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Customers have beef with shuttered eatery

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The food was good but Susan Sourbeck said it wasn't that good.

"I was driving down Ford Road two or three weeks ago and I noticed it was gone," the Canton woman said about Texas Corral Grill & Saloon. "I immediately thought of the gift card we gave my in-laws."

When Sourbeck, of Canton, realized the restaurant was closed, she called the Indiana-based chain's headquarters and asked whether she could return the \$50 gift card that she and her husband had recently given his parents for their wedding anniversary.

"They told me that I was

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Are you sad to see Texas Corral close its doors? Give us your thoughts by e-mailing Editor Kurt Kuban at kkuban@hometownlife.com, or post a comment on our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

welcome to use it at one of their other restaurants," she said.

The only problem is that it will take more than two hours to get to the nearest location.

"I explained that and was told there was nothing they could do for me at this time," Sourbeck said, adding that her in-laws were Texas Corral regulars. "When we bought the gift card in late January, no

one ever said a thing about the restaurant closing."

The restaurant's owner, Paul Switzer, could not be reached for comment.

"I even offered to send in the card in exchange for a refund," Sourbeck said. "Sadly, I wasn't shocked that they didn't want to do anything for me, but I was disappointed."

Switzer revamped the eatery, which had previously been a Damon's Grill, in January 2006.

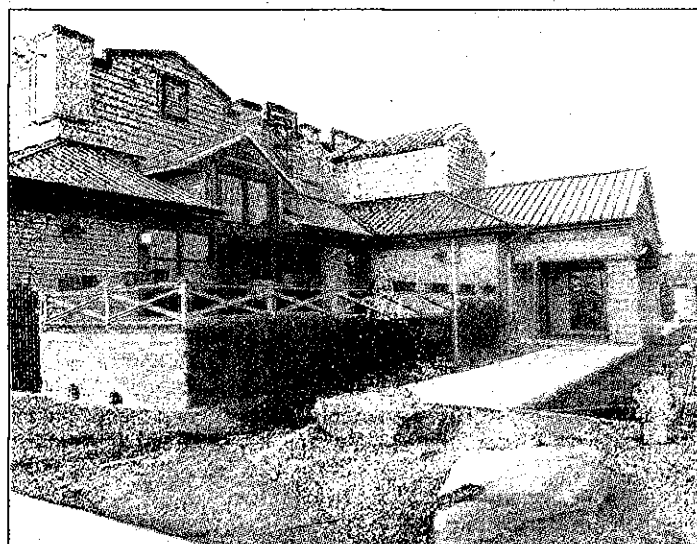
With the parking lot empty and the building vacant, two signs on the double glass doors explain that the company will mail employees their final checks. Sourbeck, who said her in-laws have no plans of driving to Benton Township

or Kalamazoo to redeem the card, apparently isn't the only one baffled by the restaurant's closure.

On the Web site, answers. yahoo.com, an unidentified person asked, "What happened to the Texas Corral in Canton, Michigan?"

Of the three responses, one read: "The owner came in over night and shut the store. Thirty plus employees are now out of jobs. The only note they left was on the door saying that they will mail paychecks to current addresses."

In addition to the township location, Switzer has six other Texas Corrals in Michigan and Indiana. He also owns an Amarillo Roadhouse restaurant in Indiana.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Texas Corral Grill & Saloon on Ford Road closed recently.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nice to meet you

Four-year-old Samantha Woods (left) and 5-year-old Lily Kovach (right) of Canton visit with the Easter Bunny before the marshmallows start falling at the annual Wayne County Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills Park in Westland. For more photos and a story about all the fun, please see page A6.

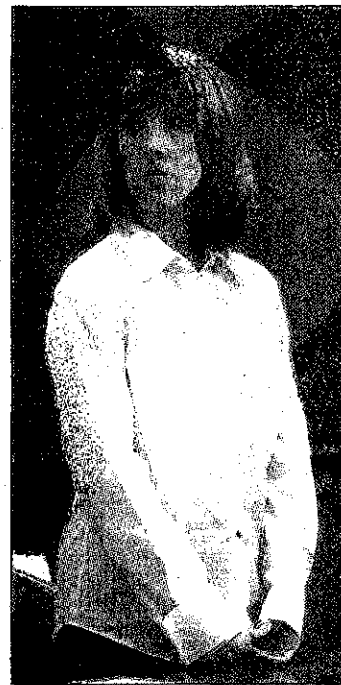
Ex-teacher likely headed to trial in sex abuse case

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Without more information, a Third Circuit Court judge decided Tuesday he would not offer a Cobbs ruling in the case of Stephanie Ann Stein, a Canton woman and former Plymouth Christian Academy teacher accused of having a sexual relationship with a former student.

