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The vending machines at Salem High School won't have any regular pop after an agreement between the soft-drink companies not to provide sugary drinks to high

Agreement pops district's budget

Decision to drop soda could put crimp in schools' revenue

Salem High School junior Kelly Beach says if she can't have her morning caffeine, then don't expect her to be wide awake in class.

"I buy Mountain Dew and Sprite ... and if they take that away from me, I'm going to fall asleep ... I've done it before," said Beach. "The caffeine in it keeps me awake."

Beach, and fellow students,

will have to find another way of Schweppes PLC and the getting their morning boost of American Beverage Association with Plymouth-Canton schools energy after the nation's largest soda companies agreed to stop selling soft drinks in elementary and middle schools, and limit soda sales in high schools to diet drinks.

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a collaboration between former President Bill Clinton's foundation and the American Heart Association, brokered a deal with Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc., Cadbury

for the companies to stop selling most sodas in schools.

BIG SELLER

Nationwide, soda accounts for nearly half of all drinks sold in schools, and is being blamed in part for causing obesity in children and contributing to the increase of some diseases, including diabetes.

The deal means the beverage companies - including

Coca-Cola's exclusive contract

- will only sell water, juice, tea and low-calorie drinks in the elementary and middle schools, while offering only diet pop in the high schools.

"I think that's great," said school board trustee Joanne Lamar. "The more water we put in the machines, the better off we are."

Lamar, a registered nurse, has

PLEASE SEE POP, A6



Patrick and Deborah Lawless can give many reasons why it makes sense to use their service, Premier Pet Care Services in

Local company provides a solution for poo-lution

You've probably heard the old saying: It's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it. Well, if ever there was a job that fit the description, it is picking up doggiedoo. You won't hear many people claiming to enjoy the task. Fortunately, for the thousands of dog owners in the area, there are companies out there that do it, including the Canton-based Premier Pet Care

Owners Pat and Debbie Lawless, who have lived in Canton for 19 years of their 20 years of marriage, started the company about a year ago, but really got

'My parents thought we were crazy. My mother said, 'What are you

doing?" Debbie Lawless Premier Pet Care Services

things off the ground last fall. Since that time, they've heard all the

jokes. Debbie can't even recall how many times friends and neighbors have told her they could never do such a job.

"My parents thought we were crazy. My mother said, 'What are you doing,'

she said. But Pat, who works as a baggage handler for

Northwest Airlines, said any job is a good job if people are willing to pay for it. Besides, there is a perfectly good reason for people

to employ their services, especially pet owners who often don't get to picking up after their dogs on a According to Debbie, "dog feces is more than just a

nuisance, it can pose a serious health hazard. Most dog owners don't consider the impact dog waste can have on their family's health, their dog's health or the environment." According to the Southeast Michigan Council of

Governments (SEMCOG), unattended pet waste is a major contributor of pollution in local rivers, streams and lakes, because it is absorbed into the ground during rain events and then gets into the ground water, which discharges into local waterways. SEMCOG estimates there are 700,000 dogs in the seven counties of southeast Michigan.

According to Pat, the idea sprang out of the fact that they wanted to create a company in which they could involve their 16-year-old son, Cristian, who is

"We're hoping this is something he can do in the future, and take over with a little help so he doesn't

have to go off and get a job," he said.

We also offer dog walking services, and he has always loved dogs."

Premier Pet Care Services provides pet waste removal in western Wayne, eastern Washtenaw and southwest Oakland counties.

The company's services start at just \$10 per week per one dog for an average size yard.

For more information about the company or an estimate, call (734) 981-1998, or visit the Web site www.premierpetcare.net.

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DDA unveils 'windshield art' cast for Ford Road

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Vera Wrosch sat with her hands in her lap, quietly waiting for artist Ken Thompson to pull the blue fabric from the miniature sculpture. She listened to speakers for more than an hour, and watched the slide show of Thompson's collection of work. And she waited. And when the sculpture was finally unveiled, it was what she had hoped it would

"I love it. I just love it," Wrosch said.

Wrosch was one of dozens of Canton residents who attended the Thursday meeting at the Summit on Canton's public art projects. The miniature sculpture is a

mock-up of a piece of modern art planned to be erected at Canton Center and Ford, in front of the TCF Bank build-

ing.
"These folks are progressive," Thompson said of his observations when he first visited Canton to get a feel for the community and its people. "They know there's something more than just working eight hours a day.'

Thompson said he tried to capture Canton's newness, its transience and the feeling that the township is always under construction.

"It doesn't look like you folks will ever finish," Thompson said, adding that the "under construction" feel will probably always be part of Canton, because it's a community which evolves.

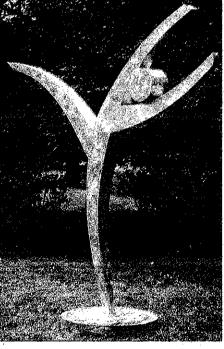
Designing the sculpture had some special challenges. Because of its location at a busy intersection, Thompson called it "windshield art, because that's how everyone will see it - through the windshield." But it is also a challenge because the intersection has existing architecture, and so while the sculpture must be big enough to be seen, it also should be somewhat transparent, he said.

So the sculpture incorporates an arch design.

The full-size sculpture, which is in the 2006 Downtown Development Authority budget (the line item allows for as much as \$50,000 to be spent on the artwork), would be 20 feet high, and 30 feet long, made of stainless steel tubing and Corten steel, which corrodes for a year and turns rusty brown before sealing itself.

It would weigh about 3,000 pounds, unless you count the limestone pillars which help support it, and those would add up to

PLEASE SEE ART, A7



Joyful Dancer by artist Jim Havens will be one of eight temporary sculptures placed along the Ford Road DDA this year.

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Salem student honored

Pridvi Kandagatla, a student at Salem High School, was recently selected as Youth of the Year by the Michigan District Exchange Clubs. He was also the Exchange Club of Canton's entry for the Youth of the Year is the winner of the Michigan District. He received \$800 from the local club and now will receive \$1000 plus a plaque from the Michigan District. He will receive the state honor at a luncheon held at the Lansing Sheraton on June 3 during the 87th Annual Convention of the Michigan District Exchange Clubs. Prividi now qualifies for the opportunity to win the National Exchange Club scholarship of \$10,000.

Color district meeting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, along with the Downtown Development Authority, is offering an informational meeting regarding Canton Color Districts. The meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. All Canton Business are invited to attend. At this meeting, there will be

discussion about the chamber and DDA's partnership in promoting Canton's Ford Road retail corridor. Other topics that will be covered are Canton's summer events including the public art exhibit, the Liberty Fest parade, the summer jazz concert series, and the grand opening of IKEA, which is scheduled for June 7. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

Homeowners Advisory Council

The Canton Homeowners
Advisory Council at 7 p.m. on
May 8, in the lower level of
Canton Township
Administration Building. Ron
DuPrey of Kramer-Triad
Management will be the guest
speaker. Topics will be insurance and contracting. Mr.
Duprey has a wealth of valuable information for condo and
homeowners and will answer
questions as time permits.

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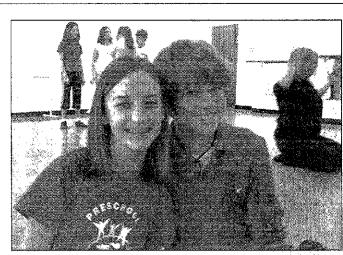
The 2006 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, set for June 10 at Comerica Park, is a 5K competitive Run, 5K noncompetitive Walk, and 1-Mile Walk that attracts participants of all ages and athletic abilities. Its purpose is to educate and build positive awareness about breast cancer and the importance of good breast health. The event celebrates those who have survived the disease, and takes time to remember those who have not. The race raises significant funds for local screening, treatment, and education programs and for research grants awarded throughout the nation by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Since the first local race in 1992, the Komen Detroit Race has raised more than \$9.4 million.

Canton Township employees are forming a team, the Canton Cure-ators, to participate in this year's Race.

Join Canton Cure-ators and be a part of this event at Comerica Park starting at 8 a.m. For more information about the event, visit www.karmanos.org/detroitraceforthecure, or to join the Canton Cure-ators, contact Pam Popejoy at (734) 394-5126 or ppopejoy@canton-mi.org for more information about joining our team. Deadline for registration is mid-May.

MHS program

The Michigan Humane



Peter Pan

Canton Youth Theater presents 'Peter Pan,' the show about a boy who wouldn't grow up, with 14-year-olds Molly Wallacae of Plymouth and Mike Petrillo of Commerce Township sharing the title role at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Two separate casts comprised of some 90 kids ages 6-18 who will perform over two weekends, Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 28. Evening shows 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; Saturday matinee is at 2 p.m., and Sunday matinee is at 3 p.m. All seats are \$12, and may be purchased by phone at (734) 394-5460, in person at the Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway, Canton), or one hour pre-show at the Village Theater (50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton). For more information, call Ever After Productions at (734) 751-4887.

Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties now through May 31.

The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provided proof if financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs, at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance WIC program and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-1415.

Chamber breakfast

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its government relations breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday May 19, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. The cost for breakfast is \$7 per person, which includes a full buffet breakfast, beverages, guest speaker presentation, and roundtable discussion.

The breakfast will feature guest speakers from the township who will discuss current road construction planned for this summer. In addition, guest speakers will cover the community events planned for spring and summer 2006.

Following the speaker presentations, guests are invited to remain for the roundtable sessions, which feature special interest groups such as Canton Public Safety, as well as government officials. The roundtables are an excellent opportunity for guests to speak one-on-one with local officials regarding hot topics in the community. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

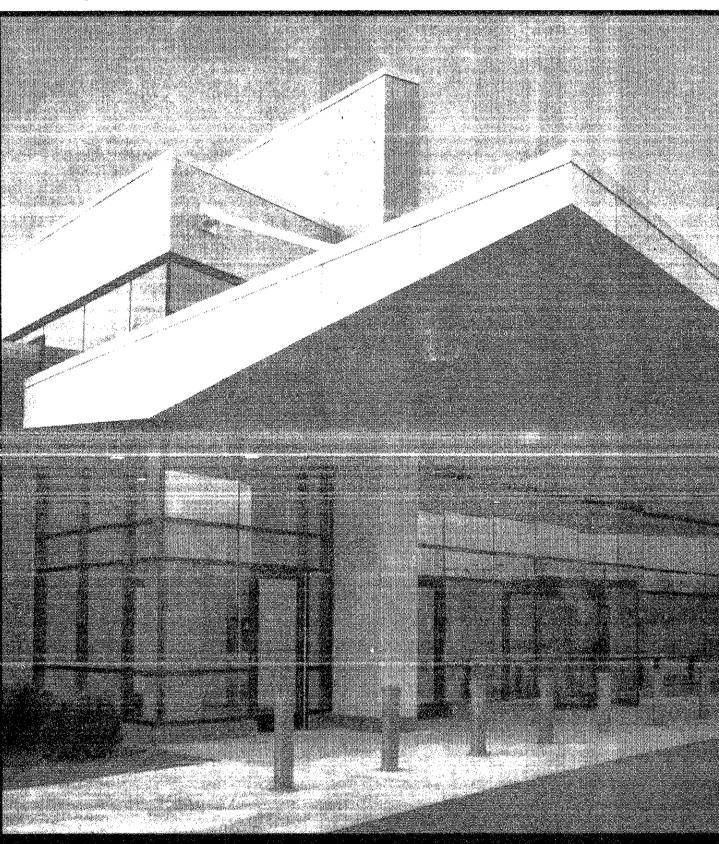
Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony is offering a special on entertainment books as part of its annual fund-raiser.

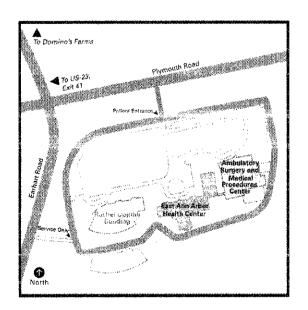
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The 2006 book can be picked up now at the Plymouth Symphony office, next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth, or call (734) 451-2112 or Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2007 Entertainment Book will be available in August.

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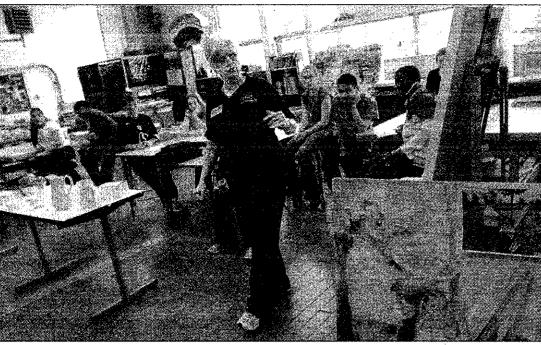
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Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Art Studios in Canton, demonstrates oil painting while talking about her career as an artist during career day at East Middle School Friday.

Students get chance to browse careers

East career day gives kids glimpse at future

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

From chief financial officer, to funeral director, to FBI agent, to CNN producer, seventh-graders at East Middle School received a glimpse of more than two dozen career possibilities at the school's fourth-annual Career Day.

"I thought the FBI was kinda cool," said Ashley Cade, 13, of Canton Township. "I liked they got to chase people across the country and bust people for drugs.

Cade said teaching has interested her, but it's still too early to tell.

However, East counselor Sheila Weber said seventh grade isn't too early to begin making inquiries for a possible career choice.

"Many of the electives they will take in high school will be based on what their career and personal interests are," said Weber. "These kids will get a



East Middle School student Alexis Wagar listens to Sharon Lee Dillenbeck's presentation during the school's career day event Friday.

say on what electives they want to take, so it's never too early to think about it.' Kara Booms of Canton said a

reporting career could be in her future.

"I've always wanted to be a reporter because I like to write," said Booms, 13. "I just think it would be really exciting to have people read what you have to say."

Booms said her first step will be to attend college before embarking on a career.

"Education is really important, it can take you really far in life," Booms said.

Taylor Anderson, 13, of Canton, said he'd like to teach culture and social studies some day. However, he was interested in the presentation by Enrico Digirolamo, chief financial officer for General Motors, because Digirolamo's job afforded a lot of travel abroad, increasing opportunities to learn different cultures.

Anderson said the East Career Day is definitely a good idea for students.

"Some kids aren't too sure about jobs, and it gives them a good chance to set their goals now," Anderson said. "Some kids mess around in high school, but now is when it starts counting in life."

Digirolamo, who conveyed stories about living in Germany, Spain and Brazil while working for GM, encouraged students to take the time to learn about other cultures.

"I think it's important that kids understand that there's a variety of things they can aspire to, that actually the world is quite limitless in terms of business opportunities and what you want to do as a career," said Digirolamo.

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Accused ATM robbers going to circuit court

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

The four Downriver residents accused of faking an ATM holdup waived their preliminary examinations Thursday in 35th District Court in Plymouth. All four will appear in Wayne County Circuit Court May 19.

They were charged following a March 30 call to Canton 9-1-1, when a bank customer at the LaSalle Bank on Michigan Avenue heard someone inside an ATM machine. Police arrived and had to open the machine with the Jaws of Life, and found Jennifer Renee Rigley inside the machine. The River Rouge woman said she had been held up, bound by tape and locked inside the machine.

When Canton police and the FBI investigated, they began to suspect Rigley wasn't a victim

in the crime at all. Instead. they said she was the major conspirator in a scheme to rob the machine, which she was able to access because she worked for a company that services ATM machines.

Rigley, along with her husband, Eric James Rigley, were arrested, along with Lee James Madera and Eric Michael Ashley, all of River Rouge.

Ashley was charged with accessory after the fact and receiving and concealing stolen property, both five-year felonies. He pleaded not guilty and was released after paying 10 percent of a \$20,000 bond.

Police said Ashley held some of the \$170,000 stolen from the ATM. The Rigleys and Madera were charged with embezzlement and larceny. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Luke Skywalker said only \$80,000 has been recovered. Madera and the

Rigleys face up to 20 years in prison if convicted. Jennifer Rigley was also charged with filing a false police report.

Attorneys for Madera and the Rigleys each asked for their clients' bond to be reduced to 10 percent surety, but the requests were denied or referred to pretrial services by Judge Michael Gerou. The Rigleys have a 10-month-old baby, who is staying with rela-

Skywalker said Madera is a flight risk because immediately after the robbery, he left the state and went to Ohio and possibly to Tennessee. He was arrested with \$26,000 in his possession, according to police. Skywalker said in court Madera also spent significant, amounts of money on drugs and call girls.

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County emphasizes chemical awareness

Wayne County's Department of Homeland Security and **Emergency Management will** participate in Chemical Awareness Week, May 7-13. The Michigan State Police (MSP) Emergency Management division, the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and the Michigan Chemistry Council are promoting this public-safe-

ty event statewide. This year's awareness effort focuses on public preparedness and action steps in the case of a chemical (contamination) emergency, with an emphasis on 'shelter in place.' Safety pamphlets and related Chemical Awareness Week information are being made available at Wayne County's Web site,

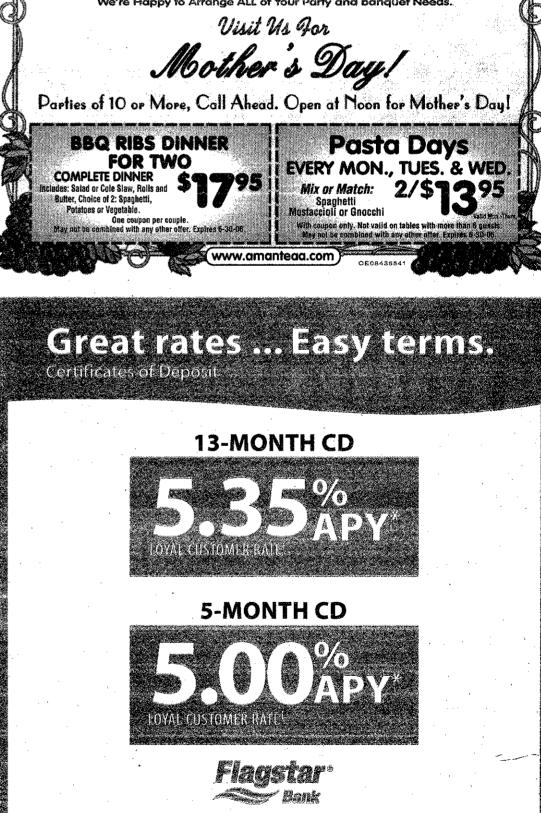
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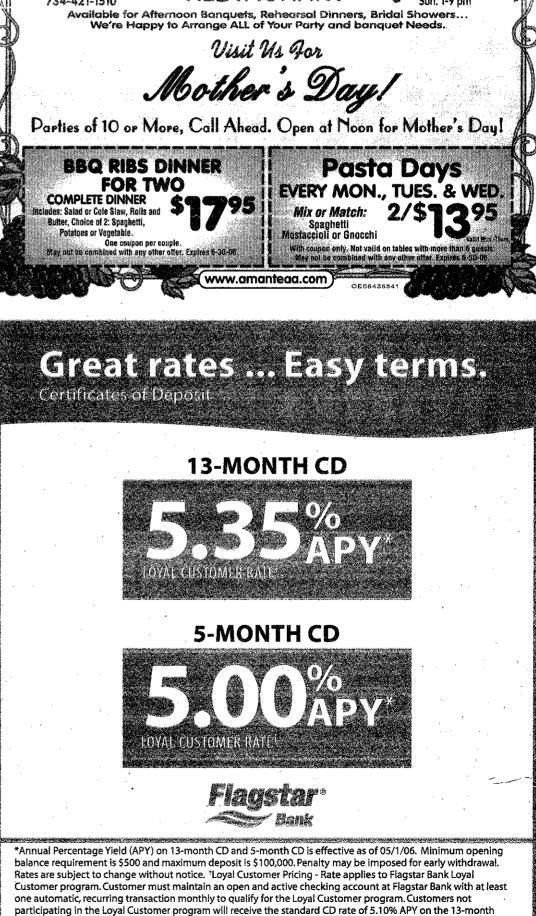
Wayne County is "highly focused on bringing our citizens the correct information, so we can prevent an incident," said James Buford, the county's Homeland Security director.

"Public awareness is a vital part of Homeland Security and Emergency Management."

Improper handling, processing, storage and transport of chemicals/toxins can create public hazards. And accidents involving hazardous materials, 🖔 both at home and commercially, have been common in some communities, like Romulus and Riverview.







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Man loses wallet in armed robbery

A Westland man called police after he said he was robbed at gunpoint outside a Michigan Avenue bar.

According to police reports, the man had pulled into the parking lot just before 2 p.m. on May 1 at Club Canton, hoping to have a beer or two. But he found that the business was closed. However, he heard someone yell something, and noticed there was a man standing alone near the side door of the bar.

The stranger asked the victim if he had a cigarette.
When the man reached into his pocket to get a cigarette for him, the stranger pushed a small black handgun into his face and demanded the man's wallet.

He gave him the wallet, which contained approximately \$650, and the gunman ran away and got into a dark foreign car, the victim said

IMMIGRATION INQUIRY

A Canton restaurant owner was questioned by police over the legal status of some of the business' employees.

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Canton police officers were called to assist Homeland Security officers who were investigating whether all of the workers in the Ford Road restaurant were documented workers, or if they are working in the United States illegally.

According to police reports, an officer asked one of the restaurant owners on April 27 if she knew that her employees were illegal immigrants, since they did not have Social Security numbers nor proper identification.

"If this is going to cause more problems for us, maybe we should let them go," she told police.

The case is still being investigated.

MISSING MISTING

Canton police were called to a business after someone stole the irrigation system from the company's lawn.

According to police reports, an employee at the business on Haggerty Road turned on the irrigation system on May I, only to discover that the water meant for the lawn was pouring into the parking lot.

When she inspected the system, she found that the copper tubing and valves were missing, and could have been taken any time since last November.

She estimated it will cost \$3,000 to replace the missing parts.

CAN'T PAY THE RENT

A Canton woman called police after someone broke into her apartment and stole her rent money.

