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## All Saints alarm blazes trail

Six months after a gunman killed 20 students and six educators in Newtown, Conn., All Saints Catho-lic School in Canton has become a leader by installing a new securi-ty lockdown system that can save lives by reducing response time by police.

police.
The system allows school employees to instantly alert the Canton Police Department without wasting seconds by calling 9-1-1. If gives dispatchers remote access to 16 Security cameras at All Saints School as police officers race toward the scene.

Mark Wellman, a Canton resident and president of Camtronics, a DeTroit based security systems integrator that designed the systems, aid the school's decision to take bold steps to improve safety has made it a trailblazer.

"It's the first one of this magnitude in the area," Wellman said, and he believes it's on the national forefront of school safety. The standard of the standard standar

State-of-art system
If the unthinkable should happen
at All Saints, an employee can pull
at All Saints, an employee can pull
stations, or switches, setting off 70
audible alarms inside the school
and prompting teachers and students to implement safety measures they have practiced.
Simultaneously, the system,
using technology from Camtronices and Verizon, starts an audible alarm inside the Canton Police
to Police and the state of the st

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Mark Wellman, president of Camtronics, shows of the All Saints Catholic School security system.



## Fun at the festival

## Liberty Fest activities delight crowds By Darrell Clem



After moving to Canton from
North Carolina, Kristen Hochthaner brought her children Emma, 5,
and Talen, 2, and her mother, Lola
Kelly, to Liberty Fest for the first
time ever.
when we want to be a five to the carnival." Hochthaner said thursday
afternoon, among the early crowds
to descend on Heritage Park for
the 22nd Liberty Fest. "It's such a
nice park. It's so clean."
The three generations of family stood next to an octopus-shaped
ride that had just taken Emma
round and round.
"It was scarry." she said.
With that, grandmother Kelly
asked if anyone wanted to go see a

LEGO train go around a track.
"I do," Talen said, laughing at the
thought.
After torrential rains pounded
Canton the night before, the Liberty Fest grounds rebounded just
fine as crowds began flowing into
Heritage Park. Parents pushed
strollers. Children sought their
favorite carnival rides and food. A
young couple rested quietly under
a shade tree next to a large pond.

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Lots to do

The festival started successfully and ended Saturday. Visitors readied themselves Thursday for the America's Most Wanted Car Club show, international performers on a stage, rock bands, lumberjack log-rolling, a NASCAR simula

# SEMCOG says By Brad Kadrich Canton drivers didn't need statistics. Canton drivers didn't need statistics. Canton drivers didn't need statistics. From the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to confirm what they already know, but they got them this week anyway. SEMCOG's list of the worst intersections in southeast Michigan came out and, to practically no one's surprise, the Ford Road/Haggerty intersection is the area's most dangerous. According to SEMCOG's attaits, the 2008 and 2012 mass of total between 2008 and 2012 mass of the state that the time that the time that the dangerous than the intersection of 11 Mile and Southfield Road in Southfield GoS, annually, 320 over five years). Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy has talked to both branches of the state Legislature and even gone to the U.S. Congress trying to get help. LaJoy and of the SEMCOG stutyptif's LaJoy and of the SEMCOG stutyptif's LaJoy and of the SEMCOG stutyptif's been that way for many, many years. We've tried to get this thing fixed. The (state) Senate voted it was a problem, estate Senate voted it was a problem,

Ford/Haggerty most perilous,

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## Canton woman avoids scam, warns others

By Darrell Clerr

A 75-year-old Canton woman who avoided a possible attempt to steal money from her bank and the stead of the sissued a warning to account the sissued a warning to account the sissued a warning to reduce the sissued a phone call Monday from a woman who asked for personal information, saying she needed it to issue a new Medicare card. Turbin refused, telling the caller she already had all the insurance coverage

she needed.

"She hung up on me after 1 refused to give her more information." Turbin said.

That afternoon, she received another call, this time from a man who aiready had her routing number for her checking account and asking for more information about the account. "It scared me that he aiready had my routing number," she said.

said.

The male caller asked Turbin
to get her check book to
retrieve more account information, but she refused.

"I asked him if this was a scam and should I call the police," she said, prompting the man to end the call. Turbin contacted her insurance company and her bank and learned that her account and learned that her account to en point, she also looked on her caller i detuffication and tried to call the man back, but it didn't go through.

money stolen from her bank account.

"Any time you're called by an outside party on the phone, you never want to give out your personal information such as a Social Security number, a bank account number or anything else that might lead to identity thefu or compromise your accounts," Wilshers such a such as the such

ly have been "a fishing expedi-tion" to see what information could be retrieved for wrong-doing.
Wilsher said it's similar to

Wilsher said it's similar to other scams, often targeted at the elderly, such as telling a potential victim they need to send money to claim a much bigger lottery prize Wilsher's advice to people who receive calls from strangers: "Never give out your personal information."

### **ALARM**

Continued from page A1 Moreover, it allows dis-patchers to see what's happening at A1 Saints using the school's security cameras—a crucial component that allows them to advise police officers as they rush to the scene to confront an armed intruder, a gun-tot man to the scene to confront an armed intruder, a gun-tot and the scene to confront an armed intruder, a gun-tot Canton Police Lt. Scott Hilden said the system is the first of its kind he has seen.

the first of its kind he has seen.

"As you know, in many active shooter incidents, seconds — not minutes — can save lives," he said. "Second, the ability to view the school cameras can help our dispatchers determine what type of problem exists and components with the school."

The security system also has components such as an outdoor wireless system with four lockdown transmitters, and it gives school personnel the ability to control perimeter doors. Strausbaugh said All Saints always has a locked-door system when



Principal Kristen Strausbaugh shows one of the lockdow

students, teachers and others are in the build-ing, but the new security controls add another lay-er of protection and could prove critical to giving police access to the interi-or when they arrive.

Safer school "The time element is crucial because these

kinds of (school violence) incidents don't last very long, "Wellman said.
Strausbaugh said school personnel feel safer with the system, especially considering the school office is situated in the middle of the building rather than close to a main entrance, All Saints is leasing the security

"It's reassuring to the staff to know we have that immediate response," Strausbaugh said.

Students have been taught there would be consequences if they consequences if they may be the said.

Students have been taught there would be consequences if they may be they be caught on security camera, then disciplined. When scenes such as the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut happen, there are inevitably stories that arise of heroes who risk their own lives — and some times are Killed — as they it's laudable, officials say the goal of the All Saints system is to help protect everyone.

"Hopefully we can

system is to help protect everyone.
"Hopefully we can buy enough time so that we don't need as many heroes," Wellman said. For more on the Camtronics lockdown system go to www.camsecure. com. For more on All Saints School, go to www.allsaintscs.com or call (734) 459-2490.

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## **FORD ROAD**

the full House said it was a problem. We've gone to Washington to try to get help solving the problem to the said of the said

an, prohibiting left turns at intersections, adding turnaround lanes sim-ilar to those on Michi-gan Avenue and trans-forming Haggerty into a boulevard for 1,000 feet in both directions from Ford.

in both directions from Ford.

The plan also calls for adding a third westbound lane from 1-275 to Lilley, rather than all the way to Sheldon, and adding a third eastbound lane from the Haggerty area to 1-275. It suggests paying Lotz Road between Ford and Cherry Hill, as well as extending side-walks from west of the 1-275 interchange to the Lotz area.

1-275 interchange to the Lot arease. The Lot arease Lot DUT officials estimate the boulevard could reduce traffic crashes by 35 percent, and although they wouldn't say how long it'll take to implement, township officials hope it can be done within 5-10 years.

"It needs to be done," Municipal Services
Director Tim Faas said.



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## Canton police seek help solving bank robbery

By Darrell Clem

Canton Center about 12-45 p.m. Thursday afternoon.
"He walked in, requested money and implied that he had a weapon," Detective Sgt. Craig Wilsher said.
No one was injured during the incident, which occurred in broad daylight near a busy Can-

ton intersection. The suspect escaped with an undisclosed amount of money.

Police only had a partial description of the suspect, who was described as a black male wearing sunglasses and a baseball cap.

The suspect fled the location,

Wilsher said, though it wasn't immediately known if the man was on foot or in a vehicle. No other information was immediately available.