Judge David Groner was asked by Stein's attorney to make a Cobbs decision — an offer of a possible jail sentence if Stein pleads guilty to the four charges against her — but will instead consult with the court's chief judge about the direction of the case.

"He wants to know where does the case go from here,"



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Stephanie Stein

Festival will fuse East Indian and Western cultures

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Since starting out three years ago, Orchestra Canton has struggled a bit to find its niche in the Canton community. Its shows have sold relatively well, but there was a feeling its programs weren't reaching the entire community.

That could change with next week-end's Fusion Festival, a two-day affair that will focus on East Indian music and culture, and bring it together with Western classical music.

On Saturday, renowned sitarist Hasu Patel will be featured in the concert, "Inspirations from India" at 8



Inayat-Khan

p.m., March 29 at the Village Theater.

Patel, who is an artist, composer and teacher of sitar, will also be participating in several of the dance, instrumental and other workshops during the weekend.

She is known for playing classical music on the sitar — one of the few women to do so.

The show will also feature Orchestra Canton's professional musicians, under the direction of conductor Nan Harrison Washburn, performing the works of Vanraj Bhatia,



Patel

his "Madras" Symphony No. 13 is a wonderful musical homage to the city of Madras, India where the work was written and premiered. The orchestra will be performing the first and fifth movements.

A nice sidelight to the show is the fact that celebrated composer and

one of India's most well-known composers, and compositions by California-born Henry Cowell, who regularly incorporated non-Western musical idioms into his innovative music. Composed in 1959,

spiritual leader, Hidayat Inayat-Khan, will be traveling from his home in the Netherlands to attend the performance, which will feature his work for string orchestra, La Monotonia Op. 13.

The work pays homage to his sister, Pirzadi Noorunnisa Inayat Khan, who led a heroic life as a British Special Operations Executive agent in World War II and was the first female radio operator to be sent into occupied France to aid the French Résistance. She was eventually captured by the Nazis and later executed at Dachau Concentration Camp in

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ORCHESTRA CANTON'S FUSION FESTIVAL

■ Inspirations from India concert at 8 p.m., March 29 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill

■ Tickets for the concert are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, and \$10 for children. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, www.orchestracanton.org or call (734) 394-5460. There will be free Indian music and dance workshops on Saturday and Sunday. Call for more information.

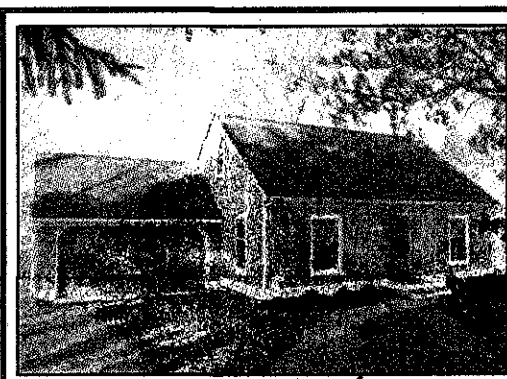
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Coming Thursday in filter



Ring of Fire: Johnny Cash's legend lives on when the Broadway musical hits The Palace.

Chamber dinner auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will host its annual dinner auction fundraiser on Friday, April 11 from 7 p.m.-midnight at Burton Manor in Livonia.

This year's theme is "Margaritaville". Guests are invited to dress in costume for the event. The evening gives those in attendance networking possibilities and socializing with more than 400 key business people and community leaders. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner, open bar, entertainment, raffles, live and silent auction.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsorships range from \$2,500 to \$300 and are available for businesses looking to expand their exposure before, after and during the event. Sponsorships will include tickets to the event and a number of recognition mechanisms.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event, visit the Chamber's Web site at www.cantonchamber.com, complete sponsorship form, and fax to (734) 453-4503. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Lisa Lewis, events coordinator, at (734) 453-4040.