According to police reports, she was out of her apartment for a couple of hours the evening of April 27, and when she got home at about 9 p.m., she saw someone had kicked in the door.

Her apartment had been ransacked, but nothing had been taken except for \$440 in cash, which she had set aside to pay her

16000 Haggerty Road

By Carol Marshall

Mumps sparks vaccination check

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly three dozen
Plymouth-Canton high school
students were kept out of class
this week until they showed
proof of immunization against
mumps, just days after one student at the high school park
was diagnosed with a probable
case early this week.

"There were about 30 students we could easily identify as not having all their immunizations," said Nancy Bitzarakis, a school nurse at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. "They did have to stay home from school until they got them. About a third received their immunizations and returned to school."

Bitzarakis said the single case of mumps doesn't appear to be related to an outbreak in the Midwest, most notably in Iowa. However, high school administrators are checking records of the 5,600 students at P-CEP to identify those who may not have been properly immunized.

"We're contacting the families of students who need an update," said Bitzarakis. "If they haven't been contacted, students should continue to come to school as usual."

Bitzarakis said students must have two doses of the MMR vaccine to prevent mumps. Adults who have had mumps are immune. A letter was sent home to

parents Wednesday with information about mumps, including symptoms of the virus and good health practices. "Mumps is not a common ill-

"Mumps is not a common i ness, and families have to be concerned," said Bitzarakis. "Since it's a virus, it's best to stay home and let it run its course, drink lots of fluids and get lots of rest.

course, drink lots of fluids and get lots of rest.

"You generally feel crummy for about four-five days, and then you gradually get better,"

she said. "It takes at least two

weeks to run its course."
Symptoms include chills,
headache, loss of appetite,
fatigue and a low-grade fever.
After those symptoms, swelling
starts behind the ears and
there is pain associated with
chewing and swallowing.

"It's a reminder to keep good health practices," said Bitzarakis. "Don't go to school if you're ill, don't share food and drink, cover your mouth when you sneeze and wash your hands frequently."

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Northville lawyer jumps into judge race

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The race for 35th District Court judge intensified this week after Northville Township attorney Jim Plakas announced he's throwing his

hat into the fray.

Plakas, 38, filed 995 petition signatures to enter the three-man race. State law requires between 600-1,000 petition signatures to run for the judgeship, a six-year term which pays \$138,272 annual-ly

Plakas, an 11-year attorney with the Westland law firm of Angelo Plakas & Associates, said his experience includes representing plaintiffs, as well as prosecuting cases as an assistant city attorney for Westland. Plakas said it's that experience, from both

sides of the courtroom, that gives him the experience to be a judge.

"The more I've been practicing law, the more I feel this (becoming a judge) is something I want to do," Plakas

"I love to mediate disputes between people, and I love the law. There's nothing better than sitting on the bench and applying the facts of the law and making a decision based on it."

Plakas will face incumbent Ron Lowe of Canton Township and attorney Brian Stacey of Plymouth Township in the Aug. 8 primary. Lowe has held the position for 12 years. Stacey has practiced law for 25 years.

The candidates with the highest vote totals will challenge each other in the Nov. 7

general election.

Nominating petitions to enter the race for 35th

District Court judge are due

by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, and can be filed at the Wayne County Clerk's office in downtown Detroit. The 35th District Court in

Plymouth serves the communities of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. Chief Judge John

MacDonald, who has been on the bench for 21 years, will face mandatory age restrictions and be forced to retire after his term expires in January 2009. Judge Mike Gerou was elected to an eight-year term in 2003.

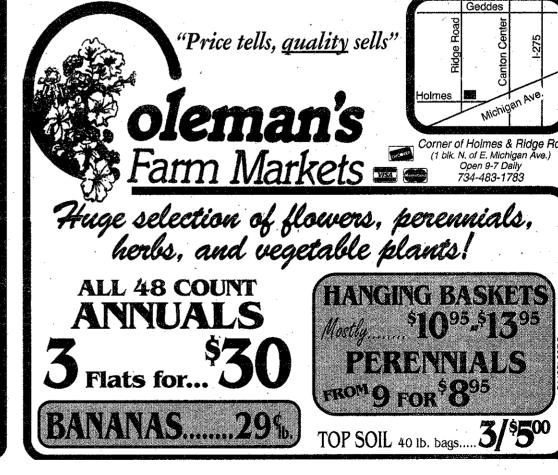
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County passes several quality of life ordinances

A curfew for teenagers, which was approved by the Wayne County Commission last week, could mean minor changes for Canton minors.

The new county guidelines state that children 17 and younger can't be out between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weekdays and between midnight and 6 a.m. on weekends. The curfew will be imposed because the incidence of juvenile crime increases progressively

between the ages of 10 and 17. However, local ordinances supercede the new county

"Canton already had a curfew for young people," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick

In Canton, children age 12 and younger must be off the streets by 10 p.m. and teens aged 13-16 have until midnight.

"At 17 you were considered an adult, so the curfew wouldn't apply," Pomorski

Under the new county ordinance, violators could be fined \$100 for the first offense. Subsequent viola-

tions of the curfew four or more times, within two years, could cost up to \$1,000 and land the offender 90 days in

The commission also passed two other quality of life ordinances.

The first is to preserve the public peace by restricting loud music and other sounds outside after 10 p.m. on weekdays and after midnight on weekends. A loud and unreasonable sound is one which is clearly discernable at a distance of 100 feet from the property line of the prop-

erty, or from the vehicle, from which the sound is emanating, or which is in excess of sixty decibels at the edge of that property line or vehicle.

A person who violates this ordinance is subject to a \$25 fine for the first instance. A second violation within one month will cost \$100, and a third offense will cost \$200. A fourth violation within one vear could land the offender in jail and cost \$1,000.

The other ordinance is designed to prohibit the defacement of property with graffiti, to require prompt

removal, to prohibit the sale of aerosol spray paint to minors, to require sellers of aerosol spray paint to take strong measures to preclude theft, to prohibit the possession of aerosol spray paint by minors, to provide for involuntary removal, to provide penalties for violations, and to authorize a special assessment to recover the costs of involuntary

removal. This graffiti control ordinance was passed because the

which contributes to the eventual deterioration of neighborhoods, according to

Wayne County officials. Commissioner Ilona Varga (D-Detroit) introduced the ordinances because citizens had constantly complained to her about rowdy youths, excessive noise and the defacement of property.

The ordinances cover all 43 municipalities in Wayne County, including Detroit. However, the municipalities have the authority to

Pets' photos star in MHS 2007 calendar

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For a \$20 entry fee, your companion animal is guaranteed placement in the MHS's ninth annual calendar. The 12 best photos will be selected as the "Pet of the Month" and all other photos will appear throughout the full-color cal-

endar in a variety of formats. Photos must be in color, horizontal in layout, no larger than 4-by-6 inches and contain only animals. Polaroid® photos are not acceptable. For quality reasons, any color prints made at home on inkjet or laser printers will not be considered for "Pet of the Month." However, these types of prints

will be accepted for the smaller

photos used throughout the calendar.

Any photo taken at a commercial studio must include a signed copyright release from the photographer.

All entries that meet these requirements and are postmarked by June 15, will be included in the 2007

Enter by mailing a photo of your companion animal (one photo per entry fee) with a \$20 check or money order to: Michigan Humane Society 2007 Calendar, 26711 Northwestern Highway, Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034.

Clearly mark your name, address, daytime and evening phone numbers, and your animal's name on the back of the photo using a permanent felttip marker. Do not use a ballpoint pen, which may damage the photo.

An entry form can be downloaded from the Michigan

Humane Society Web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

The 2007 wall calendars, which are not included with the entry fee, will be available for sale beginning in the fall at the three Michigan Humane Society shelters and veterinary medical centers, by calling (866) MHUMANE 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or online at www.michiganhumane.org.

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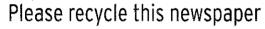
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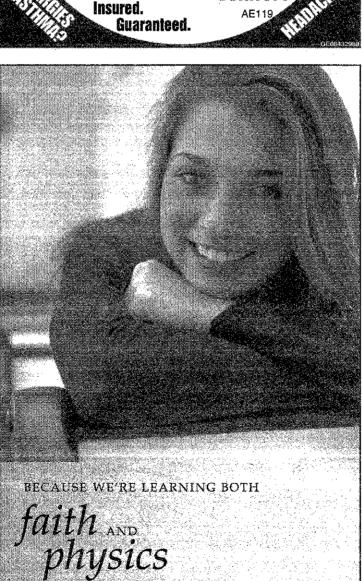
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Epraim Abraham Abraham, 39, of Rochester, died April

Barbara J. (Nussmeier) Copeland Copeland, 57, of Pendleton, N.Y., died

Louise Devor

Devor, 92, died May 3. Robert John Gilfert

Gilfert, 85, formerly of Birmingham, died May 1. Sydney R. Hall

Hall 83, of Rochester Hills, died April **Alfred Eugene Hiveley** Hiveley, 77, of Wayne, died April 30.

Joseph E. House House, 85, of Rochester Hills, died April 28.

Ruth M. Kay Kay, 84, of Sterling Heights, died April

Roger J. Kukkola Kukkola, 72, of Amherstberg, Ontario, died April 21.

Mayme D. LaPalm LaPalm, 87, died May 5.

Ruel E. McKenzie

McKenzie, 90, of Rochester Hills, died April 28.

FROM PAGE AT

been pushing for years to

water choices in vending

"My experience with

Party is we went through

water like crazy, and always

had pop left over," Lamar said.

"I think many of the kids are

making better choices. Last

year, we did a pilot program

where we put in more water in

the machines and haven't had

It's a Catch-22 for the school

district. At the same time stu-

dents are being taught good

health practices, Plymouth-

than \$250,000 annually,

July 1 - gives the district

the high schools average

\$155,000 upfront.

much of it selling pop.

Canton Schools has a contract

with Coca-Cola that nets more

The current seven-year con-

tract with Coke - which ends

Commission sales earned by

to Patricia Brand, assistant

\$100,000 annually, according

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think we'll do fine.'

replace the soda with more

machines throughout the dis-

Marching Band and the Senior

Mills, 87, of Auburn Hills, died April 16. Howard J. Sanford Sanford, 61, of Rochester Hills, died

April 30. Vern Wallace Schilawske Schilawske, 90, formerly of Plymouth,

died April 19. Helen B. Schneider Schneider, 82, formerly of Farmington

Hills, died May 3. Tessie M. Souders Souders, 93, of Rochester Hills, died

April 24. John Stupka Jr. Stupka, 89, of Rochester Hills, died

April 23. Margaret D. Thompson

Thompson, 80, of Lake Orion, died April 20. Marylou Vickers

Vickers, 76, of Rochester Hills, died April 21. Sherry A. Winkel Winkel, 65, formerly of Rochester, died

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

superintendent of business POP services.

"We're in the process of preparing requests for proposal for our exclusive beverage contract," said Brand. "With the announcement, there will be some modification on what you can sell at certain points of time."

Plymouth-Canton middle schools have pop machines; however, they are turned off during school hours. Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee said the high school policy allows students to purchase pop from the vending machines during lunch hours and after school.

"Other than water, we don't allow any food or drink in the classroom," said Bee. "After school at activities, they can eat or drink what they want."

Restricting sugary sodas could put a crimp in sales, which would lower commissions, which pay for a number of high school programs.

"If we pull out the colas, we might not get as big a commission to buy computers, classroom supplies and pay for field trips, things that our budget just doesn't allow for," said Bee. "Half of what we earn goes to athletics, because of all the cuts. The other half goes into a fund that a committee

of teachers, administrators and support staff decide how to spend."

A STUDENT VIEW

Seventeen-vear-old Lindsev Ross of Plymouth Township said many students depend on pop and energy drinks to keep awake in class.

"I think a lot of people will be pretty upset," said Ross, a Salem senior. "I know people who get two pops a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to keep them motivated.

"I think it will be good for us, instead of drinking unhealthy drinks," said Ross, who noted she doesn't drink

Nancy Haskin of Canton Township, who has two teenagers, said she's in favor of limiting the sugary drinks, and the ban should go even fur-"They drink at home, they

drink it here, when they go to McDonald's," said Haskin. "I think they should take out the diet pop, too, because it's not healthy for the kids." Shahnaz Broucek of Canton,

with two children in school, said dropping the pop is a good idea, but kids will find other ways to get their morning caffeine fix.

"One of the bigger concerns for me are all the so-called energy drinks, that's what the kids are drinking and bringing to school," said Broucek.

"They're very high sugar and very high caffeine. You'll probably see more of those drinks

being brought in." School nurse Nancy Bitzarakis said taking the pop out of schools is a good start, but it has to be part of a total lifestyle change.

"Doing anything to promote good health is a good idea," said Bitzarakis. "But, it can't be just one place that's trying to get kids healthy. We have to look at what they're doing at school, at home and when they're out with friends. We also need to get kids to exercise more,"

Beach said she understands the health issues; however, with the enormity of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, health shouldn't be an issue.

"If you walk between three high schools, you're going to burn more calories than you drink," Beach said. "It just takes away your freedom of choice. If it's what I want, give it to me."

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260

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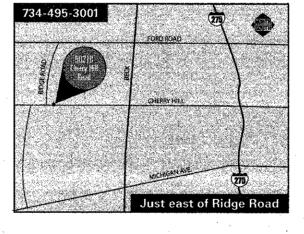
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The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR May meeting Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 30, 2006. The bid opening will be at 2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 30, 2006 for the following:

City Hall and Cultural Center & Ice Arena Roof Replacements

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

> Linda J. Langmesser, CMC City Clerk City of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH **ADVERTISEMENT**

Sealed proposals for the demolition of the City of Plymouth Mill Street Well House will be received by the City Clerk, City of Plymouth, Michigan, 201 S. Main Street, until 2:00 P.M. Local Time on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read:

Major Estimated Quantities are:

- Abandon one 38" diameter, 118' deep well Demolish two buildings including removal of piping, valves,
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Specifications may be obtained from Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan for a non-refundable charge of \$25.00 per set. Bid documents will be mailed for an additional charge of \$5.00. Specifications may be examined at the City of Plymouth Clerk's

Office, 201 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan and Dietrich, Bailey and Associates, P.C., 107 South Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan after May 8, 2006 without charge.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for $2:00\ PM$ Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at the site.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the Contract. A bid bond in the Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal within 60 days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals,

either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein. Publish: May 7, 2006

Six million books available at library

The Canton Public Library has joined MeLCat, the statewide catalog, interlibrary loan and materialsdelivery service, to make more than six million titles available to Canton library cardholders. MeLCat, short for Michigan Electronic Library Catalog, allows Canton library cardholders to search for, locate and request materials from a comprehensive electronic catalog of libraries from around the state, including academic libraries and the Library of Michigan.

Items selected from MeLCat will be delivered to the Canton Public Library for pickup, usually within a few business days, and can be returned there. Because the MeLCat system is accessed from the Internet, searches can be conducted from home, office or the library, 24 hours a day.

"Our users will have access to major academic libraries from Michigan

State University, Ferris, Central Michigan, Hope College and Hillsdale College, plus many public school libraries including Wayne County RESA. Some of the small public libraries around the state have special collections that could be very interesting to our users," said Claire McLaughlin, department head of technical services at the Canton Public Library.

"The software is very similar to ours, it's easy for patrons to use. It's just one click on our catalog to search MeLCat."

In 2005, the Canton Public Library acquired 2,267 items for Canton cardholders through interlibrary loans and expects that number to increase with MelCat.

"We now have 105 libraries to share with and, within a year, it should expand to 550 libraries," McLaughlin said.

The Michigan Electronic

Library offers other virtual resources. MeL Databases, an array of subscriptiononly resources purchased by the Library of Michigan, is offered for exclusive use by Michigan residents. MeL Internet brings together a collection of librarian-evaluated and authoritative information resources focused on Michigan's people, economy, culture, environment, health and government. These resources are available online, 24 hours a day.

A Canton Public Library card is required to use MeLCat. Cards are available to people who live, work, or own property in Canton.

The Canton Public Library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit the Web site www.cantonpl.org.

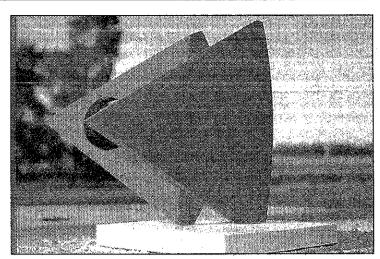
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3,600 pounds to its weight. The sculpture needs final funding approval from the DDA, which will vote on it later this month or next, according to DDA chairwoman Melissa McLaughlin. If it's approved, it could be erected in the fall.

Earlier this year, the township's Public Art Committee approached the DDA about funding the sculpture, as well as eight temporary sculptures, which the township will have on loan for one year, starting next week. The DDA approved a \$12,000 expenditure to pay for the foundations on which the sculptures will stand in locations along Ford Road - in front of La-Z-Boy, Canton Cinema, IKEA, Target, New Towne Center, Home Depot and Willow Creek Plaza.

"The DDA has been working on Ford Road," McLaughlin



This sculpture, Steel Series #2 by Michael Barker, will appear this summer in the IKEA Public Art Plaza.

said. "We have the challenge of turning our perceived negatives into positives."

The artists who created the works in the temporary exhibit will still own them and will be able to sell them if they choose to do so, according to Ray VanHoeck, vice chair of the Public Art Committee.

After a period of one year, the temporary art project will be evaluated for its value to the community before the committee determines whether it should be continued.

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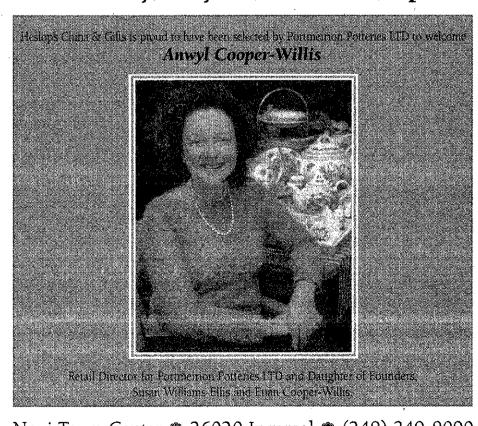
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DeVos drives to connect with voters

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

Dick DeVos' mission to be omnipresent brought him to Westland last week to speak at the annual Lincoln-Reagan Dinner for the 11th Congressional District-Wayne County Republican Committee.

The Republican candidate for governor used the friendly audience at Hawthorne Valley to build more support in his bid to unseat Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm in November. Two recent polls have DeVos and Granholm in a statistical dead heat, including an April 21 poll by Strategic Vision that gave Granholm a 43-42 advantage, with 15 percent of respondents remaining undecided.

In an effort to acquaint himself with Michigan voters, the Devos campaign is in the midst of a television advertising campaign and visiting as many destinations as quickly as possible. For example, before his Thursday appearance in Westland, he was at

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an event in Plymouth. Then afterwards, he made a late appearance in a Grand Rapids event before he

called it a

night.

He said he hopes voters come to know him as a businessman who's led a successful turnaround, a community builder, a hard worker and someone who's not a politician. His goal as governor is to spark job growth by creating an environment in Michigan that promotes business investment and expan-

"I think it's more important that someone with business experience become governor of Michigan at this time." DeVos said. "Michigan needs to become more effective in the global market place. I have that experience."

DeVos is the former head of Alticor, formerly known as Amway, a business his father

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founded. The gubernatorial candidate is credited with leading the Grand Rapidsbased company through a \$5 billion worldwide expansion. The company's success has made DeVos and his family wealthy, but he said he can still relate to Michigan's bluecollar families struggling in today's economic conditions. He added he feels he's made connections to a number of Michiganders during his oneon-one meetings in recent months.

"I went to a public school and grew up with a regular family as my father tried to build a small business," DeVos said. "I worked summer jobs and all those experiences gave me great perspective into the various choices and lifestyles for people in this state."

He said he will distinguish himself from Granholm in this campaign with his experience and determination as a leader. He said he would rather accomplish tasks than get into finger-pointing games.

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important messages," he said. "Don't complain and criticize, let's do something about the problem and get on with the job."

Last week, DeVos said the state shouldn't benefit from the "windfall" in additional sales taxes collected with the escalating gas prices that have approached \$3 a gallon. He called on lawmakers to cap the collection of the state's 6 percent sales on gasoline prices up to \$1.95 a gallon. Such a rule would save motorists about 5 cents on a gallon of gas, based on last week's prices.

"Lansing can do something to help families," DeVos said. "I am advocating an end to the windfall tax gouging of Michigan families.

Meanwhile, Granholm is calling on lawmakers for a resolution that endorses some efforts in Washington to investigate oil companies and explore windfall taxes on their multibillion-dollar prof-

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Firefighters earn promotions

The Canton Fire Department promoted two firefighters this month to fill vacancies created by retire-

Melvin (Rick) Paulun, 49, a 30-year veteran of the department, was promoted to captain. Paulun started as a cadet working his way up to firefighter/EMT the following year. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1997. Paulun has earned several licenses throughout his career including Fire Officer I, II & III, Fire Staff & Command, and EMT. He has also received many certificates of leadership and supervision during his time in Canton, and has received extensive training in a variety of fire-related programs. Capt. Paulun and his wife Dorothy live in Dexter with their three children, Andy, 19, Branden, 17, and Kevin 13.

