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Canton store expected to draw millions to area

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Diann Geran has mixed feelings about next week's grand opening of IKEA.

On one hand, she is really looking forward to shopping at the store, having previously shopped at an IKEA store in Pittsburgh. On the other hand, she is worried about all the new traffic the store will create along Ford Road, which is not too far from her home.

"If I didn't live in Canton, I would probably be more excited," said Geran, a social worker at The ARC in Westland.

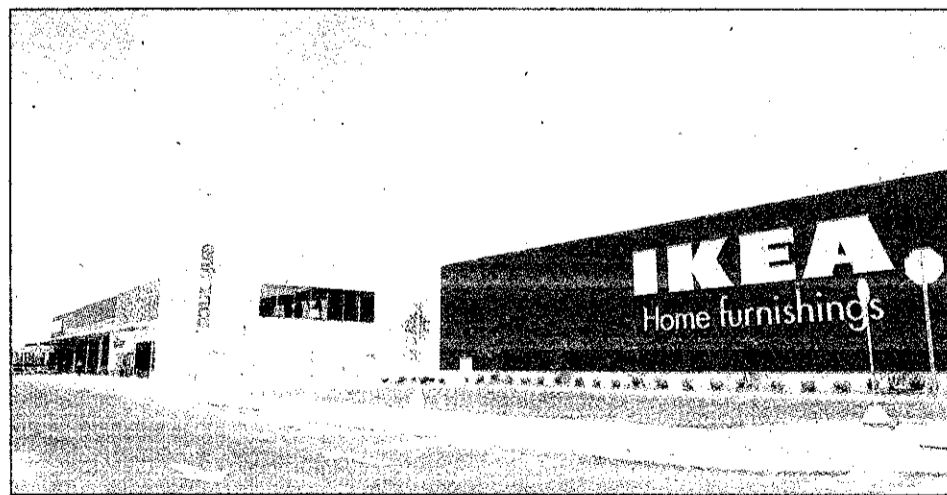
Despite her traffic fears, though, she is pretty excited about shopping at the store, and is even thinking about braving

the crowds to attend Wednesday's grand opening. She said the store's appeal is pretty simple to figure out.

"IKEA has nice, cheap stuff, and lots of it," Geran said. "They just have a great selection of furniture. You can really redo a whole room of your home for very little money. It's just a really cool store."

That's the sentiment that is expected to draw two million shoppers a year to the store at Ford and Haggerty roads in Canton, just a stone's throw from I-275. When the new IKEA Canton store opens Wednesday, the cash registers will start ringing, pumping millions of dollars into the state and local economy. And Monday, the store will allow its first

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It's hard to miss the giant blue and yellow building on Ford Road.

IKEA: Inside and out

- **1** - number of days before IKEA management will allow early shoppers to start lining up outside the store. Early birds may start arriving and lining up Monday, June 5.
- **1** - number of escalators in Canton, and it's at IKEA.
- **100** - the number of customers who will receive, for being the first 100 adults in line to enter the store June 7, a POANG armchair (priced at \$79 inside the store).
- **5,000** - the number of IKEA Canton's first customers who will receive gift cards for hot dogs, frozen yogurt, or anywhere from \$10 to \$250 worth of merchandise.
- **10** - the number of \$1,000 gift cards IKEA will give away in an opening-day drawing.
- **\$10,000** - the amount of money IKEA Canton is donating to First Step women's shelter and programs for abused women.
- **2 million** - number of

- visitors expected annually at the IKEA Canton store.
- **10,000** - number of items in stock in the store.
- **14.8 billion** - total sales, in Euro, for IKEA in 2005
- **400** - number of employees at the new IKEA Canton store.
- **1943** - the year IKEA was founded by Ingvar Kamprad. He was just 17 years old, and used money that was a graduation gift to launch IKEA.
- **1985** - the first IKEA store opens in the United States.
- **160 million** - number of IKEA catalogs that were printed last year.
- **IKEA** - is an acronym for the founder's name (Ingvar Kamprad) and the first letters of Elmtaryd and Agunnaryd, the farm and village where he grew up.
- **19** - the number of new IKEA stores opening this year, including the first store in Japan, which opened in April.

Grant helps teachers bring history to life

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has received a nearly \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help bring American history alive in the classroom.

The \$999,819 grant, to be used over a three-year period, is part of \$118.2 million in Teaching American History awards given out by the Education Department to 124 school districts nationwide.

"We were thrilled," said Cindy Swift, director of elementary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools, after receiving word of the grant Thursday. "We have a summer institute planned so teachers will be able to get to work right away."

Swift said the district's Laying Foundations II project will provide field experiences and workshops for elementary teachers in partnership with the University of Michigan-Dearborn, The Henry Ford, Michigan Historical Museum and the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"Teachers will learn how to use those resources, and learn from history experts by exploring authentic sources and learning how to use artifacts and actual documents in their own instruction," Swift said. "They will be learners first, and then teachers."

"Our hope is that we can spread the learning throughout our elementary program," she said. "Nearly 2,100 students will be touched by this, one way or another."

Plymouth-Canton Schools received a similar \$807,000 federal grant in October 2003 for middle and high school history teachers. Wendy Flynn, Miller Elementary fifth-grade teacher, said she and a few of her colleagues were able to take part in that grant program, taking classes with professors from U-M-Dearborn and Eastern Michigan University, as well as visit exhibits as The Henry Ford.

Flynn said with the new grant, all the fifth-grade teachers in the district will get the opportunity to study the time period from 1500-1812, encompassing the colonization of the U.S. and the Revolutionary War.

"We will be able to give the kids more information, and motivate them more," Flynn said. "It will bring a real richness to the social studies curriculum."

"When students read a history book, they'll be able to read it with a critical eye, giving them more background so they can come up with more conclusions and different points of view," she said.

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Board looking at \$2 million in repairs at Fellows Creek

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

At Canton's oldest municipal golf course, Fellows Creek, it's "do or die" time — either make some badly needed, overdue repairs or run the risk of ruining the township's investment on the property. So say township officials.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees could vote at its June 13 meeting to borrow more than \$1 million to make \$2.13 million worth of repairs and improvements to the course during the next five years. At the same time, the township board could vote to approve a 10-year contract with Fellows Creek Management, the private company that has managed

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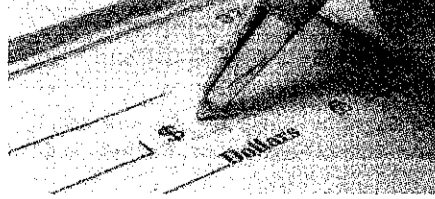
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Coming Thursday in Filter

Next weekend, downtown Detroit hosts two major outdoor events — the Detroit Festival of the Arts and the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure.



AROUND CANTON

Burglary prevention seminar

Canton Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be hosting a Burglary Prevention/Home Security Seminar on Saturday, June 24. The seminar will be held at the Canton Police Department Training Room from 9-11 a.m.

Sgt. Scott Hilden will be discussing options for homeowners to maximize security of their home with or without a security alarm system. Items such as doors, windows, locks and landscaping will be discussed with safety in mind. Hilden will also discuss vacation tips for homeowners that are away for an extended period of time.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call (734) 394-5325 to reserve a seat.

Scholarship winners

Canton residents Andrew Rossow, a Canton High School student, and Laura Schulz, a Plymouth High School student, have been recognized by Comcast's Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program with a \$1,000 grant from The Comcast Foundation for their exemplary commitment to community service, leadership skills, positive attitude and academic achievement. Each grant received will be used toward the student's pursuit of higher education. They were among 132 students from the state to receive the award.

For more information on the Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program and to view a list of this year's recipients, visit www.comcast.com/scholarships.

A little help from NASCAR

AAA Michigan will hold an open house for new drivers from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 9 at the AAA Canton branch.

The event will introduce the public to AAA Driver Training and feature a replica of the number 6 AAA Ford Fusion, driven by Mark Martin at NASCAR Nextel Cup Series races in 2006. The replica is a fully functional race simulator, which is representative of the tracks on which the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series is run.

An advocate of safe driving, Martin has recorded a series of public safety announcements for AAA, advising parents to "set a good example" for their young drivers. AAA Driver Training is currently offered at the branch, located at 2017 Canton Center Road, along with locations in Ann Arbor and Allen Park. The two-hour classroom sessions are conducted two to three times per week. Space is still available.

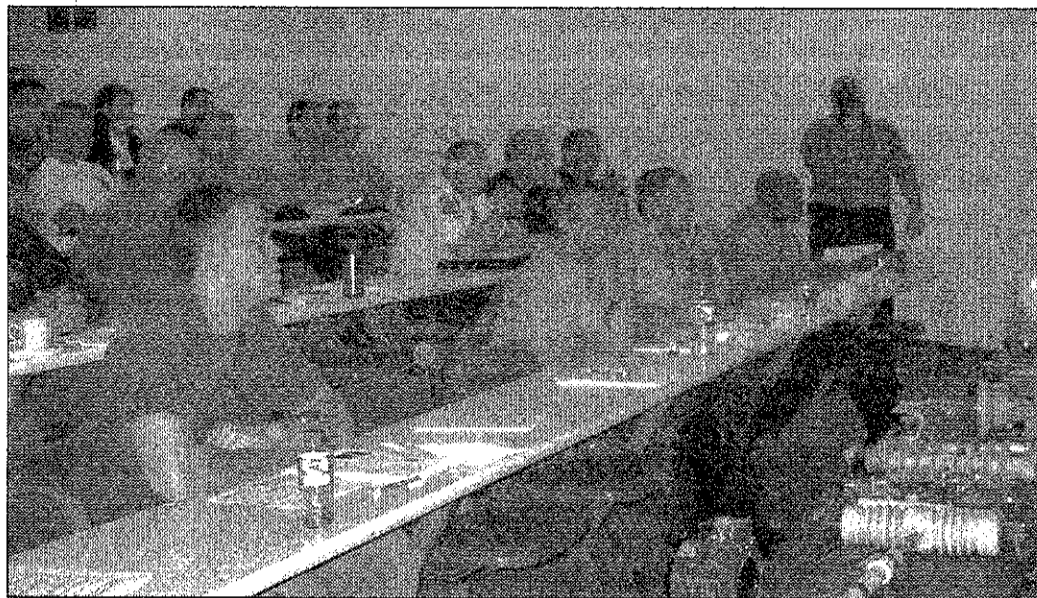
AAA instructors are ADT-SEA (American Driving and Traffic Safety Education Association) certified. Training for Segment 1 includes 24 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of private on-road instruction, with more behind-the-wheel time than what is traditionally offered by most driving schools. Segment 2 includes 6 hours of classroom instruction. Each driver who successfully completes both segments will receive a free AAA Associate membership if the parent or guardian is an existing AAA member.

Parents can call (888) 222-7108 for more information or to enroll a prospective driver.

Flea market

The Royal Holiday Park will hold its annual flea market June 9-10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on both days.

The sale will take place in the Royal Holiday club house, which is located at 39500 Warren Road in Canton. For more information, contact Barbara Kulp at (734) 459-7934.



Back to school

Canton firefighters/paramedics participated in two valuable training sessions last month. The first training was in direct response to the department's purchase of new 12-lead EKG's for their advanced life support units, which will enable paramedics to make a diagnosis in the field that previously had to be made in a hospital emergency room. The Canton Board of Trustees authorized the purchase of the units on April 25 at a cost of \$61,000. Additional training was required before paramedics could run the 12-lead EKG's, which became operational June 1. The fire department also hosted an electrical awareness class at Summit on the Park. Canton firefighters along with firefighters from several other local communities attended the training. Instructor Mike Santilli discussed electrical awareness and provided hands on demonstrations intended to provide the latest information on electrical emergencies. A significant number of Canton Fire Department's emergency responses are related to electrical problems. Firefighters are expected to respond to and stabilize these incidents while preventing injury to citizens and themselves.

Board meeting

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will have a special meeting at 7 p.m. June 5 in the Belleville High School auditorium, located at 555 W. Columbia Avenue in Belleville.

Items on the agenda include employee recognition for exemplary service and SCANN (Sumpter Coalition Addressing Neighborhood Needs) Transportation. For more information, call (734) 697-9123.

Salon helps fight MS

On June 11, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Blondie & Lefty's Hair Salon, 42013 Ford Road in Canton (Sears Plaza), will be offering haircuts for \$20 and partial foil highlights for

\$30, with all proceeds going to the MS Foundation. They will also have hot dogs and bake goods for sale. Come and help support MS treatment and research.

For more information, call (734) 981-6190, or visit the Web site www.blondieandleftys.com.

Race for the Cure

The 2006 Komen Detroit Race for the Cure®, set for June 10 at Comerica Park, is a 5K competitive Run, 5K non-competitive 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@cantonmi.org for more information about joining our team. Deadline for registration is mid-May.

Entertainment Books

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

Patrons who buy a 2007 Entertainment Book get a 2006 book for free. The books offer 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

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.

The entertainment book offer is \$20, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

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Salesmen say union stance got them fired

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Four salesmen at Don Massey Cadillac believe it's more than just coincidence they were fired a week after the sales staff voted 10-5 to be represented by the Teamsters union.

The four, joined by members of the United Auto Workers, picketed Thursday in front of the dealership on Ann Arbor Road at I-275, acknowledging honks from supporters.

"They said it was my productivity, but it was primarily because we voted the union in," said Bob Adas, who has been selling cars at Massey since 1980. "We were the most vocal."

The four — Adas, Richard DeTata, Gary Hachigian and Matthew Sebastian — said they led the effort to join Teamsters Local 283 in Wyandotte after the company established a wage scale that cut their pay by 60 percent.

Adas said last year he earned \$70,000 in commissions, and was looking at earning less than half that amount this year.

"Somebody has to stand up and take a stand," said Adas, 63, from White Lake Township. "They just can't push people around. We stood up and said 'enough is enough.'"

The salesmen say Sonic Automotive, Inc. began making pay cuts soon after the corporation bought Don Massey's 16 car dealerships in 2002. With the latest wage cut in March, in which commissions

went from \$400 to \$200 a vehicle, a majority of the sales staff voted for union representation in an effort to re-establish the former wage scale.

Sonic released a statement taking issue with the Teamster claims the four were fired for union activities.

"Sonic-Don Massey Cadillac regrets that the Teamsters union has chosen to picket at the dealership," read the statement. "However, the personnel actions at issue were taken for legitimate business reasons and these personnel decisions are completely unrelated to the outcome of the May 17 union representation election. Sonic-Don Massey Cadillac intends to defend vigorously any claim that these actions somehow were unlawful."

The Teamsters have asked the NLRB to issue an injunction to put the salesmen back to work while a contract is being negotiated.

Hachigian, 52, has been at Massey for a couple of years since being recruited by Don Massey, and has been selling Cadillacs for 17 years.

"At first they told us we were grandfathered, and wouldn't be affected by the new pay scale," Hachigian said. "We went about our business of selling cars and we became No. 1 in the world for two months straight. Then they hit us with

the new pay plan, and said we had no choice, sign it or walk."

That's when the sales reps contacted the Teamsters, which won the election May 17.

"On the seventh day, the company fielded an objection with the National Labor Relations Board, which is typical," said Todd Lince, Local 283 organizer. "But, last Thursday they fired four of our main supporters. We asked the company to put them back to work, and gave them notice we were coming out to picket."

Richard DeTata, 64, of Livonia has been selling cars for two decades.

"After 20 years, they said my production wasn't normal," DeTata said. "If my production wasn't normal, they would have found out 20 years ago. They're trying to get rid of the union at our expense."

Matthew Sebastian of Westland said he was originally hired to be the Internet sales manager.

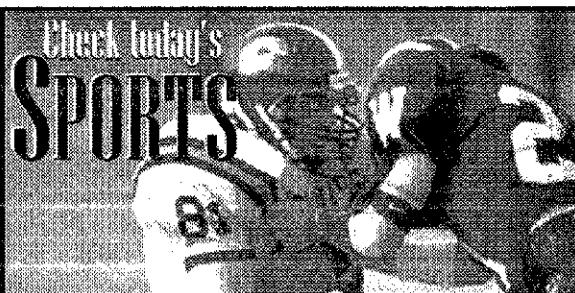
"They brought me in and told me I was gone, but they didn't tell me why," said Sebastian.

"I made about \$50,000 last year, and this year was looking like only \$35,000. The opportunity just wasn't there."

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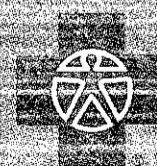


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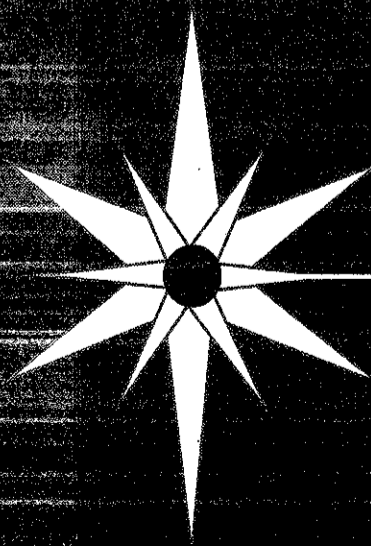
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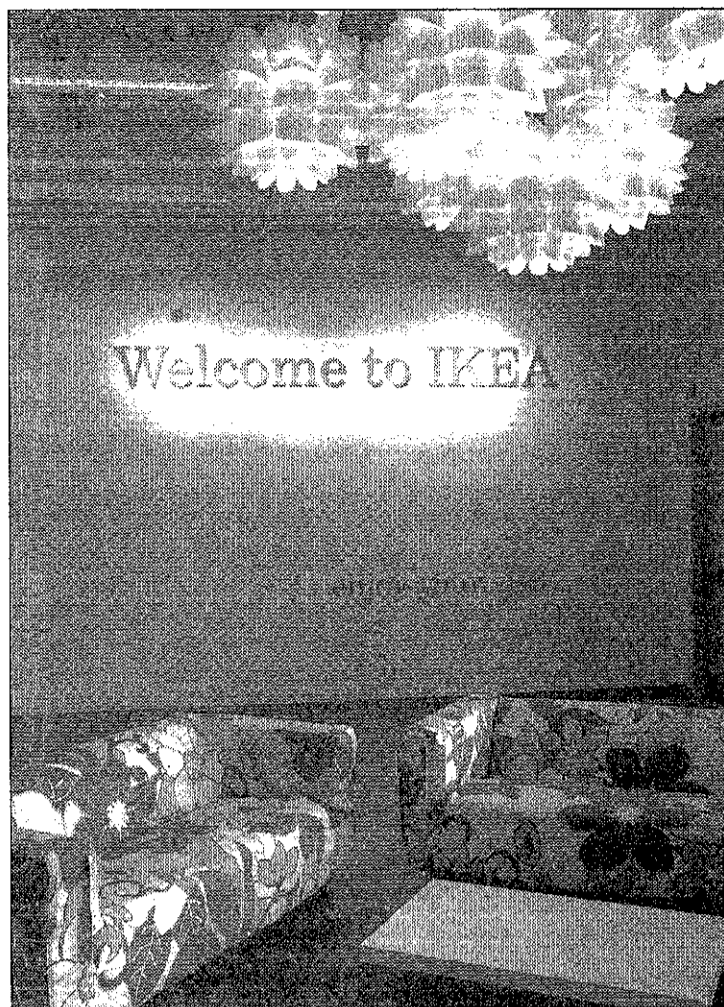
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Welcome to IKEA greets shoppers at the entrance. The store contains 56 different rooms, all geared towards a specific type of shopper.



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shoppers to start lining up — two days before the grand opening — outside the front door.

But just a little more than a year ago, IKEA was the "the store that almost wasn't." At one point IKEA had called off its plans to build the 311,000-square-foot furniture store in Canton. In February 2005, IKEA officials had backed out of a deal to buy the former site of the Super Kmart at Ford and Haggerty, because of a dispute over shared parking spaces at the adjacent ABC Warehouse property. Ultimately, IKEA bought the property, and is leasing it to ABC Warehouse through 2015, with three five-year options after that.

Demolition of the old Super Kmart began May 17, 2005.

Ever since, Canton officials — and more than a few eager shoppers — have been anticipating the cutting of the

Swedish log, which will be at 8:30 a.m. June 7.

"Instead of ribbon cuttings, we have a log cutting," IKEA Canton store manager Mark McCaslin said. "It's a tradition — cutting the log brings good luck to our new home and to all those who enter it."

What some local officials hope it will bring is money — and lots of it.

IKEA is expected to generate about \$1 million in annual property taxes and about \$5 million in state sales taxes. It also is expected to pump up the local economy, bringing in about \$13 million for local stores, gas stations and hotels.

Canton officials believe the store will be a destination location — with visitors not only from metro Detroit, but also from other areas of Michigan, northern Ohio and even Ontario. Currently, the closest IKEA store is in Illinois. The retailer has a total of 22 stores in the United States, and did \$1.7 billion in sales from those locations last year.



Last week, IKEA gave media members a preview of the store. Here, Toledo Blade photographer Dave Zaptosky shoots some toys in the kid's area. None of the toys requires batteries.

IKEA knows its customers

All 56 showrooms are set up for a specific demographic

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

You can tell by the woman's kitchen that she has two things — an impeccable sense of style and at least one young child. In her traditional country kitchen, whimsical kitsch sits on the ultra-clean wood cabinetry painted high-gloss white. Except no one ever really cooks or makes coffee for friends in that kitchen, because it's a showroom inside IKEA Canton, which opens for business Wednesday.

Still, the fictitious woman who owns the kitchen exists in the mind of IKEA design manager Heidi Tippery. Every room design in the store's showroom starts with a fictitious person — or family — with lives very similar to the people who may be shopping

there.

"We get quite deep into their thoughts," Tippery said. "She likes to bake and she's into collectibles." And, of course, because the divorced working mother with young children is very safety-conscious, so are the design managers, who integrated guards on the stove to keep splatters and pot handles away from the imaginary woman's children.

Every one of the 56 room designs in IKEA starts out exactly the same way, IKEA spokesman Joseph Roth said. A team of design managers gets together and decides who "lives" there, and what type of lives they lead. Then they brainstorm. A young person with a tiny apartment needs plenty of storage, and a loft in her efficiency apartment's single room. A young couple with

a baby needs a small apartment that's practical and stylish, but still safe for the baby. A single professional man needs his small kitchen to be clutter-free. And an empty-nester couple needs plenty of room in the upscale kitchen with granite countertops, and a wine cellar just off the dining area.

"From there, the designs are tweaked depending on the demographics of the community," Roth said. For example, Canton shoppers, and other suburban visitors, are more likely to have children at home than their urban, loft-dwelling counterparts. "Every room is designed with a different lifestyle in mind."

Like the 592-square-foot "home" set up inside the store.

"He's a paramedic, and she's a copywriter, and they have 6-month-old baby," store manager Mark McCaslin said.

The apartment combines the four style groups at IKEA — modern, Scandinavian, country and "young Swede," which includes more do-it-yourself

elements than the rest of IKEA's furniture. All IKEA furniture is assembled at home, but "young Swede" styles also appeal to those shoppers who are willing to paint their own furniture, and who are going for brighter colors and the lowest prices, according to Tippery.

Every design element in IKEA is at eye-level, though, Roth said. When shoppers look down, they see unembellished concrete floors, and if they look upward, they see bare open steel beam ceilings.

"We try not to invest too much in the structure of our store," Roth said. "We put everything into the things you came to see, not in the building itself."

IKEA opens its doors at 9 a.m. June 7. Regular business hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

It is located in Canton, off I-275 at Ford Road.

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Don't forget about those IKEA 'extras'

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

It's a clever mix between D.I.Y. and V.I.P. At IKEA, you can shop solo, fetch your own goods off the warehouse shelves, ring up your items at self check-out, load your own treasures into your vehicle and even grab the trusty Allen wrench to assemble your goods yourself at home.