Anyone who has information about the incident is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400 or Crime

Stoppers of Michigan at (800) SPEAK-UP. Crime Stoppers tips also may be reported online at www.18005peakup.org. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest.

## **FESTIVAL**

tor and scores of other events and activities. Canton mother Tammi VanCamp brought her dead of the control of t

Smooth sailing
Just in case a festival goer had a medical problem, Deputy Fire Chief Gregory Sprys-Tellner said a mobile Advanced Life Support



Canton residents Sarah Morsi, Sasha Clemens and Sasha Baruk



Riders hang on tight as the Twister takes them higher

wister takes them higher.
unit had been placed on
a golf cart.
"We've got everything
on it," he said, allowing paramedics, if necessary, to treat medical conditions until
an ambulance could
arrive.
Abe Vinitski, Canton
park and sports supervisor, rode around in
another golf cart to



make sure the festival was running smooth-ly. Pausing briefly, he marveled Thurs-day afternoon at how well Heritage Park had rebounded from drenching rains the

night before.
"The park is resilient," he said.
Canton mother Erica Shin, meanwhile, lounged in a chair while her children Austin
Kim, 8, and Julius Kim,



Northville resident Lauren Mackeller made a car out of Legos.

S, decided on their next move.
"I like the Apple Spin ride," Julius said.
"There's a steering wheel you turn, and the apple spins fast."
Jon LaFever, Can-ton Leisure Services recreation and facil-

ities supervisor, had estimated as many as 50,000 people would attend Liberty Fest, one of Canton's most popu-lar community events.



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## NHS delivers on service projects

By Brad Kadrich

During the 2012-13 school year, Harms Elementary School got a refurbished library; set of the control of the co



ers renovated the library at Harms Elementary School in

ership and scholarship.
The projects all had to have some sort of identifiable goal set. Unlike simple community service projects, an ISP had to show long-term thinking.

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The project fell through, according to Murphy, and McCarthy moved on to develop a mentoring program for young girls at Northkidge Church. Northkidge Church. The project of the project of

"I gained a real sense satisfaction and joy

knowing my team and I were able to make a difference and provide something we take for granted to children who didn't have a library." While the programs designed to help members of the propers of the reality, according to the reality, according to Murphy, is that nearly all of the projects take far more commitment than that.
"We start out saying you have to spend 10 hours, and dids usually say something like, "Oh, that's a lot of hours," Murphy said. "The truly, and even 50 hours, and ard even 50 hours, and ard even 50 hours, and ard sand if you don't you don't get much done. And the seniors really deliver."

### ON CAMPUS

## Madonna University

University
Plymouth resident Jenna Cassidy Peace has received the top away for the control of the control of the control of the school of Business, Ton Sunat Areads, at the Honors Convocation held May 3.

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ness. It is awarded to the senior with a GPA of 3.7 or above.

In addition to this in addition to this in addition to this in addition with a senior was also inducted into the Kappa Gamma Pl National Catholic Honor Society. In 2012 she was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society. She graduated with high honors May S. She has been accepted in with high honors May S. She has been accepted in Chicago.

Jenna is the grand-daughter of Howard and Jan Lippert of Plymouth.

Grand Valley
Sarah Thomas of Canton was nade to be
National Homo coety of
Phi Kappa Phi at Grand
Valley State University
Thomas is the daughter
of Tim and Donna Thomas and is pursuing a backelor's degree in secondary education at Grand
Valley.

### **Phoenix Studios**

Phoenix Theatres announced that students from Livonia's Key-board Music Works Piano School will be performing



Madona University.

"The Songs of Disney" live in theatre before select showings of Pixar's select showings of Pixar's af Phoenix Theatres Laurel Park Place during the movie's premier weekend, June 21 and 22. Among Christine Smith's Keyboard Muster Saylee Yang, Adilya works piano students are Kaylee Yang, Adilya dents have spent many months preparing a wonderful program of time-less Disney songs that will be fun for the whole family to enjoy,"said Smith.

will be fun for the whole family to enjoy," said Smith.

"Having live music performed prior to a film when the formed prior to a film when the formed prior to a film when the function of films," said cory Jacobson, owner of Phoenix Theatres.

"This is a rare opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a live performance of classic music of Discounting the formed prior the formed



## Chorale launches summer program

The BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers will launch a summer theater program later this month titled, "The History of Broadway A Musical Revue," starting June 24. The History of Broadway A Musical Revue," starting June 24. The History of Broadway A Musical Revue, "Starting June 24. The History of the Broadway A Musical Revue," starting June 24. The History Wildenskin on at director and choreographer for this summer offering.

Greg Wildanski has directed a number of youth shows at the Village Theater including "Joseph and the Amazur," "Grease," "Wizard of Oz.," "Hairspray," "Disney's High School Musical" and "Disney's Camp Rock." He also directed "Footloose" at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

"This is an exciting opportunity because of the freedom of the musical revue format. It allows and revue format. It allows and the programment of the Programment of the Programment of the Programment of the History of the Preedom of the musical revue format. It allows and the Starting of the Preedom of the Interventionally creater and the Programment of the Programmen



ski, an adjunct instructor at Rochester College. "I don't buy into the school of thought that students root of thought that students root. Delieve acting, sing, and dancing are skills that students can improve upon. Part of the challenge is finding out how each student learns best and communicating with them in terms that they in terms that they are considered to the students of the students can be a student learns best and communicating with them in terms that they in the students of the



Gross, Artistic Director of the BeckRidge Chorale. "I have seen nearly all of Greg's work. He devotes himself to the kids and the performance. He makes it fun and educational. It's going to be thrilling to watch what Greg and

## Eatery hosts United Way fundraiser

Paul DePalma is celebrating the fifth anni-tion of the property by Pay-ing it Forward and donating a portion of the proceeds to Plym-outh Community Unit-de Way on Tuesday, June 25 during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to "Its a way to show our appreciation," said DePalma, owner of the Plymouth restaurant. "We've been through the tough economy and we pushed through. We

want to thank the com-munity by giving back."
This is we sond year that DePalma has hosted a fundraiser for Plymouth Community United Way. "It shows Paul's dedi-cation to local nonprof-its," said Marie Mor-row, PCUW Presidents days for several agen-cies and organizations. We really appreciate his generosity." For more informa-tion, visit www.plym-outhunitedway.org.



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## Starkweather grads complete their journey

Fifty-five students at the Starkweather Alter-native High School joined the ranks of high school graduates Thursday fol-lowing their graduation ceremony at Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium

ceremony at Salem High School's Gloria Logan Auditorium. Ten of the students earned scholarships and awards during the commencement exercise. 2013 includes School's Gloria Marchael Alfera Nicole Anderson Cody Andrus Curris Bailey Dakota Ballard Michelle Broccardo Elise Bruce Cody Carrier Nieko Castrodale Eliton Chatman Chynna Colton Matthew Connors Michael Conrad Cassidy Cornad Gabrielle Creptil Tori Davis Kaylee Davis Brandon Delezenne Tori Davis Kaylee Davis Brandon Delezenne

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Kiera Williams
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Cody James Carrier accepts his diploma from board Presi dent John Barrett.



Jesse Walters steps forward with a hug for student speaker Cynkyja Long after she is unable to continue.



Daniel Edward Vroman receives the gold cord of the Stark weather Honor Society.



## Tornado damage 'tugs at your heart,' crew member says

By David Veselenak

Bob Patterson has seen a lot of destruction during his zareer working for BELFOR arreared proving for BELFOR property Restoration, but the recent devastation from tornadoes in Oklahoma has been nee of the worst. "This compares to the (2004) sunamis in one way: It was unamis in one way: It was tike the hand of God swept it with the winds and it's clean as can be," the Plymouth resdent said. "Each one's diferent; each one tugs at your leart."

ferent; each one tugs at your heart."

Patters one of 19 employees from BEL employees from BEL employees from BEL employees from BEL english employees from the temperature of the largest tornadoes ever recorded in U.S. history. Patterson and others from the office have trayeled across the state, helping residents and business from the office have tray and pet life back to normal. The tornadoes that hit in late May killed dozens of people, including three storm chasers.

ers.