Timothy Dunn, 42, a 20year veteran of the departpromoted to lieutenant. Lt. Dunn started as a cadet with the department in 1985 and became a firefighter/EMT two years later. Dunn has earned two



Paulun



and III, and his paramedic license through the state of Michigan. Dunn has attended numerous training courses and was named Firefighter of the Year in 1994. Lt. Dunn and his wife Mary live in Canton with

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months. Canton is expecting to see next few years. Additional firefighters will be hired as needed to keep the department fully staffed, according to fire department officials.

their two young children, Abigail, 3, and Katelyn, 19

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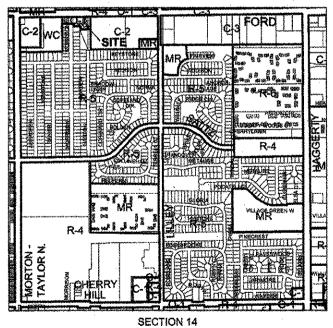
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 5, 2006 in the *First Floor* Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

ALSAGER FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LOCAL SHOPPING TO COMMUNITY SHOPPING FOR PARCEL NOS. 054 01 0045 300, 054 01 0048 300, 054 01 0165 002. Property is located south of Ford between Lilley and Morton Taylor



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, June 1, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

Vic Gustafson, Chairman Publish; May 7 & 21, 2006

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION Request Approval of a Special Land

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED ACTION:

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 17, 2006 TIME OF HEARING:

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7:00 P.M. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann

Arbor Road NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting Special Land Use Approval for a car wash in a General Commercial District (C-2), on Tax ID R-78-014-99-0002-725,

pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 13.2-12. The property is located in the Shopping Center at the southwest corner of Five Mile Road and Sheldon Road, directly west of and adjacent to the existing Wendy's (15055 Sheldon Road) which fronts on Sheldon Application 1927.

Application 1927.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-014-99-0002-725.

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

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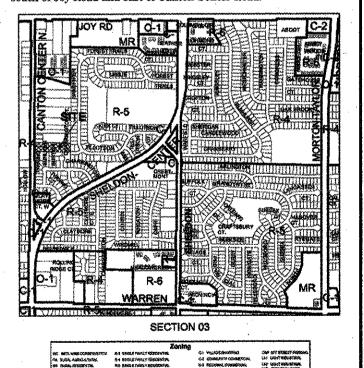
> KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY PLANNING COMMISSION

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 15, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

ROSEY'S ROMPER ROOM ADDITION SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A DAY CARE FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTIONS 11.02B.6 AND 6.02E FOR PARCEL NOS. 010 99 0027 001 AND 010 99 0027 002 (8116 CANTON CENTER N.) Property is located south of Joy Road and east of Canton Center Road.



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Drivers making their way around M-14 construction zone

STAFF WRITER

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, May 7, 2006

Julie Bernard chuckles a little when she's asked whether the construction on M-14 has affected business at Ilmor Engineering, where Bernard is vice president.

"It hasn't really affected us," said Bernard, who gets to avoid the problems because she lives south of them. "But we're trying to do some hiring, and a some of our interviewees have been late because of it."

It's all part of life since the Michigan Department of Transportation began its \$38 million project to reconstruct M-14 in both directions from Haggerty to the Washtenaw/Wayne County line. Construction is set to run through November. The project is designed to upgrade the surface condition of the roadway and do repairs to some 17 bridges, along with work on the ramps to both Sheldon and Beck.

When MDOT officials announced the project last winter, they were hoping the two basic types of drivers would find alternate routes — drivers from the Ann Arbor area who work in Detroit would use I-94, while those who work in the Plymouth-Canton area would use M-14 and its nearby surface roads.

While that's happening to some degree, MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said the department has fielded concerns from both kinds of travelers about access to the road. The eastbound exit to Beck and the north/southbound ramps from Beck to M-14 are expected to be closed through early July.

"Local drivers want to know if there's any way to open up the Beck Road interchange, and through-traffic (drivers) have concerns about the slowdowns at Sheldon," Morosi said. "Local traffic wants more access, and through traffic wants less. We're confident we've worked it out the best way we can."

Right now, eastbound M-14 is shut down, and traffic runs one lane in each direction on the westbound side of the expressway. In early July, traffic will shift to the eastbound side

and westbound M-14 will close. That will also include north- and southbound entrance ramps from Beck to M-14, and the westbound exit to Beck.

In September and October, drivers will see intermittent lane closures on both sides, along with the closing of exits to Sheldon, with traffic diverted to Beck.

Morosi said the project is on track to be completed in November. In the meantime, drivers are making the best of it.

Laurel Thomas Gnagey used to be able to get to her job at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in about 30 minutes, with M-14 as her primary route. Now Gnagey, executive editor of The University Record who lives near Five Mile and Haggerty, said she bypasses the worst of the construction by "meandering over to North Territorial or Gotfredson."

"I've noticed a lot of people doing that, so it's a little more congested that way," she said. "That slows me down a little bit, but it's a little less

frustrating than being in a long line of cars."

Ian Hawkins, general manager of the Marine Department at Ilmor Engineering, has to travel every day from Carpenter Road south of Ann Arbor to Plymouth.

He said the drive hasn't been as bad as he thought.

"Some days you can stay on M-14 all the way to Gotfredson and then you have your choice of North Territorial or Sheldon; Ann Arbor Road has been remarkably quiet," he said. "It has been something of a pain, because you have to deal with all the side roads and the school bus traffic, but it hasn't been as bad as I thought it would be."

Hawkins said the finished product should be worth the wait.

"They seem to be ripping it out at the moment, but it used to be like a motocross track with all the bumps," Hawkins said. "If (congestion) doesn't get any worse, it'll be OK."

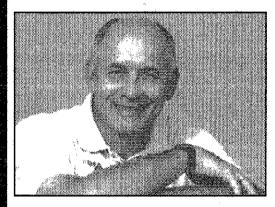
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The eastbound M-14 ramps from Beck Road are closed until early July as work continues on the reconstruction of the expressway.

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Alternate roads beckon, during orange cone season

■he sign says "4 minute delay." That seems reasonable. Just past Gotfredson Road, traffic is funneled into one lane and shifted over into what used to be the left-hand westbound lane of M-14.

Eastbound M-14 has been taken down to the earth and gravel base, from where it will be reconstructed into a brand new road. Then the whole process will switch in the opposite direc-

I didn't time my progress through the winding lane shift. But the delay seemed longer than four minutes. At Beck Road and at Sheldon Road, traffic merges into the single lane causing

cars on M-14 to come to a standstill. Construction trucks also move along the narrow corridor, moving from one job site to another. Psychologically, it was much longer than four extra minutes.

Coming back the other way is worse. The Newburgh entrance onto I-96 is under normal circumstances a road engineer's demented joke. Ordinarily, people going way too fast are trying

to move over to the right to get onto I-275, while cars coming onto the freeway from Newburgh are trying to move to the left. (I have often imagined the designer of this fiasco parking on the Schoolcraft overpass and laughing at drivers trying to maneuver along his insane roadway.)

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Gallagher

But now this happy experience is made even more exciting with the backup from the road construction and everyone trying to squeeze down into one lane.

Of course, some drivers just pretend that road construction isn't happening. If they usually rocket along at 80 mph, a few earth movers, rollers and construction workers won't deter them until they absolutely have to stop. At that point, they like to kiss the back bumper of the person ahead of them just to remind them how fast they'd go if they weren't hindered.

I've gone back to the surface roads. Ann Arbor Road is a pleasant drive, once you get past the commercial district in Plymouth. Attractive suburban homes are followed by nurseries, farms and tiny Frain's Lake. This time of year, trees are in blossom, the air is fresh. And though I'm going slower, I seem to be moving faster. Nobody seems eager to touch my back bumper or scoot around me to touch the bumper of the driver ahead.

Orange cone season is a frustration to every-

Despite the frustrations, we all know that roads need to be repaired. Every year they need patching. Every few years they need resurfacing. And every so often, they need to be rebuilt.

construction from April to November.

Michigan's freeze-thaw winters aren't kind to concrete. And some will tell you that Michigan's lenient weight laws have allowed too many heavy trucks on our roads, requiring more resurfacing and reconstruction than in other states. But at a time when Michigan politicians are bending over backward to woo and please the business community, they are not about to alienate the trucking industry (and the customers they serve) with more stringent weight

Despite the frustrations, we all know that roads need to be repaired. Every year they need patching. Every few years they need resurfacing. And every so often, they need to be rebuilt.

We can find that alternate route that takes us away from the traffic, the noise, the impatience of other drivers (who aren't as level-headed as we are). We might find that we actually like the alternate route. The trees, the lakes, the farm houses, the horses and cows, the new subdivisions, are a pleasant diversion. They are especially nice at the end of a long day at work and far preferable to squeezing into that squalid mix

There is a serious matter, of course. The signs remind that traffic fines are doubled in a construction zone. The workers who put up with heat, rain, dirt, muck and gas fumes shouldn't have to put up with inattentive, rude or reckless drivers. Too many construction workers are killed or injured on the job because of driver stupidity or rage (or any lethal combination).

In this metro area, where everyone depends on the freeways to get from one place to another, it is important that our roads are maintained. Those orange cones are your tax dollars

Quite often the same people who rail most loudly about road construction delays are the same people who would rail if the roads were in disrepair.

Take a deep breath, follow the signs or take the road less traveled.

Hugh Gallagher is the managing editor of the Observer Newspapers. He can be reached by phone at (734) 953-2149

Drastic action needed in 'single state recession'

s Michigan continues its single state recession (Louisiana excluded), members of both political parties are weighing in on how to fix our economic problems. Members from both parties, including seven members from the Democratic Party, recently voted for the near immediate repeal of the Single Business Tax before the governor's veto.

Others have suggested that the government needs to step in and fix the economy by creating jobs through governmentally sponsored programs such as infrastructure projects. Both theoretically make sense,

however only one is practical. The leadership in Michigan readily forgets that Michigan has a balanced budget amendment, which does not allow the state government to create a budget deficit. Furthermore, because

Michigan cannot create a Brad budget deficit, Michigan Dizik cannot increase government spending to levels necessary

to fix the economy without increasing taxes to a level that in a sense would keep the status quo in unemployment. The only outcome from such a tax increase would be a transfer of power from individuals and businesses to government, something no one desires.

Some have suggested selling governmental assets or using the payout from the cigarette industry to fuel the economy. Those options restrict the government to a shortterm fix with no long-term solution. If Michigan turns to the election year short-

How can the leadership in Lansing fix the economy and create more jobs?

For starters, the legislature can re-pass a bill to cut the Single Business Tax (SBT) and the governor can sign it. A recent poll by Lansing-based EPIC-MRA and the Detroit News (Bunkley, April 12, 2006) showed that only a few business owners in Michigan put the SBT on the top of their lists as the most annoying tax. The direct target of the SBT is not small or medium sized businesses, but the large businesses, which pose a direct threat to the existing economic order.

As the old saying went, "what's good for GM, is good for America," thus, to create a tax, which helps GM and the others of the Big Three to survive in perpetuity and ward off all competition is good — not anymore.

The citizens in Michigan need to understand that the SBT not only taxes businesses creating a disincentive for investment, but also helps fund the endless bureaucracy in Michigan, which creates enough buffer time for the government to pick who wins and who loses. That practice must end.

The citizens of Michigan need to come to a hard realization — they live in a new, smaller world, Michigan is in rapid decline, the Big Three are mortal, and to maintain the status quo is costly to the welfare of the citizenry and requires drastic action.

As the system stands, Michigan probably could see gradual increases in jobs through the creation of small and medium sized businesses in Michigan, which should happen while the SBT is still in place. However, the situation created requires not just a steady increase in small and medium businesses, but also an increase in the presence! of large businesses in Michigan. In order to see a cork plug up the unemployment problem, Michigan needs new large businesses to enter the market.

By cutting the SBT, the leadership can begin to lure such large businesses to Michigan. Michigan already possesses great value to businesses — U of M, MSU, and all the other great universities, the best-trained labor force in the world, and an already established manufacturing infrastructure.

Michigan needs to create an economic incentive for large businesses to relocate to Michigan and not Indiana or Georgia, ware Michigan's true competitors. The best are michigan's true to competitors are on open SBT, free the market and create an open field of opportunity.

Finally, the citizens of Michigan should respect the governor's attempt to stick to ideology and restore the old order, which was so fruitful. Unfortunately, we live in tough times and tough times call for good judgment and common sense leadership, which requires drastic action that may result in a change of the system.

To cut the SBT is the first step in that change and truthfully the only option considering Michigan's rule structure. In the end, such a bold move shall become hailed as a movement toward progression rather than the continuance of Michigan's single 🖔 state regression.

Brad Dizik is a Farmington Hills resident and a student at James Madison College at Michigan State





Mental Health Task Force agrees to move on Authority

At the first meeting of the Wayne County Commission's Task Force on Mental Health Thursday, commissioners agreed to move forward on creating an Authority to take over operations of the beleaguered Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

"The consensus of the Task Force is that an Authority would help resolve a lot of the issues plaguing the Agency," said Commissioner Phillip Cavanagh, D-Redford Township, who chairs the Task Force. "We will put forth a resolution, after hearing from the public, that will hopefully be supported by the entire Commission."

The Task Force, which was created by Commission Chairwoman Jewel Ware, will hold at three public hearings during May to hear input from citizens, mental health consumers and other interested parties about the structure of a possible Authority.

The hearings are scheduled for:

■ 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at The Samaritan Center (in the Lower Cafeteria), 5555 Conner St., Detroit, between I-94 and Warren, on the west side of Conner.

3-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Livonia Civic Center, 33000 Civic

Center Drive, Livonia. ■ 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Barton MacFarlane Community Center (in the main meeting room), 8222

Joy Road, Detroit

The Michigan State Legislature has previously sponsored legislation requiring the county's mental health agency to convert to an authority status. However, sponsors of the legislation, state Sens. Beverly Hammerstrom and Shirley Johnson, have informed the Commission that they

According to Cavanagh, the commission is studying how best to structure a Community Mental Health Authority to improve and manage the delivery of services to the mentally ill, the developmentally disabled, and those afflicted with substance abuse addictions.

prefer a local solution.

"Wayne County is liable for severe sanctions from state and federal sources if we do not convert to an Authority," Cavanagh said. "So we need the public's input about how to structure the Authority to best serve our consumers."

The other members of the Task Force are Commissioners Alisha Bell, D-Detroit, Moe Blackwell, D-Detroit, Laura Cox, R-Livonia, and Bernard Parker, D-Detroit.

Public, private sectors join forces on security issues

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

Security professionals in the public and private realms will put their heads together at a regional conference and discuss what they need to do to better safeguard private assets and the public health.

The American Society of Industrial Security will hold its 23rd Annual Update Conference May 17-18 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The keynote speaker, Michigan State Police Director Col. Tadarial Sturdivant, will discuss the relationship between public and private security.

"I'm going to talk about what I call the four Cs: Collaboration, cooperation, communication and coordination, and why it's so important those exist between private and public security," Sturdivant said. "We need private companies to be on board and stay on board."

On 9/11, he said the very first responders, before even police

and fire officials, on the scene at the World Trade Center were private security officers. In any future disasters, manmade or otherwise, that will likely be the case again and there needs to be an operational relationship between those security officers

and the government. "Chemical plants are not government-owned," he said. "During the '03 blackout the (Downriver) Marathon plant couldn't burn off excess fuel. We had to coordinate with the plant and decide what to do if we needed to evacuate."

In the case of a disaster, he said there can't be two plans to protect the public. Even in cases where a company might be concerned about the integrity of proprietary information, there can't be secrets where public health and safety are concerned.

"What they do can't be private to us," Sturdivant said. adding "9/11 brought a new focus that private and public concerns have to work hand in glove. This has happened, but

it also has to improve."

The ASIS started during World War II as industrial operations had to conform to the security needs of a nation at war. Currently, there are 500 members in the Detroit area catering to the needs of corporate, state and private security concerns.

ASIS Detroit past chairman and Security Director for Comcast Cablevision's Midwest division Ron Hnilica said there's always been a drive to improve public/private security cooperation.

There has to be more interaction between the two sectors," he said. "Eighty-five percent of the country's critical infrastructure is held by private concerns. In the case of a disaster, it will be the private security companies who will be the first responders."

Of course, he said, private security contractors' first concern is to their employers, but in the case of a full-scale disaster the rules on the ground change.

"When disaster strikes, it doesn't stop at the border of the facility," Hnilica said. "Police, fire and EMT have to

be in the loop." Since 9/11, he said, there has been a dramatic increase in information sharing between public and private security officers, but there's a lot of work

yet to be done. Wayne County Homeland Security Director James Buford will also be taking part in the ASIS conference. He said the same Community Emergency Response Training the department is offering to industry is also available for church groups, neighborhood block

clubs and individual residents. "CERT is for everyone," Buford said. "It's 20 hours of training that we'll mold to fit the time needs of whatever group wants to take it."

CERT training consists of basic first aid and CPR, search and rescue, terrorism awareness and basic emergency preparedness. The classes are free.

Max Cleland scheduled to campaign for Trupiano

Democratic candidate for Congress in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, announced that Former U.S. Sen. Max Cleland will be coming to the 11th Congressional district

Wednesday, May 10, to support the campaign of Democratic candidate Tony Trupiano.

In the morning Cleland, a veteran of the war in Vietnam, of the Wayne County Veterans Services Building in Detroit.

A town hall meeting will be held 2:30-4 p.m. at the Harris Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne

free and open to the public. A private reception will held 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Novi • Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty Road, followed by a public

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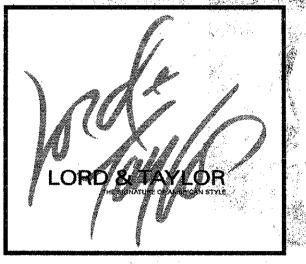
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Plymouth Township native Charlie Haeger is pictured throwing one of his trademark knuckleballs during the Charlotte Knights' May 4 game against the Louisville Bats. The Redford Catholic Central graduate is off to a blazing start, racking up a 3-0 record and 0.68 earned-run average.

It's all in the knuckles

Haeger dazzles Triple-A hitters with his rare, hard-to-hit pitch

STAFF WRITER

Charlie Haeger's best pitch performs a lot like Muhammad Ali did in his prime.

The 22-year-old Plymouth Township native's knuckleball floats like a butterfly and stings

As a result, Haeger, a 2001 graduate of Redford Catholic Central High School, is punching out Triple-A batters at an alarming rate for the Charlotte Knights, the defending World Series champion Chicago White Sox' top minor-league team.

Through Thursday, the 6-foot-1, 200-pound right-hander had compiled a record of 3-0 in six starts. He's allowed just three earned runs in 40 innings (0.68 earned-run average) while striking out 31.

Judging by the numbers, hitters have had about as much fun hacking away at Haeger's knuckler as they would swatting at a fluttering Monarch with a rolled-up newspaper.

"The No. 1 reason I've been so successful this year is because the defense I have playing behind me has been outstanding," said Haeger, whose modesty parallels his mound success. "Our defense is one of the best in the league. Plus, I've been able to throw strikes and work ahead of the hit-

Throwing strikes consistently with a knuckleball is quite a feat, considering even Haeger doesn't know where the ball is going to end up once it leaves his grip. Unlike the straight-forward fast-

THE HAEGER FILE

- Mame: Charlie Haeger
- Age: 22
- Home: Plymouth Township High school: Redford
- Catholic Central (Class of 2001)
- **Career:** Starting pitcher for the Charlotte Knights, the Chicago White Sox Triple-A farm club.
- Early success: Over the first month of the 2006 season, Haeger has a 3-0 record and 0.68 earned-run average. He's given up just three earned runs in 40 innings over six starts.
- Family ties: Haeger's brother, Grea, is the head baseball coach at Madonna University.

ball, correctly thrown knuckleballs have minds of their own, moving wildly up and down, and in and out with little, if any, spin.

"Sometimes, I can get it to go left or right, but most days I have no idea where it's going," admitted Haeger, who throws his knuckler 90 percent of the time. "On an exceptional day, I'm able to throw two of the first three pitches for strikes. I keep my arm slot the

PLEASE SEE HAEGER, B2

Local netters ready for showdown

The Salem and Plymouth boys tennis teams geared up for Monday's cross-campus showdown with key

victories on Friday afternoon. The Rocks maintained their unbeaten dual-meet record with an impressive 5-3 victory over Northville. Salem, which is now 8-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, seized control early by sweeping all four singles matches: sophomore Lawrence Washington

TENNIS

upended Peter Curran, 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1; Pete Bartlett downed Michael Baskins, 7-5, 6-0 at No. 2; Blake Foster handled Kevin Zhang, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 3; and Neil Bakshi swept Harry Zhang, 6-3, 6-2 at the fourth

Foster and Bakshi improved to 14-0 with the victories while Washington is 13-1.

In doubles action, the No. 3 tandem of Kevin Steinman and Jake Burnstein was the only Salem duo to win, ousting the Mustangs' Austin Jenkins and Jason Raymond, 6-1, 6-

The Wildcats improved to 6-3 overall and in the WLAA on Friday with a 5-3 triumph over P-CEP neighbor Canton. Plymouth won 3of-4 singles matches as No. 2 player Luc Lucai defeated Anton Schouerte, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3 Dan Jeong swept Nathan Larimore, 6-0, 6-3; and Clint Korpalski downed Ryan Hollingsworth, 6-3, 6-0.

The Chiefs' lone singles victory came when Erik Szydlowski knocked off Don Zhang, 7-5, 6-4.

Farmington schools deny WLAA rumors

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER

Rumors of the Farmington schools returning to the Western Lakes Activities Association are greatly exaggerated, according to district athletic director Dennis Noe.

There is no deal with the WLAA, and Farmington Public Schools plans to remain a member of the Oakland Activities Association at this time, he said.

Farmington's three public high schools - Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington - changed leagues in 2002, seeking greater parity in athletics.

Depending on the sport, OAA teams are divided into three or four divisions based on school enrollment and strength of program. Adjustments to the divisional

alignments are made every two years; whereas, the WLAA has two six-team divisions that don't change.

The WLAA has extended an offer to the Farmington schools to return, but Noe said that was initiated by the WLAA as it looks to secure its

Walled Lake's three schools

(and possibly Northville) are supposedly on the verge of going to the Kensington Valley Conference, and the WLAA wants to remain a 12-team

league should that happen. The WLAA is looking at its options right now," Noe said. "We haven't agreed on anything. Right now we're in the OAA next year.

"A concern of ours is the budget. We have to work within a budget, and we have to be able to do that whatever league we're in. The budget has gotten the conversation

started." The rising cost of trans-

portation is the primary concern, he added. That has been an issue for a while, and the recent run-up in fuel prices has focused attention on it.