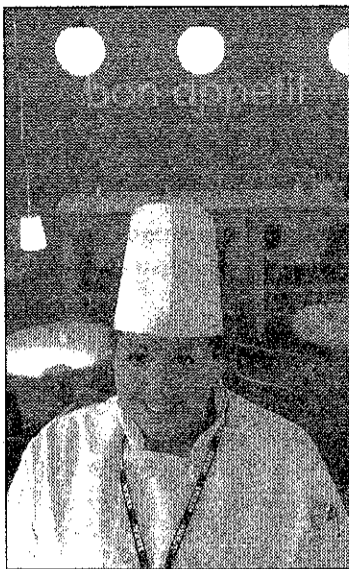
Or, not. Leaving the "work" up to the customer keeps product prices low, but IKEA strikes a balance by adding those little extras we're all looking for when daring to tackle the typical 311,000-square-foot home decor kingdom.

When planning a trip to the new IKEA store on Ford Road and Haggerty in Canton, keep in mind, there are comforts to be found amid the sea of sofas and droves of draperies and duvets.

KIDS RULE

For starters, know that IKEA loves children and they're not afraid to cater to them.

"Children can run around and climb on the furniture, and no one will clip their fingers," said Carl Proctor, a UK transplant who is an assistant manager at the new Canton IKEA. "In addition to being an adult playground, you can bring your children to have



IKEA Restaurant features Swedish mainstays. Rachel Loftus of Canton can name all six varieties of herring.

fun, too."

From the bottle warmer in the 300-seat IKEA Restaurant to the various playhouses strategically placed in each department, there's no doubt kids rule at IKEA.

"We are a unique retailer in this market," said Proctor. "We're very family-friendly."

For parents who'd rather shop sans kids, there is the magical Swedish forest called Smaland, a supervised children's play area that replicates a Swedish farmhouse and forest. Drop-off is by in-store appointment and there is a 45-minute limit.

There is also an interactive

Children's IKEA area in the showroom to occupy the little ones while moms and dads shop. Other family-friendly features include strollers, which resemble shopping carts, but instead of a bulky shopping basket, there is a space to hang your yellow IKEA shopping bag as you travel through the store. Baby care rooms and private rooms for nursing mothers are also available.

FOOD

For those who work up an appetite, the IKEA Restaurant offers traditional Swedish delights, such as shrimp sandwiches, salmon platters and of course, meatballs. Kids' meals are offered, and come with the essential bib.

The restaurant opens an hour early, at 9 a.m., and offers a 99-cent eggs and bacon breakfast plate.

Cafe Bistro, near the store's exit, has quick, carry-out foods such as 50-cent hot dogs, cinnamon buns, frozen yogurt and beverages.

"Some people will come and take 20 hot dogs back to the office," said Proctor.

To take home, there are Swedish delicacies offered in the Swedish Foodmarket. Items in this section include the "best of Sweden," including jams, crackers, cheeses, herring and yes, frozen meatballs to take to your dinner table.



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One of the most popular food items sold at IKEA is the Swedish meatballs.

MORE AMENITIES

IKEA has lockers for customers to stash their belongings, wheelchairs, an ATM, measuring tapes, store maps, pencils and large, yellow shopping bags to borrow while shopping.

While most shoppers will make their way through the massive store by following the arrows and using the store

map and shopping list, others may prefer a bit of assistance. That's where the home furnishing consultants come in. By in-store appointment, they will escort shoppers through the areas and assist them in retrieving the goods from the warehouse.

Consultants are also available to help small business people design an office.

"That's very popular," said Proctor, who noted owners of salons, restaurants and office buildings often seek this service.

He said IKEA shoppers never have to worry about pushy salespersons while shopping solo or with a consultant.

"We want you to take your time and buy what you want to buy," he said. "No one will pester you."

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REPAIRS

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the course for the entire 28 years the township has owned it.

"We should have had (a new contract) last year," said Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin.

The contract between the township and Fellows Creek Management expired in Oct. 2004. But the township and the management company had both taken a "wait and see" approach to determine if the golf industry would bounce back from tough economic times. Industry-wide there is a glut of golf courses and fewer golfers, making the business less profitable than it was in the late 1990s, Conklin said.

The two parties waited until last October to start negotiating, then in February, negotiations stopped abruptly when a developer made an offer to buy the course for \$17 million. The township board rejected the offer, and negotiations resumed in March this year.

Usually, Conklin would not recommend a 10-year contract, she said. But if it's approved, Fellows Creek Management would agree to take responsibility for \$960,000 worth of the capital improvements. The management company has had contracts in the past which were as short as three years, and as long as 10 years, with options to extend the contract for five years.

The terms of the last contract are no longer reasonable, according to Conklin. Under the old contract, Fellows Creek Management paid an annual lease of \$400,000 to Canton. The township was responsible for paying the debt service (Canton made the last payment late in 2005), utilities and capital improvements, and the management company is responsible for operations and operating expenses. Last year, the township spent \$62,000 fulfilling the agreement, and the remainder went into the township's golf fund, which helps pay the debt service on Pheasant Run, the more modern of the two municipal courses.

LESS OF A DONOR

Historically, Fellows Creek has been the donor to the golf fund, and Pheasant Run has been the user. Fellows Creek has contributed \$2,249,602 total to the fund, or an average of \$224,960 per year for the past 10 years. Extending the average back to 1988 or 17 years, the average has been \$175,000, said Conklin.

But the golf industry is no longer as profitable as it was, and the \$400,000 payments just wouldn't allow the course to be profitable.

The new contract, if approved, would charge Fellows Creek Management a lease payment of \$150,000 per year for the first five years, and \$200,000 for the second five years. Additionally, the township would receive half of golf and golf cart revenues, over a base of \$1.25 million, and the management company would perform nearly \$1 million worth of the improvements at the course. So while Fellows Creek would break even, and even contribute to the golf fund, the contribution will be much smaller than it has in the past.

The contract would ensure that Canton gets a slice of the profits if the golf industry makes a strong recovery, said Fellows Creek General Manager Daniel Ross. But he's not holding his breath.

"The golf industry is still a little shaky," he said. "And we had two weeks of rain followed by 95 degree heat, which doesn't help." Conklin said she's not hopeful either.

SHAKY TIMES

Despite the perfect golf weather in April, Pheasant Run has this year to date brought in only \$3,000 more in revenue than it had last year at this time, Conklin said.

"It's a volatile industry," Conklin said. "There's nothing stable about it." And so the maintenance issues are more important than ever. "If we don't stay current, golfers will go somewhere else," Conklin said. "We need to protect the asset we have."

A year ago, her hopes were high that the industry would turn around. At that time,

Conklin predicted that revenues from Fellows Creek will increase steadily by 5 percent each year beginning this year, despite an erratic economy in which revenues have fallen or remained flat since 2000.

Some of the increase would have been due to the golf industry leveling out after a big boom in the late 1990s and the subsequent drop when the country's economy went south in 2000 and 2001. But revenues have remained flat.

The township board will vote on authorization to sell bonds in the amount of \$1.3 million, to be paid over 15 years. Conklin estimated the payment would be \$108,000 annually.

This year, the township would complete \$315,000 worth of improvements, including tree stump removal, pump house repairs, irrigation pond drainage and a lightning prediction system, as well as \$120,000 worth of updates to the club house. Fellows Creek Management would be responsible for removing some 300 dead trees; Conklin estimated that if the township had to pay a contractor it would cost approximately \$75,000.

In the long-term, the parking lot needs to be replaced, the irrigation system needs upgrading, four holes need to be realigned, drainage improvements need to be made, and exterior signs need to be installed.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack, and most of the trustees favored the 10-year contract and the improvements at the course.

"Ten years seems like a lot but when you look at the numbers, I don't see any other way, from a fiduciary responsibility standpoint," said Trustee Todd LaJoy. Township Trustee Melissa McLaughlin and Yack noted that the 10-year contract only extends 8.5 years into the future, because it's retroactive to the date the old contract expired 1.5 years ago.

"The 10-year contract produces revenue right away," McLaughlin said. "It positions the course to be more profitable, and now is as good a time as any to make the investment, when things are a little slow."

Teachers get new contract

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A tentative contract agreement has been reached between Plymouth-Canton Schools and its 1,100-member teachers union.

Teachers are expected to receive details of the pact Tuesday, one day after the union's executive committee reviews it.

Neither side is revealing much information about the contract, however Superintendent Jim Ryan said, "As is typical, it will be one year on salary and two years on language. It's hard to do long-term agreements because of the unsteady funding from the state."

The contract reportedly includes a small pay raise. "There are things that are

attached to the money," said Chuck Portelli, Plymouth-Canton Education Association president. "We divided the salary and calendar from the non-economic issues, and we'll still continue to bargain on those."

The settlement reportedly came May 26, after only a handful of negotiating sessions. If it's approved, teachers will have a new deal before the current pact ends Aug. 30.

Portelli said having a contract and calendar will make for a smooth start of the 2006-07 school year.

Teachers report in August, with students returning Sept. 5.

"It was important to get it resolved before teachers leave at the end of the school year," said Portelli.

"Otherwise, we couldn't get them all together until the end of August. Our constitutional by-laws say we need six days before a vote."

Portelli said there is a general membership meeting scheduled for Thursday afternoon at the Canton High School DuBois Theater, with voting to take place Friday and Monday, June 12.

Ryan said the Board of Education could ratify the contract at either its June 13 or June 27 regular meeting.

It's only the first of nine contracts the school district needs to bargain with its unions.

"All the other groups are watching, hoping it's a good settlement," Ryan said.

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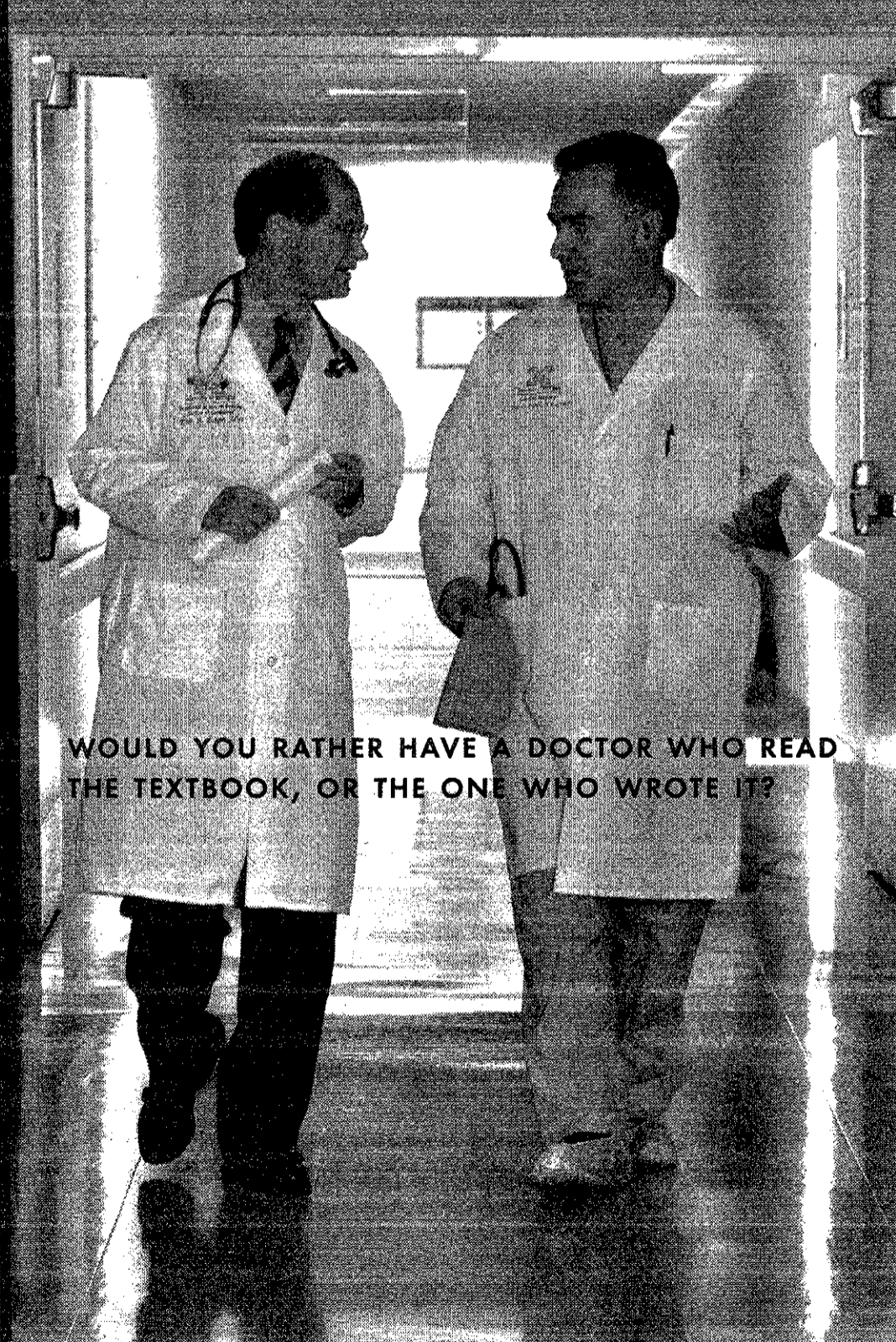
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Phase one of the project began in May and consisted of resurfacing southbound I-275 from Ann Arbor Road to Michigan Avenue and northbound I-275 from Cherry Hill

Road to Koppernick Road.

Phase two consists of resurfacing southbound I-275 from Michigan Avenue to Ecorse Road and northbound I-275 from Ecorse Road to Cherry Hill Road.

The following traffic advisory has been issued for this weekend:

■ Sunday, June 4: The southbound right and center lanes between Ann Arbor Road and Cherry Hill Road will be closed for resurfacing at 6 p.m. Intermittent ramp closures will also occur at Ann Arbor Road and Ford Road after 6 p.m. All lanes and ramps will reopen by

5 a.m. Monday, June 5.

■ Friday, June 9: I-275's southbound center and left lanes between Ann Arbor Road and Cherry Hill Road will be closed at 9 p.m. for resurfacing. All lanes will reopen by 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

In an effort to minimize traffic impact, MDOT has coordinated with the contractor, AJAX Paving of Troy, to make sure all construction on this project takes place at night seven days a week. The project is expected to be complete by mid-July.

For more information call MDOT at (313) 375-2400.

ON CAMPUS

Presidential scholar

Mary L. Radcliffe of Canton was among 47 Western Michigan University seniors named a 2006 Presidential Scholar. The award is WMU's highest honor presented to an undergraduate. Students are nominated for the award by faculty members. They are selected on the basis of their general academic excellence, academic and/or artistic excellence in their major and intellectual and/or artistic promise.

Radcliffe was named a Presidential Scholar in Mathematics. Radcliffe is majoring in both mathematics and Spanish and has prepared herself for a future career as a university professor after she graduates this December. In addition to teaching opportunities through the Undergraduate Teaching Assistant program, she worked on a graph theory research project with a faculty mentor that has resulted in three scholarly papers, one of which has been accepted for publication. Radcliffe is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi national honor society, WMU's Lee Honors College, and vice president of Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honor society. She has won several university honors, including a Medallion

Scholarship, WMU's highest honor for an incoming freshman, and an Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Award. She is the daughter of David Radcliffe of Westland and Linda Radcliffe of Saline.

Sorority honor

Canton resident Colleen Strahan, a sophomore at Duquesne University, will be initiated into Sigma Kappa Sorority. She is the daughter of Michael and Maureen Strahan, who reside in Canton.

Sigma Kappa Sorority is a national not-for-profit organization of more than 141,000 women dedicated to excellence in academics, personal character, and service to society. Sigma Kappa consists of 107 collegiate chapters and 145 alumnae chapters across the nation. The purpose of Sigma Kappa Sorority is to "unite its members in a bond of sincere friendship for the development of character and the promotion of social, literary, and intellectual culture...and to make a constructive contribution to the communities in which its chapters are located."

Graduate

Trevor M. Verrot, a Canton resident and 2002 Salem High graduate, recently graduated

from the University of Michigan with honors.

He earned his B.A., and is going on to Yale University on a full scholarship. Trevor earned the Yazaki North American Grant during his four years at U of M.

Albion honors

Several local students were recently honored for exceptional academic achievement during Albion College's annual Honors Convocation.

Albion College faculty chose the following students to receive awards, in recognition of their outstanding scholarship.

Kara Christenson received a Jay Olson Memorial Essay Award in German. She is a senior majoring in English and German. She is the daughter of Keith and Dawn Christenson of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Sarah Jose received a Jean Keller Memorial Essay in Spanish Award. Jose is a first-year student at Albion College and is a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management. She is the daughter of Richard and Deborah Jose of Canton and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

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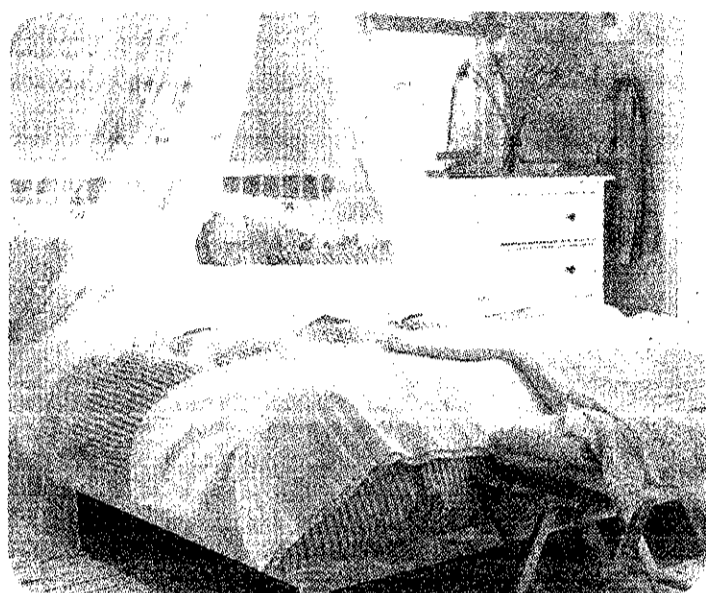
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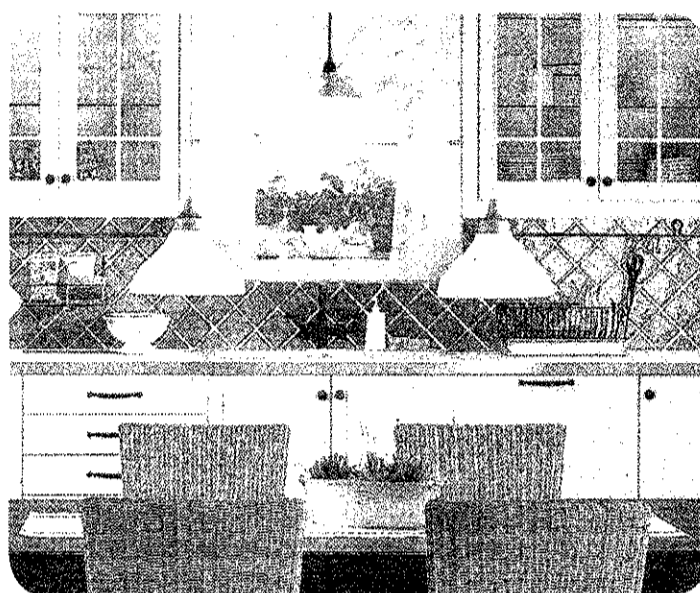
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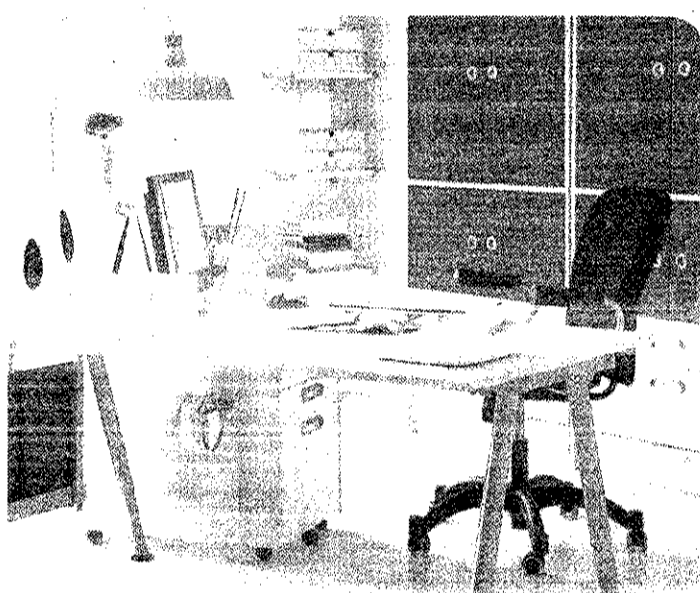
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Manufacturing in Michigan undergoing massive rebirth

Some so-called advanced thinkers who have been claiming that manufacturing will "vanish" over the next generation would have been startled if they had attended the CEO Forum put on last month by the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

I was asked to moderate a panel on the "Michigan manufacturing transformation and what it means to the state." The participants were some of our top manufacturing executives — and what they had to say made my eyes widen.

Manufacturing, they assured us, is anything but dead.

In Michigan, of course, manufacturing plays an enormous role, accounting for nearly a quarter of gross state product (almost twice the average national rate) and 15.3 percent of the state's workers. Nationwide, barely one in 10 workers toils in manufacturing today.

But manufacturing employment in Michigan has been plummeting for years. That's partly the result of offshoring of low-skill jobs to low-wage countries like China, but also the consequence of astonishing productivity gains.

So does that mean that manufacturing has no future in Michigan's economy? Not at all. Frank Fountain, senior vice president of DaimlerChrysler, characterized the future of the sector as "lean, smart, moving forward."

How is that possible, with Michigan hemorrhaging jobs and the economy the raging political issue?

A little dose of history might help us understand, especially when we consider the evolution of farming, once the mainstay of the American economy. In 1900, 40 percent of U.S. jobs were on the farm. Today, less than one percent toil in agriculture.

But that small number of farmers now produces enough food of high enough quality to feed the entire world — thanks to fantastic increases in productivity.

Manufacturing accounted for around 40 percent of all U.S. jobs in 1950. That had fallen to 14 percent by 2000.

And many economists estimate that will fall further to less than 10 percent by 2025. Once again, that's mainly the consequence of enormous increases in productivity.

So what does this mean for us in Michigan? According to my panelists, it's all about autos. The special problems of manufacturing in our state are in very large part the result of particular problems of the domestic auto industry. That's because their business model is now out of sync with the globalizing world economy.

Restrictive work rules imposed by labor con-

tracts hinder productivity growth. "Legacy costs" such as fat pensions and gold-plated health care programs add thousands to the cost of each car.

Yet once these problems get worked out, the future looks pretty bright. Peter Alvarado, vice president of U.S. Steel International, offered some interesting comparisons. The steel industry in the 1990s, he explained, went through much the same kind of transition the auto industry is experiencing today.

High wages and restrictive work rules made the industry's cost structure uncompetitive. Plants were closed, workers laid off. Companies went broke or consolidated. But a smaller and healthier steel industry arose from the wreckage; an industry that was more productive, competitive and profitable.

Look for the domestic auto industry to go much the same way. Already, factories like the Chrysler engine plant in Monroe County are showing that a skilled labor force (community college degree or better required), sane work rules and flexible labor contracts can result in productivity gains that make the plant cost competitive — even paying United Auto Workers' wages.

Nobody wants to talk about it, but plants like that will set the pattern for the national labor contracts that will be renegotiated in 2007. And already the auto industry is closing plants, laying off employees, shedding costly pension and health care practices.

Everybody hopes that the result will be a healthier, if smaller, industry. And a lot of it will be happily located right here in Michigan.

Toward the end of our discussion, talk turned to what, if anything, state government can do to help. In a series of straw votes, the manufacturing CEOs present produced some surprising conclusions. Making sure we have a quality educational system, both K-12 and higher education, was deemed the most important factor in the survival of manufacturers. Education was ranked ahead even of labor relations, restrictive union contracts and state tax policy.

Those who claim that cutting taxes alone is the recipe for a healthy Michigan economy ought to sit up and take notice.

