach out on branches five or six feet long.

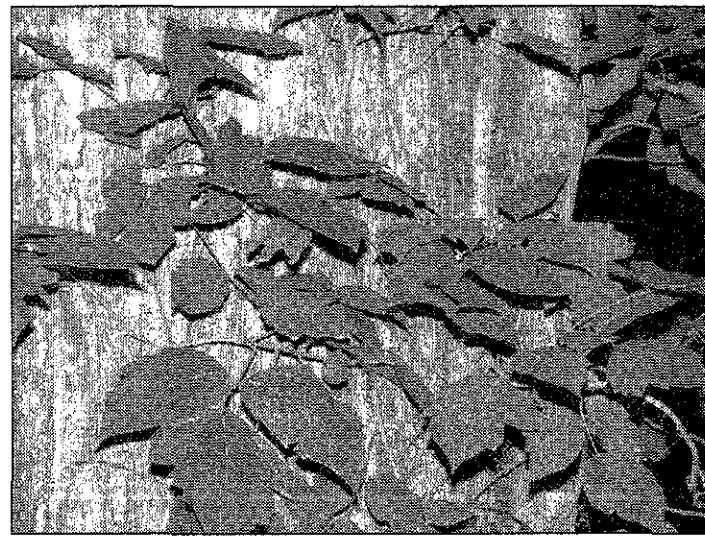
I think back to the worst case of poison ivy I ever saw. It was an area fire chief about 15 years ago. You had to feel for that guy, for after his exposure his face looked like the Pillsbury Doughboy with sunburn and measles. He was one miserable guy.

But a few days later I cut fire wood and failed to notice a poison ivy vine clinging to a log. It rubbed against my bare belly as I hauled wood resulting in a

raging rash of misery that also appeared in locations where the sun never shines. I still remember the look of puzzlement on my doctor's face, "You got this how?"

Here's the hard facts. Urushiol is the active ingredient in poison ivy. No one is immune. Sensitivity varies and an allergic reaction is usually only a matter of time. Urushiol can retain potency for up to five years on dead vines and hand tools. And if your dog romped through a poison ivy patch today and you stoke his fur tonight, that annoying little itch may join you tomorrow. And as many wildlands firefighters have discovered this fire season the oil readily bonds to smoke particles and cause serious skin and lung irritation.

Avoidance is the best prevention, but we've progressed a long way from the days of "Where's that pink lotion?" Many lineman and forestry workers use both pre-contact and after-contact lotions. Now for my true testimonial. Last summer while backpacking on a sweltering day in Ohio's



Face-slapping high poison ivy vines cling to tree trunks in the Ortonville State Recreation Area.

Zaleski State Forest my trail partner and I suddenly discovered we were entering a kingdom of poison ivy of all shapes and forms.

With no turning back, it was time. We rubbed on "IvyX Pre-contact Towelettes" (www.forestrysuppliers.com) and plodded on past potent ankle-embracing, leg-hugging, face-slapping, urushiol-oozing ivy leaves.

And after making camp we slathered on a post-exposure cleanser: Technu (tecnue-

trema.com). Two days later back in Michigan the only rash I had hatched from other summer wonders: mosquitoes and stinging nettle. My summer day pack now contains both pre- and post-exposure towelettes along with the usual compass, matches and mini-tarp.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way and is certified in Advanced Wilderness Life Support by the Wilderness Medical Society. Reach him at oaknature@aol.com.

Skipping tax payment can cause problems with IRS

Q: Dear Rick: I currently pay a quarterly tax estimate and would like to know if skipping a payment and then doubling up on a subsequent payment will cause me

penalties or other problems?

A: Unfortunately, if you miss a quarterly payment it can cause you problems with the Internal Revenue Service. Under tax laws, in order to avoid a penalty you have to make four installments. If any of the installments is paid late, interest is charged. Interest is determined by the number of days the payment

is late. In addition, although it is rare, the IRS can also assess you with a penalty for a late payment.

The 2008 due dates for taxpayers required to pay quarterly are April 15, June 16, Sept. 15 and Jan. 15, 2009.

If you miss an estimated tax payment, there is a possibility the penalty can be waived. Form 2210 is the form that you would file with your 2008 tax returns to take advantage of one of the exceptions to the rule.

Q: What is your opinion on the Westcore Plus Bond as opposed to bank CDs? Is the difference in yield worth investing in this bond fund?

A: I like the Westcore Plus Bond Fund and I believe it is a very good bond fund to have in your portfolio. However, it is a different type of investment

than a bank CD.

The Westcore Plus Bond Fund is an intermediate term, investment grade bond fund. The fund typically invests in very secure corporate and government obligations.

In fact, more than half the funds in the portfolio are rated AAA.

The fund has also had a very solid long-term track record and is one I use in many portfolios that I manage.

The fund is rate five-star fund by Morningstar and has very low expenses. It is no-load, which means it can be purchased without having to pay any commission. Although I recommend it, it is different from a bank CD.

The bank CD is insured up to \$100,000. The Westcore Plus Bond Fund is not government-insured. The other difference is there is no market fluctuation in a CD. The principal of your investment cannot go down.

The Westcore Plus Bond Fund, like all bond funds, has market volatility. In bond funds, if interest rates go up, the value of the bond fund goes down. If interest rates decline, the value of the bond fund rises.

Advantages of a bond fund are the yield (currently, the yield of the Westcore Plus Bond Fund is higher than the return on CDs) and greater flexibility than in a CD. In a CD, you're locking your money up for a period of time, where in a bond fund you have access to your money penalty-free.

If you consider yourself a very conservative investor, I recommend the CD over the bond fund. However, if you are conservatively moderate or above and do not mind principal fluctuation, the Westcore Plus Bond Fund is an excellent investment.

One note for CD investors. If you buy a CD at a bank, make sure to shop around. Consider Michigan banks, Internet banks and out-of-state banks. After all, the money is federally insured and if you can make a few extra dollars on your money, why not?

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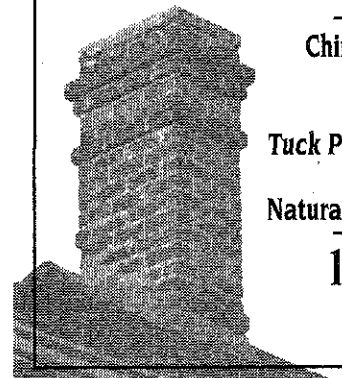
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13 candidates vie for county treasurer Foreclosure process is major issue

Nine candidates have filed to run against incumbent Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary. Two Republicans are seeking the GOP nomination. The county treasurer serves a four-year term. The position pays \$128,768 a year.

All candidates were asked to respond to an online questionnaire by Gannett Newspapers in Michigan for our online voter guide. Three Democrats, Wojtowicz,

County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh and Beverly Kindle-Walker and two Republicans, former county auditor Brenden Dunleavy and Timberly Robinson responded.

Kevin Kelly of Grosse Ile, Thomas Marciniak of Plymouth, Robert John Nozicka of Dearborn, Brian O'Donnell of Dearborn, Catherine O'Meara of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sigmunt John Szczepkowski of Riverview, Keith Windham of Detroit,

and Linda Kay Zebrowsk of Garden City did not respond to the questionnaire.

These are the responses of the Republican candidates to the questionnaire. Answers from the Democratic candidates who responded ran in Thursday paper.

For responses in this and other contests, go to the Voter Guide at www.hometown-life.com.

What makes you the most qualified to hold this position?

As Wayne County Auditor General, I have reviewed the operations of the Wayne County Treasurer's Office and I can tell you what's right and what's wrong with the current operation, and because I am not "beholding" to current politicians or contractors, I can provide innovative solutions.

What are the two most important issues facing the office you are running for, and how would you address them?

1. Property Foreclose Process.
2. Dwindling County Revenue and Investments. I would meet with legislators in Lansing to amend current laws governing delinquent property taxes. I would work with city officials countywide to establish specific policy or procedures to maintain and physically safeguard properties held in the county's name.

As the number of properties foreclosed and/or owned by the county increases, it is imperative that controls are developed to safeguard and maintain properties. To assure that all appropriate process and procedures are followed with respect to county investments.

I would make informed, impartial recommendations regarding the investment and management of county funds to insure the largest yield possible with the least amount of risk. The appointment of honest, competent and qualified deputies and staff will be one of my first priorities in assure that all the functions of the office are performed properly and timely.

Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?

Purpose Driven Life, by Rick Warren

What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?

No answer

BRENDEN DUNLEAVY



Party: Republican
Age: 48
Marital Status: Married to Eileen M. Dunleavy

Family: Kathleen 18, Colleen 16, Brendan 15, Maura 14, Molly 12
City/Town: Plymouth Township
Education/Degrees: B.A. Accounting, Michigan State University, Masters of Science-Finance, Walsh College
Occupation: Senior Financial Advisor
Experience: EXPERIENCE October 2004 to Present-Michigan Financial Companies, Southfield Michigan, Senior Financial Advisor. September 1997 to September 2004 -- Wayne County, Wayne County Auditor General, Detroit Michigan July 1991 to September 1997 -- Wayne County, Wayne County Auditor General, Detroit Michigan October 1984 to July 1991 -- Ernst & Young, Audit Manager, Detroit Michigan June 1983 to October 1984 -- Star Line Corporation, Williamston, Michigan
Community Involvement: Active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth Michigan.

Passion is to see neighborhoods restored

What makes you the most qualified to hold this position?

I have worked for Wayne County for five years and understand the diverse needs of the communities. Individuals who have not spent much time driving from Belleville to River Rouge then to Hamtramck might not spend too much time thinking about accessibility of services. My diverse background has given me experience working with local and federal government in addition to experience in the private sector.

I will be able to oversee operations effectively because I have performed responsibilities in human resources, information systems, vendor payments, finance and organizational operations. My passion is to see neighborhoods restored. It's not just a dream, it must be a reality or the quality of life for our residents will diminish.

What are the two most important issues facing the office you are

running for, and how would you address them?

Improving Customer Service is essential.

I will analyze current operations to determine a method for adding evening hours because it's difficult for residents to conduct business between the hours of 8-4:30 p.m. Providing "Wayne County Tax 101" workshops will be implemented with the assistance of educators and the business community.

My goal is for every high school student to understand how taxes should be incorporated into budgets while considering whether or not a house is affordable. I want the County Treasurer's Office to launch some of these workshops at large corporations like DMC, Oakwood, Henry Ford and factories during "Brown Bag" lunches. Protecting homeownership is a top priority. Meet with city leaders

TIMBERLY ROBINSON



Party: Republican
Age: 41
Marital Status: Single no children
Family: Mother, 2 brothers
City/Town: Detroit
Education/Degrees: BS, Biology, Wayne State University, MBA, e-Business, Davenport University
Occupation: Project Coordinator (WSU) services in support of Perinatology Research Branch/National Institutes of Health/Eunice Kennedy Shiver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH/NICHD)
Experience: WSU (2003 - present), Risk Management Consultant, DPS (2002-03), Wayne County (1997 - 2002), Human Resources, Detroit Newspapers (1995 -1997)

and university professors who specialize in acquiring funds to address social and urban development issues. As a collective body, more resources may be available.

Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?

I'm actually reading "Never

Again" by John Ashcroft.

What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months?

Ironman is at the top of my list. I loved the cast. A well written script that had a social message. The action scenes were fun and the ending definitely made me want to see a part two.

Baseball writer wins Michigan Author Award

Tom Stanton, author of award-winning books on baseball and American life, has been awarded the 2008 Michigan Author Award.

Sponsored jointly by the Michigan Center for the Book (a program of the Library of Michigan) and the Michigan Library Association, this annual award honors a Michigan writer for his or her contributions to literature based on an outstanding published body of work.

The Michigan Author Award will be presented this fall at the Michigan Library Association "Shaping Our Tomorrow" conference at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo. Tickets are \$25 to hear Stanton speak at the award presentation luncheon on Friday, Oct. 24.

For more information, visit the Michigan Library Association Web site at www.mla.lib.mi.us/events/annual and access the conference registration.

Stanton writes about the memorable players and places of baseball, but most of all, how baseball is part of American life. His newest book is "Ty and the Babe: Baseball's Fiercest Rivals," the story of Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb's rivalry and friendship.

"The Final Season" was named Baseball Book of the Year as the winner of both the Casey and Dave Moore awards. It is a memoir of the last year of Tiger Stadium. In "The Road

to Cooperstown," Stanton fulfills the dream of a family trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame. "Hank Aaron and the Home Run That Changed America" tells the compelling story of one of sports most historic moments.

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City seeks warrant on alleged sign thief

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll said he's given a "warrant request information packet" to city attorney Bob Marzano in the case of a stolen campaign sign.

While Carroll declined to identify the suspect, the Observer reported July 17 that 21-year-old Ryan Xuereb of Northville Township, the stepson of 35th District Court judge candidate Martha Snow, had admitted to his parents he stole and destroyed a campaign lawn sign belonging to one of her five competitors, Jim Plakas.

The case would normally

be handled by city prosecutor Cam Miller. However, since Miller is also a judicial candidate, Carroll turned the case over to Marzano "who is independent from anybody involved with the incident."

Marzano is expected to decide soon if a warrant should be sought against Xuereb.

Meanwhile, 35th District Court records also indicate Xuereb is expected to attend a civil infraction hearing today (Thursday) in connection with a June 24 accident in Plymouth Township. Xuereb was ticketed with failure to stop causing an accident, which is a civil infraction.

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CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

DTE honor

DTE Energy has presented its highest employee honor, the Alex Dow Award, to Canton resident Sumanth Makunur, a lead engineer with the company. He and two of his co-workers were recognized for processes they developed that significantly improved the company's operations and financial success.

Named in honor of the second president of DTE Energy subsidiary Detroit Edison, the Alex Dow Awards have been presented annually since 1946 to recognize employees' outstanding achievements related to company and industry operations, as well as humanitarian activities in the community.

Urgent Care opens

Choice Urgent Care recently opened a facility at the junction of Lilley Road and Michigan Avenue in Canton (41750 Michigan Avenue).

The urgent care is a result of a partnership between three

doctors who are part of the Canton community. Doctors who are managing and working in the urgent care are bringing their experience together in the fields of clinical cardiology, adult internal medicine and family medicine.

The facility accepts new patients and walk ins. There are no appointments needed. They provide Point-of-Care dispensing of common medications to ensure that patients receive their prescriptions prior to leaving the clinic. The x-ray services are available on site for any suspected injuries to the bones.

They plan to provide occupational medicine check-ups. An employer can set up visits for drug screening. Physical, Drug Screen, Audio, Vision, BAT, onsite drug screening. On site flu vaccine, as well as medical and injury needs of the employee and employer. Health Screening examination for schools, immunizations are also provided.

For more information, visit the group's Web site at choicurgentcare.com.

Support for Barone

I am supporting Joe Barone for 35th District Court Judge because Joe is more than qualified to fill the available judgeship position.

Over the past few years, myself and my family have come to know Joe in a personal and professional capacity, and his integrity and professionalism were obvious from the first time we met. His work ethic is impressive, and his even-handed temperament is commendable.

Joe Barone's contributions to our community, both personally and professionally, have made it a greater place in which to raise our families. His experience also speaks for himself. He is the best candidate for this important position. Please vote for Joe Barone for District Judge on August 5th.

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ence. This experience be it with the Prosecutors Office, or the Attorney General's Office is very important. I have witnessed dangerous, even negligent rulings from a judge who had only served as counsel for the defense and was unable or unwilling to stop seeing things from the defendant's point of view. This particular person often ignored the advice of seasoned professionals who urged the judge to reconsider his actions time and time again.

Of course we want fair, impartial and even compassionate judges. I would much rather see an alcoholic get treatment, continue to keep his job, and obtain counseling with his family, but I want to see an order prohibiting him from alcohol, test that monitor him (at his expense) to see that he is in compliance, and a judge who is willing to lock him up if he does not comply.

To many this seems like a small election. However ask yourself, when it comes to the drunk driver who was arrested in our community on our roads, do you want the judge to be more concerned with his rights than the safety of the public? When it comes to the spousal abusers who may be in the homes your children go visit and play in every day, do you want him focused on the shortest and most convenient probation for him, or do you want him to truly help the family in question?

Perhaps it is I that needs to give the candidates the benefit of the doubt. Perhaps the actions of one judge with only defense experience isn't a fair representation of all such candidates. However, I'm going with my experience and the experience of the candidates. I have never met any of the candidates, but based on qualifications, endorsements, and my own experience, Jim Plakas looks like the best person for the job at this time.

Jennifer Moore
Canton

Plakas has the experience

Not just experience, but the right experience makes a good judge.

I am in a unique situation when it comes to voting for a judge. Most people blow off such an election, or vote for the name that sounds familiar, few see how really important this elected office is. You can have a top notch police department, you can have great laws and guidelines in place, but if you don't have a good person on the bench, none of that helps keep our streets and community safe.

I worked in a district court for three years. I closely saw the rulings of three judges and three separate magistrates. I fully support innovative, treatment-based probation, as long as the community is kept safe. I feel jail time should be the last resort, when treatment and education fail to address the problem, and the defendant continues to be a threat to the safety of the public.

It is important that a judge is capable of hearing all sides of a case, of rendering justice, with mercy. It is crucial that a judge can be compassionate and fair. However, at the end of the day, public safety must be the judge's first priority.