"We're looking at trimming things, and transportation is a big portion of the budget," Noe said. "You just have to look at gas prices. Transportation costs keep going up. That's mostly what our conversation centers around."

That conversation has been pretty much an internal discussion to this point, Noe said, although he did attend a

PLEASE SEE WLAA, B2

Pressure brings out best in Rocks' Smith



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ashley Smith has established herself as one of the best all-around high school golfers in the state over the past four years.

THE BOOK ON SMITH

- Name: Ashley Smith
- M Age: 18
- School: Salem
- College: Will attend Grand Valley State University beginning in the fall
- Accomplishments: Has finished in the individual Top 10 at the last two Division 1 state meets; has compiled a 5-0 record in sudden-death playoffs.

Favorite three... Clubs in her golf bag: 1, 5 iron; 2, sand wedge; 3, driver.

Professional players: 1. Annika Sorenstam: 2. Davis Love III: 3. Fred Couples.

Golf courses: 1. Timber Trace: 2. The University of Michigan course.

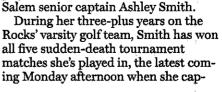
STAFF WRITER

There are at least three scenarios you'd be advised to avoid on a golf course:

1. Getting caught six holes from the clubhouse during a quick-hitting thunderstorm; 2. Getting

caught clicking your camera during Tiger Woods' backswing; and 3. Getting

caught in a playoff with



PLEASE SEE SMITH, 85

Prep Profile

Sand volleyball

For the second-consecutive year, a pair of sand volleyball tournaments featuring area high school players will be held this summer in Northville. Teams from Plymouth, Saline, Ann Arbor, Carleton, Northville and Novi competed in the 2005 Summer Challenge, which drew 14 squads.

This year's Summer Challenge varsity events will be held Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 23. There will also be a Freshman/Sophomore Challenge on Saturday, July 22.

Details about the tournaments can be found atwww.onlywins.com/Sand-Volleyball.

Cheer tryouts

The Wolverine All-Stars will be holding tryouts for the 2006-07 cheerleading season on Saturday, May 20, beginning at noon. A non-refundable \$25 tryout fee is due at the time of the tryouts and will be applied toward each cheerleader's team fees or the

annual registration fee. Private tryouts throughout the month of May can also be arranged.

This will be the first year that the Wolverine All-Stars will compete in the field of highly competitive cheerleading. The team will be coached by Pam St. John, who has coached at the University of Michigan for the past 23 years.

The Wolverine All-Star Cheer Gym is located at 3460 Elisworth Road (between Carpenter and Platt roads) in Ann Arbori To arrange a private tryout, or for more information, contact St. John at (734) 395-8496; or email St. John at pstjohn@umich.edu.

More information can also be found at www.wolverineallstar.com

Warriors tie

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team tied Ann Arbor Huron, 2-2, on Wednesday. Netting goals for the Warriors were Morgan Franke and Kristen Schwan.

PCS returns to action Thursday when it travels to Huron for a game set to begin at 6 p.m.

Volleyball camp

The Plymouth High The Plymouth High School Volleyball Camp will be held July 24-26 in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

All female volleyball athletes in sixth through 10th grades are invited to attend.

The cost of the threeday camp is \$65. For more information contact Kelly

McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or kmccausland019@yahoo.com. ?

THE WEEK AHEAD

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PREP BASEBALL Monday, May 8 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem, 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9

PCA at Inter-City Baptist, 4:30 p.m Wednesday, May 10 Canton at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Churchill, 4 n.m. Wavne Memorial at Salem, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 11 Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.

B'Ham Roeper at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 12 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Salem at Westland John Glenn, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13

Invitational, 10 a.m. PCA at Lutheran Westland, noon PREP SOFTBALL Monday, May 8

W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Oakland Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9

Massey Field, 7 p.m. PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 W.L. Northern at Canton, 4 p.m. Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

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Westland John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13 Canton Classic Invitational, 9 a.m. **BOYS TRACK & FIELD** Thursday, May 11 Canton at Northville, 5:30 p.m. . Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 3:45 p.m.

 Livonia Stevenson at Salem. 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 Canton at Troy Athens Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Salem at Jackson NW Invite, 9 a.m. GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

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Monday, May 8 Canton at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Salem, 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 Canton at Salem, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13 WLAA Conference Meet at Livonia Stevenson, 7 a.m.

BOYS TENNIS

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Friday, May 12 Livonia Stevenson at Canton, 3 p.m. **BOYS LACROSSE** Tuesday, May 9 Royal Oak Kimball at PCS, 8 p.m. UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE W-LEAGUE

Friday, May 13 Mich. Hawks vs. Hamilton Avalanche at Stevenson High School, 7:30 p.m.

PCA scores early and often in 10-7 victory

Plymouth Christian Academy jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead then held on to knock off Taylor Baptist Park, 10-7, Thursday afternoon in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game played at PCA's Stafford Field.

Junior southpaw pitcher Matt Saagman (2-2) earned the win after yielding four earned and striking out 10 over the first five innings. Sophomore Trevor Zinn notched the save after pitching the final two frames.

Charles Cane swung a hot bat for the Eagles, going 2-for-3 with four RBI. Cane got the Eagles rolling in the first with a two-out, two-run double. He delivered again in the fourth with another two-run hit.

Mitch Geracz, who finished 2for-3 with three RBI. contributed an RBI single in the Eagles' productive first inning. Ryan Barber, Saagman and Devyn Govan also had two hits each for the winners, who improved to 2-4 overall and 1-4 in the division.

"I was pleased with the fact that we only struck out twice the entire game," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston. "We struck out 16 times against Southfield Christian last week, so improving when it comes to hitting the

PREP BASEBALL

ball."

PCA outhit the Wildcats, 13-8. The Eagles struggled defensively, committing five errors.

CANTON 4-7, W.L. WESTERN 5-4: On Friday, junior left-handed pitcher Kyle Gring scattered six hits over 6.2 innings to help the Chiefs earn a split in a key Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division twinbill at Canton. Gring yielded three earned runs and two walks before giving way to Justin Latin, who earned a save

by getting the final out. Canton is now 10-8 overall, 6-3 in the WLAA and 4-2 in the Western Division.

Offensively, the Chiefs were paced by senior catcher Tarik Khasawneh (2-for-2, two RBI) and junior Corey Lewis, who went 2-for-3 with a pair of twoout run-producing hits.

Canton led 4-2 after one inning before adding single runs in the third, fifth and sixth. Western tallied a pair of runs in the seventh.

Others contributing to the Chiefs' winning cause were Shawn Little (3-for-4), Justin Latin (1-for-3), Ben Vaughn

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"Our big

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(double) and Brad Barath (1-for-

In the opener, Western's Ryan Warwick and Nick Kenney made outstanding defensive plays to preserve the one-run victory. Playing third base, Warwick speared a line shot off the bat of Gring that would have knocked in one and possibly two runs with one out in the seventh. Kenney, the Warriors' left fielder, made a diving catch of a Gring liner to prevent two more runs from crossing the plate in the fifth. Dennis Rosbury earned the win for Western while Little took the loss. Latin (solo home run), Little (2-for-3, three RBI) and Barath (1-for-3) swung hot bats for the Chiefs.

Canton coach Scott Dickey praised the defensive effort of senior first baseman Shawn Ruman, who made run-saving plays in both games.

PLYMOUTH 5, LIVONIA STEVENSON 1: On Wednesday, T.J. Downey threw a complete-game sevenhitter to lead the Wildcats to a WLAA cross-over victory over the visiting Spartans. Downey struck out three and did not yield a walk.

"This game just goes to show you what a difference it makes when you don't give teams free passes," said Plymouth coach

Chuck Adams. "T.J. Downey had great command of his pitches — fastball, curve, change-up - and his defense

made the plays behind him. "Hopefully, this is the kind of outing where our other pitchers can feed off this and it will rub

off." Freshman Ronnie Goble paced the Wildcats' offense, accounting for three of his team's five hits. Clayton Pack contributed a pair of hits and Chad Casey drilled a home run for the Spartans.

"We played small-ball today," said Adams. "Three of our five hits were bunt singles."

Plymouth tallied one run in the second, three in the fourth and one in the sixth. Stevenson's only run came in the fifth.

W.L. CENTRAL 15, CANTON 3: On Wednesday, the Chiefs trailed just 4-3 after three innings before succumbing under the weight of 10 fielding errors.

"Caleb Larner took the loss, but I thought he threw extremely well, as did Brad Barath," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "You're not going to win any games when you commit 10

Tarik Khasawneh, Kyle Gring and Jon Puskar had run-producing hits for the Chiefs.

Payne-led Chiefs blank W.L. Central

On Wednesday, Canton sophomore pitcher Hillary Payne blanked the host Vikings, 4-0, to improve her record to 6-1. She also excelled at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double. Alyssia Johnson also swung a hot bat for the winners, recording a pair of hits and an RBi.

The Chiefs improved to 11-1 overall and 7-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

PLYMOUTH 6, STEVENSON 3: On Wednesday, a five-run fourth inning carried the Wildcats (11-3) past Livonia Stevenson (8-5) in a WLAA crossover.

PREP SOFTBALL

Winning pitcher Claire Ostrowski gave up nine hits, walked none and struck out six.

Stevenson starter Jamie Johnson, who gave up six earned runs on six hits, went the first 4.1 innings before giving way to Laura Deacon, who

kept the Wildcats off the board. Rachel Juco went 3-for-4 and scored twice for Plymouth. Lauren Stemberger added two

Lauren Brueck and Danielle Smith each went 2-for-4 for the Spartans.

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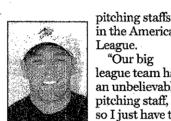
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same all the time, but I change the velocity anywhere from 63 (miles per hour) to 75."

Haeger acquired the pitch during his glory days with the Shamrocks between 1999 and

"Along with pitching, I played first and third at C.C., so a lot of times when I'd get loose in between innings, I'd play around with the knuckleball," he said. "After a while, I started using it as my primary pitch."

Like the batters who have to face his less-than-speedy pitches, Haeger has relied on patience on his road to the Majors. A sub-1.00 ERA would have earned most pitchers a promotion to the big leagues by now, but not in the White Sox organization, which is stocked with one of the most-talented



Charlie Haeger

time to come," said Haeger. "I'm happy for the guys up there. Hopefully, I keep pitching well and eventually I'll get a chance — if not here, then

somewhere else. "I had a bad spring training probably the worst one I've ever had — so I knew I was going to get sent down. But I pitched well my first start in the minors and I've been throwing well ever

Once Haeger gets the call to the White Sox' big-league club, the Majors' knuckleball club will swell to two. The only current big-leaguer who throws one is

Boston's Tim Wakefield. pitching staffs in the American

"I haven't talked to (Wakefield) yet, but I'd like to," said Haeger. "Our pitching coach, Juan Nieves, is working on it. He knows some people in the Boston organization, so he's trying to set up a phone call. I think it would be great to talk to Tim because we have a lot in common pitching-wise."

Haeger said minor-league life can be draining, but he's not complaining.

"It can be a whirlwind sometimes," he said. "Before our last road trip, I got home from a game at about 11:30 (p.m.), slept for three hours and then had to catch a plane the next morning at 5:30 (a.m.). Then we had another game that night."

His schedule is so chaotic, Haeger is rarely in one place very long.

Kind of like his knuckleball.

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TENNIS RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
May 3 at Salem
No. 1 singles: Laurence Washington (S) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-1, 6-0; No. 2: Pete Bartlett (S) def. Dan Miller, 6-3, 6-3; No. 3: Blake Foster (S) def. Andrew Hermatz, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Neil Bakshi (S) def. C.J. Cooney, 6-0, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Dave Geick-Pawel Kargol (S) def.

Jake Fyfe-Justin Koshorek, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Alex Poe-Cam Loftus (S) def. John Mayfield-Nick Gotts, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3: Dave Benson-Tyler leleniewski (S) def. Mick Hicks-Tommy Pattenaude, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; No. 4: Jorge Carmelo-Josh Barnett (WM) def. Parth Pater-Dustin Dual meet records: Salem, 7-0 WLAA; Wayne, 1-8 overall, 0-7 WLAA.

PLYMOUTH 7
WAYNE MEMORIAL 1 May 1 at Wayne

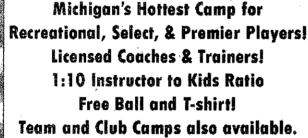
No. 1 singles: Don Zhang (P) defeated Kevin Erdmann, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2; No. 2: Luc Lucaj (P) def Danny Miller, 6-4, 6-3; No. 3: Dan Jeong (P) def Andrew Hermatz, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Ryan Reynolds (P) def. Clint Korpalski, 6-1, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Dave Snyder-Brett Kavulich (P) def. Justin Koshorek-Jake Fyfe, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Brad Yergenson-Erik Korpalski (P) def. C.J. Purvesh Bhavsar-Ryan Kolesar (P) def. Tommy Pattenaude-Mike Hicks, 6-0, 6-3; No. 4: Nick Girmont Anastas Manettas (WM) def. John Mayfield-Stephen D'Angunzio, 6-4, 6-3 Dual meet records: Plymouth, 5-2 WLAA; Wayne,

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meeting last month at the invitation of WLAA administra-

"They're wondering what their league will look like down the road," Noe said. "We were the first they looked at, because we were there once."

Noe didn't say which schools, but others that might be interested in changing leagues were represented at the meeting, he

There have been no formal

discussions with central office personnel and school principals in Farmington, according to Noe, adding that will occur in the near future.

Noe said he's had informal talks "about the budget and the invitation from the WLAA and nothing beyond that," he said. "We'll have to respond to the WLAA - if we're interested or

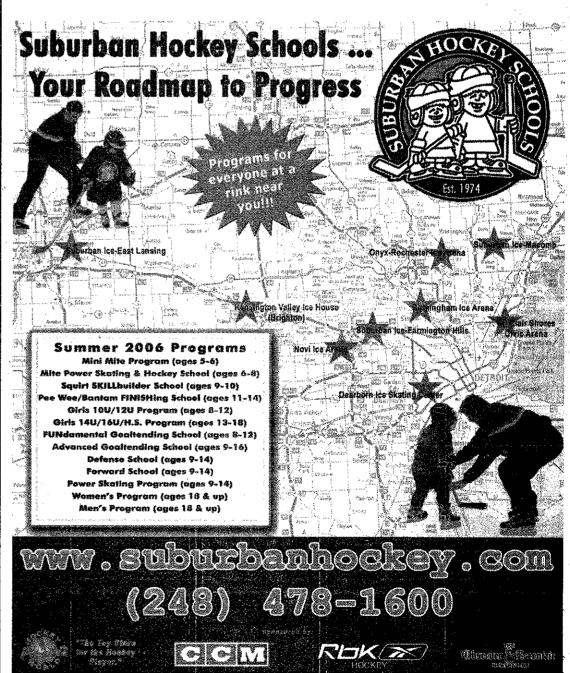
"We'll have some discussions in the next month, and we'll know better if we're going to pursue the WLAA option or let the matter drop."

Noe said the issue hasn't pro-

gressed to the point of seeking the opinions of the Farmington coaches yet. "We want to have the first

discussion with the principals," he said. "It's their programs in their buildings. If we were to move in one direction or the other, we would certainly have a discussion with the coaches and building people."

While a majority of coaches like the parity of the OAA, it's well known many are not happy with the travel time involved in busing to sites in eastern and northern Oakland County.



Plymouth Wildcats chew up Wayne Zebras, 10-0



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy's Allyson Dekruyter (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a goal in the Eagles' 10-0 victory over Macomb Christian on Thursday. BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

With the meat of its schedule fast approaching, the Plymouth girls soccer team turned in a filet mignon-like performance Wednesday

against Wayne Memorial.

The Wildcats chewed up the Zebras, 10-0, to improve their record to 6-6. On the docket next week for Plymouth are Western Lakes Activities
Association power Northville on Monday (home at 7 p.m.) and cross-campus rival Canton on Wednesday (P-CEP soccer field at 7 p.m.).

"It was nice to win a game where we were able to take charge," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We haven't had many of those this year. We got to spread things around a little, too, which was nice."

The Wildcats raced to a 7-0 halftime advantage and never looked back. Seven players scored goals, including multiple net-finders Kelly Dobbs, who tallied three, and Val Klemmer, who notched a pair.

Scoring single goals were Stacey Dillon, Elizabeth Koet, Chelsea Seesholtz, Clare Baptist and Chelsea Quinlan.

Standout goalie Brittany Warner stopped all three Zebra shots

NORTHVILLE 6, CANTON 0: On Wednesday, the visiting Mustangs earned a key WLAA Western Division victory thanks to two goals from Sarah Stern and a goal and three assists from Theresa Yankovich.

Lauren Hill, Danielle Toney and Lindsay Blair also scored goals for the winners, who improved to 8-2 overall and 7-0 in the WLAA. "We always pencil in the game against Canton as one of

the biggest of the year," said Northville interim coach Eric Brucker. "We had a couple of sophomores — Sarah Stern and Theresa Yankovich — who really picked us up tonight." PCA 8, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 0:

On Friday, the Eagles led 5-0 at the half and never looked back to improve their record to 7-0-1. LW dropped to 1-8.

Jalese Debiasi paced the Eagles with two goals and two assists. Also shining for the winners were Brooke Williams (two goals, one assist) and Abby Lorion (one goal, one assist). Karen Cleary, Jenna Misch and Meghan Polera all scored single goals for Plymouth Christian, which did not allow a shot on goal.

PCA 10, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 0:
On Thursday, Abby Lorion tallied three goals and an assist for the Eagles, who received two-goal efforts from Sara Ross and Karen Cleary. Jalese Debiasi, Brooke Williams and Allyson DeKruyter each found the back of the net once for the winners. Lauren Beckett, Peggy Abraham and Bethany Welton picked up assists.

Ross (first half) and Mim
Monroe split time between the
pipes for PCA, which improved
to 6-0 in the Michigan
Independent Athletic
Conference's Red Division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 3, PLYMOUTH 2: On Monday, the Patriots notched the game-winner with just under five minutes remaining. The Wildcats outshot Franklin, 12-8.

"We played well enough to win," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich. "We had several good scoring opportunities we just couldn't capitalize on them."

With Plymouth trailing 1-0, Clare Baptist knotted the game at 1-1 with a goal mid-way through the first half. She was assisted by Val Klemmer.

Baptist's second goal of the contest, which came approximately four minutes into the second half, tied the game at 2-2. Klemmer was credited with the assist on that goal as well.

Franklin won it when the Wildcats' defense failed to clear the ball out of its own zone during the game's waning moments

Plymouth goalie Brittany Warner turned away five Patriot shots. "Val Klemmer, Chelsea Quinlan and Stacey Dillon all turned in solid games for us," Nesohich said

Neschich said.
FRANKLIN 5, SALEM 2: Senior forward Jessica Austin pumped in three goals
Wednesday as host Livonia
Franklin (6-5-2) downed the

Lakes crossover.
Sophomore Molly Perkins and junior Diana Brda also

Rocks (2-4-2) in a Western

scored for the Patriots.

"We executed well tonight,"
Franklin coach Jen Barker
said. "We accomplished what
we were looking to do . . . with
only a few momentary lapses.
Overall I'm extremely pleased.

"We had outstanding performances across the board, but especially from Cassie LaPrairie, Kelly Powers, Austin

and Courtney Smith."
Kelly Adsit scored both goals for Salem.









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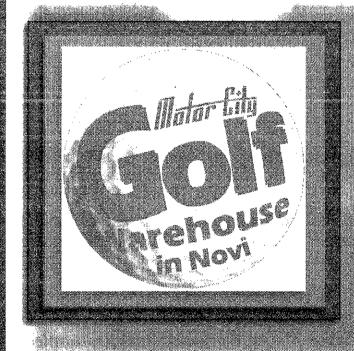
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tured medalist honors at the highly competitive Brighton Invitational by draining a birdie putt on the first extra

What's the secret to her playoff success?

"I try to relax and play it one shot at a time," she said. "It seems like a lot of the girls I've been in playoffs with think too much during the playoff. They think they have to birdie the first hole to stay in it, so they put too much pressure on themselves and try too hard. Of the five playoffs I've won, I've only had one birdie."

EARLY CONTRIBUTOR

While Smith's playoff victories are impressive, they only fill up one chapter in what has been a best-selling high school golf career for Smith. She's a four-year varsity letter-winner and two-time Division 1 state qualifier. As a sophomore, she placed ninth at the state meet. For an encore last season, she finished fifth.

"Ashley has meant a lot to our program ever since she came in her freshman year," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "She stepped right in the rotation as a freshman and has been solid ever since.

"Ashley has improved in every aspect of her game each year. She hits the ball a long way — she's probably about 250 off the tee — and her short game is very strong too."

Wilson has worked with few golfers over the years who have the mental approach to the game that Smith possesses.

"Ashley is one of the most focused players I've ever coached," said Wilson. "Her course-management skills are great, too. Every time I see her take a shot, it seems like she chooses the right club.

"There are only a handful of girls who can win the (Division 1) state title this year, and Ashley is one of them. If her game is on that day and the conditions are right, she has a legitimate chance."

BROTHER'S GUIDANCE

Smith was introduced to the game by her older brother, Jay, who enjoyed a stellar prep career at Salem before moving on to play at Schoolcraft College.

"I was probably 11 or 12 when we first went out in our back yard and started hitting balls," Smith remembered, "Our back yard is about three acres, so we could hit it about 100 yards. Golf kind of came easy to me, which made me like it even more."

Smith, who will play college golf at Grand Valley State University beginning in the fall, won the first event she entered a nine-hole tournament at one of the area's Metropark courses — as an 11-year-old.

"It was neat winning that first one — even though there were only three other girls in it," she said, smiling.

While golf doesn't totally consume Smith's life, she does commit several hours a week to honing her swing. She works with pro golfer Paul Hasse on a regular basis and works in the pro shop at Salem Hills Golf Course.