Speaking of which ... at lunch, former Gov. John Engler advocated a "no skills, no sports" policy for high schools and urged that schools develop a specific skills plan for every student.

His remarks hammered home the message that in the game of economic survival, skills, talent and knowledge trump everything else.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, GOP challenger Dick DeVos and all the rest of us would do well to pay close attention.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economic and education issues in Michigan. He can be reached at ppower@hcn.net.

Student grants are available regardless of income level

Can you predict which colleges have a higher probability of admitting your student? Can you determine ahead of time which colleges are likely to offer your student a scholarship?

The answer is yes.

The truth is what happens inside an admissions committee is not as big of a crap shoot as some say. From one year to the next, the statistical profile of both the applicant pool and the admitted class looks nearly the same, even at elite colleges. For the admissions officer, the freshman class will look pretty much like the sophomore class, whether at Harvard, Princeton, Stanford or anywhere else.

However, most admissions offices won't give a clue about chances of getting in.

Committees want to attract the biggest pool of applicants they can because admissions is a college profit center. Eye-catching, glossy brochures tell your clients what they already know: grades, test scores and extracurricular activities all matter, and qualifications to get into a selective school at least seem to be arbitrary and subjective. In reality, 75-80 percent of the admissions process is not really subjective at most selective colleges. GPA, class rank, test scores and rigor of curriculum carry the biggest weight.

Each school decides who gets in using a set of objective criteria. These criteria vary from college to college. But the mysterious admissions process really comes down to nothing more than matching the strengths of the various applicants against the attributes a particular college is looking for.

Each college creates a profile of the types of students they are trying to attract. What does this mean to you? If your student happens to match that profile, not only do your student's chances of getting admitted increase substantially, the chances of being offered money to attend also increase.

So where should you start? Research is the key. Your student needs to evaluate how their strengths stack up.

He or she needs to build models based on statistical profiles of recent freshman classes at the schools, data on their applicant pools and analysis of other primary sources of information such as what type of merit aid they have awarded in the past.

You need to help your child put together this information and, more importantly, match your student's profile to those of the colleges he may be interested in attending. You want to identify a number of colleges that

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are looking for someone like your student, and potentially willing to pay money to attract him. These awards, by the way, have nothing to do with your family's finances. They are merit-based scholarships — not based on financial need. These scholarships are based on things such as academic achievement, talent, declared major or extracurricular activities.

Colleges which award these types of scholarships routinely dole out \$5,000-\$15,000 per year. This one strategy has the potential to save your family the price of one full year of college.

Parents may assume their student needs to have a 4.0 (or higher) grade-point average to be wooed by good colleges. Not true. There are wonderful colleges looking for and willing to award scholarships to "B" students who have other characteristics or talents to add to the diversity of their freshman class. Many colleges consider the "whole" person, not only a student's GPA and test scores, in the admissions process.

The college selection process should begin as early as the freshman or sophomore year. The sooner your family begins the planning process, the more likely your student will be able to position himself to match the profile of the type of college they are interested in attending. With some advance planning, your family can potentially knock off tens of thousands of dollars from your college expenses.

Aaron M. Oestreich is a select college funding specialist with Fox College Funding, LLC, in the southeastern Michigan area and specializes in working with families to help them significantly reduce their college expenses. He provides a college matching service that can better predict the probability of your student not only getting admitted to, but being offered money to attend colleges that would be a great fit for your student. He can be reached at (248) 214-3336.

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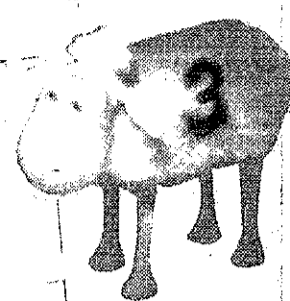


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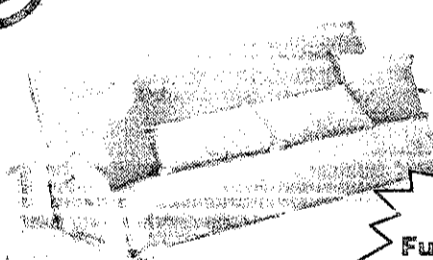
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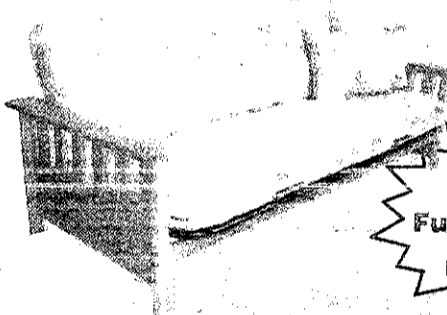
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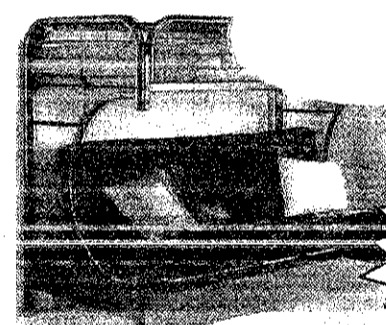


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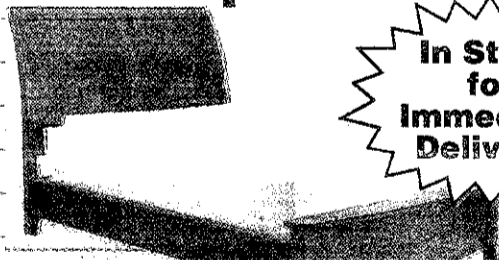
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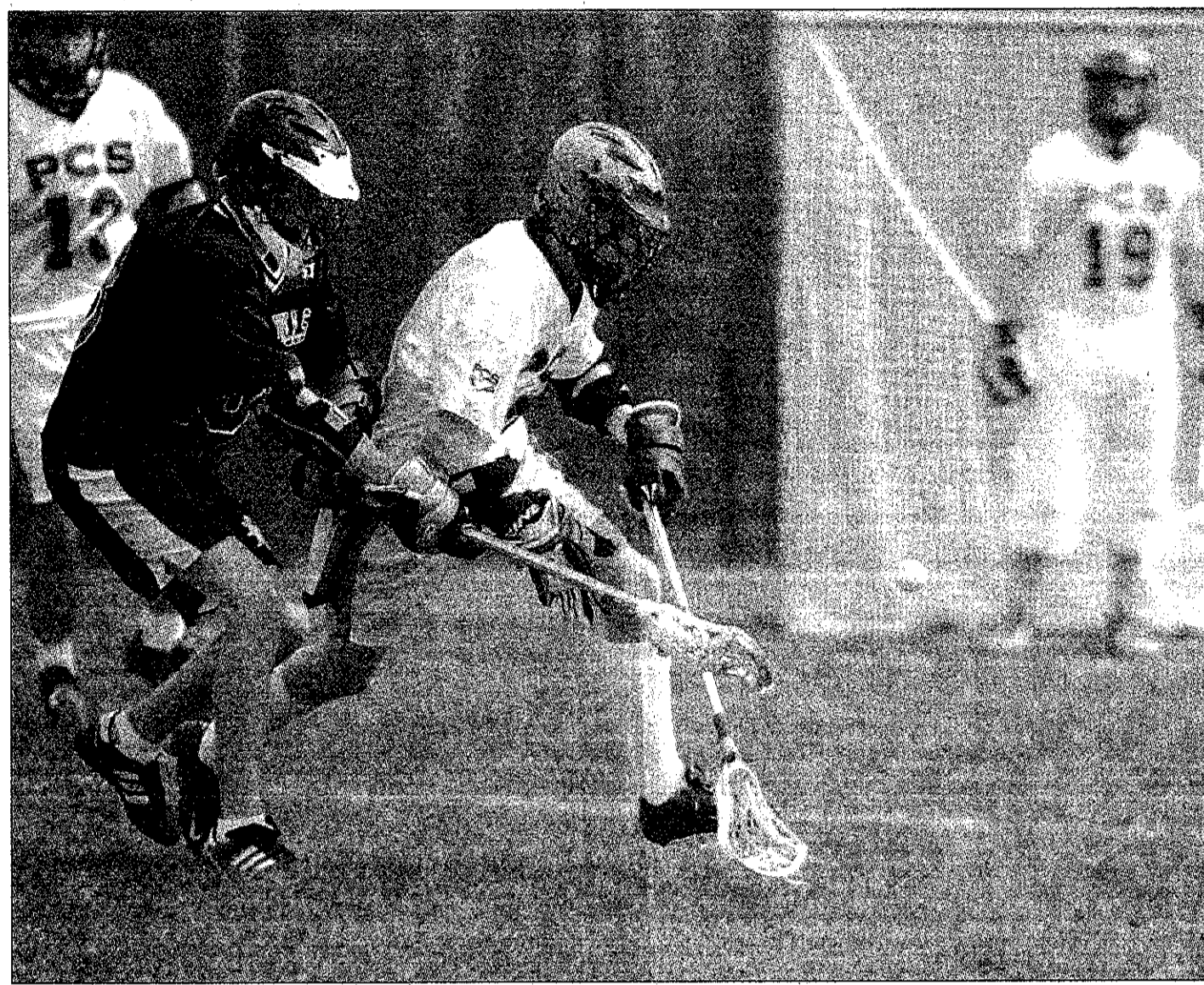
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Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Johnny Groat (right) notched an assist in the Warriors' season-ending loss to Northville Tuesday afternoon.

Northville crosses up PCS, 9-8

Tuesday's 9-8 loss to Northville in the first round of the state tournament may have ended the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team's season, but it didn't wipe the luster off the most successful year — at least in terms of winning percentage — in the Warriors' short history. "This loss stings quite a bit," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "It's the first season in our history that we didn't win a playoff game, but that should not take away from what this team has accomplished ..."

PCS coach Mike Costello

who made the serious commitment. It was tough for the season to end like this."

Northville, which will take a 7-7 mark into the second round of the post-season, surged to a 5-2 first-quarter lead before settling for a 7-5 halftime advantage. The Mustangs led 8-5 before PCS stormed back with three unanswered

goals from Jared Ruark (two) and Alex Caryl to knot the game at 8-8 with 5:48 left.

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Payne's one-hitter KO's Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Unlike most sequels, "Canton-Salem Softball II: The Pre-District" was far superior than the original — at least in terms of drama.

Three weeks after rolling to a mercy rule-shortened 16-1 victory over Salem, Canton's softball team escaped to the semifinal round of the Division 1 District tournament Wednesday by squeaking past the Rocks, 1-0, in a tension-packed nail-biter played on the Chiefs' home field.

With the win, Canton advanced to

PREP SOFTBALL

Saturday's semifinal game against host Novi. A victory over the Wildcats would earn the Chiefs a berth in the District final, more than likely against Northville. Results of Saturday's action will appear in Thursday's Observer.

Canton sophomore hurler Hilary Payne turned in a marquee performance, limiting the Rocks to one hit — Danielle DiPietro's lead-off double in the fourth inning — to pace her team's pre-District triumph. DiPietro, whose two-bagger one-hopped the left-center field fence, was the only player to reach base against Payne, who struck out eight of the first 13 batters she faced and 10 overall.

Salem starting pitcher Melissa Leach was also stellar, yielding just six hits while striking out two.

The game's lone run came in the sixth when Canton junior shortstop Lauren Delapaz led off with a walk and advanced to second on Kimmie Keppen's single. Both runners moved up on a double steal before Delapaz crossed the plate on Alyssia Johnson's fielder's choice groundball.

Keppen and Payne both laced a pair of hits for the winners.

The defensive play of the day unfolded in the third when, with Chiefs on second and third, Salem center fielder Kelly Behr raced to the fence to track down Rachel Wade's long fly ball.

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In-line exhibition

The Skatin' Station II, located at 8611 Ronda Drive in Canton, will be hosting an "Evening of Champions" on Sunday, June 11, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The inaugural event will feature exhibitions by the facility's in-line speed-skating and figure-skating teams. There will also be information available on the USA Rollersports and SSII training programs. There will also be a raffle, door prizes and a bake sale available for the \$5 admission fee. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from speed or artistic team members. The exhibition is slated to start at 5:30 p.m.

AAGR grid camp

The Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Champions Football Camp will be held June 26 and 27 for boys entering 5th through 8th grades in the fall. The camp will be directed by Gabriel Richard head coach Ed Maloney, his staff and former University of Michigan standout Ron Simpkins.

Along with assisting with area camps, Simpkins is the director of the Wayne State Volunteers, Administrators and Coaches Program, which focuses on the development of coaches, administrators and volunteers who work with young athletes in the Detroit area.

The camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. The cost is \$50. All participants will learn skills for all positions and the basic fundamentals of the sport.

Visit the school's Web site at www.fgrhsaa.org.

YMCA hoop

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be hosting a basketball camp the week of July 24-28. The camp, which will be run by a former collegiate basketball player and current high school coach, will help players become familiar with the ball and develop a love for the game.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon for 6- to 8-year-olds and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for kids between the ages of 9 and 11. Contact the YMCA office (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadenetroit.org.

Baseball camp

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has openings. The camp, which is for kids aged 7 and up, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity baseball field.

The cost of the camp is \$100. Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at the Web site www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

Trio of Whalers expected to go swiftly in NHL Entry Draft

You'll have to excuse Plymouth Whalers John Armstrong, Andrew Fournier and Tom Sestito if they seem a little distracted these days. All three players are thinking about the upcoming National Hockey League Entry Draft, which is set for June 24 at General Motors Place in Vancouver, B.C.

Armstrong, who is rated 51st among North

American prospects by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau, Fournier (ranked 108th) and Sestito (112th) are sure bets to be selected.

Armstrong got a jump start on the proceedings as he was invited to the NHL Draft Combine this past week in Toronto.

The Draft Combine gave NHL teams an opportunity to evaluate hockey's future stars just three weeks

before the draft. Each club was represented by scouts, management and members of their athletic training staffs. The players underwent interviews, medical examinations and fitness testing.

All three Whalers' draft prospects saved their best hockey for the playoffs during the 2005-06 campaign. Armstrong and Fournier

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Smith fires opening 76 at D1 meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem senior Ashley Smith was still in the hunt for a Division 1 individual state golf title heading into Saturday's second and final round of the state meet at Forest Akers East Golf Course.

Smith fired a four-over 76, which placed her seven shots behind first-round leader Shannon Warner of Livonia Churchill. Smith was tied for seventh place with Ann Arbor Pioneer's Bethany Niegbauer.

"Ashley had a very solid round," said Salem golf coach Rick Wilson, who followed Smith around the challenging Michigan State University track Friday afternoon. "She three-putted on a few holes, otherwise she could have gone as low as 72 and been that much closer to the lead. But that's how things go in golf."



Smith

will have to vault past Lake Orion's Darby Peters (72), Pioneer's Elise Swartout (74), Flint Carman-Ainsworth's Stephanie Koske (74), Grosse Pointe North's Caitlin Bennett (75) and Grand Blanc's Ashley Bauer (75).

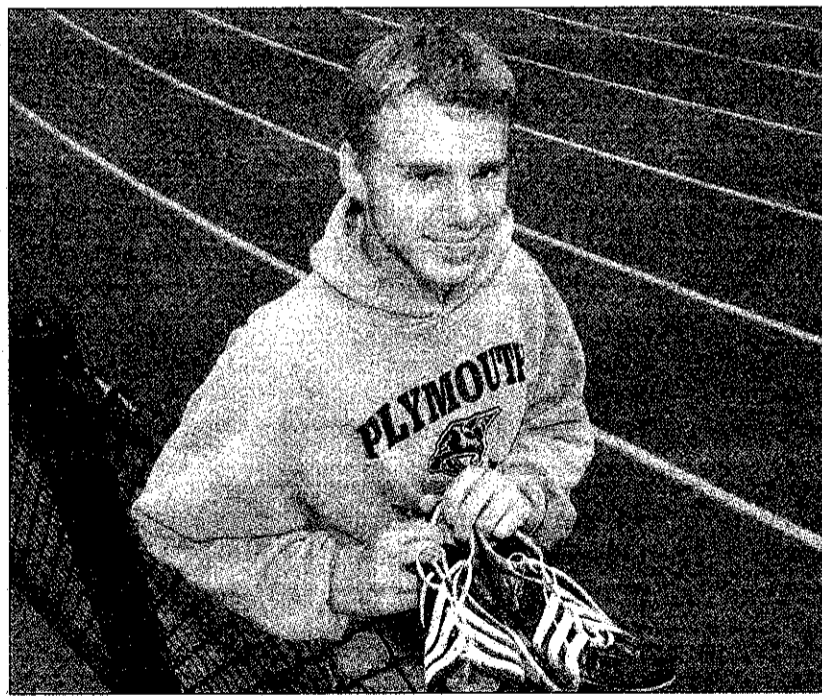
Traverse City Central led the team standings after round one with a stroke total of 323. Pioneer and Farmington Hills Mercy were both one shot back with 18 holes to play.

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"She's still one of only a handful of golfers who has a chance to win an individual state title. She'll have to go really low on Saturday, but she's capable of doing that."

A top 10 finish will earn Smith her third spot on the Division 1 All-State team.

Along with Warner, Smith



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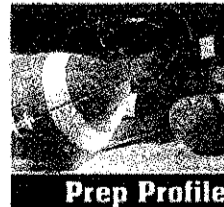
Senior Sean Dillon earned a total of 10 varsity letters during his four years at Plymouth. The Adrian College-bound student-athlete competed in everything from cross country to wrestling.

Dillon is proven leader

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

To fully appreciate Sean Dillon's high school athletic career, you'd have to walk in his shoes for a day, which would be a challenging task considering Dillon's shoes log more miles on most afternoons than some SUV's.

Dillon, a senior, has been the equivalent of a human energy bar



Prep Profile

the past four years for Plymouth's athletic program. A tireless worker, he's earned 10 varsity letters while competing in everything from cross country to wrestling.

His most notable feat occurred last fall when he starred for both the Wildcats' cross country and soccer squads.

Incredibly, he was just one nagging injury away from

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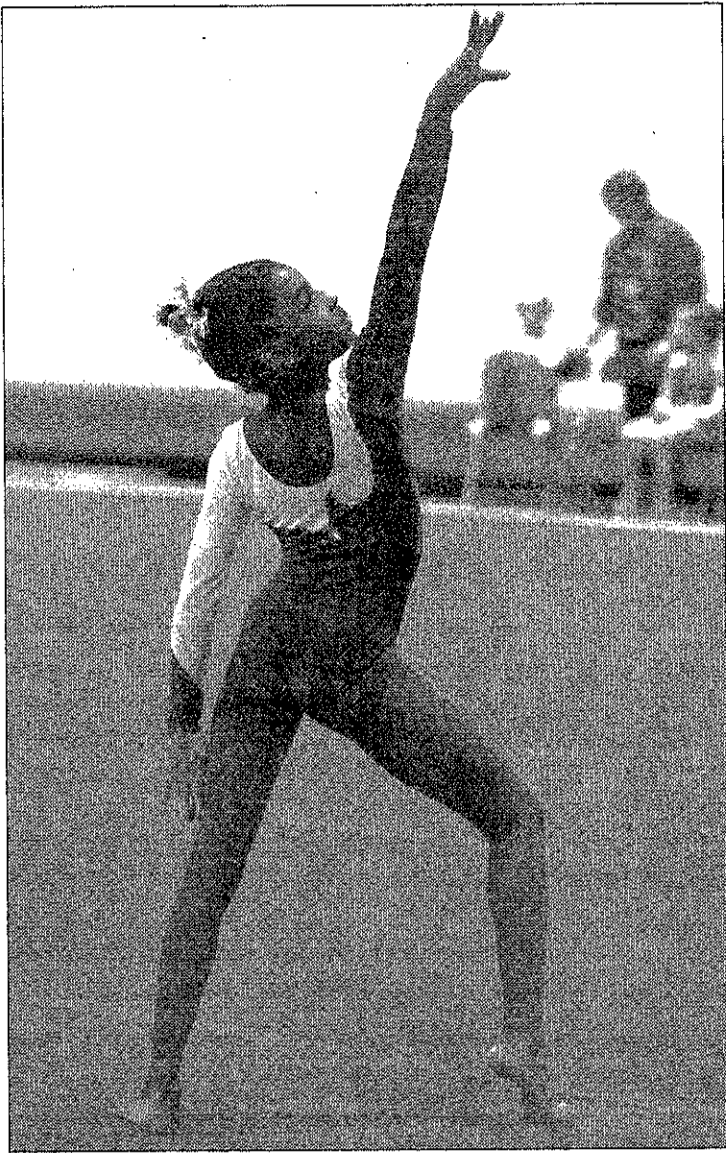
Euro Stars gymnast first at Level 6 state meet

Miya Carnegie, who trains at Plymouth-based Euro Stars Gymnastics, placed first in the all-around in the 12-year-old Level 6 competition at the Michigan state meet held May 6 and 7 in Kalamazoo.

Carnegie took the all-around gold by accumulating 37.7 points in the four events. She also placed first with her 9.5 effort in the floor-exercise competition.

"I get a lot of enjoyment out of gymnastics," said Carnegie, who is a straight-A student. "I feel like God has blessed me with a gift and I'm going to go as far as I can with it. My goal is to compete in the 2012 Summer Olympic games in London."

Along with her stellar floor routine, Carnegie scored a 9.375 on the vault, a 9.3 on the bars and a 9.5 on the balance beam.



Euro Stars gymnast Miya Carnegie, 12, earned a state title at the Level 6 meet in Kalamazoo May 6 and 7.

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both notched 11 points while Sestito racked up seven.

All three will return to Plymouth in the fall and they're expected to help a young team contend for its second consecutive Ontario Hockey League Western Division title.

Edmonton Oilers scout Kent Hawley was one of several NHL gurus who was impressed by the play of Armstrong and Sestito last season.

"Both have good size," said Hawley. "Both compete pretty consistently, which is big in my book (because) you have

to compete and you have to play hard.

"I think Armstrong is a little more polished right now and has a little more offensive skill. Tommy Sestito has come a long way and I think he's going to be a good hockey player. Both are excellent prospects. I wish them well and I know in Edmonton we're interested in both of them."

Hawley scouted in eastern Ontario for the Whalers and has enjoyed watching Fournier's development.

"The big thing I like about Fournier when we drafted him was how smart he was away from the puck," Hawley said. "He was always an offensive player and put up good numbers as a youngster play-

ing minor hockey. The two years he played Tier II in Kingston helped him to really hone his skills defensively. I think he's one of Plymouth's top defensive forwards. You have to be able to play both ways now if you're going to play in the NHL, so that's a credit to Andrew."

Fournier missed the second half of the 2004-05 season with a sliced Achilles tendon and improved last season as a forward.

"He's got great work ethic on the ice," Hawley said. "He'll do what it takes — he competes, blocks shots and drives hard to the net. I think he's developed into a pretty complete player and that's going to help him down the road."

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doing something maybe no high school athlete has ever tried — playing three sports at one time.

"I was going to kick for the football team along with playing soccer and running cross country," Dillon said. "But on the first day of football practice I injured my thigh, so the doctor said three sports might be too much."

NO TIME TO REST

As soon as the last school bell sounded each day last fall, Dillon would head to soccer practice at 2:30 p.m. Once soccer practice let out, he sprinted to a 90-minute cross-country practice, which started at 4 p.m.

Did his coaches ever cut the two-sport standoff any slack? "Not really," Dillon said. "But I didn't want them to. I wanted to be treated like everybody else."

While Dillon may yearn to be treated like everyone else, his coaches agree that he's a one-of-a-kind athlete. He finished 10th at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet in his only year of cross country. His personal-best time of 16:38 earned him first-team All-Observer honors.

Dillon said competing in cross country made him a better soccer player, and vice versa.

"I found that I was able to cover more ground in soccer because of all the running I did in cross country," he explained. "And soccer really helped my sprinting, which is important in cross country because you need a good kick at the end of the race."

"I've always enjoyed running. It helps me clear my head and it makes me happy. When I run, there's nothing on my mind."

SOLID SCORER

A four-year captain, Dillon also excelled on the soccer field during his senior season for the Wildcats, tallying eight goals and nine assists from his center-midfield position.

