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Student growth not meeting projections

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools is poised once again to record an increase in enrollment.

However, preliminary figures indicate the increase could be much lower than projected last spring, resulting in less money for the general fund.

School officials budgeted for a 140-student increase this year, but early projections show a modest 71-student increase as of Friday. With each student worth \$7,604 in state foundation grant money, it could be a significant financial loss for a district that's already had to make \$15 million in cuts over the past six years.

Enrollment projections point to an increase of 117 students at the high school level and a boost of 13 students in middle school.

However, elementary schools are looking at a combined 59 student decrease from last year.

"I'm cautiously nervous," said Board of Education President Judy Mardigian. "There's a buffer (in projections) at the high school. The question is are we going to lose as many students at the high school as we have in previous years?"

Traditionally, because projected high school student counts before school starts are less definitive than those in elementary and middle school, they generally start out higher and come down dramatically by the official student count in September.

Mardigian said the district is looking at a state foundation grant increase of \$105, which is only \$5 more than predicted by the board during 2008-09 budget discussions in the spring. "It certainly impacts our budget," said Superintendent Craig Fiegel of the projected student count. "We're being pretty conservative



Mary McCully is the owner of McCully's Educational Resource Center.

Finding her calling

Canton woman thrives on changing the world one child at a time

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

"This is my calling," she

McCully, who started her

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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER
ary McCully has several

Mary McCully has several joys in the world: Her husband, her two sons and seeing children and adults learns the joys of reading. says of McCully's Educational Resource Center. "This is what I'm here to do and it's just like breathing for me. When I have a student that was failing completely get on the honor roll, I do a happy dance with them." company at her kitchen table more than 20 years ago, has added her stamp to thousands of students whether they were academically challenged or wanted to add an extra zing to their knowledge base.

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Faire fun

Morgan Valdahl learns how rope was made in the old days by Daniel Wolfenbarger at the Canton Village Faire last year. The 6th Annual Village Faire is scheduled for next weekend, Aug. 23-24 in and around Cherry Hill Village. On Saturday, the activities will take place at Independence Park, located at Denton and Proctor roads from 2 p.m. to dusk. The highlights of the day include a 1860s vintage baseball game between the Northville Eclipse and the Royal Oak Wahoos starting at 2 p.m., a performance by the brass band Dodworth Saxhorn Quartet, a picnic dinner, hayrides, and the Movie Under The Stars featuring 'Charlotte's Web,' at dusk. On Sunday, between noon and 5 p.m., the activities shift to the Bartlett-Travis House. The big highlight will be the Canton Lions Club's annual all-you-can-eat corn roast dinner. Other events include the farmers market, agricultural demonstrations with live oxen, a petting zoo with farm animals, Tillers International live demonstrations of rope-making and blacksmithing, and other historical demonstrations.

Canton Planning Commission undergoing member changes

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A change in lineup won't hit the Canton Township Board of Trustees until November, but before that the Canton Planning Commission is undergoing its own shift in members.

Craig Engel was recently appointed to the commission to replace longtime member Catherine Johnson. And with Katharine Bovitz's departure from the commission at the end of August, Brad Cambridge will join the group in September.

"Craig is doing an excellent job," said Planning Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson. "He hit the board running."

With Johnson, who resigned earlier this year after serving for nearly 30 years, and Bovitz, a six-year memsee it in real life is a different experience.' MELISSA MCLAUGHLIM, Canton trustee

'We see things on paper, but to

ber, leaving the commission, Melissa McLaughlin, who is set to become the township treasurer in November, said it's unknown if she will have to leave her 17-year seat on the appointed body.

"This is all so new (so) at this point, I still don't know," she said. "But I love working on the Planning Commission."

Trustee McLaughlin has served as the township board's representative to the commission for 16 years and has been a part of such developments as Cherry Hill Village, Central Park and Vintage Valley.

"I have always said the

commission is the most fun you could have on a Monday night," she said with a laugh, adding that she can recall all of the developments that have gone through the commission since her arrival. "We see things on paper, but to see it in real life is a different experience."

In his Supervisor's Update for August, Supervisor Tom Yack highlighted the changes on the commission and acknowledged its members.

"Canton has been well served by its Planning Commission," he wrote. "Vic and Melissa, along with the rest of the PC, have pushed, prodded, cajoled, encouraged and demanded the best for Canton."

The other commissioners include Vice Chairman Greg Greene, Damon Garrett and Ronald Lieberman.

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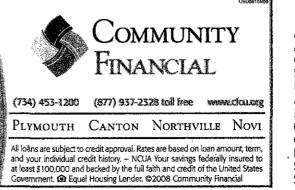
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Ice cream social

Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry, as well as local elected officials and political candidates, will be at the Community Democratic Club's annual Ice Cream Social from 5-8 p.m., Aug. 20 at UAW Local 735, 48055 E. Michigan Avenue, Canton. The Community Democratic Club serves the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the cities of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville. All are invited at no charge, for fun, food, children's games and face painting. For more information, call Becky at (734) 398-5845.

Children's carnival

Abundant Life Church, located at 2100 Hannan Road in Canton, will host a children's carnival 6-8:30 p.m., Aug. 28-30. The event will feature food, activities and inflatables for the children, as well as an interactive children's Bible program. On Aug. 30, there will be a picnic from 4-6 p.m., and will feature volleyball, horse shoes, a slip and slide and plenty of food. Register to win a free bike. Everyone is welcome. For more information, send an email to arkybuddyamb@aol. com.

Mom to mom sale

Connection Church in Canton is having a fall Momto-Mom Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. More than 75 moms will be selling their kids' clothes, toys, books/DVD's, baby equipment, etc., that their families have outgrown. There is a \$1 admission. Refreshments will be available. Strollers welcome. **Connection Church is located** at 3855 Sheldon Road, just north of Michigan Avenue. For more information, check out mom2momlist.com.

Battle of the badges

Canton Township is sponsoring the annual Battle of the Badges Red Cross blood drive next Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road (lower level rooms B and C).

The Battle of the Badges pits the Fire Department vs. Police Department and their supporters to provide blood needed in the Detroit metro area. The Red Cross blood needs are higher in the summer because more organ transplants are done in summer months.

Appointments are available in 15 minute increments. Please contact John Spencer at jspencer@canton-mi.org or (734) 394-5246 to make an appointment.

End of summer bash

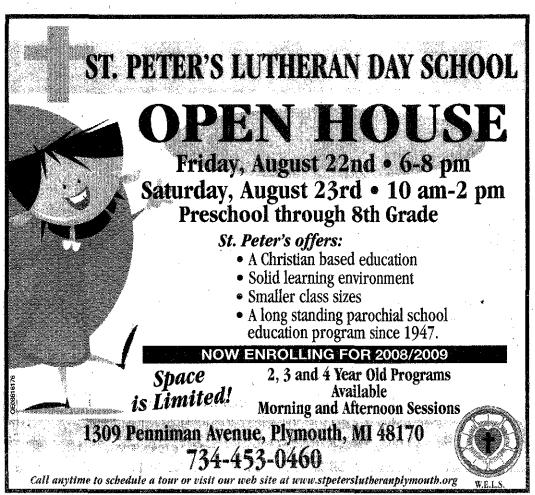
Childtime Learning Center of Canton, located at 49810 Cherry Hill Road, is hosting and end of summer bash from 9-11:30 a.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. on Aug. 21. The family-oriented event will include a Sponge Bob Square Pants bounce house, bubble machine, candy making contest and more.

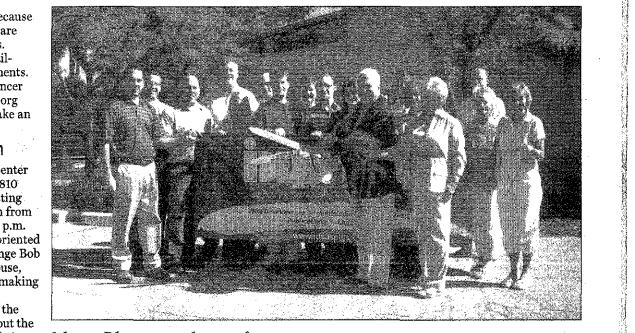
Parents will also have the opportunity to learn about the programs available for their child at Childtime and learn about the company's proprietary Empowered Child[™] curriculum. Enrollment incentives will also be available for new families.

There is no cost to attend. For more information, call (734) 495-1500.

School supplies giveaway

Way of Life Christian Church is giving away free backpacks





Ideas Plus grand opening

New Canton business Ideas Plus Promotions recently held a grand opening ribbon cutting. Owner Corky Brabbs is shown cutting the ribbon. Others in the photo include his employees and representatives from the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Ideas Plus Promotions is an advertising promotional company. For more information about the company, visit its Web site at www.ideasplus.org.

filled with school supplies. The picnic and giveaway will be held from 2-6 p.m., Aug. 31, at UAW 735, 48055 Michigan Avenue (west of Beck Road). There will be refreshments and activities for children of all ages. Pastors Fred and Helen Canty and the Way of Life congregation will be on hand and would love to meet your family. For more information, call (734) 482-0068.

JGHS Class of '88 reunion

The John Glenn High School class of 1988 will be meeting for its 20-year reunion at 7 p.m., Aug. 23 at the U.S. 12 Bar and Grill (34824 Michigan Avenue, Wayne). Dinner will be available at 6 p.m.

Cash bar and full menu will be available. For more information, please visit http://jghs88reunion.com.

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, Suite 1, in Canton. For more information, contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, toll-free (888) 983-9050.

Chiefettes clinic

The Canton Varsity Chiefettes are holding a kids pompon clinic from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sept. 13 at the Canton High School gym. The clinic is open to children ages 5-14. Pre-registration is now open on the Chiefettes Web site at www.cantonchiefettes. com or contact Chiefette parent, Sarena Bouse, at micro-

bouse1@comcast.net. Cost is \$35 per child and includes a T-shirt and snack. Discounts are available for additional siblings. Parents are invited to come see their daughters perform at noon on the day of the clinic.

All girls attending the clinic will be invited to perform at the Canton Chiefettes Variety Show on Saturday Sept. 20 and at a Canton Varsity football game.

Pre-registered participants should arrive between 8:30-9 a.m. Same day registration is also available at 8:30 a.m. but enrollment is limited to the first 100 participants.

St. Michael enrollment

St. Michael Christian School is enrolling children for the 2008-2009 school year. There are openings in 3 and 4 year old preschool classes, as well as young fives through fourth grades.

For more information, contact the school at (734) 459-9720 or just stop in. The school is located 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton inside St. Michael Lutheran Church.

Ask the candidates

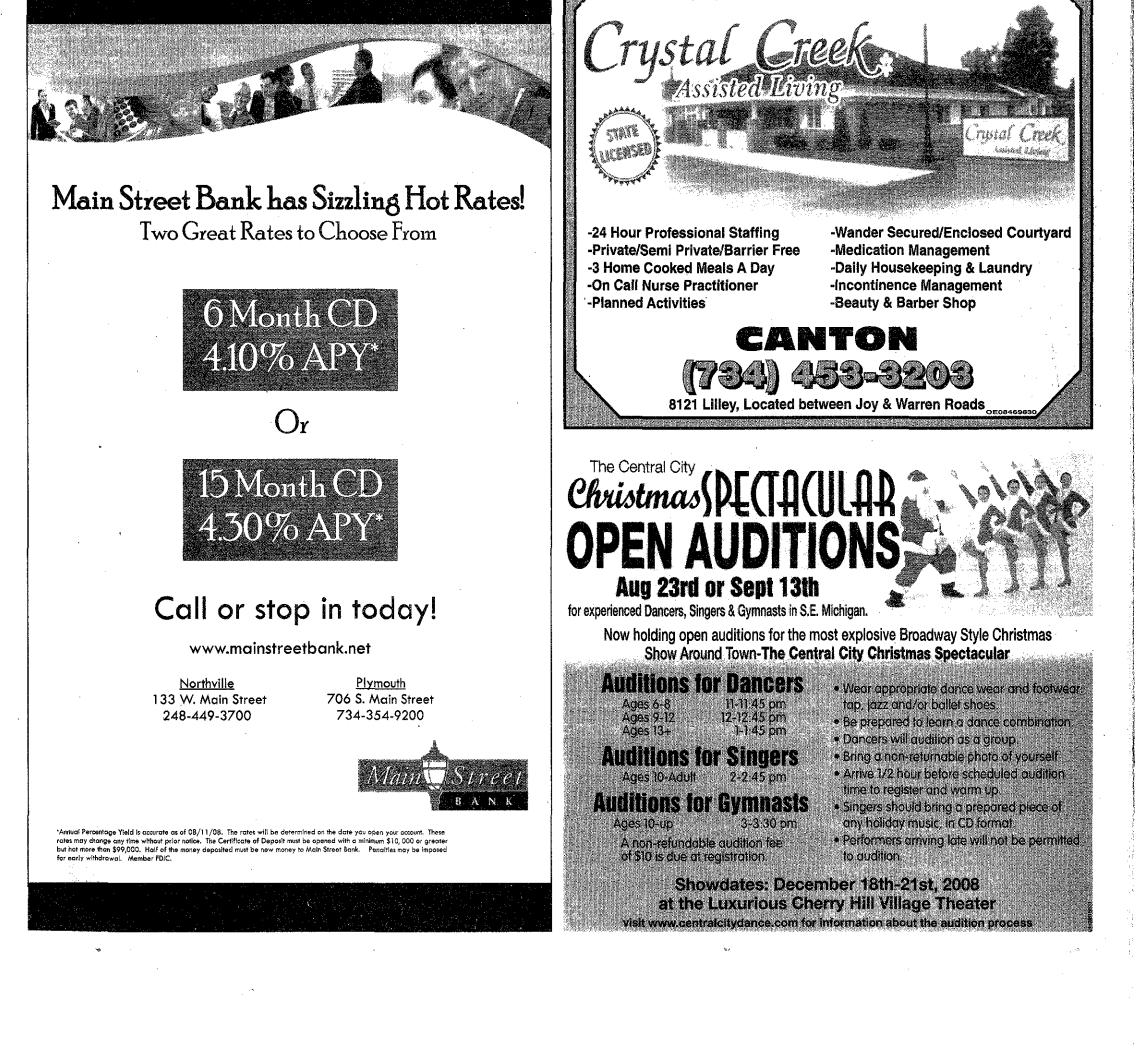
With the slate of candidates for the November election set, the Canton Chamber of Commerce is focusing on the issues in their upcoming Candidates Forum, Sept 25 at the Cherry Hill Village Theater at 7 p.m.

The Chamber is developing questions to ask candidates for the offices of Canton Township supervisor, treasurer and trustee, as well as the Wayne County Commissioner and State Representative. Although questions will not be taken from the floor, local citizens are encouraged to submit questions prior to the forum for the candidates.

Questions can be submitted to memberservices@ cantonchamber.com or by filling out a questionnaire form at the Chamber office, 45525 Hanford Road, Canton.

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LOCAL NEWS

Wayne High students jazz it up for band camp

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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By last Thursday evening, 16vear-old Stefanie Huffman was "pretty much packed" for band camp.

A junior at Wayne Memorial High School, she's making her third trip with the band for a week of practice at Camp Mowana in Mansfield, Ohio.

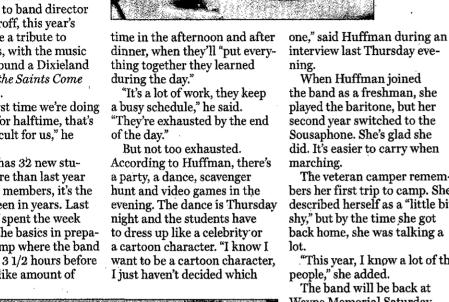
"It's a lot of fun even though it's a lot of hard work," she said. "We practice and then we get to have fun at night."

The band left at 10 a.m. this morning for the camp, about a two-hour drive from western Wayne County. They'll stop along the Ohio Turnpike for lunch and get to the camp in time to begin working on what will be their seven-minute halftime show this fall.

According to band director Matthew Diroff, this year's theme will be a tribute to New Orleans, with the music wrapping around a Dixieland tune, When the Saints Come Marching In.

"It's the first time we're doing a jazz show for halftime, that's why it's difficult for us," he said

The band has 32 new students, 18 more than last year and, with 70 members, it's the largest it's been in years. Last week, Diroff spent the week working on the basics in preparation for camp where the band will practice 31/2 hours before lunch and a like amount of





The Wayne Memorial High School marching band works on the basics in before heading to Camp Mowana this week for band camp.

Wayne Memorial junior Megan **Connolly chose** a colorful hat to wear during marching band practice last week.



interview last Thursday eve-

When Huffman joined the band as a freshman, she played the baritone, but her second year switched to the Sousaphone. She's glad she did. It's easier to carry when marching.

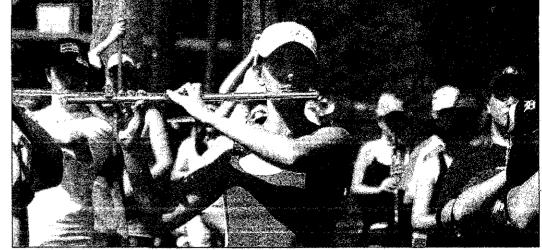
The veteran camper remembers her first trip to camp. She described herself as a "little bit shy," but by the time she got back home, she was talking a

"This year, I know a lot of the people," she added.

The band will be back at Wayne Memorial Saturday afternoon and will do a show for their families and the community at 5 p.m.

They'll run through the halftime show a couple of times; usually, they do better the second time," Diroff said. "It's a nice way to give the parents and the community a chance to see what they did at camp."

They'll also show off their band camp T-shirts which they'll wear under their uniforms during the marching band season. According to Diroff, the shirts allow them to



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Wayne Memorial Marching Band member Dixie Watkins practices having the correct posture, being at attention and learning steps in preparation for this week's trip to band camp.

look uniform when they take their jackets off after performances. With so many new members,

Diroff admits it will take the

group awhile to fine-tune the halftime show, but he's not worried, because "this is a great group of young kids." With 32 new students, we've

had to teach them scratch and they've done a fantastic job," he said. "They're like sponges, they pick up what we throw at them."

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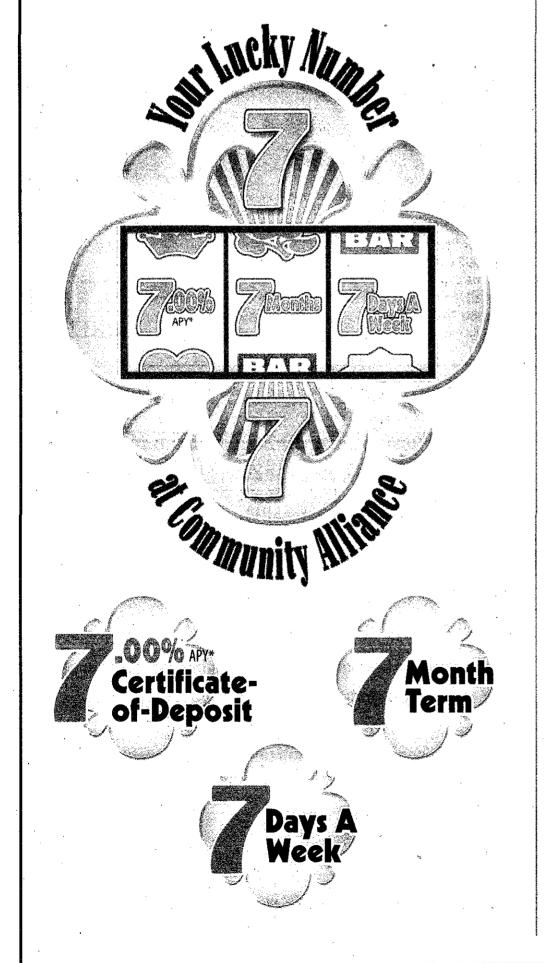
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Everyone Welcome!