I have serious professional and personal concerns with a judge who has never had any type of prosecution experi-

Vote for Malinowski

From a daughter's perspective, a bit of insight into a man who is finding himself in the middle of a not-so-nice local political scene as he is now a candidate for 35th District Court judge. He is not just another politician, he is our dad, James Malinowski.

For years, our dad had a small neighborhood office a few blocks from the house we grew up in. It was a family affair as our mother (Sue) was his secretary and we both worked in the office during our summers off. All that came to an abrupt end near the beginning of 1989 when our mother suffered a brain aneurysm and was hospitalized for four months.

It was a turning point in all our lives as she was left with a condition known as aphasia which severely impaired her communication skills such as speaking, reading and writing. She was also left with a seizure disorder which could only be controlled by medication and after much study and research, dad could probably be considered somewhat of a seizure "expert."

When our mother became ill, our father became — in essence — a single parent. Dad became more important to us than ever. Growing up, he had always been a great father, providing for us, stressing schoolwork and our love of sports while instilling good values such as respect for God and family as well as community and the law.

In the years since, while being the sole caretaker for our mother, as well as full-time parent, he maintained his thriving local law practice. His clients often inquired how our mother was doing, and what her progress and prognosis was. Several years ago, our mother started to lose control over her motor skills and began falling and breaking bones. After a broken leg, her condition started to degrade and she lost the use of her legs. Again, dad took the lead, being determined to help his wife walk again — researched and went for opinion after opinion. And after an unsuccessful surgery, dad set out to make the necessary adjustments to living with mom in a wheelchair.

This year, after more health scares in our family, and the passing of his mother, dad decided to make his bid for judge. We wondered how he would do it. We have asked him why he wanted to be a judge. "I've always felt privileged that I get the opportunity to help people every day. I love what I do, I love my family, my work and the law. Being a judge will allow me to expand my knowledge and continue on with what I started 35 years ago when I decided this is what I wanted for my life and my family."

James Malinowski is our father. He is a husband, a health care provider, a sportsman, a lover of the law, and a reluctant politician. He is striving to do his best for himself,

his family, his friends and the community around him. As his daughters, of course we are biased, but we can confidently say he is NOT just another candidate.

Andrea Malinowski
Janelle Minghine
Canton

Backing Barone
I would like to take this opportunity to tell you why I am supporting Joe Barone for 35th district court judge.

As the former executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce I spent the last 18 years getting to know the 1,500 business owners and professionals in the city and township of Plymouth.

I met Joe and his wife Maria 11 years ago when they opened their law practice, Barone Law Offices, in Plymouth and joined the Chamber of Commerce. Immediately, I could see that Joe and Maria were good and honest people who worked hard and were committed to serving their community. While working hard to establish their practice, Joe also took the time to involve himself in the community.

Joe is the only candidate who took the time and expense to attend and graduate from Leadership Plymouth. Joe also volunteered his time and services for many chamber-sponsored events. Over the years I have come to know Joe both personally and professionally, and I can tell you that Joe is an exceptionally good attorney.

Joe is dedicated to his wife, his two little girls, his clients and to helping various organizations and causes that better our community. In addition, Joe's experience in our court speaks for itself. Over the past 11 years, Joe has represented more people in the 35th District Court than any other candidate.

In my opinion, Joe is an honest and loyal man who has made significant personal and professional contributions that have enriched our community. His kind and caring personality and wealth of experience makes him more than qualified to be our next judge at the 35th District Court. I hope you will join with me in supporting and voting for Joe Barone Aug. 5.

Frans Toney
Plymouth

Thanks to Yack

Mr. Yack, I want to thank you for your letter to the editor on Sunday, July 27. It was to the point and answered the questions that many people have wanted to ask. Those of us who know and support Melissa McLaughlin for treasurer, know that her FIRST concern has, and always will be, the good of the citizens of Canton Township.

You, and many of the Foundation's board members, know what condition the foundation is in. The "quarterly mailing" of the newsletter was an unacceptable use of foundation funds to blatantly promote Noricks' campaign. She has been CEO of a one-person staff and CFO for that same one person payroll. This hardly qualifies her for a position which entails supervising and working with lots of staff members, and the general public, in a manner that will generate the best results for Canton.

Does Noricks even know that water bills and taxes can ALREADY be paid on-line? Funny, since she has made this one of her major "campaign promises."

Voters, please do not be taken in by the endorsement of the Canton Observer. The full story has NOT been told until now, with Tom Yack's letter bringing clarity to the situation. Joan Noricks is a fund-raiser and a party planner. Melissa McLaughlin is a working member of government who will continue to serve the residents of Canton better than her opponent. It is not a popularity contest, it is serious business which will involve the overseeing of Canton's finances.

Pick the candidate who CARES about Canton, who UNDERSTANDS the way government is supposed to run, and is DILIGENT in her research and COMPETENT to do the very best job as Canton Treasurer. Choose Melissa McLaughlin.

Nancy Spencer
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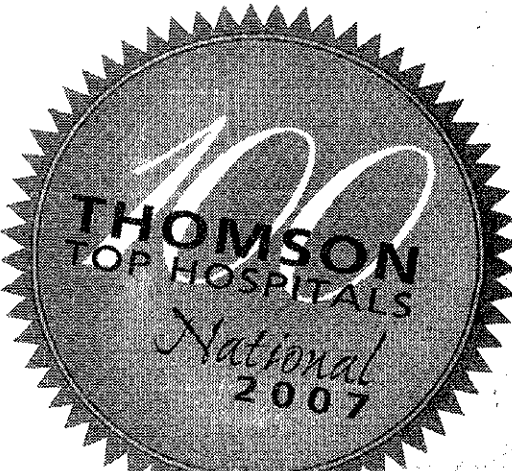
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60th year sees new endowment for historical society

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the Plymouth Historical Society celebrates its 60th year, the Plymouth Historical Museum's benefactor — Margaret Dunning of Plymouth — has revealed her lifelong friend recently willed a trust worth more than \$350,000 to fund educational programs at the museum.

When Irene Walldorf of Plymouth — a former Plymouth-Canton Schools teacher — died Aug. 20, 2002, her will indicated that any money left in her trust, after all her relatives died, would be given to the Historical Museum.

"Irene felt a person should give back to their community," said Dunning. "She wanted to take care of her family, but decided the rest should go to something that was useful and memorable to the community. She became interested in the museum and gave several trusts to the museum for educational purposes."

Walldorf had earlier given a \$100,000 trust to the Plymouth Historical Museum, also for teaching history.

According to law, the museum is required to use 5 percent of the trust interest each year. The latest trust left by Walldorf netted the museum \$17,500.

"This money allows us to beef up our educational offerings,"

said Liz Kerstens, the museum's executive director. "Schools have cut field trips ... and this money will allow us to offer some teachers more money so kids can come here for field trips."

"We're also trying to add technology into the exhibits, such as touch-screen monitors that will allow us to add more content and interpretation to the exhibits," she said. "Irene's gift is so phenomenal for this museum. Hopefully, others who would like to see children experience the past of this area will do the same."

Kerstens said the Plymouth Historical Society has a total of \$800,000 in endowments, with \$671,000 in a PHS endowment.

"Margaret's goal is for the PHS endowment to get over \$1 million so it can sustain operations," said Kerstens. "We take a certain amount of money each year to help with operating funds because we couldn't make it without it." Kerstens said the museum's annual operating budget is \$142,000, with funding from memberships, donations, fund-raisers and endowments. There are only two part-time employees, including Kerstens, with nearly 130 volunteers helping to keep the museum functional. The Plymouth Historical Museum doesn't receive state or federal grants. The museum at Main and Church streets opened in February 1976. It was donated by Dunning in memory of her parents who were among the original 52 Society members



Margaret Dunning donated the \$1.3 million for an addition to the Plymouth Historical Museum, which was completed in 2001.

in 1948. Currently, the Society has 625 members. Dunning also donated the \$1.3 million for an addition that was completed in 2001, which houses the Abraham Lincoln exhibit.

Dunning is hopeful more people will consider giving trusts to the museum so Plymouth's his-

tory can be perpetuated.

"People have been very kind about leaving trusts for the future," said Dunning.

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BIKES

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Colflesh, who grew up in Warren and worked at a bike shop in high school. "I was working in the tool and die industry when the chance came to take over the existing shop. I decided that it was the right opportunity and knew that I was young enough that if, for whatever reason, it didn't work out, I could always go back."

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are really happy to see a bike shop back in Canton."

Like many of his new customers, Colflesh, who has been racing bicycles since 1989, also rides to work.

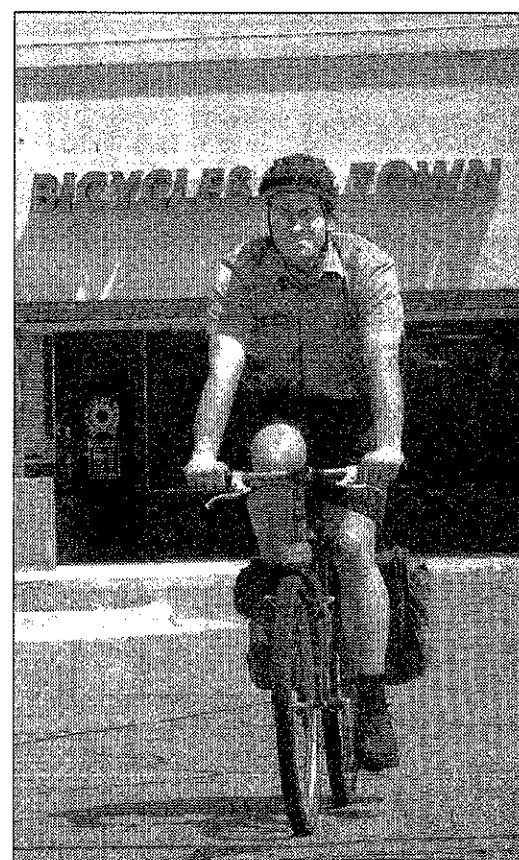
"It actually doesn't add that much more time to your commute and I hate the hassle of driving," he said, noting that a 10-12 mile distance is doable at an easy pace.

"To get home, it only takes me about 10 minutes longer on my bike than when I drive."

Because he's a rider, Colflesh said he offers his personal experience to customers wishing to

As the only employee of Bicycles in Town, Colflesh works seven days a week. Occasionally, his wife, Cheryl, drops in.

"Some days are really busier than others but I'm used to having to hustle and work hard," he said. "And people



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Jim Colflesh commutes from his home in Livonia on his bike. He figures that he has ridden this bike over 40,000 miles in 18 years.

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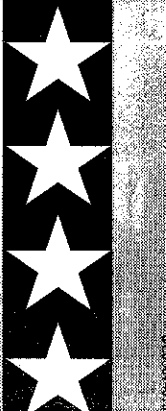
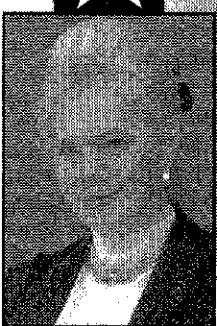
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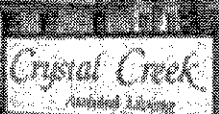
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OUR VIEWS

Here are our picks for Aug. 5 primary

Primary elections usually don't attract the attention of large numbers of voters. If you are a Canton voter and are thinking of skipping the Aug. 5 primary, you should think twice. Much will be decided in the primary, including who Canton's next treasurer will be.

There are going to be some significant changes on the Board of Trustees, as longtime Supervisor Tom Yack and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter are retiring. Two of the current trustees, Melissa McLaughlin and Todd LaJoy, are also running for different offices, meaning there will be two new trustees.

McLaughlin is running against longtime Canton Community Foundation President Joan Noricks for treasurer. Both are Republicans. There are no Democrats in the race, so whoever wins the primary will ultimately win in November and replace Kirchgatter. Both candidates have long, distinguished records of serving the Canton community.

Noricks, who has headed the Foundation for the past 15 years, has taken the organization from one that was in debt to one that has nearly \$2 million in assets. She has helped recruit an excellent, diverse board of directors, and managed staff and an annual budget of about \$200,000. She acts as the Foundation's chief financial officer, and is responsible for investments and payroll.

McLaughlin has been a trustee since 1992, and is a member of the Planning Commission, the Historic District Commission and the Downtown Development Authority. She has a tremendous amount of knowledge of how Canton government operates, and has been a main player in how Canton has developed in recent years.

However, we believe **Joan**

Noricks, based on her management experience and her independence, would be the best person to serve the interests of Canton Township residents in the treasurer's office. She has the vision and the temperament for the job as Canton Township treasurer.

There are seven Republicans seeking to become a Canton trustee. They include incumbents Todd Caccamo and Karl Zarbo, as well as challengers Mike Andro, John Anthony, Fred Bolden, Jaldhar Prasad, and Pat Williams. Each candidate brings a different level of experience that would benefit the community. Only the four top vote-getters will appear on the general election ballot in November. The only Democrat in the race, Syed Taj, is already assured a spot on the November ballot.

Canton voters would best be served by choosing **Mike Andro, Todd Caccamo, Pat Williams and Karl Zarbo.**

Caccamo, who recently reenlisted as a reserve in the US Marines, has gone through an impressive maturation process during his first term on the board. He has consistently fought to rein in the cost of township government, and he has displayed independence and the ability to speak out on issues. Ultimately, we think Caccamo has done enough to earn a second term, even though part of that term might be spent in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Zarbo, who is completing his sixth year as a trustee, is an easy choice. He has a firm grasp of the issues impacting the Canton community and government. With his background in commercial real estate management, he has provided an influential voice when it comes to development issues, particularly along Ford Road.

Williams, who was named a



Andro



Zarbo



Noricks



Caccamo



Williams



Plakas



Larkin

Canton Township Community Supporter Award in 2006, seems to have been groomed for the position of trustee. He is a past president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, board member of the Canton Lions Club, and a graduate of the Leadership Canton program. His business background sets him apart from some of the other candidates in this race. He is currently an accounts manager with Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, which is a Ford Motor Co. subsidiary, and a small business owner. He knows how budgets work and would be a good addition to the board.

Andro is a true newcomer to the political world. This is his first attempt at elected office. He spent two decades as a television producer, much of which was spent in sports at PASS and Channel 4 (WDIV). While others might be able to point to a more extensive record of public service, Andro has a firm grasp of how township government works, and he knows the issues that are important to the township. His priorities include making sure Public Safety remains adequately funded, working with the county and state to repair roads in the township, and making sure that township government is transparent and responsive to residents. In time, we believe Andro could be an exceptional member of the board.

Voters will also be voting for a

new 35th District Court judge, who will replace longtime Judge John MacDonald. There is a strong field of candidates. The top two primary vote-getters will face off in the general election in November for the six-year term, which pays \$139,272. Voters can select only one candidate. We believe that candidate should be **Jim Plakas.**

Plakas comes from an experienced legal background, has a sound judicial temperament and has the backing of many judges. His list of endorsements includes MacDonald, who has served with distinction; Judge Robert Brzezinski of Livonia's 16th District Court; and Judge C. Charles Bokos, three of the most respected district court jurists in the area. He is a young, hard-charging, community-minded attorney with a young family. We believe Plakas' breadth of experience and his passion for the job lift him above the others.

In the Democratic primary for the 11th Congressional District, Livonia attorney Joseph Larkin and former longtime Novi city manager Edward Kriewall are competing to face incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter in the November general election. McCotter of Livonia is running unopposed.

Neither Larkin or Kriewall have ever run for elective office. Kriewall has extensive government experience. He cites several road and development projects in Novi

as examples of his leadership and ability to work with others. Larkin is a private practice lawyer with no government experience.