Canton Newcomers meeting

The public is invited to learn the impact and rewards of "Giving the Gift of Life" at the Canton Newcomers Wednesday April 2 adult general meeting at the Sunflower Clubhouse at 45800 Hanford, west of Canton Center, at 7:15 p.m.

In addition, sign up for more than 20-plus activities including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Scrapbooking, Couples Social, Ladies Night Out and more. Enjoy refreshments from the Shark Club and Back Home Bakery, and ask your banking questions of Citizen's Bank. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer.

Order a complimentary newsletter and learn about this social, civic and charitable organization by visiting www.cantonnewcomers.org or calling Donna at (734) 398-6487. Feel free to invite a neighbor.

Spring bug hunt

Friends of the Rouge will hold their annual Spring Bug Hunt on Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Environmental Interpretive Center at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus, located at 4901 Evergreen Road in Dearborn.

The Spring Bug Hunt is an excellent way to help assess the health of the Rouge River by joining a team of volunteers to search for critters in the streambed. Twice a year, teams of volunteers visit sites throughout the headwaters area of the Rouge River watershed (including in Canton) and search for mayflies, stoneflies and other aquatic invertebrates that are good indicators of water quality.

No prior experience is necessary but pre-registration is a must in order to be assigned to a team. Children must be at least six years old and accompanied by a responsible adult. To register or for more information please call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail monitoring@therouge.org.

The Spring Bug Hunt is co-sponsored by Friends of the Rouge, Rouge communities, and the Subwatershed Advisory Groups and is supported, in part, by a grant from the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. For more information on the Fall Bug Hunt visit www.therouge.org.

Yard waste pick-up

Canton Waste Recycling (CWR) will begin curbside pick-up of residential yard waste on April 1 and continue until November. All yard waste should be placed separate from your trash and recyclables on your regular trash day.



'Madeline and the Bad Hat' to hit stage

A favorite childhood book will come to life when the ArtsPower National Theatre Touring Company presents 'Madeline and the Bad Hat' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 11 a.m., Saturday April 5. The musical will feature actors portraying characters adapted from Ludwig Bemelmans' popular book. A hat craft will be available an hour before the performance -- registration required at the door for a cost of \$5. Tickets for the show are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors and youth. Pick up a Madeline Flyer at the Summit on the Park or Village Theater and turn it at the time of ticket purchase to receive a very special discount: Buy two adult tickets and get one child ticket free. Tickets can be purchased at Summit on the Park by phone at (734) 394-5460 or in person, or at the Village Theater ticket office. For more information, visit canton-mi.org/village theater.

Acceptable yard waste items include: grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris, and brush. Unacceptable yard waste items include: food scraps, animal waste, batteries, chemicals, and sod.

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a week.

Grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste must be placed in 30 gallon paper yard waste bags or 32 gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles. Yard waste stickers for reusable containers are available at the Canton Treasurer's Office.

Please note, dirt and clay are unacceptable items, if either is placed in the yard waste bag

or receptacle; CWR will leave the yard waste behind. All containers must be marked "YARD WASTE" and containers weighing over 50 pounds or that are over 32 gallons will not be accepted.

All of the yard waste collected in Canton is delivered to the Veolia Regional Yard Waste Site located on Six Mile Road in Salem Township. At the facility the yard waste is screened, then placed in long wind-rows which facilitate the natural decomposition of the yard waste into reusable compost.

For more information, please refer to your Canton Resource Guide or call Canton Waste Recycling at (734) 397-5801.

Pinewood derby race

Cub Scout Pack 898 will hold its annual Pinewood Derby race at 10 a.m., April 5 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic

Church in Canton. Organizers are also celebrating 30 years of cub scouting at St. Thomas. The Pinewood Derby race has been a cub scout icon since the early 1950s. Everyone is invited to watch the cub scouts race their cars which they have built with their fathers. Each car is different, each design and paint scheme is done by each individual scout.

Canton Economic Club luncheon

The Canton Economic Club will meet on Wednesday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m., at the Summit on the Park, and feature guest speaker UAW President Ron Gettelfinger.

The Club, which is being reinstituted after an extended hiatus, will host semi-annual luncheons with special guest speakers. The luncheons were developed with the purpose of introducing Canton's business and professional sector to leaders in the areas of manufacturing, government, entertainment, health care and economics.