Workman student count still highest in district

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While early Plymouth-Canton Schools projections indicate declining student enrollment at the elementary school level, that's little consolation to Workman Elementary Principal Jim Burt.

Workman is expected to have a student population of about 760 students this year, by far the highest in the district. The next highest is Bentley, projected to have 596 students.

Superintendent Craig Fiegel put forth a preliminary proposal to the Board of Education on Tuesday to add an assistant principal at Workman. However, it could be a tough sell.

"I would like to find a way to make this work, but I also feel real strongly we made a real commitment to not hire more

district won't be a declining

enrollment district this year.

because more private school

"You could argue we won't

students are choosing the pub-

lic school option in these eco-

nomic times," Mardigian said.

"And, people are not relocating

because of the housing market.

We might have a unique situa-

tion this year."

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positions than we needed," said Judy Mardigian, board president.

"We imposed a hiring freeze last year, and we've also got a very firm commitment to balance our budget."

Fiegel said he plans to present the school board with several options for Workman at a future meeting.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you have an opinion about the enrollment at Plymouth-Canton Schools falling short of projections made by district administrators? If so, tell us your thoughts by either e-mailing Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@ hometownlife.com or posting a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

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Local solar company earns recognition

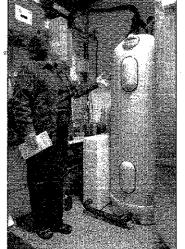
Canton business Mechanical Energy Systems has been awarded the Waste Knot Recognition award for their contributions to reduce waste in Washtenaw County. Through in-house recycling programs and by providing clean solar options to homeowners and businesses, the company has been acknowledged for minimizing waste and fossil fuel emissions.

Waste Knot, sponsored by the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Program, was first implemented in 1998 as a way to recognize businesses, schools, non-profit agencies, and governmental agencies for their contributions to waste reduction.

MES founders Joe and Donna Napolitano have been providing solar solutions for more than two decades.

"There are so many ways homeowners can take control of skyrocketing utility prices simply by harvesting the free solar energy beating on their roof today" says Donna. "Much of the fossil fuels used today are not necessary to heat water or forced air, or even the pool. The simplicity of using the

CANTON BUSINESS BRIEFS



Donna Napolitano, owner of Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, shows off a hot water tank that uses solar power. The business has been awarded the Waste Knot Recognition award for their contributions to reduce waste in Washtenaw County.

suns' warmth to directly heat air and water is both elegant and reliable."

The MES headquarters located on Canton Center Road across from Canton High School is a working living demonstration center, and powered by solar energy, including solar thermal space heating, fresh air pre-heat (solar wall), a hot water system, solar day lighting, a wind generation grid-tie, and Photovoltaic back up. Additionally, MES has a high 95% efficiency furnace, state of the art air conditioner, and ventilation system working with zoning applications, managed by programmable thermostats throughout the building.

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Donna and Joe also provide education throughout the community and through training sessions to the curious every third Thursday of the month.

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Register for one of their educational forums at (734) 453-6746 or stop by the showroom and see the solar systems in action.



right now, thinking there's a few more numbers at the high school than what we're saying.

"Elementary isn't growing as much as we anticipated," he said. "We'll have to see if some of that growth comes later."

Despite the tight numbers, Mardigian still believes the



INVITATION TO BID CANTON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 pm, Thursday, August 28, 2008 for the following:

FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB – GROUND SERVICE BUILDING ADDITION

Project includes the renovation and expansion of the golf course maintenance building, removal and replacement of golf course parking lot and sediment removal from irrigation pond.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Siegal/Tuomaala Associates, 29200 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48034. A nonrefundable fee of \$60.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid documents are on file and available for review at Canton Township Hall-Engineering 2nd Floor.

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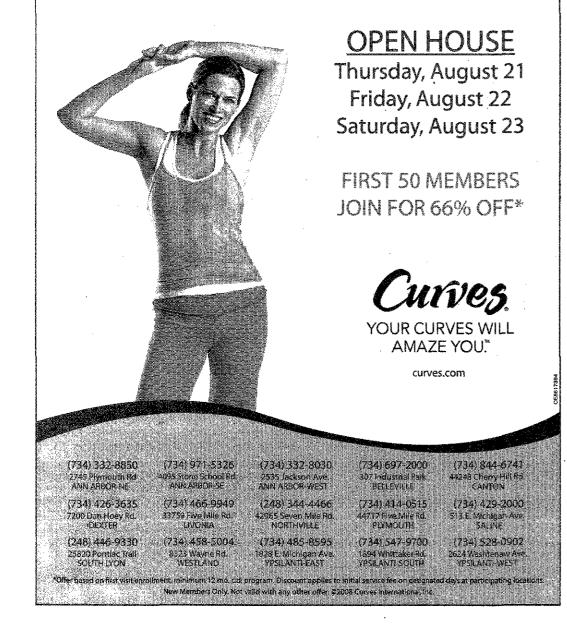
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Wayne-Westland 'trending upward' on merit exams

BY SUE MASON **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are showing progress when it comes to the Michigan Merit Exam.

"We're pleased with the progress we've made, we're trending upward," said School Superintendent Greg Baracy, adding that, "our improvements were more significant than statewide."

More than 800 11th-graders took the MME, which includes the ACT college entrance exam, showing increases district-wide in meeting or exceeding state standards in mathematics, reading, writing and English language arts. There was a miniscule decline - two students - in science and a drop of 44 students not making the grade in social studies over last year's scores, according to state data.

Statewide, 11th-graders who scored at the proficient or advanced levels improved slightly in the subjects of reading, writing, English language

arts, and science. There was no change in the percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced in math and a slight decline in social studies.

Meeting or exceeding state standards at John Glenn High School were 117 students in mathematics, 222 in reading, 179 in science, 354 in social studies, 121 in writing and 174 in English language arts, while Wayne Memorial High School, students showing mastery totaled 126 in math, 198 in reading, 188 in science, 317 in social studies, 107 in writing and 160 in English language arts.

"We're pleased with the progress made, it's 10 points in some areas at Wayne Memorial," Baracy said.

According to Baracy, the district has worked hard to realign the high school program to match the merit curriculum and exam. It's also providing additional support at earlier levels so that once the students get to 11th grade they will have what they need.

"That's important," he said.



CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m., local time, August 29, 2008. The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m., local time, August 29, 2008 for the following:

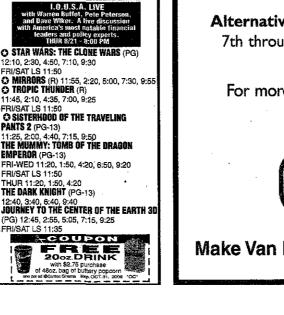
ADA Public Facilities Improvement Plymouth Cultural Center - ADA Door Replacement **Plymouth City Hall** 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan

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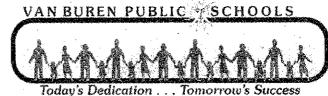
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LOCAL NEWS

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Canton woman killed in Benzie County crash

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

Charges could be looming for the 22-year-old Troy man accused of causing the traffic crash that killed Nancy Geary,

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54, of Canton.

Benzie County Under Sheriff Rory Heckman said Samuel Beadle was traveling north on M-115 near Crystal Mountain on Aug. 9 when he pulled over onto the shoulder and then

attempted to make a U-turn. His van turned into the path of Geary's vehicle, which was traveling south.

"This could have been and should have been avoided," said Heckman, adding that

that says we can change the world one child at a time? I think that's what we do."

While walking around the roomy center in the small plaza that sits at Canton Center and Sheldon Center roads, McCully stops and chats with a high school girl who is trying to test out of her pre-calculus class and a young boy who was learning to spell the word "who."

McCully's offers academic tutoring in language arts. mathematics, science and history. The company also has classes that focus on test preparation, study skills and home schooling sup-

McCully, who has assisted

the results of the investigation into the collision have been turned over the Benzie County Prosecutor's Office. "It appears (Beadle) looked behind him to see if anyone was coming but he neglected to see if there was

with dropouts getting their

diplomas and adults learn-

ing to read, works with her husband, Bill, and has a

staff of about 18 employees

in the summer. That number

jumps to around 40 during

With sessions offered

for individuals or for small

groups of two or three students, McCully said each

class is centered around the

needs of the students, who

come from as far as Saline,

White Lake and Rockford.

everybody and anybody that

needs academic assistance,"

"We are here to help

A former educator

and teaching consultant

with Plymouth-Canton

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Community Schools,

she said.

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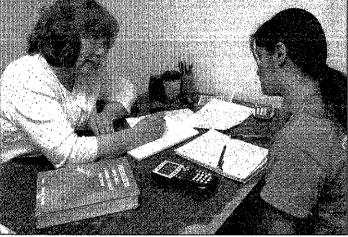
oncoming traffic."

Heckman said Geary died immediately and that her four passengers were taken for medical treatment. Beadle, who was riding alone, was not injured.

A funeral for Geary, a married mother of two daughters, took place Friday at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

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Tutor Kathy Anderson works with Radhika Somayyu, a junior at Salem High School. She hopes to test out of pre-calculus.

ing her "love" and said that as her center has grown, she's had to let go of being in the classroom herself and instead trains all of the instructors.

"There is a part of me that misses tutoring but obviously, I'm still involved with the hugs," she said.

Officials urge residents to conserve water

In an effort to help protect local water resources, Canton officials are urging residents to conserve water during the month of August. By over watering lawns, pollution is easily carried into storm drains that lead directly to lakes and stream. By using less water you can help prevent pollution and save money.

The following are simple steps to help conserve water and protect lakes and rivers from pollution:

■ Water wisely: Lawns need about an inch of water per week. Over watering lawns results in shallowrooted plants that are less tolerant to heat and drought, making them more prone to

disease. Avoid over watering by using a rain gauge and watering only when necessary.

Residents and businesses can also help conserve water and lower water rates by voluntarily limiting outdoor water usage to odd/even days. Residents and businesses with odd numbered addresses are asked to water only on odd numbered dates. Likewise, those with even numbered addresses should water lawns, fill swimming pools, and wash cars only on even numbered dates.

Residents and business owners are asked to set their automatic irrigation systems to water between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. By

watering during these offpeak demand hours, Canton enables all customers to continue receiving an even distribution of water with minimal low-pressure problems.

■ Improve your aim: Adjust sprinklers to water only your lawn and plants, not your driveway, sidewalk, or street.

Use mulch: Place a thick layer of mulch, about four inches, around trees and plants. This helps to retain water, reduce weeds, and minimize the need for pesticides.

Sweep it: Clean sidewalks and driveways with a broom instead of a hose. You'll save water and keep

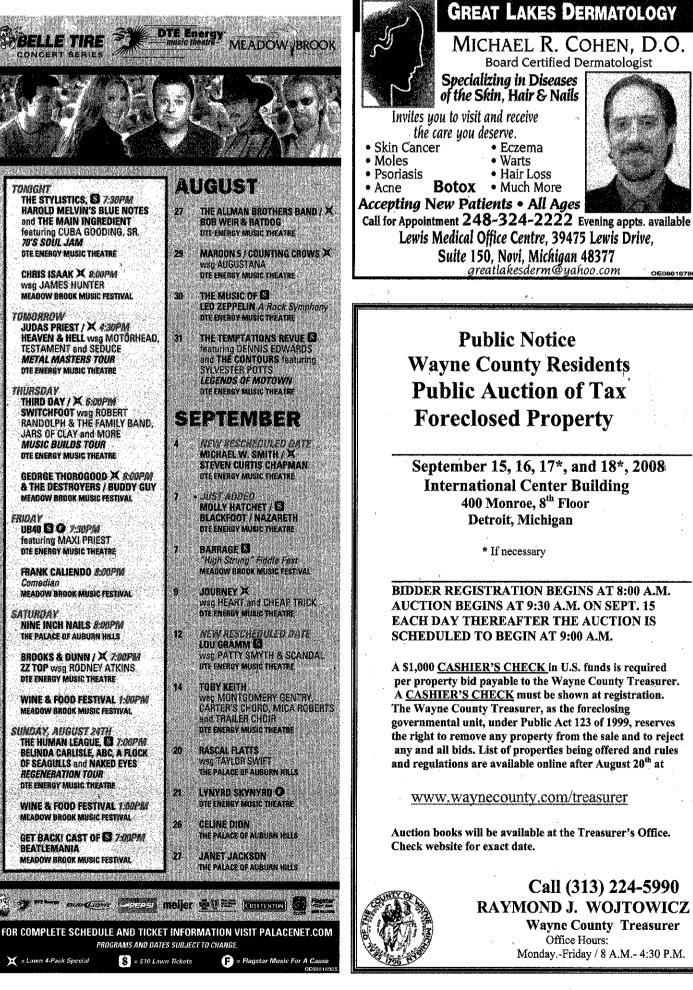
unwanted pollutants out of the storm drain.

■ Put rainwater to work: Use rainwater to water your plants. Direct downspouts toward your plants and green areas or collect water with rain barrels for later use.

Mow high: Make your lawn cheaper and easier to maintain by mowing high. Three inches is recommended. Longer grass has deeper roots and requires less water.

Information on all these steps can be found at www.canton-mi.org/environment.asp or in the information racks located inside **Canton's Administration** Building.



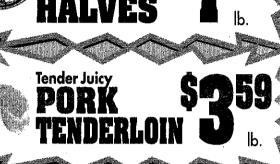


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Janus settlement likely won't create any new millionaires

Q: Dear Rick: I heard something on your radio show about the Janus Funds in regard to a settlement during the mutual fund scandal. I have not received my check yet. Should I be concerned?

A: There's absolutely no reason to be concerned. As of Aug. 15, Janus will distribute \$100,000,000 to investors. If you were a shareholder, you will receive a settlement. A \$100 million settlement sounds like a lot of money, however, in reality you and I will not be receiving large checks. After all, Janus Funds had millions of investors and the settlement gets divided over a large number of people. Whatever the settlement is, my philosophy is the money looks better in your pocket



Money Matters Rick Bloom

I was told I do not qualify. A friend of mine

money into a

Roth IRA, but

said in a couple of years I will be able to convert and use a Roth IRA. Is that true?

A: Your friend is correct. In order to convert existing IRA money into a Roth IRA, your adjusted gross income, whether you are married or single, must be less than \$100,000. However, in 2010 there is a temporary change in the law

than anywhere that will allow those who earn more than \$100,000 to convert a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA.

I am a big fan of the Roth IRA because it allows money to grow tax-free, not taxdeferred, as in a traditional IRA. Even though you're investing post-tax money money that you've already paid tax on - vs. pre-tax money (as in a traditional IRA), the advantages of a Roth are substantial.

In a traditional IRA, even though you receive a writeoff for the money you are contributing, when you withdraw the money you pay tax on the initial contribution and the growth.

In a Roth, there are no taxes when the money is withdrawn. Therefore, all the income and

growth that accumulates in your Roth will be tax-free.

Another advantage of a Roth is the money is not subject to required minimum distributions. At age 70½, you must begin taking distributions out of your traditional IRA. At that time, the money is taxed at your ordinary income tax bracket. There is no required minimum required distribution for Roth IRAs. You can let a Roth IRA grow income tax-free for as long as you choose.

One issue regarding Roth IRAs that confuses people is estate taxes. Roth IRAs are income tax-free, but they are subject to estate taxes just like traditional IRAs.

However, the major difference is the income tax

Metro Detroit recently named

John Hale as the nonprofit's

executive director of develop-

ment. Hale had been serving

development since April 2007.

Hale has eight years of expe-

rience with TSA's Development

Department. He has served

as the interim director of

consequences for a Roth IRA are income tax-free, while a traditional IRA is subject to incôme tax. Even upon death, if your beneficiary inherits your traditional IRA there will be income taxes paid by the beneficiary along with any potential estate tax. While with a Roth there will be no income taxes to your beneficiary.

Whenever we're talking about tax laws, there is a caveat. Tax laws change faster than the weather in Michigan. It is possible that by 2010 the opportunity for people who make over \$100,000 a year to convert their traditional IRA into a Roth IRA could change.

If you make less than \$100,000 a year, I believe it is good strategy to consider converting a traditional IRA into a Roth.

My general rule is: You must have money to pay the tax due upon conversion without touching money you are converting;

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Converting the money will not place you into a higher tax bracket; and

■ You should leave the money in the Roth IRA for at least five to seven years.

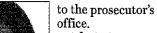
If you meet these requirements, you should convert to a Roth.

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

Wayne County prosecutor launches citizens' academy

Wavne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has launched a new program designed to give residents a firsthand look into the workings of the criminal justice system and the way her office operates.

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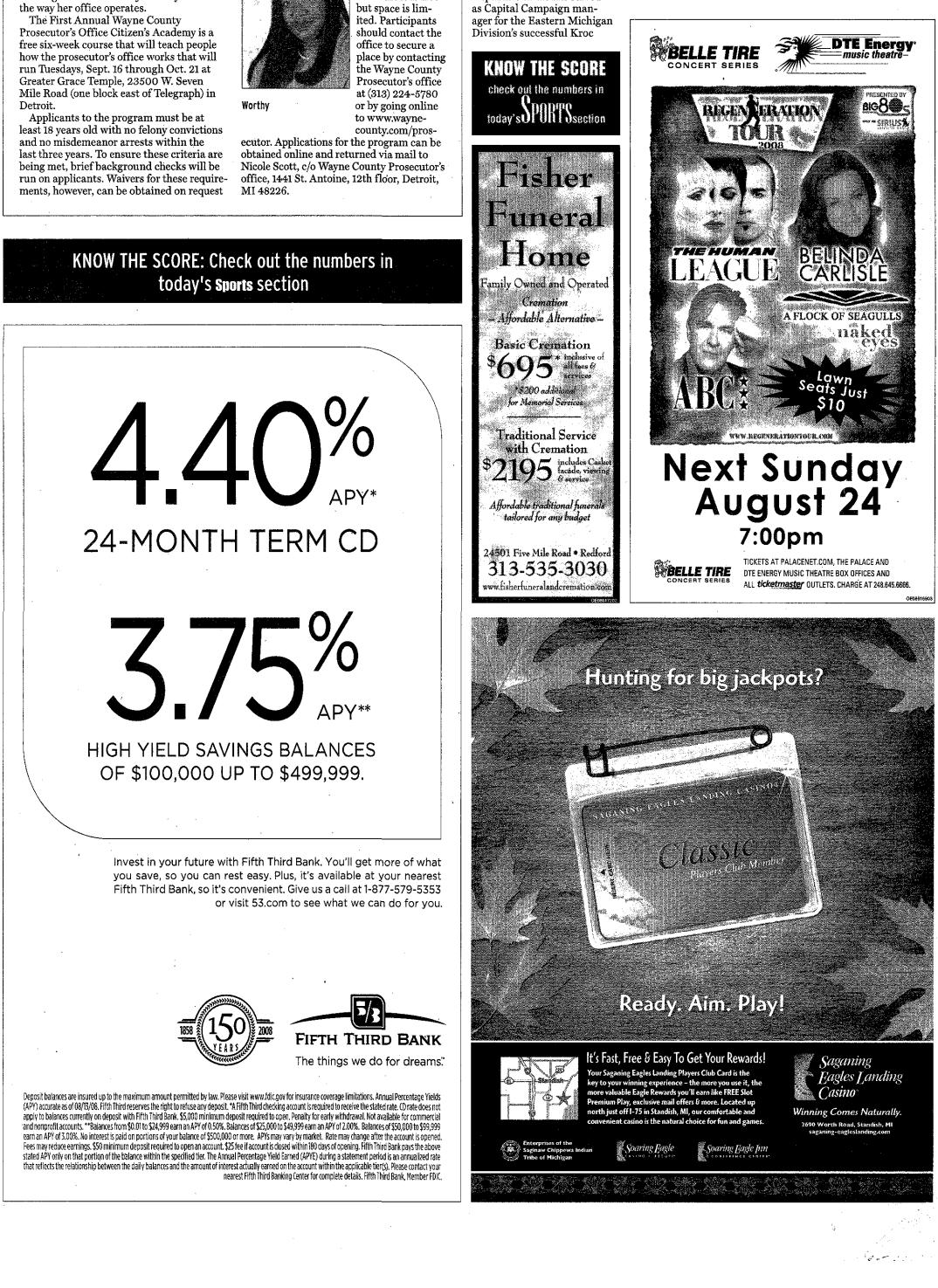
Salvation Army taps development chief The Salvation Army of

Center application, associate director of Development and as a gift-planning specialist where he closed more than \$7 million in gifts during the four years he held that position.