As a member of the Plymouth track team this spring, Dillon posted a sizzling time of 1:59.8 in the half-mile and a 4:38.0 in the mile. Once track practices were over, he'd head home for a short rest before scooting off to his club soccer team's practice.

"Sean Dillon has been a leader around here since Day 1," said first-year Plymouth track coach Kurt Britnell. "He runs with a lot of heart, which



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Sean Dillon is pictured crossing the finish line after winning the 800-meter run at the City Meet in April.

all of his teammates appreciate. During the open 800 in the City Meet, literally every one of his teammates was on their feet cheering him on. He lifts the whole team up with his effort.

"I know he loves soccer, but if he would have concentrated just on track the past couple of years he would have done some amazing things."

ALL HEART

Britnell said Dillon is one of those rare athletes who commands respect from everyone around them — not by screaming and yelling, but by giving 100 percent at every practice and meet.

"Sean is everything you look for in an athlete," said Britnell. "He's a leader in every sense of the word. He

has the respect of his teammates, his coaches and his family, and he has a lot of self pride. He's just a neat young man. He's the kind of guy you'd like your sister to date."

FUTURE BULLDOG

Dillon is an accomplished student, having compiled a 3.3 grade-point average. In the fall, he'll take his academic and athletic skills to Adrian College, where he'll play for the Bulldogs' soccer program and study to become an FBI agent.

"They have a new coach and he's really working hard to build the program," said Dillon. "They have a new stadium, which is really nice. I was impressed with their academics at Adrian, too."

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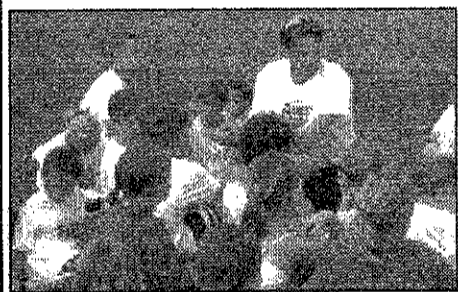
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PCA kickers' dream season ends with loss

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's extraordinary season was derailed Thursday afternoon by an extraordinary opponent.

The Eagles, who earned the school's first Division 4 state ranking — they were slotted as high as No. 8 — and the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference regular-season title, were upended by powerful Ann Arbor Greenhills, 2-0, in a Division 4 District final at Greenhills. The setback ended PCA's season at 14-1-1.

The Gryphons will take a seemingly modest 11-8-1 record into next week's Regional semifinal contest. Greenhills' record is deceptive considering it played a schedule loaded with Division 1 opponents, including Novi, South Lyon, Dexter and Plymouth.

"That was by far the best team we played this season," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "They're extremely talented, athletic and fast. Player for player, they were a lot bigger than us, too."

"The girls are disappointed, which is understandable, but I told them to keep their heads up because they have a lot to be proud of. We only lose a few seniors, so we're already looking forward to next season."

Greenhills coach Adil Salmoni said his team's brutal regular-season schedule may tarnish the won-loss record, but it's ideal for preparing the Gryphons for the post-season.

"Our conference schedule isn't that difficult, so we always try to play several top-notch non-conference opponents to help us get ready for this time of the year," said Salmoni. "We had no idea what to expect from Plymouth Christian today. We knew they were undefeated and that they were young. I thought we played very well defensively today. They weren't able to breach our defense."

Neither team's defense was breached during the opening 40 minutes, which ended scoreless.

PREP SOCCER

Greenhills junior forward Gianina Maturo dribbled through traffic and ripped a whistling shot from just inside the 18-yard box with four seconds left in the half, but it was stuffed by PCA goal-keeper Sara Ross, who returned after missing several games with an ankle injury.

"Sara really gutted it out today," said Lorion. "Her ankle was still a little sore, but we wrapped it up really well and the girls helped her put her shoe on."

Maturo nearly lit up the scoreboard two minutes into the second half, but her hard shot from the left wing was deflected harmlessly away by Ross.

Two minutes later, the Gryphons' Marcia Silveira slipped behind the Eagles' defense, made a slick move to get past Ross and scored on a bouncing kick that PCA defender Sarah Roth nearly re-directed.

Greenhills tacked on an insurance marker with 18:22 left when Anne Ford hammered a penalty kick top-shelf past Ross.

"Sara played well — she must have had 15 saves," said Lorion. "We thought at half-time that we had a good chance to win the game, but that first goal they scored set us back because it was the first time we've trailed all season."

PCA managed to get just one shot through against Greenhills keeper Sarah Letts.

Lorion said he'd like to see the Eagles try to match the Gryphons formula for success beginning next season.

"This year, we tried to schedule teams like Greenhills and Clawson during the regular season, but because our past records weren't that good, they shied away from playing us," he said. "But now that we have something good going here, we should be able to schedule some tougher non-conference opponents."

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Pioneers oust Chiefs from tourney, 1-0

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Canton's Leslie Weisz (10) dribbles past Westland John Glenn's Melanie Stawkey during Tuesday afternoon's District quarterfinal game at Canton. The Chiefs were eliminated from the Division 1 District tournament, 1-0, Thursday afternoon by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Give the Ann Arbor Pioneer girls soccer team an inch, and the Pioneers will take a mile.

With six minutes left in the first half of Thursday's Division 1 District semifinal game against Canton, the Chiefs gave Pioneer one golden scoring chance and the Pioneers took a 1-0 victory.

In the blink of an eye, the Pioneers' Brooke Ufer took advantage of a momentary breakdown in Canton's defense and the strong-footed junior drilled the ball into the back of the net past fallen Chief goalie Kelsey Bailey. Ufer was assisted by Michelle Grambeau, who set up the game-winner with a long, accurate pass.

The victory propelled the Pioneers into Saturday's final against a familiar foe — crosstown Ann Arbor Huron.

Canton's solid season ended at 11-6-2. "Pioneer played with a lot of determination and intensity, especially when they needed to," lamented Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team knocked the Pioneers from the post-season last season by the identical score as Thursday's match. "We had a miscommunication between our sweeper and keeper on their goal and they capitalized. My hat is off to them."

On two occasions, Canton senior standout Lisa Ealy nearly helped extend her high school career at least one more game. She hit the post with a shot in the opening half. Then with 17:58 to go in the game, the ball slipped from the grasp of Pioneer keeper Catherine Fitzsimmons following a save. However, as Ealy cocked her right foot, Fitzsimmons put a bear hug on the ball to negate the scoring opportunity.

Fitzsimmons came up big again with 5:34 left when she went high to secure a screaming shot off the foot of Canton freshman Lisa Pierce.

"It was a heart-breaking way to end the season, but it was still a fantastic season," said Tomasso, moments following his team's final game. "We started a little slow, but the girls fought back and played well down the stretch. It was a pleasure working with this team, especially the group of seniors. They were outstanding."



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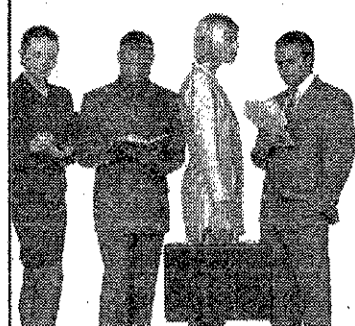
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Lightning strikes twice

The U10 Plymouth Lightning green and white teams both won their respective divisions at last weekend's Canton Cup Classic. The Lightning's White squad overcame a two-goal halftime deficit to defeat the Windsor Eastside Kickers, 3-2, in overtime. Moments later, on an adjoining field, the Lightning's green contingent beat the Canton Quest Premier '96 team, 2-1, in overtime to claim the U10 Blue Division championship. Green team members include: Emma Barterian, Terra Crown, Alyssa Dillon, Jenna Guck, Catherine Joppich, Kate Morris, Shannon Perry, Christina Riga, Samantha Riga, Morgan Siterlet and Maddy Szuba. White team members include Rebecca Broniak, Courtney Campbell, Marissa Debenedet, Rachel DeMarco, Jessica Dornoff, Briana Grillo, Kayla Kavulich, Sara Menzies, Noelle Milad, Kylie Robb and Grace Savage.



Triumphant T-Birds

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbirds 12U fast-pitch softball team beat the Ann Arbor Gold in the championship game of the Oakland Sidewinders Shootout. The title gave the T-Birds a berth in the NSA World Series in Peoria, Ill. the last week in July. Pictured are Lauren Leskovitz, Mackenzie Carlson, Julia Salata, Hillarie Werda, Jesse Larner, Katie Fenech, Olivia Richvalsky, Brianna Berberet, Alyssa Boucher, Samantha Partain, Jill Turner and Amanda Druckenmiller. The team is coached by Tony Boucher, Rob Partain, Mark Leskovitz and Steve Richvalsky.

It's spring cleaning time for outdoorsmen

Spring cleaning? If you haven't started spring cleaning yet you're way behind. Memorial Day Weekend is behind us. By now, we're supposed to have the yard in tip-top shape, the car(s) cleaned and waxed, the garage organized, the basement cleared out and the boat - if not already floating - ready to launch.



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

Back here on earth, where a world of spring fishing and hunting abounds, you're more than likely in the same boat as I am: the yard has been mowed, but still needs a little work; the cars are, well, muddy; I don't have a garage, but the basement is a mess. However, the boat is seaworthy.

I had to start somewhere. I doubt whether I'll make much of a dent on accomplishing any of those remaining tasks this weekend since turkey season runs through next Wednesday, crappie fishing has been hot, and bluegill action should drastically improve with the warm, sunny weather forecast this week. I wouldn't be surprised to find a few more morels lurking in the shaded forest, either, thanks to the recent rain showers we enjoyed.

On top of all that, the barbecue season officially gets untracked this weekend and there will be at least one parade to watch. And let us not forget to take a moment on Monday to remember those whose sacrifices allow us to enjoy the hunting and fishing

opportunities we have by living in a free society.

MORE SPRING CLEANING

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources recently has made several announcements regarding hunting regulations. At the May Natural Resources Commission meeting in Lansing, several wildlife regulations were approved.

■ The DNR will issue 11,845 tags for the fall bear hunting season, which is the same number issued as last year. The only change in the allocation is that in the Bergland Bear Management Unit, 90 licenses were moved from the third hunt period to the first hunt period; and in the Carney BMU, 50 licenses were moved from the third hunt to the first hunt. Bear specialist Dave Bostick says the change is in response to leftover licenses remaining unsold last year.

■ Season dates and license quotas have been announced for this year's fall turkey hunt. Over 56,000 licenses will be available and the season will run Oct. 2-Nov. 14. Similar to last year, 14 hunt units will be open for the fall management hunt covering a total of 31,935 square miles.

The fall hunt is held in areas where biologists feel the population could stand to be reduced. It is legal to shoot both male and female turkeys in the fall season, which helps manage the size of Michigan's wild turkey population.

■ There will again be an early season and a late season during the 2006 Michigan elk hunt. The NRC approved an early season running Aug. 26-30 and Sept. 15-18. The regular season will be held Dec. 5-12. There is also the possibility of a January hunt, if a desired number of animals is not harvested during the early and

regular seasons.

CARP CONCERNS

I was more than a little concerned last week to learn that DNR conservation officers and agents from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Department of Agriculture confiscated 84 Asian carp from fish markets in Southfield and Ypsilanti.

These are the same fish state and federal governments have spent millions of dollars on in an effort to keep them out of the Great Lakes. Officials have gone so far as to erect a multi-million dollar electronic fish barrier on the Chicago Shipping Canal - which indirectly connects Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River where Asian carp have invaded - in an effort to keep the fish out of the Great Lakes.

DNR biologists think introduction of Asian carp into the Great Lakes could have devastating consequences on the freshwater ecosystem, including the sportfish populations it supports.

According to a DNR release, "Possession or transport of live Asian carp, which includes the grass carp, silver carp, bighead carp and black carp, as well as snakehead, is prohibited by state law." DNR officials said it was the first seizure of Asian carp in Michigan.

The DNR asks anyone with information on the possession, sale or importation of live prohibited species to contact the DNR Report All Poaching Hotline at (800) 292-7800.

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

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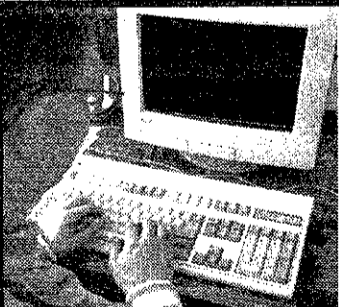


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Bucks draw Open Cup opener with Riverhounds

The Michigan Bucks minor league soccer franchise will begin their sixth Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup tournament by drawing the Pittsburgh Riverhounds, a United Soccer League (USL) Division 2 professional powerhouse.

The Bucks may have not had the good fortune of the draw, but were granted the right to host the first-round match, which will be played at Rochester Adams High School at 7:30 p.m., June 14.

Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald, in his first year at the helm, put the luck of the draw in perspective.

"Of the eight teams to draw against (six being amateur and two professional), we play No. 1 seed in the draw — how'd we do that," Fitzgerald begged. "Oh well, we might as well jump right into this thing — no sense in wading into the tournament. We've been here before and if we want to get where we want to

be, it has to happen sooner or later."

In previous attempts, the Bucks have reached the second- or third-round of the Open Cup, in which they had to defeat professional teams in route to games against MLS clubs. The Bucks are 3-0 against Division 2 professional teams in Open Cup qualifying.

Bucks owner Dan Duggan also tried to put the game in simpler perspective.

"We were happy to qualify and proud to represent the Central Conference of the Premier Development League (PDL) this year," he said. "We understand that to play, and potentially host an MLS club again in Detroit this summer, we must go through both the Second Division and the First Division qualifiers."

"Having the opportunity to host the Pittsburgh team in Detroit is an honor," Duggan continued. "These guys have

been one of the class organizations, on and off the field the past several seasons. Our exhibition against the Columbus Crew was fun, but now our fans are going to see first hand what the Bucks can do against a professional team, with all the chips on the line."

The game will be played at Rochester Adams, not Rochester Stoney Creek, due to a scheduling conflict. Ticket information will be announced early next week.

Meanwhile, the Bucks are gearing up for their big rivalry match this Saturday in Chicago, against the Fire Premier. The undefeated Bucks (4-0) will then travel to Ft. Wayne on June 9 for their second match of the season against the Fever. The Bucks will then return home to Stoney Creek for its next home match against the Kalamazoo Kingdom at 6:30 p.m. on June 11. The Michigan Bucks Web site is www.bucksoccer.com.



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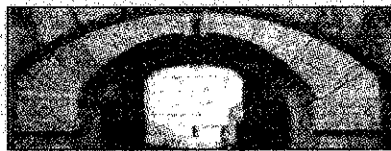
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IKEA offers affordable, young style

I can't recall just when IKEA appeared on my personal consumer radar. It might've been six years ago — during a visit to New York City. My stylish East Coast friend had an enviable shelving setup for his books and media.

Or maybe it was that posh public relations firm I visited a few years back. I coveted its modern furnishings, a perfect fit for a modest space. That unmistakable name just kept springing up wherever I went — IKEA.

It didn't take long before I'd sought out the Swedish retailer's Web site and requested a full catalog. Like many IKEA enthusiasts, I could easily imagine redecorating my tiny apartment and found myself pondering just how my dream home might come together. For the first time, my inner-interior designer was free to day-dream, unrestrained by astronomical prices. For once, I could afford the decor that suits my simple-but-pricey taste.

For young professionals, first-time homeowners and recent college grads, IKEA is not just a store. It's a source of affordable inspiration, a way to express personal style — without racking up credit card debt.

Sticker shock simply doesn't exist. Because it's a global company, employees say, IKEA can afford to keep its prices low.

In exchange for that savings, DIY customers take on an independent shopping experience. Sure, help is available — and as close as the nearest yellow shirt. But IKEA employees won't trail you around the store, just to make a sale.

As a wide-eyed shopper, I'm happiest when left alone to wander and contemplate the items I might want or need. I'll see for myself how comfortable that Poang chair really is — thank you very much.

Gone are my days of warding off vulture-like sales people who work on commission. That technique has caused me to run for the door at other furniture stores.

And I know walking into IKEA, I'm expected to load my goods into a bag, or onto a cart and head to the self-checkout stations to make my purchase. Once I hug that shiny, new PS cabinet home, I know too that I'll be assembling it myself. Still, for under \$100, it's well worth the effort.

IKEA's designers can make a 300-square-foot apartment feel spacious and trendy. That's reassuring to this longtime renter. The Canton store suits five styles — from modern to country, Scandinavian to "Young Swede" — a love-it-or-hate-it style suited to the young, trendy and creative.

That combination of style and low prices has established IKEA as a 20-something's first stop for home goods. Its cult-like appeal carries over to bargain-hunters and sophisticated shoppers alike.

Once I was hooked on the brand, I began sending e-mail to IKEA's customer service employees, asking just when they might open a store in Michigan. To my delight, rumors swirled that a store might open in Troy — mere miles from my Ferndale home. IKEA staff said while they were looking for a Michigan location, they'd been blocked by city officials who just couldn't appreciate the massive blue and gold exterior so characteristic of an IKEA store.

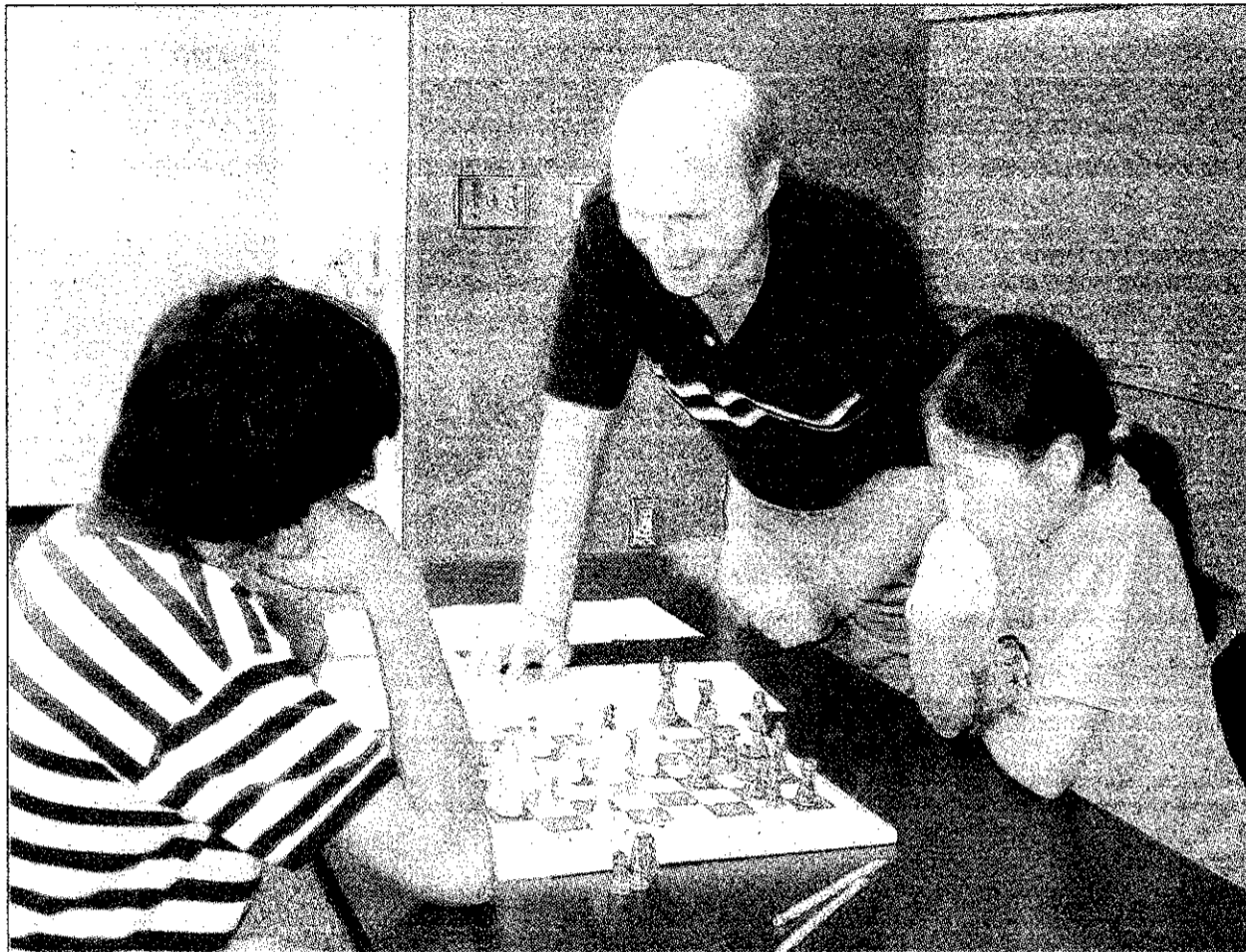
Growing impatient, my sister, Paula, and I made the trek two years ago to visit the Schaumburg, Ill., store. We literally got lost in the vast sea of home decor, lighting, furniture and accessories. The sheer size of the store, which I likened to a small city, was overwhelming.

We wandered aisle to aisle, trying to keep one eye on the merchandise and the other on each other. We still share tales of those steep escalators and, our favorite invention, the escalators made specifically to transport your cart from floor-to-floor.

No cart-escalators are necessary at the Canton store. But at 311,000 square feet, it's still staggering in size and scope.

Like other seasoned Ikea shoppers, I'm anticipating the chaos June 7 will bring western Wayne County. While we're not the type to set up camp, Paula and I are sure to be heading out early on opening day to see the first-ever Michigan IKEA for ourselves. We're awed and excited about the home makeover opportunities that exist behind those big blue walls.

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Fred Lindsay is back by popular demand for a series of chess workshops in July at the Plymouth District Library.

Turning pages into summer

BY JULIE BROWN
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Carol Champagne is expecting a busy summer for kids at the Plymouth District Library. Registration will open soon for the library's Summer Reading Program and Read to Me program for preschoolers. Fliers are going out to local public and private schools with details.

"We're trying to keep them reading all summer long," said Champagne, head of youth services for the library. She cited research showing students who don't read over the summer spend the first two months of the school year relearning material.

Registration starts Monday, June 19, for this year's Summer Reading Program and Read to Me Program at the library, 223 S. Main. The theme for 2006 is centered around animals.

"Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" is for kids ages 5-12. The kickoff program will be Tuesday, June 27. Beginning Monday, June 26, bring your

Reading Record to the library each week to be stamped. Readers will receive a surprise or game sheet each week.

The kickoff for the whole family will be 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27. It will feature the

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Library offers programs to provide seasonal fun for kids, teens



Teens will again enjoy the chess workshops, scheduled for Wednesday evenings, July 12-26.

Canton kids like to read

The Friends of the Library support summer reading efforts in Canton and Plymouth. For Canton's program, register in person only for storytimes. Due to space limitations, programs are reserved for Canton residents only. (Please bring your driver's license as proof of residency.) Register for other fun-filled programs by phone at (734) 397-0999.

Join the 2006 Summer Reading Celebration, June 19-July 27. This event is designed to encourage participation from readers of all ages and abilities and reward them for their efforts with games, crafts, prizes and programs.

"To have fun and just to have something for the older kids when they're out of school," children's librarian Ruth Millard said of the celebration. She finds that fantasy is popular with young readers.

Some of the popular titles are tied into movies such as *Chronicles of Narnia*. The Harry Potter series remains popular, Millard said.

The library offers three reading levels, customized by age. Listeners are children who read together with parents and other caregivers throughout the summer.

Kids going into first to third grade can join the Readers group. X-treme Readers are kids going into fourth to fifth grade.

Summer Reading Celebration registration starts Monday, June 19, and goes through Thursday, July 20. For more information or to register, contact the Children's Information Desk. Kids will keep a log of what they've read and report on it to library staff.

"I think that parents are wanting their kids to read over the summer," Millard said. Many parents grew up with summer reading programs themselves and have good memories.

She anticipates about 3,000 children will participate this year. Canton is using an animal theme this summer but not the tagline some other libraries have adopted. "It's library-generated, usually on a national level," she said.