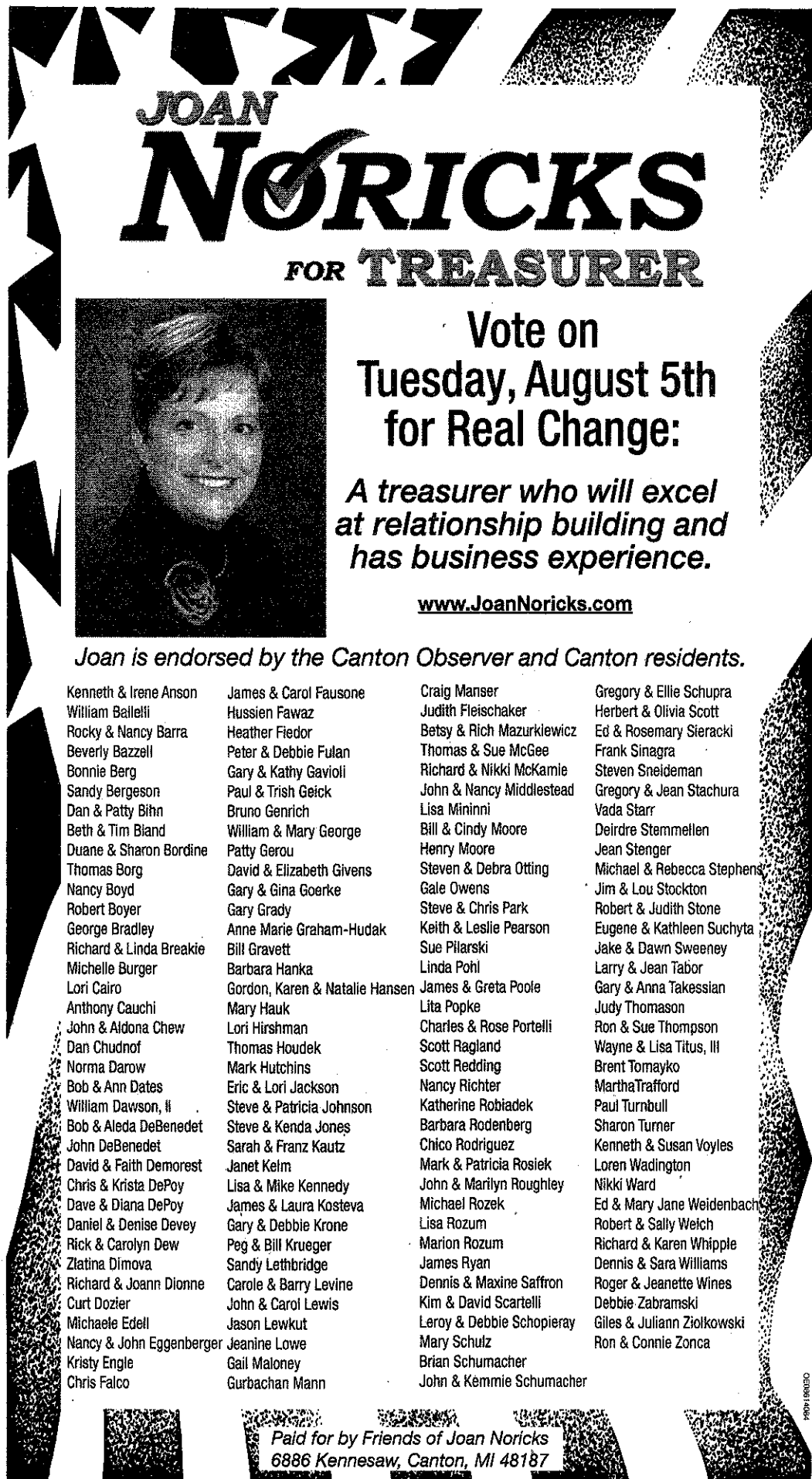
But Larkin offers voters a clearer alternative to McCotter's staunchly conservative views. Though he describes himself as a pro-life Catholic Democrat, Larkin makes a stronger case against the war in Iraq, for alternative energy, fair trade and proposals to deal with the foreclosure crisis.

Whoever wins the Democratic primary, will have an uphill battle in the Republican leaning district against a three-term incumbent who has moved up into a leadership position among House Republicans. We recommend **Joseph Larkin** as someone who will offer voters a clearer choice.

Voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties are being asked to vote on a 0.1 mill property tax to support the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak and the Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. A yes vote would create tax authorities in each county to levy the zoo tax.

The Detroit Zoological Society needs the projected \$12 million raised from the tax to fill an \$8 million annual operating shortfall created when the city of Detroit, which owns the zoo, terminated its annual subsidy and turned over zoo operations to the society.

We believe the zoo is an important cultural and educational institution for the metro area and recommend a yes vote on the zoo millage.



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Plymouth's Eric Duprey, the Boys 14-15 winner with a 79, reacts to just missing his putt on the eighth hole during the Motor City Junior Golf Championship held Wednesday at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

Sudden victory

Johnson rules Motor City Jr. in playoff

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Jimmy Johnson thought he was "a goner" as he watched opponent Matt Keast stand over a 4-foot birdie putt during the first playoff hole in Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Livonia's Whispering Willows.

Johnson, who will be a junior at Livonia Franklin High School, got reprieve when Plymouth's Keast rolled the slippery downhill attempt past the cup as pair - who ironically are both left-handers - settled for pars as the playoff continued.

Despite a tee shot into the woods on the 390-yard, No. 2 - the course's No. 1 handicap hole - Johnson played a layup, scrambled back nicely with a 7-iron placing his approach just 12 feet from the pin and settled for a bogey.

Meanwhile, while the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central junior took a double-bogey as Johnson earned the Boys 16-17 age division title.

"I got a little lucky," admitted Johnson, who carded a 76 along with Keast with back-to-back 38s over 18 holes in regulation. "But I don't think I missed a putt inside of 5 feet all day. It was definitely my putting and I drove the ball pretty straight."

Johnson split time last spring on Franklin's varsity and JV squads, but has improved his game by practicing at nearby Idyl Wyld, one of Livonia's three public courses.

"I've come close, but have never won," Johnson said of his tournament conquest.

Keast, however, was kicking himself afterwards after missing the 4-footer.

"I was so nervous that I didn't concentrate," said Keast, who hopes to



Twelve-year-old Brian Sexton of Livonia studies his line as he prepares for his putt on the No. 15 hole during Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Whispering Willows in Livonia.

land a spot on CC's varsity next spring. "After missing that putt, I was pretty upset."

"I played all right, but I bogeyed (number) three, four and five (holes) and I was mad. But I was able to par out on that nine."

Keast, who also plays hockey as a center on the Fountain Park Flyers, a Midget A team which plays out of Computware Arena, has spent the summer honing his game on the Adams and Top 50 junior tours, as well as play-

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Sidelines

Free junior tourney

Wolverine Sports will sponsor an 18-hole free junior golf tournament for boys and girls ages 9-17 on Sunday, Aug. 10 at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by stroke play with foursomes at 12:30 p.m. (Free hot dogs, chips and pop will be provided at the turn.)

For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

Titan Tune-Up

The fourth annual Tommy Titan Tune-up will be Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

The women's cross country race begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the men's cross country race at 7:15 p.m.

The long course will consist of one college loop and one high school loop approximately 5,600 meter. The short course will be a college loop of 3,300 meters.

Individual rants are \$5 per entrant; \$25 (6-14 athletes); and \$50 (15 or more).

For more information, call University of Detroit Mercy cross country coach Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724; or e-mail murraygr@udmercy.edu.

Bint rules tourney

Brian Bint, a 2008 Livonia Churchill High graduate who played four years of varsity golf, captured the Boys 17-18 division with an 18-hole round of 77 in the Metroparks Tournament held July 17 at Huron Meadows.

Bint will be attending Schoolcraft College in the fall.

Wolter qualifies

First-place finisher Kyle Wolter of Canton led the way among a quartet of area qualifiers in the Boys 9-10 age division in the Mutual of Omaha's Drive, Chip and Putt and The Golf Channel's regional competition held last weekend in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wolter, who qualified locally in Plymouth, advances to the national finals next month in Orlando, Fla.

Canton's James Piot took third in the regional after qualifying locally in Plymouth.

Joshua Stein of Plymouth added a fourth after besting a field of 35 in a local qualifier held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Canton's Jack Boczar, who placed first out of 46 in a Pittsburgh local qualifier, added a seventh in the regional which attracted competitors from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada.

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Pair of aces

Hole-in-ones gobble up Whispering Willows

BY BRAD EMONS
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So much for closest-to-the-pin.

Apparently the par-3, No. 17 was the place to be during Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf because not one, but two hole-in-ones were recorded on the 154-yard hole, both witnessed by ranger Dennis Neidy.

Austin Harris, an eighth-grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, used a 5-iron to put "I" on his scorecard. Harris also captured the Boys 13-and-under age division title with an 89.

Steve Hendershot, 17, of West Bloomfield, also aced the same hole using a 9-iron on his way to an 88.

"I saw it disappear - it came

to the side of the pin and I thought I was seeing things," said Hendershot, who played JV golf this past spring at West Bloomfield High. "My dad (Bruce) tells me it's mostly luck even though the law of physics says that only five percent of even the best golfers are able to do it."

Steve Hendershot now owns bragging rights along with his father, who carded his ace at St. Clair Shores Country Club.

"I knew that if I had the same chance, God would have to develop a sense of humor," Steve said. "Or maybe I thought I was going blind after seeing it go in the bottom of the cup."

Harris, meanwhile, said he has come close before.

"I've been within five feet," said the 12-year-old, who earlier this summer carded an 84 on

a Meijer's Junior Tour stop at Arbor Hills in Jackson. "I hit it good, but at first I did not believe it because it never goes in. It bounced two times and went into the hole. It disappeared, rolled and stopped."

Austin Harris can now boast of his accomplishment along with his dad Mark, who recorded a hole-in-one in 1992.

Harris' older brother Avery, 13, who will be a freshman this fall at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, was skeptical when he heard his brother's claim.

"I didn't believe him," Avery said.

Well, Avery, it just didn't happen once, it happened twice - on the same hole.

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MARK HARRIS

Stevie Hendershot (left) of West Bloomfield and Austin Harris of Livonia both have keepsake balls after recording aces on the 154-yard, No. 17 hole Wednesday at the Motor City Junior Golf Invitational held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Beijing fireworks? Have U.S. Olympians lost their nerve?

With the Beijing Olympics only five days away, this promises to be a Summer Games like no other.

Foreign journalists, who have already set up camp at the main press center, may have



Brad Emons

had the preconceived notion that they'd be choked first by the dense, thick smog rather than by the Chinese censorship control freaks who have already begun placing restrictions on Internet access to certain Web pages which allude to China's human rights violations and other issues which ruffle the feathers of the Communist government.

After Beijing was awarded the

Games, International Olympic Committee president Juan Rogge promised that China would be an open book and that reporters would be allowed unfettered access.

But as some have already learned, the Great Wall has already become a giant Fire Wall.

Before the first nation marches into the Olympic stadium for the opening ceremonies on Friday, weightlifters from Bulgaria, track and field athletes from Russia and even a women's swimmer from the U.S. have already been flagged for doping violations. (I guess the East Germans weren't the only ones.)

The Chinese, who plan to blanket the country with security to thwart off any acts of terrorism, also have developed a "code of conduct" for the visit-

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ing fans as well. (I assume that means you can't get drunk and act like a British soccer hooligan.)

Of course, the large U.S. delegation of athletes - nearly 600 - have been given their marching orders as well as not to embarrass their country or their own president, who after much careful planning, is scheduled to make a cameo appearance at the Games.

It's become a broken record in recent months and weeks that "politics and the Olympics should not mix."

My question remains: Then

why was Iraq out and now they're suddenly back in?

"Let's put aside our differences" for the 16 days, they say, and enjoy the spirit of the competition.

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Let's face it, George W. would rather us be politically correct than politically charged.

And that refrain has been trumpeted by more than a few prominent U.S. athletes over the airwaves, so much so that it almost seems like we've become the Russian robots of the 60s, 70s and 80s Olympics.

Ironically, it's been 40 years since U.S. sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos took their defiant stands on the Mexico City medals podium

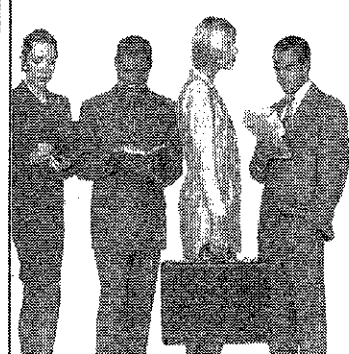
raising their fists to the sky while wearing black gloves during the playing of the National Anthem.

Smith and Carlos, whether ill-advised, coerced or sincerely adamant in their views about racial oppression, certainly paid a heavy price emotionally for their actions in the following years.

A former Olympic gold medal boxer - Muhammad Ali (formerly Cassius Clay) - gladly received the baton from Carlos and Smith and ran with it.

Ali was cutting edge and debunked the notion that sports and politics can't avoid each other.

So how ironic is it that 40 years later Smith and Carlos, estranged from one another following the fallout from their



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Pitching prowess sets up well as Rams head to Johnstown

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Michigan Rams manager Rick Berryman has something the Tigers' Jim Leyland would kill for right now – quality pitching.

After starting their summer schedule 5-5 in the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League, the Rams finished 20-5 the rest of the way and moved all the way up to third place in the standings.

As the top 20-and-under team finisher in the MCBL, the Rams, boasting a team earned run average of 1.87, qualified again for the 16-team All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) National Tournament, which is set to begin Monday, Aug. 11 in Johnstown, Pa.

Only a pair of 22-and-under teams, the first-place Michigan Monarchs (29-6-1 overall), headed to the National Amateur Baseball Federation Tournament this week (Aug. 6) in Toledo, Ohio, and the Michigan Bulls (28-6-1), placed ahead Berryman's squad.

"The strength is in our pitching – from the starters, to the closers, to the middle relievers," said Berryman, who also serves at the Livonia Stevenson High varsity baseball coach during the spring. "This is probably the best staff I've ever had. We have two hard throwers who can also get guys out with good breaking balls."

A pair of right-handers, Western Michigan University's Derek Mosher and Wayne State's Brett Shankin, have been the leaders of the Rams staff.

Mosher, who played high school baseball at Ann Arbor Pioneer, adapted nicely from

a closer to a starter's role and won his last four games. In 33 innings this summer, he is 4-0 (including one save) with 47 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.06.

Shankin, meanwhile, has been equally impressive with a 6-3 mark and a 1.42 ERA. He has 60 Ks in 54 innings of work.

One of the keys to the Rams' success, according to Berryman, has been the defensive play of the outfield led by Madonna University's Shawn Little (Canton), who is flanked by WMU's Tim Cross (Walled Lake Central) and Oakland University's Dan Augustine.

"Shawn is our fastest outfielder, he's played an unbelievable center field," Berryman said. "Those guys cover a lot of ground and they have strong arms."

The Rams' offensive attack is led by a pair of catchers by trade, Brad Herman (Spring Arbor) and Brett Mazmanian (WSU), who are hitting .411 and .402, respectively.

"We have some very good starters and we're hitting the ball O.K.," Berryman said. "It's allowed us to keep us in games."

During the summer season, Berryman carried 17 players on his roster and was able to add three more from the MCBL including Blue Knights infielder Tony Pounders, a former Stevenson High standout who now plays for Concordia University.

The Rams manager also added Detroit Eagles right-handed pitcher John Tibaud, via Saginaw Valley State, along with Michigan Dodgers right-hander Tom Whiting, via Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep and Worcester Poly Tech Institute (Mass.).

The Rams remain relatively young with only four 20-year-olds on the currently squad with the rest being 19 – something that bodes well for the future.

"We're rebuilt from last year and we're fortunate we recruited some good kids," Berryman said.

In an exhibition game tune-up Wednesday at Ford Field for the postseason tourney, the Rams defeated the Monarchs, 7-5, in nine innings as Mazmanian, Little, Aaron Wick (OU) and Josh Kirsten each collected two each hits.

Frank Persichino also knocked in three runs, while Mazmanian added two. Pounders and Wick also had an RBI each.

Former Ram Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne/Spring Arbor) tripled and scored two runs, while Rob Wendzicki, Dave Brelinski and Mike Wiseman also knocked in runs for the Monarchs.

Winning pitcher Ben Schroeder (Stevenson/Kalamazoo College) allowed three runs (two earned) on three hits and a walk. He fanned four bing giving way to Whiting, who went the final two innings to earn the save.

James Bertakis and Matt Tuttle (Stevenson/Adrian College) also worked two innings apiece in middle relief for the Rams.

Kasey Furcala, who gave up five runs on eight hits in three innings, took the loss for the Monarchs.

The Rams continued their pre-tourney exhibition schedule with a double-header Friday night at Mott Community College in Flint.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Patriot volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Franklin volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (varsity), 12:30-2:30 p.m. (JV) and 4:30-7 p.m. (freshman) on Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school fieldhouse.

All players must bring a current physical exam form.

For more information, e-mail coach Linda Jimenez at ljwestland@sbcglobal.net.

GC volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City girls volleyball team will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (JV players in grades 9-10) and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (varsity players) beginning Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school.

WYAA football signup

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, entering its 50th year, is seeking football players ages 12-13-14 interested in playing varsity-level for the

Comets or Meteors. Openings remain for both squads.

The Comets play their home games at John Glenn High School and practice and Marshall Middle School, while the Meteors' home field is Wayne Memorial H.S. and practice at Voss Park in Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA Lange Compound Building at (734) 421-0640; Meteors unit director Galen Huren at (734) 716-6047; or Comets unit director Mark Simkow at (734) 732-1176.

Girls fastpitch tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Storm girls fastpitch softball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (10- and 12-and-under) and from 1-3 p.m. (14- and 16-and-under), at Bicentennial Park (fields nos. 9 and 10).

Additional inform is posted on www.livoniastorm.com; or e-mail Ken Jewell at kjewell@livoniastorm.com.

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For more information, call Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or (313) 350-5183.

The Thunderbirds girls travel fastpitch organization will hold tryouts for 2008-09 on Aug. 16, 17 and 23 at Heritage Park in Canton.

Try-out sessions will begin at 9 a.m. (10U), 10 a.m. (11/12U), 11 a.m. (13/14U) and noon (16U/18U).

Most players will only need to attend one session.

Thunderbirds Softball Inc. (TSI) is a Canton-based non-profit corporation (founded in 2000) dedicated exclusively to supporting and promoting young women's fastpitch softball. The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8 to 19 years.

For more information, contact Ray Barnes (734) 927-4739 or Humaira Afzal at hafzal@comcast.net.

OLYMPICS

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actions, reluctantly took the stage together in a rare appearance last month at the Espys when they were saluted and given a standing ovation after receiving ESPN's Courage Award?