We don't make many changes in my swing now," Smith said. "Once in a while he'll have me go back and do some drills, but he said the swing I have now is the one I'll probably have until I get a lot

"This winter, I changed from an interlocking grip to an overlapping one and I switched clubs. The hardest adjustment with the new clubs was getting my yardages right."

REACHABLE GOAL

Despite all the success Smith has attained at an early age, she's yet to accomplish her No. 1 goal.

"It would mean a lot if I could win a state title," said Smith, who carries a solid 3.3 grade-point average. "It was my goal last year, too, and I finished fifth. I was only one shot back after the first day, but I had a couple of rough holes the second day.

"Winning a state championship would be a great way to finish out my high school

With Smith's track record, if the state tournament comes down to a playoff, and she's in it you'd be wise not to bet against her.

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Plymouth tops Western, 101-36

Plymouth placed first in 15-of-17 events Thursday afternoon and man-handled Walled Lake Western, 101-36.

"We did everything pretty convincingly," said Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. "Western didn't seem to have the numbers we do. Our sprinters ran exceptionally well and we won all the

Senior D.J. Coleman took gold in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes, winning in 10.9 and 22.6, respectively. Junior Nate Gholston captured first in both hurdles events, winning the 110-meter highs by over two seconds.

CANTON 115, WAYNE 22: The Chiefs were sparked by outstanding efforts from junior hurdler Pete Boucher, who won the 110-meter highs and 300 lows, and freshmen distance runners Duncan Spitz, Greg Reed and Kyle Clinton, who swept the 3,200-meter run.

Junior long-jumper Josh Butler (21-0.5) and junior shot-putter Steve Paye (150-4) were among Chiefs who turned in personal-best efforts Thursday.

'We scaled back most of our kids and only had them run in a couple of events," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Even though we had a lot of back-ups running, we just outmanned them."

PLYMOUTH 101 W.L. WESTERN 36

Thursday at Western Discus: 1. Gerald Lou (P), 126-6.5; 2. Schonsheck (WLW), 109-4.5; 3. Loe (WLW), 107-7.5. Shot put: 1. Shaun Bailey (P), 43-8; 2. Jared Panyan (P), 40-5; 3.

Sam Richards (P), 37-0.5. High jump: 1. Cam Scharchburg (P), 6-2; 2. Austin Barnett (P), 5-

3. Bowmar (WLW), 5-10. Long jump: 1. Kassel (WLW), 19-10; 2. Rico Tyus (P), 19-8.75; 3. Mack (WLW), 19-7.

Pole vault: 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 11-0; 2. Doyle (WLW), 11-0; 3. Nate Sherwood (P), 10-6. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Justin Huey, Anthony Scaparo, Sean Dillon), 9:00; 2. Western, 9:02.

110 hurdies: 1. Nate Ghoiston (P), 15.0; 2. Kroll (WLW), 17.5; 3.

100 dash: 1. D.J. Coleman (P), 10.9; 2. LaBroderick Caldwell (P), 11.2; 3. Kassel (WLW), 11.2. 800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Nate Gholston, LaBroderick Caldwell.

Josh Le Duc, Rico Tyus), 1:35.0; 2. Western, 1:37.1. 1,600 run: 1. Sean Dillon (P), 4:48.5; 2. Anthony Scaparo (P), 4:50.8; 3. Bowmar (WLW), 4:55.6. 400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Connor McKinney, Nate Gholston,

LaBroderick Caldwell, Rico Tyus), 45.8; 2. W.L. Western, 46.2. 400 dash; 1. Josh Le Duc (P), 55.0; 2. Monette (WLW), 55.1; 3. 300 hurdles: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 46.0; 2. Cam Scharchburg (P),

47.3; 3. Kroll (WLW), 49.1. 800 run: 1. Cheadle (WLW), 2:12.6; 2. Justin Huey (P), 2:13.7; 3. Bowmar (WLW), 2:19.0. 200 dash: 1. D.J. Coleman (P), 22.6; 2. Rico Tyus (P), 23.2; 3. Doe

3,200 run: 1. Patrick Slavens (P), 10:57.0; 2. Mahakian (WLW), 11:07; 3. Rhodes (WLW), 11:07.5.

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, Anthony Scaparo, Justin

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BOYS TRACK

Huey, Sean Dillon). PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: 3-1 overall, 3-1 WLAA-Western Division.

CANTON 115 WAYNE MEMORIAL 22 Thursday at Canton

Discus: 1. Steve Paye (C), 150-4; 2. Joe Zugaj (C), 138-5; 3. Ryan Jonik (C), 122-5. Shot put: 1. Wardell Fuqua (C), 43-7.5; 2. Ryan Jonik (C), 43-2.50;

Joe Zugai (C), 42-10.25. High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 5-10; 2. Andy Rossow (C), 5-10; 3. Kyle Thompson (WM), 5-8.

Long jump: 1. Josh Butler (C), 21-0.5; 2. Adam Somers (C), 19-0.5; 3. Okemdi Oparaeke (C), 18-8.5. Pole vault: 1. Rob Lindman (C), 11-2; 2. Ryan Langdon (C), 11-2; 3. Chris Jahoda (C), 9-2.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Josh Hurst, Scott Reidsma, Ryan Dugan, Phaltiel Whitlock), 12:29.9. 110 high hurdles: 1. Pete Boucher (C), 18.2; 2. Eric Thornton (C),

18.6: 3. Josh Etim (C). 18.7. 100 dash: 1. Dalton Walser (C), 11.2; 2. Steadman Frye (WM), 11.5; 3. Evido Edwards (WM), 11.7. 800 relay: 1. Canton (Andy Rossow, Dalton Walser, Ocie Lewis,

Cyrus Azizi), 1:36.1; 2. Wayne, 1:37.5. 1,600 run: 1. Charles Wolfe (C), 4:57.0; 2. Josh Hurst (C), 5:00.0: 3. Jeremy Moliner (C), 5:00.05.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Daiton Walser, Josh Butler, Ocie Lewis, Cyrus Azizi), 46.1; 2. Wayne, 47.4. 400 dash: 1. Andy Rossow (C), 53.9; 2. Mike Grayer (WM), 54.4; 3. Andrew Manuel (C), 55.5. 300 hurdles: 1. Pete Boucher (C), 45.0; 2. Sherif Hassanien (C),

4:51; 3. Renaldo Powell (WM), 45.5. 800 run: 1. Keivin Lewis (WM), 2:02.8; 2. Phaltiel Whitlock (C), 2:04.7; 3. Charles Wolfe (C), 2:16.2.

200 dash: 1. Cyrus Azizi (C), 23.3; 2. Curtis Simpson (WM), 23.9; 3. Andy Rossow (C), 24.9. 3,200 run: 1. Duncan Spitz (C), 10:58.3; 2. Greg Reed (C), 11:03; 3. Kyle Clinton (C), 11:06.4.

1,600 relay: 1. Wayne (Keivin Lewis, Mike Grayer, Cutis Simpson, Antwain Calloway), 3:42.6; 2. Canton (Phaltiel Whitlock, Josh Butler, Brian Rakovitis, Kangmin Hur), 3:46.2. CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Overall, 5-1; WLAA-Western

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 91 SALEM 45

May 4 at John Glenn Shot put: Greg Copeland (WJG), 47 feet, 1 inch; discus: Bryan Henley (WJG), 140-2; **high jump**: Ian Thornton (WJG), 6-0; **long** jump: Alante Whiting (WJG), 19-9; **pole vault:** J.P. Truesdell (S), 11-0; 110-meter hurdles: Whiting (WJG), 16.51; 300 hurdles: Baze Efremov (S), 42.93; 100 dash: Brandon Pratt (WJG), 10.93; 200: Thornton (WJG), 24.3; 400: Curtis Jackson (WJG), 53.1; 800: Alex Lumfey (S), 2:16.8; 1,600: Jimmy Walsh (S), 4:54.6; 3,200: Dan Kapadia (S), 10:28.0: 400 relay: John Glenn (Tim Stephens, DeAngelo Boston, George Easter, Thornton), 46.2; 800 relay: John Glenn (Jackson, Stephens, Boston, Pratt), 1:37.45; 1,600 relay: John Glenn (Jackson, Adam Sonak, Jim Wood, Ivan Thomas), 3:47.0; 3,200 relay: Salem, 8:58.3.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 68 Thursday at Western

Discus: 1. Reba Berman (WLW), 79-7; 2. Laura Schuitz (P), 77-3; 3. Vicki Fryer (WLW), 70-11. Shot put: 1. Carly Zeitlen (WLW), 28-4; 2. D. McLeay (P), 26-4; 3. Teresa Trasan (WLW), 23-1. Long jump: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 16-2.7; 2. Chrystien Guyton (P), 15-4.5; 3. Jill Morton (P),

High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (P), 5-2; 2. Jess Novakowski (WLW), 5-0; 3. Shaakira Haywood

Pole vault: 1. Jess Novakowski (WLW), 9-4; 2. Katie Hale (P), 8-2; 3. Kylie Hale (WLW), 7-2. 3,200-meter relay: 1. W.L. Western, 10:42.23; 2. Plymouth, 10:54.6.

100 hurdles: 1. Chrystien Guyton (P), 17.41; 2. S. Ray (WLW), 18.05; 3. Lauren Longyear (WLW),

100 dash: 1. Carly Zeitlen (WLW), 12.83; 2. Stephanie Okolo (P), 12.99; 3. Tanya Meftah (WLW), 13.09.

800 run: 1. Plymouth (Jill Morton, Brittany Petty, Whitney Askew, Stephanie Okolo), 1:55.22: 2. Western, 1:56.53. 1,600 run: 1. Rachel Wessel (WLW), 5:39.78; 2. Pam Bhullar (P), 5:40.66; 3. Lindsay Doherty

(WLW), 5:40.68. 400 relay: 1. Western, 54.38; 2. Plymouth,

400 dash: 1. Jess Novakowski (WLW), 1:03.97; 2. Janet Hanchett (P), 1:06.77; 3. Carolina Guinaraes (WLW), 1:08.66.

300 hurdles: 1. Chrystien Guyton (P), 52.96; 2. Alyssa Calcaterra (P), 55.26; 3. S. Ray (WLW), 800 run: 1. Jackie Beeler (P), 2:34.84; 2. Ana

Kotov (WLW), 2:40.43; 3. Sarah Sherwood (P), 200 dash: 1. Stephanie Okolo (P), 27.44; 2.

Carly Zeitlin (WLW), 28.31; 3. Janet Hanchett (P), 29.69. 3.200 run: 1. Pam Bhullar (P), 12:18.15; 2. Jessica Lutinacci (WLW), 12:33.38; 3. Lindsay Doherty (WLW), 12:56.32. 1,600 relay: 1. Western, 4:26.83; 2. Plymouth,

PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Overall, 2-3; WLAA-Western Division, 2-2.

CANTON 81 WAYNE MEMORIAL 55 Thursday at Wayne Discus: 1. Kathy Hansen (WM), 98-10; 2. Alyssa

Scalera (C), 83-8; 3. Ashley McClellan (C), 79-Shot put: 1. Andrea Poindexter (WM), 28-9: 2. Kathy Hansen (WM), 27-8; 3. Ashley McClellan

Long jump: 1. Nastassia Goines (WM), 14-3.5; 2. Brittany McKinney (C), 12-8.75; 3. Anthalyce Bonner (WM), 12-8.5. High jump: 1. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 4-4; 2. degan Metheny (C), 4-1; 3. Natalie Sitko (C), 4-

Pole vault: 1. Heather Daniels (WM), 7-8; 2. Krystal Nichols (WM), 6-8.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Jennifer Thomas, Paula Schubatis, Becki McCormack, Kelli Bargowski), 10:40; 2. Wayne, 13:32. 100 hurdles: 1. Beth Pruitt (C), 18.5; 2. Izabela Paszkowska (C), 18.53; 3. Nastassia Gomes

100 dash: 1. Toria Davis (C), 13.24; 2. Chevonne. May (WM), 14.24; 3. Megan Metheny (C), 14.8. 800 relay: 1. Wayne, 1:53.50: 2. Canton, 1:57. 1,600 run: 1. Rachel Stoney (C), 6:16.0; 2. Krystal Nichols (WM), 6:20; 3. Lisa Clinton (C),

400 relay: 1. Canton (Brittany McKinney, Toria Davis, Carrle Hause, Megan Howard), 56.12; 2.

Wayne, 51.12. 400 dash: 1. Kelli Bargowski (C), 1:09; 2. Becky McCormack (C), 1:10; 3. Trishia Evans (WM),

300 hurdies: 1. izabela Paszkowska (C), 53,0; 2. Megan Howard (C), 55.47; 3. Lauren Howard 800 run; 1. Paula Schubatis (C), 2:45.0; 2.

Kristin Ward (C), 2:57.0; 3. Melissa Smith (WM), 200 dash: 1. Nastassia Gaines (WM), 28.06; 2.

Toria Davis (C), 28.50; 3. Denique Pace (WM), 3,200 run: 1. Ana Jimenez (C), 14:06; 2.

Brittany Dempsey (C), 14:08; 3. Kathryn Trudeau (WM), 15:14.50. 1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Carrie Hause, Kristin Ward, Jennifer Thomas, Kelli Bargowski), 3:47; 2. Wayne, 4:40.

SALEM 76 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 61

Thursday at Salem Discus: 1. Shantel Davenport (JG), 82-7; 2. Ashley White (S), 75-6.5; 3. Keisey Lincoln (S),

Shot put: 1. Shantel Davenport (JG), 27-1; 2. Stacee Richardson (JG), 25-2; 3. Samantha Oliver (S), 24-2.5. Long jump: 1. Dana Eldred (S), 15-6.5; 2. Chanel Payne (JG), 15-4.5; 3. Asley Parker (JG), 14-

High jump: 1. Mya Hall (JG), 4-7; 2. Kija Colts (JG), 4-3: 3, Jewell (JG), 4-1, Pole vault: 1. Allie Vraniak (S), 10-0; 2. Jamie Mellas (JG), 6-6; 3. Alexa Van Vliet (S), 6-0. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Salem (Linda Ling, Hannah Cavicchio, Marisa Carpinelli, Allison Janda), 1:11.24: 2. John Glenn, 12:06.5. 100 hurdles: 1. Dana Eldred (S), 16.7; 2. Katrina Cope (S), 18.2; 3. Adrienne Cercone (S), 18.8. 100 dash: 1. Chanel Payne (JG), 13.2; 2. Ashley:

Montgomery (JG), 13.3; 3. Trinea Vojeck (S), 800 relay: 1. John Glenn, 1:51.0; 2. Salem,

1,600 run: 1. Hannah Cavicchio (S), 5:51.6; 2. Marisa Carpinelli (S), 5:57.5; 3. Stacee Richardson (JG), 6:01.7. 400 relay: 1. John Glenn, 54.0; 2. Salem, 54.3. 400 dash: 1. Allison Janda (S), 1:03.5; 2. Caitlin Heaney (S), 1:05.5; 3. Wright (JG), 1:08.0. 300 hurdles: 1. Dana Eldred (S), 54.2; 2. Kija Colts (JG), 55.9; 3. Katrina Cope (S), 56.9. 800 run: 1. Allison Janda (S), 2:43; 2. Marisa Carpinelli (S), 2:47; 3. Kelly Determen (S), 2:54. 200 dash: 1. Ashley Parker (JG), 27.4; 2. Caltlin Heaney (S), 29.1; 3. Jamie Mellas (JG), 29.4. 3,200 run: 1. Hannah Cavicchio (S), 12:30.7; 2.

Kosteva (S), 14:37. 1,600 relay: 1. Salem (Dana Eldred, Linda Ling, Lauren Olson, Allison Janda), 4:30.2; 2. John Glenn, 4:52 9 SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Overall, 5-1;

Stacee Richardson (JG), 13:45.2; 3. Sarah

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Madonna University's softball team is gearing up for this week's NAIA Region VIII tournament (May 9-10), with the Crusaders slated to face Bethel College at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Indiana

The Crusaders, the No. 3-seeded team from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, carry a 32-13 record into the regional, following a doubleheader loss Tuesday at Saginaw Valley

In the opener, MU starting pitcher Erin Brockert was knocked out in the opening inning, giving up five earned runs, and the Crusaders couldn't recover, losing 6-1. Saginaw Valley (22-30) broke a tie with a run

in the eighth inning to win the nightcap, 6-5. Collecting two hits each for Madonna in the second game were senior Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial), sophomore Heather Richardson (Canton) and freshman Mary Kate Setta.

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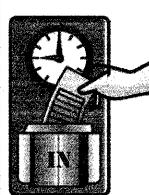
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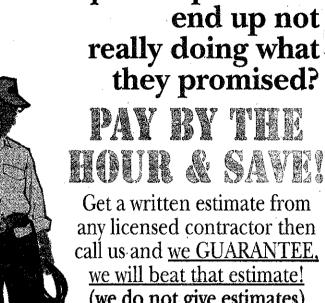


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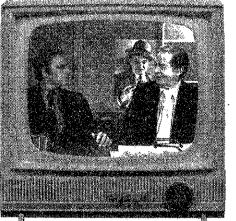
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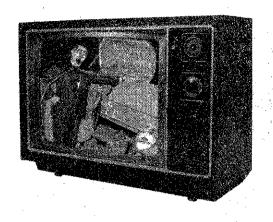
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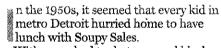
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Bill Kennedy with Hollywood celebrities.

Writer brings back the golden days of

Soupy, Milky and Sir Graves

> BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

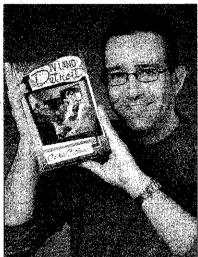


With a crushed tophat, a casual black sweater and a giant polkadot bowtie that became a propeller into fun with the magic word "Contact," Soupy was Detroit's Pied Piper No. 1.

But once upon a time, Soupy was one of many homegrown children's TV personalities. Local television production wasn't limited to news programs and sports but included kids shows, dance parties, hosted movies, talk shows, travel shows and more.

Livonia writer Gordon Castelnero brings back those golden days of Detroit television in his new book TVL and Detroit (University of Michigan Press, \$22.95).

"I thought those local shows were more than just something people watched everyday, they were part of the city's history that I



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Author Gordon Castelnero with his book on Detroit television.

think hasn't been spotlighted too much," he said. "I thought it would be cool to put together a book that people could thumb through at their leisure and relive the moment whether it was their childhood or their adolescence, these shows were part of their life."

Castelnero, 40, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Churchill High School. He has a broadcasting background as a former producer at WNIC radio and now works at Technicolor in Livonia. This is his first book.

He begins in the early days of local television, before he was born. While he writes about the Lady of Charm from the 1940s, he says the golden age was 1953 to 1985.

He chose 1953 as the start date because

PLEASE SEE TV LAND, C2

Bringing out best in kids

Milky the Clown and guests.

hy are some kids shy? Is it because of low self esteem? A lack of social skills? Are shy kids trapped in a role they don't know how to escape



Marilyn Suttle

from or just fine the way they are, preferring one-on-one relationships over socializing

with groups? Any one or more of these reasons can make it challenging for kids to participate in social interactions. Regardless of why, there are things you can do to help develop your children's

abilities and bring out their best. 1. See things from your child's point of view. Kids appreciate having their feelings acknowledged and then become more receptive to seeing other points of view. Notice their feelings and put them into words, "Sometimes it's

hard to know what to say," or "Sometimes it can feel scary to raise your hand in class.'

TWIN PINES

Suppose your child goes on a field trip to the farm. She is asked to be one of the farmer's helpers. She says "no" and then later cries because she wishes she had said "yes." How do you put her feelings into words? "You sound so disappointed. You wish you had said 'yes' when he called on you."

Pity and pushing are two unhelpful responses that will intensify shy behavior. Children who are pitied feel pitiful and less capable of changing their behavior.

2. Focus on what your child is capable of, instead of what seems to be lacking. Replace, "Don't be so shy," with "When you are ready, feel free to join the group." I've asked feedback from hundreds of parents who used to be shy

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George Nicholson, board member of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter, and WNBA Detroit Shock forward Swin Cash present Melissa Shelton with the Michigan Heroes Award at The Palace in Auburn Hills.

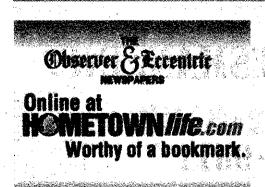
Plymouth woman is selected as Michigan hero

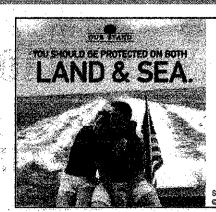
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Melissa Shelton is nearly as happy about winning the Michigan Heroes Award as she is about possibly becoming an aunt in the near future. The 26-year-old Plymouth woman is the reason her sister-in-law, Stacy Shelton, is strong enough to go through childbirth. On Nov. 9, Melissa donated one of her kidneys to Stacy at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann

On April 19, the NBA's Detroit Pistons, WNBA Detroit Shock and the American Red Cross recognized Melissa's unselfishness by presenting her with its Michigan Heroes Award prior to the Pistons game against the

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that was the year that Milton Supman (AKA Soupy Sales) arrived at WXYZ in Detroit and introduced a generation of kids to Blacktooth, White Fang, Pookie and Willie the Worm.

"Soupy's was the first show that transcended all audiences. Even though it was primarily a children's show, you had teenagers and adults watching. And even today Soupy Sales is the biggest star to come out of Detroit television," Castelnero said.

The writer was too young to remember Soupy in Detroit and others from those early years, so he did extensive interviews with the personalities, backstage producers and crew, family members and fans to create detailed portraits of these faded stars and their programs.

"I wanted to be able to write these as if I had sat down and watched them myself," Castelnero said.

Before mass syndication, network cartoons, old reruns of network shows and infomercials became more profitable and squeezed out local programming WXYZ, WJBK, WWJ (now WDIV), CKLW and, later, WKBD produced a variety of fun, silly, informative and very local programming.