TEEN REGISTRATION

Where registration is required for Teen Programs, the signup period begins one week in advance of the program date unless otherwise noted. Register in person or by calling (734) 397-0999. The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill in Canton.

July and August will feature Read Around the World, the 2006 Teen Summer Reading Program. Teen librarian Kevin Scanlon visited local schools in May to preview the summer program. Registration for Read Around the World begins the week of June 12 and runs through June 23. Participants can record books that they have read beginning June 25. Visit www.cantonpl.org/ya for more information.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

Young Livonia boy races to support breast cancer fight

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kevin Dobar is the silent type. The 6-year-old Livonia boy lets his actions speak louder than words. On Saturday, June 10, he'll be inspiring people of all ages to participate in the 15th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Comerica Park in Detroit. His mother, Danielle, will be running alongside him to raise money for breast cancer research, education, screening, treatment, and community-based outreach programs. Up to 75 percent of the proceeds from the race remain in the local community.

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute is the presenting sponsor of the Detroit Race and functions as the local affiliate of the Komen Foundation. The event kicks off with an 8 a.m. Survivor Celebration and Memorial for Lost Loved Ones. This year's race coincides with the Detroit Festival of Arts and allows participants of all fitness levels "to make a day of it and make a difference."

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, based in Texas, was established in 1982 to remember the 36-year-old woman who died of the disease. The race honors people such as Komen and Barbara Ann Karmanos, who died at age 46 after an eight-year battle with cancer.

For more information, visit www.karmanos.org/raceforthecure or call (800) KARMANOS.



Danielle and Kevin Dobar ran at Maybury State Park to raise money for the Thin Blue Line of Michigan last September. On June 10, they put on their running shoes to Race for the Cure at Comerica Park.

"We have quite a few family members who survived breast cancer and friends who have family history," said Danielle Dobar, who is running the Race for the Cure for a fourth time.

Kevin, a first-grade student at Hull Elementary, has never raced for the cure but has completed three 5Ks and regularly runs with his mother. He began his racing at Maybury State Park last September to raise money for the Thin

Blue Line of Michigan, an organization which assists and supports the families of injured or deceased officers of law enforcement agencies. On Aug. 12, he'll compete in a youth triathlon at Clements Circle Park in Livonia.

"I told him it (the Detroit Race for the Cure) was probably the biggest race. This one is thousands and thousands of runners and walkers and he can only see the backs of people's legs, but it's a very powerful race and that it would be motivating for people to see him.

"If people can just get involved with it, you feel so inspired just being there. There are so many people that walk, even if you don't run, you can walk."

Kevin says he is especially excited to be running with his teacher, Jill McGlinch, and the rest of the Livonia Public Schools team including Judi Glatfelter, who works in the information technology department providing computer support. Glatfelter is part of the Wellness Committee for employees in the district and co-chairs the Livonia team. The Wellness Committee promotes fitness activities throughout the year. This is the Livonia team's third year of participating in Race for the Cure. So far, 70 employees have registered for the event.

"I just think it's a good cause," said Glatfelter. "We initially became involved because it was a good way to get fit, but the cause is more important than getting fit."

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Young dancers introduce children to world of ballet

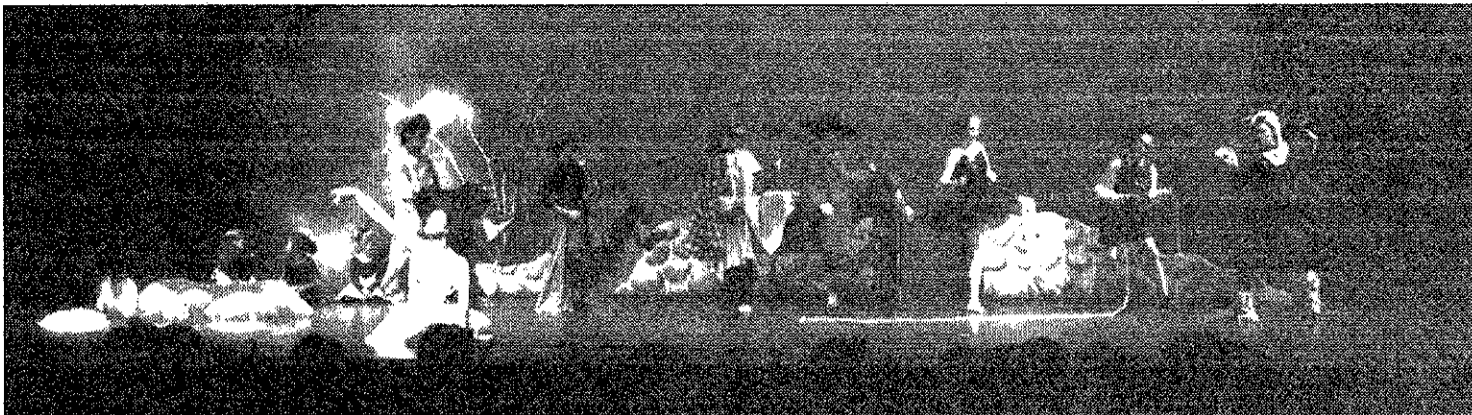
BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Eric Johnston couldn't be more proud of the young dancers in his Detroit Ballet. After performing at the Detroit Institute of Arts last December during Noel Night, the company received an invitation to introduce young audiences to the beauty of ballet June 10-11, in the children's area at the Detroit Festival of the Arts.

Dancers from the Betty Johnston School of Dance in Farmington and the Birmingham Dance Academy take to the stage for two performances at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday on the DaimlerChrysler Fountain Stage at Wayne State University's Gullen Mall.

The hour-long program includes selections from Peter and the Wolf, The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Swan Lake, and the Grand Pas de Quatre (Dance for Four).

"They wanted a children's program" said Johnston, a Farmington Hills dancer who retired from the London Ballet Theatre in London after beginning his career with the Cincinnati Ballet. "The program blends a very classical ballet Grand Pas de Quatre with a fantasy ballet The Sorcerer's Apprentice, with Peter and the Wolf. It's an introduction for children into the world of ballet and music. The Dying Swan from Swan Lake is the quintessential classical ballet.



Peter and the Wolf introduces children to classical ballet. It is one of the selections The Detroit Ballet presents for children June 10-11 in the Detroit Cultural Center.

Everybody knows The Dying Swan. The program is very classical, fun with a wide variety of different things but still light."

Elle Blair is enchanted with her role in the Grand Pas de Quatre. A ninth grade student at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, she's been dancing seriously since seventh grade. She studies with Johnston at the Birmingham Dance Academy.

"The dance of four was done in 1845. Choreographer Jules Perrot persuaded four of most famous ballerinas at that time to come together and dance," said Blair, 15.

Perrot choreographed the dance to showcase the personalities of the dancers. Blair says, that's what makes the dance interesting for her. In the past she has performed in a variety of ballets from The Nutcracker to Swan Lake, The Sorcerer's

Apprentice, and Persephone.

"It's fun to get into the personality of the dancer," said Blair. "I love dancing classical ballet. It's so traditional and technical. You can really be expressive through yourself. I'll be dancing with four friends at the studio. It's fun to have this chemistry, to show their personalities, and I love wearing a long tutu."

Presently, Blair is practicing a Baroque dance set to Brahms' waltzes.

The Detroit company performs the ballet choreographed by Harriet Berg in the style of legendary ballerina Isadora Duncan in October.

"I'm so excited," said Blair. "I absolutely love performing, putting on your tutu. You've been working for weeks and months and everything comes together."

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Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet performs Grand Pas de Quatre (Dance for Four) at the Detroit Festival of the Arts.

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1. "Beach Road," James Patterson
2. "Two Little Girls in Blue," Mary Higgins Clark
3. "Mother: A Cradle To Hold Me," Maya Angelou
4. "Blue Shoes & Happiness," Alexander McCall Smith
5. "I Say a Little Prayer," E. Lynn Harris

NON-FICTION

1. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
2. "Mayflower," Nathaniel Philbrick
3. "Burnt Toast," Teri Hatcher
4. "Game of Shadows," Mark Fainaru-Wada
5. "Possible Side Effects," Augusten Burroughs

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comedy of The Spoon Man. Tickets for the free program will be available beginning June 19 at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

The free final program will be 1 or 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, with participants receiving an award certificate and prize. The last day to report is Saturday, Aug. 5.

The final program will feature the Living Science Foundation Tide Pool Touch. Registration begins July 27 at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, ext. 4. There is a limit of 50 children at each program.

"The Thursday programs are for the school-aged kids," Champagne said of weekly sessions set for 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Registration for the various programs will take place the previous week and can be done by phone or in person.

Champagne said there's a nonfiction game for school-aged kids to encourage them to read. "More fiction is definitely read. There's a fair amount of nonfiction read in the summer, too," she said.

Kids in second/third grades like Mary Pope Osborne's *The Magic Treehouse* series, while older students' tastes vary considerably, as does reading ability. Champagne anticipates about 1,200 school-aged and preschool youngsters will participate.

There is the "Read to Me" program for children under age 6 with registration Monday, June 19, through the end of July. There will also be a reading log which a librarian will stamp during weekly visits to the library. The last day to report on books is Saturday, Aug. 5.

The kickoff for the entire family will be June 27 with The Spoon Man at the library.

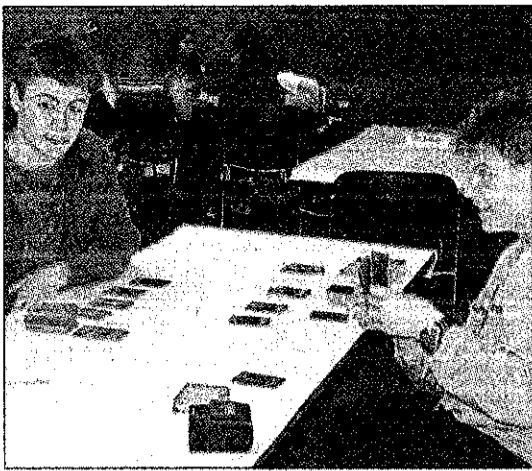
The final program for preschoolers will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, or 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, with a Teddy Bear Picnic. Registration begins July 25 at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

There will be preschool storytimes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, with no signup required.

"The parents really help a lot," Champagne said, adding children like the small prizes they receive. "I do believe that most kids want to read. Books are a great choice."

The library will also offer a "Come As You Are" Teen Summer Reading Program with registration starting June 12.

Grand prize will be a \$100 gift certificate to



Card games, board games and Dance Dance Revolution will all be a part of the July 14th "Get in the Game."



Teen Services Librarian Cathy Lichtman will again welcome area teens to "Get in the Game" on July 14.

Twelve Oaks mall. The opening program will be 6 p.m. Monday, June 19, and will feature a Mystery Party. Pizza and pop will be served, and there will be a Dance Dance Revolution video game.

"We had 307 last summer," said Cathy Lichtman, teen services librarian. "I hope to increase it."

As with the younger students, the emphasis is on fun for teens. They read fewer classics in the summer, she's found, and like fantasy, mystery and adventure.

"That's when you see a big dropoff in reading on their own," Lichtman said of the teen years. "They're very busy with extra school stuff."

Librarians aim to make reading fun, and encourage teens to read magazines as well. "They can read whatever they want," she said.

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CONCERT SCHEDULE

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority; concerts are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park:

- June 9 - Global Village, soul, R&B, funk
- June 16 - Double Cross Band, blues and soul, new to the lineup
- June 23 - Sarah Lenore Band
- June 30 - Mass Transit, R&B and groove band
- July 7 - No show due to Art in the Park
- July 14 - TBD
- July 21 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings, swing, jazz and blues
- July 28 - Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop
- Aug. 4 - Retrospect Band, modern hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 11 - Rodeo Drive, modern country and radio hits, new to the lineup
- Aug. 18 - Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack Band)
- Aug. 25 - Steve King and the Ditties
- Sept. 1 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Park concert series for kids, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, New Liberty Bank and McCully Educational Resource Center; concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park:

- June 21 - Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady"
- June 28 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- July 5 - Jeremy Kittle
- July 12 - Josh White Jr.
- July 19 - Jan Krist
- July 26 - Hometown Kids Concert featuring Phoenix, PCAC's Plymouth Uptown Players and more
- Aug. 2 - elmoThumm
- Aug. 9 - Gemini
- Aug. 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 23 - Matt Watroba

Marygrove College president retirement event set for June 8

Dr. Glenda D. Price, president of Marygrove College since 1998, will retire on June 30 from a 40-year career in higher education. The college will host "A Tribute to Dr. Glenda D. Price and a Dinner to Benefit the Dr. Glenda D. Price Science Initiative Fund," 6 p.m. Thursday, June 8, on the grounds of Marygrove College. The retirement celebration is open to the public.

In recognition of her eight years of service to Marygrove and her dedication to science education, the College has established the Dr. Glenda D. Price Science Initiative Fund.

Joyce Hayes-Giles, chair of the Marygrove Board of Trustees and the Tribute

Committee, said, "Dr. Price ushered in a new level of service to the community with her presidency."

Ticket prices begin at \$200 with proceeds going to the Dr. Glenda D. Price Science Initiative Fund. Contact Janet Kuras, 313-927-1436 or jkuras@marygrove.edu to make reservations for the retirement celebration.

Outright contributions to the Fund may be made by contacting Jo Ann Cusmano, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at 313-927-1434 or jcusmano@marygrove.edu.

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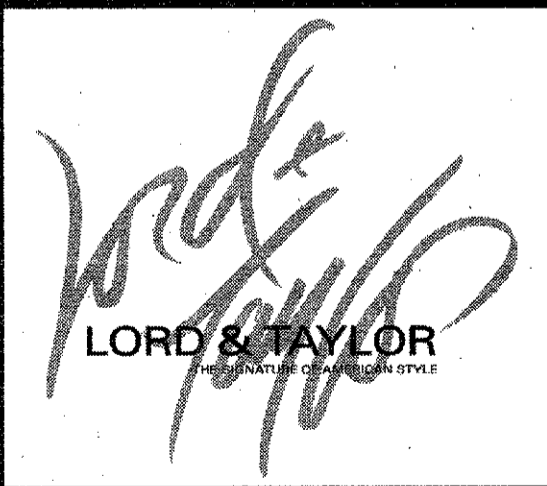
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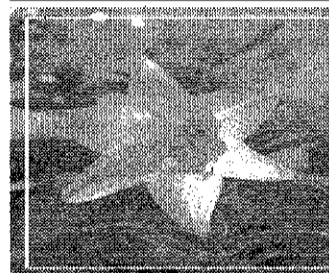
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JOHN H. ALLEN

Age 81, of Dearborn, MI and formerly Farmington Hills, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2006 in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn after a short illness. John was born and raised in Toledo, attending grade school at Historic St. Patrick's and graduating in 1942 from Central Catholic High School. He attended the University of Notre Dame and received his Naval commission as an Ensign. John received his degree in mechanical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1985 he retired as a Commander from the Navy Reserve. He served on active duty in both WW II and Korea. His career as a mechanical engineer spanned 40 years and he retired as a Vice-President from Place Machine Tool in Troy, MI in 1990. John and his wife were 40-year former members of St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills. Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Marie (Winterhalter) Allen, sons, Harold (Diane) Allen and Richard (Nancy) Allen, daughters, Barbara Butterfield, Evelyn Brosch and Marilyn (Eric) Buttrum. There are 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild as well as nieces and nephews surviving. Visitation took place Thursday at the Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, a Mass of Christian Burial in Historic St. Patrick's Church, 130 Avondale Ave. Toledo, took place Friday Interment Calvary Cemetery, Toledo. Memorials may take the form of a contribution to Historic St. Patrick's Church.

ALBERT CHERUNDOLO

Died 6/1/06 at 95 years old. Married to Natalie for 63 years (deceased). Survived by three children - Albert (Beverly); Marie Tuohey; James (Lynn). Survived by 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Also by sister, Jennie Carmadella



SISTER MARY GEORGIA BROWN, RSM

Sister of Mercy, Educator, Librarian

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary Georgia Brown, RSM, age 95, died at McAuley Retirement Center on June 1, 2006. She was a Sister of Mercy for 78 years. She was born to George C. and Anna (Schmidt) Brown on November 5, 1910 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the sixth of eleven children. She joined the Sisters of Mercy following her graduation from Mount Mercy Academy in 1928, and made perpetual vows on August 15, 1934. Sister Mary Georgia earned a teacher's certificate from Mount Mercy Normal School; a bachelor's degree in English from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa; a bachelor's in library science and a master's in German from the University of Michigan; and a master's in English from the University of Detroit. From 1931 until 1942, Sister Mary Georgia taught in parochial schools in Saginaw, Ludington, Posen, Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Michigan. Mercy College opened its doors in Detroit in 1941 and the next year Sister Mary Georgia was named its librarian, a post she held until 1964. For the next eight years she served as assistant librarian and taught classes at the college. Sister Mary Georgia moved to Lella Hospital in Battle Creek in 1972, where she lived with the Sisters of Mercy who staffed the hospital and served as medical librarians. She also visited the elderly at Springhill Manor and became a volunteer at the Willard Library. The Calhoun County Genealogical Society awarded her a lifetime membership and a certificate of appreciation for her contributions, which included publishing an Index to the 1860 Federal Census for Calhoun County, MI (1986), Calhoun County: the Civil War Connection (1989) and Calhoun County: the 1812 Connection (1991). In 1995, Sister Mary Georgia moved to McAuley Center where she served in the community archives and library before retiring to a life of prayer in 2001. Sister Mary Georgia is remembered for the enthusiastic pursuit of learning that she shared with her colleagues and students at Mercy College. She enjoyed mental challenges and was a good match for anyone in a game of Scrabble. She relaxed by listening to classical music, especially Beethoven and Mozart, and by taking long walks. She was an advocate for the elderly and persons in need. Sister Mary Georgia is survived by her sister, Sister Mary Carmen Brown, RSM, by several nieces and nephews and by the members of her religious community. A welcoming service will be held at McAuley Center, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills on June 4, 2006 at 3 pm, with a Scripture service that evening at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection will be held at McAuley Center on June 5 at 10:30 am. Burial will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

SHIRLEY M. FLECKENSTIEN

Age 80, May 29, 2006. Beloved wife of Norbert. Loving mother of Susan and Barbara (John Vaughn). Dear grandmother of Maxwell, Jackson and Mitchell. Also survived by sister Lois Krueger. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com. Care and services have been entrusted to L. J. Griffin Funeral Home. 734-981-1700



AUDREY IRENE DENMAN

Age 85, formerly of Birmingham, MI, passed away on May 29, 2006. She was born in Traverse City, MI. Taught in a one-room schoolhouse near Midland. Active in numerous civic affairs including The Junior League and Project Hope. Avid tennis player who well into her retirement years, was known to beat women half her age. As a grandmother, she became a licensed pilot, flying to many places with her pilot husband John. Beloved wife of John for 46 years. Loving mother of James (Antoinette) Hornberger of East Lansing, MI; Troy (Kathy) Hornberger of Myrtle Beach, SC; and Jill (John) Denman-Duggan of Troy, MI. Adored grandmother of Liesa Hornberger, Chris (Michelle) Hornberger, Leah Hornberger, and Troy (Kathryn) Hornberger, Darren Barton, Jill (William) Dorr, and Tyler and Kelsey Denman-Duggan. Devoted great-grandmother of five. A private celebration of her life will be held. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ALFRED CHARLES WORTLEY, Jr.

Age 86, May 30, 2006. Retired attorney. Husband of Elizabeth, father of James (Carole) and William Wortley, brother of Dr. John and Dr. Charles Wortley, grandfather of Kristen Wortley. Memorial service, St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham, Saturday, June 10, 11am. Interment Good Hart, MI. In lieu of flowers, tributes to the Little Traverse Conservancy, 3264 Powell Rd., Harbor Springs, MI 49740 (1-231-347-0991). Arrangements, Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 1-248-644-6000



WALTER ZANZA

Age 90 of Rochester Hills, May 31, 2006. Loving husband of the late Annie for 46 years. Dear brother of Helen Sunday. Survived by his dear friends and caregivers Geraldine Brown, Nicky Morse, Bill and Gail Palmer and their families. Also survived by many friends, nieces and nephews. Funeral mass Wednesday, June 7, 2006 11:00 am. instate at 10:30 am. at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. Visitation Tuesday, 3-6 and 7-9 pm with a scripture service at 7:30 pm. at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home 339 Walnut Blvd, Rochester. memorials to Beaumont Hospice. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.

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ENGAGEMENTS

LeHaye-Stage

Mr. and Mrs. Michael LeHaye of Grand Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie, to Adam Frederick Stage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stage of Livonia.

A June wedding is being planned.

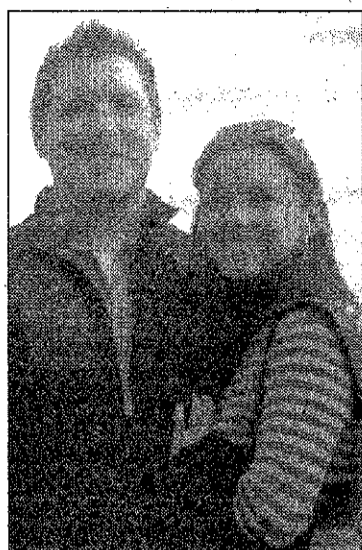


Uryga-Pumphrey

Walter and Elaine Uryga of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to Gary Michael Pumphrey, the son of Janice Rihn of Grand Island, Neb., and Dr. Harold Pumphrey of Lincoln, Neb.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Canton High School and the University of Michigan School of Engineering, received her law degree from DePaul University. Becky works as a patent attorney in Chicago.

The prospective groom graduated from Hebron High School and Nebraska Wesleyan University. He earned his law degree from the University of Denver and a masters of law from DePaul University. He also works as a patent attorney in Chicago.



A Sept. 16, 2006 wedding is planned at St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck, with the reception at the Laurel Park Marriott in Livonia.

Young-Nitzschke

Kenneth and Priscilla Young of Livonia and Allen and Cheryl Nitzschke of Burton announce the engagement of their children, Holly Young and Kyle Nitzschke.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She is presently the senior conference services manager at Big Cedar Lodge in Southwest Missouri.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Bentley High School and currently works in the food and beverage department at Big



Cedar Lodge.

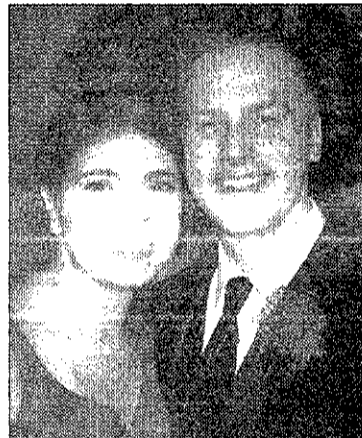
The couple met more than four years ago while working at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. They are expecting their first child this summer.

Mastrofrancesco-Miller

Lou and Ann Mastrofrancesco of Northville, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela, to James Miller, son of Brian and Joy Miller of Battle Creek.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. Angela is employed at Lear Corp. in Southfield.

Jim is a 2000 graduate of Battle Creek Central and will graduate with a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan in June. Upon graduation, Jim will be employed as a first year phar-



macy resident at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Jim and Angela met as members of the Michigan Marching Band. A June 10 wedding is planned at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.

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Chris and Stephanie Pinta of Livonia proudly announce the birth of their son, Owen Michael on April 11. He was born at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He joins his big brother Brennan. The proud grandparents are Mike Slack of Livonia, Nancy and Win Collins of Howell, and Tom and Theresa Pinta of Hamburg.



Bradyn Wood

Sandra Sherwin and Chad Wood of Plymouth Township welcomed home their son, Bradyn James Wood, born April 19, 2006.

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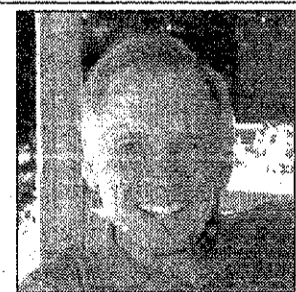
Lillian Hetzel

Andrew and Jennifer Hetzel of Plymouth welcomed their baby girl, Lillian Eve Hetzel, born Nov. 7, 2005.