In this Olympic era of Team USA Basketball players staying at luxurious resorts and Nike-annointed marketing heroes, I yearn for somebody at these Summer Games to come out and make a bold stand or statement.

The timing or the venue couldn't be better.

How about somebody coming out and not only spitting in the eye of the Tiger, but putting their foot on the neck of what is naively perceived as that lovable giant Chinese panda?

Isn't it true that all U.S. Olympic athletes believe in the inherent principle of freedom of speech?

I'm waiting for someone like Tommie Smith and John Carlos to come full circle.

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AREA SUMMER OLYMPIAN FACTS & BEIJING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Allison Schmitt, 18, Canton (swimming): Has recorded the third fastest time this year in the 200-meter freestyle (1:55.92) and is considered a serious medal contender. She also finished third in the 400 freestyle last month's Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb. after winning four MHSAA individual Division I state titles as a prep. Will swim one of eight preliminary heats in the 200 freestyle from 6:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. (ET) Monday, Aug. 11. The two semifinal heats follow at 10 p.m. (ET) with the finals set for 10:11 p.m. (ET) Tuesday, Aug. 12. Schmitt will also be a member of the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team with the preliminary heats starting at 9:05 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13 followed by the finals at 11:29 p.m. (ET).

Sheila Taormina, 39, Livonia (modern pentathlon): The Stevenson High grad and former University of Georgia All-America swimmer, now residing in the Ann Arbor area, is making Olympic history by competing in her

third different sport – swimming, triathlon and modern pentathlon – in her fourth Olympics. She swam a leg of the USA women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team which captured a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Games and had a sixth-place finish and a 23rd-place finish, respectively, in the triathlon at the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Games. Her quest in the modern pentathlon will begin at 8:30 p.m. (ET) Thursday, Aug. 21 followed by fencing at 10 p.m. (ET), swimming 2:30 a.m. (ET), Friday, Aug. 22; equestrian riding, 5 a.m. (ET) and running, 8 a.m. (ET). She was ranked 25th in the final pentathlon working ranking list for the Olympic qualification period and ninth in the UIPM World Cup standing. Considered a longshot for a medal, her best World Cup performance was March 2007 when she won a silver medal in Cairo, Egypt. Is she being considered as the U.S. flag bearer for the opening ceremonies?

MOTOR CITY

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ing in a Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) qualifier.

"I've worked a lot on my short game, I've been going to the range and going out and hitting just about every day," said the lanky 6-foot-2 lefty.

Also in the Boys 16-17 age group, Livonia Churchill's Adam Yerber and Livonia Stevenson's Tom Cullum tied for third with 79 each.

In the Boys 14-15 age division, Plymouth Eric Duprey shot 38-41-79 to take the crown, one shot ahead of Riley Butcher of Tecumseh, Ontario and two strokes ahead of his brother Brandon Duprey.

In the Boys 13-and-under division, Livonia's Austin Harris took advantage of a hole-in-one on the 154-yard No. 17 (see related story) to win with an 89, two strokes better than Alexander Watson of Commerce Township and three shots ahead of Plymouth's Ryan Rieckhoff.

Jones rules Girls 15-17

One of the happiest golfers who returned to the clubhouse Wednesday during her 18-hole round was Redford's Adrienne Jones, who carded a personal best of 93 to win

JUNIOR GOLF RESULTS

MOTOR CITY JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

July 30 at Whispering Willows G.C.

BOYS 16-17: 1. Jimmy Johnson, 76 (won 2-hole playoff); 2. Matt Keast, 76.3; (tie) Thomas Cullum and Adam Yerber, 79 each; 5. Jake Smith, 82.8; (tie) Jordan Chisholm and Conner Sexton, 83 each; 8. (tie) Kenny Banach, Brian Blint, Charles Perry, Greg Van Gorp, 84 each; 12. Erik Newman, 86; 13. Robert Louwers, 87; 14. Steve Hendershot, 88; 15. Ryan Cloch, 91; 16. Michael Hillegands, 94; 17. Adam Smith, 99; 18. Adam Skubik, 107.

BOYS 14-15: 1. Eric Duprey, 79; 2. Riley Butcher, 80; 3. Brandon Duprey, 81; 4. (tie) Cam Humitz and Joshua Perrin, 84 each; 6. Ben Proben, 85; 7. Brandon Kozy, 87; 8. Jeff Thomas, 90; 9. (tie) Drake Hermann, Eric Perry and Cameron Tetraut, 93 each; 12. (tie) Ryan Carpenter, Eric Hill and Derek Pohmeyer, 94 each; 15. (tie) Karl Allen and Andrew Newman, 96 each; 17. Nick Lagerstrom, 96; 18. (tie) Cody Nalez and Chris Theille, 97 each; 20. Nick Proben, 99; 21. Jake Allen, 101; 22. Ryan Findlay, 102; 23. (tie) Kevin Louwers and Chris White, 103 each; 25. Daniel Kulakowski, 105; 26. (tie) Dominic DeLisi, Chris Mireles and Brian Roulier, 106 each; 29. David Belt, 107; 30. Nick Nelson, 114.

31. Daniel Furlong, 117; 32. Brandon Haycock, 129.

BOYS 13-AND-UNDER: 1. Austin Harris, 89; Alexander Watson, 91; 3. Ryan Rieckhoff, 92; 4. (tie) Connor Humitz and Shane Taylor, 94 each; 6. Brian Sexton, 97; 7. Garrison Peppers, 97; 8. Adam Findlay, 102; 9. Matthew Golek, 104; 10. (tie) Ryan Lind and Chad MacKordindle, 106 each; 12. Ryan Keast, 112; 13. Jack Leckner, 115; 14. Cody Coleman, 116; 15. Avery Harris, 121.

BOYS 15-17: 1. Adrienne Jones, 93; 2. Valerie Dilmitia, 103.3; (tie) Jessica Burdette and Carmela Hawkins, 104 each; 5. Katelyn Papler, 105; 6. Natalie Polakowski, 107; 7. Bethan Rizik, 110; 8. Sara Linder, 118; 9. Samantha Proben, 125.

GIRLS 14-AND-UNDER: 1. Jordyn Shepler, 12; 2. Maggie McGee, 123; 3. Laura Shureb, 14; Jacyn Burdette, 142.

STRAIGHTEST DRIVES

Boys: Andrew Newman; **Girls:** Laura Shureb.

CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN

Boys 16-17: Steve Hendershot (hole-in-one); **14-15:** Eric Duprey, 6 feet, 5 inches; **13-and-under:** Austin Harris (hole-in-one).

Girls 15-17: Katelyn Papler, 25 feet; **14-and-under:** Jordyn Shepler, 18 feet.

the Girls 15-17 age division, 10 shots ahead of Northville's Val DiMilia, who attends Livonia Ladywood.

Southfield's Carmela Hawkins, who attends Farmington Hills Mercy, shot a 104 to tie Churchill's Jessica Burdette for third place.

Jones, who will be a junior at Thurston, juggles two sports, including swimming, during the fall.

"It was definitely a good day," said Jones, who made second-team All-Observer last fall.

"I was driving the ball

long off the tee all day long." Jones, using a Cobra Speed LD driver and Adams irons, averaged "250 (yards) plus" off the tee. She had a birdie and four pars during her round.

In the Girls 14-and-under division, Livonia's Jordyn Shepler, who will be a freshman at Churchill, carded a 121 to win the title followed by Maggie McGee (Farmington Hills Mercy) with a 123 and Laura Shureb (Livonia) with a 141.


A total of 80 players competed in the Motor City Junior Championship.

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Al Harrison

W. Nine Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. It is a 7 p.m. starting time with tickets at \$25 (include three games, food and shoe rentals if needed).

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Both Sill and Mullin have adopted six animals between them. It is a great event to support the care, respect and adoption of animals in need. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit FFDAS and MAAN.

I adopted a rescued cat a year ago and it has added a great deal of pleasure to our own household. Sill is bowling's first lady to

achieve \$1 million in prize money and she is a Detroit Dream Team Legendary Athlete (along with Joe Louis and Gordie Howe). She was most recently honored by her induction into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame, joining the likes of Stan Musial, Alan Trammell and Mike Ditka.

Sill is the only woman bowler to win the pro tour triple crown twice in her illustrious career.

Both Aleta and Michelle have retired from the tour and are now devoting their energies to helping other become more skillful at the sport via individual or group lessons.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060; or you can go online at michellemullen@att.net.

It is not often that I will enthusiastically boost any product but this one deserves mention. It is a nutritional supplement called Super Collagen +C.

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By endorsing this product, I can only say it worked for me. I bought it at the local Costco outlet.

O&E area bowlers garnered

five of the top 16 places in the Budweiser Michigan Majors as the 42nd season concluded recently at Five Star Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Garden City's Terry Haines and Larry Walker led the way with third and fifth-place, including a 300 game in the process, bringing home \$500 and \$300, respectively.

Other top finishers included Doug Spicer, seventh (\$200); Terry Mariucci, 13th (\$130); and Pat Brown (Canton), 16th (\$100).

The Michigan Majors will take a short summer break and resume competition on Aug. 23 with the new season opener at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc.

Those interested in joining should contact the tournament office at (586) 775-2414; or go to the web site at www.michiganmajors.com.

The Alro Steel Michigan Junior Masters Association awarded two \$1,000 scholarships at the seasons end in the name of the founder Dan Ottman.

The recipients included Michael Kiel of Livonia, a pre-law student at the University of Michigan, and former Livonia Ladywood High standout Sarah Jaeger of Highland, who will be a senior at the University of Detroit Mercy.

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Falcons unbeaten

Make that 60 victories in a row for the Falcons, a boys under-10 team in the Western Suburban Soccer League following an 8-0 season thanks to a late second-half goal in the season finale. The Falcons, founded in 2004, include (front row, from left): Lucas Dorzaio, Justin McChristian, Zeb Noble, Nick Joseph and Justin Barr; (second row, from left) Josh Kornaga, Sean Pastor, Brandon Gabrielson, Joe Soave, Emilio Garza and Joey Lajcaj. The team is coached by Steve King (back row) and managed by Diane Kornaga.

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If you don't want an iPhone, alternatives exist

Question: I'm in the market for a new phone, but I don't want an iPhone. What else can you recommend?

What? Are you crazy? Everyone wants an iPhone! Well, OK, maybe not. After all, it does force you to become an AT&T customer for at least two years and pay a minimum of \$70 monthly for the privilege.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

That said, I recently had the chance to take several "iPhone killers" for a spin, and let me be brutally honest: Not one came anywhere close to matching the iPhone's elegance, ease of use, stellar Web browser, superb music and video capabilities, and dazzling library of

third-party applications.

On the other hand, if you take iPhone comparisons out of the picture, some of these phones are quite exceptional. Start with the Samsung Instinct from Sprint, a real bargain at \$129.99 (with contract and after rebate).

The Instinct sports an iPhone-style touchscreen and interface, iPhone-style visual voicemail (meaning you can browse messages onscreen and choose which ones to play), and world-class GPS navigation.

And despite the low price, Samsung bundles a bunch of worthwhile accessories, including a 2GB memory card for storing music and whatnot, a spare battery, a travel charger, and a USB cable.

The Web browser is just so-so, and the Instinct lacks instant-messaging software. But otherwise I think it's an incredible phone for the money.

I also came away impressed by

Verizon's LG Dare (\$199.99 with contract and rebate), which is more compact than the Instinct and has a better browser.

The Dare is a better music phone, too, thanks to newly added support for Rhapsody's music-subscription service (all you can download for \$15 monthly).

Verizon's VZ Navigator service turns the Dare into a full-featured GPS navigation system (complete with

traffic updates), but you'll pay extra for it: \$2.99 per day or \$9.99 monthly.

Finally, I looked at AT&T's LG Vu, which is noteworthy for its slim and sexy design. Priced at \$299.99 (with contract and rebate), it costs more than similar models, but lacks a key feature.

Namely, GPS. Don't expect the Vu to help you find your way. Furthermore, it can't sync with Macs or PCs (something the Dare is no champ at either, actually), and its Web browser feels especially cramped owing to its smallish screen.

The Vu does let you watch TV on the go thanks to AT&T's optional Mobile TV service, which is excellent. And I found call quality to be excellent as well, even when using the speakerphone.

Before buying a new phone, do your homework. Read every review you can find, then visit stores so you can get a little hands-on time with each model. I can bluster about them all day, but ultimately you have to pick the phone that's best for you.

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Because of Patrick, Debbie Dayton was able to seat herself at Culver's restaurant in Westland.

Golden moment

Leader Dog restores Westland woman's life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Patrick seems to know he has some big paw prints to fill. Debbie Dayton's first Leader Dog, Josh, knew instinctively that she was the center of his world.

At 2½, Patrick is still a puppy but one with big responsibilities. Dayton's life and well-being depend on him. When Josh died in October the Westland woman lost her independence once again. She still was able to volunteer her time to help out at the Halloween walk in Westland, but it wasn't easy.

"Every one of those nights it was just ripping me apart standing there with my cane without my dog, what a blessing those dogs are," said Dayton. "It wasn't easy going through the parking lot trying to feel my way along with a cane. Josh was 6½ and it happened so suddenly it ripped my heart out."

With Patrick's help Dayton moves around the parking lot at Culver's with confidence. She knows his sudden stop is to save her from tripping over an obstacle, in this case a curb. Dayton is organizing a classic car show at the restaurant with owner Bob Fitzpatrick and the Motor City Muscle Car Club to benefit the Westland Lions Club.

Josh made it possible for Dayton to coordinate the organization's two major fundraisers, including the golf outing being held the last Saturday in September. Ten percent of the day's receipts from the Aug. 13 car show at Culver's goes to charities supported by the Lions including Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Penrickton School for Blind Children, Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia, and to provide glasses for individuals in financial need.

"When Josh died it was a



Debbie Dayton of Westland wouldn't be able to lead such an active lifestyle without her Leader Dog Patrick. She is pictured here with Pat and Orville Butzin of Canton (left); Norm Leist, White Lake; Jeff Ward, Motor City Muscle Car Club president; Jamie Bell, Culver's general manager; Dave Henwood, Livonia, and Bob Fitzpatrick. Ward, Leist, Henwood, and the Butzins show their classic cars in the Aug. 13 benefit.

CRUISIN' WITH CULVER'S

What: A classic car show to benefit the Westland Lions Club

When: 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13

Where: Culver's, 6500 Newburgh, south of Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-4216

heartbreaker," said Dayton. "I lost my sight a little more than 10 years ago and realized how easy it is to take your sight for granted. When I lost Josh it was right back to the day I lost my sight, being dependent on everyone, holding onto everyone's arm. I lost part of me."

Debbie and her husband Bill both cried for days after losing Josh. By December she was back at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester for live-in training with Patrick so she could regain her independence. Josh would have wanted it that way.

"We're still working on being a seasoned team. It takes a year or more," said Dayton, Westland Lions Club president. "He already knows where the card store is in the mall. He's learning quickly. I am so blessed to have two dogs so well matched to me. When I got

Patrick I didn't realize I got lax with commands because Josh was reading my mind."

Pat and Orville Butzin make it possible for individuals like Dayton to receive the dogs that increase the mobility and safety of blind and visually impaired individuals. The Canton couple raises puppies for Leader Dogs. Their 11th dog, Juki, is a 10-month-old Golden Retriever. Before retiring as a counselor for the Plymouth Canton District, Pat used to take the puppies into Pioneer Middle school to socialize the dogs and teach the kids about volunteer work and helping others.

"We're getting so much pleasure from it," said Pat. "You're giving somebody the opportunity for independence."

"And you get to meet the people," added Orville. "One

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First Step celebrates 30 years of helping

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

When Judy Ellis first volunteered at First Step 29 years ago, battered women had nowhere to turn for help. Only one year earlier the Wayne-Westland National Organization for Women had started the agency to provide services such as temporary housing to those fleeing abusive spouses in the middle of the night.

Thirty years later Ellis is looking for survivors and everyone who made a difference in the lives of these women and their children. A Tribute Book is being assembled for celebrations in September and October.

First Step became a private, nonprofit agency to assist victims of domestic abuse and sexual

assault in 35 communities in western Wayne County and downriver in 1978. Originally located in offices in Westland City Hall, First Step eventually moved to Plymouth. Today the agency also has outreach offices in Redford and Taylor.

"Women felt they didn't have much of a chance. There were no laws on the books," said Ellis, now the executive director. "The reason I started was because of a woman I went to court with. I didn't want her to go alone. She had her ear cut off, her face slashed and tendons cut in her fingers. He got probation."

It wasn't long after that First Step started a comprehensive volunteer program and opened the first shelter. Today in addition to offering a 24-hour help line, counseling for women and children, support groups, violence prevention programs in schools, in-court victim advocacy, and on-call assault response teams to meet with survivors at hospitals, police departments and schools, First Step is planning to replace the old shelter with a new building in the next 18 months.

"Until opening the first shelter we would put women and children up in hotel rooms," said Ellis. "We didn't have papers or cells. An answering service called us at home. These were the days when you could be called back at a pay phone and we did. We had arrangements with various hotels and the next day got them to a shelter out of the area. In 1983 we opened a shelter at Five Mile and Sheldon. Everybody slept in one big room, 20 women and children, but it was safe."