The cost is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (734) 394-5185.

Corriveau coffee hour

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to talk over a cup of coffee during an evening coffee hour at 6 p.m., March 31 at Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant, 39910 Ford Road in Canton.

"Talking with residents about issues that are important to them and their families is a very important part of my job as a state representative," Corriveau said. "It's important for me to hear from residents so I can continue to do a good job of representing them in the Capitol."

Corriveau holds coffee hours, office hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

Corriveau also holds regular office hours three times a month: the first Monday of every month at the Wayne Public Library; the first Friday of every month at Northville City Hall; and the third Monday of every month at the Plymouth District Library. All office hours are 10-11 a.m.

'Comedy Night'

If you are an inspiring comedians, you might be perfect for a Comedy Night at the Cherry Hill Village Theater on June 7. Some appreciation prizes will be awarded based on tickets sales. The event is being spon-

sored by the Plymouth High School Football Booster club and all proceeds will benefit the Plymouth High School football program. If you are interested in participating as a comic, or in attending, contact Tiffany at (313) 300-7620 or e-mail ekj90@sbcglobal.net.

Rotary poker tournament

The Canton Rotary Club will host a poker tournament fundraiser on March 29 at the Hickory Creek Golf Club, on Ridge Road north of Ford Road. Registration begins at 5 p.m., and the game starts at 6 p.m. The cost to play is \$50. Rebays and add-ons are \$40 for the first hour. Prize money will be paid out to top eight players. After all payouts, all additional money will be used by the Rotary Club for service in the community.

For more information, contact Ken Beardsly at (734) 844-1901.

Relay for Life

This year's Relay for Life of Canton will be held at Heritage Park on May 17-18, and offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

This year marks 10 years for Relay for Life of Canton, featuring a new Fight Back Ceremony at 10:45 a.m. on May 17. While the Luminaria and Survivor Ceremonies offer time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have won the battle, the Fight Back Ceremony gives everyone a chance to make a personal commitment to how they're going to take action against cancer.

If you are interested in starting or joining a team, log on to www.relayforlife.org and follow the links to the Relay For Life of Canton page. If you're not able to join a team, simply log on to make a donation. For more information, call Jamie Chapman (248) 663-3419.

John Glenn reunion

John Glenn High School Class of 1988 will hold its 20 year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Roma's of Garden City. Tickets are \$30 per person. For tickets and more information please visit the Web site jgh-s88reunion.com.

St. Michael registration

Registrations are now being accepted at St. Michael Christian School in Canton. The school offers preschool (3 year old) through sixth grade, including the half day Young Fives and full or half day kindergarten. Their academic program is taught by qualified and credentialed teachers, and they support the development of the whole child in a small class size setting. For more information, call (734) 459-9720.

CORRECTION

The editorial in the Thursday, March 20, *Observer* should have said Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Dianne Gonzalez voted in favor of the contract for new superintendent Craig Fiegel. The vote was unanimous.

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Symphony taps familiar face for top position

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society turned to the former director of the Plymouth Historical Museum to bring stability to an organization that has undergone four leadership changes in the last nine years.

The PCSS board voted unanimously Wednesday night to hire Beth Stewart, whose 18 years as the director of the historical museum was as big a factor as her successes in fund-raising, grant writing and development of educational and volunteer programs.

"The board was impressed with her commitment to the Plymouth-Canton area," said Steve Alexandrowski of Plymouth, PCSS president. "Her non-profit experience is exceptional and her community knowledge and contacts are simply amazing. Beth already has a deep knowledge of our organization because in her

role as director of the historical museum she did a lot of collaboration with us."

Alexandrowski said the PCSS's main goals this year for Stewart are to build the volunteer base and increase individual giving.

"Those are the two areas where we're struggling with right now," Alexandrowski said.

"We're doing great with corporate giving and fantastic with grants. But our individual giving is still pretty small."

Stewart, who is expected to begin working in June and take over when current executive director Jennifer Philpot-Munson leaves, will earn \$29,000 annually.

"It's a real honor and privilege to represent one of the most wonderful symphony orchestras in southeast Michigan," said Stewart, who resides in Plymouth Township. "I hope I can help them grow and expand their audience, funding base and volunteer



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Beth Stewart (right), shown here with Gov. Jennifer Granholm, has been hired as the new executive director of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society.

corps.