Lillian weighed in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 21 inches long at birth. She was born at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

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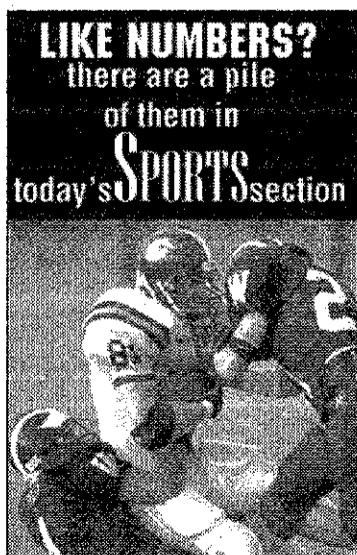
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An apple a day

Researchers prove what registered dietitians already knew

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Gail Posner and Darlene Zimmerman already knew that eating fruits and vegetables help a body stay healthy. The latest research on apples simply confirms studies that show healthy eating could prevent heart disease, cancer or Alzheimer's.

Most recently, researchers Dr. Eric Gershwin and Carl Keen at the University of California at Davis found an apple a day just might keep the doctor away by preventing damage to cells. The findings were published in Experimental Biology and Medicine in May.

Disease can occur when cells suffer damage or die. Several fruit products, including flavonoid-rich apples and apple products, are reported to increase antioxidant levels in humans thus preventing damage by free radicals.

Gershwin and Keen made a mash of fuji, golden and red delicious, and granny smith apples then exposed it to

human cells. They discovered that the nutrients in apples and apple products 'can actually help improve health, starting at the cellular level,' according to Gershwin, professor of medicine at the University of California at Davis School of Medicine.

The study was funded through an unrestricted grant from the U.S. Apple Association and the Apple Products Research and Education Council.

"I found it interesting," said Zimmerman, a registered dietitian for the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute's Heart Smart Program. Zimmerman teaches a class for cardiac rehabilitation patients at the Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia.

"Try to keep in perspective that it is just one study looking at how apples, the components, affect cell communication.

"That apple extract stopped that signal. We didn't see the damage occur. It was like a spam filter. The apple doesn't let spam come through and harm the cells.

"It's another piece to support the evidence of eating fruits and vegetables. I don't want to downplay apples. It's a great fruit full of phytochemicals, antioxidants, vitamins, and fiber. There are 5 grams of fiber in a 5 ounce medium size apple. You need about 25 to 35 grams of fiber for the entire day. There's a lot of pectin, a type of fiber, helping to lower cholesterol in the blood."

Gershwin's previous study showed that the regular consumption of apple juice reduced LDLs, the bad cholesterol. Posner says while "apples aren't superstars or noted for being high in vitamin C," research is beginning to show they contain phytonutrients or chemicals such as quercetin. Zimmerman says, quercetin is also found in onions and black tea and some experts think it may

work as an antioxidant to fight free radicals which damage cells.

"We've always known that there's a link between healthy eating and avoiding heart disease, protecting against cancer," said Posner, who sees clients at Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling (www.gail-posner.com) in West Bloomfield.

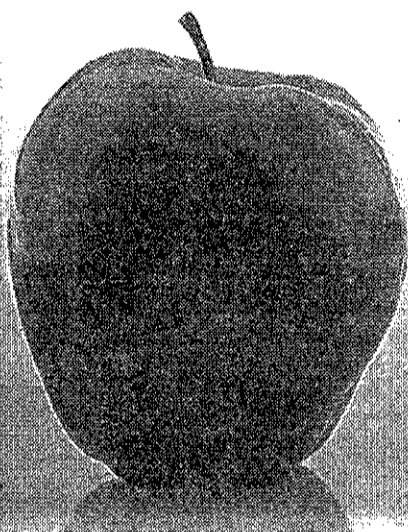
At this time of year Posner's helping freshman who've put on 15 pounds at college. Boaters and those who spend time at cottages frequently put on weight as well. Posner encourages them to plan their meals and snacking ahead of time and purchase fresh fruits and a vegetable tray, but use salsa or fat free dips.

"Study after study shows that people who include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fish, and healthy oils in their diets have fewer diseases," said Posner. "As nutrition is a young science, we're just starting to learn the specifics on what's in foods beyond vitamins. We're learning about phytonutrients in foods. We believe it has something to do with protecting against damaging oxidation."

A new study from the University of Massachusetts Lowell Center for Cellular Neurobiology and Neurodegeneration Research suggests that consuming apple juice could protect against cell damage in the brain that contributes to age-related memory loss. Even though the research was done on test animals, the findings, published in January in the Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, were promising.

"Research is a sign of what's coming in the future," said Posner. "It's about how we're learning about other properties that make apples healthy. So enjoy. Apples are crisp, delicious, and come in a huge variety of flavors and convenient 100 calorie packages (medium apple)."

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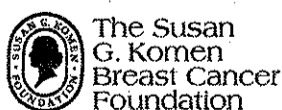


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Emergency physicians urge bicyclists to take precautions

For many of us, especially young people, summer means hopping on your bike and going for a ride. Unfortunately for approximately 500,000 people each year, it is a ride that ends in an emergency department.

In fact, more children ages 5 to 14 visit U.S. hospital emergency departments for injuries associated with bicycles than any other sport. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is urging everyone who rides a bicycle to wear a protective helmet and ride in a safe manner.

"The use of helmets is the single most effective way to reduce head injuries and fatalities resulting from bicycle crashes," said Dr. Rick Blum, president of ACEP. "If everyone who rides a bike this summer would first put on a helmet, there would be far fewer bike riders in emergency departments with serious injuries."

Universal bicycle helmet use by children ages 4 to 15 would prevent between 135 and 155 deaths each year, plus up to 45,000 head injuries and 18,000 to 55,000 scalp and facial injuries, according to the National SAFE KIDS Campaign. However, there is no federal law requiring children to wear bicycle helmets,

and as of February this year, only 20 states and the District of Columbia had helmet laws applying to young bicyclists.

Blum and the ACEP suggest you keep the following safety advice in mind as you head out on your biking adventures this year.

Make sure your helmet fits properly. Obey traffic signs and signals. Never ride against the flow of traffic. Use proper hand signals. Never carry another person on your bike and never ride with headphones. Make sure the bicycle is well-maintained and is the correct size for the rider. Blum says the best advice regarding bicycle safety is to use common sense.

"Many of the people, of all ages, that I've treated in the emergency department over the years for injuries sustained from a bike crash told me they were doing something they knew wasn't the right thing to do. And once they are treated in the emergency department, they vow never to do it again."

SCOOTER AND SKATEBOARD SAFETY

As scooters and skateboards gain popularity, so do the number of injuries related to their use. In 2000, as non-motorized scooters literally took off, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated more

than 40,000 emergency room visits were due to scooter injuries. The CPSC estimates more than 10,000 emergency room visits were the result of injuries due to motorized scooters in 2003-2004. Two-thirds of those injured using motorized scooters were under 15 years of age. The ACEP urges parents to carefully monitor children using scooters and skateboards and to always have your children wear pads protecting their elbows, wrists and knees.

"Kids don't typically ride as fast on scooters and skateboards as they do on bicycles," says Blum, "but falling on unprotected elbows and knees causes a lot of injuries. One key way to reduce these injuries is to wear pads and ride on smooth surfaces."

For more information, visit www.acep.org.



JUNE

Heart scan contest

EBT-Heart and Body Imaging is giving away five free heart scans for Father's Day. Entrants should write, in 100 words or less, why they think their father should have a scan. Preventive imaging is designed to detect disease an earlier, more treatable stage. The letters will be reviewed and those that meet contest requirements will be placed in a drawing with the winners selected on June 15. Send letters, postmarked by June 9, to EBT-Heart and Body Imaging, 26400 W. 12 Mile, Suite 114, Southfield, MI 48034. Attention: Father's Day Heart Scan.

Open house

Cancer Survivors' Celebration noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the South Lobby, followed by Cancer Center Groundbreaking, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. No charge. At the Open House, community members and their families can enjoy food, refreshments, interactive activities, such as face painting, Teddy Bear Clinic, Child-ID and Fingerprinting, a moonwalk, clowns and more. Special events include health screenings and Ask the Doctor, community rescue teams from Livonia Fire and Rescue, and Livonia Police Department and K-9 Unit, MedFlight Helicopter, Huron Valley Ambulance, Wayne County Sheriff motorcycles will be on hand. Musical entertainment by Sunset Boulevard Band. For more information, call (734) 655-1592, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Health sessions for men

6-7 p.m. Monday, June 5, covers heart disease and cholesterol, Thursday,

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

June 8 diabetes and prostate cancer, at the Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia, 29200 Schoolcraft. For more information or to RSVP, call (800) HENRYFORD (436-7936).

Basic first aid

6-8:45 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, between Warren and Outer Drive. Learn crucial information about caring for life threatening injuries in this American Safety and Health Institute course which meets the requirements of group home and child care workers and is appropriate for any lay rescuer. Participation in this class results in a three-year certificate. Cost is \$36 Dearborn School District residents, \$39 non-residents. To register, or to obtain a call 1-877-855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2. To register for online classes, please visit www.ed2go.com/hfcc.

Support group

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Disorder) will be meeting 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Way Elementary School on W. Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration opens at 7 p.m. The speaker for the parent group will be Ira Givovinsky presenting on Bipolar Disorder and ADHD. In addition, there will be an informal support group for adults and separate group for significant others of ADHD adults. All meetings are free to CHADD members, \$5 donation for non-members. Call (248) 988-6716.

Teens using drugs workshops

Part two 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 6; part one provides information on what should and should not be done

when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, part one is repeated every first Tuesday of the month, October to June; part two repeats the second Tuesday of the month, October to June, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. No charge and open to public. Parents, teens and people who work with teens are all welcome. For information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to jessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org.

Stress reduction workshop

With guest lecturer Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., learn seven danger signs that indicate when your body is under too much stress and Trigger Point therapy, a natural way to relieve tight and sore muscles 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444.

Menopause and sleep apnea

A presentation on the signs, detection and treatment for sleep apnea with Registered Sleep Technologist Scott Wolk and tour the St. Mary Mercy Sleep Center 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge, but registration requested. Call (734) 655-1100.

Unlocking health workshop

With guest lecturer Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., learn five keys to wellness, how to eat, drink, exercise and sleep correctly, discussion on how the mind and body function together 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444. For more information, call (734) 655-2980.

Reduce saturated fat intake



Jill from Madison Heights e-mails for healthy weight loss tips.

Jill, the way you lose weight is just as important to your health as the weight loss itself. Obese and overweight people often have high levels of blood fats and LDL (bad cholesterol) and low levels of HDL (good cholesterol). New research points out ways to lose weight and maintain a healthy blood profile.

Sixty-two people were put on low calorie diets, either very low in unsaturated fat and high in saturated fat,

or very high in unsaturated fat and low in saturated fat. All of the diets had the same amount of calories. Each diet group lost the same amount of weight, but only those taking in low amounts of saturated fat increased their good cholesterol. This is definitely key information for making your diet a healthy one!

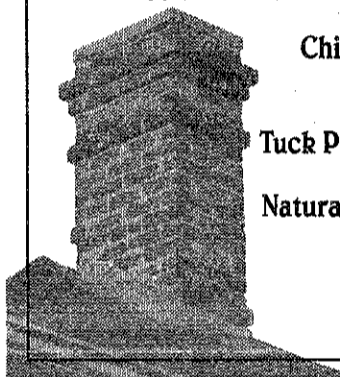
Jan from Auburn Hills has been going to gyms for years and says they all have one thing in common - loud music blaring over the speaker system. She e-mails wanting to know if the music actually has any effect on the workout. Jan, a recent study may strike a chord with many of your fellow listeners. The study focused on a group of 13 athletes and the relationship between music and a successful workout regimen. The conclusion: Music had no effect on either

workout habits or endurance once you begin. But don't throw out that iPod just yet! Many athletes feel that music is an essential part of a successful workout routine because it keeps their energy level up. So if you've found a system that works for you, stick with it. Crank up the volume and don't touch that dial!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV-NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 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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The basis of fibromyalgia is unknown. However, what triggers the appearance of fibromyalgia is better recognized.

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Or, you were on a ladder or roof and suffered a fall, but by a miracle had no broken bones. Yet soon after the accident, you note the onset of deep and continuing pain. In addition, you begin noticing daytime fatigue, but are unable to sleep at night. You may develop migraine headaches, jaw pain, or chest discomfort diagnosed as costochondritis.

The inciting event brought to the surface an underlying fibromyalgia. Physicians appreciate this connection, but as yet cannot explain why a particular incident will set off the condition, when similar experiences did not.

Before physicians can treat fibromyalgia better, we must gain a better understanding of it.

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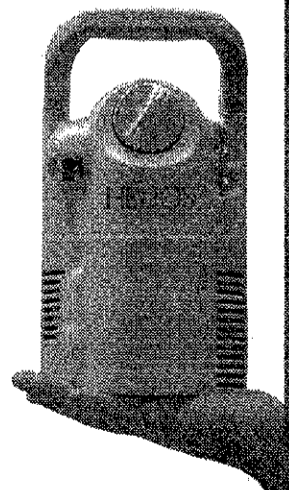
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AROUND TOWN

Hogs for cats, dogs

Motor City Harley-Davidson presents the sixth-annual "HOGS for Cats and Dogs" benefit for the Michigan Humane Society 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Motor City Harley-Davidson, 34900 Grand River in Farmington Hills. An early bird breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Breakfast and refreshments throughout the day provided by Gus O'Connor's Public House. An observation run departing from Motor City Harley-Davidson is open to all and starts at 10:00 a.m. - last bike in by 3:00 p.m. For more information call the dealership at 248-473-7433. Registration \$10 or \$5 with donation of a wish list item.

Alzheimer's anniversary

This year the Alzheimer's Association celebrates 25 years of service to Michigan residents with a luncheon and awards program at noon June 14 at the VisTaTech center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The program will feature recognition of special people and features keynote speaker Orien Reed, a television and radio consumer reporter and volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association. Tickets are \$25, and the public is invited. For tickets or more information, visit the Web site at www.alzgmcc.org or call (800) 272-3900.

Zoo shot party

On Tuesday, June 20, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan and the Detroit Zoo team up to offer "One Zoo of a Shot Party," for a convenient place to get children ages 15 and older immunized against bacterial meningitis and/or receive the new tetanus booster that offers increased protection against whooping cough, known medically as pertussis. The program is open to students age 15, high school seniors and college freshmen living in dorms. The meningitis shot costs \$105; the tetanus shot is \$50. The event takes place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main entrance to the Detroit Zoo; parking is free for those being immunized. For more information, visit www.vna.org or call (248) 967-8755.

Summer school

Summer courses are back in season at the Ann Arbor Art Center, offering favorites such as Drawing Fundamentals, Foundations, Painting 101, Basic and Continuing Watercolor, Exploring Watermedia and three levels of Ceramics. Semester dates run through July 10-Aug. 31 and discounts will be given for early registration by June 26. This summer the Art Center adds five new offerings in the celebration of art appreciation, ceramics, knitting and wine. Not only are these creative journeys, they are adventures in enlightenment. Debbie Kawsky, will share her art historical knowledge in a new class entitled He



Rallying for local teens

Leadership Canton presents youth programs Growth Works and the BLOCK (the township's teen center) with checks for \$7,000 each - the proceeds from Leadership Canton's recent road rally fund-raiser. Pictured from left to right: Henry Washington, Abe Vinitski, Dave Wisniewski, Scott Redding, Jason Lewkut, Lisa Heinrich, Wendy Rowland, Kurt Tyszkiewicz, John Lefevre of the B.L.O.C.K., Martha Snow, Karyl Niemi, Brian Spitsbergen of Growth Works, Susan Orchard, Rose Trupiano, Hussien Fawaz Alex Mamo and Lisa Kennedy.

Said/She Said: Great Artistic Couples, which explores famous artistic couples like Pablo Picasso and Dora Maar, Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt, for the shocking behind-the-scenes stories, their relationships, and the production of their most iconic works. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 12 from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, July 19, from 7-9 p.m. Kawsky will also instruct two sessions of Art and Scandal. This lecture series will focus on the exciting, yet tumultuous lives of painters and sculptors including Edouard Manet, Vincent Van Gogh, and Camille Claudel whose passion in both their personal relationships and their works of art quickly led to obsession, hatred, and tragedy. Session 1 is Wednesday, July 26, from 7-9 p.m. and Session 2 is Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 7-9 p.m. Simone Jenkins of Morgan & York will offer Artful Tasting: Bubbles and Cheese, a four-week class pairing cheeses and sparkling wines from around the world. The class runs Thursday nights at 6:30-8:30 p.m. from July 13-Aug. 3. Everyone has gone crazy for crocheting, and in the six-week Wearable Works of Art: Knit and Crochet for Pre-Teens and Adult, beginners can learn the basic stitches, materials and construction techniques for creating small projects and then expand to make their own. Wearable Works is taught by Kristen Ham on Tuesday nights 6:30-8:30pm from July 11-Aug. 15 or Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30

a.m. July 13-Aug. 17. The Ann Arbor Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to engaging the community in the education, exhibition, and exploration of the visual arts. For more information, explore www.annarborartcenter.org, visit the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty Street in downtown Ann Arbor or contact Janet Torno at (734) 994-8004, Ext. 114.

Career networking

Franchise specialist Mark Cory, owner and operator of the FranNet-Detroit office, speaks at the OLC Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Admission to the talk is free; the public and persons who are out of work, re-energizing a job search, expecting layoffs or are looking for a new opportunity or for a first job are invited. For information, call Ed Walton, (734) 634-2245 or the church office, (734) 453-0326.

Charity golf

A summer days worth of fun never helped so many, which is just what golfers at the fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m., with the 18-hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities, which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-

662-5999, extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities web site, www.mtcogolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, "Diabetes and Neuropathy Pain Management" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Timothy Wright, M.D., Pain Management, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge for the meeting, and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 655-8961.

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 registered sleep technologist Scott G. Wolk, RPSGT, EMT, 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 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 ground-breaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception and speaker noon-1 p.m. in the hospital's South Lobby.

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, 3131 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

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.

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 734994-3610.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (734) 464-0481.

CANTON POLICE
PUBLIC AUCTION

Public Auction at Budget Towing, 876 Railroad, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, June 19th, 2006 10:00 AM.

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Publish: June 4, 2006

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PO Box 30204
Lansing, MI 48909

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Summit on the Park Ash Room, 46000 Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 06-82-0064-P, under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by Riviera Development Inc, 815 Church Street, Plymouth, Michigan. The applicant proposes to relocate a portion of the Green Drain and to place fill within wetland areas as part of the development of the newly proposed Hidden Creek Estates subdivision, to be between Saltz and Cherry Hill Roads on Beck Road. A total of 1,017 cubic yards of fill material is proposed to be placed within 1,398 linear feet of existing Drain, which will be replaced by a 1,825 foot long open channel drain and an 89.75 foot long section of 30 inch diameter pipe. A total of 458 cubic yards of fill is proposed to be placed within 0.39 acres of wetland area, with an additional 74 cubic yards of excavation proposed within 0.09 acres of wetland area for this project. On-site mitigation is proposed with this application. The project is located in T2S, R8E, Section 16, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEQ, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092-2793, by calling 586-753-3862. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WENDY FITZNER
PERMIT CONSOLIDATION UNIT
LAND AND WATER
MANAGEMENT DIVISION
517-373-9244

Date: May 30, 2006

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Publish: June 4, 2006

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit an RFP for a **Long-Term Vending Contract** for the 2006-2007 school year and beyond. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY "pre-bid", meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 12th, 2006 at the Plymouth High School located at 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187. For further information, please phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29th, 2006. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

Publish: June 4 and 11, 2006

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006
7:00 PM
(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING:

SP06-05 Special Use Approval
Change of Use from Residential to Law Office & 2nd Story Addition
800 Starkweather
Zoned: MU, Mixed Use.
Applicant: Jast Brothers Construction

SITE PLAN:

SP06-06 Remax on the Trail
2-Story Addition
1000 W. Ann Arbor Trail
Zoned: O-1, Office
Applicant: Mike & Mary Gladchun

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **EIFS (Exterior Insulation Finish System) Installation at the EJ McClendon Building Clock Tower**. Bid documents will be available after June 1, 2006 by faxing a request on company letterhead to the attention of Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at 734-354-1687. Questions should be directed to Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at 734-416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 15, 2006 to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (re: EIFS Installation Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

Publish: May 28 & June 4, 2006

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO REVIEW THE
PROPOSED 2006-2007 OPERATING BUDGETS

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOLS DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.
E. J. McCLENDON EDUCATION CENTER
454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 2006-2007 Operating Budgets.

Copies of the proposed 2006-2007 budget are available for public inspection in the office of the Executive Director for Business Services at 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

JOANNE M. LAMAR, Secretary
Board of Education

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Art from the heart

Livonia Arts Commission moves festival to center of city

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Fine arts and crafts, a sidewalk chalk drawing contest, food, entertainment, doggie bakery treats, a greyhound rescue organization, and oh, yes, a new location. It seems the Livonia Arts Commission has thought of everything to ensure the success of this year's arts and crafts festival, Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11. They've even changed the name to Art From the Heart to reflect the move to the center of the city. Formerly known as Art in the Village, the festival has moved from Greenmead Historical Park to the Civic Center Complex at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

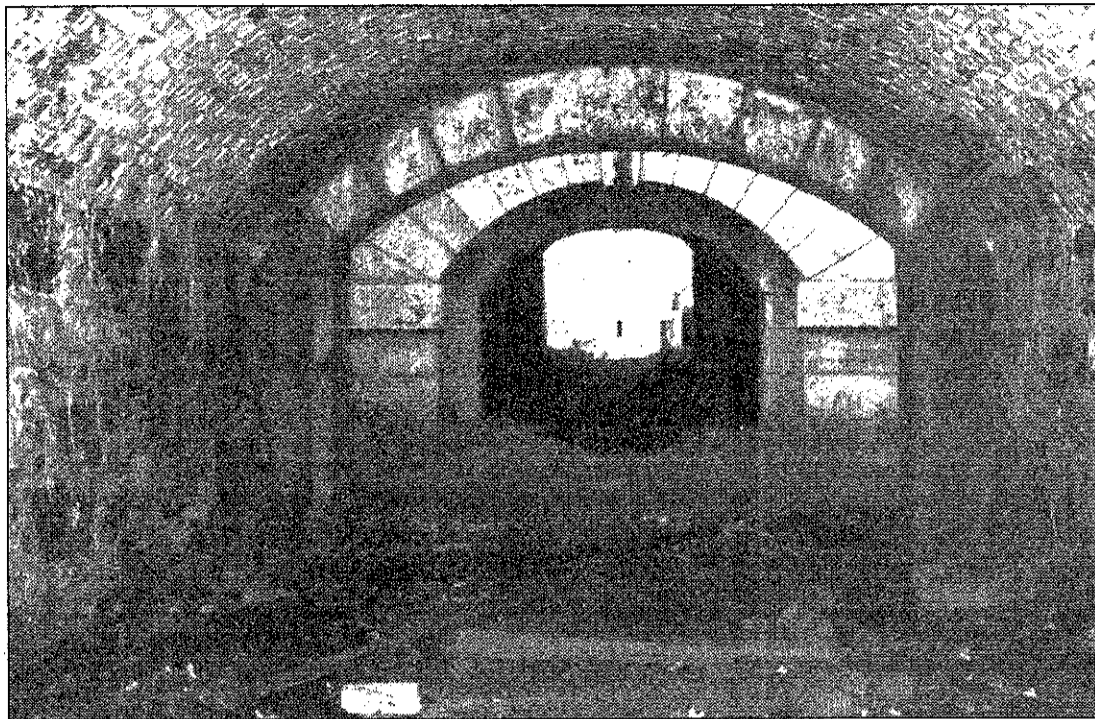
"We wanted a more central location and to be closer to residents," said Carrie Spurling, who is co-chairing the festival with her husband, Dan. Both serve on the Livonia Arts Commission.