Thirty years ago police officers would respond to incidents of domestic violence at the same home 10 to 15 times but their hands were tied if the victim wouldn't press charges out of fear of retaliation. Today, because of changes in the laws, it's possible to prosecute a batterer without the victim's consent.

"There were no victim's rights," said Ellis. "What's changed is a greater awareness on the part of the public but it's still difficult for people to grasp the kind of fear families face when they're exposed to this domestic terrorism. We saw acts of torture 30 years ago."

Associate director Theresa Bizoe witnessed the changes as well. She began working on the crisis line as a Eastern Michigan University student intern in 1983. Bizoe was later hired as First Step volunteer coordinator. She's now an associate director involved with raising money for the new shelter while trying to gather the stories of people

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Judy Ellis and Theresa Bizoe, of First Step.

Bowling event to raise funds to benefit homeless animals

Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen will host the 3rd Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. 9 Mile, west of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

One hundred percent of proceeds from the event benefits the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and shoe rental. Reservations required. Call (248) 615-9060.

The evening also features raffles, door prizes, karaoke, and auctions for computer, digital cameras and more.

Aleta Sill is bowling's First Lady \$1,000,000 Player, a Detroit Dream Team Legendary Athlete (along with Joe Louis and Gordie Howe) and was most recently inducted into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame, joining the likes of Stan Musial, Alan Trammell and Mike Ditka. She and Mullen have adopted six animals.

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Have faith in emotional intelligence

How do we manage our emotions? Author Daniel Goleman introduced this idea in a book he wrote several years ago. His idea is that the better we



Chat Room
Paul Melrose

manage all of our emotions the more satisfying and better a life we will have. We will even perform better in the workplace; some say that emotional intelligence even relates to one's success in getting a job, and correlates to how well one does on other psychological testing.

Some of the practical spin-off of being "emotionally intelligent" is that one has a basic positive approach to living.

In this way one can be on top of one's impulses and direct them appropriately. We can be sensitive to the emotions of another we are in a relationship, or a conversation, with.

From this angle one can look at problems in relationships, even in organizations,

and wonder what the emotional climate is like and whether or not it fosters, much less sustains the kinds of emotions that contribute to not only love and compassion and the deeper emotions often related to an intimate relationship, but also a spirit of cooperation, collegiality, even toleration that is needed for larger groups to make steps forward.

I just recently read an article in which a leader in the Evangelical religious movement, Joel Hunter, a former United Methodist Pastor who became Senior Pastor of Northland Church in Orlando, Fla., felt that the impact which certainly the evangelical wing of Christianity, and by implication probably other faiths, do well when they find ways to bring people together and not find themselves advocating points of view which seem to keep people apart. Here, I think, is one example of emotional intelligence at work.

It is interesting, and this is a point that Goleman does not address, that studies indicate a strong correlation between regular belief and participation in a religious community and more posi-

tive relationships. No, I don't think that one can say that you get faith and all is right with the world.

But I think that this points us to examine those core values and beliefs that do guide our lives. Because that is what the intimate relationships and the people we see each and every day will benefit from:

Our approach to how we get along with others.

We find in the consulting room that strained, trapped, and troubled emotions contribute to lives that have problems.

Emotions can bubble up destructively like a volcano eruption or flow quietly and softly like a flowing stream. If yours feel like a volcano pay attention to what they are telling you about painful and troublesome places in your life. You and those around you will benefit from the care you find for yourself.

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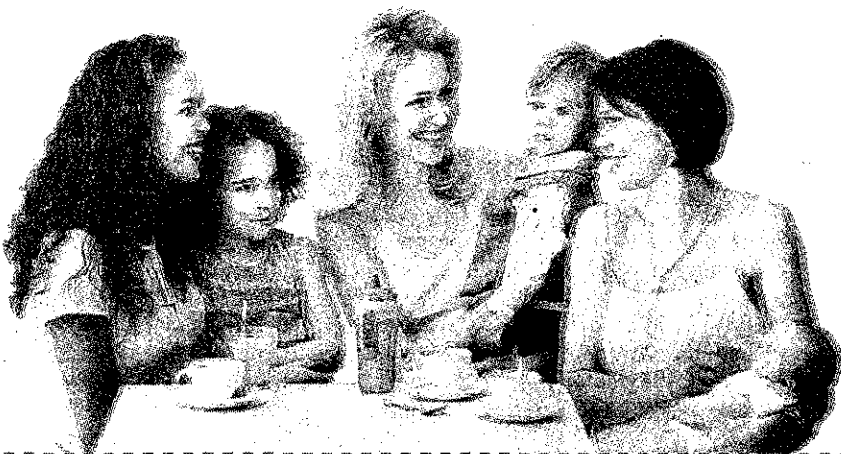
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helped by First Step for the anniversary celebrations.

"We've come a long way in 30 years with police and courts," said Bizoe. "We have advocates in several locations, the Westland Police, which helps us reach out to people who don't speak English, the elderly. Violence seems more prevalent than ever on TV. It seems like we're in a much more violent culture. It's more important than ever to take a stand against it."

First Step has set a Sept. 5 deadline for the Tribute Book featuring survivors, volunteers, board members and supporters of the agency including anyone who might want to purchase an ad. A fund-raiser kicks off the celebration on Sept. 18 in Canton followed by a free family event Oct. 23 in Southgate. A video will highlight the stories of more than a half-dozen survivors.

"The stories are extremely powerful," said Ellis. "The anniversary book is an opportunity to make a statement and is a vehicle for people to be part of the written history if you played a role at First Step. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We want to remember those who died. We want to applaud survivors for the strength and courage they show and to thank volunteers. It takes thousands of people."

The help offered by First Step is needed now more than ever.

"We're seeing women we know have been killed because of domestic violence," said Ellis, referring to the Tara Grant murder. "In some cases it's become more lethal and all too common.



A Polaroid photo from the early 1980s show staff and volunteers at the Hines Park office.

Most of us know someone or are a victim ourself. The ramifications are not great enough. You can do a lot of damage and it's not a felony.

"Those who would abuse, they disguise it more. There's not enough outrage and outcry. I don't know if people have been desensitized to violence, but children grow up damaged. There are generations part of that whole chain of events."

Ellis would like to pull the community together to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault.

One of the newest groups that's formed to take a stand is Men Speak. First Step considers men allies in the struggle. All men do not use violence, says Ellis, it's not a women's issue although perpetrated primarily on women and children.

"We need to pull the community out of apathy, to hold people accountable, to continue to bring people into the movement. We've come this far because of community support," said Ellis. "We need to bring groups together, to bring understanding to youth. It's a very big challenge."

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If you need assistance immediately, call the 24-hour help line at (734) 459-5900 or toll free (888) 453-5900.

"We always need help from volunteers to financial support to in kind gifts for the families," said Ellis.

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DOG

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gentleman lived in the country and could finally get to his own mailbox, things we take for granted."

It's not unusual for individuals like Dayton to receive multiple dogs and that can be costly. The estimated value of a Leader Dog is \$38,000 (www.leaderdog.org).

According to Carrie Pryce, the average working life of a dog is 8 to 10 years depending on their health. Josh died of unknown causes.

"Once a graduate becomes accustomed to working with the dog it's like working without your left hand or your left hand always feeling empty, but it can be a difficult decision to come back and get a new dog because they can feel guilty," said Pryce, an instructor and apprentice coordinator. Dog

trainers must serve a 3-year apprenticeship.

"When students first arrive on Sunday, we spend time getting to know them, their lifestyle, where they work, daily activities, their expectations and get to know their personalities. A bubbly, active person might not want a laid back dog. A college student needs a different dog than an elderly person. A person in New York City needs a different dog than someone living in a small town in northern Michigan. Then they're given their dogs Wednesday afternoon."

One of the most important traits a dog must have is willingness to work plus a low distraction threshold for squirrels and children. Dogs are taught to stop at every curb, avoid obstacles, pay attention to traf-

fic and if necessary use intelligent disobedience if it's unsafe to cross the street.

Training a Leader Dog takes about six months after they return from living for one year with a puppy raiser. Founded in 1939, the organization has provided almost 14,000 dogs to visually impaired individuals. Last year the school graduated 252 teams. Individuals are also taught cane skills and to use GPS systems and computers.

"Magic things happen here everyday," said Pryce. "The bond between the human and the dog is unlike any other bond."

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Class of 1978
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Class of 1968
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Class of 1978
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Nastase-Lambert
Sam and Kathy Nastase of Algonac announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacey Marlene Nastase to Chad Robert Lambert of Macomb. He is the son of Jean Lambert of Clinton Township and Ron Lambert of Fraser. The bride is a graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia and of Kalamazoo College, where she graduated with honors in 2002 and was a four-year soccer starter. She works in pharmaceutical sales. Her groom is a 1994 graduate of Henry Ford II in Sterling Heights and a 1998 graduate of Stetson University in DeLand, Fla, where he earned a four-year basketball scholarship. He works in medical sales. Stacey and Chad's three dogs, Weimaraners Kobe and Kase, and black Labrador Arnie are a "huge part of our lives." The couple is planning a Sept. 19 wedding at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester and a honeymoon to follow in the Greek Islands.

Myers-Schiller
Douglas and Geraldine Myers of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Taryn Alyssa Myers to Brian David Schiller of Cleveland, Ohio. He is the son of George and Mary Schiller of Cleveland. Taryn is a 2000 graduate of Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio in 2004. She earned her master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio and works as assistant director of the Kent State Psychological Clinic. Brian is a 2001 graduate of St. Ignatius High School

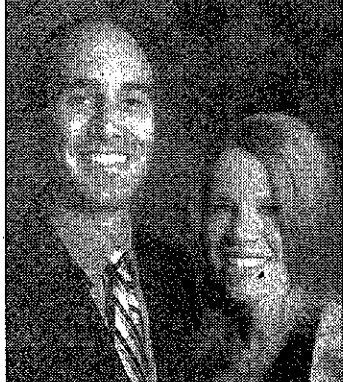


in Cleveland and earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Kenyon College in 2005. He received his master's in Urban Secondary Education from Cleveland State University in 2007 and works as a high school mathematics teacher at St. Peter Chanel High School in Bedford, Ohio. The couple is planning a June 6, 2009 wedding in Akron, Ohio.

Bernard-Orsini
Jim and Judy Bernard of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Bernard, to Michael Orsini of Huntington Beach, Calif. He is the son of John and Elaine Orsini of Niskayuna, N.Y. Lisa is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as senior manager at Crosswalk in California. Mike graduated from R.I.T. and is an engineer at Boeing, also in California. The couple is planning a May 2009 wedding in Ann Arbor.

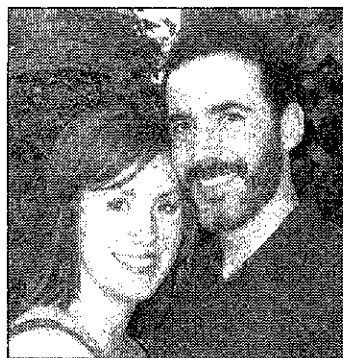


Maxwell-Shade
Rick and Debbie Maxwell of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of Stacey Ann Maxwell to Steven Christopher Shade of Pikesville, Md. He is the son of Don and Joan Shade of South Williamsport, Penn. Stacey is a 1999 Farmington High School graduate and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 2003. She received a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005 and works as an athletic trainer for Maryland Sportscare and Rehab in Eldersburg, Md. Steve is a 1999 graduate of South Williamsport Area High School. He graduated from the University of Delaware in



2003 and earned his master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 2005. He works as an athletic trainer at The Training Room in Towson, Md. The couple is planning an Aug. 15 wedding at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Koch-Gregory
Gary and Susan Koch of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Koch of Dearborn Heights to Jason Gregory of Dearborn Heights. He is the son of Ralph Gregory of Westland and Josephine Kujawa of Gaylord. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in English and Sociology. She works as a teacher at University Prep High School in Detroit. Jason is currently completing his



degree in music therapy at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. The couple is planning a July 4, 2009 wedding at Wellers in Saline.



Murphy-Lawrie
Nancy and David Lawrie of Birmingham announce the engagement of their son, Reed Elliott Lawrie, to Meghan Marie Murphy, daughter of Tina Murphy of Gaylord and the late Dr. Blair Murphy. The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Albion College and is employed as an orthopedic sales associate by Zimmer Great Lakes Inc. in Plymouth. Her fiancé attended Northwood University and is an account manager at Central Screw Products in Detroit. The couple will wed in September 2008 at the Otsego Club in Gaylord, where they met.

Osebold-Patterson
Tom and Marcia Osebold of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Osebold of Novi, to Eric Patterson of Novi. He is the son of Micki Patterson of Warren. Amy is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She currently works for the DeMaria Building Co. as a marketing manager. Eric is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., where he earned a bachelor's degree in food service management. He works as an information technology technician. The couple is planning a September wedding in Canton.



Hames
Herbert R. Hames Sr. and Kathleen J. Hames of Rochester Hills will celebrate 60 years of marriage this month. The couple wed Aug. 7, 1948 in Rochester and have lived in the area ever since. Herbert is retired from his work at the Lear Siegler Corp. and Kathleen retired from Rochester Community Schools. They both enjoy spending time with family and gardening. In addition, Herbert can often be found working on the computer while Kathleen spends time volunteering at a soup kitchen. They have six adult children: Herbert Hames Jr. of Howell; Penny Briscoe of Vicksburg; Cherri Glowe of Kalamazoo; Denise Baker of Kalamazoo; Mike Hames of Oakland. The couple are proud grandparents of 11 children and great-grandparents to seven children.

Smith
Bradley and Cassandra Smith of Livonia announce the birth of their son Clark Sullivan Smith. He was born July 4, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Clark weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins brother Harvey Dennis Smith, 2, and his grandparents are Peggy and Gary Gray of Livonia, Sue Gilling of Livonia and Dennis Smith of Plymouth.



Meeks
Bill and Molly Meeks of Plymouth welcomed their son Garrett Matthew Meeks on June 23, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is grandson to Walter and Mary Menard of Plymouth, and Larry and Jane Meeks of Dalton, Georgia. His is great-grandson to Doris Menard of Canton; Mada Garrett of Cedartown, Georgia, and Lessie Meeks of Macon, Georgia.



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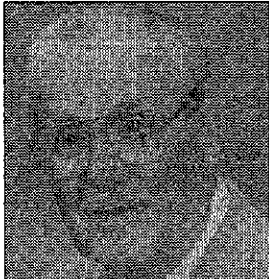
Age 26, July 24, 2008 as result of an accident. Beloved husband of Ashley. Loving son of Robert and Gail. Dear Brother of Bryan, Shawn, & Amanda. Dear Father of Joshua Goy. Son-in-law of Rich and Ann Hinrichs. Funeral Service was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday, August 1, 2008. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rgrharris.com

GERARD "Rod" A. HORTON

Age 81, formally of Birmingham, passed away July 28 in Spring Hill, FL after a wonderful life. Survivors include wife Joan of 56 years; three children: Todd of Clearwater, FL; Drew (Terrie) of Harrison Twp., MI; Dana (Larry) Dafoe, Holiday, FL & seven grandchildren & five great-grandchildren.

HAROLD ARTHUR MERRIMAN

Harold passed away peacefully on July 26, 2008 at the age of 91 in Colorado Springs, CO. He was born August 12, 1916 to Frank and Ruth (Pohr) Merriman in Napoleon, Ohio. Preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret Waara Merriman of 45 years, his son William Merriman and three brothers, Jim, Clarence and twin, Donald. Harold lived at the Southgate Co-op Apartments for twenty years where he met his second wife, Florence Geigler and was married four years before she passed away in 1990. Harold was active in the Southgate Co-op community, starting as the Doorman in 1987, driving the community van, helping with maintenance and serving as Vice-President on the Board. There he had made many life long friends and enjoyed many activities. A special Thank-you to his very dear and close friend Ann. He is survived by his daughter Doreen Elliott, son-in-law Lance Elliott of Colorado Springs, Colorado, his three grandchildren, Eric and Rachel Elliott of Colorado Springs and Jamie Merriman of Coldwater, MI. Harold graduated from Ecorse High School in 1935. After high school he was accepted into Ford's Apprentice Program as a Tinsmith, he worked for the Ford Motor Company for 38 years. He retired in 1973 and soon after fulfilled a dream of owning his own farm. He purchased 80 acres in Bronson, MI, where he helped with the crops and enjoyed raising cattle, sheep, pigs and several horses. Harold enjoyed harness racing in the 1950 and 1960's with his older brother Jim Merriman and raced at Northville Downs. He moved to Colorado Springs, CO in November 2007 to be closer to his daughter and family to enjoy the beauty of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Harold had a compassion for his many nieces, nephews, friends and all who were touched by his gentle and giving spirit. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 8, 2008 from 3:00-8:00 at John Santeui & Son, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City, MI. Celebration of Harold's life will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2008 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy Rd., Garden City, MI at 10:00am.