CHILDREN'S SHOWS

Castelnero begins his survey with the children's show hosts – Capt. Jolly, Poopdeck Paul, Jingles, Wixie, Sagebrush Shorty, Johnny Ginger; and the clowns, Milky, Ricky, Bozo and

Johnny Ginger handled the afternoon children's shift as the host of Three Stooges shorts.

"Johnny's show was very physical," Castelnero said. "He did a lot of physical schtick. He was also good at doing voices. He would have these voices coming out of nowhere. He would tape record voices and leave holes in the tape so that he could talk to the tape."

Milky the Clown, who said the magic words "Twin Pines" because he was sponsored by Twin Pines Dairy, was played over its long 17-year run by two magicians - Clare Cummings

and Karrell Fox. Fox, a young professional magician, was scheduled to play the part in 1950 when he was drafted into military service. He recommended Cummings to be his replacement while he was away in service.

"Even though he was guaranteed that he could take over the role when he got out, he saw that his friend Clare Cummings, who he recommended for it, was having so much fun that he couldn't take it away from Clare. They did switch in 1964 when Clare was looking to retire," Castelnero said.

After the show ended in 1967, both magicians continued to appear as Milky. You can tell them apart by the gap in Clare Cummings' teeth.

"We've lost the personalization of television," Castelnero said. "These were our stars and we didn't have to share them with anybody else. As a child you could actually aspire to meet them because they came to your schools and were at places you were familiar with like Edgewater Park or Bob-Lo. Local festivals.

Children could attend the shows and sit in galleries and the hosts would visit them when they were sick in local hospitals.

"There really was an Oopsy the Clown, a Sir Graves Ghastly, a Captain Jolly," Castelnero said. Sir Graves was a particular favorite of Castelnero.

"Lawson Deming, I have a particular fondness for him," he said. "He wasn't in good health when I interviewed him in August of 2004 and I was told he had good days and bad days. Luckily I got him on a good day."

He wanted to hear Deming do Sir Graves' comically sinister laugh "NEEEYAAAHH." And even though the showman was confined to a wheelchair and using oxygen, he made a brave

"It was a touching moment. It shows he was a true showman. I was touched by that. When I shook his hand I said long live Sir Graves Ghastly and he would look at me with that Sir Graves look," Castelnero said, arching his eyebrow in Sir Graves' style.

AT THE MOVIES

Sir Graves and the Ghoul

hosted monster movies. Rita Bell hosted a daily morning movie show that featured prize giveaways. But the most famous local movie host was Bill Kennedy.

Kennedy parlayed a B-movie acting career into the role of his lifetime, as Detroit's movie maven for 30 years. Castelnero said he could relate to Kennedy's life as he had also gone to California to attend Cal State Long Beach with the idea of being a casting director before returning to Detroit.

"He had a lot of stories to tell from his own experiences ... One thing I learned about Bill was that he liked to be off the cuff. He gave the appearance that he just knew everything about movies, but he really didn't. He researched everything thoroughly," Castelnero said.

He said it was a special treat to visit Kennedy's widow Suzy in Palm Beach, Fla., and browse through his extensive library of movie books.

Kennedy often played host to visiting Hollywood celebrities setting a pattern for a number of different kinds of local talk

Lou Gordon did a hard-hitting political show, famous for getting presidential candidate George Romney to say he'd been "brain-washed" on a visit to Vietnam. Gordon's style is mirrored today by cable news commentators like Bill O'Reilly and Chris Matthews.

"Lou Gordon pioneered a lot that you see in the news today. Lou liked to play Gotcha and he would trap you with your own words," Castelnero said.

A kinder and gentler talk show was hosted by John Kelly and Marilyn Turner. The married couple brought their jousting, jesting relationship into their popular WXYZ morning program.

Some of the other people Castelnero profiles are the dance show hosts Robin Seymour, Joel Sebastian, Lee Alan and Nat Morris; psychologist Sonya Friedman (a forerunner to Dr. Phil); travel host George Pierrot (famous for nodding off on-air); outdoorsmen Mort Neff and Jerry Chiapetta; and At the Zoo's Sonny Eliot.

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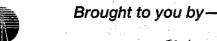
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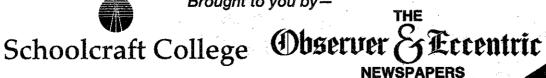
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children themselves. They all agree that it was unhelpful and intensified shyness when they were told the following statements: "You are too shy," "Why are you always so quiet?" or "You would have more friends if you'd speak up."

When you label kids "shy" they tend to become even more shy. Another unhelpful thing to say is "Leave the poor kid alone, you know he's shy." A

comment like this cements shyness into a child's view of himself, and makes it harder than ever to break free.

I have personal experience with this one.

For a while, I was shy. I enjoyed watching the other kids in class joking and socializing as if I were watching a television show. It didn't occur to me to join in. I wouldn't know what to say! One day, before class started, I had positioned my seat so I could watch the antics of two boys next to me. To my shock, one

said to the other, "Marilyn can't take her eyes off of you. She must be in love with you."

I was so embarrassed. I turned myself to the front of the classroom, praying that no one else would add to my humiliation.

The other boy said, "Look at her, she can't even talk. She's the shyest girl in school." Ouch! At that time, I just didn't know how to socialize with anyone other than my few close friends. Being called the shyest girl in school, made it even harder for me to stretch

myself.

3. Let your children answer for themselves. That's a lot easier said than done. If a neighbor asks your child a question, and he hides behind your legs instead of answering, it's so much easier to just answer for him, or make excuses, such as, "Bryan is four years old now. He's just a little shy or he'd tell you himself." Such a comment sends a strong message to your child showing you do not see him as capable of answering for himself.

4. Consider your child's pref-

erences. Some kids get energized by being with a lot of people, others' don't.

5. Allow for transition time. Sometimes kids are not shy but are slow to transition into new situations. When a kid is pushed to join in before she's ready, it backfires, and creates more resistance...

6. Use playtime to improve social skills. Kids love to pretend and play. During play, lessons are learned without pressure. When kids pretend, they can be any way they want. Play games where your child gets to

be the leader, the team builder, or the time keeper.

Instead of pointing out your kids shy behavior, notice when & they display outgoing behavior during playtime. Kids respond well to a parent's positive focus, and begin seeing in themselves what you notice in them.

Marilyn Suttle helps people create happier, more productive relationships at home and at work with esteem building skills and strategies. Visit her web site at: WWW.SuttleOnline.NET.

HERO

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Washington Wizards.

"It was exciting," said Melissa Shelton, who grew up in Canton and now works as a medical biller at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "We all went to the game, all of my brothers.

"I'd do it again (donate a kidney). Stacy is such a big part of my life and my family. The doctors said they (Stacy and Melissa's brother Dan) could start trying (to have a baby) one year from the transplant. It's so exciting. They wanted this bad and it hasn't been an option."

Stacy Shelton has undergone dozens of kidney surgeries since doctors discovered a birth defect at age 5. Her right kidney was removed at age 12. After receiving Melissa's kidney, doctors removed Stacy's remaining native kidney in December. Since the transplant was successful she won't have to return to the hospital every three months for surgery to replace a stent which kept her native kidney functioning at 16 percent. Instead, the 29-year-old Redford woman is working out at the gym four times a week in addition to returning full time to her secretarial position at Edward Rose & Sons in Southfield.

"The past year of my life has been so amazing," said Stacy Shelton. "I have known my whole life that someday I would need a kidney transplant. Now the transplant is over and Melissa and I are doing so well. Every time I see her, I just think to myself how she saved my life and gave my husband and I a possible chance to some day have a family of our own. I know there's no way to thank Melissa for what she has done for me. I just hope she knows how thankful I am and I love her so much.

Karen and Tom Shelton have always been proud of their children, but now especially of

"I just couldn't believe it. She has this beautiful plaque she brought home for us," said Karen Shelton of Canton. "She did such a good thing and gave of herself. We were both very proud of her."

Dennis Sampier is just delighted that the Pistons, Shock and American Red Cross could recognize Melissa. This is the second season the groups have honored heroic acts with an on court presentation.

"The idea is to recognize hometown heroes throughout the state as well as to create awareness about cause," said Sampier, director of community relations/Pistons-Palace Foundation. "One of the reasons Melissa was chosen is April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month.

"The Pistons will be recognizing heroes throughout the 2006 NBA playoffs, and the Shock throughout the WNBA season May to August.

"Melissa's act of heroism as an organ donor is a truly selfless act, and captures the true spirit of

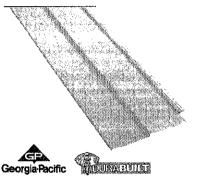
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To nominate a hero, complete an online nomination form at www.pistons.com or send, name, address, phone number and name of school or organization to Michigan Heroes, The Palace of Auburn Hills, Four Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. For more information, call (248) 377-0100.

The American Red Cross is pleased to partner with the Pistons, Shock and Palace to present the awards, said Jan Shimshock, chief development office for the southeastern Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross. For the last 10 years, the Red Cross has recognized individuals with its own Heroes Award.

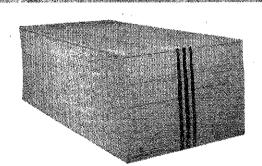
"We look for everyday people whose actions amaze and inspire us," said Shimshock.





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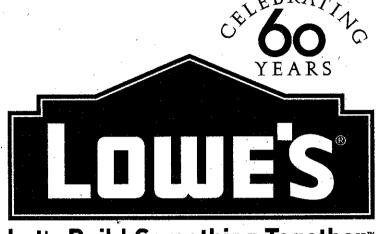
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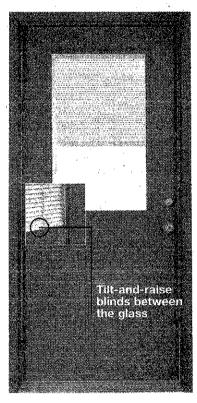
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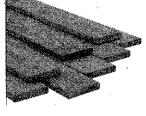


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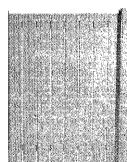
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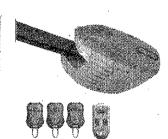
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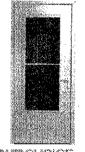


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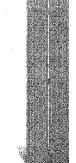
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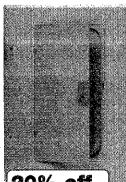
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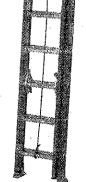
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Agnews are golden

John and Cheri (Ritter) Agnew of Englewood, Fla., celebrated their 50th anniversary May 5,

The couple was married May 5, 1956 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, and lived in the area for 42 years before retiring and moving to Florida. John Agnew is a retired tool maker, while Cheri retired from the Auto Club of Michigan. The couple has four children: Scott Agnew of Kentucky, Lori Evans and Kathy Senevey of Florida and Doug Agnew of Ann

The Agnews now enjoy playing golf, Bingo and cards. They celebrated the occasion with dinner with friends and family in Venice, Fla.

WEDDING

Bertin-Juopperi

Heather Renee Juopperi and Brian Patrick Bertin were married April 6, at the Chapel in the Clouds, Las Vegas, Nevada.. Pastor Nathan Ward officiated.

The bride is the daughter of John and Mary Jane Juopperi of Redford. She graduated Ladywood High School in 1994. She works as a receptionist for an oral surgeon in Livonia

The groom is the son of Bill and Fran Bertin of White Lake. He graduated St. Mary's of Orchard Lake in 1996. He works on irrigation tech for an apartment community in Novi. Attendants were Miranda Masell (maid of

honor) of Highland, Matt Paul (best man) of San Bruno, CA, and Chris Zawadzki (groomsman) of Washington, DC

The couple spent a week vacationing in Las Vegas



They received guests at a celebration at Sandtraps on 5 in Livonia in late April. Another family celebration is planned for June.

They are residing in Novi.



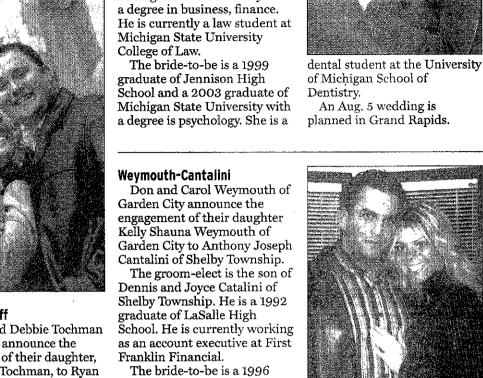
Tochman-Hoff

Dennis and Debbie Tochman of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Kay Tochman, to Ryan Christopher Hoff of Livonia, the son of Gary and Marsha Hoff of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and earned a bachelor's degree in merchandising management from Michigan State University in 2003. She is currently a training and communication man-

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and earned an associate's degree in automotive technology from Henry Ford Community College in 1996. He is currently a student at Madonna University in Livonia, working toward a degree in accounting. He also works at Detroit Diesel

Engineering.
An Oct. 6, 2006 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. John's. Following a honeymoon to Curacao, the couple will make their home in Livonia.



ENGAGEMENTS

Jeff and Renee Carlson of

Jennison, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Abby Lee Carlson of Ann

Arbor, to Ryan James Dew of

The groom-elect is the son of Rick and Carolyn Dew of

Canton. He is a 2000 graduate

Michigan State University with

of Plymouth Canton High School and 2004 graduate of

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in Royal Oak. A reception will follow at the Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield. The couple will honeymoon in the Bahamas.

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BARBARA J.

(NUSSMEIER) COPELAND Age 57, died May 4, 2006 at Rawlins House, Pendleton after an extended illness. She was born May 25, 1948 in Syracuse, New York, and was a resident of this area since 1986. Barbara was a graduate of Columbus North High School. She was a member of American Legion She was employed for five years in the clerical department in GMAC. She is survived her three children, Michelle & Husband Matthew Hash of Rochester, Michigan, David & wife Lori Corey of Lititz, Pennsylvania and Christina & husband Janson Cagley of Anderson; five siblings, Peggy & husband Jim Voelz of Columbus, Nancy & husband Mike Armuth of Columbus, Robert & wife Katie Nussmeier of Texas. Elizabeth & husband John Kestler of Columbus and Patricia & husband Kent Burns of Carmel; six grandchildren, Michael Hash, Mark Hash, Katie Corey, Kelli Corey, Erica Corey and Addison Cagley, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Phyllis (Paape) Nussmeier; her adopted father, Robert Nussmeier; and her father, Joel E. Knapp. Cremation will take place with a graveside service at a later date at Garland Brook Cemetery in Columbus, Indiana. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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ROBERT JOHN GILFERT

Age 85, of Westwood, MA, died May 1, 2006, at the Clark House in Westwood, MA. He was born in Teaneck, NJ, October 11, 1920, son of the late Charles J. and Emily (Kuell) Gilfert, he has lived in Massachusetts since 1992 previously living in Birmingham, Michigan for 25 years. During WWII, Mr. Gilfert served his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He is a graduate of Amherst College. Mr. Gilfert worked as an Advertising Executive for Time Inc. with Life Magazine and Sports Illustrated. He was a member of the Detroit Advertising Association, Orchard Lake Country Club, Bald Peak Colony Club and was an avid golfer. Survivors include his wife, Hope (Brigden) Gilfert of Westwood, a son and daughter in-law Roger and Vicki Gilfert of Bedford, NH, a daughter and son in-law Kiela and Ralph June of Pomfret, CT, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Graveside services will be 12:00 PM Saturday, May 6, 2006 at the Lakeview Cemetery in Wolfeboro, NH. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the National Alzheimer's Association. The Baker-Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Wolfeboro is in charge of the arrangements.

MAYME D. LaPALM

Age 87, May 5, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Lyle. Dear mother of Sandra Janice (Lawrence) Woodhouse. Dear grandmother of Lawrence J. (Julie) Woodhouse, Denise M. (Patrick) Harkness, and Tina M. (Terry) Poster. grandmother Woodhouse, Sarah Cooper, Woodhouse, Joshua Cooper, Devin Poster, and Dylan Poster. Brothers Roy and Maynard; sisters Mary, Josephine, Margaret, Dorothy, and Betty. Funeral Service Wednesday, llam, at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., avonia. Visitation Tuesday. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggrharris.com





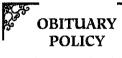
VERN. WALLACE **SCHILAWSKE**

April 19, 2006, of Tucson, AZ (formerly of Plymouth). Born September 3, 1915, in Detroit, the eldest child of Emil and Theresa Schilawske. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, and was a superb athlete, captaining the varsity hockey team and playing varsity baseball at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, PA. As a graduate Lithographer, he worked in several cities around the country, and eventually joined the U.S. Army in 1942. Assigned to the 442nd Infantry, he proudly served in the only Neisei battalion in World War II. He returned to Detroit, married Helen Nicols in 1948, and, in 1952, bought what became University Litho Printers in Ypsilanti. He was a driving force in establishing the Plymouth Hockey Association, sponsoring and coaching Bantam teams and he contributed time and energy to the Boy Scouts and his church. After retirement in 1975, he and Helen relocated to the Southwest where he was active in Kiwanis, church, and many other vol-unteer programs. He loved to play golf and was an avid gardener who raised incomparable orchids. He is survived by his two children, Darlene (Schilawske) Paul of Tucson, AZ, and Mark Schilawske of Commerce Township, MI.

HELEN B. SCHNEIDER Age 82, of Sun City Center FL, passed

away May 3, 2006. Born in Maria Pochs, Hungary, she immigrated to Windsor, Canada. She later married, residing in Farmington Hills, residing Michigan for fifty years. She retired as corporate executive. Survivors include her husband, Al., two sons, William (Kim) and James (Theresa) Schneider, a daughter, Patricia (P.J.) Schneider Haines, three sisters, Betty (George) Davidson, Irene (Donald) Grosse Olga (Eric) Meil, and two grandchildren, Sheri and Kyle Schneider. Funeral services will be at 10 am Lutheran Church. Burial at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Sun City Center Hospice House, 3725 Upper Creek Dr., Ruskin, FL 33573 or a charity of your choice.

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Compton-Joseph

Tom and Rosa Compton of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Carla Anne, to Paul Joseph, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Talbot of Clarkston.

Carla is a 2001 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. She graduated Cum Laude from Albion College in December 2004 with a bachelor of arts in speech communication. She became a member of Kappa Delta sorority during her time at Albion. Carla is an account coordinator for the Red, White & Bold team at J. Walter Thomson Advertising Firm of Detroit.

Paul is a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School. He graduated Cum Laude from Albion College in May 2002 with a bachelor of arts in philosophy. While at Albion he became a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternal organization. Paul is currently the vice president of operations at Source HR in Clarkston.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 7, 2006 at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth, Michigan. The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica and will reside in Livonia.

Lajza-Hollandsworth

John and Janet Lajza of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Ann Lajza of Livonia to Eric David Hollandsworth of Livonia.

graduate of Garden City High

School. She is currently work-

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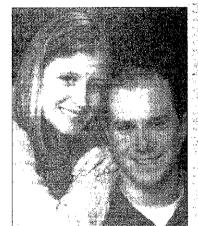
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A June 10 wedding is

The groom-elect is the son of Dave and Nancy Hollandsworth of Livonia. He is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School. He is a 2006 graduate of Walsh College with a bachelor of arts degree in finance.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School. She is a 2000 of Central Michigan University with bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

An Aug. 11 wedding if



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The couple will honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta.

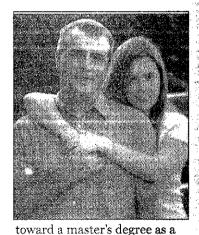
Pund-King Janet and David Pund of

Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kyle Stephanie Pund, to Eric Dean King, the son of Richard and Diane Frost of Freeland, Mich. The bride-to-be is a graduate

of Salem High School, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Indiana State University. She works as a family therapist t Kids Hope United in St. Charles, Ill.

She will be attended by her sister, Kari Pund, as Maid of Honor, bridesmaids Christina Kraus and Jennifer Zelazny and flower girl Brittny King, the groom's cousin.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Bay City John Glenn High School, got a bachelor's degree in medicine from Michigan State University and is currently a student at Midwestern University in Downer's Grove, Ill., working



physician's assistant.

He will be attended by Best Man Clifton Miskov, groomsmen Josh Marsh and Jason Wirth, his brother and ring bearer Joshua Frost and ushers Keith and Kory Pund, brothers of the bride.

A May 28, 2006 wedding is planned at the Michigan State University Alumni Memorial Chapel, with Judge David Jordan officiating. A reception to follow at Eagle Eye Golf Course.

Smith-Klassa

Carl Schreffler of Herndon, Pa., announces the engagement of his daughter Trina Ann Smith of Livonia to Michael Kenneth Klassa of Livonia.

The groom-elect is the son of Kenneth and Donna Klassa of Livonia. He has bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a CFP from the College of Financial Planning. He is the owner of Klass & Associates Financial Planning.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Hawaii and a master's in business administration from Western Kentucky University. A wedding is planned for

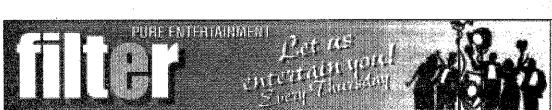


cruise. A reception will be held at Historic Greenmead in Livonia, Aug. 19.

The couple will make their home in Livonia.

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Power of Dets

Mayo Clinic oncologist tells how not to become his patient

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Dr. Edward Creagan's voice cracks while telling the story of his cat's death last February. The Mayo Clinic oncologist was in Las Vegas with his wife, Peggy, when they received the dreaded 6 a.m. call that Reggie was found dead in the den. The Creagans cut short their trip and flew back to Rochester, Minn.

The loss confirmed Creagan's belief that "getting a pet is one of the easiest and most rewarding ways of living a longer, healthier life." Creagan devotes several pages to the healing power of pets in his book How Not to Be My Patient: A Physician's Secrets for Staying Healthy and Surviving Any Diagnosis. At age 62, Creagan follows his own healthy living prescription for running, weight training, eating right and spending time with Peggy and his two golden retrievers. He talks about the book at the fifth annual Winston Canine Cancer Foundation dinner and auctions Friday, May 19, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

The Foundation, established by Mindy Richards and her husband, Paul Dunbar, of Birmingham, raises money to treat Leader and PAWS with a Cause dogs with cancer, and fund research of the disease. The foundation's mission is to share those findings so humans can be helped as well. Dr. Steve Withrow, a D.V.M. at Colorado State University, has already perfected a technique on canines to save limbs from bone cancer. It is now used to save the limbs of children and adults.