CENTRAL SPOT

"We changed our name because this (location) is the heart of Livonia and we want to be part of it and want everyone else to be part of it. We have new exhibitors and food. A soup company will be handing out samples.

"We're trying to have a variety of things to interest everyone and to support different organizations. We'll have a Civic Center Library area to promote their summer reading program. There will be children's activities and a sidewalk chalk art contest anyone can enter for \$5."

Debbie DuFour is especially excited about the exhibitors. As the city liaison to the Livonia Arts Commission, she is helping to coordinate the event that features the work of 90 artists and crafters from around the country. New artist Steve Brewster



Alexandra Eckhardt calls this photograph Keyhole. The Livonia woman shot the image at Fort Adams, a former Navy base in Newport, Rhode Island. It is from her latest series, Mostly Dead Stuff.

brings fused, blown and lamp-worked glass from his Moon Bay Art Glass Studio in Oklahoma while Greg Floyd returns with glass from Garden City. As with past festivals, the arts commission has chosen a variety of media. Bob Parks, a sculptor from Arizona, shows bronze castings; Greg Fuller of Absolute Woodworks in Livonia offers handcrafted wooden ware, bowls, platters, and cutting boards.

George Burns of Redford creates rubber stamped greeting cards and book markers. Doris Brailean's booth is sure to be popular with young girls as the Livonia woman makes American doll clothes.

Personal items is a new category this year with Bruce Ingram of the Doggy Deli in Clinton Township selling hand-made treats for man's best friend. Kate Kerkstra of Grand

Rapids Bliss Botanicals displays aromatherapy products to please the senses.

NEW FACES

"There are many new artists and crafters this year in the show," said DuFour, senior clerk in the Livonia Community Resources Department. "It's the first year of this event in this location and will build itself into a larger show with each passing year."

"The commission has worked very hard to promote this show and they're very excited about the direction they're moving in. They want to have the community involved. Madonna University is creating a video of the event."

As always parking, admission, and a shuttle from Frost Middle School are free. And visitors will have the opportunity to win a free hourly raffle of works

donated by the artists and crafters.

This is the first time Alexandra Eckhardt has shown her photographs in Michigan. She's especially interested in seeing the reaction of viewers to Mostly Dead Stuff. The 33-year-old Livonia woman has been working on her latest series for the last four years.

"I'm really looking forward to it," said Eckhardt, who showed her photography while living in Salt Lake City after studying fine art and glass at Rhode Island School of Design. She moved to Livonia two years ago. "It's always fun to do a new



This photograph was taken by Alexandra Eckhardt at an abandoned silver mine in the Rocky Mountains outside of Park City.

series, this one even more so because it's unusual.

"A lot of the photos you have to think about. It's not just a picture of a tree. The idea behind Mostly Dead Stuff is the contrast between life and death. I'm compelled by how much life there is in what people consider lifeless."

Eckhardt has traveled all over America taking photographs of moose, coyotes and landscapes as well.

"I love to travel," said Eckhardt, a graphic designer with her Silver Thorn Agency. Eckhardt grew up in Rhode Island.

"This is the first time showing Mostly Dead Stuff. Keyhole was shot at Fort Adams. It used to be a Navy base in Newport, Rhode Island. I was overcome by the subtle colors. The window and car photos were taken at an abandoned silver mine in the Rocky Mountains outside of Park City. These photos seem to have a little mystery and puzzlement in common."

Arts commissioner Grace Karczewski says to look for the

signs around town that will direct fair goers to exhibitors, such as Eckhardt 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. A convenient shuttle bus will carry visitors from Frost Middle School on Stark located north of the I-96 service drive, west of Farmington Road to the site.

"Busch's market is going to have gourmet salads and sandwiches made with homemade fresh bread," said Karczewski, an artist herself. "We'll have a lady who embroiders shirts, jewelers, painters, a children's tent, which is all interactive. T-shirts can be colored in and ironed on."

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Broadway spectacular

Band plays
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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Motor City Brass Band may not have 76 trombones on stage for its season finale, but director Craig Strain promises the concert will be a Broadway spectacular nevertheless. Strain, a Farmington Hills trumpet player, is waiting to

see how many of the Waterford, Dearborn and Clarenceville high school trombonists take him up on an invitation to join the band on stage for Meredith Wilson's rousing tune from *The Music Man* 3 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.



The trombone section plays a recent concert in Marine City. The Motor City Brass Band performs at various venues around town in addition to their season series at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center.

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Part of the mission of the band is to share their love of brass music with schools. Clarenceville High School in Livonia was included because that is where the Motor City Brass Band rehearses every Monday night. In May, the professional musicians and students

came together to spotlight the music played by the Motor City Brass Band since its founding 10 years ago. The 40 musicians love the British brass band sound and it shows in their playing. Last year, they took second place in the U.S. Open Brass Band Competition in Chicago.

"It's going to be a fun thing for the high school trombonists," said Strain, a charter member of the band. "We've done similar things in the past, sometimes clinics and workshops in high schools. This concert is a great combination of the finest music to come out of Broadway coupled with great entertainment."

The music alone is sure to set toes a tappin' with tunes like *All That Jazz* from Chicago and selections from the musicals *West Side Story* and *Cabaret*.

"The idea was to try not to play the standard Broadway stuff that you hear but more unusual stuff from *Wicked*, from *Rent*," said Strain. "We've been trying to play more than music for our audiences. Before *Over the Rainbow* from *The Wizard of Oz* a couple guys representing Broadway producers come out for a bit of a spoof saying we have this idea for this young girl named Dorothy and this *Wizard for a Musical*."

"We're trying to make our concerts more fun for the audience and play good music. We're trying to add another dimension."

David Bernard is looking forward to the concert even though he'll be sitting on the

other side of the footlights. The 18-year old Livonia Stevenson High School senior plays trumpet joined the Motor City Brass Band after his private teacher Charles Larkins suggested he audition.

Bernard already enjoyed performing with his high school's symphonic, marching and jazz bands, and in the pit orchestra for musicals. Then about two years ago, he went to a Motor City Brass Band concert and was hooked on the music played by the American band in the British brass tradition. Since then he's been performing at various venues around town and the group's season concerts at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," said Bernard, who'll major in music at Western Michigan University in fall. He eventually would like to perform in a symphony orchestra or studio recording setting. "It's not an average concert where you sit around and listen to it, but it's very interactive."

"I think it's a really good idea to get kids involved in this type of music and the brass band."

Tickets for the Broadway Spectacular Concert are \$12 adults, \$10 seniors and students, free for children age 12 and under. The Ford Community and Performing Arts Center is at 5801 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn. Call (313) 943-2350. For a complete schedule of the band's summer outdoors concerts, visit <http://mcbb.org>.

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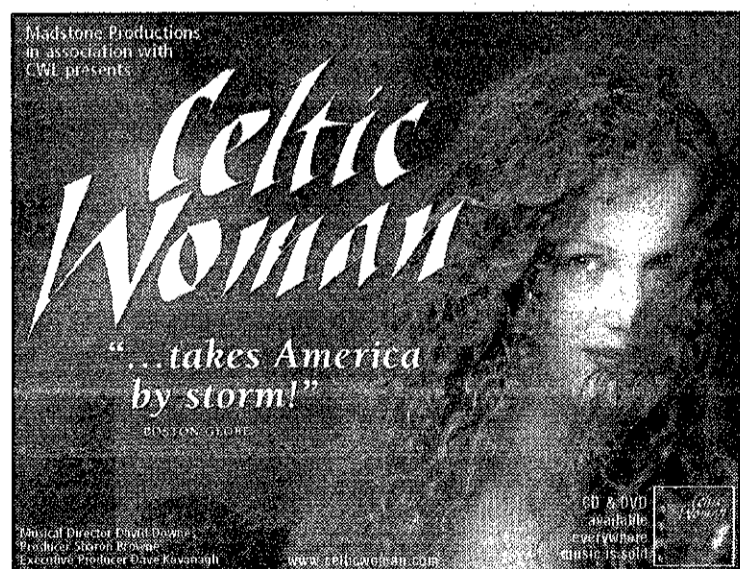
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REUNIONS.

Belleville High School

Alli 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 reacquaint themselves with former classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni, so contact Chairperson Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

Berkley High School

Class of 1971

A 35-year reunion. 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, \$65 per person, spouses/guests welcome. Reservations due by June 15. Register and updates at www.berkeleyalumni.org.

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 Bayerian (248) 735-4495, Barbara Grajek Schanfrank (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 Keldan (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 Vladmirs 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.

Cherry Hill High School

Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion. Last graduating class, welcomes other classes. Friday, Sept. 15, at Double Tree Hotel, Romulus. For more information, contact Lisa (Brown)Graham at CHHS1986@hotmail.com or (734)9939.

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.

Class of 1957

A 50th Reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989)366-9288.

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 (Pietzke) Wauford at Swauior@aol.com; OR Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 OR Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion, 5-11:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, at Doubletree Hotel, Novi. \$78 per person, \$83 after Aug. 18. For reservations, call (248)348-5000.

Class of 1961

Picnic at Kensington Metro Park, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 12. Contact Connie at (734)425-7094 or Rita at (248)348-7437 or Rita@fissiontech.com.

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.

Detroit St. Theresa

Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for June 10, 2006, at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 Laurel Park Dr. N. in Livonia. A brunch is planned on June 11. For more information, call Mary Monroe at (734) 427-4526.

East Detroit High School

A 40-year reunion for East Detroit High 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.

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

Fordson High School

Class of 1976

July 29 at George Murphy's on the Creek, 7 mile, Livonia, \$30 per person. Contact: fhs1976reunion30year@yahoo.com or <http://home.comcast.net/~thelev76> Franklin High School

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 1969 graduates contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @Kilivingston@nucore.com.

Gamma Kappa Chi Fraternity

70th Reunion

Wayne State University Fraternity, founded in 1936, 70th Anniversary, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Glen Oaks Country Club, on 13 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Call Al Halper at (248)682-4986 or Harvey Miller at (248)626-4144. Deadline for registration fee is June 8.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991

Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylor-reunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

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 Churchill

Class of 1974

Planning a 50th birthday party for July 22 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. Contact Paul Schmidt at (734)255-3100, ext. 245.

Class of 1971 to Class of 2006

Alumni Summer Bash, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Waterford Bend Park, Six Mile and Northville roads. No fee, donations accepted. Proceeds go to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, contact Chris (Don) Nicholson, (734)658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728-0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni.com.

Livonia Franklin

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 lkronk@sbtcglobal.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 e-mailing 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 Sgt. Major Bill Krueger, USMC Ret. (703) 451-3844 or 7622 Highland

St., Springfield, VA 22150-3931 or www.caltrap.com.

North Farmington

Class of 1966

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 members.

Oxford High School

Class of 1996

A 10-year reunion committee is

searching for class members. Reunion is scheduled for Sept. 30 at Oxford Hills Golf Club, 300 E. Drahnner in Oxford. For more information, including links to classmates, go to www.myspace.com/ohs96reunion.

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem

Class of 1986

Twenty-year class reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Italian American Club, Livonia. \$65 per person, \$115 couple, dinner, open bar, DJ, band, dancing. Contact canton-salem@yahoo.com

Class of 1996

Ten year class reunion, Friday, Nov. 24, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Tickets are \$45 and include buffet dinner, open bar and dancing. To purchase tickets go online to www.pcep1996.myevent.com.

Post Intermediate

Class of 1950

Post Intermediate School in Detroit class of 1950 will hold a reunion Aug. 19. For details, call Jim Hamon at (313)532-2608 or Jack Mastan at (734)891-4889.

Redford Thurston

Class of 1957-58

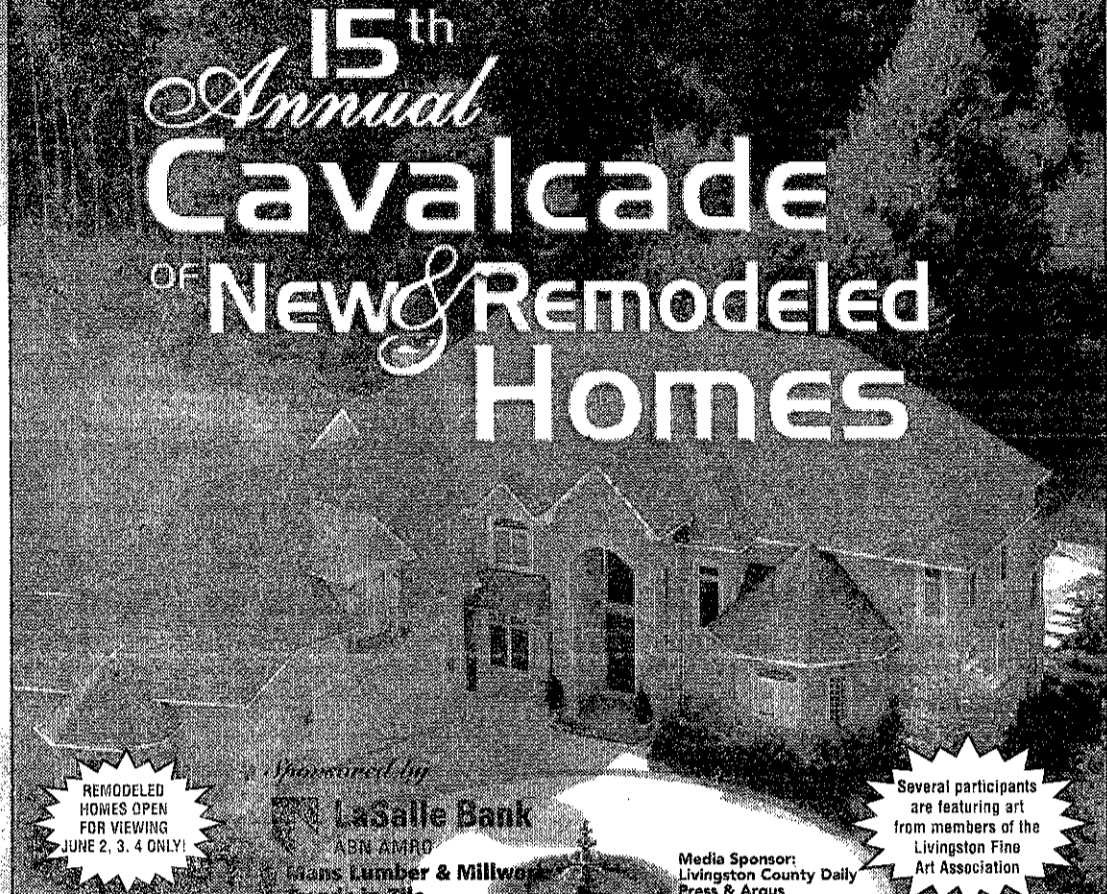
Picnic Sept. 15, 2006, at a Plymouth park. For details, contact Al Goscinski at (248)877-4592 or agoscinski@comcast.net. 50th reunion banquet, Sept. 14, 2007, at Embassy Suites. For details, contact Al Goscinski at (248)877-4592, or agoscinski@comcast.net.

Redford Union

Class of 1961

A 45-year reunion is planned for July 21, 2006, at the Italian American Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Contact Ann (Schnitzhofer) Brighton at (734) 513-7499 or email: ru1961reunion@yahoo.com.

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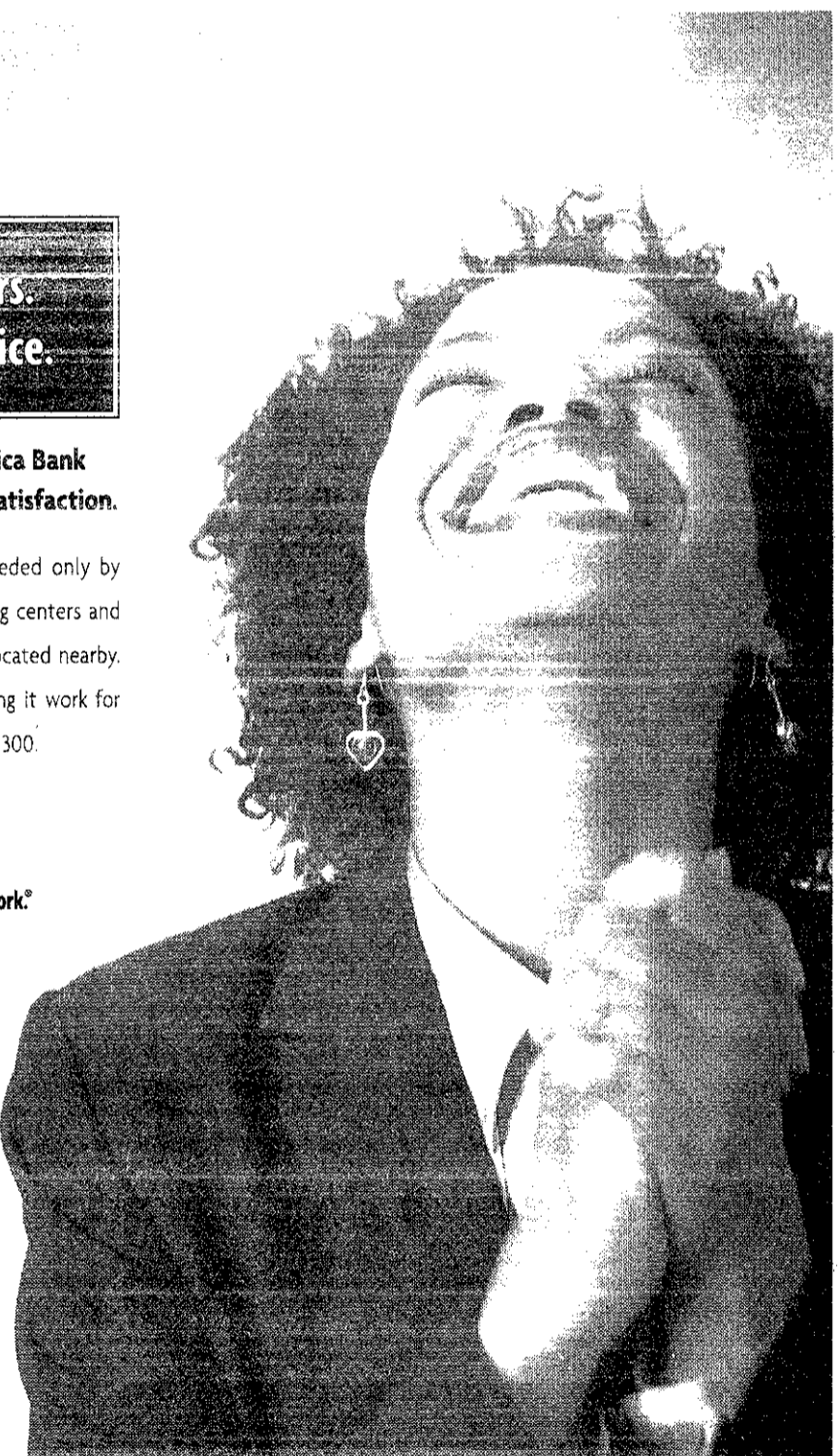
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The Michigan Legislature is considering House Bill 5895 and Senate Bill 1157. This legislation would give big out of state phone companies, like AT&T, special rules that would allow them to select what neighborhoods in a city they would serve – and which they would ignore.

Michigan's Major Newspapers and Civic Leaders Agree:

Local cable TV service should be available to everyone in a community, not just certain people in certain neighborhoods. Here's what Michigan's leading papers are saying about the AT&T plan:

"Current (local) franchise agreements mandate that cable service is sold to an entire city, not just offered to certain sections. That's a sound policy..."

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AT&T's plan "could leave neighborhoods, whole cities or rural areas behind."

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- FLINT JOURNAL

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- BATTLE CREEK ENQUIRER

"In light of all that AT&T has on its corporate plate right now, Michigan lawmakers shouldn't be rewriting state law — and trumping local control..."

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Ladies and gentlemen, start your careers!

Automotive technicians wanted

(NAPSI) — It can be a challenge to land a prime spot on a race car pit crew. Yet vehicle dealerships across the country are scrambling to find qualified automotive technicians for their own "pit crews" — even with salaries of \$30,000 to \$70,000 or more, depending on the market and the technician's level of training.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the auto industry will need 35,000 new technicians every year through 2010.

LUCRATIVE BUT OVERLOOKED

With that in mind, an unusual contest is getting into gear with the purpose of increasing awareness about this lucrative and rewarding yet often-overlooked career, and support training opportunities for future technicians. It's called the No. 29 Goodwrench Expertise Challenge. And it is a challenge. "Historically, being an automotive technician has been depicted as a dirty, dead-end kind of job," said Peter Lord, executive director, GM Service Operations. "That old stereotype

could not be further from the truth. Today's cars and trucks are very sophisticated — the computer technology in them alone, for example, is nearly 1,000 times more powerful than what took the Apollo mission to the moon.

"Dealerships need trained, qualified technicians because they know that satisfaction with vehicle service and repair work is closely tied to how customers view their vehicles and the dealership."

The Challenge benefits automotive technician training like this: If driver Kevin Harvick's No. 29 car wins two out of 12 selected NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series races beginning May 28 with the Coca-Cola 600, GM Goodwrench will set up a \$200,000 scholarship fund to encourage Automotive Youth Educational Systems (AYES) high school students to continue their automotive technical education by attending GM Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP) colleges. AYES is a nonprofit business and education partnership that creates automot-

ive technology career opportunities for promising young men and women at automotive dealerships. It was founded in 1995 by former GM Chairman Jack Smith as a way to address the growing need for technicians.

SPREADING THE WORD

"There are thousands of NASCAR fans — and others — who are ideal candidates for a career as an automotive technician," said Larry Cummings, CEO of AYES. "The Expertise Challenge is a fun and engaging way to help spread the word about these great career opportunities."

Students enrolled in GM ASEP two-year programs earn while they learn, rotating their time between classes and internships at GM dealerships and other GM service centers. There are 66 GM ASEP participating schools in 38 U.S. states, 15 in Canada and one in the People's Republic of China. Successful students graduate with an associate's degree, and either are ready for or have passed their National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification test. More than 2,000 students are cur-

rently enrolled in the program, and there are more than 14,000 graduates.

If Harvick and the team meet the Expertise Challenge by winning two of the 12 select races, GM Goodwrench will award 29 Grand Prizes, which consist of an all-new 2007 Chevy Avalanche, a \$1,000 GM vehicle maintenance certificate and a trunk full of Reese's products.

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Today's trained automotive technicians earn competitive wages and they're in high demand.