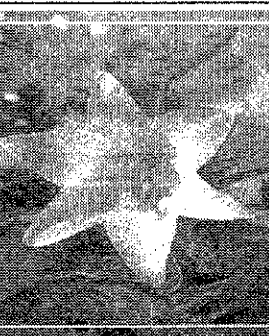


JAMES N. ISHAM

July 31, 2008 Age 86 Beloved husband of Jacqueline for 62 years. Dear father of Aimee Seiler (Wayne), Michael (Kathy) and Andrew Isham. Grandfather of Matthew, Jennifer, Jason, Kelli and Courtney. Also survived by several great-grandchildren. Brother of Nancy Troy. Funeral service Wednesday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Tuesday 3-8pm. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Mercy Hospice, 281 Enterprise Ct., Ste 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com

LILLIAN G. PARKE (Cruickshank)

Age 76 of Oxford, at Peace with her husband Jack Parke July 22, 2008. Beloved mother of Jean Marie (Jim) Guiles, John Phillip Parke, Nancy Ann (Paul) Empkie, Richard William (Sharon) Parke, Barbara Gail Parke, David Jerome (Carrie) Parke, Robert Walter (Stacy) Parke and Susan Diana (Bob Hider) Parke; loving grandmother of Scott Dennis, Jennifer Ann, and Brian Paul Empkie, Jessica Rene and Jean Marie Parke, Paul Christopher & Stephanie Gail Hayes, Tiffany Anne, David Jerome Jr., and Darren Lee Parke, Linden Bee III, Dillen Thomas and Jessica DeLin Markel Cook, John Patrick and Jacqueline Nicole Parke, and Kayla Marie Parke; sister of Dr. Barbara Jean (Lars) Bolz, aunt of Anne Marie (Vince) Trampus, Christopher and Thomas Pellegrini, Lara and Adam Bolz. Also survived by many other loving family members and friends. Funeral was held from St. Joseph Catholic Church 715 N. Lapeer Rd, Lake Orion on Saturday July 26, 2008 at 10 AM. Memorials may be made to University of Michigan, C.S. Mott's Childrens Hospital-Cardio-Thoracic Unit. For further information please visit: lynchfuneraldirectors.com



PEARL F. PABARUE

July 30, 2008, age 81, of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late James A.A. Pabarue, M.D. Dear mother of James A.A. Pabarue, Jr. (Eleanore) and Gail D. Pabarue. Loving grandmother of Emily, Kathryn, Laura and Jm. Memorial service Wednesday, 2p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to The National Kidney Foundation. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROGER VAN DORPE

Age 95, formerly residing at 1819 High Street, Iowa City, died Sunday, July 6, 2008 at Windmill Manor Care Center in Coralville, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2008 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Iowa City with the Reverend Michael Phillips officiating. Visitation will also be on Monday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of St. Wenceslaus Church. Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at the Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington, Michigan. Online condolences may be sent for his family through the web @www.gayandcda.com. Roger was born on June 4, 1913 in Ghent, Belgium, the son of Albert and Caesarine (Bontinck) Van Dorpe. He was united in marriage to Betty Jean Linn on August 2, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. The couple lived in Detroit until moving to Farmington, Michigan in 1971. They were happily married for 61 years until Betty Jean's death in 2002. Roger worked for the J. L. Hudson Company in Detroit. He was active in his church, singing in the choir and belonging to the Knights of Columbus. Roger and Betty Jean both enjoyed bowling leagues, playing in card clubs, swimming, and socializing at the Senior Center. Roger had a gift for writing poetry; his work was published several times, especially in "The Hudsonian." In Iowa City he was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. He was a lifetime supporter of many charitable organizations. His family includes his son, Paul Van Dorpe and his wife Jill (Kramar) of Iowa City; grandchildren, Alexander, Rex, and Darlene Angelique; brother, John Van Dorpe and his wife Marion of Phoenix, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Betty Jean, and brother Carl. Gay and Ciba Funeral and Cremation Service is caring for Roger's family and his services.

RUSSELL E. EVERETT

Age 96, Farmington Hills, MI, passed July 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

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WEDDINGS

**Balko-Ianitelli**

Ms. Denise Balko of Westland and Mr. Richard Balko of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Ann Balko to Andrew Kenneth Ianitelli of Staunton, Virg. He is the son of Andrew and Susan Ianitelli of Westland. Lisa is a 2001 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia Public Schools and a 2007 graduate of Madonna University. She works as a direct services associate at The Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents. Andrew is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School, a 2001 graduate of Schoolcraft College and a 2007 graduate of the Michigan Institution of Aviation and Technology. He works as an A&P Mechanic at Dynamic Aviation.

The couple wed June 14 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church before the Rev. Kurt Lambart. The bride was attended by maid of honor Dawn Balko and bridesmaids Jody Seitz, Sara Ianitelli, Carly Ferguson, Tiff O'Kane and Jess Price. The groom was attended by best man Shaun Ianitelli and groomsmen Dan Watt, Greg Sturdy, Mike Kovacs, Adam Buchanan and Karl Gallagher. A reception followed the service at Sacred Heart Conference Center in Livonia. The couple honeymooned in Niagara Falls and will make their home in Staunton, Va.

Esser-Czerniawski

John and Sheree Esser of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Michelle Esser, to Timothy Allan Czerniawski of Salem Township. He is the son of Jeanie Allan of Dearborn and Alexander Allan III of Westland.

Lisa is a 1999 Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She earned her bachelor's degree in finance from Western Michigan University in 2003 and her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2006. She is an associate attorney for Sommers Schwartz, P.C. in Southfield and specializes in medical malpractice. Timothy is a 1995 Canton High School graduate and earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He works in home improvement sales in Canton.

The couple wed on June 28 at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club in Clarkston. The bride was attended by maid of honor Alison Morency and bridesmaids Natalie Esser, Krista Skillman and Melissa Marisco. The groom's best man was Scott Allan and his groomsmen included Sean Allan, Rocco Foggio and Ryan Esser. The couple took a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, St. John and Virgin Gorda. They will make their home in Salem Township.

**Mizak-Baumgardner**

Richard Baumgardner and Katrina Mizak-Baumgardner of Livonia wed on Aug. 25, 2007 in Canton and are about to move into their new home. Katrina works as a medical assistant and Richard serves in the U.S. Army.

**Five generations**

Pearl Rowe (right) turns 101 on Wednesday, Aug. 6. The Livonia woman is pictured here with her daughter Dee Dee Dittmar on her left; Dittmar's daughter, Wendi Stull; Wendi's daughter, Jessica Stull and her 4-month old son Tanner Stull. Wendi, Jessica and Tanner were in town from Casper, Wyoming for visit at Dittmar's Livonia home.

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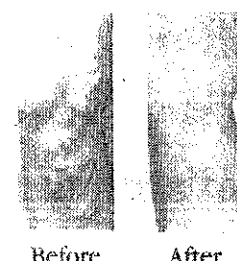
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Games celebrate organ donation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

David Hebestreit gets chills thinking about one special moment on the basketball court at the U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh when his team's supporters were cheering and yelling.

"It reminded me of when I was really sick because the support I got from the community and co-workers in Livonia Public Schools was tremendous," said Hebestreit who received a heart transplant in March 2006. "I almost quit at two months and came home. If I didn't have the support waiting I probably wouldn't have made it."

The truth is Hebestreit wouldn't have survived if a heart donor hadn't been found in time. He waited 90 days for his transplant but some patients die waiting.

Dr. John Magee has seen it happen. He's part of the transplant team at the University of Michigan Health System which was able to give life to 250 kidney and 80 liver recipients last year.

According to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, there are more than 2,500 people waiting for a kidney transplant in Michigan, and nearly 3,100 waiting for all types of organs.

"The people needing an organ are either going to die from complications from their organ being ill or sick, or receive transplantation which gives them the opportunity of living a complete life," said Magee. "Dialysis is not an ideal therapy (for kidney failure). Transplantation offers people the hope and chance at life. That's why organ donors make the largest difference. Lack of donors is the largest problem. Many people think about organ donation when they're in line to be a recipient."

Sherry Johnson tries to honor her heart donor every day by taking care of her health.

Her own special moment occurred as Team Michigan walked into the arena for the opening of the U.S. Transplant Games in July. Johnson competed in cycling, one of a dozen sports. Team Michigan was sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

"I'm never going to let Sue think she didn't give her heart to a worthy person," said Johnson of Farmington Hills. "We want to honor our donors, living or deceased. At the track there were people of all different ages. Everybody's healthy. Everybody was not like that before their transplant. All these people were like me — sick — and they're not anymore. We're not even patients anymore."

Terry Gould was happy just to see the three brothers of his heart donor in the stands at the games.

"It was a big deal for me and for them to see me compete," said Gould of Plymouth. "They were really taken in to see so many people in the same category as I was competing. It gave them a big uplift. The games are primarily to bring to light the need for organ donation and that recipients can do so well. It was so gratifying for me to be able to compete, to see other recipients compete, to see all these athletes compete in all these events."

While organs like hearts need to come from deceased donors, kidneys, bone marrow, partial liver, lung, and pancreas can be donated by those still alive. For information about becoming an organ donor or to register, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

To learn more about the U.S. Transplant Games or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, visit www.nkfm.org or call (800) 482-1455.

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Going for the gold

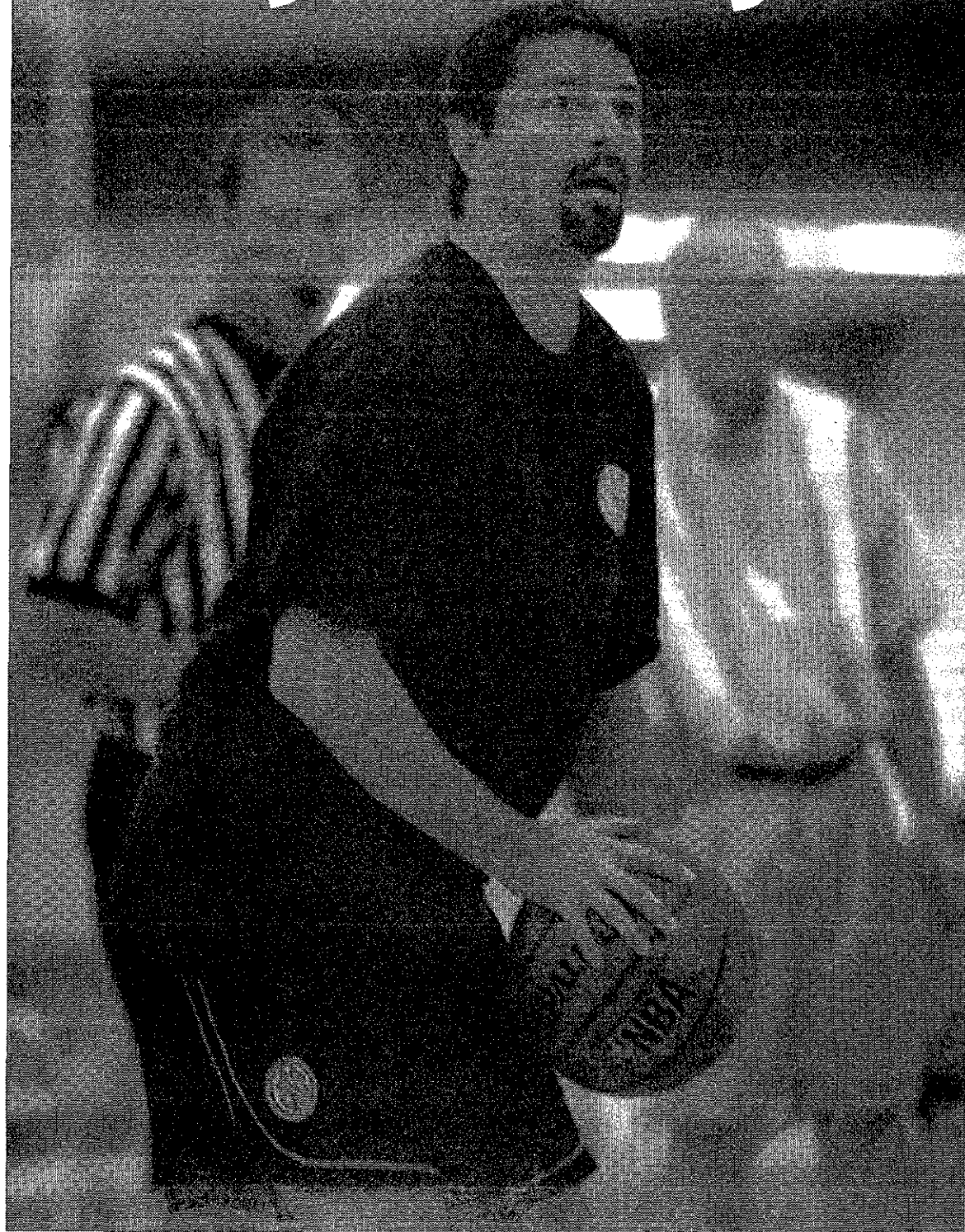


PHOTO BY MELISSA HERNDON

David Hebestreit of Livonia won a bronze medal in the U.S. Transplant Games.

Transplant recipients celebrate life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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David Hebestreit went to Pittsburgh thinking he was going to compete in ping pong and bowling, but ended up winning a silver medal for basketball. In 2010 he's going for the gold. While that's a formidable goal for any athlete, Hebestreit is a heart transplant recipient. He never thought he would be able to play soccer again let alone compete in the Olympic-style U.S. Transplant Games along with more than 1,300 organ recipients from 50 states.

Hebestreit has not only been able to return to teaching English and coaching the varsity girls soccer team at Churchill High School, men's club soccer team at University of Michigan and U-16 girls for the Canton Soccer Club, but recently won the Michigan Soccer Association State Championship with the Canton Celtic.

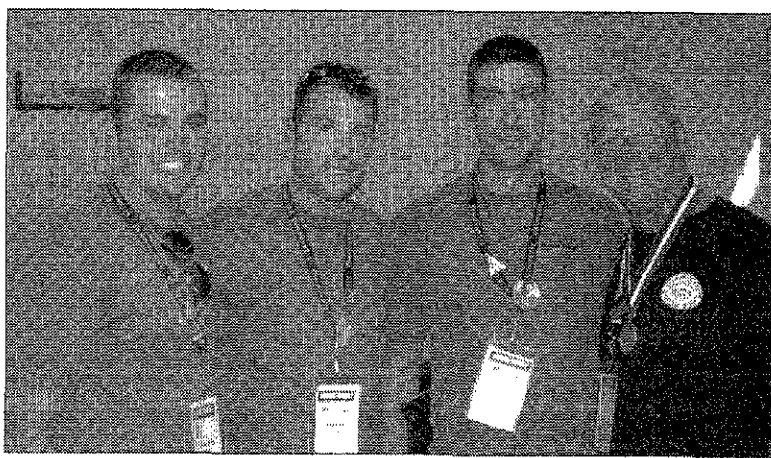
It wasn't long after he took a bronze in individual golf and competed in volleyball and the 5k at the 10th U.S. Transplant Games sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation July 11-16. Next year he's considering going to the 2009 World Transplant Games in Australia which like the U.S. games occurs every other year.

"Next time I'm entering everything — swimming, field and track," said the 37-year-old Hebestreit, who received a heart transplant March 6, 2006. "It was one of the greatest experiences I've ever had. Everyone is out to live a quality life and the games give them the opportunity to showcase that."

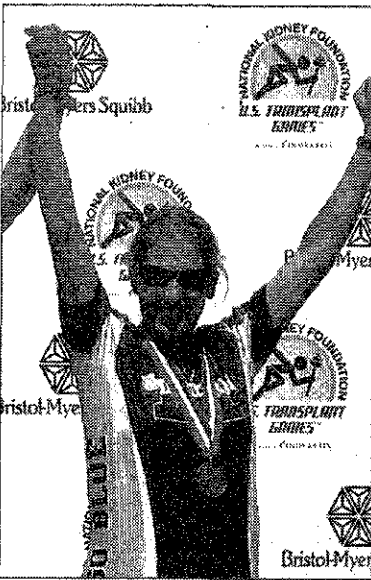
Transplantation was all about survival when Dr. John Magee was in medical school 20 years ago. Today organ recipients are living life to the fullest. Forty-Four Team Michigan athletes came home from the U.S. Transplant Games with 54 medals.

Chris Klug, a professional snowboarder, helped set the standards for recovery by being the only transplant recipient ever to compete and medal in the Olympic Games. Klug received a bronze at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

"We're taking people less able to compete and make them able to compete. The goal is to make people as healthy and productive as possible,"



Terry Gould (right) of Plymouth is shown here with his donor's brothers Brandon, Trevor and Lon Coleman at the U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh.



Sherry Johnson of Farmington Hills won a bronze medal in the 20k cycling event at the U.S. Transplant Games in July.

said Magee, a transplant surgeon and director of the pediatric transplant program at the University of Michigan Health System. "Survival rates are getting good enough that we can encourage people to be active. That's actually our goal of transplants although that doesn't always happen. It depends on the organ and age of the person. We want people to be able to work and move around after the transplant. That's what we strive to achieve."

Like Hebestreit, Sherry Johnson won her first medal in her first U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh. The 37-year-old Farmington Hills woman won a bronze in the 20k cycling event. Johnson played basketball, volleyball and ran track at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

"I was not into cycling before my heart transplant, but never thought I wouldn't be athletic again. That was a goal for me," said Johnson who continues to bike 10 miles a day and runs the bleachers at Farmington High School. Johnson received a heart transplant Oct. 16, 2006.