"Jennifer leaves some big shoes to fill, but I hope to carry on where she leaves off," added Stewart. "And, I look forward to working with Nan (Washburn), who I think is one of the premier symphony orchestra conductors in the country."

Alexandrowski said the symphony board considered "a couple of other people, but we didn't go very far down that road."

According to Alexandrowski, Stewart will begin work with an organization that's in good financial shape.

"We're strong this year," Alexandrowski said. "Last year was different, we had almost no grants, they just disappeared. But, we were able to replace them this year and we should finish the fiscal year (June 30) in the black."

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Detroit cop accused of torture loses pay

Gary Steele, the Detroit police officer charged with assaulting his ex-girlfriend in Canton, was suspended Thursday without pay.

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners suspended Steele, 42, who was charged earlier this month with torture and assault with intent to commit murder. Steele was initially suspended with pay following his March 4 arrest for allegedly firing three shots from his revolver during an argument at the woman's home in the Glengary subdivision. He was



Steele

off duty at the time.

Steele is being held in the Wayne County Jail after failing to post 10 percent of his \$5 million bond. He pleaded not guilty in 35th District Court in Plymouth and is scheduled to appear for a preliminary exam on April 11.

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STEIN

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said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden, who added that the judge's decision isn't a win for the defense or the prosecution. "I don't think it means anything one way or the other."

Todd Flood, Stein's attorney, said he respects Groner's decision and added that he expects the case to move on to a trial.

"(Stein) is holding up as best as she can under the circumstances," he said. "We are still maintaining our innocence."

According to police, Stein, 32, had an eight-month relationship with a 15-year-old boy that she had previously taught at PCA, located on Joy Road in Canton.

The boy, who has testified that he pursued the romance, is no longer a student at the academy. Stein resigned from her part-time teaching position in June.

The mother of two, who allegedly had sex with the

boy at his house, her mother's house and at a hotel, has been charged with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, each a 15-year felony; one count of using the Internet to communicate with a minor to commit a crime, a four-year felony; and one count of distributing obscene material of a sexual nature to a minor, a two-year felony.

Weingarden said Stein previously rejected a deal from the state to serve 30 months to 15 years in prison if she pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. According to state sentencing guidelines, Stein could be sentenced to nearly five years to almost eight years if she pleads guilty to all the charges.

Stein's next court date has been set for April 2 and Weingarden said she would like to see some movement in the case.

"This has dragged on long enough," she said.

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■ Spring Crafts: March 25, at 10 a.m. Get creative and make something fun from recycled materials. Drop in for children ages 5-8.

■ Dance Your Pants Off: March 25, at 6 p.m. Actually, you do have to keep your

pants on. Show off your mad DDR skills and you could win a prize. For teens; register online.

■ Knightscares: Real Heroes Read: March 26, at 1 p.m. Kindergartners are invited to an entertaining program with authors Charlie David and David Anthony. Register online.

■ Knightscares for Tweens: March 26, at 3 p.m. Authors Charlie David and David Anthony present a special version of their program just for tweens. Register online.

■ Nancy Drew: March 27, at 1 p.m. Tweens can watch their favorite super sleuth on the big screen in the Community

Room. Yes, we'll have popcorn. Register online.

■ Finding a Good Book is No Mystery: March 27, at 7 p.m. Track down a good mystery from the Canton Public Library's extensive collection with help from librarian Joyce Simoski. Register by phone.

■ Library Tour: March 27, at 7 p.m. There's a lot to see in our 52,000 square foot library. Take a tour guided by library staff.