He arrived in the state May
21, and has stayed in the
area most of the time since,
although he has come back
home to visit his family for
a weekend. Work days in the



Bob Patterson, a BELFOR employee who works in Livonia, is one of several people from his office assisting people affected by the tornadoes that went through Oklahoma last month.

wake of the tornado clean-up last 19 hours, and have involved several team mem-bers from across the world. His crew typically works with businesses, but with so much damage to homes, his team began working with home-owners to get the structures stable.

they can get back up in pro-duction. They'll be up and running in days."
The for-profit company goes in and makes repairs, and then is reimbursed by insur-ance through the homeown-er or business owner, Patter-son said

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special eriort with the torna-dow.

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we have they need,"

said Alex Gort and Alex

"I get to help somebody eves, day."

The second wave of tornadoes that hit May 31 in Oklahoma City may have had a siluver lining for some residents in Moore, the site of the original storm, Patterson said.

The people of Moore tend to want to fix problems on their own, and many resource to the state capital.

"They get a chance to catch their breath, Right now, they've lost everything, but they still want to help," he said. "These people are incredible."

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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra brings a series of concerts to the Village Theater at

## DSO comes to Canton theater

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra announced a Canton concert series to take place at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill (S0400 Cherry Hill Road), beginning in January. With dates on Jan. 17, March 14, May 9 and June 20, the series will bring a unique repertoire to the intimate 400-seat

venue, along with chamber music recitals and educational partnerships in and around Canton. "The people of Canton are thrilled to welcome the DSO to our neighborhood," said Phil LaJoy. Canton Township Supervisor. "We eagerly anticipate joining in the collaborative spirit that con-

tinues to sculpt the vast and diverse cultural landscape in across southeast Michigan. The state of the state

## Kiwanis club partners with Walker-Winter

The Kiwanis Club of Canton announced the formation of the Walker-Winter Elementary School K-Kids Club. The school is part of the Wayne Westland Community Schools but location of the Schools of the Wayne Westland Community of the Schools of the Walker Schools of the Walker Schools of the School of the Walker Sch

K-Kids clubs are part of Kiwanis International's "Service Leadership Programs" which engage students from elementa-students from elementa-students from elementa-students from elementa-ship through service. "They're taking on the responsibility of running a K-Kids club as they plan and participate in community service projects," Mark Ott said. projects, "Mark Ott said. projects," Mark Ott said. projects from the plan and participate in community of drives. They can serve their schools, raising funds for sports equipment and extracurricular activities. The most exciting part of this new group is that these of waters where the part of this new group is that elementary (doing your personal best, treating others with respect, and

setting a good example for others.)"
The towers are club of Canton is actively of Canton is actively involved in the community with the Dictionary Project, youth mentoring, support for Salvation Army (Plymouth Corps), Christmas in Action, to name a few. The value in joining Kiwamis is work-projects and knowing the positive impact your service has on the local community, whether helping youth or helping seniors. The defining statement is "Changing the world, One Child, One community at a time.

The Kiwanis Club of Canton meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6 p.m.at Summit on the Park. More infor-mation is available at www.cantonkiwanis.com



embers and volunteers with the new K-Club (Kiwanis affilia htary School in Canton participate in a school cleanup project



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## Area residents: Fellowship helps bridge partisan gap

Three area residents are among 24 participants in the 2013 Fellows of Michigan State University's Michigan Politiwers's Michigan Michigan Politiwers's Michigan Political Politiwers's Michigan Political Politiwers's Michigan Political Politiwers's Michigan Political Politics Political Politics Poli

leadership training fel-leadership.

I consider the ford Employee Vol-unteer Program. Cusick is an assistant attor-ney general for the state of Michigan Moss is a member of the South-field City Council. They represent a wide-range represent a wide-range the state, according to Anne Mervenne, one of MPLP's two codirectors who served 12 years in the administration of former Gov. John Engler.

"We are really excited about this group of Fel-lows," said Mervenne, CEO of Mervenne & Com pany governmental rela-tions consulting firm. "Many of them have already served in grass-roots positions. Some

"Many of them have already served in grass-roots positions. Some have been elected to local office and all are ready leaders." Started in 1992, MPLP is a 10-month program that covers personal leadership development, and analysis, effective governance, and practical politics while exploring a variety of issues facing the state of Michigan.

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Throughout the program, Fellows work with presenters from across the state representing both the private and public sector to explore public policy debates, how issues are addressed, and look at new ways of bringing people together to find workable solutions.

er to find workable solu-tions.
Each MSU MPLP fel-lowship is valued at \$12,000, and covers the participants lodging, meals and program costs. Accepted Fellows, how-ever, are asked to pay an administrative fee of \$1,000 to participate in this program.

Kathleen McIntyre:

McIntyre, 50, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Stevenson High School in 1981. She currently resides in the city rendy resides in the city and Culliton and their two sons. She holds a bachelor's degree in business from MSU. She also earned a master's of business and cultimated in the company in the co

both good government and good government and good government for both citizens and businesses. Good city management is crucial," MeIntyre said.

An active community volunteer, McIntyre serves on the board of the two said.

An active community to be serves on the board of Appeals. She is eager for the opportunity to become more engaged in her community. The fellowship, she said, has provided her with an approvided her with an approvided her with an interest of the said has provided her with an interest of the said has provided her with an interest of the said has provided her with an interest in local governments of the said has been dead to be active locally. If have a compelling interest in local governments of the said has been dead to see there are many opportunities to become involved politically on a variety of different levels; "she said.

Growing up in Plymouth, Cusick, 32, said that his interest in politics "goes way back."
"I have always been

Please see PARTISAN, A13

## Shooting suspect arraigned in circuit court

By David Veselenak

The man accused of shooting a Canton man in Livonia last montion in Livonia last most partial later this appropriate the control of the contr

at the Frank Musphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Judge Dana Hathaway set Aug. I as a final conference for Ely, with a jury tria at scheduled for 9 am. Sept. 9 in her courts. Ely is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodity harm less than murder, assault with a damagerous weapon and felony firearm. The charges stem from an incident that took place May 28 in the 19300 block of St. Francis on the city's Prancis on the city's proposed on the city of t

and tried-to drive off as Ely ap-pro-ached. Police have

said the incident stemmed from an argument over a woman. The victim was treated for his injuries, which were non-life threatening, and released from the hospital days later. If convicted of all charges, Ely could face up to life in prison.

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Hathaway also reduced the bond set at the district court level for Ely to \$200,000, 10 percent, and required him to wear a tether if released. Ely's attorney, Alvin Keel, had his bond reduced to \$100,000 before 16th District Court Judge Kathleen McCann, something McCann declined to do. His bond was previously set at \$500,000.











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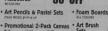
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Details: Barefoot Productions seeks actors
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- Hallelujal
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spa in an abandoned church, only to face
off against a cart rival and an old flame.
The piece calls for eight actors total (six
women, two men) in their late 466 early
oa cold reading; no head-shots, resumes, or
appointments are required.
Contact: For more information and character descriptions, contact Mike Cuba at (734)
812-0102.

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JAZZ G\*THE ELKS
Date/Time: Tuesday, June 25, 7-10 p.m.
Location: Plymouth Elk Lodge #1780, 4170.
Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township
Details: Jazz @ The Elks brings back the
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his quartet. Bennett is the embodiment of
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be Cliff Monear on Keyboard, Kurt Krahnke
n Bass, and Doug Cobb on Drums. Because
of the popularity of this group, the large
hall at the Elst Lodge will be used. The
31-30-100 prose information about
the June 25th performance you can call
73-44-53-1780 or email plymouthelks1780@
yahoo.com.

Date/Time: Saturday, June 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Location: Plymouth High School cafeteria Details: The Plymouth High School Cheer-



## **New digs**

I Miri Hair Studio at 825 Penniman in downtown Plymouth recently cut the ribbon on their new salon. The owner, Jamal Miri, has owned studios and worked in the industry for more than 35 years. He is surrounded by family, his staff and Plymouth Community Cham-ber of Commerce Ambassadors.

leaders are sponsoring a Kids Clinic for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade. The cost to attend is \$25 per child and nucludes a Clinic to a tend of \$25 per child and nucludes a Clinic ter is Friday, June 14th. A registration form is required; with the Plymouth, Chew website for a form, www.phmouthchee.com Contact: For more information, contact Plymouth Cheerleading or Julie Jones at jonesing05@gnail.com.