"It (Reggie's death) made us realize the fragility of life and the role that these little creatures play in our souls," said Creagan, a cancer specialist for more than 30 years.

Creagan got his first dog, a boxer named Rusty, in grammar school. As a young boy in New Jersey, Creagan learned early on to care about animals, including the horses his father bet on as a professional handicapper. Creagan lists the benefits of loving animals of all sizes in the book. Just petting a cat or dog can lower blood pressure, decrease stress and even reduce blood flow in



Dr. Edward Creagan believes it's important for his health to spend time with wife Peggy and their furry friends. Pictured here are their two golden retrievers, Brinkley and Jessie, and their late cat Reggie.

pain areas when his "pet prescription" is followed. He says, most experts recommend walking about 200 minutes a week, which is good for dogs and owners.

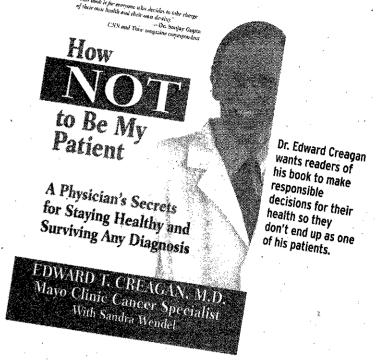
"For patients to come to Mayo with a diagnosis of cancer is an emotionally charged encounter," said Creagan, an M.D. and professor at the Mayo Clinic Medical School. "By coincidence, patients would begin to talk about their pets. I started to write the name of the pet in their medical record. On their next visit I would ask how they're doing and every one starts to smile and

Humor is one of the topics Creagan covers in the book, along with the importance of health screenings and supportive relationships, how to talk so your doctor will listen, what to do when diagnosed with an illness, the psychology of survival, the mindbody connection, alternative and complimentary medicine, spirituality and supplements. Creagan wrote the book with Sandra Wendel, a consumer health information journalist and senior project editor for eMedicine.com. She runs the consumer health news service at www.health-eheadlines.com, where Creagan lists his eight commandments for living long enough to cash in your 401(k).

"There's very firm evidence that at least one-third of cancers are related to lifestyle options and choices such as smoking, excessive sun exposure, inactivity leading to weight gain, a low-fiber, highred meat diet," Creagan said.

"The concept for the book was for us to be empowered to make responsible decisions for our health and well-being so patients could better understand their role in health and wellness. Whenever I deal with financial advisers or mechanics, I'm uncomfortable because I don't know the landscape or vocabulary. I'm a visitor in an alien country. Patients are very much in an alien country where the stakes are very high.'

When Winston was diagnosed with lymphoma, Mindy Richards thought her knowledge of medicine would make it easier to find treatment for her and husband Paul Dunbar's beautiful



Labrador retriever. Winston received part of his treatment from Michigan State University, but died about 90 days after diagnosis in August 2001 at age 9.

"I thought we would have access to the same sort of resources, diagnostics, but didn't," said Richards, a former CEO for the Oakwood Health System. "We started asking ourselves if it does exist in the country, where is it? That led to the foundation.

"Winston had a positive impact on our lives every day. When we sensed he was terminally ill, the frustrations were just like with a human family member.

When you lose them, there's grief. It was a natural evolution almost instantaneously to take the experience we had with him and turn it into something positive."

Richards says the good news is that cancer is no longer a death sentence. Cures now exist for certain types of the disease. One Leader Dog for the Blind in Pennsylvania is doing very well after having a lump removed from his paw and radiation.

"We started to pay for diagnosis and treatment of cancer for all dogs, but narrowed it down to service dogs because of a lack of funding," Richards said. "With more funding we could include

The Winston Canine Cancer Foundation fund-raiser takes place 7-11 p.m. Friday, May 19. Tickets are available by calling (248) 388-9450. For more information, visit www.winstonccf.com.

Creagan's book, How Not To Be My Patient, is published by Health Communications (HCI) and available at all book stores, www.amazon.com and www.hownottobemypatient.com.

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The Parent Workshop is designed for par-

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Hotline records frustrations Coffee cuts with Part D coverage

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Florence Adams was spending about \$1100 a year on prescriptions prior to signing up for the new Medicare prescription drug coverage Part D. Her daughter Cheryl Magalski says now she expects it to cost the 84-year-old Livonia woman about \$1000 more a year for her six drugs. The coverage was supposed to save seniors money on medications.

Magalski is one of the people who vented their frustrations on the Medicare Hotline set up by the Mental Health Association in Southfield.

"Out of pocket costs are too high," said Magalski. "Prior to Part D we were getting several drugs through companies either free of charge or a \$15 cocharge. That was a lot of paperwork but worth it. With Part D it's \$65 a month for the co-pay; three months of drugs now cost \$327 for a total of \$2088, \$1308 for drugs and \$780 for premi-

"The government needs to get themself in this problem to see how this works, or give us their health care program. This is going to hurt a lot of people."

Besides increasing her mother's costs, Magalski was frustrated by the process of applying for coverage

"It's difficult to understand, to get information," said Magalski, a registered nurse for Angela Hospice in Livonia. Although her mother lives independently, Magalski is responsible for her bills and medication so she began to research Part D last fall thinking it would help cut her mother's costs. When Magalski grew frustrated, she turned the project over to her brother who talked to pharmacists and went online for information.

Magalski discovered they weren't alone in their struggle. As a hospice nurse she would visit patients who were just as confused.

Mark Reinstein noted the growing problems and decided in February to create a hotline for those enrolled in the coverage program or trying to find out information about it. He expects to receive an increasing number of calls as the May 15 deadline for application

approaches.

is locked into a plan. Low income and dual eligible (Medicare/Medicaid) can switch every month, others can change coverage at certain intervals, according to Reinstein. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit

www.medicare.gov. To express your thoughts, good or bad, call the MHA hotline at 1-866-779-1359 toll free 12:30-4 p.m. Wednesdays or 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays. At other times leave a voice message with name and phone number and your call will be returned. Or send e-mail to partdmha@aol.com.

"The mission is to catalog this through the end of the year," said Reinstein, president and CEO of the Mental Health Association in Michigan, a nonprofit advoca-

cy group. "We'd like to amass information on a couple hundred people and turn that over to Congress. So far, there's been a lot of confusion. The common wisdom has been for months that it may be confusing but if they get in it, it will save money. We're seeing that's not holding up. A number of people were in some sort of assistance program previously. If you got into Medicare Part D you're assistance ceased. Now with co-pays and premiums a number of them are paying

Sally Tarte "hardly ever" takes medications so her costs are definitely higher since signing up for AARP's (American Association of Retired Person's) \$26 a month premium for prescription coverage. She says, the increase "hurts because you can't do things with your grandchildren."

"It's very difficult at first because there are so many plans out there to choose from which I think is wrong," said Tarte, 66 of Old Redford. "I think that confuses a lot of seniors especially those who have loss of memory. They should have been made simpler because of the age group.

Tarte didn't have the ability to go online so she signed up based on information she received in the mail or on television.

For help in applying for coverage, call the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at 1-800-803-7174 or visit www.mymmap.org.

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blood flow in workout



Sharon from Romeo drinks a lot of coffee often before working out. She e-mails asking if a pre-workout cup of Joe is a good idea.

Sharon, you're right to be concerned. Just two cups of coffee can limit the amount of blood flow to the heart during a workout and that's not good. A group of young coffee drinkers abstained from their favorite pick-me-up for 36 hours. Researchers then used high-tech scanners to measure blood flow before and after their workout on a stationary bike. The first time the riders were caffeine-free. They then took tablets containing as much caffeine as two cups of coffee and repeated the exercise. The new scans showed reduced blood flow to the heart once the caffeine had been consumed. You need that extra blood flow to provide oxygen to the heart

during a workout, so it's

Peter's **Principles**

> Peter Nielsen

probably a good idea to lay off the coffee.

Bill from Center Line has been hearing for years that fish is brain food. He e-mails asking for the real

Bill, when it comes to cognitive ability, a diet rich in fish is the real deal. In fact, it can even help protect brain function as we age. The latest research shows you can dramatically reduce memory lapse and intellectual decline with a diet rich in fish.

A study of more than 3,000 test subjects 65 and older showed some startling results. Subjects eating fish once or more a week had a 10- to 13percent slower rate of cognitive decline than those not eating

And just about any kind of seafood will do the trick, including fresh water fish and shellfish. This is one nutritional study you should fall for hook, line and sinker!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, email Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-TV (Channel 4) and WWJ-AM (950). Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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CHADD meeting

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Symposium

On Peri-Operative Medical Management for p hysicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, M ay 13, at Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Cent er, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Registration reg uired by May 8. Call (734) 655-2360. Presente d by St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Reconnect with food

Health screenings

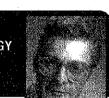
For individuals interested in exploring issues related to food, body image and emotions, with Beverly Price, registered dietitian and yoga teacher, and exercise physiologist, includes yoga, mindfulness training, b ody image work, art and music therapy, discussion groups 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Fr iday, May 8-12, at Center for Creative Living, Royal Oak. For more information, call (248) 3 90-4150 or visit www.prazamana.org.

Oakwood Community Health in cooperation with Life Line Screening is offering to te st for a blocked carotid artery, abdominal ao rtic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease an d osteoporosis for a nominal fee. Registratio n required, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May

9, at First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 C herry Hill. Call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.o akwood.org.

fied Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 7 37-3430 or send e-mail to rhh4962@aol.com.

Arthritis Today



JOSEPH J. WEISS, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY 18829 Farmington Road Livonia, Michigan 48152 Phone: (248) 478-7860

STIFFNESS If you sit for a prolonged period, you may note difficulty on arising. The fluidity you expect isn't there, being replaced by discomfort and a hesitant change to the upright

position. Your initial steps may seem slow and unsteady to you. You call this experience stiffness and may attribute it to arthritis or old age. This stiffness is neither. If you stay seated or still for a long enough time, you can experience such stiffness at any age. The response results from the nature of muscles and ligaments that need both movement and a blood supply to remain limber. As you age, the chemical reactions that propel muscle activity require a longer time to initiate. In addition, the blood of the blood vessels themselves.

This stiffness is not the sign of arthritis. The best treatment is frequent movement and learning what your body accepts as a reasonable rest period.

Another type of stiffness is associated with inflammatory arthritis. The stiffness is more profound, lasts far longer than the discomfort discussed above, lingering from thirty minutes to hours. The stiffness involves both sides of your body. In the condition polymyalgia rheumatica, the stiffness targets the shoulders and thighs. In rheumatoid arthritis, stiffness exhibits itself in both hands. The intensity of the stiffness in these cases reflects the need for the muscles or joints to rest to the point of resisting movement.

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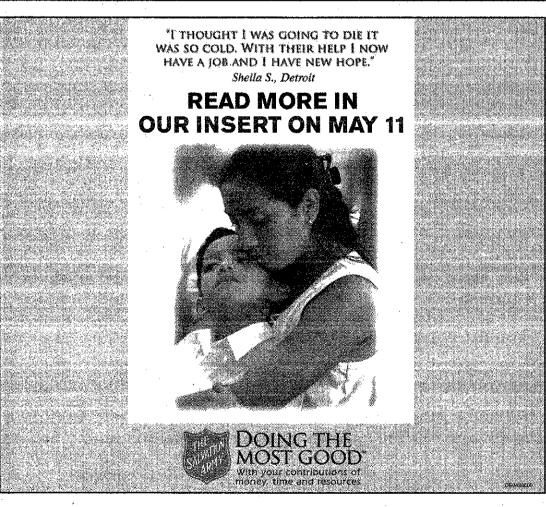
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Through the billions of dollars spent every year on drug ads, we have become programmed to respond to our illnesses with custom-made medications. If they don't work, we go straight to prescription medications. When the drugs fail to return us back to health, there are no other choices than to try dangerous experimental medications or to perform surgery.

Hello, my name is Dr. Daniel Laframboise, and I'd like to share some incredible information with you. Most people report feeling totally helpless when they go to the doctor because, if they don't choose drugs, what else is there to do? More and more people are learning about a new and different choice for their life and health. Those with the toughest cases that don't respond to traditional care are now achieving extraordinary results and regaining healthy lives. So how could this choice be used as a last resort?

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Chemistry doesn't control your body - intelligence does. Your innate (inborn) intelligence creates all the chemistry and keeps it in balance. More than two million functions are performed every minute in your body. The brain and central nerve system carry "wellness messages" to each of the seventy trillion cells that make up a human being. As long as you have 100% nerve supply, you are likely to experience normal, healthy function. The problem exists when abnormal stress enters your body and

causes an interruption to the nerve system. When healthy nerve flow is interfered with or "trapped," the body's chemistry goes out of balance and normal body function is jeopardized. By removing the nerve interference, the intelligence of your body is allowed to automatically rebalance body chemistry and to generate extraordinary healing capabilities. Amazingly, stress most often attacks the spine, creating misalignment and then affecting the nerve system (a condition known as



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MHS program

The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties through May 31. The center is at 900 Newburgh Road, south of Ford Road. People must provided proof if financial need, such as documentation from government-funded programs, at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance WIC program and Medicaid. To make an appointment, call (734) 722-1415.

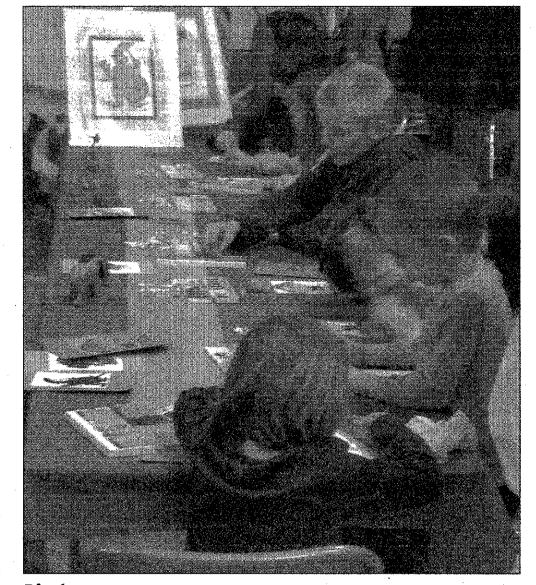
Diabetes self-management

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, hosts a presentation, "Diabetes Self Management: Rewards and Pitfalls," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, in the hospital's auditorium. The speaker is Dan Diepenhorst, MSW, Michigan Department of Community Health. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36745 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961. Visit St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Web site at www.stmarmer-

Fashion show The Women of North Farmington present its Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon Extraordinaire at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 19 at Edgewood Country Club, 8399 Commerce Road, Commerce Township. Cash bar. Door prizes, raffle; tickets are \$40, proceeds go to charity. Call (248) 788-9672 for tickets. Fashions presented by Cold Water Creek of Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

St. Mary's classes St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled, "Menopause and Sleep Apnea: Detection and Treatment," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Speaker will be régistered sleep technologist Scott G. Wolk, RPSGT, EMTP, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, but registration is requested. For more information or to register, visit www.stmarymercy.org on

the Web or call (734) 655-1100. St. Mary Mercy hosts a community open house called "Kaleidoscope of Care" 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. All events are free and will take place on



Big top

Students at Hulsing Elementary School in Canton discovered recently it's possible to get an entire school "under the big top." It happened when the school displayed art work with a circus theme from every student in the building. The students got to exercise the right sides of their brains by centers set up to draw, paint and do an assortment of activities.

the hospital grounds at 5 Mile and Levan. On the same day, St. Mary Mercy hosts its annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration, as well as the groundbreaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception and speaker noon-1 p.m. in the hospital's South Lobby.

Book fair

The 28th-annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, May 14 in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State St. There is a \$5 admission charge which benefits the William L. Clements

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Library of the University of Michigan. More than 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest offer fine used, rare and out-of-print books, maps, photographs and prints for sale. For more information, contact Jay Platt in care of the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, Mi 48104, by e-mail at iplatt@provide.net or by phone at (734) 995-1891.

Creative writing workshop

The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3:45-6:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313 Brush, Madison Heights. Author Diane Burton offers tips for developing memorable characters which the reader will either root for or hiss at. Admission is \$25 for Michigan Horror Writers members, \$30 for pre-registered attendees, \$35 for registration after June 3 and \$40 for walk-ins. Attendees should submit a sample of their writing with their registration. For more information or to register e-mail Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com

Soup/salad luncheon

The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup and Salad Luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, May 12 in the Parish Activity Cepter on Third Street in Trenton. The \$7 cost includes choice of

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soups, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event features two 50/50 drawings and door prizes. Carry-out orders are available. For advance tickets or more information, call Helen at (734) 671-

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

Safe driving program St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offers a two-day program, "AARP Safe Driving," 12:30-4:30 p.m. May 23-24. Attendance at both sessions is required. It's an eight-hour classroom refresher course for experienced motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP, and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8950. **Ann Arbor Women**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 16th-annual Tables and Tea event, displaying elegant and whimsical table settings designed by club members and local retailers. The event takes place at the City Club. 1830 Washtenaw (between Devonshire and Hill) 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4. Tickets go on sale in mid-May at the

Club and at some designated places around town. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Club. For more information, call Linda Atkins, (734) 741-8032

Summer internships

Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center, Internships include positions in Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events, development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with "Internship" in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117. West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734994-

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week, the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on-line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

- 1. "Two Little Girls in Blue," Mary Higgins Clark
- 2. "Blue Shoes & Happiness," Alexander McCall Smith
- 3. "Dark Harbor," Stuart Woods
- 4. "Gone," Jonathan Kellerman
- 5. "The Tenth Circle," Jodi Picoult

NON-FICTION

- 1. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
- 2. "Game of Shadows," Mark
- Fainaru-Wada
- 3. "American Theocracy,"
- Kevin Phillips 4. "The Jesus Papers,"
- Michael Baigent 5. "Gospel of Judas," Edited by Rodolph Kasser

PARENTS' CHOICE **NEW CHILDREN'S** PICTURE BOOKS

- 1. "Little Quack's New Friend," Lauren Thompson
- 2. "Dinosaur, Dinosaur," **Kevin Lewis**
- 3. "Nuts," Paul Gerritsen 4. "Claire and the Unicorn-Happy Ever After," B.G. Hennessey
- 5. "Mommy, Carry Me Please!" Jane Cabrera

MUSIC IN THE AIR

The Music in the Air concerts, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority, are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park:

- June 2 Redhill, a modern Motown/rock-and-roll band new to the lineup, but they were a hit at the Fall Festival.
- June 9 Global Village, soul, R&B, funk
- June 16 Double Cross Band, blues and soul, new to the lineup

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda's and Minutes for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the Township Website: www.plymouthtwp.org.

Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, for

Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purposes of paying part of the cost of acquiring and, constructing capital improvements in the City consisting of improvements to the City Hall and the Cultural Center and the acquisition and installation of computer

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

operating systems for various city departments.

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THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations.

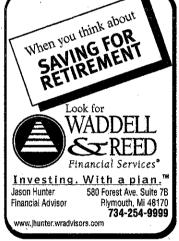
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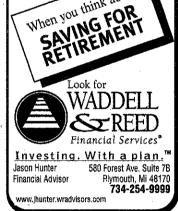
THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

> Linda Langmesser Clerk, City of Plymouth

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NOTICE OF INTENT

RESOLUTION **GENERAL OBLIGATION** CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

City of Plymouth County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City") held on the 1st day of May, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

PRESENT:	RESENT: Members								
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The following preamble and resolution were offered by _ and supported by Member

WHEREAS, the City intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, and installing certain capital improvement items (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City intends, at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the City for the Projects prior to issuance of the bonds.

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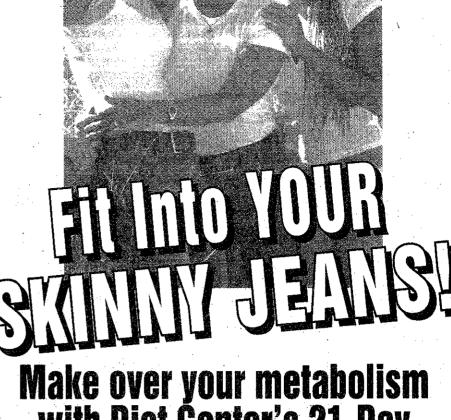
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REUNIONS

Andover High School Jills

The Jills of Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills are celebrating 50 years. A reunion is planned for Memorial Day Weekend, Friday, May 26, a reception will be held at Pine Lake Country Club, On Saturday, May 27, the attending Jills will rehearse 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Andover Auditorium. An afterglow Preception will follow. For more information, contact Dorothe Patterson at \$ (248)737-8407 or at Jills50th@comcast.net.

Belleville High School

All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Belleville High School Cafeteria, For Information, contact Mildred Baker, chairperson, 139 Clarence St., Belleville, MI 48111; (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni

Banquet for Belleville High School, Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school, social time, and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reac-

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quaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni.

Bishop Borgess Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion is planned for May 20. For more information, e-mail Bishopborgess86@gmail.com or call (734)762-5186

Cass Tech High School Class of 1955-57

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15-17, 2006, at St. John's Armenian Church, Southfield. Contact Rich Baylerian (248) 735-4495, Barbara Grajek Schanfrankek (248) 543-6353, Joann Ellison Armistead (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com.

Central High Class of 1946

A 60-year reunion is planned for June 4, 2006, at Glen Oaks Country Club. Both January and June classmates will celebrate over dinner and dancing. January grads contact Al Weiss (248)

737-9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851-6625. June grads contact Barbara Keidan (248) 646-7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932-5177.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimirs of Farmington, \$45/person, open bar: Oct. 1 - breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016.