Prior to his work with TSA. Hale held positions as a financial and tour manager for

Christian Rock artists, The Insyderz and as an assistant branch manager for the First of America Bank in Rockford, Ill.

A graduate of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., Hale lives in Rochester Hills.







Marathon man

Walker brings cancer pilgrimage to area

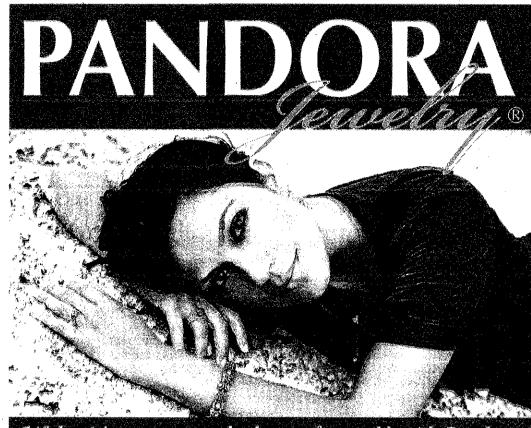
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BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

On Thursday, Sean Shearon got a well-deserved rest after walking the equivalent of 18

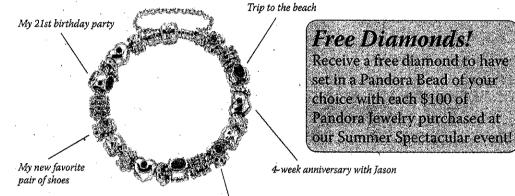
marathons in 18 days - beginning in Sault Ste. Marie and traveling through Plymouth before concluding his journey in downtown Detroit's Hart Plaza.



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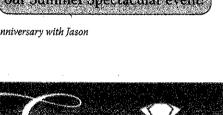
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The Windsor native and Detroit school teacher was diagnosed with a form of cancer at age 12. His mother, a Michigan native and Detroit Public Schools teacher, lost a 10-year battle with breast cancer. Shearon is hoping his 472-mile pilgrimage will raise \$10 million for the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

"My feet are sore, but people I've met along the way who either have had cancer or lost people to cancer helped me know they appreciate what I'm doing," said Shearon, 43, who walked Ann Arbor Trail through Plymouth Township to Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth Tuesday night, before leaving early Wednesday morning. "The emails I've gotten and messages on my blog ... people are just touched by what I'm doing and motivated to do things. One girl told me she was going to do the (Breast Cancer) 3-Day walk as a result."

Shearon didn't receive much attention in many parts of Michigan during his travels, including in Traverse City.

"When I was there most people were more excited to see (singer) Madonna (Ciccone) at the film festival," said Shearon. "Here I was walking to raise money for cancer, which my mother -- whose maiden name was Ciccone and a distant cousin of Madonna – died from, and ironically she got all the attention."

But, Shearon is in good spir-

Sean Shearon hikes east on Ann Arbor Trail. He finished the Victory Walk in Kellogg Park. Shearon is walking the equivalent of 18 marathons in 18 days to raise money for the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

its knowing he helped bring more attention to

the fight against cancer and raise money to fight the disease.

"When you have a goal and are focused and motivated, you just do it," said Shearon. "There have been days I wanted to pack it up, but the people I met along the way kept met going."

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More information on Shearon's efforts can be found at thevictorywalk.org.

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Police campaign will crack down on impaired drivers

The Canton Police Department will be participating in a statewide campaign to crack down on drunken drivers for the next two weeks.

Along with other police departments across the state, Canton is part of the end of summer "Over the limit. Under Arrest." campaign, which targets impaired drivers. The crackdown began Friday and will run though Monday, Sept.

"Drunk driving is a serious crime and something we work revent all year long. During

extra patrols will be on the road looking for drivers under the influence. If you're over the limit, you'll be under arrest," said Canton Lt. Scott Hilden.

According to Hilden, the extra patrols are funded by federal grants from the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with .08 blood alcohol content or higher. Drunk driving convictions can carry an array of penalties, including court costs and fines, incr

\$2,000 in driver responsibility fees. "Drunk driving can cost more than just money. Last year in Michigan 382 people were killed in impaired driving crashes." Hilden said.

The campaign will especially focus on the Labor Day weekend, when many people will be on the road traveling to vacation destinations or holiday parties.

In 2007, 14 people died in crashes on Michigan's roadways during Labor Day weekend. Four of those fatalities nvoived alconol, according to Hilden.

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COUNTY NEWS

To help voters in southeastern Michigan cut through the campaign clutter, focus on the state's future, and make informed decisions in November, Detroit Public TV (DPTV), in association with the Center for Michigan, is offering to host debates between the top candidates in state House of Representatives races throughout metro Detroit. Debate offers will be extended to candidates in 47 contested races.

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DPTV and the Center are taking steps to guarantee the debates receive the largest possible audience; Video

of every debate will be provided free and unrestricted to all media outlets and cable access TV stations in southeastern Michigan. The expectation is debate videos will be posted on media Web sites, aired on cable access, and used in TV news reports. Additionally, DPTV will broadcast debates on Channel 56 and post videos online.

"With so much attention on the presidential race, these debates are critical to helping voters focus on state House races - and helping candidates focus on the issues that matter most to voters," said John Bebow, executive

director of the Center for Michigan, a non-partisan, non-profit "think-and-do" tank.

In the past year, the Center has hosted 180 community meetings across the state to develop a "common ground" agenda. It includes three priorities for the state's future: 1) a globally competitive workforce; 2) a diversified economy and great quality of life; and 3) effective, efficient and accountable government.

"When you talk about Michigan's future, these really are the big three," Bebow added. "Everyone should be interested to see how the

candidates address these and other issues critical to turning the state around."

"The Great Debates is an extraordinary use of traditional and new media to engage and educate voters," said Rich Homberg, DPTV president and general manager. "It's also another example of how Detroit Public Television is working to better serve the people of southeastern Michigan.

The 30-minute, fixed-format debates will be taped at DPTV's Detroit studios in August and September and - due to production constraints - be limited to

two candidates. Candidates will field questions from respected journalists Nolan Finley, editorial page editor of The Detroit News, and Ron Dzwonkowski, editorial page editor of the Detroit Free Press. Other Detroitarea journalists may serve as hosts/moderators depending on debate schedules.

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As debate invitations were mailed (and e-mailed) to candidates Aug. 6-8, DPTV Director of Program **Development Dave Manney** stressed the importance of candidate cooperation.

"We obviously can't force candidates into the studio," Manney said. "We need every candidate to embrace this project and reach an agreement with their opponent. Tell us you're ready for a serious debate of the issues and we'll make it happen."

The Center for Michigan is a "think-and-do tank" founded by Phil Power and a group of statewide business and political leaders in early 2006. A 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the Center's objective is to assist our state through its current period of wrenching economic trouble and to lay the foundation of informed hope for a better future Michigan.

Educators can hone their skills at Detroit Zoo open house Aug. 26 detroitzoo.org/zoolastic/.

The Detroit Zoological Society will host an open house for teachers and administrators on Tuesday, Aug. 26, 5-8 p.m., at the Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center. "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2008" will give educators the opportunity to learn about the educational offerings at the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. The free event will feature live entertainment, food and educational resources for the classroom and beyond.

Sponsored by DTE Energy Foundation, "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2008" will provide educators insight into the zoo's dynamic, age level-appropriate

programs that teach important concepts about animals, habitats and ecosystems in alignment with the Michigan **Curriculum Framework** and Grade Level Content Expectations. The event will also offer tips on planning and optimizing school group visits with guided tours, self-led tours, scavenger hunts, interactive education presentations and backpack programs.

Teachers and administrators will learn about other educational options at the Zoo as well, including the Ford Education Center's Interpretive Studios, Wild Adventure Ride, Madeleine Berman Academy for Humane Education and Humane

Science Lab. A tram or walking tour of the zoo will highlight new animal habitats, including Meerkat Digs, and exhibits that feature interactive learning options. Guests will also meet David Gakure, Kenyan conservationist and Detroit Zoo education specialist, who engages students at the zoo and in the classroom with stories of people and wildlife in the African Grasslands.

Online registration for "Zoolastic Achievement - Explosion 2008" is available until Aug. 21 at http://www.

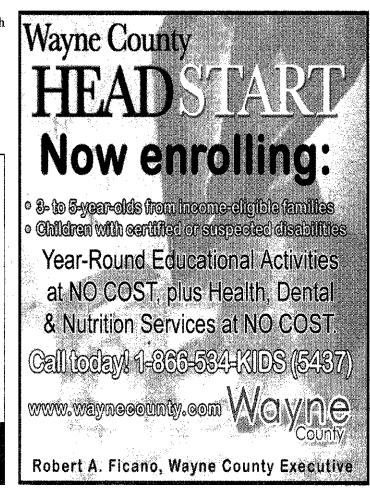
The Detroit Zoological Society is a nonprofit organization that operates the Detroit Zoo and Belle Isle Nature Zoo. The Detroit Zoo

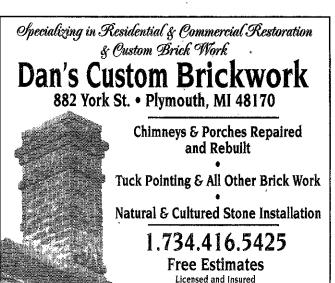
is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. The Detroit Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through October (open at 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day) - with extended hours until 8 p.m. Wednesdays during July and August - and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November

through March. Admission is

\$11 for adults 13 to 61, \$9 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$7 for children ages 2 to 12: children under 2 are free. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www. detroitzoo.org. The Belle Isle

Nature Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year-round and provides educational programming with interpretive staff support from the Huron-Clinton Metroparks. For information, call (313) 852-4056.







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JACKIE KALLEN After 26 years in the boxing world as publicist and then manager, Jackie Kallen has been dubbed The First Lady of Boxing. Having managed four champions, she was twice nominated as

Manager of the Year. Her life story inspired the Paramount film Against the Ropes, staming Meg Ryan. A former journalist, TV host and radio personality in her native Detroit, Kallen is also a successful motivational speaker.



KYM L. WORTHY It was an historic moment in 2004 when Kyrn L. Worthy was sworn in as the first African-American, and the first woman, to become the Wavne County Prosecutor.

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Worthy began her career in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in 1984. In 1994 she was elected judge of the Recorder's Court for the City of Detroit, then became a judge in Wayne County Circuit Court in 1997. Worthy is a strong believer in community service and has received numerous awards and honors for her role as community leader. She is the mother of ten-year-old Anastasia.

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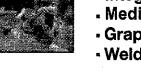
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COUNTY NEWS

Explore the tradition, community, creativity at State Fair

BY ANNE GREENSTEIN CORRESPONDENT

"Our State Fair is the best State Fair. Don't miss it! Don't even be late."

This quote from Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1945 musical can apply to the Michigan State Fair, which starts on Friday, Aug. 22, and runs through Sept. 1.

The nation's oldest state fair, the Michigan State Fair was first held in 1849, only 12 years after Michigan attained statehood. The fair traveled around the state until it settled in its current fairgrounds at Eight Mile and Woodward Avenue in 1905. In addition to agricultural displays, the Miracle of Life Exhibit, contests, a midway and live entertainment is the Community Arts Exhibit. The Community Arts Building was built in 1967 and houses

many arts and crafts exhibits. Before this "home" was built, the exhibition was displayed underneath the grandstand or in the clubhouse. Normally, 5,000 pieces of art are exhibited, created by 2,000-3,000 people throughout the state. In addition to arts and crafts are baking, canning and greenery displays. Prizes are given to winners in these categories.

BUSY MAN

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Peter Latouf, involved with the fair since 2000, for the first time is in charge of the Community Arts Building. "The Community Arts

Building is the main venue for showcasing the artistic talent of residents of the state. Professionals and nonprofessionals can enter different contests to win prizes or ribbons," said Latouf.

Contests for youth as well as adults are held daily. There are contests in homemaking crafts and hobbies involving fiber arts, doll making, photography or ceramics. Other contests are in baking, canning, woodworking, greenery and table decorating. Youth contests are similar to the adults but there is also a category for "Legos and K-nex. "Best of show" or the "gold ribbon winners" from the

ribbon winners" from the county fairs compete at the Michigan State Fair. In addition to youth and adults are contests for the physically and mentally challenged to include everyone with an opportunity to participate. The Oakland County Fair does not include "Community Arts" competitions, so Farmington community residents who wish to compete must enter directly to the Michigan State Fair. Volunteers are present from the time people enter their artwork until the fair closes who watch the items submitted for judging and exhibition.

Ribbons are offered as prizes and small cash prizes are also awarded worth \$8 to \$25 depending on the contest. Some companies give cash prizes for their contests. Pillsbury gives a \$200 prize for the best pie crust in the show. Demonstrations are held on

a daily basis, in quilting, wood carving, and lace, painting porcelain, floral designs, making baskets from pine needles, Tshirt painting, using a spinning needle, and using a knitting machine. People can participate in these demonstrations and make a project. Baking and cooking demonstrations are also held each day.

Judges of the various contests come from county fairs and are professionals in their own field. Previous blue-ribbon winners also serve as judges. While many of the judges have been judging at the State Fair for years, a few for up to 40 years, they continuously get new judges.

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ory of his mother, Catherine Kondash.

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Catherine Kondash, who lived behind the fairgrounds, "believed in the Fair with all her heart," said Eugene. She was a fair volunteer and exhibitor throughout her adult life. She baked fruit pies for the governor's luncheon. She gave baskets of homemade products including pies made from fruit in her garden to the governor every year dating back to G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams until Gov. John Engler.

Besides awarding ribbons, Eugene Kondash gives a gift to winners such as a book or craft project to the person related to the winner's category. Two "Viewers Choice" awards are given in memory of Kondash's mother. Eugene and his brother give two \$50 savings bonds, one for the adults and one for youth of displays that the public picks.

Eugene remembers when he was a boy during the late 1940s and early 1950s seeing the train bring people from all over the state to come to the State Fairgrounds. Last year, Steven Jenkins, manager of the fair, gave Kondash a Michigan State Fair award for his ongoing contributions.

Paul Karr, president of the Friends of the Michigan State Fair, leads this volunteer organization which supports the fair. The Friends support the fair with beautification projects.

They refurbish security guard booths, plant gardens, and assist with buying the carved rock signs found at the entrance off of Woodward Avenue and in front of the coliseum.

Most importantly, the Friends of the Fair annually awards scholarships to several Michigan high school seniors each year in agriculture and community arts.

"Over the past 15 years, the Friends have awarded \$40,000 worth of scholarships. This year we will award one \$1,000 scholarship in agriculture and two scholarships in community arts. (First prize is \$500 and 2nd prize is \$350)," said John Write, scholarship chairman.

For more information visit www.michigan.gov/mistate-fair.

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OUR VIEWS

Study candidates and issues before November election

This year's general election in November will feature ballots filled with important contests, both at the local and national level.

With our state's economy in the dumps and an entire nation tiring of a seemingly endless war, those successful candidates from the president on down will be faced with significant and serious issues and challenges.

And the best way to make sure our political leaders are up to the task is to elect the most qualified men and women for those positions.

Because the political stakes are so high, voters need to put in extra time becoming a truly educated electorate. Voting along party lines or simply going with the incumbent no longer are options.

Incumbents need to be challenged on their past performance and clearly explain why they deserve to keep their job. This is especially true in the state Legislature, where every seat in the House of Representatives is up for election.

There is a wealth of information available about each contested race in every hometown. Voters should study the candidates, and make sure their positions on critical local, regional or national issues is in line with their own beliefs and values. Local newspapers — including this one — candidate Web sites and voter guides produced by the League of Women Voters and other organizations are all good places to mine information about the races.

Thanks to the hotly contested presidential races, area clerks are bracing for record turnouts at the polling places. Let's hope voters make the effort to ensure they cast an educated vote.



Minimize impact

This letter is regarding the Oakwood Hospital development off Beck Road south of Geddes. The proposal by Oakwood promotes the design will be for "minimum impact and maximum benefit to nearby neighbors." I would like to offer the following suggestions to Oakwood so they do keep their word regarding this statement.

 Place the higher buildings along the south side of the property towards Michigan Avenue away from the residential communities to the north.
 Place the shorter buildings by the north and west property lines. Please don't consider putting your cement parking structure next to our homes.
 Increase the 50 foot buffer next

to our homes in the Chatterton Square subdivision to 120 feet. Imagine the three-story St. Joseph Medical Building on Canton Road out your window and that's what Oakwood can build by our homes.

■ Keep the creek (or drain) and all natural treed areas by the north lot line. This will help buffer the view of the four-story structures proposed to be built.

The proposed landscaping along the north lot line should include more staggered evergreens and deciduous trees such as maples and oaks. A higher berm than what is required would also benefit Oakwood's residential neighborhoods to the north.

Per township guidelines the building design should utilize materials consistent with the residential homes since they will be next to residential housing.

Please include the walking path around the perimeter like

Oakwood's previous proposal. At the township board meeting on Monday, Oakwood said they planned to meet township standards and guidelines. Wouldn't it be nice

if Oakwood built a development that exceeded Canton's expectations instead of just meeting them? I hope Oakwood and the Planning Commission truly considers the residents nearby and minimizes the impact of this development.