## **BLOOD DRIVES**

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Dates/Times/Locations:

\* Sunday, June 23, 8, am.: 145, p.m., Our Lady of Good Counsel church, 47650 N. Territorial.
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\*\*Wonday, June 24, 1:30-7:15, p.m., VFW
Post 6695 in Plymouth, 1265 S. Mill.
\*\*Friday, June 28, 1:1 am. -445 p.m., Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main.
\*\*Details: The American Red Cross hosts blood drives at various times and locations. Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome.

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Contact: Diane to set up an appointment at (313) 549-7052 or Diane.Risko@redcross.org

SENIOR OLYMPICS
Date/Time: Aug. 12-16, 8 a.m. (opening ceremony Aug. 12)
Location: Opening ceremony, Nankin Mills Field

Preid Details: Plymouth seniors age 50 and older should get ready for the ninth annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Opening Day Expo will be held at the

Nankin Mills Field (Hines Drive south of Ann Arbor Trail). The \$6 registration fee will include Olympic T-shirt, healthy health will have the olympic T-shirt, healthy health will have the olympic to the health will have the pymouth Court, heartland Livonia and Heartland Livonia North East. The Torch Light Ceremony will begin at \$9.0 a.m.; and all programs, activities and events will officially begin and will continue the entire week concluding with an awards banquet. Registration forms and brochures are available at the PCCA Office, 2015. Main in Plymouth. Deadline for Registrations Wednesday, July 3.

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Date/Time: Saturday, July 27, 6-10 p.m.
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admission and one-year members,
Contact: 53ll kim, (313) 438-862 or email
sallykim@apiavotemi.org

### CALLING ALL CRAFTERS

Location: West Middle School, Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, Plymouth
Details: Crafters wanted for Delta Kappa
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from the show will be used to support of the show will be used to support of on carees in education.

Contact: Call or email Judy at (724) 3471001 or jothor-of 160 comcast net or Allee at 248-348-9610 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

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Date/Time: Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6-730 p.m.

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## 1954 PA PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymor Wayne County, Michigan

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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the

The proposed imprevements shall consist of milling, and/or pulverization, and/or removal of the existing bituminous read with the placement of a new bituminous paymenter course. In addition, select areas of concrete curb and quiter will be removed and replaced as necessary. It is understood that this is primarily a road imprevement project and therefore any draining problems existing prior to the the life of the road paywenner. Existing water problems, such as standing water, counted of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this alternate, if permitted by the Country of Wayne, could be report, existing absorbact conditions, one the indirect of the solid million of the solid interesting the report, existing absorbact conditions, post the indirect of the solid million except the project provided and partial asphall payment replacement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to faniliate the replacement of the suphalt road payments are placement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to faniliate the replacement of the suphalt road payments explacement, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work, which may be needed to faniliate the replacement of the suphalt road payments explacement, as well as propromised y3100 feet to the north right of way line of Ann Arbor Road. The project proceeds:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, June 25, 2005 at 7,00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 1985 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Twp, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and polymous the same of the special Assessment and the second protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter All parties or agenta appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filled with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$1,192,304.60.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Nancy Conzelman Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Road (734) 453-3840

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, June 25, 2013

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that a Public Hearing will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 99 N Hagperty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170, on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, during a regular meet of the Board of Traveles of the Chard of Privates to the Charder Township of Plymouth to consider the request Arra Plastics, Inc., and FZB Industry, Inc., for Industrial Pacilities Exemption Certificate for machinery, equipment, furnitury, and fixtures Isocate at 44500 Pelants Gourt, Merre, Industrial Paci, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. The requests are availated for inspection from 4-303 duly in the Clerk's Office. During the public bearing which began at 7:00 pm, any resident of Plymouth Township or members of the Legislative Board of a affected taxing unit in the Township shall have the right to appear and be heard. Writt comments addressed to the Clerk will be considered Following the public hearing, the Boarn y decide on the request by resolution.

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of plans and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Clerk, Plymouth ip Hall, 9955 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or after June 11, 2013. Bid puts may be mailed for a charge of \$10.00.

chigan State Act PA 517 of 2012, Iran Economic Sanctions Act, requires notification that n-linked businesses may not bid on this Contract. Successful bidders will be required to wide certification that they are not an Iran-linked business.

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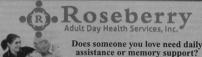


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## **Hundreds line up to meet Roush drivers**

By Brad Emons

It was homecoming week as Motorsports fans came from far and wide Thursday to the Roush Collection Retails Store in Livonia to catch a glimpse of three of Roush Femaya Racing's drivers. And outside, Market Street was lined up on both sides with classic cars.

Street was miet up on both sides with classic Even the man himself. Chairman of the Board Jack Roush, was on hand to sign autographs for the open house held prior to the weekend events at Michigan International Speedway. With the street of the street was the street of the street of

National ings.
"The kids are huge fans," Bateson said. "Tm impressed, there's just so much to see. It's incredible. I've been to Livonia before, but never here."

Long wait
Meanwhile Canton's winted nearly 45 minutes to meet
Edwards, who ranks second in the Sprint Cup
points standings,
"We've been here
before," Rukes said."
came about four years
ago, He's one of this, His
line was full last time,
so we met Greg Biffle
instead.



"Now is my chance. Besides the back flips, he's a real contender in there most seasons. And he's a very competitive driver. He doesn't wreck a lot so he finishes most of the races he starts." Coral Rott of Com-

Coral Rott of Commerce Township gave her Coral Rott of Commerce Township gave her Department of Township gave her Department of Township gave her Department of Township gave her dad got to meet the drivers. "I think it's really coal," said Rott whose favorite was former Roush driver Marth Martin. "My dad as big NASCAR fan and Roush Racing fan, so I brought him for Father's Day. He's in the other line, but he's in heaven right now." Bayne couldn't have timed his visit to the

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for fleets across the country.

"Everybody, especially on the racing side of our business at Roush Fenway is confident and excited about him coming off two wins in a row, and we're hoping to make it three," said Brian Carney, director of marketing for Clean Tech. "Typically, Roush CleanTech's

audience are fleet managers of North America. Those include private fleets, Fortune 500s companies, as well as public, state and local governments, as well as school districts."

districts."
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betterprises' overall marketing initiative.
"It's not as much about
your average consumer,
"It's not as much about
your average consumer,
to more about the business-to-business push,"
Carney said. "But with
that being said, many of
the fleet managers of
of the sport so we know
this will be a great way to
reach a lot of them."

wiseum in Livonia.

With Ford Racing approaching an historic 1,000th win this weekend, Roush's six drivers hope to bring home the bacon. Market was the second brothers Sprint Cup Ford Fusion.

"Michigan, being our home base, is definitely a good menu for us to do this," Carney said to do this," Carney said to do this," Carney said to the second brother with the second with the second brother the second with the second brother the second with the second brother the

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## Roth IRA's flexibility a boon with greater longevity

By Rick Bloom

Gent Columnest

Q: Dear Rick: I was reading your article in the Observer and you told the person who was in his 70s to convert his traditional Rick to a Roth Rick, 1 m 74 and have to take minimum required distributions each year. I was told I could not put that money into a Roth. If not had not you that money into a Roth. If not had any of the third with the ready of the Roth conversion. Is that correct?

A: Unfortunately, you cannot take your required minimum distribution more pin to the Roth of the Roth Conversion. Is that correct?

A: Unfortunately, you cannot take your required minimum distribution and nevest it in a Roth IRA because that money is not eligible to be converted into a Roth IRA. Only the money above and beyond your minimum required distribution is eligible for a Roth conversion. Hopefully, this will clear up



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into Roth IIRAs.
The transaction allows you
to take mone
ye that is growing tax deferred and convert it
into tax-free money. In addition, Roth IRA money is not
subject to the age 70½ rules und
distributions. Thus, an investor
has the flexibility to leave mone
y in a Roth IRA for as long as
they choose.
In today's world with life expectancy continuing to rise, the additional flexibility that a Roth IRA
provides is significant. That is
why I encourage all investors,

no matter their age, to look for opportunities to invest money into a Roth IRA. Whether it's converting traditional IRA money werting traditional IRA money was still working, investing new money into a Roth, it is something that more and more of us should take advantage of.