"The 20k was not easy. It was very, very hilly in Pittsburgh. I didn't even think I'd finish. It was an incredible experience. Right before crossing the finish line I got very emotional, grateful for this strong heart. I was crying. I just got this rush of emotion, just being able to finish this course, the hardest I'd ever been on. I was so happy and grateful to be able to do this. I was very athletic before and missed that part of my life."

Terry Gould was on the swim teams at Plymouth High School and Schoolcraft College, but by age 48 could hardly go up and down the stairs. He won three silver and three bronze medals and can't ever remember feeling as good as he does today. Gould, 56, received a heart transplant May 11, 2003. This was his fifth Transplant Games which include the 2005 competition in Ontario and 2007 in Thailand. He's won a total of 28 medals.

"For me personally it's mentally and physically better for me to keep in shape," said Gould of Plymouth. "It gives me a better attitude knowing I can continually do these things. I'm still training and keeping in shape, but not as much or as hard."

"It really isn't fair if you don't take care of your organ and your health," said Hebestreit. "People are dying for that organ."

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Program to educate school personnel about diabetes

The University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital present Diabetes in the School 101, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor.

The educational session is for school personnel and provides information about caring for a child with diabetes.

School staff with medical training, as well as those without, are invited to attend.

The cost is \$20, continental breakfast and lunch included. Registration is limited to the first 150 participants due to the size of the facility.

The program includes the basics on diabetes, glucose monitoring, legal issues, nutrition, insulin, hypo and hyperglycemia, and exercise. There will be question and answer as well as hands-on time with monitors, pumps, insulin pens and glucagon.

To register or for more information, call Jennifer Schwab at (734) 615-4596 or send e-mail to schwabja@med.umich.edu.

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Free Running Group

Couch Potato to 5K racer in 9 weeks? You can do it with new free weekly running group that starts 8 a.m. Aug. 3 in Plymouth. Led by Jaime White, owner of Core Sport Pilates studio, the running group will follow the Couch 2 5K training program structured as interval training. The group will meet at the Pilates studio at 829 Penniman, Plymouth. The run should take about 45 minutes. Call (734) 233-5268, e-mail coresportinfo@yahoo.com, or visit www.coolrunning.com/engine/2/2_3/181.shtml.

Cool Blue Monday

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Fund-raiser takes place 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at Seldom Blues Supper Club, 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit. All proceeds from the event support programs and services to prevent and treat kidney disease. Evening includes strolling buffet, cocktails, live jazz, and silent and live auctions. Tickets \$100. Call (313) 259-1574.

Summer camp

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

PGA hospitality experience

To raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan Chapter, tournament runs Aug. 4-10, at Oakland Hills Country Club. A 3,200 sq. ft. home overlooking the 10th and 17th greens and 11th and 18th tees is available per day. Call (800) FIGHT MS #2 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/mig.

Holistic Moms Network

Launching a new chapter in the Metro Detroit Area and will hold an Open House 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. The Holistic Moms Network is a national nonprofit organization connecting parents who are passionate about holistic health and green living. Through an e-mail discussion loop, members of the group share life-changing information and advice on a variety of topics including pregnancy, breastfeeding, natural childbirth, positive discipline, alternative medicine, and green living. Moms, dads, grandparents, partners, and other caregivers welcome. Local businesses have donated gift certificates and products for a door prize drawing. The Metro Detroit Area Chapter will meet 9:45-11:45 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the library and welcomes volunteer guest speakers on holistic lifestyle topics. For information, contact Andrea Stevens at (313) 220-4592 or e-mail amsteven14@juno.com. Holistic Moms Network Web site is www.holisticmoms.org or call (877) HOL-MOMS.

Sharing & Caring

Education and support program for breast cancer survivors features Intro to Integrative Medicine including massage, Reiki and guided imagery 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, in Room 312 of the Professional Office Bldg. at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

An evening with the mystic

An evening of wisdom, meditation and bliss 4 p.m. Reception, 4:30 p.m. Talk, 6:30 p.m. Book signing Sunday, Aug. 10, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi. Visit www.midnightwiththemystic.com or contact (248) 601-6362 and Detroit@ishafoundation.org. Free and open to the public.

Inner Engineering

Program for self-discovery with interactive discussions, meditations and a balanced set of powerful yoga practices continues to Aug. 5, at The Birmingham Temple, 28611 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills. Program runs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, and 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday. Contact (866) 424-4742 or detroit@ishafoundation.org.

Mental illness seminar

In cooperation with the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Michigan, Oakwood Heritage Hospital presents an educational seminar 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Ford Senior Center, 23555 Goddard, Taylor. The seminar is for parents, professionals, caregivers or anyone who wants to learn and understand more about mental illness. No charge, a light lunch provided. To RSVP, call Elaine at (734) 981-2282 or Tamara at (313) 295-5385.

Lupus walk

The two-mile Amster Lupus Butterfly Walk takes place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Civic Center Park on Hall Road in Woodhaven. Registration begins at 10 a.m., the walk at 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. A pancake breakfast will be held during the registration time. Registration is \$15 per person or \$50 for a team of four members. Team Sponsorship and Corporate Sponsorship opportunities are available until Aug. 5. For information about lupus, to register or how to donate, call (734) 671-2367 or (248) 582-2727, e-mail butterflies@wowway.com or visit www.amsterlupus.org.

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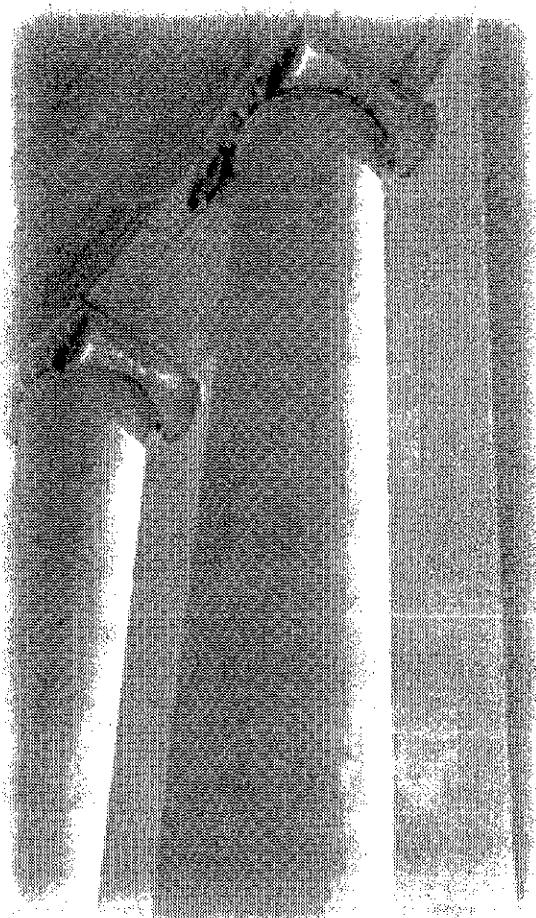
A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game, 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

Kidney cancer symposium

For patients and families 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the University of Michigan Bioscience Research Building, 109 Zina Pitcher Place, Ann Arbor, www.umich.edu/urology. For more information, contact Steffanie Fineman (734) 615-9843 or ssamuels@umich.edu.

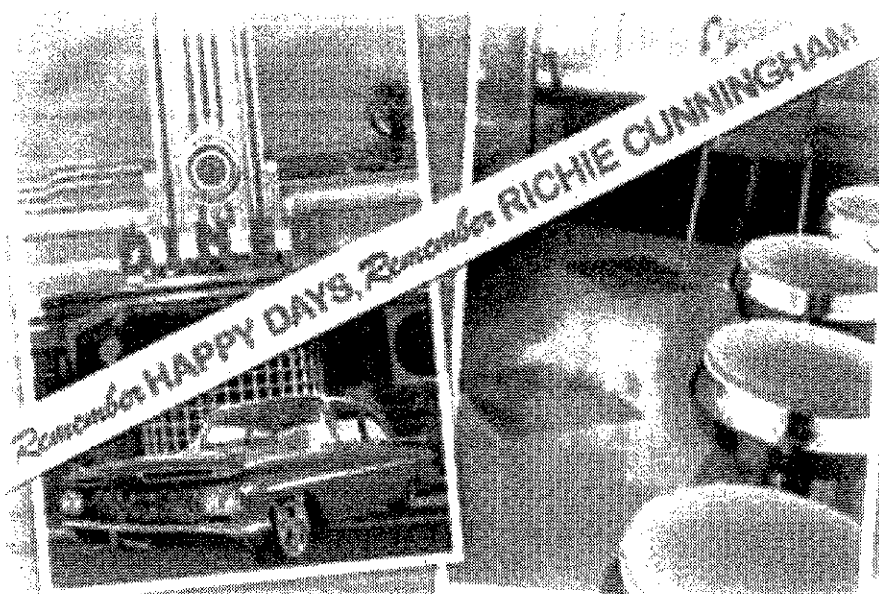
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Richard Cunningham serves as an elected member of the Board Of Commissioners (the board of directors) of the State Bar of Michigan. He previously served two terms on the State Bar Representative Assembly. Other professional leadership positions include a term as President of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar and three terms as Chairperson of Criminal Law Section of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. He is a Trustee of the DMBA Foundation, and a Fellow of the State Bar Foundation.

Richard Cunningham is dedicated to the principle of "due process" for those accused of crimes, but has demonstrated his sensitivity and concern for crime victims. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Save Our Sons And Daughters (SOSAD) and on the National Board of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

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Recognize warning signs for teen suicide

My friend tried to commit suicide and I'm not sure how I feel ... I feel like I should've known she was this sad and that I could've done something to prevent this. I think I'm even a little bit angry ... I'm not even sure how to act around her now ... what do I do?
Emotional Roller Coaster in
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You are not alone ... I have had many letters and e-mails about this due to the recent teen suicide and suicide attempts in our area. So, I'm dedicating this entire column to teen suicide and those of us affected by it.

Suicides among young people continue to be a serious problem. Each year in the U.S., thousands of teenagers commit suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-olds, according to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

It is a final attempt to end pain. Someone who attempts or commits suicide has been experiencing a lot of pain for a long time. Teenagers experience strong feelings of stress, confusion, self-doubt, pressure to succeed, financial uncertainty and other fears while growing up.

For some teenagers, divorce, the formation of a new family with step-parents and step-siblings, or moving to a new community can be very unsettling and can intensify self-doubts.

For some teens, suicide may appear to be a solution to their problems and stress.

Many of the signs and symptoms of suicidal feelings are similar to those of depression. Teens who may try to kill themselves might change their eating and sleeping habits or pull away from friends and activities they normally enjoy. They may run away from home or act violently.

Drug or alcohol use and neglecting their appearance are common, too. You might notice a change in their personality and that they are constantly bored, are having problems concentrating and are letting their grades slip.

A teenager who is planning to commit suicide may also complain of being a bad person or feeling rotten inside. They might give us hints with statements such as: "I won't be a problem for you much longer;" "Nothing matters;" "It's no use;" and "I won't see you again."

A teen planning suicide might put his or her affairs in order by giving away favorite possessions, cleaning his or her room or throwing away

important belongings.

If a friend says, "I want to kill myself" or "I'm going to commit suicide," always take the statement seriously and immediately tell a teacher, parent, or other adult that can help.

It would be nice if everyone who was thinking about suicide gave us these types of warning signs, but they don't always.

If you know your friend suffers from depression or another psychological disorder, has attempted suicide, has a family member that attempted suicide, or is being physically or sexually abused, you might want to talk to your friend about his or her feelings even if they aren't giving any other warning signs. These types of factors increase the risk of suicide among teens.

Other factors that increase that risk include a lack of support, poor relationships with parents or peers, social isolation, and coping with homosexuality in an unsupportive family or community.

We usually feel uncomfortable talking about death. However, asking your friend whether he or she is depressed or thinking about suicide can be helpful. Rather than putting thoughts in your friend's head, asking this tough question will show that somebody cares and will give your friend the chance to talk about problems.

If one or more of these signs occurs, your friend's parents need to know so they can get your friend professional help from a physician or a qualified mental health professional. With support from family and appropriate treatment, teens who are suicidal can heal and return to a more healthy path of life. If you're not sure what to do, or you think your friend might be in crisis, you can call (800) SUICIDE for help.

What do you do when someone you know attempts or commits suicide? First, know that any emotion you experience is normal. Some teens say they feel guilty — especially those who felt they could have known their friend's actions and words better. Others say they feel angry with the friend who committed or attempted suicide for having done something so selfish. Still others say they feel no strong emotions. All of these reactions are normal; there is no right or wrong way to feel. When a friend attempts suicide and survives, you may be afraid of or uncomfortable about talking with him or her about it. Resist this urge; this is a time when your friend absolutely needs to feel connected to others.

When a friend commits suicide, the pain and grief may be overwhelming. Although these feelings may never completely go away, we can take steps

to begin the healing process.

It's important to maintain contact with others. Find supportive people to talk with about your friend and your feelings. It's also important to keep in mind that other people around you are grieving, too, and that everyone expresses grief in their own way.

Be there for each other through the tears, anger, and silences — and, if necessary, get help and support together.

You should expect that anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays may be difficult. Important days and holidays often renew a sense of loss and anxiety. On those days, do what's best for you, whether that means surrounding yourself with family and friends or planning a quiet day of reflection.

Most of all, understand that it's normal to feel guilty and to question how this could have happened, but it's also important to realize that you might never get the answer. Healing will happen over time and will come from reaching a point of forgiveness — for both your friend and yourself.

It's important to recognize that suicide is NEVER the answer. The pain and grief family and friends endure is incredible.

Family is left with guilt beyond words and friends are left with pain that will affect them for the rest of their lives.

Allergic reactions: Fabric softener has negative side

I heard an alarming news story on CBS radio the other day concerning fabric dryer sheets. It was reported that there are chemicals in these sheets that are not listed and these sheets will cause people to suffer allergic type reactions.

I went to the store and purchased a box of them and tried burning one in the driveway. Amazingly it didn't catch fire! Under an open flame, it melted as if I was burning a piece of plastic.

I don't know what date the fabric softener sheet came onto the market but I do know that any service technician who works on clothes dryers will tell you that he finds them everywhere inside the bowels of the clothes dryer.

Appliance
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he finds them everywhere inside the bowels of the clothes dryer.

They seem to get through seals and crevices and end up in the blower housings or the gas and electric heat chambers and are a concern to us in regards to a clothes dryer fire. Have you ever gone to work only to have someone smile and tug a fabric softener sheet out of your shirt collar or sleeve?

Diane Armstrong who writes for the *Timmins Times* newspaper in my hometown recently expressed her views on dryer sheets. Once consumers learned that the same sheet can be cut in half and used several times, they bought fewer boxes of dryer sheets. To boost sales, the consumers were told that they have more uses than originally thought.

Did you know you can put them in your clothes hamper to cut down on the odor of dirty socks? Put one in your garbage can. A dryer sheet just might mask the smell of that rotting, week-old chicken carcass. No one likes the smell of skunk sports equipment, so a dryer sheet in with those

stinky running shoes and sweat-soaked jerseys should eliminate the problem. I don't think so, but that's what the dryer sheet manufacturers suggest.

These little dryer sheets come in a wide variety of scents, very few of which I could identify blindfolded. I wonder what "rain" really smells like. Or "spring"?

Is there anything wrong with clothes out of the dryer or off the clothesline smelling just like clothes?

I recently wrote a column about the advertising you see and hear which is designed to lead you to purchase certain products. Caution was stressed and everyone needs to use sheer diligence to determine what is right or wrong. I once used these dryer sheets tucked into my baseball cap while on a fishing trip to repel mosquitoes. It didn't work; they ate me alive.

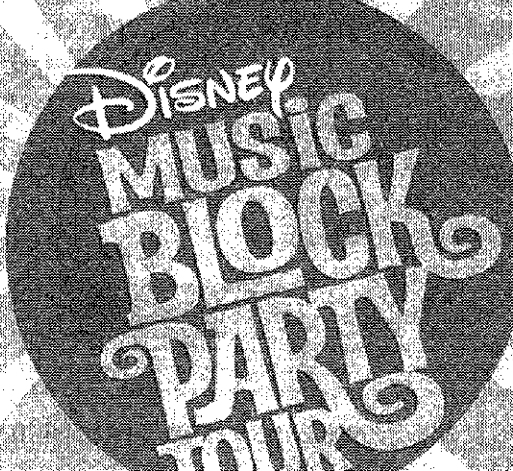
I was asked if the spray fabric softener was a

better product to use. Whatever chemical is in the spray product must be awful powerful as well. For years I've been warning consumers that if you use this spray around your washer and dryer and some of it comes in contact with the console of these products you can expect the lettering and numbers to disappear.


When I hear a story coming of CBS headquarters in New York, I tend to pay close attention. It really shocks me that a product so commonly used by homemakers in America can contain harmful chemicals and there is no requirement that the manufacturer has to list those harmful agents. Stay tuned.