> Karen Cobb Canton

LETTERS

Election winners and los-

With a very small voter turnout.

and Todd Caccamo came up as two

leading winners in the last primary election. Another winner, both at

candidates Melissa McLaughlin

the ballot box and for the impec-

cable standards used in running

Bennett and her staff.

our voter precincts, was Clerk Terry

The real loser, I'm afraid to say,

a non-runner in this race, decided

to take the role of political hack,

by accusing treasurer candidate

Joan Noricks, a member of his own

incompetent and a fraud. His choice

Republican Party, as being totally

candidate McLaughlin was based

on who was more qualified and

experienced to be our next trea-

surer. Well, I guess if you consider

being one of the hand-picked politi-

cal cronies serving on the Planning

Commission, demanding that every

new structure being built in Canton

Both candidate McLaughlin and

has brown bricks and a green roof,

Supervisor Yack felt personally

from prominent local business

attacked by the notion that can-

didate McLaughlin had a greater

advantage of private contributions

backers. In my view, this was clearly

a valid, legitimate debate issue to

wasn't politically legitimate was

bring up to voters' attention. What

McLaughlin's use of the lowest form

of campaign sleaze by attacking a

member of her opponent's family.

that to be a monumental and dif-

The real challenge for me now

behind each Yah or Nay vote taken

at each meeting. No one can dis-

pute the fact that prominent back-

ers who contributed to candidate

McLaughlin spend many hours at

Board meetings conducting busi-

Finally, Canton township is

always boasting and touting itself

ness with the township.

is the intended sincerity taken

ficult task to take on.

Supervisor Yack challenged anyone

to prove any wrong doings of impro-

priety by Board members. I consider

he was right on.

serving as a part time trustee or

was Supervisor Tom Yack. Mr. Yack,

ers

as being one the most fair and diversified community, but hasn't yet proved that assertion at election time.

Anthony Cauchi Canton

Zarbo works hard

I thought your readers would be interested in my experience working the polls (first time) on Tuesday, Aug. 5 for a personal friend, Canton Township Trustee Karl Zarbo.

I entered your community (I've visited often and so wished I had time to visit my favorite store IKEA), and was impressed with Borders and Petco. I understand Karl's hard work is paying off in \$130 million in commercial investment/jobs for your community in the last four years.

I found the other poll workers a dedicated group and the voters interested in learning as much about the candidates. The candidates themselves were friendly and approachable.

Those voters I spoke to support Zarbo's approach to work "everyday to position Canton to attract new residents and businesses while retaining existing ones."

I hope you will call Zarbo at (734) 981-0486 with questions or introduce yourself at the next community event. He listens and goes to work; listens and goes to work.

I am scheduled already to work another poll on Tuesday, Nov. 4, when the top four Republican vote getters will challenge one Democrat for four seats. Again, you will be able to vote for up to four candidates, this time from both parties, however.

Dianna Collier Eastpointe

Dissolve Federal Reserve Bank

We are in the midst of another presidential campaign. Soon we will vote for our candidate for president. Underlying most of the media coverage are comparisons between the candidates and the issues for which their parties stand. Are they for the war or against it? Are they for abortion or against it? Are they for free trade agreements or against them?

These are all good issues to debate. This is one of the beautiful things about our nation. We are free to discuss and vote for our individual beliefs. There is one very big and important issue that we never hear discussed by the candidates or in the mainstream media. It is that, of the Federal Reserve Bank and how it relates to "we the people." Recently, President Bush issued an economic stimulus refund that was intended to bolster the economy. As much as we all like receiving a refund that we didn't expect, we should be offended by the gesture. It would be more appropriate if our president would stand up to the Fed and reform the way our government is financed.

The Fed is a private bank owned by some of the most wealthy and powerful men in the world. The Fed prints money at the mere cost of printing. It then lends it to the American government, which is then in debt for the face value plus interest. This is a major part of our national debt. "We the people" are expected to make payments through taxes. Over a third of all federal taxes collected each year are used to pay only the interest on this "loan" from the Fed. We do not even touch the principal. What an economic stimulus that would be if we were relieved of this burden!

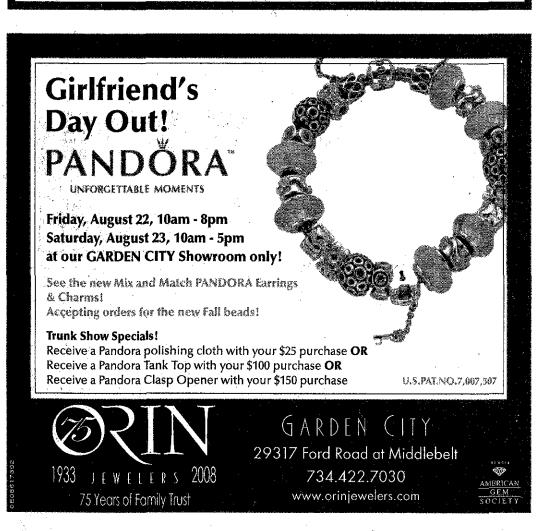
Our forefathers fought against this very injustice back in 1776 when they fought for freedom from England and its oppressive central bank. If President Bush really cared about "we the people" he would stand up against this burden that we all live under every day. Read the history of how the Fed was created by very wealthy bankers and railroaded into law when the American people were unaware. This was also the very time federal income tax began. Once you understand the truth, ask your candidate to address this issue. Listen to how he responds. You might be surprised. **Dave Roberts**

Canton



Dr. Yasser Awaad is a pediatric neurologist who was employed by Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. until 2007. Since Dr. Awaad left Oakwood, the law offices of Benner & Foran have been retained by a large number of parents who believe their children were misdiagnosed with epilepsy and/or seizures by Dr. Awaad. If you think your child or children may have been misdiagnosed with epilepsy/seizures by Dr. Yasser Awaad, please contact the law offices of Benner & Foran for a free, no obligation consultation.

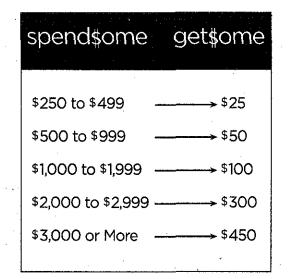
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COUNTY NEWS

And the living is easy: August is truly summer at its finest

here is nothing subtle

about nature's way this August – if you get out of your air-conditioned car, ditch the iPod, turn off the cell phone and get your feet off pavement.

August is the month of sparkling "fire" in the meadow and streaking "fire" in the sky. A month of phenomenal wild berry production, tall meadow flowers, gray treefrogs singing

to the approach of supercell storms. In Birmingham and Royal Oak and Rochester human habituated house sparrows hop around sweaty ankles under outdoor café tables in search of dropped dinner morsels. It's a month of the unpredictable and the predicable.

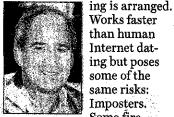
Among the predictable, the seasonal collision between Earth and a great curtain

of cosmic dust, the Perseids meteor shower - spawned by Comet Swift Tuttle - is already under way. Get out of the city! Get away from bright lights! The darker the sky, the more meteors you will see. Head for rural slices of darker northern Oakland County where the entire world does not glow all night in artificial light, or better yet go on a one tank of gas camping trip and find a

look out point by a Great Lake (away from lights) and you are in for a heavenly sky show. Barring heavy cloud cover the folks at Spaceweather.com are predicting you will see up to 100 meteors per hours before dawn on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

August brings a continuation of "sparkling fire" in moist meadows that have not been bathed in pesticides or cropped to golf course like

nothingness. Call them fireflies, call them lightning bugs; two names for the same creature, a tiny miracle beetle with the gift of bioluminescence, a butt end that glows and flashes and delights children and adults. The basic biology is simple: the male flies about and flashes the ladies. If the female likes what she sees, she flashes back. After a short dia-Schechter log of "flash-dating" the meet-



On Nature

Jonathan

Works faster than human Internet dating but poses some of the same risks: Imposters. Some fireflies practice trickery and deceit and flash signals of other species. Once the no-

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time-to-waste romantic suitor wings in, a cannibalistic death awaits.

August brings apple trees gone wild feeding deer gone tame. August brings bold fawns, young fox and coyotes exploring their world, often with mom out of the picture. Near tame house wren wrap up nesting. Big bluestem reaches for the sky along the Paint Creek Trail. Massasauga rattlers sun in seclusion at Indian Springs Metro Park and Independence Oaks. Pitcher plants devour bugs at Bald Mountain Recreation Area. August is the month suburban groundhogs love: gardens everywhere! Skunks scent humid nights. One of the skunks favorite treats down suburbia way are the subterranean nests of yellow jackets.

Evening bird song is on the wane, as insect chorus increases in preparation for the final night bug concert of September. Jewelweed, your nature-wise child knows it as "Touch Me Not," adds beautiful tiny orange trumpets to wet landscapes. Touch the seed pod and it "explodes" shooting seeds over a yard away. Every naturalist knows that trick.

Canada Geese temporarily displaced from Oakland Hills County Club by swarming hordes of golf crazed humans seek out short grass for their summer bulk up time. And here and there, sometimes along roadside ditches, more often at the edge of marshes and ponds, the increasingly common heron size, pure white American Egret stakes fish and frogs.

Before the month is over a hint of red appears in red maples, and black walnuts and hickories will be draped in the huge dirty-gray nests of the already here fall web worms. And of course, squirrels will



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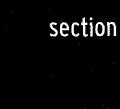
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be on nut gathering rampages, as we humans harvest elderberry and blackberries that line so many trailways and old railways.

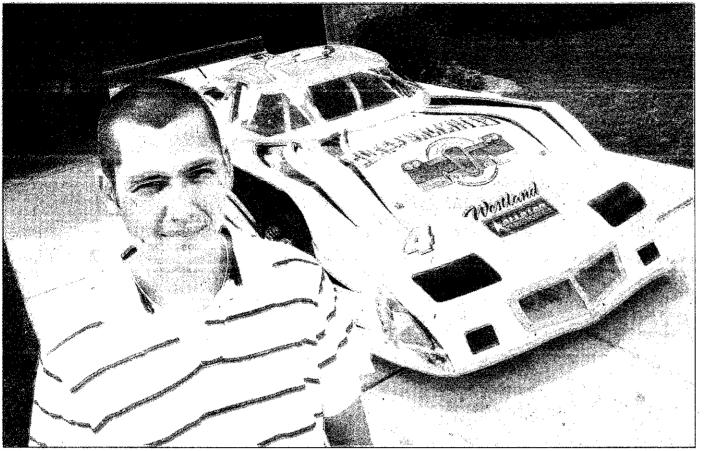
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Canton resident Justin Schroeder stores his late model race car in his family's garage. The 21-year-old Salem graduate is near the top of the Late Model Division standings at both Flat Rock Speedway and Toledo Speedway with less than a month to go in the season.



Canton man's racing career is in high gear at area tracks

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When it comes to driving, yellow is the universal color for slowing down — just not in Justin Schroeder's racing universe.

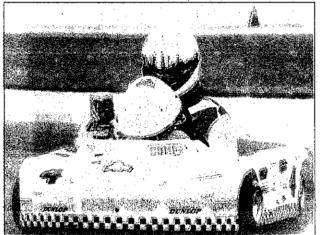
Since he started putting the pedal to the metal in go-karts at the age of 8, the 21-year-old Canton resident's racing vehicles have been coated in sizzling yellow — the same hue as the lightning-fast cars his long-time NASCAR idol, Sterling Marlin,

ond at Toledo, only 35 behind front-runner Herb Fair, Jr.

His first career late model victory came July 26 at Flat Rock in the 150-lap Moran Chevrolet/ Stan Yee Memorial when he snatched the checkered flag after surviving a nine-car, first-lap pile-up. On Aug. 8, he won the pole at Toledo Raceway before finishing fourth.

Waiting game

The quality that has been the catalyst to Schroeder's ultra-suc-





Schroeder's racing career started at the age of 8 in go

Schmitt earns bronze medal in 800 relay

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

All those years of sweat equity paid off big time for Allison Schmitt Wednesday morning in

The 18-year-old Canton resident earned a bronze medal at

the 2008 Summer Olympics around 11:40 p.m. local time

the 4 x 200-meter relay.

Wednesday when she swam the first leg for the United States in

Australia won gold with a world-record time of 7:44.31

while the host Chinese captured

The U.S. touched in 7:46.33,



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PCS hockey

golf outing

A golf outing to benefit the Canton, Salem and Plymouth hockey teams will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton. The fee is \$110 per

player or \$400 per foursome.

Included in the fee are greens fees and a cart; a steak dinner; a snack at the turn; pop and water on the course; and prizes for best team, longest drive and closest to the pin.

The event will tee off with an 8 p.m. shotgun start.

For more information, contact Kathy Lash at (734) 453-6518 or Chris Wolfe at (248) 766-6754.

Canton X-country

The Canton High School boys cross country team, which started practicing last week for the 2008 season, is looking for new runners from freshmen to seniors.

No previous running experience is required.

All interested par-

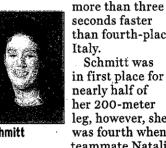
Schmitt

Caroline Burckle, Schmitt's roommate in Beijing, swam the third leg for the U.S. ahead of anchor Katie Hoff.

Schmitt has been weakened this week by an intestinal illness, NBC Sports reported during Wednesday's race.

Schmitt narrowly missed qualifying for the 200 freestyle finals earlier in the week when she turned in the ninth-best time in the semis. Only the top eight swimmers advanced to the finals.

Schmitt, who graduated from Canton High School in January, is headed to the University of Georgia in a couple of weeks with an athletic scholarship. She is a member of Club Wolverine, which is based in Ann Arbor.



second in 7:45.93.

Beijing, China.

seconds faster than fourth-place Italy. Schmitt was in first place for nearly half of her 200-meter leg, however, she

was fourth when teammate Natalie Coughlin took over for the second 200 meters.

still steers around ovals.

What worked for Marlin in his prime is working for Schroeder, who has been a consistent force in the late model divisions at Flat Rock Speedway and Toledo Speedway this summer.

Through last weekend's races, Schroeder was fifth in the point standings at Flat Rock, just 205 behind leader Eric Lee; and seccessful season - and his milestone victory last month — is not one you'd expect in a sport that measures its competitors with speed.

"I'm a very patient driver which, to be honest with you, is why I won my first race last month." said Schroeder, who

Please see SPEED, B2

karts (above). The biggest expense for his racing team is tires. Pictured at left are some of the used ones his No. 4 car have worn through this summer.

Schmitt is expected to return to Canton on Monday for a brief stay before heading to Georgia. Her parents, Ralph and Gail, returned home Friday from their week-long journey to the Far East to watch their daughter compete in swimming's biggest event.

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Farmington Hills

Sparr fared well at the National

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resident Lori

ticipants should meet outside of the Canton North Building on Joy Road. Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Any questions can be directed to one of the team captains: Kyle (734-454-4387), Greg (734-455-2908) or Duncan (734)-207-0923).

Golf news

Plymouth resident Scott Marzolino registered a hole-inone Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Raisin River Country Club in Monroe.

Marzolino used a five iron to ace the 195-yard third hole.

He fired a 39 for the nine-hole round. He was playing with Brian Woodworth, Dan Christman and Chris Teklinsky.

An adult/child scramble will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox layout in Plymouth Township.

The \$39 entry fee includes golf, food and prizes. For more information, call (734) 453-7272.

■ The Century 2 Person Scramble will be held at the Fox Hills Fox Classic course on Thursday, Aug. 28.

The ages of the two-player teams must add up to 100. The \$39 fee

includes 18 holes of golf, a hot dog at the turn and a cold-cut buffet following the round.

For more information, call (734) 453-7272.

In love with in-line Local skating team excels at national event

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Watch Corky Zaron blaze a couple of laps around the Skatin' Station II's 100-meter in-line racing oval and you'll have a difficult time guessing his age.

The smooth-skating Livonia resident is 61 - old enough to be a grandpa to a few of his teammates on the SSII racing team - but he glides around the hairpin turns like a man half his age.

It's pretty amazing what hard work and a love for the sport have done for Zaron and several other local in-line racers, who last month earned enough gold at the National In-line Championships to open their own jewelry store.

Under the guidance of head coach Roy. MacDougall, the Canton-based contingent placed fifth overall and won over 20 medals at the prestigious meet, which was held in Lincoln, Neb.

"For me, the two best things about in-line speed skating are that I get to hang around this team, which is as close and supportive as a family - and I can eat anything I want and not gain weight," Zaron said, smiling. "I was a runner for years, but running beat up my knees and hips. In-line skating is pretty much a no-impact sport — except for a few falls here and there - and you can skate as fast or faster than most people can ride a bike. It takes a pretty big commitment, but the rewards are phenomenal.

No age (or speed) limits

The two-year-old squad's 20-plus members range in age from 8 to 61. While most of the skaters live within a half-hour drive

to Canton, some -- like the husband-andwife duo of Scott and Kim Thomas -- travel three or four nights a week, 10 months a year, from as far away as Fowlerville.

"I raced on conventional roller skates 24 years ago, so when I started skating on inlines last year, it was like learning how to skate all over again," said Scott Thomas, 41, who won four medals and set three national records in Nebraska last month.

Northville resident Susie Jackson accounted for seven medals and placed first overall in the Grand Master Ladies Division. Jackson's son, Nathan, also fared well at his first national meet, placing second in the freshman boys division and second in the freshman four boys relay along with Kaleb Broomhall, Aaron Cingle and Zachery Dimitri.

"I love it because it's a sport I can do with my son," said Jackson. "And I got my sister back into it this year and we won Master Two-Lady Division."

Jackson's sister is Denise Koziara, who teamed with Lori Sparr, Vida Lavigne and Jackson to win the Master Four Lady race.

"It takes a lot of practice to get the technique down and it takes a lot of conditioning," said Koziara. "To be able to maneuver and pass at the high speeds we're going, you'd better have good technique.

"It's a great sport that's been around a long time. There were a lot of changes when it went from conventional quad skates to in-lines. There's new technology coming out every year that helps the skaters go faster and faster."

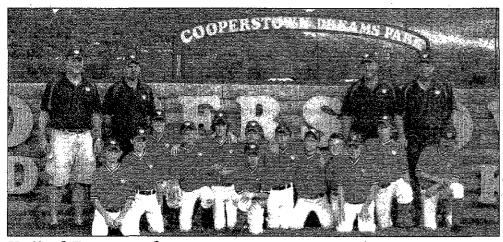
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Members of the Skatin' Station II in-line racing team brought home several medals from the 2008 National Inline Championships that were held last month in Lincoln, Neb. Pictured are (front row from left) Lauren MacDougall, Zach Dimitri, Denise Koziara, Kim Thomas, Nathan Jackson, Lindsey MacDougall, (back row from left) Corky Zaron, Scott Thomas, Jim Combs, Lori Sparr, Jerry Monticello, Susie Jackson, Jeff Smith and coach Roy MacDougall.





Hall of Fame performance

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The Plymouth-Canton U12 Vipers travel baseball team recently traveled to Cooperstown, N.Y. - the home of the Baseball Hall of Fame - to compete in a tournament at the Cooperstown Dreams Park. The Vipers, who won their division in the KVBSA with a 13-2-1 record, went 6-4 in Cooperstown. They won their first two games in the single-elimination portion of the event before dropping a hard-fought contest against the "Boys of Baseball," a national travel team. Pictured (front row from left) are Jake Boucher, John Clark, Daniel Jipping, (second row from left) Jared Johnson, Jake Noel, Conner Stella, Griffin Parks, Curtis Martin, Tyler Wolfe, James Hall, Trent Schneider, Trevor Mac, Matt Taliaferro, (third row from left) coach Todd Taliaferro, head coach Tony Boucher, coach Doug Mac and team manager/coach Don Clark.