I believe that in this everchanging world, investors need flexibility and when you compare a Roth IRA to a traditional IRA, hands down, the Roth IRA With regard to Roth conversions, one of the issues is when to do it. In other words, does it make sense to do it at the beginning of the year, the end of the year or does it make much of a difference? I believe it makes no difference The keis the value of the portfolio.

When you convert existing IRA my not not be the IRIA my form the the IRIA my form the traditional traditions.

quence. Therefore, if you are timing when you do a Roth conversion, it is generally better to do it when the market has had a little bit of a sell off. For example, if you own shares of Apple left you converted and be better to convert Apple today because the result is that you would pay fewer taxes than if you converted a number of months ago when Apple was selling at its all-time high. As an investor, you would own the same number of shares of the same number of shares of the same to the sam

downturn, and I'm not saying we are going to the silver lining may be an opportunity to do Roth conversions. Today is Father's Day the day we set aside to honor our dads. I am extremely lucky in life that at my age! still have my more and dad with the town the say the set and particularly my dad, Mitch, a very Happy Father's Day, My dad will be 93 this year and is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and proudly served our country in the Pacific during World War, and is a veteran form World War, and will be 10 the proposed to the country of the proposed with the proposed

Rick Bloom is a fee-only finan-cial adviser. His website is www. bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, please e-mail rick@ bloomassetmanagement.com.

### **PARTISAN**

interested in politics. I can remember my mom taking me to vote with her and it was a big thing," said Cusick, who graduated from Detroit Catholic Central High School in 1999. "My family taught me that I was lucky to grow up in America."

ily faught me tout I was lucky to grow up in America."
A 2004 graduate of Notre Dame with a degree in political science and history, Cusick received a law degree from Wayne a law degree from Wayne County prosecutor's office and spent for the Wayne County prosecutor's office and spent for up years as an assistant prosecuting attorney. Currently working in the criminal division of the State Attorney General's office, cusick lives in Northville Township with

his wife, Fernanda.
As chair of the Wayne
As chair of the Wayne
Ith Congressional Disstrict Republican Committee, a group he has been
active with for the past
five years, Cusick said
the fellowship is a great
opportunity to meet people on opposite sides of
One of the strengths of
the program, he said, is
the opportunity to build
relationships with others interested in shaping
policy.
It is important to be

"It is important to be able to debate and find agreement with people with different political phi-losophies," Cusick said. The fellowship program

is "a great opportunity to get people that are inter-ested in public policy to speak their minds; we can all learn from each oth-er," he said.

As the youngest city council member ever elected in Southfield, Moss, 26, is no stranger to politics.

A lifelong Southfield resident, Moss marks the beginning of his interest in politics during the summer between kindergarten and first grade.

"At y family took a trip to Washington, D.C., because

I was interested in what was going on. When my friends were watching the Lions or the Tigers. I remember watching the 1992 presidential campaign and I was fascinated by it," he said of his deep-rooted interest. The son of Elayne and Barry Moss of Southfield, the 2004 graduate of Birningham Groves High MSU, majoring in political science and graduating with a degree in journalism. Prior to his election to city council in 2011, he was actively involved in Southfield government work-

ing in the offices of Mayor Brenda Lawrence and former State Rep. Paul Condino. He also served as Grandon He also served as Rep. Rudy Hobbs. He believes that the fellowship cultivates good relationships across party lines that in turn, helps create good policy. "If you want to go to Lansing and be a flame-thrower, then this processed, "but if you want to be a peacemaker and work together to create really good policy that requires both Democratic and Republican votes, this is where you want to be. This is where you want to be. This is what the MPLP

program is all about."
Steve Tobocman, MPLP co-director and former House Majority Floor
House Majority Floor
In this time when there is such tremendous partisanship and frustration in dealing with various issues, the MPLP provides space to train bipartisan groups of folks and give them tools to tackle the issues of the day and produce the best outcomes, "Tobocman said.





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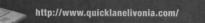






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Ladywood's Rachel Hendrickson puts down a bunt in Division 2 tournament play. The Riazers played Tecumseh in a state semifinal game Friday in Battle Creek.

## No repeat for Blazers after Indians win, 8-0

Defending champs lose to Tecumseh in Division 2 softball semifinal game

By Brad Emons

As the sun began to set early Friday might at Battle Creek's Bailey Park, so did the 2013 softball season for Livonia Ladywood.

But this time the Blazers couldn't duplicate last year's MHSAA Division 2 championship run, as Tecumseh rode the right arm of senior pitcher Emily Maves to earn a decisive 8-0 state semifinal victory.

Ladywood, which started four freshmen, ends its season with a 32-10 record, while the 32-5 Indians moved to play last year's state runner-up. Saginaw Swan Valley, which defeated Linden in the other semifinal, 5-2. Maves allowed the hot-hitting Blazers just four hits while striking out 10. "She (Maves) threw well today."

Ladywood coach Scott Combs said. "She was getting a couple of swings at the top of the strike zone, and that's what we were preaching all week I, kept saying. You can't swing at the kept saying, You can't swing at the seemed to be a little more patient and disciplined, and we didn't do that as well as we should have. We knew it, but it's hard. You see it. It's right in your eye-

balls and you want to swing at it, so that was kind of the difference." Meanwhile, Ladywood starter Roz-lyn Price was roughed up for 10 hits, including a critical bases-loaded, two-out triple by Kylie Hill in the bottom the third inning to make it 3.0. In the sixth inning, Kelsey Rendell homer over the center field fence homer over the center field fence to key a four-run outburst. Price, a ninh-grader, was coming off a two-hit, 2-0 quarterfinal shutout of St. Clair, but the Indians put runners on base in every inning in the semifinal.

nal.
"She didn't look anything close to what she looked like Tuesday," Combs said of his starter. "And that's just the two out of three you get with some-body learning how to pitch at this lev-

ei. "She's a great kid. I told her afterwards, and the team agrees, there's no way in the world we get this far without Roz. So she's the person that carried us here and did a great job as a freshman."

ried us here and did a great job as a freshman."
Hill's third-inning triple eluded the outstretched grasp of Ladywood center fielder Christina Meyer:
"That was a great play to dive and make a (ESPN) Sports Center catch

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## Cougars fall short in state semi, 1-0

BC Western's sacrifice fly in bottom of the seventh inning decides game

Suffwire

Garden City's softball team entered Friday aftermoon's Division
I semfinal game against
No. 3-ranked Bay City
Western unranked and
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them to an unexpected
post-season run to Battle
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and a half innings before
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and a half innings before dropping a tension-packed, 1-0 decision. Western scored the game's lone run when Kelsie Popp, who led off the bottom of the seventh with a line-shot double up the left-center field gap, scored on Hannah Batschke's sacrifice fly to left field. Popp had advanced

left field.
Popp had advanced
to third on the Cougars'
lone error of the afternoon when a low throw
on a bunt allowed speedy
Ashtyn Decatur to reach

First.
Western starting pitcher-Hannah Leppek
blanked the Cougars on one hit while striking out eight. Ten more of the Cougars' outs idin't leave the infield.
GC starting pitcher Rachel Bommarito was equally effective, tossing a four-hitter. The junior striking of the couple of the

Please see COUGARS, B4

### Scholar athletes

Four Observerland residents are among the 514 student-athletes recognized as letter recognize

## Sting blanks Rams, 2-0

A.J. Susick threw a seven-hit, complete gaven-hit, complete gaven-hit, complete gaven-hit, complete gaven hit, complete gaven hit, complete gaven hit, complete gaven wednesday over the Michigan Rams at Aubum Hills Avondale High School.

Susick struck out seven and did not allow a walk in seven and did not allow a walk in seven three hits and two walks in five innings. He outdueled Rams starter Donnie Eaton, who gave up two runs three hits and two walks in five innings. Eaton struck out eight before giving way to Jake Balick in the sixth. Tyler Vaughan's two-run single in the bottom of the first inning proved to be the difference as the Sting evened its LCBL record.



## Gold medalist wins at lifting, life "I always had the mindset I never wanted any disease or anything to define me or limit me," Ellis said. "Fortunately, I've been able to overcome every setback I've had."