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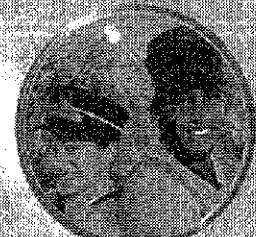
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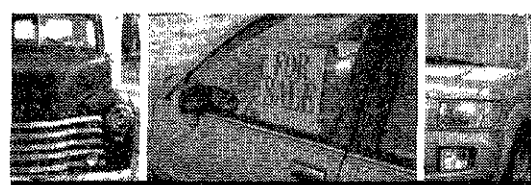
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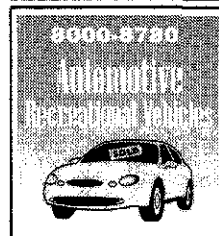
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that an enormous 68 percent, up five percent from last year, favor increasing responsibilities. Looking for a new job with a higher salary fares poorly -- down to 50 percent from 54 percent last year.

Most people don't view their companies as a "markets," but people in marketing-related functions can provide real insight into how to create opportunity on the job. Dan Schawbel, personal branding expert in Waltham, Mass., maintains that "a regular 9-to-5 day is not enough during this recession. Workers should take on more work these days to provide more value within their organization or build a brand outside of work that may secure them, in case of downsizing."

You benefit by being "perceived as a contributor and a hard worker instead of someone going through the motions," he continues. "If you're content on taking the

easy route, you'll be replaced by someone willing to work harder for (less)." He advocates social networking while doing the best job you possibly can, because your current work becomes "a case study" for your next opportunity.

SOLVING PROBLEMS

You probably agree that self-promotion is essential at this time. Mark Roberts, managing director of Scottsdale's Pragmatic Marketing Inc., advocates the approach of the book "Tuned In," by Craig Stull et al. (Wiley, \$27.95). Take Roberts' concept that market-driven companies will be the survivors and become market-driven within your company to determine exactly how to take on more work. Just loading up your desk with new projects isn't the best strategy. Identifying or developing ones that solve problems for your employer is.

Roberts points out that businesses are being hampered by the loss of their "go-to" cheap resources, or vendors. This situation in your company -- the equivalent of your market -- presents opportunities for you to fill in gaps by taking on some of the work expendable employees used to do. However, if you're already feeling overworked, Schawbel says that you must "work smarter and smarter. Punching a clock

won't do it."

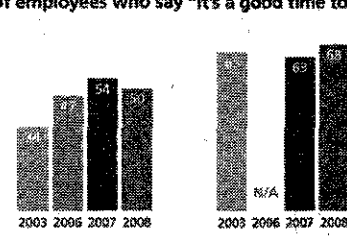
He emphasizes that remaining relevant to the company's mission is essential. In other words, don't look for projects to clean up compulsively. Instead, hunt for problems to solve that contribute to the future of the company, which will contribute to your job security. An avid technophile, Schawbel encourages Gen Y to become tech-savvy, an area in which he finds this cohort coming up short, because "other skills might, help you get a job elsewhere in the company."

COMPANY AS MARKET

How can you convince your company that even though you're overloaded now you could contribute even more by taking on more work? "Sort your priorities," Roberts says, to focus on problem-solving. You can help companies cut costs, increase revenue or "accomplish more with less," Schawbel says. "Take a small amount of money and accomplish a lot with it (assuring) large impact."

Such tactics might not be effective if your company is wilting financially. Company financials can tell you a lot. However, even if they do, Schawbel, the social networker, recommends that you ask around to weigh the scuttlebutt: "Everything is through people now. Spend the most amount of time networking with

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Randstad Holdings n.v., recently released information about a survey finding that a large group of participants considers the time optimal for employees to increase their job responsibilities. They think that people have only a 50/50 chance for securing a new job.

others." The end result might well be a new opportunity that evolves through what he calls "the laws of attraction" when, while researching your current company, you're also extending the reach of your personal brand.

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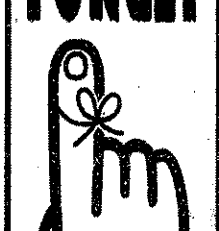
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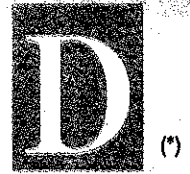
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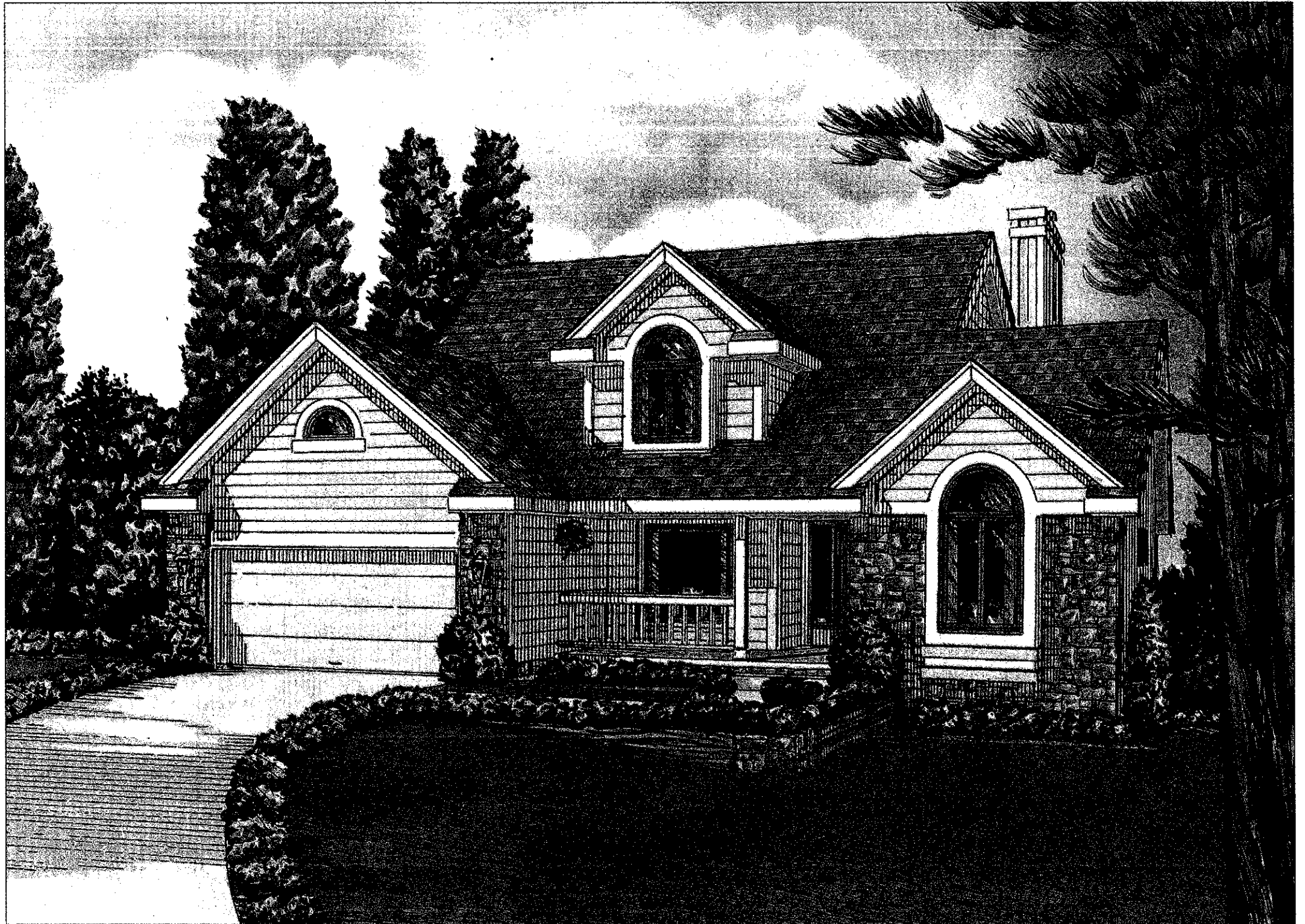


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Meadow Creek has room to grow, style to spare

The Meadow Creek (D8077) has the traditional farmhouse look with a covered porch, large windows, a dormer in the front, and a two-car garage. The façade is accented by rock on the side and rock cornices on the garage. This home has 1,858 square feet of gracious living space along with an unfinished basement of 1,405 square feet and an added bonus room over the garage of 300 square feet.

Just to the left of the front door is the formal dining room. It has a large set of windows overlooking the front porch and yard. Separating the great room from the dining room is the stairs to the second floor and the basement.

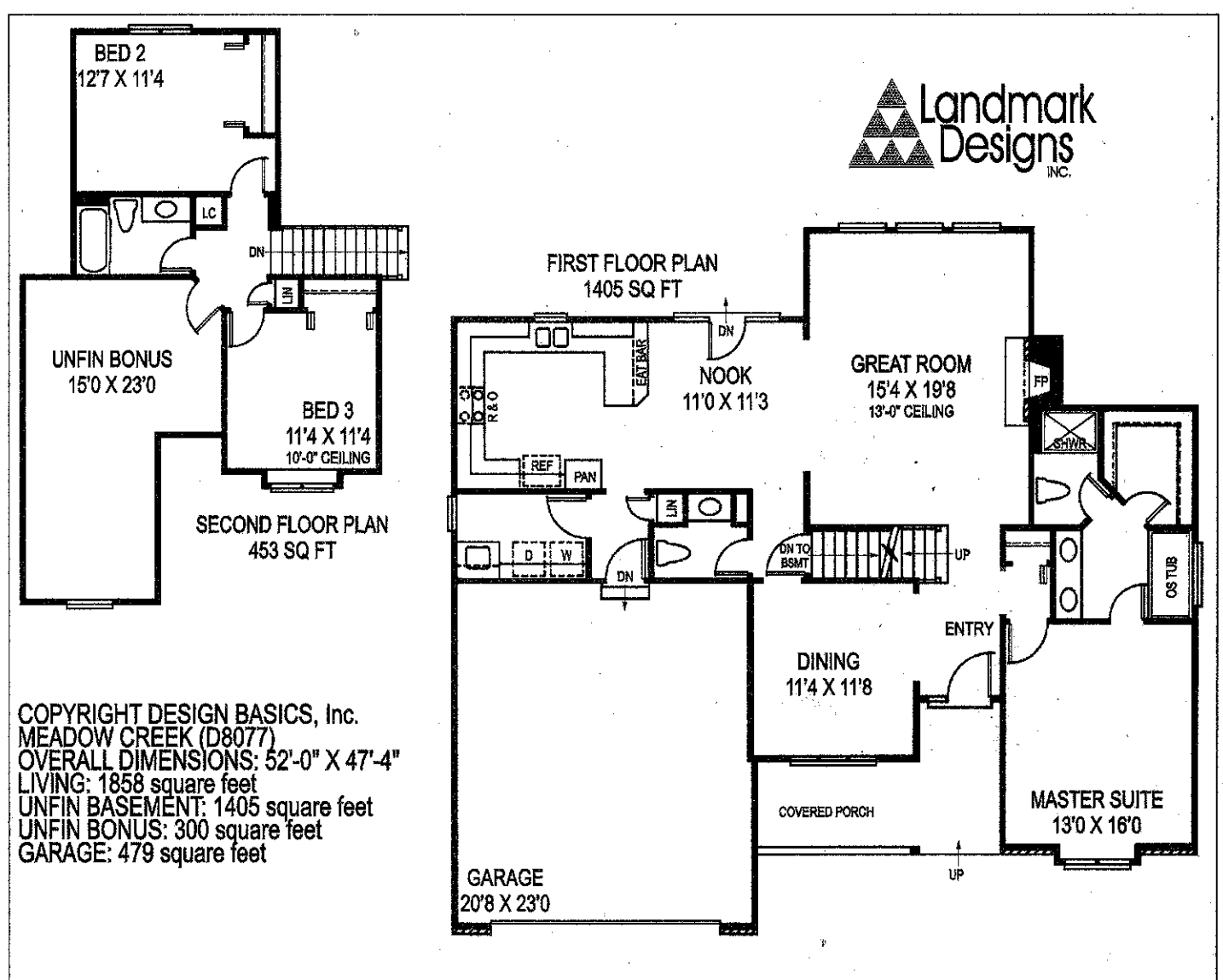
The great room has three large windows providing an open view of the back yard. A fireplace is on the right side. The room is open to the breakfast nook with a door to the back yard. The corner kitchen has a window over the sink, a pantry cabinet, and an eating bar facing the nook. Between the kitchen and the two-car garage is the utility room with a large laundry sink. A door to the garage separates the utility and a half-bath. For convenience, a linen closet is also in this area.

The master suite is on the right side of the entry and occupies the whole side. The master bath is rather uniquely laid out. In the first part are the "his and her" sinks with a large tub. In the rear corner behind a door is the walk-in closet. Adjacent behind another door is the shower and toilet.

Upstairs are two more bedrooms. Both have a wall closet and the front bedroom has the dormer window bathing the room with extra light. A linen closet is in the hallway opposite a full bath with a tub. The unfinished bonus room is located between the two bedrooms and has so many possibilities. It could be a playroom, a family room, a computer/den, exercise room, or just about anything a family would need.

The Meadow Creek would be ideal for the family with older children or the empty nesters that need upstairs bedrooms for the kids to come and visit. This home is compact yet has the open, spacious living area of a home that is much larger.

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ACROSS

- 1 Hobby, slangily
- 4 Strange
- 9 Bask in the sun
- 12 Aussie jumper
- 13 Groovy!
- 14 Olsen of vaudeville
- 15 Grads
- 17 A-frame
- 19 Horse command
- 20 Doorbell sound
- 21 Went for the gold
- 23 Sunshine st.
- 24 Henry VIII's house
- 27 Winding curve
- 28 Edict
- 30 Fish choice
- 31 Giants org.
- 32 Exterior of films
- 34 Baton Rouge loc.
- 35 Unhearing
- 37 Snakes do it
- 38 — vous plait

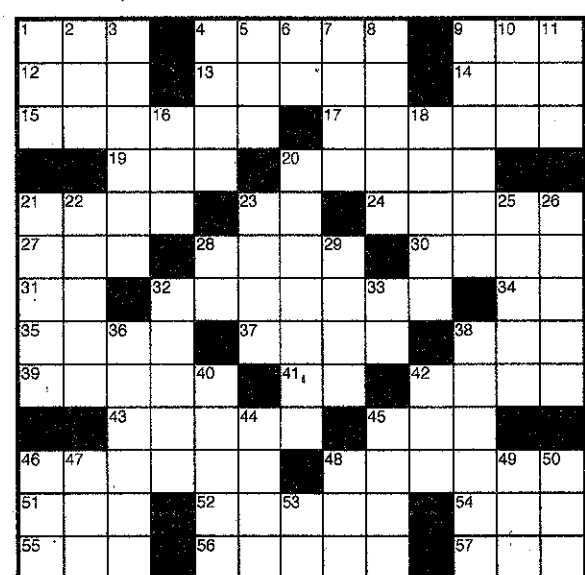
DOWN

- 39 Work force
- 41 Bradley or Sneed
- 42 Watch winder
- 43 Directors
- 45 Links goal
- 46 Kook
- 48 Abolish
- 51 Prince Val's son
- 52 Misprint
- 54 How — things?
- 55 Complain constantly
- 56 Wallop
- 57 Young goat
- 1 Half a bikini
- 2 E-mail provider
- 3 Overcharges
- 4 Bancroft of films
- 5 Wahine's welcome
- 6 Hawkeye st.
- 7 Draw with a laser

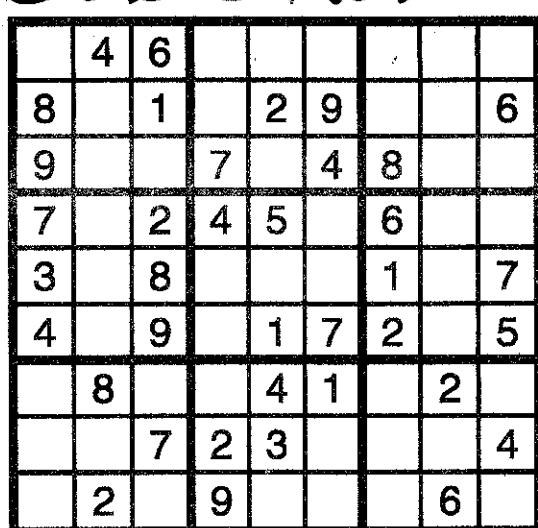
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 Y T S R S E W R A P
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 S D T C R F A D T G
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 7 8 9 9 8 2 7 6 1
 6 2 1 7 9 8 8 9
 5 8 2 1 1 8 6 9 7
 1 7 1 2 6 9 8 9 8
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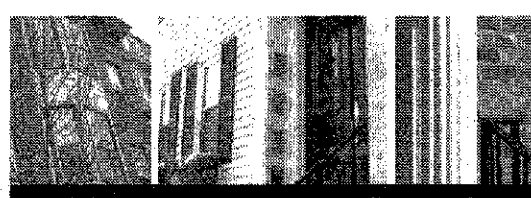
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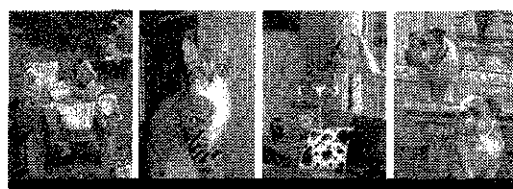
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3 FAMILY SALE 8945, 8951,

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Girl's clothing sizes 6-10, lots

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Middlebelt & Merriman & 5

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Schoolcraft, W. of Elen. Baby

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stuff!

REDFORD- 20441 Fox, btwn 8

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Toys, cribs, cots, high chairs,

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