Denby High School Class of 1956

> A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Chadsey Class of 1956

Looking for classmates. A 50-year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Detroit Cody Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton, \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pletzke) Wauford at Swautor@aol.com; OR Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 OR Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

Tuesday, May 9¹¹

Rain or Shine

6:00 pm

Detroit Cooley Class of 1966

> A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner, music, dancing, and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or email: jwork2friends@yahoo.com

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion will be held 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006, at the Troy Hilton. Anyone who attended Ford is welcome. Contact Ron Grant (home 248) 288-9376 OR (cell 586)-663-8844.

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes Jan. June and Summer 1956 A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 16, 2006, at the Novi Sheraton. For more information, call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earthlink.net.

Detroit Salesian High School Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for July 15, 2006 at the Royal Oak Elks Club. Contact Tom Connelly (248) 546-4536 or Ron Altwies (734) 421-7143.

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School's Class of 1966 is Saturday, Aug. 12, at Zuccaro's, 46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield Township, Call Laura (Koster) Lavigne at (586) 263-0677 or visit www.edhs1966.com for more information.

Edsel Ford High School

A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will be a "Black and White Bail" on Saturday, May 20. 2006. About the activities www.geocities.com/edsel50th. To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com.

Epiphany Grade School Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

Ferndale High School Class of 1975/1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 12, 2006, at the Troy Somerset Inn, 2601 West Big Beaver Road, between I-75 and Coolidge Road. For information and to register sign in at www.fhs75-76.org. Discount if you register before Feb. 15. Cost is \$65/person or \$120/couple. Forward payment ASAP to: FHS 75-76 Reunion, P.O. Box 20274, Ferndale, MI 48220

Class of 1966

A 40-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 29, 2006, at the Sheraton Detroit-Novi, 21111 Haggerty Road (I-275 at Eight Mile Road) Novi, To register send check for \$75 per person to Ferndale High School 1966 Class Reunion, C/O Joan Rockett Horner, 951 W. Oakridge, Ferndale 48220

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Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kavninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nucore.com.

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Livonia Bentley Class of 1956

A 50-year class reunion is planned for Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, at the Hilton Gardens of Plymouth. For more information, contact Sandy (Mensch) Curtis at (248)426-7464 or Josie (Bonfante) Esper at (248)777-1648.

Livonia Franktin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679, or Email: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion is planned for July 29, 2006, at Fifth Avenue, Novi. For information contact Lauren Kronk at Ikronk@sbcglobal.net or (734) 718-3211. or Keri Gutekunst-Sims at kerisims0130@yahoo.com, or visit www.stevenson1996.com.

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Alumni can update their address by calling (734) 261-3264 or emailing

celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit the Web site at ctrinc.divincinet.com.

Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2006, at the Marriott's Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$55/person and are available now. Send checks payable to "Stevenson Class of '76 Reunion" -- mail to Dave Lindenmuth, 34357 Burton Lane, Livonia 48154. For more information email dlindenm@hotmail.com.

Marine Reunion

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion on Aug. 9-13, 2006, in Milwaukee, Wis. Headquarters Hotel, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee. Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of The Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed on Sept. 16, 1942, is eligible and cordially invited to attend. For membership and reunion information contact Sqt. Major Bill Krueger, USMC Ret. (703) 451-3844 or 7622 Highland St., Springfield, VA 22150-3931

North Farmington

or www.caitrap.com.

Class of 1966 will hold a 40th reunion July 28, 29, 30 at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. Visit online at www.novi.doubletree.com or call (800) 713-3513 for information. A block of rooms has been reserved, but make your reservations as soon as possible. Must give hotel the group code NFR to receive the group rate. Check in 2 p.m. Friday, July 28; tour North Farmington 3-4 p.m.; 4-10 p.m. open house: Saturday various activities with dinner dance in evening; Sunday - brunch. Contact Carol Jones Haven at turtledove@gbso.net for more information. Still seeking Class of 1966 mem-

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem Class of 1996

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In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

Single-Mingle Dance

Western Barn Dance, Lazy J Ranch, 7:45 p.m. Saturday, May 13. Admission \$18 member, \$20 non-member. Jeans casual, 625 South Hickory Ridge Road, just south of M-59. For directions, call (248)887-1551.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six

Mile and Haggerty, in Northville. Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. For more information, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

- Learner's Bible Study 7 p.m.
- Mondays in Room A101. Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward
- Men's Bible Study _ 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult

Ministries office. Tennis Anyone?

The nets are up at Rotary Park on 6 Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia and you will find players there weekdays 4-7 p.m. anytime the weather is above 45 degrees. Saturday and Sunday play is 1-5 p.m. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries. For more information contact the SPM office at

Ward Church at (248) 374-5920. **Bicycling**

May 13 10 a.m. Willow Metro-Park (I-275 South to exit 11A/South Huron Road. All riders must wear a helmet. Lunch

break (at your expense) half way through the ride. We'll be riding every Saturday morning at various locations until the weather turns cold again. For a schedule or more information, please contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Widowed Friends Widowed men and women are welcome to meet Widowed Friends, a peer group of the Archdiocese of Detroit 5 p.m. Friday, May 12, at the American Polish Culture Center, 15 Mile and Dequindre in Troy. RSVP by May 10 to Carol (248)628-5437, Bonnie (586)786-6374 or Barb (586)781-5678.



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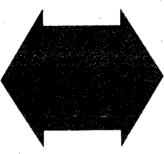
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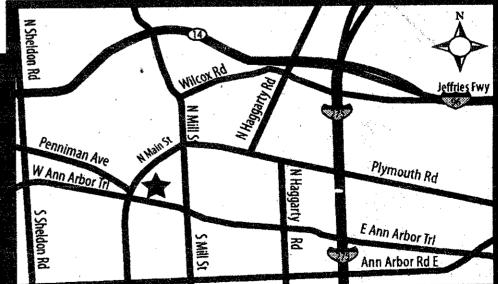


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The Finnish-American Singers of Michigan present their annual spring concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile, between Gill and Newburgh, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10 in advance by calling (248) 478-6939 and also at the door. The cost of admission includes Finnish sand-

The 20-voice mixed chorus

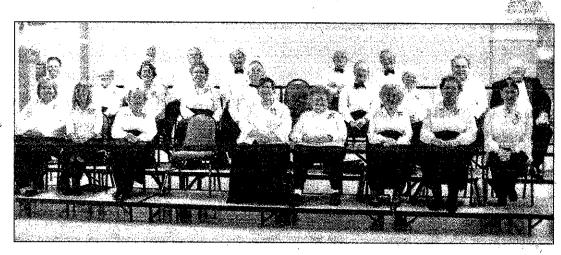
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dent Ilene Yanke at (248) 887-

includes singers from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. Directed by Henry Naasko and accompanied by Bill Gramzow, the Finnish-American Singers perform a wide variety of entertaining music including Finnish traditional and folk, excerpts from favorite American musicals, popular tunes from the early 20th Century to present, and other world music. Selections from Mozart will also be performed in honor of the composer's 250-year birthday.

The singers perform on their new risers which were purchased with money raised from pasty sales, donations, and a \$1500 grant from the Finlandia Foundation National. Since the chorus has many seniors it is a comfort to sing on risers which are wide enough to hold chairs. On concert days they decorate the hall, bring food for the afterglow, rehearse, perform, and then clean up. The singers are part of the Finnish Center Association in Farmington



The Finnish-American Singers of Michigan perform May 21 on their new risers at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills.

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For the past 50 years, the YWCA Western Wayne Co. has provided support to women and girls and their families so they can realize the full potential of their lives. The YWCA is dedicated to improving the quality of life of its members through community organization, crisis intervention, physical well-being, and recreation.

Donations from the Mother's Day cards will help the YWCA to create more programs to help women and their families. Approximately 1000 families benefit from the programs and services offered by the YWCA, and there are more who need

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Travel with the Finnish-American Singers

Sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses are needed for the Finnish-American Singers of Michigan. This year the Singers' season begins with the annual Spring Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Finnish Cultural Center, in Farmington Hills. We are also in need of singers to participate in a series of invited performances at the annual Finn Grand Fest 2006 from July 20-27 to Astoria, Oregon and Naselle, Washington. This is a beautiful area on the Columbia River with opportunities for sightsee-

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Biotech careers heating up

(NewsUSA) — Biotechnology has been around for centuries. From farming to food production and storage, biotechnology has touched our lives in numerous helpful ways.

As baby boomers age, there has been an increased demand for new medical procedures and equipment. As a result, biomedical engineering, a field that combines medicine with engineering and biology, is expected to grow in the next decade and beyond.

With an insight into both medical and engineering fields, biomedical engineers work effectively in hospitals, research facilities, academia, government regulatory agencies or as consultants.

Biomechanics, which applies biomechanical engineering to biological or medical problems, utilizes scientific principles to produce new ways of keeping the body functional and healthy. These include the creation of synthetic organs and joints, as well as machines that control body functions, imaging systems like X-ray and ultrasound, and the laser systems

used in corrective eye surgery. As a result of these advances,

the medical community has a better understanding of how certain organs and musculoskeletal systems function.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, biomedical engineering is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2014. While a bachelor's in engineering is required, a graduate degree in engineering is also recommended for most entrylevel bioengineering jobs. Many universities offer accredited engineering graduate programs.

Professional organizations, such as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), can help students interested in pursuing biotechnology careers.

ASME promotes the interests of its members and keeps them informed of industry developments. Additionally, networking opportunities offered by the organization can help students find jobs and get on the right career track.

For more information, visit www.asme.org.



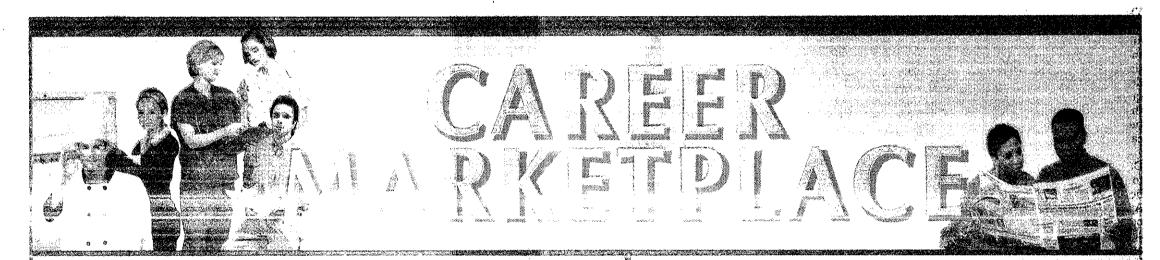
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AMVETS will use these recommendations to form an action plan to improve the nation's veterans benefit system. More information is available at www.veterans nationalsymposium.org. Or call (877) 7AMVETS to learn more about the symposium.





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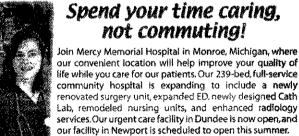
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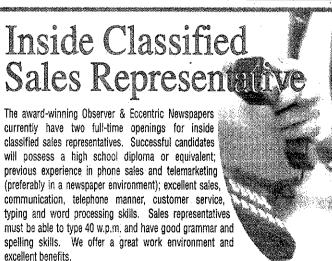
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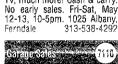
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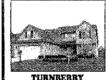




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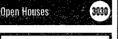
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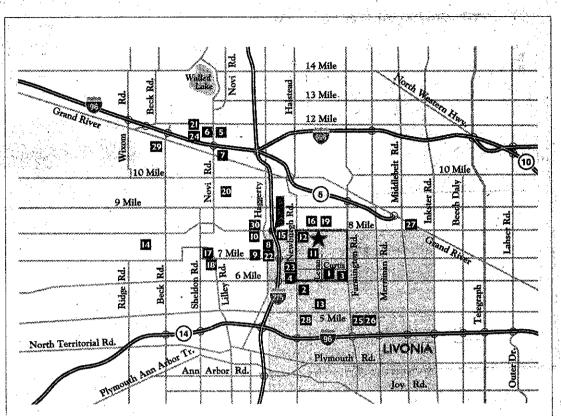
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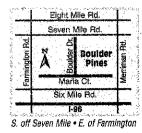
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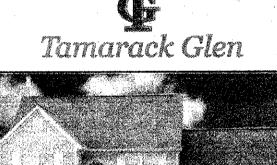
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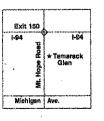




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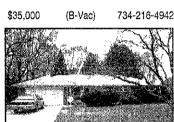
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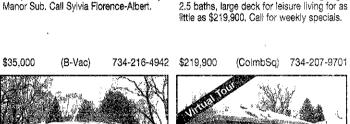
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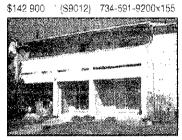
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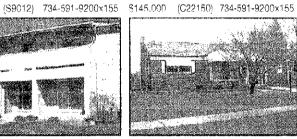
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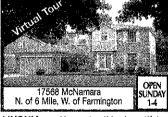
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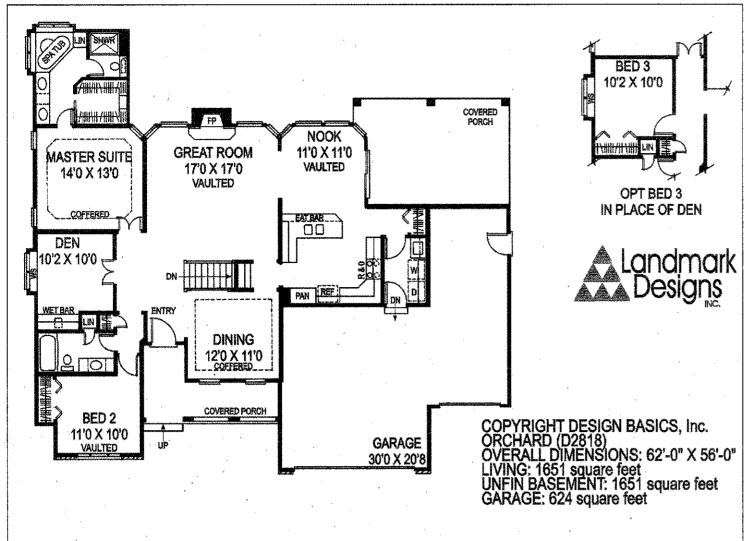
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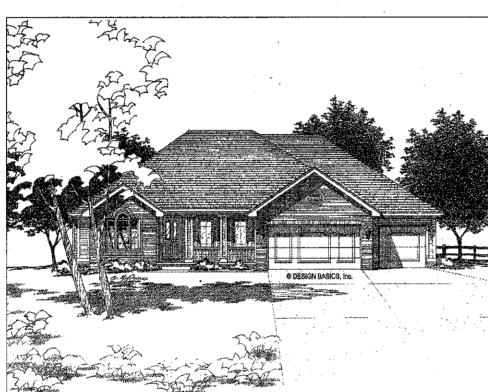
Once inside from the covered porch, the vaulted great room is open to view. There is a large fireplace and hearth on the back wall with windows and transoms on each side.

The room has an archway into the vaulted nook. Bay windows on one end and patio doors on the side provide this room with an excellent amount of light. The patio doors open onto a covered porch in the rear, ideal for those afternoon barbecues or for sitting outside and relaxing.

The kitchen of the Orchard runs along one wall with a peninsula jutting out containing the sink area and the eating bar. The pantry is in the corner, adjacent to the refrigerator. Off the kitchen is the utility room with a sink and washer/dryer. There is a storage closet and door leading to the garage at the far end.

The formal dining room with its coffered ceiling is accessible from the entry area or from the kitchen and great room. This area has two large windows facing the covered porch. On the wall between the dining area and the great room is stairs to an optional unfinished basement.

stairs to an optional unfinished basement. The entire left side of this home could consist of bedrooms. Entry to the master suite is through French doors. The suite area has a coffered ceiling. Past the walkin closet and "his-and-her" sinks is that corner spa tub with corner garden windows. A shower and linen closet are also included in the master bath.



Adjacent to the master suite is the den that has an alternate bedroom plan. If it is needed as a bedroom, this room would have a wall closet and a large window seat. This would be a great area to study. If it remains as a den, the window seat is still incorporated in the layout, along with a wet bar. There are French doors opening into the entry area. A coat closet, handy to the entry, along with a full bath and linen closet is between the den and second bedroom. This bedroom has a corner wall closet behind folding doors and three large windows in the front. This room is also vaulted, adding to the ambiance of being large and open.

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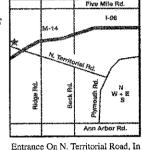
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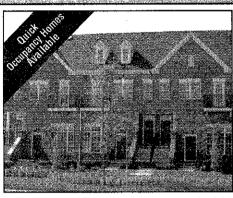
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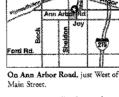


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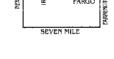


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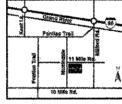




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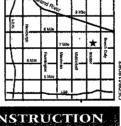


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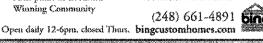
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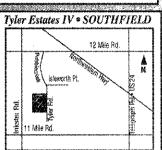
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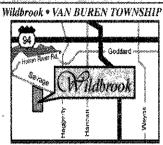
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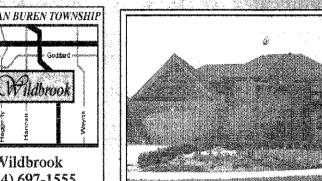


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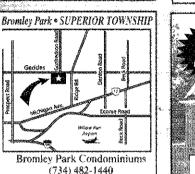
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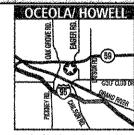
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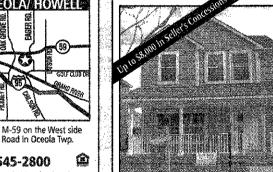
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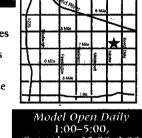
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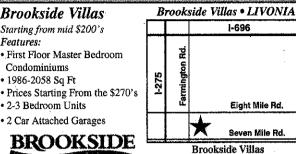




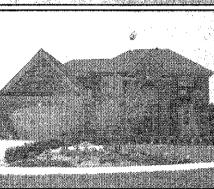
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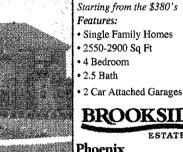
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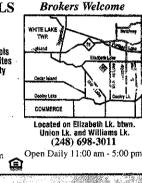
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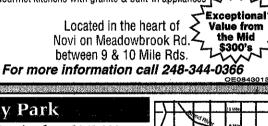






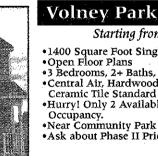








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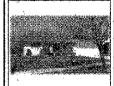
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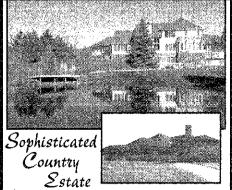
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You can spot a Land Rover the proverbial mile away, and the LR3 is no exception. Its high, boxy profile includes a simple front fascia, with fog lamps, and automatic Bi-Xeneon headlights with washers. 19inch aluminum alloy wheels are standard on the topof-the-line HSE version (vs. 18-inch wheels on the V6 and SE models). The look is simple and uncluttered, without a lot of flash.

Inside, there's still not a lot of flash, but there sure are a lot of dials and controls. In addition to the standard controls for the climate control system, audio system and the GPS navigation system, there are also switches for the optional heated seats and the terrain response system, which will be described later. Many of these controls are duplicated on the steering wheel. The LR3 comes with full instrumentation and a message information center in the instrument panel. The power leather seats are comfortable and pro-

vide good driving position, and can be heated with the optional cold weather package. The second row seats are 35-30-35 split seats that fold down for more cargo room. If you choose to put passengers back there, there is a rear seat climate control package and audio controls, as well. The HSE version of the L3 comes with third-row seats that expand the seating

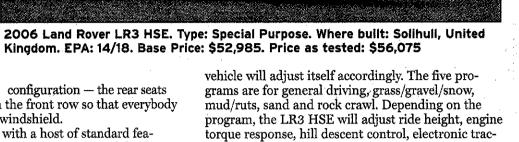
capacity to seven passengers, and the seats easily fold flat. The seats are set up

in a stadium seating configuration — the rear seats sit a little higher than the front row so that everybody can see out the front windshield.

The L3 HSE comes with a host of standard features. Dual-zone automatic climate control, leatherwrapped steering wheel, voice-control GPS navigation system, cruise control, power sunroof, security system, keyless entry, integrated telephone system with Bluetooth, and rear park distance control all come standard on the HSE. The standard audio system is a Harman/Kardon AM/FM/six-disc CD system with surround sound and 14 speakers. Its rated at a whopping 550 watts and it's clean and powerful. There are second and third row audio controls, and an auxiliary input for an iPod or other mp3 player. After all, if you re going to rough it, you need your tunes, right?

There's plenty of power to get where you re going. The permanent four-wheel drive L3 HSE is powered by a 4.4-liter 300 hp aluminum alloy V8, rated at 300 hp and 315 lb.-ft. of torque. It does, unfortunately, require premium fuel, and you re going to get less than 15 miles per gallon in city driving, according to the EPA.. The engine is mated to a six-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission, which can be shifted manually, if you prefer. While the engine accelerates quickly, you can definitely feel the shifts as the automatic transmission makes its way through the gears. Four-wheel traction control is standard.

If you are an off-roader, you ll appreciate the LR3 s Terrain Response system. This system allows you to select one of five possible terrain programs, and the



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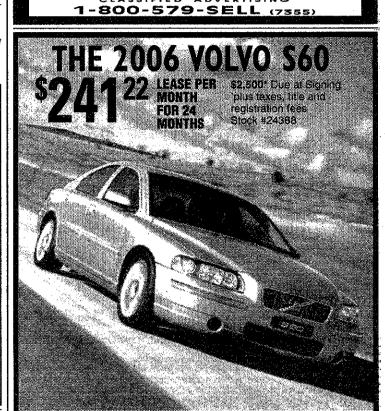
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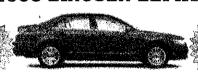


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