Jeff Ellis beats cancer to win sixth Senior Olympics title

By Dan O'Meara

Jeff Ellis is a champion in more ways than one. For starters, he recently won his sixth gold medal in the sport of power lifting in the Michigan Senior Olympics. Furthermore, he set a record in the 50-59 age group and 198-pound weight class June 3 at the Rochester Athletic Club with a bench press of 315 pounds. But the former longtime Farm-



MICHIGAN SENOR O Jeff Ellis, 54, overcame colon cancer to win his sixth gold medal as a power lifter in the Michigan Senior Olympics.

ington Hills resident had a more important victory in the game of life when he beat colon can-

cer three years ago. It was one he didn't exactly celebrate but for which he could be thankful.

to overcome every setback I've had, "54-year-old CPA started lift," 54-year-old CPA started lift, and welgt in his late trens, and be later became a member of the Michigan State University power lifting team. It was a club sport at the time, but Ellis won an intercollegiate championship as a senior. As he neared age 50, he learned power lifting was one of the sports in the Michigan State of the sports of

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### Chiefs' 2014 captains set

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## Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 16, 2013 **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

### Golf open house

PGA professional Tami Bealert will have a golf open house from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 22, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, 3625 Napier Road, Superi-or Township. The event includes golf games, con-test, prizes, free hot dogs and watermel-

For more information, visit www. TrainWithTami.com; or call (734) 927-3265.

Coaching jobs

Livonia Ladywood High School has
coaching vacancies for a girls varsity pom pon and varsity swimming for
the fall 2013 season, along with a girls
freshman basketball coach for the 2013.
Those interested should fax a resume
Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek
at (734) 591-2386.
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assistant varsity swim coach Mail or
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Athletic Director, Mercy High School,
2930 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills,
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ki@mhsmi.org.
• Farmington High School is look-ing for an assistant junior varsity foot ball coach. Potential coaches should contact head coach John Bechtel at jbech12345@aol.com.

### Adult golfers

Adult golfers
PGA golf professional Tami Bealer will
offer a series of summer adult golf classform a series of summer adult golf classNapier Road, Superior Township.
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### **GOLD MEDAL**

But he was a dealt setback in 2010 when the cancer was discovered a potentially life-threatening situation.

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Those process were the care that prospect must he life and spared him from having to undergo chemotherapy or radiation treatment and a protracted battle with the tiesage.

Ellis hopes his story will be an inspiration and a lesson for others to heed medical advice that reconstitution of the care that the care that the care that the consideration of the care that the care tha

## Back on his feet Ellis was told he would be in the hospital 10 days and off work for six weeks. He was out in three and a half days,

"I've been lifting since I was 17 years old. It's been a big part of my life and a way of life for me."

JEFF ELLIS

and he was working from home six days after the surgery. He returned to the office on the 11th day. "The only reason it was 11 days was my wife (Lori) refused to drive me to work any sooner," he said.

said.
Ellis, who was working out on the elliptical machine three weeks later, said his doctor attributed his quick recovery to his obsession with exer-

"It yr to lift weights twice a week and do my cardio program four times a week, and I've been doing that pretty to consistently my entire dutil I've to the consistent of the



beating the pre-surgery best and what I accom-plished."

Personal records
The 5-foot-10, 195-pound
Ellis broke his own MSO
record of 295 pounds with
beat is 400, which he did
when he was 27.
His lifting is limited to
the bench press now, His
personal bests are 515 for
the deadlift and 420 for
the squat. Both of those
records were achieved in
his college daing, since
I was 17 years old, "Ellis
said, "If's been a big part
of my life and a way of
life for me.
"At this point, my back
probably couldn't take the
other lifts, Those I had to
give up in my mid 20c,
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## Observerland girls earn track & field honors





















































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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPH wood's Rachel Hendrickson puts the bat on the ball

or four weeks for us,"
Nowak said of his acc.
"She was on fire. She only
missed four or five pitched to the state of the state of the state
ocuple of strong hitters.
Four hits tonight and a
couple of strong hitters.
Four hits tonight and a
couple of hard shots, but
we made the plays."
Ladywood senior third
baseman Celeste Fidee,
bound for the Understy
of the Blazers' four hits
and also sparkled defensively.

She is only one of two
graduating seniors, along
with starting first baseman Andria Giell. The
two semiors helped Ladywood reach three Final
two semiors helped Ladywood reach
"They both started
for four years," Combs
said. "They've both
been captains for two.
They're just true leaders. They're great practice kids. They're great
kids, they stay out of
grades. They're what
every parent would want.
They're just tremendous
role models for all these
young gifls."

young girls."
But the future looks
bright as 16 of 18 Ladywood roster players are
slated to return next sea-

### **LADYWOOD**

with two outs and bases loaded, "Combs said." I'll ust silpped a little bit game-changer, I'll ust silpped a little bit game-changer, I think, because if we make that catch, we come in with momentum. I thought we were putting the ball in play and maybe we can get a bunt down, then something would happen, a game of inches." The comment of the something would happen a game of inches." The curse had added another run in the fifth, when Kelsea Kaliszuk de off with a single followed by a Ladywood error, a sacrifice bunt, walk and control sandler searchiec bunt by a Ladywood error, a sacrifice bunt, walk and sandler searchiec bunt by a Ladywood error, a sacrifice bunt, walk and search was a sacrifice bunt, walk and the sandler searcher bunt, walk and the sandler searcher bunt to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field spould and the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field spould and war in the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field spould and the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field spould and the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field spould and the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field was a search of the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field with the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field with the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field with the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field with the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field with the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in center field with the sixth the sixth the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark in the sixth to make it 5-0, and Rendell's bomb over the 205-foot mark

slated to return next sea-son.
"If you had told me a hundred days ago that we'd be able to get back here, I wouldn't have beheved it," Combs said. We had a lot to learn, a lot to over. Testlimen, we were able to teach them how we do things, and we wore but to the proper of the said we have two people out of 18. So we hope the scale keeps going up." (313) 222-6851



Ladywood pitcher Rozlyn Price delivers to the plate while first baseman Andria Gietl gets ready to make a play.

### SUMMER CAMPS

### Patriot football

The Franklin Football
Future Patriots camp
will be from 9-11:30 am.
(Session 1, grades onesix) and 12:30-3 p.m.
(Session 2, grades sevennine) Saturday, June 15,
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Joy Road, Livonia.
The cost is \$25 per session.

sion.
For more information, e-mail Franklin varsity coach Chris Kelbert at ckelbert@livoniapublic-schools.org.

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football camps starting
with juniors and seniors
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about registration and
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email hardini@wwcsd.
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## COUGARS

pitched an outstanding game. She gave us a chance. The only ball they hit really well all day happend of all they hit really well all day happend of the the seventh inning."

The Cougars put runners on first and second in the top of the first when, with two outs, Abby Joseph singled and the day all they are the are they are the are the are the are the

gems were turned in by right fielder Madis have the son Brewer, who went have to make a construction of the son Brewer and the



online at hometownlife.com

Garden City's Rachel Bommarito delivers the final pitch of the game — a sacrifice fly that scored Kelsie Popp (seen



Garden City fans show their Railey Park in Rattle Creek

## Plymouth golfers 2nd after Day 1

By Tim Smith

Forest Akers West Golf Course at Michigan State University might have been "all west" Friday for the opening day of the Division I boys golf finals.

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"But if it's wet again, then it's going to be wet conditions for every team in the state.
"I really liked the way our guys handled the course conditions today. It was not an easy day to play. I know they had to alter their approach to their entire short game and they did it with great composure, which is why we stand right now with a chance to win. Also strong for the Wildcats was junior John Tatti, third overall with a l-over 73 out of Plymouth's No. 4 spot in the lineup, was so ready to play." Brandon said. "The thing I noticed most about Tatti today was he had a blast out there.
"He had a smile and he was loose. He didn't let any pressure get to him. He had his best round of the year."

year."
Other Plymouth scorers included junior Chris Kozler (78), junior Evan Chipman (79) and senior Ryan Rieckhoff (83).

According to Brandon, the sog-gy course conditions forced golfers to sink long puts in order to stay close to the top of the leader board. 'His (Rodes) putter saved him today on numerous occasions and was sawking wel; 'Brandon noted. 'They had a lot of rain go through East Lansing yesterday, and it was very difficult to chip along the greens.

wery uniffect to chip along up greens.

"All guys had to make (long) puts today if they were going to manage their scores and stay around par."