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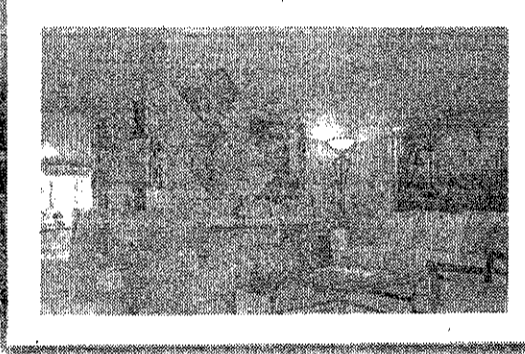
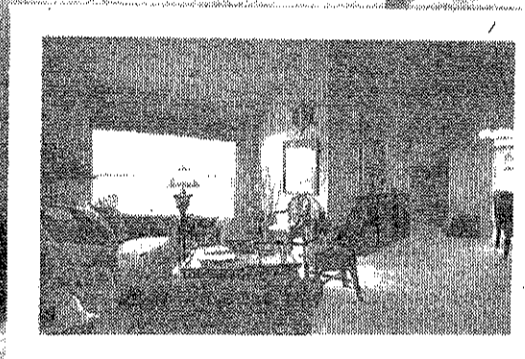
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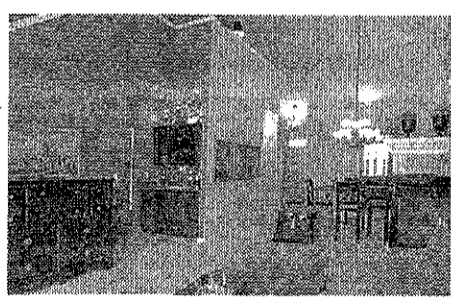
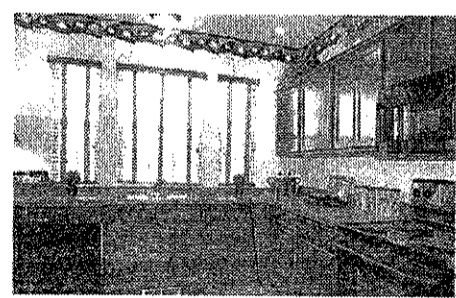
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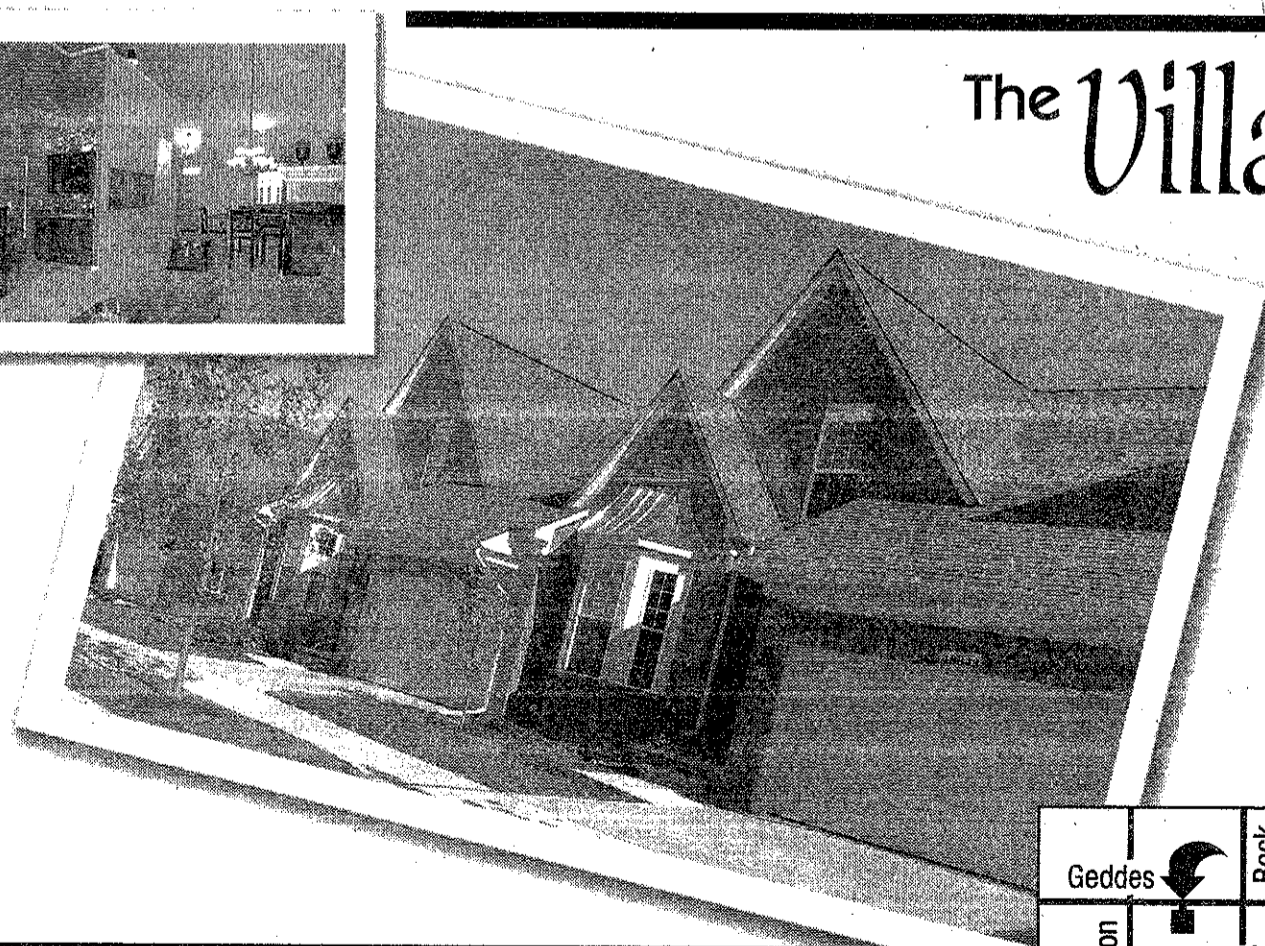
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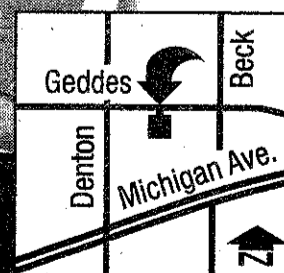
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Good life: Project set for downtown Ann Arbor

Ground broken for Ashley Terrace condos

Ground was broken Wednesday for Ann Arbor's latest downtown residential development.

When completed, the Ashley Terrace condominiums will occupy the corner of Ashley and Huron. The project is being developed by Joseph Freed homes of Chicago.

"Being in downtown Ann Arbor is a spectacular amenity for us to have for this community," said Kristine Gosselin, director of sales and marketing Michigan for Joseph Freed Homes.

"Downtown living is becoming so desirable because of lifestyle opportunities and because of soaring gas prices with long commutes," she said. "There has been a lot of talk about how many condo developments are coming to Ann Arbor, but each one offers something different, as far as style, size, price. Ann Arbor is a place where people want to live."

Ashley Terrace condos are priced from the low \$200,000's for studios, mid-\$200,000's for one-bedroom units and mid-\$300,000's for two-bedroom units, all ranging from 645 to 1,800 square feet. The 10-story building will have 92 units, nine of which are penthouse units, ranging from 1,200-2,700 square feet.

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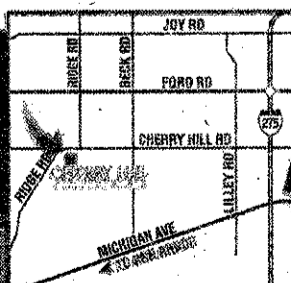
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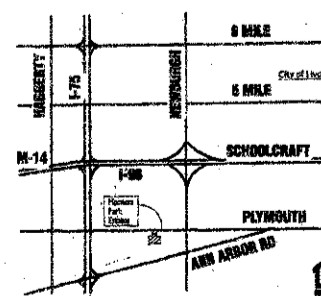
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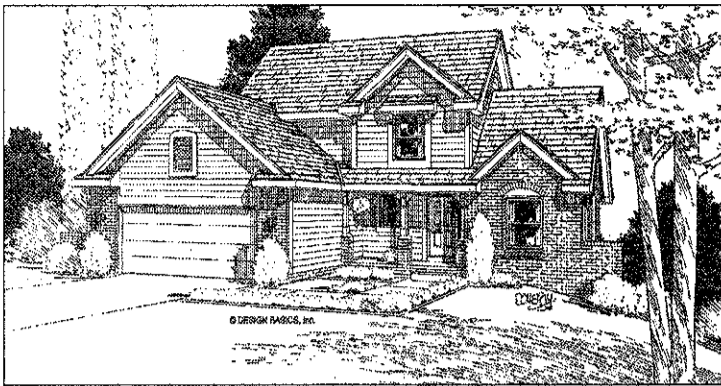
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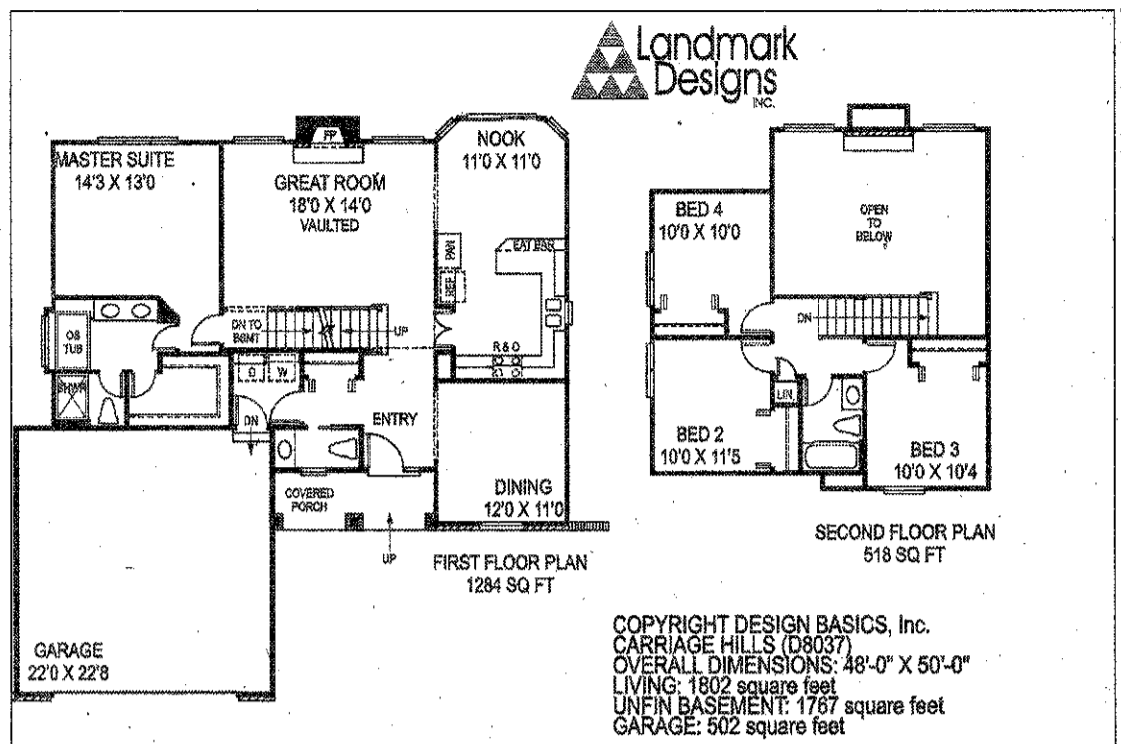
Through an archway is the large great room, which offers a feeling of spaciousness with vaulted 13-foot ceilings and large windows on either side of the fireplace. Between the entry and the great room are the stairs both to the second floor and the unfinished basement beneath. On the backside of the stairs are the utility and a half bath.

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don't have a whole bunch of scratches on them. If they do, fix them. Also, the door should open without squeaking.

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The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (exit 37 on I-75). Speaker will be Judge Mark Randon of the 36th District Court who will discuss "Landlord/Tenant Law: A View From the Bench." Randon is a graduate of the

University of Michigan School of Law. The group meets 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month, and offers a free informational meeting 6-7 p.m. For information, call (313) 386-7228 or visit www.rei-awaynecounty.org.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present:

■ North Oakland County Golf Classic 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at Beacon Hill, 601 Majestic Oaks Drive in Commerce Township. Fees include continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf (spikeless course), cart, refreshments and dinner. Fees are \$130 for BIA

and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers; \$55 for dinner only, \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$250 for a hole sponsorship with dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Mid-Year Business Perspective 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 15, on "Where Are We Now That We're Halfway Through 2006?" at the Marriott-Pontiac at Centerpoint, 3600 Centerpoint Parkway in Pontiac. David Sowerby, vice president and portfolio manager of Loomis Sayles & Co., will present the program, which will include what to expect in 2007. Fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$60 for guests and nonmembers.

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■ BIA's Remodelers Council is sponsoring a Certified Graduate Remodeler seminar, "Customer Service," 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group Inc. will present the program. Fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ A Certified Graduate Builder seminar, "Energy Efficient Construction," 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite

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■ BIA's Sales & Marketing Council is sponsoring a seminar, "Closing Mastery with Roland Nairney, CSP, of New Home Specialists," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Fees are \$59 for SMC members, \$79 for BIA members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Lien law seminar 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at

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■ A development site tour 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at Stonewater in Northville. Transportation is available at 30100 Telegraph, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Bingham Farms. Fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA members, \$60 for nonmember building industry professionals. For information, call (248) 862-1033.

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Rotted posts imbedded in concrete can be repaired

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Years ago, it was common practice to imbed porch and patio posts in concrete. It was simple: Dig a hole, set the post and pour concrete around it.

The idea was to enjoy the added strength provided by the concrete while at the same time creating a barrier between the post and the earth – all in hopes of improving lasting quality.

Whoops, it doesn't work. Actually, concrete is almost as porous as dirt and it doesn't prevent the wood it surrounds from being attacked by moisture.

You have two repair choices and neither one requires concrete removal: You can fully replace the post, or you can trim an inch off the very bottom of the post and repair it using a metal post bracket.

In either case, you will need

to temporarily brace whatever it is that the post supports – a porch beam, for example.

Measure the distance between the porch and the beam, add a half-inch to your measurement and cut a two-by-four to that length.

Next, snugly wedge the two-by-four between the beam and the porch. Don't try to get the brace perfectly plumb.

Tack the top of the two-by-four support to the porch beam

with one or two 16d box nails. For safety, lay another two-by-four on the porch and wedge it between the base of the two-by-four support and something solid like a planter or the front of the house.

A couple of connectors will make either job quick and easy. The first hanger is a post base and is a surface-mounted connector. The second one, the column base, is designed to be imbedded in concrete. This is the one you would use if you were to dig out the old post and replace it with concrete.

Now it's time to determine whether to replace the entire post or just the lowest inch or so. Use a screwdriver to prod the suspect area of the post. If the rot is confined to the area immediately adjacent to the concrete, simply cut off the lowest inch of the post.

First, cut the post off at the

concrete. Lay a handsaw on its side right on the concrete and cut away.

Next, tack the post in place with a couple of nails or screws (you'll have to toenail here). This will hold the post in place while the second cut is made.

Making the second cut is easy when you use the following technique:

Lay a 1-inch-thick spacer on the porch (a piece of wood, a book, whatever). Lay the side of your handsaw on the spacer, using it as a guide to make a perfect second cut that will remove slightly more than 1 inch of material between the porch and what is now the new bottom of the post.

At this point the porch post should be literally hanging off the beam about an inch away from the concrete. The hard part is done. All you have to do now is insert a post base bracket and a spacer into the void.

Push the post to the side just enough to mount the bracket over the existing hole. Nail or bolt it in place, insert the 1-inch spacer and swing the post into the connector and nail it to the bottom of the post.

If the wood in the post hole is completely disintegrated, then dig it out and fill it with concrete. In this situation an "imbedded" style connector can be placed in the wet concrete patch.

If the rot is excessive and travels up the post, then installing a new post will be necessary.

Simply make a single cut into the post at the porch and swing it out to disconnect it from the beam (you may have to first un-nail a bracket at the location where the post meets the beam).

Cut a new post to fit and use one of the two previously mentioned mounting procedures.

Maintain sump pump regularly

As spring approaches, so do the rains and wet weather.

And with the rains comes the potential for basement flooding.

That's why it is vital for homeowners to ensure their sump pump is maintained properly and ready to handle the soaking rains that are sure to hit the Detroit area in the next few months.

According to Pete Wood, president of Rooter, MD in Livonia, faulty sump pumps are one of the main reasons homeowners have flooding problems in their basement, especially during the rainy season.

To make sure the sump pump is working properly,

Wood suggests following these maintenance tips:

■ Clean all debris from the pit and the screen on the water intake of the sump pump to make sure it isn't clogged.

■ Test the pump by taking the lid off and pouring about five gallons of water into the pit at one-gallon intervals. The pump should completely drain/pump each gallon out of the pit.

■ Check to make sure the outlet pipe for the sump pump isn't plugged and that it is directing water away from the house.

■ Install a water-activated backup for your sump pump to ensure your pump works even if your power is out.

■ Make sure the pump's electric cord and plug aren't defective. If the cord isn't working properly (or if it is unplugged), the sump pump won't work.

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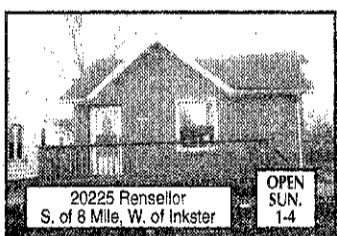
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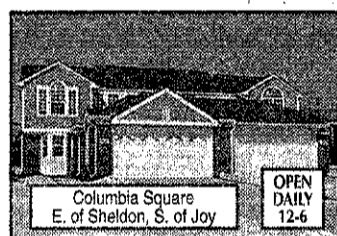
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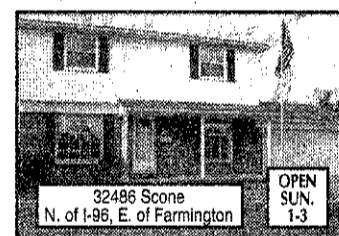
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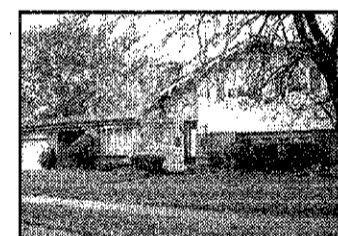
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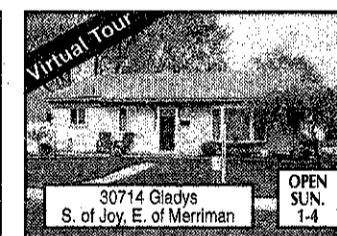
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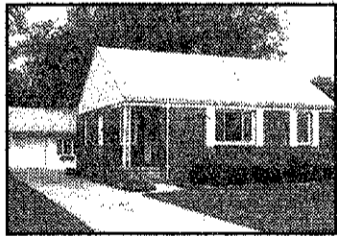
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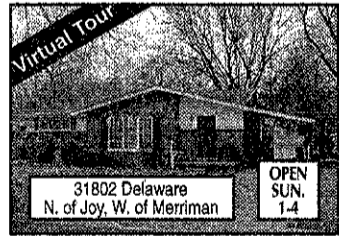
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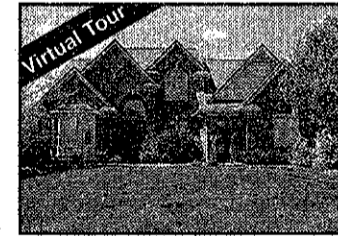
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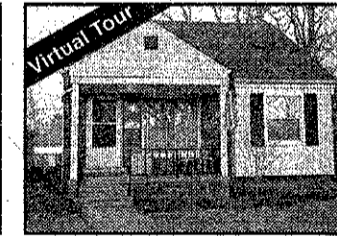
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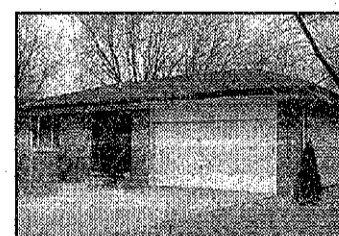
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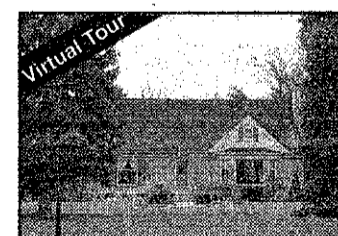
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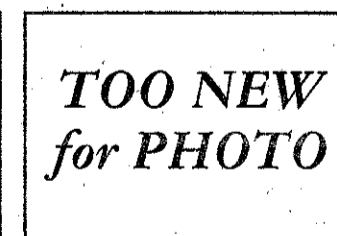
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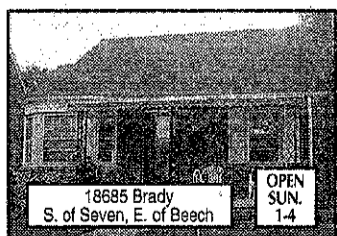
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2007 Toyota Fj Cruiser 4x4 Stirs Up The Neighborhood

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My lawn service guy, my neighbor, a girl working a fast-food drive through -- they all had the same question: what is that you're driving?

They had a good reason for asking. What I was driving was a brand new model for 2007 and it has a rather unique look to it. The 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser looks like the product of a marriage between a Range Rover and a Jeep.

Its heritage actually goes back to the FJ40 4x4, which Toyota built from 1960-83. This version is more sleek and stylish, but it's a rugged off-road vehicle that should find a nice niche. With only two doors, it's not really family transportation; it's aimed squarely at young singles and couples who like to live and play outdoors, going boating, off-roading or camping.

The FJ Cruiser, which comes in two- and four-wheel drive versions, looks ready to hit the road, or go off-road right away. It's got rugged 17-inch wheels, a roof rack, skid plates, and mudguards. The front fascia features two round five-inch headlights -- which throw off very bright light -- and in the back there is a rear mounted spare tire. The wide front windshield comes with three short wiper blades to cover the whole surface. There's a rear door that swings open, with a rear window that lifts up independently of the door to accommodate longer items like lumber.

Inside, the FJ looks and feels like it's ready for business. The seats are comfortable and provide good support, and are covered by fabric backed by a resin coating designed to make the seats easy to wipe down and clean. The driver's seat adjusts eight ways, while the passenger's seat adjusts four ways. The rear seat is a 60/40 split seat with removable bottom and back cushions to provide a flat cargo surface.

The instrument panel features a full package of gauges, including a tachometer, amp meter, and temperature gauge, and there's an oil change warning light, as well. The controls for HVAC and the optional locking rear differential are located in the center console. Power windows and locks are standard, as are



The 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser 4x4. Type: Special purpose. Where built: Japan. EPA: 16 city/19 highway. Base price: \$22,890. Price as tested: \$25,883

a rear defogger and tilt steering wheel. To get remote keyless entry, cruise control, rear wiper, daytime running lights, and power outside mirror you'll need to spend almost 1900 extra bucks for Toyota's Convenience Package for the FJ Cruiser. Also included in that package is a rear parking sonar -- very helpful because visibility to the side and rear is not very good. Backing out of a driveway is something you'll have to do even more carefully with the FJ.

The standard audio system in the FJ is an AM/FM/CD system with six speakers, including two in the headliner, and it sounds pretty good. You can upgrade to a system that gives you eight speakers and an in-dash six-disc CD changer. Yet another optional system adds a ninth speaker -- 7.9-inch sub-woofer powered by its own dedicated amplifier. All the systems come with an auxiliary input for an mp3 player or other device -- but you'll have to supply the cord.

What you won't have to supply is power. The FJ Cruiser is powered by a 4.0-liter, 24-valve, DOHC V6 engine that's rated at 239 hp and 278 lb.-ft. of torque. It's mated with either a five-speed automatic or six-speed manual transmission (only the automatic is available on the two-wheel driver version). The manual transmission is easy to shift with a smooth throw in the forward gears; reverse, however, can be tough to get into. When you get into reverse, you'll hear a warning beep to let you know. The 239 horses and the smooth transmission make acceleration relatively quick and easy, even for an SUV of this width. The EPA rating is 16/19 mpg; I got a little less, and it does require

premium fuel.

The FJ Cruiser is meant to work -- with the optional trailer hitch you can tow up to 5000 lbs.

If all you do is city driving, the FJ's ride may not be to your liking; there are other SUVs that are more suited to city driving and smooth out the bumps a bit more. It's not unduly harsh, but you do get jostled around some on bumpy roads. A high-mounted, double-wishbone suspension system is up front featuring tubular shock absorbers, and anti-sway bar and a stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a four-coil spring suspension with a lateral rod, tubular shock absorbers and an anti-sway bar.

The steering system is a variable-ratio, hydraulically-assisted rack-and-pinion system. The FJ also comes with Vehicle Stability Control, Traction Control and four-channel, four-sensor anti-lock brakes. Two rows of side-curtain airbags are available as an option.

The 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser starts at about \$23,000. Add the Convenience Package -- cruise control, power outside mirror, rear parking sensor, daytime running light, remote keyless entry -- and the optional towing hitch, and you're at about \$25,500. In these days of high gas prices, how many of these can Toyota sell? I'm not sure, but based on the number of looks and questions I got about it, I'm willing to bet they sell more than a few.

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