Rams' national championship hopes dashed in Johnstown

Nate Van Meter was probably the sole reason the Michigan Rams were heading home Thursday from the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The 20-year-old left-hander from Muskingum College (Ohio) tossed a complete-game four-hitter and belted a three-run homer to propel the Zanesville (Ohio) Junior Pioneers to a 7-1 triumph over the Rams at Point Stadium.

The 20-and-under Rams, representing the Livoniabased Michigan Collegiate Baseball League, finished four days at the AAABA Tournament with a 2-2 record and end their season at 30-12 overall.

Van Meter fell behind 1-0 in the second inning on an RBI double by Aaron Wick (scoring Dan Augustine), but allowed only two hits the rest of the way and wiggled his way out of a bases-loaded iam in the bottom of the eighth inning when he got Madonna Rick Berryman said.

University's Shawn Little (Canton) on a strikeout and Wick on a groundout. Zanesville, meanwhile, tied it in the third on an

RBI double by Jordan Foster and took the lead for keeps on Zack Pollock's two-run double in the fourth

off starting and losing Rams pitcher Tom Whiting. Chaz Mohler contributed an RBI single in the fifth and Van Meter put the game away with a three-run

homer over the left field screen in the top of the ninth. The Rams used a total of four pitchers including Adrian College's Matt Tuttle (Livonia Stevenson), MU's Bret Spencer and Colin O'Connell. Spencer was the most effective, allowing one just one run in 3.2 innings of relief.

"Going 2-2 for the National Tournament - everyone was disappointed that they couldn't advance, but were pleased and proud of the fine season," Rams manager





Perfect 10U's

The 10U Canton Cardinals capped an outstanding season July 18 by winning the AA World Series in Battle Creek. The Cardinals, who won 80 percent of their games this season, went 7-0 in the World Series and averaged 11 runs per contest. They were led by Brett Lee, who was named the World Series MVP after slugging four triples and a home run. Andrew Jossey also shined, batting at an .800 clip with five extra base hits and 10 RBI. Pictured (front row from left) are Trevor McManus, Cameron Stella, Kevin Anthony, Brett Lee, Michael Jossey, Cameron Shaughnessy, Andrew Hejka, (second row from left) Aaron Madsen, Grant Hartwig, Andrew Jossey, Seth Hubbard, Michael Groff, (back row from left) assistant coach Dave Madsen, assistant coach Kurt Anthony, assistant coach Mike Groff and head coach Dan Hejka.

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Schroeder, who is one of

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praised repeatedly this season

His non-risk-taking style is

"I don't get nervous for

the youngest drivers in the

Catching a break

Schroeder's time came early in his July 26 victory. He startgraduated from Salem High ed ninth but quickly moved to School in 2005. "The most the front when all eight cars important thing I've learned ahead of him were involved in in all my years of racing is that an opening-lap crash. you have to be there at the end

He seized the lead for good on lap 80 and never looked back on the way to claiming the \$2,866 first-place check.

"We had quite a few family members and friends at the track that night and once Justin got to lap 112 or 113, they all started staring at me because I got a little nervous with him leading," Lisa Schroeder said, smiling. "I knew he'd do fine handling the car, but I was thinking to myself, 'Just don't get a flat tire!'

"It was a great feeling when he won. I can't even begin to tell you how hard he's worked to get to where he's at now."

He knows his stuff

Schroeder's racing knowl-

edge extends beyond the driver's seat of his No. 4 car. He's also an accomplished mechanic, so when his vehicle isn't handling well, he can get a handle on the problem.

"Some of the guys just show up and drive; they don't know half the stuff they should," said Schroeder, who works full-time as a mechanic at MRFS Auto in Livonia.

"It definitely has helped me to know what I know about the mechanical part of it. When there's a problem, I have a head-start on everybody else when it comes to fixing it."

Not surprisingly, Schroeder's ultimate career goal is to end up in the pits — either as a driver or mechanic.

"I'd love to make a career of racing," he admitted. "Whether it's NASCAR or super late model racing, anything would be nice. I'm not worried about getting rich off it; I just want to make a living.'

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LOCAL SPORTS

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Skatin' Station II's Nathan Jackson (far right) was just one of the Canton-based team's members to excel at the National Inline Championships held last month in Lincoln, Neb.



Practice pays off

While the SSII racers make the sport look easy, it's anything but, according to MacDougall.

"A lot of people don't understand how much goes into this and how dedicated these people are," said MacDougall, whose daughters Lauren, 13, and Lindsay, 11, are members of the team. "You can't just throw a pair of skates on and go. They practice two to three hours a night, three or four

nights a week. These skaters skate 50 laps when they get here for practice -- and that's just their warm-up."

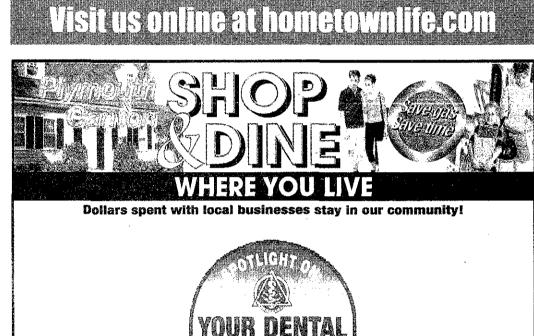
After flourishing in the sport as a youth, 36-year-old Farmington Hills resident Lori Sparr gave up racing on skates at the age of 18 when she started college. However, the former University of Michigan strength and conditioning coach recently returned to the hardwood rinks to satisfy her

"I wasn't very good when I first picked it up again, but I fell in love with the sport and realized how much I missed the off-skates workouts are

as important as the practices. It's lit a fire under me again because I love to compete and I hate to lose."

The late-July national meet brought an end to 10 months of training for the skaters, all of whom admitted they couldn't wait until practices resume sometime after Sept. 1.

"Years and years ago when I first started dabbling in the





1st and foremost

On July 20 the Plymouth Varsity Saberettes were named "Grand Champs" at the Mid American Pom Pon Summer Camp at Northwood University in Midland. The Saberettes earned first place each night during evaluations and were also awarded Day 3 peppy pom, most congenial Pom team and took third place for Senior Kick routine as "The Smurfs." Pictured are (back row from left) Anjelica Janevski, Kimberlin Butler, Lauren Jeong, Lauren Uhlian, Kirstie Liakos, Danielle Gomrick, Laura Krahel, Tiffany Granowicz, Kendall Torp, Christina Winkler, Hayley Wakefield (middle row from left) Maddy Kinsella, Allison Santori, Holly Runyan, Nichole Finch, Lindsay Potter, coach Shannon Domzalski, Alyse Ruark, Jennifer Turner, Jillian Covault, Megan Birdwell, (front row from left) Chelsea Schroeder, Katie Shelton, Megan Laporte, Kaseigh Zebari, Ashley Chiado, Coach Cheryll Custer, Becca Garzaniti, Lauren Rakowicz, Chrissy Stone and Brittany Turner.



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Good vision critical for success in school

The Michigan Optometric Association reminds parents that good vision is critical for many classroom tasks such as reading books, seeing a blackboard and viewing a computer screen. Without an eye exam many children will suffer from undetected vision problems and some may even be misdiagnosed as having a learning disorder.

The American Optometric Association's 2008 American Eye-Q survey, which assesses public knowledge and understanding of a wide range of issues related to eye and vision health, showed 87 percent of respondents were unaware that one in four children have a vision problem that might affect learning.

"Over 400,000 school children in Michigan have vision conditions that can negatively affect learning," said Peter Agnone. MOA optometrist. "Many parents rely on vision screenings in school to check for eye problems, but that isn't enough. Comprehensive eye exams are necessary to detect problems that a simple screening can miss such as eye coordination and moderate amounts of farsightedness and astigmatism.

Optometrists can tell if vision skills are lacking or if the eves are not functioning properly. These eve and vision issues can lead to headaches, fatigue and other eyestrain problems. Parents should be aware of symptoms that may indicate a child has a vision or visual processing problem. Be sure to tell an optometrist if a child frequently loses his or her place while reading, avoids close work, holds reading material closer than normal, tends to rub his or her eyes, has headaches, turns or tilts head to use one eye only, makes frequent reversals when reading or writing, uses finger to maintain place when reading, omits or confuses small words when reading, or consistently performs below potential.

Studies indicate that 60 percent of children identified as problem learners actually suffer from undetected vision problems. In fact, according to the Eye-Q survey, only 39 percent of adults understand that behavioral problems can be an indication of vision problems.

Early detection and treatment provide the very best opportunity to treat and correct vision problems to help children see clearly. The MOA recommends that a child's first eye exam take place at six months of age. Unless problems are detected, the next exam should be at age three, and then every two years once a child begins school. Unfortunately, the Eye-Q survey showed that 57 percent of children did not receive their first eye exam until age five or older

"Good vision doesn't just happen," said Agnone. "A child's brain learns how to use eyes to see just like he or she learns how to use legs to walk or a mouth to form words. The longer a vision problem goes undiagnosed and untreated, the more a child's brain has to overcompensate to live with the vision problem, instead of developing and learning nororally

For more information or to locate a Michigan Optometric Association doctor, visit http://michigan.aoa.org.

Birth control pill risks, and neck pain solutions

Networking for health







Holistic moms gather to share information

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Andrea Stevens seemed surprised that early 35 parents turned out for the first meeting of the Holistic Moms Network at the Plymouth District Library. Moms and dads from Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills, Northville, Sterling Heights, Plymouth, Livonia, Canton, Ferndale, Westland, and Dearborn came to the event in search of ways to make their families healthier. The national organization had told Stevens to expect 10 to 12 parents, but she passed out flyers at numerous places such as farmers markets in an effort to reach as many moms as possible. The Redford mom of two is starting the local chapter of the nonprofit that offers support for parents interested in natural living. The turnout was indicative of the popularity of the holistic movement. The nonprofit has grown to 120 chapters nationwide since it was founded five years ago. Stevens began thinking about following a healthier lifestyle while taking a holistic birth class at the Center for the Child Bearing Year in Ann Arbor before her daughter was born 2 1/2 years ago. Even before then she had quit drinking diet soda after reading a book on aspartame which she blames for giving her headaches. Since the holistic birth class Stevens has further researched everything from nutrition to vaccines and decided to return to living the way she grew up. Her mother Joyce Murch never fed her family processed or fast foods. Today Stevens teaches the Bradley Method of Natural Childbirth in Dearborn and prefers cooking from scratch to eating out. "I'm just a regular mom not a holistic expert by any means," said Stevens. "I try to do a little step at a time, try to buy as



Andrea Stevens is the Metro Detroit chapter leader of Holistic Moms Network. Behind Stevens is Stephanie Rose of Farmington.



The Holistic Moms Network met for the first time at the Plymouth Library.

The room was crowded for the first meeting of the Holistic Moms Network on Thursday, Aug. 7.



Pam from Fenton emails that she is taking birth control pills and heard that she could be at an increased risk of cancer. Is this true?

A new study finds that women who take birth control pills have a higher risk of cervical cancer. Researchers studied more than 50,000 women. They found those who took the pills for at least five years had nearly double the risk of cervical cancer than those who had never taken the pill. But there is some good news. The study also found that risk disappeared a decade after women stopped taking the pill.

Peter Nielsen

Previous studies have shown the hormones found in birth control pills can protect against ovarian and womb cancer, which are harder to detect.

Mike from Clarkston emails saying he wakes up each morning with the worst pain in his neck and shoulders. What can he do?

Mike you are not alone. Doctors estimate that seven out of 10 people will suffer with the same pain at some point in their lives. The biggest cause is use and abuse. Here are three simple things you can try to help relieve the pain.

When you are at the computer or a desk, keep your head balanced directly over your spine. Keep both feet on the ground and sit all the way back in your chair.

How do you use the phone? Do you crick your neck to one side? That could be a big culprit. Try a head set or speakerphone to keep your head in a neutral position.

Do you carry a briefcase, bag or heavy purse? Carrying that weight on one shoulder all the time could cause pain. Try switching to a backpack or alternate which shoulder you use.

Hopefully these simple things will help relieve your pain.

Peter Nielsen is a fitness expert and owner of Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield, and Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield. Catch him on WDIV and WJR, or visit www.peternielsen.com.

much organic and locally grown food as possible. I boost the children's immune systems through proper nutrition and supplements. They get lots of fruits and vegetables and we avoid high fructose corn syrup. I opted not to vaccinate our children because of so much information about adverse reactions and long term health effects. That's not to say I don't let my mother-in-law take the kids to McDonald's once in a while. I don't want it to be taboo and then they want it more.'

Like Stevens, co-leader Daedra Surowiec of Dearborn started reading labels when she was pregnant four years ago.

"I wanted to know what I was putting in my body. I stopped drinking pop," said Surowiec. "When you have something growing in your body you start thinking about what you're putting in your body.

Tali and Julian Wendrow of West Bloomfield started making changes in their lifestyle because of their two children ages 15 and 13.

"Our daughter has autism and we found making changes in the kids' diets made a difference," said Tali Wendrow. "Our son has ADD. We started with a yeast-free, gluten-free diet for our daughter. We eat more organic, avoid artificial flavors and colors and found it was helping diminish symptoms of autism and ADD and they're hardly ever sick with the flu."

"Even organic produce gets rained on. We can't screen out everything but we found a healthy eating approach helps with prevention," added Julian. "We avoid antibiotics and keep their immune Ichomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2145

systems optimal by other means."

Gwen Adomaitis of Farmington Hills, like the Wendrows, came to the meeting to network with parents who believe as she does. The \$45 membership fee includes a newsletter and the opportunity to participate in an e-mail group to exchange information.

"I wanted to find a community of people on the same path to keep things natural, to be able to go to a play group and not worry about food dyes, to try to eat food as natural as possible, to cook at home from food we might recognize, things my great grandmother did," said Adomaitis who gave birth to two of her children at home. Adomaitis takes her children to a pediatrician with a holistic practice in West Bloomfield. She was toting her 6-month-old daughter Rowan in a baby sling.

"I got started when I had my first child in the hospital with a midwife six years ago. It kind of snowballed. I now make a lot of my cleaning products."

The Metro Detroit chapter of the Holistic Moms Network meets 9:45-11:45 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. The topic for the Sept. 4 meeting is toxic ingredients in household and personal care products. Stevens hopes to add an evening session for working moms if she receives enough requests.

For more information, visit www. holisticmoms.org, call Andrea Stevens at (313) 220-4592 or send e-mail to amstevens14@juno.com.

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Vinyasa yoga

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

Blood drive

From 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Aug. 18, in the DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Conference Center, 1 William Carols Drive, Commerce, Pledge a blood donation by going to www. givelife.org with the sponsor code DMC and choose the HVSH drive. Walk-ins welcome but appointments encouraged to prevent lengthy waits.

Diabetes in the school An educational session for school personnel, with or without medical training, on how to care for a child with diabetes, presented by University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19. at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 S. Wagner, Ann Arbor. Cost is \$20. Call Jennifer Schwab at (734) 615-4596 or send email to schwabia@med.umich.edu. Inner engineering

Led by Isha Yoga Teacher Sadhguru

Jaggi Vasudev Wednesday-Tuesday, Aug. 20-26, free intro talk 7 p.m. Aug. 20, at The Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Contact (248) 722-0111 or detroit@ ishafoundation.org.

Sharing & Caring

Education and support program for breast cancer survivors features field trip Ai Chi: Range of Motion through Aquatic Exercise 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Goldfish Swim School, 2388 Cole St., Birmingham. To register or for more information, call (248) 551-8585. Movie marathon Begins 10:00 a.m. Friday, Aug. 22, and

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morning at Emagine Theatre in Novi to benefit Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan, an independent foundation that helps families cope with the many financial and emotional stresses of battling leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders.

Raising a minimum of \$105.10 in pledges will get you admitted to the Theatre for 24 hours of watching your choice of current-run movies, also lunch, dinner and continental breakfast on Saturday morning, snacks throughout your stay and all the pop and popcorn you can eat. New for this year is the "Family Pack Special" for a family of four. A

special admission allows parents with two children to arrive on Friday at 5 p.m., watch two movies, have dinner, and enjoy pop and popcorn all for the same pledge total as one individual, \$105.10. Register online at www.leukemiamichigan.org or call Children's Leukemia Foundation at (800) 825-2536. Individuals aged 13-17 may only participate until 10 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or quardian.

Alzheimer's memory walk

Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, rain or shine. To start a team or make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association at alzgmc. org or (248) 351-0280. The Alzheimer's

Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. For more information, visit www.alz.org. Hatha yoga classes

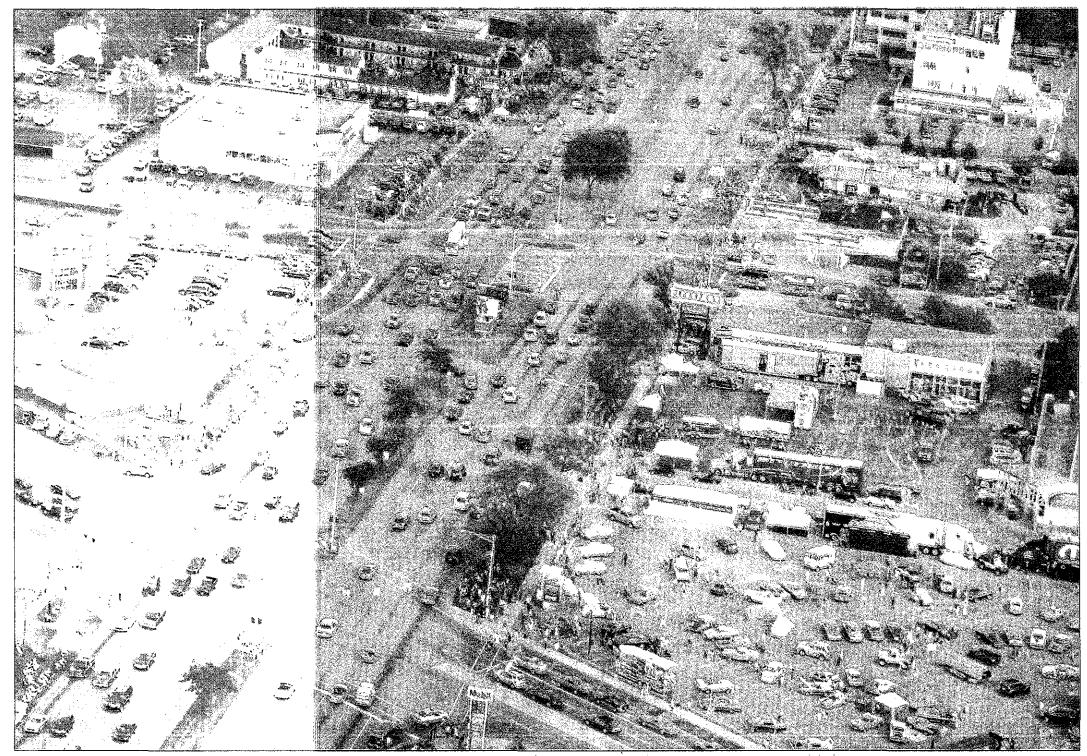
From 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays begin: ning Aug. 26 to Sept. 30, in Classrooms 1 and 2 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your ownpace in a non-competitive setting. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease. There is a fee. Space limited. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

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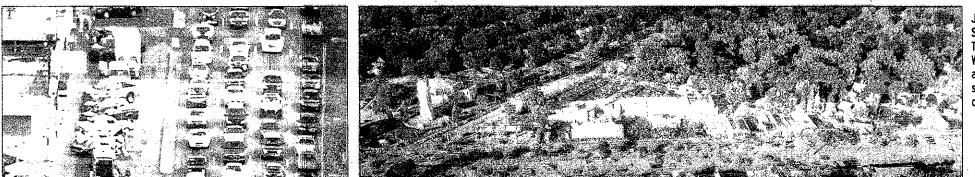
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Floating on a Dream Cruise



The Northwood Shopping Center, located at the intersection of 13 Mile and Woodward, is considered the epicenter of the Woodward Dream Cruise.