Canton sophomore Donnie Trosper led the Chiefs with a 77. Finishing with an 83 was junior Brent Perry.

ishing with an 83 was junior Brent Perry.
Also finishing Day 1 for the Chiefs were Noah Lindlbauer and Tyler McMahan (86 each) and senior Alex Champagne (88). Among individual qualifiers was Livonia Churchill's Alec Kondrath, with an 86.

### **GIRLS TRACK & FIELD BESTS**

SHOT PUT
Chebsea Swage (Harrison) 42-8
Iaron Howell (Farmingtion) 37-1
Kyla Roland Harrison) 36-10
Ionne Johnson (Piymouth) 36-8.5
Kaylon Brown (Harrison) 36-4
Amber Warren (Canton) 36-3
Ougy Nichols (Wayne) 36-0.1
Emily Mere (Canton) 39-92.5
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Emily Mere (Canton) 39-92.5
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Coly Mexinkov (Stevenson) 25-1.25

Emily Norosa (Churchill) 13-1.05

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Shara Long (Salem) 121-10

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## Couple fills 'rescued' yard with old-fashioned flowers

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Patty Malcolm hopes to send a message about historic preservation with the flowers that bloom, the vines that grow and the quaint buildings — including a chicken coop — that grace the backyard at "Pumpkin HIII," a 1844 house in Plymouth. When she and her husband, Mark, the property owners, and her mother, Golda Walk, and the mother, Golda Walk, and the mother, Golda Walk, and the mother, Golda Walk of the property owners, and her mother, Golda Walk, and the mother of the property of the pro



## FLOWERS ARE FOREVER GARDEN WALK

When: Noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 Where: Plymouth Details: See several gardens, enjoy refreshments, no stroll-ers permitted Tickets: 36 for adults before the event; 510 day of the walk. Children, 12 and under the walk. Children, 12 and under the walk. Voungsters carried in arms are admitted at no charge Buy tickets: Saxtons Power Equipment, S87 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 453-625; Baskyard Birds, 627 5, Main, (734) 416-0600; Sideways, 505 Forest, (734) 453-8312; Darlene Rinke, (734) 455-6867



sters Patty Malcolm, Martha Lisowski, and Mom Golda Walker (ce er) do much of the yard work at Pumpkin Hill.

"I was horrified," Malcolm said "All the builders wanted that lot We bought it to save it because I always lowed that house. Fue always lowed everything old. I grew up in an old house. "L'eva laways had a passion for old architecture." They refurbished, renovated and decorated the house over the next three years, landscaped the yard two years ago and add-Vaitors to the garden, one of several on the Flowers Are Forsett on the Flowers Are Forsett of the same properties.

ever tour, Thesday, June 25, will get a graphic reminder of just how different the site look today.

To lew up pictures of the "before' yard," Malcolm said.

"There were lawn mowers lost in the grass, washing machines cars on blocks, grass up to the shoulders. I look at pictures now and 1 know why people thought we were crazy for but ing it."

## Ponds, hostas, flowers turn Livonia back yard into a retreat

Bruce and Debie
Modet have never met a
home improvement project they didn't like.
Since moving into their
current residence 26
years ago, the couple has
remodeled their ranchstyle home — it was on
the Livonia Christmas
Walk last year—and saleyard into a spectacular
garden retract, complete
with two ponds, a waterfall, patio, and mix of
conifers, hostas and flowers.

There is always something going on," said Bruce Modet. "Tim never done. My front yard isn't much to look at. We're in the process of tearing shrubs out. Our backyard has been looking nice for about the last I Oyears. We love our back yard. So does the Friends of Greenmend, which es for its samul garden walk. Janet Bennett, who coordinates the annual event, set for Saturday, June 22, describes the Modetz garden as "exquisite."



open his garden to the public.

'He was a big volunteer Greenmead. He was a

### LIVONIA GARDEN WALK

at: Presented by Friends of Greenmead en: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 22

When: I to am. s pm. saturday, June 22 Whene: Elvoin Details: Visit six gardens, including one that is a wildlife habitat, and support Greenmead, Livonia's historical village. Proceeds from the event benefit the renovation of Hill House, an 1841 farmhouse Tickets: 59 before the walk and 510 the day of the walk Buy tickets: Greenmead Historical Village, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh; Civic Center Library, 32707 Five Mille; Alfred Nobel Branch Library, 32910 Pymouth Road; and Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile; in advance. On the day of the event, Lickets will be available at Greenmead and at the Civic Center Library

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The inviting patio of Pumpkin Hill in Plymouth

### PLYMOUTH

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Transformation
The Malcolms replaced the bight with old-fash-toned perennials for a "farmhouse look", low-ing, near plant beds with rock borders, and a brick paver patio that's per fect for outdoor lounging. The shed, chicken coop and some of the objects they found in the over-grown grass six years ago, accent the plants. Antique curs from Walker's former home over-flow with annuals been a Theorem's former home over-flow with annuals. The process has been a Malcolm and her sister, Martha Lisowski, adding ammals this year. Mark Malcolm mad her sister, Martha Lisowski, adding and maintaining the landscape plan, and Walker removing fadde blossoms. A neighbor plans to lend the Malcolms several pots of flowers to add more color to the yard during the tour, another friend has offered sweet friend has offered sweet.



Antique urn comes from Mom, Golda Walker's home in Tawas.

pea plants.
"My mom is in the family room a lot, looking out the window. What she is looking at is extremely important. It's important that where she's sitting in the house, she has a view of beautiful things... something that my mom can enjoy."

something that my mom can enjoy."

Tour visitors can expect to see larkspur, roses, fox-glove, phlox, bee balm, delphinium, sweet pea, as well as annuals like petu-nias. Look for a pumpkin vine near the garage.



A waterfall and statuary grace one of two ponds at the



The gate at the Modetz home in Livonia offers a cleabout the aquatic residents in two backyard pools.

## Take a garden tour

Here's a sampling of other area garden walks:

\*See eight gardens during the Wayne Garden Walk, 9
a.m.3 pm. Saturday, June 22. Vendors and a white elephant sale will be included. Tickets are 85 before the event and \$10 on the day of the walk. Call (734) 721-8232 for more information.

\*The Southfield Parks & Garden Club will hold its seventh annual Garden Walk from 25 pm., Sunday, June 23. The walk will feature 20 yards in the Mt. Vennon Institute 12 Mile). Virginia and Paul Revers stress: Tickets are \$10 and are available the day of the event. The garden walk starts at the Stevenson Elementary School, 2777 Llahser, Southfield Two shuttle buses will make a continuous loop through the neighborhoods. Yards on display are clustered in eight areas.

\*Garden City Garden Club's walk runs 10 a.m.4 p.m. Saturday, June 29. Tickets for this 19th annual event are \$8, available from Barson's Greenhouse, 6114 Merriman, Westland, gegc. weebly.com.

### LIVONIA Continued from page B5

adjacent decks
"They know from the
sound and the pressure," he
said, adding that they?!!
come to the surface with
mouths open when he or o
Pebbie approaches.
"They lowe watermelon.
We feed them watermelon.
We feed them watermelon
in the summer. We give
them frozen peas, oranges
cut in half."
Modetz, an accountant
who is in "semi-retirement," and his wife, a
Hospital, both also enjoy
working with the plants in
their back yard.
"It's a sea of flowers
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### Crohn's & Colitis Foundation



Fritzi Rott (left) of Farmington Hills; Walter Schram, Crohn's & Colitis Founda-tion past board president. Jodi Schram of Bloomfield Hills; and Kim Schram of West Bloomfield einjoy the sixth annual Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America Michigan Chapter luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club. Style was right on par with polf at the event. Sals fifth Avenue, an annual partner and sponsor of the benefit, presented an elaborate and enticing summer trends fashion show led by Cheryl Hall Lindsay. Sals marketing director.

### REUNIONS

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50th reunion will be held Sept. 28.
Contact Kathy (Toth) Hay at khay@
reinhardrealtors.com or Dianna
(Basnaw) McDaniel at djmcdaniel45@comcast.net.

iel49@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1973

40th reunion will be held Sept.
28. Send inquiries to BellevilleMi1973.40@comcast.net or call
Laura (Kingsley) Delsh at (734) 4852744 or Sterling at (734) 265-6132.