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John Stormzand | Staff Photographer The intersection of Woodward Avenue and Twelve Mile saw some of the heaviest cruising activity.

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It wasn't easy to navigate Woodward Friday evening if you weren't a **classic** car cruiser.

hoa. That is one pink car. Oakland County Sheriff's deputies Dave Losinski and Bill Christensen spot it immediately. Even hundreds of feet above the ground it pops out — a Pepto Bismolcolored drop inching north on Woodward Avenue Friday night.

Losinski and Christensen are members of the Sheriff's Department Aviation Unit, a helicopter patrol division that's monitored county skies since 2001.

This weekend saw the unit's helicopters hovering up and down Woodward, as they patrolled the 14th annual Woodward Dream Cruise.

The unit helps the nearly two dozen other police agencies in monitoring the festivities that, from hundreds of feet above, take on an almost mythic quality.

The great American road that is Woodward stretches into the horizon, lined with tiny bits of candy-colored cars.

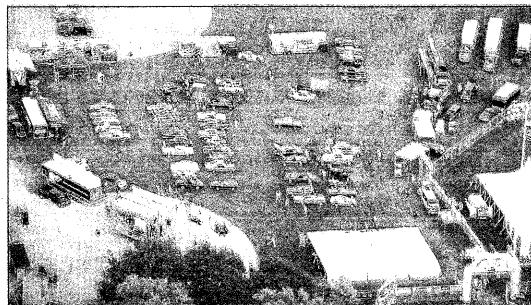
Christensen said in the years he's patrolled the Dream Cruise, there haven't been any serious incidents. A few disorderly conduct problems, a few cases of people trying to steal tires from cars.

"I haven't heard of very much beyond that," he said.

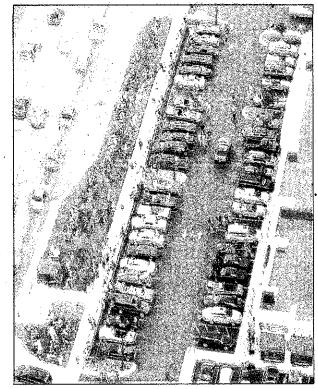
Christensen attributes the relative lack of incidents at the Dream Cruise to the heavy police presence on the ground, and the deterrent effect of the helicopter patrol.

"We're actually a presence more than anything," he said.

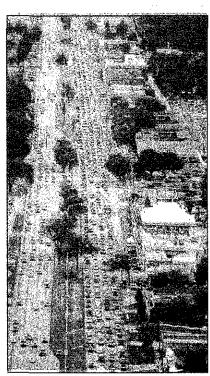
– By Megan Pennefather



Classic cars were displayed in Memorial Park in Royal Oak Friday.



Spectators take in the cruising action in front of Potbelly's on the west side of Woodward north of Normandy in Royal Oak.



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By 8 p.m. Friday, Woodward was home to a classic car traffic jam.

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Store and share large files on the Web without spending a dime

Question: How can I share large files, like photos and videos, with friends and family members?

Answer: When I need to do this, I invariably turn to YouSendIt (yousendit. com). Granted, the Web offers countless similar services, but I like YouSendIt because it's quick, easy, and free - and because I'm a creature of habit.



I may need a new habit, however, now that I've discovered Drop.io (www.drop.io). True to its name, this service is like an online dropbox for your files. Or, to put it another way, permanent

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

select the file(s) you want to upload, enter a password (optional), and specify how long the drop should exist: anywhere from 1 day to 1 year.

with others if you want to provide access to your files - and you don't have to worry about the decor. The "drop space" looks quite attractive and offers several views for browsing files.

What's more, sharing a Drop.io URL with co-workers is like creating an instant online workspace for collaborating on files and documents.

added even more interesting features, such as audio recording by cell phone: When you create a drop, you get a phone number and extension you can dial into to record meetings, podcasts, reminders, or whatever.

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Faith and Grace Hargrave are 4 and 6 years old. Their mother, Bonnie Arndt, dressed both of them from head to toe, including backpacks, for under \$15.





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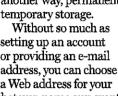


BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN 0 & E STAFF WRITER

Sarah Kennedy struts through the DAV Thrift Store in Westland showing off her outfit. The 17year-old Westland girl assembled the trendy skirt, tank top, sweater, shoes, purse, beads, and bracelet for under \$15. **Bonnie Arndt** dressed both of her daughters Faith, 4, and Grace, 6, from head to toe, including backpacks, for under \$15. Sharon Jones of Detroit dressed for success in a pants suit with briefcase for \$15. Lashawna Wright is constantly looking for bargains as night manager of the store that opened March 28.

She shops for back to school clothes for her 12year-old son Chandler year round. His Tommy Hilfiger jeans cost \$3.98.

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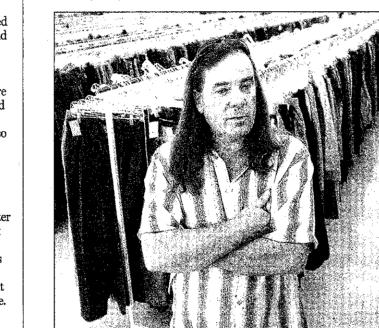
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Thrift store offers bargains to benefit disabled

American veterans

DAV THRIFT STORE

What: The DAV Thrift Store Where: 8050 Middlebelt, north of Ann Arbor Trail on the east side of the street. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Phone: (734) 513-6020. Donations are accepted at the store every day. Pickup is available by calling (866) 520-5328.

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Receiving a fax is a bit more

complicated: You have to e-mail a special cover sheet to the recipient, who must use it as the top sheet when sending your fax. The pages will arrive in your drop as a PDF, which you can then download, view, print, etc.

Amazingly, all these Drop.io services are free. Bookmark this site pronto.

Question: How can I reduce the amount of energy consumed by my computer(s)?

Answer: Windows users should check out Edison (verdiem.com/edison), a free utility that helps you manage your PC's power settings and shows your estimated annual savings for every tweak you make.

The program includes separate settings tabs for both work and non-work hours (which you can designate using the Schedule tab). Using a slider, you nudge your PC toward "save less" or "save more" -Edison makes corresponding adjustments to the display, hard drive, and suspend settings. As you drag the slider, you get instantly updated annual-savings figures, which you can make even more accurate by plugging in the actual kilowatt/hour costs for your home or office.

This is a brilliant, easy-to-use little application I hope everyone will try. Sure, you can tweak the same power settings without it, but there's something very satisfying about seeing how much money you'll save at the same time you're conserving energy.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Steven Ellis is the co-manager of the DAV Thrift Store in Westland.

Chandler Wright of Redford is 12 years old. His Tommy Hilfiger jeans cost \$3.98 at the DAV Thrift Store in Westland.

prices on used clothing every day because merchandise is donated to the organization which provides services for disabled American veterans. Sales reduce the costs for customers even more. Signs located throughout the store show weekly specials and on Monday seniors receive an extra 25 percent off of clothing.

"If you wait for them to be half off you get an even better deal," said Lashawna Wright of Redford. "I'd been looking for shoes but didn't want to pay \$40 to \$50 because he's so hard on them. These are Adidas. I got them for \$4.98."

Martine Vartanian and her sister Denise Bendall like shopping for work clothes at the thrift store.

"On Sundays certain items are a quarter each or five for \$1," said Bendall, a Redford resident who works at the 35th District Court in

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Volunteers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Celeste Gosselin squealed with delight when she walked into her newly redecorated rooms. The sixyear-old girl considers herself an artist so the playroom is one of her favorite places.

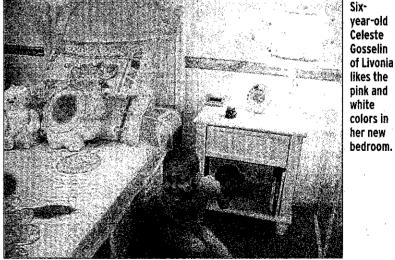
Thanks to the hard work of a group of volunteers from The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Celeste has a cheery environment to brighten the long days she spends there. Diagnosed with acute lymphocitic leukemia in 2004, Celeste spends almost the entire day in her bedroom and playroom.

"I like the pink and white colors and the butterflies," said Celeste. Suzanne Gosselin is just happy

that her little girl is happy. The family had just moved into

their Livonia home in October when a week later they found out Celeste was no longer in remission. For a while the Gosselins spent more time at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor than their new home.

Celeste is once again going through chemotherapy. When her white blood cell count is down she has no ability to fight infection and



must remain isolated in her home.

"She was bubbling-over, but before she was very nervous a lot of her things would be moved and changed," said Suzanne. "I was relieved that she accepted everything so wonderfully. Certain things are very unpredictable for her now. The play room is more like an art room with book shelves. In the center of the room is a flower painted table that she does her painting and stuff. I'm happy but it's a bittersweet happiness. She only has me to play with. I play Barbies with her, jump on her trampoline. We had a garage sale just to buy a trampoline. It makes her laugh. It's great therapy."

Tawnya Johnson and the rest

of the volunteers at The Inn at St. John's took six weeks just to plan the theme. The co-workers found out about Celeste while attending a luncheon for the Suite Dreams Project in May after she was nominated to receive a dream bedroom through the Rochester-based nonprofit. Working with the staff at The Inn, Tawnya and eight other volunteers raised over \$5,000 to redo the two rooms.

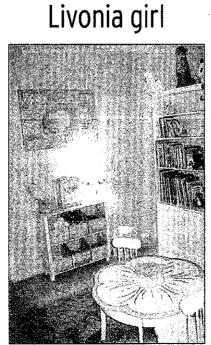
"We started with her favorite colors," said Johnson, who led the project's volunteers. "She's six and a little girl so pink is the big thing. We hired a muralist, Upon a Wall, to paint the flowers,

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brighten life for seriously ill



This is the playroom where Celeste Gosselin

does her painting.

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Polish dance classes to begin in September

The Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers is registering children ages 4-18 for Polish dance classes this fall with Suzan Charuba Marzec. The group will hold an informational parent meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday. Sept. 10, at Simply Polish, 28841 Plymouth Road, one block east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Classes start the following Wednesday and run through March 21. The classes conclude with a recital by

the PNA Centennial Dancers and the adult Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble. The performance was held at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton last April.

For more information, call (734) 266-9995 or visit www. PNACentennialDancers.org. Marzec has been teaching Polish folklore dancing for 20 years. The classes include instruction in the customs,

traditions and language of

Livonia Civic Chorus looking for new members

Poland.

The Livonia Civic Chorus begins its 2008-2009 season with a rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark, Livonia.

New members are always welcome. All vocal ranges are needed, especially tenors and bass/baritones.

The chorus meets every Tuesday from September through May and performs two major shows each December and May.

For more information, call (248) 543-2946, send e-mail to gerisings@sbcglobal.net, or visit www.livoniacivicchorus. org.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER**

Time is running out and Lillian Malley is a little worried. The Farmington Hills woman still doesn't have enough crafters for the boutique which is part of the Redford Suburban League's annual celebrity fashion show.

Plymouth. "That's a real bar-

"I shop here all the time,"

pounds and am going to lose

more so I buy clothes and

way somebody else gets a

chance to wear them. I got

all of my summer stuff for

maybe \$20. I've gotten brand

names, Ralph Lauren, Gloria

Vanderbilt, things with tags

Redford comes once a week

"A lot of people are doing

that," said Peterman. "I see

whatever is a good deal that

I know will sell. I also find

goodies for me. They price

it to move it out. The store

is very neat and well orga-

Manager Carla Monier

shows off the back room

where items go through a

ing up on the sales floor.

holes, no broken zippers

or stretched out material

Monier of Northville. "It

because we only want to put

out the best of the best," said

comes through the door and

goes through a sorting area.

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said Vartanian, a Westland

resident who works for

Comcast. "I just lost 43

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The Fall Festival of Fashion takes place Wednesday, Oct.

15, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Proceeds from the event

Redford Suburban League seeks crafters

go to the Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City. Once again this year Rich

Fisher and Doris Biscoe host the fashion show spotlighting clothes from Lord & Taylor and the Men's Wearhouse. 'We have quite a large

boutique with all kinds of

crafts including jewelry, door wreaths, decorations, flower arrangement, a lot of Christmas of course, doll clothes," said Malley, Redford Suburban League board member and publicity person for this year's fashion show.

"We're looking for any kind of crafters/vendors. Skirted tables are \$45 each. The boutique opens at 9 a.m. Crafters can come in at 7 a.m. to set

up. Lunch for them is \$15. The fashion show runs after lunch at noon."

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For more information about the boutique, call Sara Gorman at (313) 937-8583 or Josetta Howes at (248) 960-0853.

Tickets for the fashion show are \$45 per person, includes luncheon. Call Miriam at (734) 981-6003. 1.5

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uniform separates for 99 cents. For \$5 they can get a whole outfit from head to toe including shoes," said Monier. "We're able to give good deals because everything is donated. People in Michigan are so generous."

Duane Alexander has been managing thrift stores since 1985. His Retail Management Specialists in Oklahoma City, Okla. oversees the DAV Thrift Store owned by Disabled American Veterans. Although staff is paid, there's always a need for volunteers.

"We have everything in household except for food, guns, ammo with the exception of large appliances and mattresses," said Alexander. "We just need more people to know about us."

Rolly Lee is especially excited about the opening of the DAV store, the first in Michigan. Proceeds go to programs that help disabled veterans with transportation and to make their stay at VA hospitals easier. Past contributions to VA hospitals have included everything from wheelchairs to TVs. The nonprofit organization was founded after World War I.

"We act on behalf of disabled veterans to make sure they get the benefits they earned," said Lee, state adjutant for the DAV. "The store is going to help us be self sufficient and help us to do more things for disabled vets and their families."

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Arthritis Today

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ARTHRITIS AS A TEST OF NERVES

Often pain in the hands or feet indicates the onset of arthritis, but not always Particularly in the aged, a discomfort that is in part pain, but in part numbress, can begin with no warning in the feet. The discomfort starts in the toes, and over time moves upward into the ankle and lower leg. The discomfort is bilateral, i.e. in both feet and is present day and night. For most

people, the disconfiort is worse at night and disrupts sleep. In medical practice, this feature of night pain helps the doctor make a diagnosis. Arthritis improves when one is not walking or standing. In contrast, problems involving the nervous system worsen while in bed. The reasor

is that at night outside stimulation is at a minimum, so internal discomfort magnifies. Such day and night pain involving the feet is called "stocking" neuropathy. The word

stocking is apt as the pain, numbress, tingling, and wooden feeling begins in the toes and works upward following the distribution of a stocking going from toes to the ankie. In some instances the hands also become numb and tingling, beginning in the

fingertips and working back to the wrist. That pattern received the name "glove neuropathy This type of peripheral neuropathy occurs in diabetics, the elderly, and at times, in

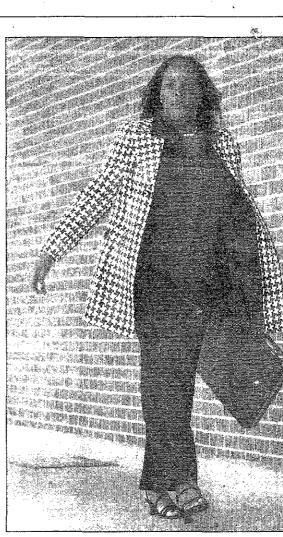
others for unknown reasons. Treatment is not with arthritis drugs but with neurologic medications such as Lyrica and Neurontin.

www.drjjweiss.yourmd.com

Sharon Jones of Detroit is dressed for success. The total cost of her outfit was \$15 including the briefcase.

sweater, tops, pants, shoes, boots, children's clothes, maternity and evening wear fill only part of the 25,000square-foot store. Furniture, throw pillows, toys, wicker baskets, books, TVs, coffee pots, household items like dishes, knick knacks,





BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

golf clubs, and car seats are among the thousands of items for sale. It's the perfect place to not only dress for less but furnish a dorm room or cottage.

"People are already shopping for back to school, buying jeans, shirts. We have

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fairies and butterflies. We ended up doing two rooms. We didn't replace the carpeting so it gave us the opportunity to do her second room, a playroom.

"This was our first undertaking, We wanted to do something that made a difference in our local neighborhoods. Everyone brought their ideas. We did a lot of online late night shopping. People purohased plain lamps and added hanging butterflies, crystals. My husband painted the stripes. She was so excited when she came home, giggling and checking out her new stuff. Her family was so happy. It was great."

Dana Orlando was concerned because so many of the volunteers contributed to the design of the rooms.

"We had five different women with five different personalities and tastes come together for the design. That's probably why it took six weeks," said Orlando, associate director of sales at The Inn. "We all have children. Mine are ages 3 to 14, all boys. I was having a blast with that."

Jayne Taormina says the volunteers were a dream come true for her. As project director for Suite Dreams she coordinates the volunteers and assists them in creating bedrooms for sick children. The nonprofit was founded by Kay Ponicall and Kris Appleby.

"That's how we want every Suite Dreams projects to go," said Taormina. "We hope they consider this again."

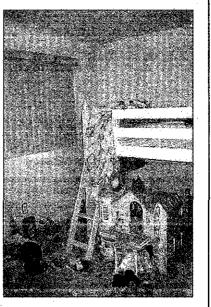
There was one hitch in the project though. Celeste was unable to start chemotherapy when complications arose due to a low platelet count. The volunteers had planned their work around the young girl's hospital stay.



Celeste Gosselin is pictured here with the angels from The Inn at St. John's.

"How wonderful they were with us," said Jeff Gosselin, Celeste's father. "The day we took Celeste in for treatment was supposed to be an admission. We knew they were working on the house. We drove back home and talked to Tawnya and they put us up in a room at The Inn at St. John's, the most beautiful hotel room we ever stayed in.

"At the house they went around and cleaned, rewashed all of her clothes, folded them and put them in the dressers, rearranged and sorted her toys, vacuumed the house. That made that homecoming so much nicer. Getting that kind of bad news is rough. Having all those things made it a lot easier. Celeste was able to swim in the pool there. She hadn't been able to swim for a year. She's limited to going outdoors because chemo makes her sensitive to sunlight. It was a couple day vacation almost. Everyone who came did such an amazing job. It's extremely impor-



This was Celeste Gosselin's bedroom before volunteers from The Inn at St. John's redecorated.

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tant to Celeste."

Wednesday was painting day for Celeste.

"I painted when I was 3 or 4. I'm a really good artist now," said Celeste. "I drew a peacock. It's hard. Nobody can draw a peacock."

For more information about Suite Dreams, visit suitedreamsproject.org or call (248) 601-0799.

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Ballet companies to hold auditions for new season

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Young ballerinas have not one but two chances to audition and land a role in *The Nutcracker* as well as other productions for the 2008-2009 season.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company holds auditions Sunday, Aug. 24, at Joanne's Dance Extension, 42020 Koppernick, Canton. The fee is \$10.

Dancers will be evaluated in a full length ballet class which consists of a warm up at the barre and center work. Selected dancers will be evaluated on their pointe work and partnering. Scholarships are available for boys.

Auditions begin at noon for ages 7-9, 1 p.m. for ages 10-12, and 2 p.m. for ages 13 to adult. All dancers should bring a dance photo and resume which includes the dancer's training and performing experience.

Girls must wear black leotard, pink tights and ballet shoes; boys, black tights or jazz paints, white T-shirt and ballet shoes. Teens and adults should bring pointe shoes which are optional for younger dancers.

Older boys may be asked to partner during the audition class.

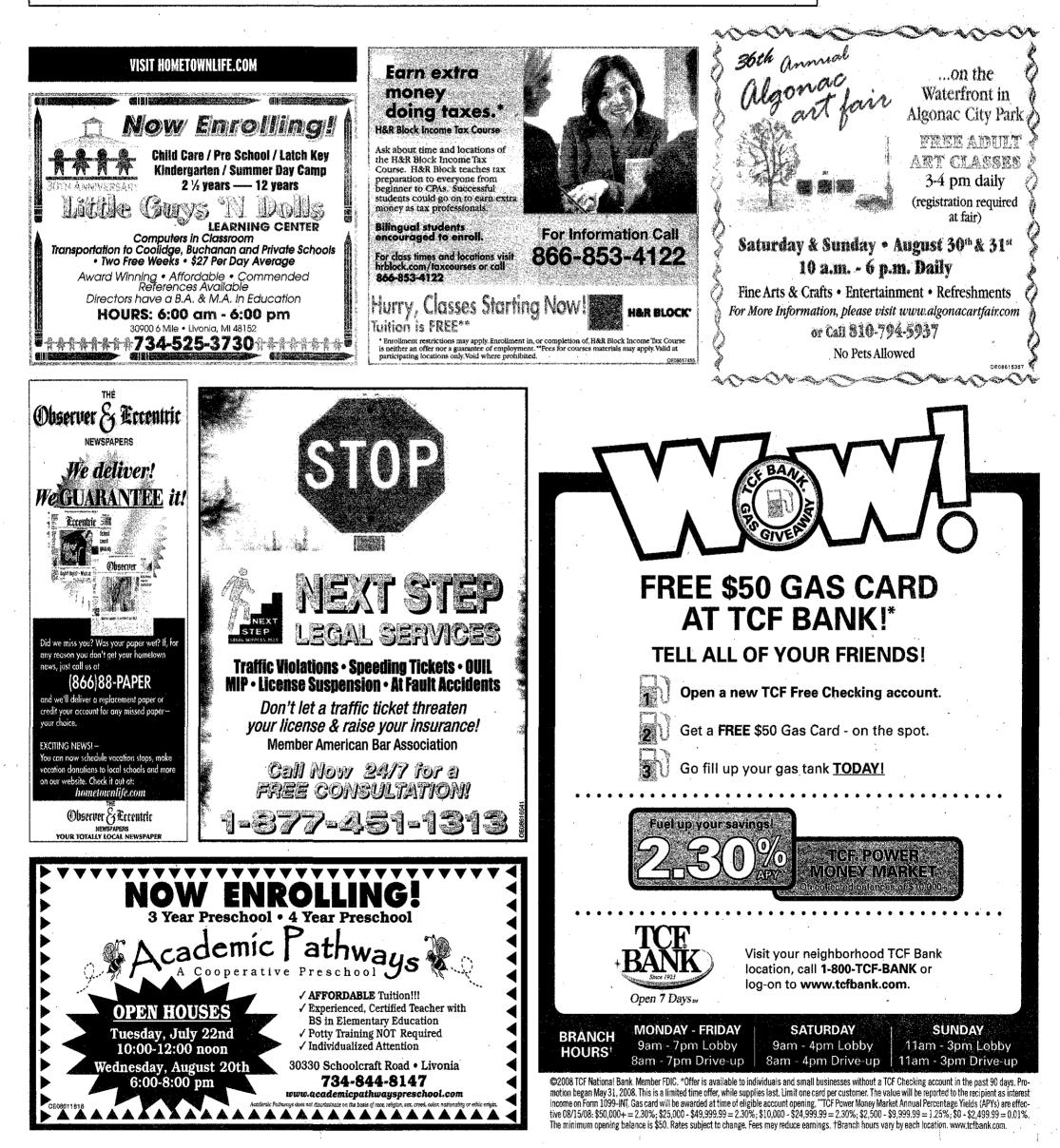
Select dancers may be asked to stay for the next audition class. Dancers are selected to join the company based on their demonstration of ballet technique. For more information, call (734) 676-

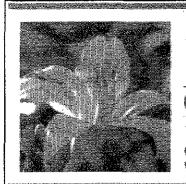
7233 or visit www.metroshoresballet.org.

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company holds auditions Sunday, Aug. 24, at Miss Jean's Dance Arts, 19215 Merriman, Livonia. The fee is \$10.

Auditions begin at 1 p.m. for ages 6-9 with 2-years minimum ballet experience; 2:15 p.m. for ages 10-12 with 4-years minimum ballet experience, and 3:30 p.m. for ages 13 and up with 6-years minimum ballet experience.

Proper ballet attire required. Bring pointe shoes if you have them. For more information, call (248) 474-8722.



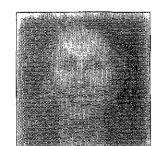


EUNICE J. GRAHAM

Of Waterford; August 11, 2008; age 97: Beloved wife of the late Donald Graham; Loving mother of Ross (Marcia) Graham and Donald (Flora) Graham. Beloved grandmother of David Ross Graham and Paul Donald Graham. Great-grandmother of Maya Elizabeth Graham. Mrs. Graham was retired from American Motors and was a resident of Canterbury on the Lake for over 13 years. She attended services at St. Luke's Memorial Chapel and also enjoyed watching sports, playing cards and reading. Funeral Services will be held Friday, August 15, 2008, 1:30 p.m. at the St. Luke's Memorial Chapel at Canterbury on the Lake, 5601 Hatchery Road, Waterford, Officiating Father Robert Kerr. The family will receive friends Thursday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Memorials may be made to World Medical Relief. Online guest book: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com

FRANCES B. KEZERTA

Of Saline, MI; Formerly of Farmington, Hills, MI. Beloved mother and grandmother. Age 94, passed away on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at Arbor Hospice Residence in Ann Arbor, MI. She was born December 24, 1913 the daughter of William George and Texas Caladonia (Jackson) Miller. On September 14, 1946 at Trinity Methodist Church in Highland Park, MI she married Harry Kezerta, Jr. and he preceded her in death on December 11, 2004. Frances was a member of Orchard Methodist Church in Farmington, MI, the Order of the Eastern Star, White Shrine of Jerusalem and was a member of the Farmington Senior Center where she and her late husband taught bridge. She was also a former member of the Farmington Players. She is survived by her daughter, Terry (Daniel) O'Toole of Saline and her grandson, Brendan Michael Kezerta O'Toole of Orlando, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 2:30 P.M. at Brecon Village 200 Brecon Drive, Saline. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to Brecon Village and envelopes will be available at the service. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home, Saline.





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DELIA "GRACE" (ESTES) MIKTON

A long time Detroit Metro area resident peacefully left us on Tuesday morning, July 22nd to be with her heavenly father after demonstrating amazing strength and capacity to love despite a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. She was admired and loved by family and friends throughout her life and particularly known for her expertise in real estate, knowledge of alternative health methods, compassionate heart, and providing excellent service to her clients. Grace was preceded in death by her parents, Mae Estes Kelly and Alfred Estes, a son, Phillip and 8 of her 10 siblings. Those who will miss her include siblings Kyle Estes of Carleton, Michigan and Ruth (Estes) Mullins of Woodhaven, Indiana, dear friend and sister-in-law Wordd Estes, her doughter Prende Wanda Estes, her daughters Brenda Wallace of Ocean Shores, WA., and Cindy Dake of Livermore, CA., 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, many loved nieces and nephews, dear friends primarily in Michigan and California, and nearly 40 years of cherished real estate clients and wellrespected peers in the industry. Services to honor Grace's life will be held by her family at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan on August 24th at 6:00pm. In keeping with her life's passion for serving, over the course of the past year, Grace expressed further desire to serve the underprivileged. Due to complication of illness, Grace was unable to fulfill her heart's desire. In an attempt to carry out her wishes to serve, her family has selected the following venue for donation: Grace Cottage, a non-profit agency / 2734 Kelly Street, Livermore, CA 94551.



LLOYD EDWIN RICHARDS and

RUTH LEONA RICHARDS

The sons of Llovd and Ruth Richards are sad to report the deaths of their parents, but rejoice in knowing the promise of eternal life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ruth was born in Wooster, Ohio, to Harry and Leona Frantz Lester on August 9, 1926 and she passed away on January 7, 2007.

Lloyd, the son of Edwin and Helen Keech Richards, was born in Detroit on May 26, 1929 and died in his sleep in February 2008. Lloyd was a graduate of Cooley High



THEODORE R. STAGGERS Of Birmingham passed away peacefully on July 30, 2008. Ted was born February 10, 1921 to Harley and Mabel Stuart Staggers in Fairmont, West Virginia, the youngest child of eight. A state tennis champion by the age of 15, he married his high school sweetheart, Bette Lee Clark of Grafton, W. Va., on January 14, 1944. They were married 63 years, until her death last year. Shortly after his marriage, Ted completed his military training and was sent overseas. He attained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant, and later Captain, of the Army Air Corps in WWII. A daring P-51 fighter pilot, he flew many bombing escort missions over the English Channel with the 339th Fighter group based in Fowlmere, England. On September 11, 1944, Ted was shot down over Germany and served out the balance of the war in a POW camp. Upon the lib-eration of the camp in May 1945, U.S. Army personnel believed he had died from starvation, but Ted had other ideas in mind. Returning to his wife back home, Ted was transferred by the Army to Arizona, where he recuperated and spent the time teaching young officers the art of golf, a lifelong pas-sion at which, together with his tennis, he truly excelled. After his discharge in 1947, Ted earned his BA at Ohio State University and went to work for the General Electric Company, where he stayed his entire career until retirement in 1983. He and Bette relocated to Birmingham in 1951. They adopted two children, Kimberly Ann and Stephen Stuart. Together with an amazing group of friends who stayed together over 50 years, Ted and Bette enjoyed dancing, entertaining, golf and travel for many happy years. Ted was predeceased by his wife and son. He is survived by his daughter and several grandchildren. A memorial service to celebrate his outstanding life and service will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at The First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham, Michian. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to: AmeriCares, 88 Hamilton Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. Arrangements: A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 248-362-2500.

Share memories at: obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com

GRACE F. WOODARD

Age 91, August 11, 2008. Retired from Michigan Bell Telephone after thirty

On the prowl: Doggie statement Ts, like this black cotton stretch shirt with pink sugar glitter lettering that reads "Lover Not a Biter," will earn Fido even more attention on his evening stroll. Available at www.moondoggieinc.com.

The Furminator

Get your paws on: The FURminator, the best de-shedding tool for cats or dogs around. Find them at The Posh Pup in Livonia or Marcy's Groom a Pet in

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Williams-Kulisz

Dennis and Denise Williams

of Metamora announce the

Vanessa Crystal Williams,

to Kenneth David Kulisz of

Beaverton, Ore. He is the son

of David and the late Shirley

Kulisz of Livonia. Vanessa

High School and earned a

in public administration

is a graduate of Lapeer East

bachelor's degree in political

science and a master's degree

from Oakland University in

Rochester Hills. She works for

Klarquist Sparkman, LLP in

Portland, Ore. Kenneth is a

graduate of Stevenson High

School in Livonia and earned a

bachelor's degree in communi-

cation design from The College

for Creative Studies in Detroit.

Bob and Pam Beste of

Garden City announce the

William Weintz of Shelby

Township. He is the son of

Ohio and the late Donald

Weintz. Barbra is a 1998

engagement of their daughter,

Barbra Olivia Beste, to Elton

Justine Weintz of Columbiana,

graduate of Garden City High

School and received her under-

graduate degree from western

Beste-Weintz

engagement of their daughter,

GARDEN CALENDAR

Keep it long

Birmingham.

Don't give your lawn a buzz cut if you want it to grow healthy. Tall grass promotes deep roots which need less water and fertilizer, contributing to a thick, healthy lawn, according to Lillian Dean of the Healthy Lawns and Gardens Program of Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA). Thick grass also serves as a water quality filter, helping to keep sediment and other pollutants out of storm drains and rivers.

Cutting grass tall is an easy way for residents to protect waterways, yet in a study conducted in 10 southeast Oakland and southwest Macomb County neighborhoods last month, SOCWA found that more than 70 percent of all households cut their grass too short, leaving two inches or less on the blade after cutting. The study, funded by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, measured grass height three times during a single week.

To find out more about lawn cutting and care, attend a free "Healthy Lawn Care Workshop" from 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18, at the Ferndale Public Library, 222 East Nine Mile, just east of Woodward. Rick Lazzell, horticulture educator from Oakland Community College and Macomb Community College, will be the guest speaker. All participants will receive an information packet and opportunity for personal consultation on lawn care. Register by calling (248) 288-5150 or e-mail: LFDean@ aol.com. Walk-ins welcome.

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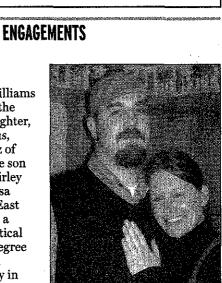
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Compiled By Stephanie A. Casola



He works as a graphic technician for the Dick Hannah Auto Group in Vancouver, Wash. The couple are planning a January 2009 wedding at the Lafayette Grande in Pontiac.



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PATRICIA E. McKENNA

Beloved mother, political activist and supporter of the arts, aged 70, formerly of Huntington Woods, Birmingham and Troy, passed away in the arms of her children on July 29, 2008 in Tucson, AZ. The daughter of Irish immigrant Patrick McKenna and Michigan native Helen Keene, she attended the Kingswood Cranbrook School and graduated in 1959 from Denison University in Ohio with a BA in Theatre and English. Her marriage in 1961 to Detroit police officer Gordon "Buck" Grant produced three children: Patrick Grant (1963), Daniel (1969) (Stacey) Grant, and Gael (1971) (Michael) Giles. Patricia and Gordon divorced in 1974. Patricia's many talents and interests were reflected in her multi-faceted career. Amongst the positions and activities she held were: model for the International Car Shows held in Detroit, investigative journalist for the Detroit News, director/actress of amateur theater for the Ridgedale Players in Pleasant Ridge, private investigator for a retired FBI agent (she obtained a degree in Law Enforcement and Protection from Mercy College in 1978), talent booking agent (clients included comedian Tim Allen), and assisting the administration of McKenna Industries Inc., an automotive model making firm established by her late father. She was accepted as a member in the American Academy of Certified Geniuses in 1987. In the last two decades of her life she lived in the American southwest (NM and AZ) where she wrote poetry and plays, articles for the local newspapers, fought corruption in her local government, helped youths with substance abuse problems and sponsored local immigrant families. She will be lovingly remembered by her children and grandchildren Courtney, Meghan and Grant Thomas, her brother Michael McKenna of West Bloomfield, her nephews, Mick (Eulalia and family), Brian and niece, Stephanie. Her body will be cremated and a memorial service will be held within the year in the greater Detroit area.

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School in Detroit and a veteran of the Korean Conflict. Ruth graduated from Royal Oak High School. They were married on March 19, 1955 and made their home in Garden City until they moved to Alpharetta, Georgia in 2001. While living in Michigan, Ruth and Lloyd were avid bowlers, enjoyed gardening and spending time with their family. In Michigan, attending their children's and grandchildren's musical concerts and sporting events was an important and enjoyable part of their lives. After moving to Georgia, they were able to spend more time and con-tinue to attend the events of their younger grandchildren.

They are survived by son Michael (Karen) McClain of Brownstown, son Jeffrey (Barbara) Richards of Alpharetta GA, grandchildren Robert (Amy) McClain, Kathleen (EJ) Sieracki, Jessica Richards, James Richards and great-grandchild, Anders McClain. Ruth and Lloyd were members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Alpharetta, GA. Memorial services were held in Alpharetta with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

DUANE P. ROSENTHAL

Age 81, August 12, 2008. Beloved husband of Elizabeth. Dear father of Pamela (Gary) Lewis, Robin (Eugene) Petruska and Terri (Paul) Thor. Loving grandfather of Michael, Elizabeth and avid Petruska. Visitation was at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral Mass was at St. Genevieve Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Genevieve to be used for the religious education program.

STANLEY J. SKAISTIS

Age 88, of Birmingham, died peacefully August 14, 2008, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Mr. Skaistis was born July 7, 1920, in Benld, Illinois. He was an active member of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club, National Men's Garden Club and on the Board of Directors at Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinat-ing Council (BASCC). Mr. Skaistis enjoyed volunteering at Birmingham area schools as well as gardening, photography and winemaking. He was an avid clock and stamp collector. Mr. Skaistis is survived by his children, Lynn (David) Contos, Mark (Jean) Skaistis and Paul Skaistis and grandchildren, Brian Contos, Leslie (Scott Hinze) Skaistis, Jeffrey Skaistis and Joel Skaistis. He is also survived by his nephews, Bruce, Mike and Bryan Skaistis. Mr. Skaistis is preceded in death by his wife, Jean. Memorial service at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Monday 2pm. Memorials appreciated to First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48009 or Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC), 2121 Midvale Avenue, Michigan 48009. Birmingham, Condolences at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

years of service as an operator. Member of the 1st Baptist Church of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Dear mother of Doran L. (Katherine) Woodard, Ivan (Patricia) Woodard, Pauline Bayliss of Florida and the late Sharon De Wulf. Also leaves numerous grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Services were held Saturday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. Interment followed at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. Contributions suggested to the American Heart Association Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com

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to benefit Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club. which maintains the hall's 14 gardens. Supporters may purchase tickets (\$10 each, or 11 for \$100) for a chance to win \$2,500, \$1,250, and \$625 cash prizes. The drawing will be held 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at Meadow Brook Hall and Gardens, but ticketholders need not be present to win. To purchase tickets, call Laurence Cathey at (248) 467-0617. **Kids and butterflies**

raffle tickets during an ongoing fund-raiser

The Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) will present art projects, live butterfly exhibits and stories for children at its next meeting, at 7 p.m., Aug. 20, at Nankin Mills, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Admission for "Getting Kids Involved with Butterflies," is \$3 for nonmembers. No charge for children. There is parking on both Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 326-0578 or visit www.sembabutterfly.com.