DETROIT CENTRAL CLASS OF 1953
The class will celebrate its 60th reunion at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at 61en Oaks Country Club, 13 Mile at 0rchard Lake Road, in Farming-ton Hills. For more information all Bernice Nedelman Betman at (248) 737-5773 or Marcia Susman King at (248) 661-3422.

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### DETROIT CODY CLASS OF 1963

The 50th reunion is set for Friday, Aug. 16, at The Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets are \$40. Contact Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, Jmarsares@sbcglobal.net, or Phil Varilone at (313) 562-3579, Pvarilone@wowway.com

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Annual picnic, 11 an. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18, at Edward Hines Park, Nankin Mills Pawilion, at Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive, will include music, did and the brive, will include music, dogs, chips, bottled water, baseball hats, T-shirts, tassels, and more. Special parking will be available for classic cars along with plenty of parking that is the control of the con

562-3579, pvarilone@wowway. com or Jerry Marszalek at (313) 532-0134, jmarsares@sbcglobal. net.

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Kathleen Hannon walks with a commu-y member at Botsford Hospital's monthly alth program held at Heritage Park in mington Hills. Hannon will talk about eventative health at the next "Walk with oc" on June 20.

WALK WITH A DOC

Dr. Kathleen Hannon, a family physician, and
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BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hopsital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Luvonia. Call (724) 655-1100, or visit www. stmarymercy.org.

## Weight loss group lists top summer drinks

Watching your weight doesn't have to sentence you to a life of water and died drinks. You can still with the sentence you to a life of water and died drinks. You can still without a lot of extra sugar and calories Quench your thirs with these tasty suggestions from TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization. In Add orange, lemon, or Ladd orange, lemon, or Ladd orange, lemon, or Ladd orange in the support of the control of the control



TOPS Club Inc., founded more than 65 years ago, promotes successful weight management with a 'Real People Real Weight Loss' philosophy that combines support from othe at weekly chapter meetings, healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information.

low-sodium tomato juice on ice and mix with a teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce and a few dashes of sauce and a few dashes of sauce and a few dashes of how spicy you want your drink). Add a celery stalk and a couple of green olives if you'd like.

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healthy eating, regular exercise, and wellness information. TOPS has approximately 150,000 members, both male and female, from age 7 and older, in nearly 9,000 chapters throughout the United States and Can-ada

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Or. Edge Q: What exactly is dementia and how do you recognize it?

A: Dementia is a loss of certain mental abilities that most commonly occurs later in life. Of all persons over age 65, 5-8% are affected by dementia. This percentage increases considerably with age. At age 85 and older, 25-50% of people will be affected. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, and accounts for 50-57% of all cases, with another 20-30% due to blood vessel diseases such as "mini-strokes".

30% due to blood vessel diseases such as "mini-strokes". People affected by dementia will occasionally notice the first signs, but often, family or friends initially detect the problem. Typical early symptoms include memory loss and difficulty performing complex tasks. A person may mislay items, become lost while driving, get confused in the middle of a conversation, and lose prior abilities such as balancing a checkbook. As the condition progresses, the deficits become more pronounced and interfere further with daily activities. If you have a loved one who's been diagnosed with dementia it's important to learn as much as you can about their condition and develop a plan of action for dealing with it as it progresses. Secure a power of attorney with a trusted family member who can step in when needed.

How can I better care for a loved one with dementia?

How can I better care for a loved one with dementia? Because of the intensity of care that may be required, it is often difficult for even the most loving of families to provide all the "around the clock" care that may be needed. If friends or family wish to provide these services, it is very important for them to be aware not only of their loved one's needs, but also of their own. It is not uncommon for a spouse or children to feel they have an impossible choice between being utterly overwhelmed, if they try to provide all the care, or feeling they have betrayed their relative by placing them in an assisted living facility. This often leads to an exhausted care provider. It is important to use all the resources that are available when caring for a person with dementia. Engage family members and friends to share responsibilities and investigate local community assistance groups. Consider bringing in a professional in-home caregiver, who can help with daily routines, and is trained for handling this exact situation. For their safety, at some point you may have to move a dementia patient to a complete care facility.

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## **Eight professions with** surprising paychecks

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preconception of what workers
in certain fields earn, such as
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and lawyers have high in-comes. However, not every job earns the high -- or low -- pay you may expect. Here are eight professions with annual wages

### 1. Air traffic controller\* 2010 median pay: \$108,040

2010 median pays \$108,040 What they do: Air traffic controllers coordinate the moyement of air traffic to ensure that planesstays affects are sometiment. Why the surprise: While the excitement may be on the planes with the pilots and flight attendants, the big salaries are in the air traffic control towers. Airline and commercial pilots get paid \$92,060 annually, and flight attendants make \$37,740, though the coordination, organization and attention to detail needed by air traffic controllers give them a major pay bump. major pay bump

### 2. Announcer

2010 median pay: \$27,010

What they do: Announcers present music, news and sports and may provide commentary or interview guests about these topics or other important events. Some act as a master of ceremonies or DIS at weddings, parties or other weddings, parties or clubs.

Whythe surprise: Celebrity announcers and emcees may have the coveted paychecks, but theirs are usually due in part to their celebrity status. Events and parties often require announcers, no matter the size, and the paycheck tends to get biggeras your talent and noto-riety arms.

## 3. Legislator 2010 median pay: \$19,260

2010 median pay; 519,260
What they do: Legislators are elected officials who
develop laws for the federal government or for local or state governments,
Why the surprise: Legislators
and politicians often have a
reputation for being wealthy,
though this median pay would
suggest otherwise. While each
state has its own standard for
paying its legislators, many
lower salaries are supplemented with a per diem, meaning
they are given an allowance for
daily expenses.

### 4. Model

2010 median pay: \$32,920

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What they do: Models pose for artists, photographers or customers to help advertise a variety of products, including clothing, cosmetics, food and appliances. Why the surprise TV and magazines would have us believe otherwise, but working as a model doesn't necessarily come with free travel opportunities and six-figure paychecks, per photoshoot. Many models work part time and most experience periods of unemployment. This role requires spending a con-

siderable amount of time on self-promotion by putting to-gether and maintaining portfo-lios, printing composite cards and traveling to meet potential

## 5. Multimedia artist and

2010 median pay: \$58,510

What they do: Multimedia artists and aimiantors create animation and visual effects for television, movies, video games and other media. They create two- and three-dimensional models and animation. Why the surprise: Multimedia artists are most often hired by the motion picture and video industries, followed by software publishers, computer systems design and related services and advertising, public relations and related services industries. While these industries may be known for big budgets, the Hollywood-worthy salaries usually go to on-camera stars. Also, the pay may be a surprise considering that 59 percent of multimedia artists and animators are self-employed. employed.

2010 median pay: \$111,570

2010 median pays 3111,770
What they do: Pharmacists
dispense prescription medi-cations to patients and of-fer advice on their safe use.
Why the surprise: Education levels often make a big differ-ence in job responsibilities and paychecks. Pharmacists require a doctoral degree and can make six-figures, while pharmacy technicians, who help licensed

pharmacists dispense prescription medication, require a high school diploma or equivalent and make \$28,400.

### 7. Political scientist 2010 median pay: \$107,420

2010 median pay: \$107,420

What they do: Political scientists study the origin, development and operation of political systems. They research political ideas and analyze the structure and operation of governments, political science background become professors and teachers. Why the surprise: While the subject matter may differ, sociologists, who study society and social behavior by examining the groups, cultures, organizations, social institutions and processes that people develop processes that people develop. tions, social institutions and processes that people develop, also often become professors and teachers. Yet they don't see the six-figure paycheck of political scientists, making a notably lower \$72,360 a year.

### 8. Technical writer

2010 median pay: \$63,280

What they do: Technical

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writers, also called technical communicators, produce instruction manuals and other supporting documents to communicate complex and technical information more easily. They also develop, gather and disseminate technical information information more technical information. mation among customers, de-signers and manufacturers. Whythe surprise: When it comes to salaries for writing jobs, technical writers are at the top of the food chain, earning al-most \$10,000 more than other writers and almost twice as much as reporters. Editors earn a median pay of \$51,470, writ-ers and authors make \$55,420, and reporters, correspondents and broadcast news analysts make \$36,000.

\*All median annual pay fig-ures and job descriptions are from the Bureau of Labor Sta-tistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook.

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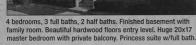
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