Fall gardening tips

Nancy Szerlag, author of "Perennials for Michigan and Annuals for Michigan" will present the free gardening seminar "Fall Gardening Tips Make Spring Magic," at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21 at Art Van, 29905 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Refreshments will be served. Call (888) 619-2199.

From Garden to Plate

Learn the basics of canning, freezing and storing fresh produce for optimal quality and safety through the Michigan State University Extension Oakland County, Robin Danto, MSU Extension instructor will teach a class from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Tollgate Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook, Novi, \$20 per person, (248) 858-0887 or e-mail to smkithlin@oakgov. com.

Medicinal plants

Herbalist Jim McDonald, with more than 14 years experience in gathering, preparing and usuing herbal remedies, will lead a walk through woods and field to explore the medicinal virtues, folklore and preparation of common weeds and herbs, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14, at Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center, 2375 Indian Lake Road, Oxford. Some of the plants to be covered include Burdock, Yellow Dock, Solomon's Seal and Wild Yam.

To register, send an e-mail with your name, phone and workshop title and date to clifford@uheac.org. Payment can be made at the door (\$50) or in advance (\$40) by sending a check made payable to: UHEAC, 2375 Indian Lake Rd., Oxford, MI 48370.

Michigan University in 2002. She works as a human resources administrator for Burroughs Corp. in Kalamazoo. Elton is a 1988 graduate of Canfield High School in Canfield, Ohio. He earned his undergraduate degree from Ohio University in 1992 and graduate degrees from Villanova University in 1994 and Western Michigan University in 2003. He is

Chmura

Jason and Christina Chmura of Livonia announce the arrival of their son, Nathan Alphonse Chmura, born July 19, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He is grandson to Ron and Mary Valenti of Forest Hill, Md. and Stan and Sherry Chmura of Willis, Mich. Greatgrandparents are Stanley Ulle of Forest Hill, Maryland and Mary D. Valenti of Allentown, Penn.



completing his doctoral dissertation through Western Michigan University and is currently a professor of history at Macomb Community College. The couple is planning a September wedding.

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Create a fund-raising team and walk in Mega March '08

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Jackie Petiprin, an account executive at SMZ Advertising in Troy, took on an added title and job responsibilities last week: Captain of Jackie's Barkers.

The Royal Oak woman will lead a team of walkers - families, friends, and colleagues - in the Michigan Humane Society's (MHS) third annual Mega March for Animals on Sunday, Oct. 5.

It's a mission she takes seriously, but with a playful spirit.

"It's so much fun. I encourage anyone to do it: It's two miles and it goes by real quickly. It's so much fun to see all the different dogs out there. And I'll do anything for my doggies."

Individuals and teams - consisting of family members, friends and business associates — will collect donations over the next seven weeks. assemble with their pets on Oct. 5 at Hart Plaza in Detroit and walk en masse for two miles. About 4,500 animal-lovers walked last year, raising nearly \$250,000.

"This year, in tough economic times, it is more important than ever that more people and their fourlegged friends join us and support the mission of the Michigan Humane Society and help us surpass that figure," said Jan Cantle, MHS public relations and media coordinator. "Imagine, if you ask 25 co-workers, friends, and family to donate \$5. That's \$125. It costs just about \$120 to provide food and medical care for one animal. If each walker came with \$120 or \$240 ... that is a lot of animal lives changed.

'ANIMAL LIVES CHANGED'

"While our goal is to raise \$300,000 this year we like to think of it more in terms of animal lives



That's Jackie Petiprin in the front row holding her Chihuahua, Hank. The Royal Oak resident convinced friends, family and colleagues from SMZ Advertising in Troy, where she is an account executive, to walk with her last year in the Mega March for Animals.

changed. Most importantly, we need help from the community to meet this goal

The money raised will go toward the Michigan Humane Society's programs and services, which include its three shelters, animal adoption and care, cruelty investigation, legislative advocacy, education, veterinary

centers, wildlife care, spay and neuter programs and assistance with animal behavior problems.

Jackie's Barkers has raised nearly \$500 in the week since it was formed. Petiprin was among dozens of local business representatives who attended the Mega March corporate kick-off breakfast on Aug. 7, at the Townsend

Hotel in Birmingham. They watched a tear-jerking video about homeless animals, heard pet adoption success stories, listened to representatives from the walk's major corporate sponsors, as well as from MHS staffers, and left with bags full of posters, brochures and a step-by-step guides to help them form Mega March teams.

CORPORATE SPONSORS

'This is a wonderful cause," said Jason Vines, senior vice president of Compuware, a major Mega March sponsor. "A lot of my colleagues at Compuware have been doing it for a long time."

Cheryl Phillips, an MHS board member who also represents major sponsor Masco Corp., said she strolled one of her five cats in a buggy through the dog-heavy crowd the past two Mega Marches.

"It's amazing to see this peaceful convergence of cats, dogs," she said, urging listeners to "get out there and speak with our feet."

Petiprin will have Emmie, her Coon hound-beagle mix, and Hank, her Chihuahua, on hand. She and a friend walked as individual donors during the first Mega March. Last year, she created a team and got employees at SMZ involved. This year's team is already up and running.

"SMZ Advertising did the Mega March logo this year," Petiprin added. "Nancy (Gunnigle) at the MHS contacted me earlier in the year and asked if we could design the logo pro bono. Since we are all animal lovers at SMZ, we said absolutely."

Webster, a Labradoodle owned by SMZ chairman Jim Michelson, serves as a company mascot of sorts. A photo of Webster, wearing a scarf and sunglasses on his head, pops up when visitors to the SMZ Web site click on a bone-shaped "fetch" icon. Each image dispenses a kibble of wisdom.

"He comes to work every day," Petiprin said. "He normally lay's outside of Jim's office. The Mega March is pretty intense. I think Webster would love it."

To form a Mega March team or sign up as an individual donor, visit www.michiganhuman. org or call (866) MHUMANE. See Webster by logging onto www.smz.com.

HOME CALENDAR Win a bear, get design help, take a class

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in each bureau chest for a child's furry friend and count-

There will be additional opportunities to win bears and other prizes at bear-stuffing parties next month at Art Van. The parties will feature

refreshments, kids' activities and personalizing stuffed toys.

They will run from 3-7 p.m., Sept. 19 at the Ann Arbor store, 425 E. Eisenhower Parkway; from noon-4 p.m., Sept. 20 at the Shelby Township store, 14055 Hall; and 3-7 p.m., Sept. 26 at the Novi store, 27775

Novi Road. Visit artvan.com for more information.

gy options at a workshop from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at Upland Hills Environmental Awareness Center, 2375 Indian Lake Road, Oxford. He'll explain how to assess needs, explore conservation measures, and evaluate cost-effectiveness and feasibility of renewable energy options such as solar, wind, geothermal, radiant floor heat and other alternatives. The workshop is for anyone who wants to reduce their dependence on grid energy. A \$10 minimum donation is requested. To register, send

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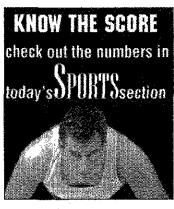
- Application 1461, 5770 Napier: the applicant is requesting a variance to allow cellular communications panel antenna arrays on existing microwave tower on a nonconforming property.
- Application 1462, 46477 Arboretum CR: the applicant is requesting a variance to install a generator in the front third of the side yard.

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

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

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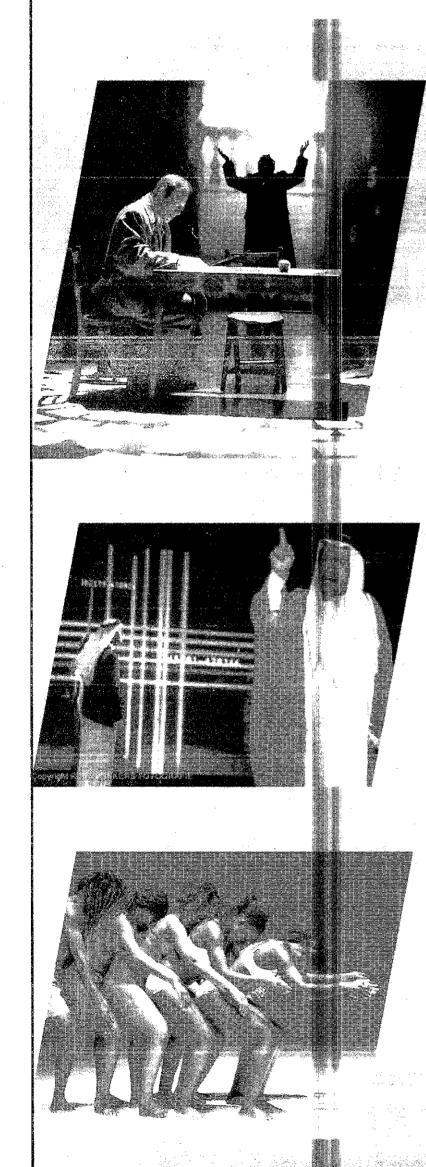




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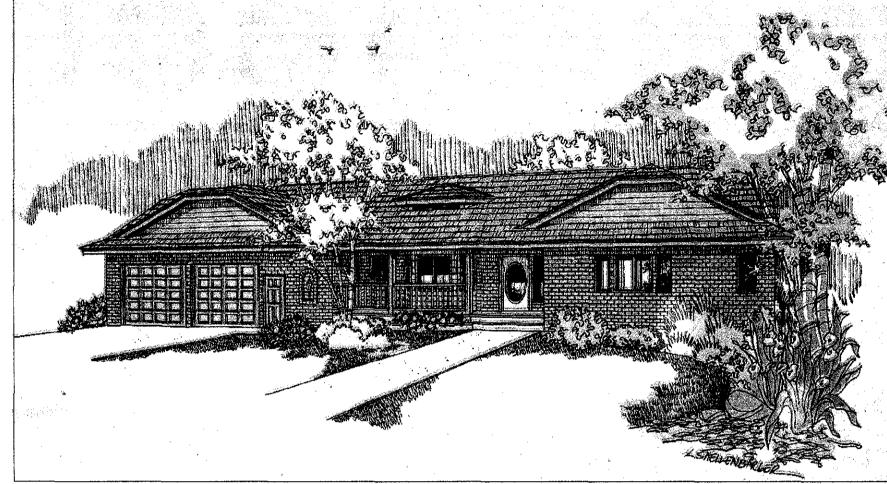
The symmetrical exterior of the Hall (406-66) is accentuated by "Dutch clips" in the roof design. With 2,060 square feet of living space and a basement option, this is a sturdy, brick home with an efficient floor plan.

The garage easily fits two cars as well as allowing extra storage and shop space in the rear. There is a door to the back yard for taking the lawn mower outside. From the garage, there is a convenient kitchen access for carrying items inside. A utility room, enhanced with deck access as well as a half bath, is also located near the garage entry.

The family room is spacious and close to the kitchen. One whole wall contains bookshelves for the library look. Sliding doors to the deck makes those Sunday afternoon lunches fun. The kitchen overlooks the covered porch. Cooking is made easy with an enormous counter and cabinet space, and an eating bar at the end. There is the perfect window above the sink area for watching the outside and taking one's mind off dishes and cooking.

The dining room is next to the kitchen and has a built-in hutch. This is a great touch because it uses area that would otherwise be lost. The bay windows in this room overlook the porch. Across from the main entry is the living room with a gas fireplace in one corner. This room has a pillared entrance, which magnifies the solidity of the home. The entire right end of the Hall consists of a master suite, two bedrooms, and a full bathroom. Outside the rooms are storage closets that can also be used for linen.

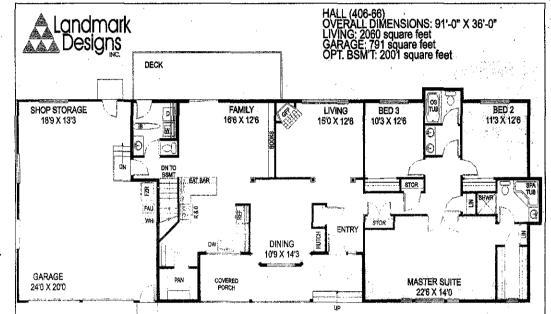
Entry to the enormous master suite is through two French doors. The walk-in closet has



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light, and a linen closet is located at the entrance. The bathroom has both a corner tub and a shower. Because of the width of this suite, part could be used for a sitting room. A basement plan is available. It is undeveloped an area for one's imagination and for extra space. Stairs are located between the kitchen and garage.

For a study plan of the HALL (406-66), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans. com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or



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BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) NAHBR Professional Remodelers present "Cash In On CAPS" on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Association Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. CAPS refers to the Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist designation offered by the National Association of Home Builders and earned by attending specific classes held locally at BIA headquarters.

Bob Johnson, Johnson Building Co., will present topics that relate to CAPS: using CAPS to expand your customer base; evaluating your qualifications to serve aging customers; marketing for jobs; knowing the similarities and differences between ADA and CAPS; using universal and elegant design; and describing the CAPS certification program.

Registration is \$35 for BIA members. Advance registration required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008 or register online at www. builders.org.

■ BIA and Bank of America will also sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running from Aug. 15 to Sept. 14. Parade of Homes features ready-tomove-in homes as well as under construction and pre-construction homes throughout southeastern Michigan.

Fall Parade of Homes, the 14th annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan,opened on Aug. 15 and runs through Sept. 14. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Bank of America Mortgage are the sponsors of this public event.

The Parade of Homes offers potential homebuyers a unique opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and singlefamily homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes.

Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and materials. The 37 model homes range in base price from \$95,900 to \$1,999,900.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price. A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps for all homes was distributed within select home delivery of *The Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* on Aug. 15 and available at select CVS/ pharmacy locations throughout southeastern Michigan and at all participating model homes beginning Aug. 15. Parade of Homes will also be featured at BIA's Fall Remodeling & Design Expo, Oct. 10-12, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For additional information on the 2008 Fall Parade of Homes beginning Aug. 15, please call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. The program Web site, www.BIAparadeofhomes. com, went live on Aug. 15, and will feature informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

BIA will also sponsor a Parade of Homes event in the spring.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built[™] Training on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

In this third of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses "Energy Efficiency" using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Accelerating When The Market Stalls " on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Todd Hallett of TK Design & Architecture will present topics including planning for today's buyer, strategies for difficult lots, green building, capturing emotion with elevation, renderings, pricing strategy, and analyzing your product. The program includes a Plan Review Workshop for attendees to have their individual plans or elevations reviewed by the speaker. (Provide materials to Sheila Denstaedt at BIA offices before Sept. 4.)

Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers will sponsor a Certified Graduate Course: Sales And Marketing on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. This course counts toward prelicensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan. The course also counts toward earning the following designations: Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder, and Master Certified Sales Professional.

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Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present an Economic Forecast And Legislative Update For The Multifamily Rental Industry on Friday, Sept. 19, from noon to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield. Registration and networking begin at 11 a.m. Attendees will be provided with information on our local and national rental markets, along with a status report on state legislative issues facing the residential rental industry. Economic Forecast keynote speaker is David Littmann of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Market Update speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners, sponsors of the event. Legislative Update speaker is Joseph Palamara of Karoub Associates.

Registration fees are \$20 per person for AAM members and \$30 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www. builders.org.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Ann Arbor-based Success on Site will provide fair housing information specifically geared for on-site leasing consultants. Topics include telephone techniques and proper documentation, Internet and e-mail communication, leasing tour, resident communication and team building. Situations that are encountered every day will be the basis for the presentation.

Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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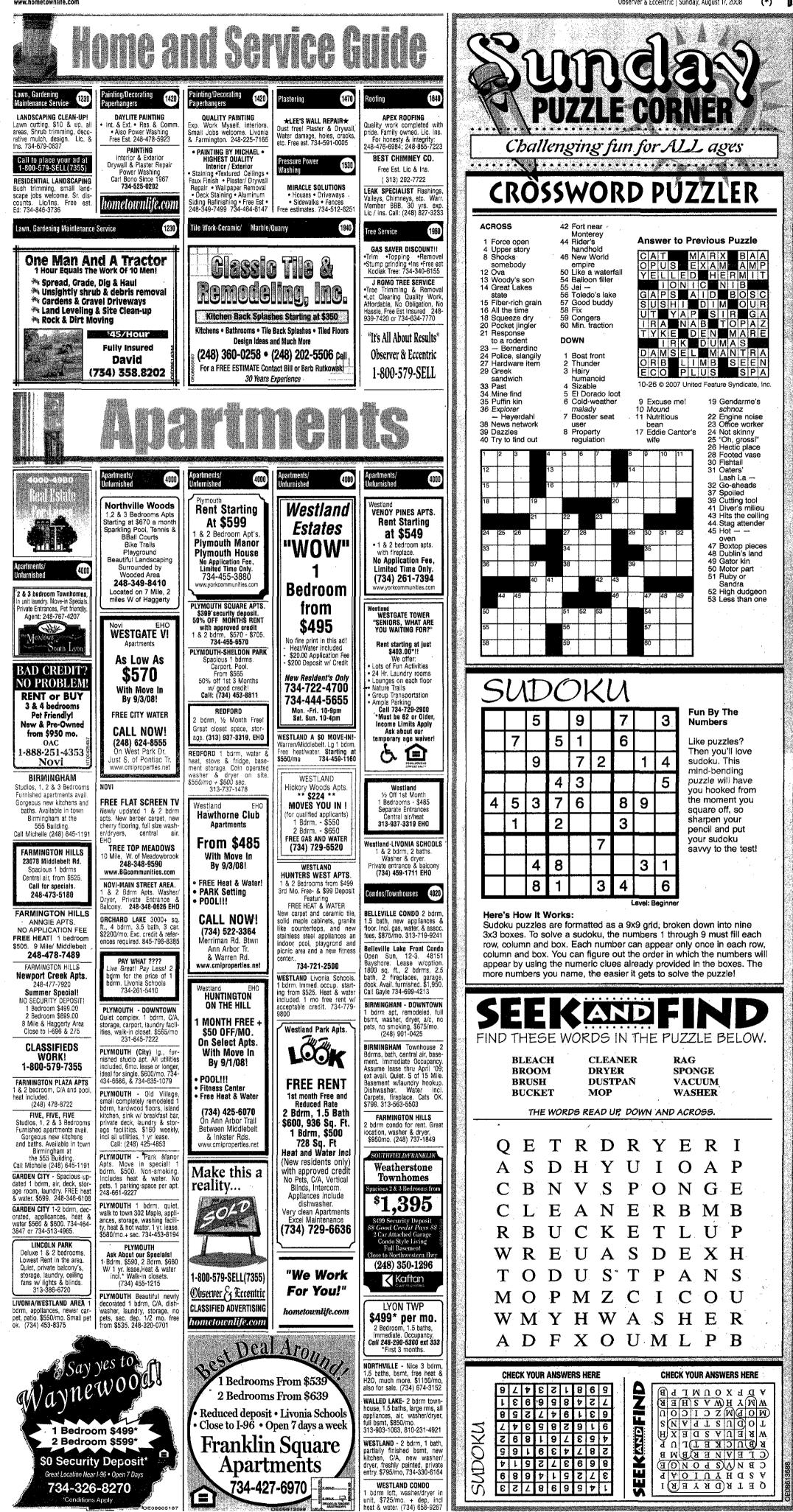
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