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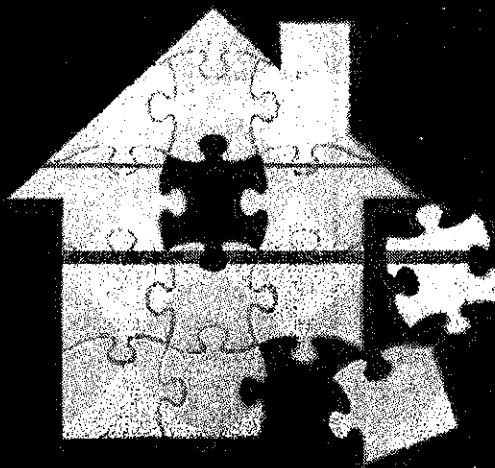
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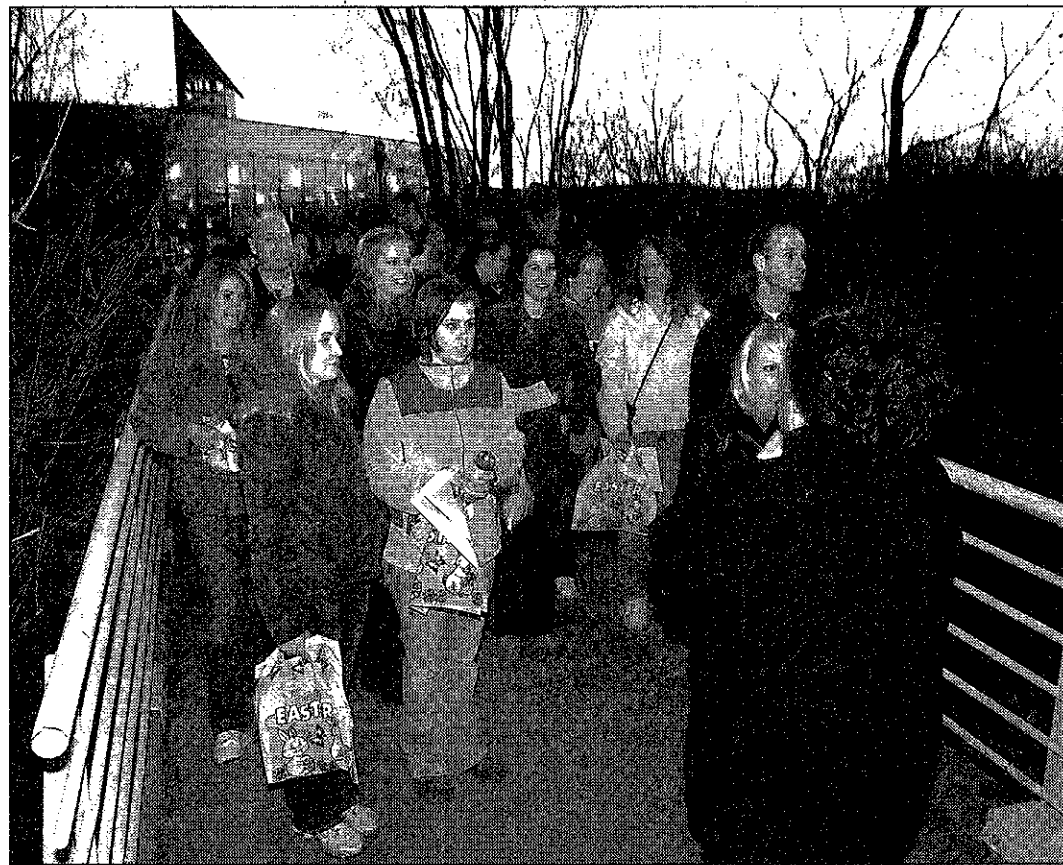
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BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

With the township priding itself on creating family traditions, a new one was introduced Thursday. About two dozen people participated in the first adult Easter egg hunt at Summit on the Park. "We got the idea at a conference when we learned that a town in Ohio does this," said Jennifer Provenzano, township recreational specialist. "It goes well for them so we are hoping ours will build by word of mouth."

The event, which was high-

lighted by a glow-in-the-dark egg hunt, featured a handful of foil-wrapped chocolate bunnies on each table and included hors d'oeuvres, music and wine tasting from Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery.

"From the moment we heard of this (event), we thought it was a great idea," said Darryl Nowacki of Vintner's Cellar, which is located at 8515 N. Lilley Road.

Kathy Nowacki said she was so thrilled about the concept that she shared it with her daughter, who lives in Texas.

"She loved it, too," she said. "So, she's copying. Her church is going to do it next year."

While tunes such as *Love Shack* by The B-52's and *I'm So Excited* by the Pointer Sisters blasted through the sound system, participants studied a bulletin board that detailed the prizes that were

up for grabs through the egg hunt.

The hunt, which took place outdoors, included 500 eggs that had glow sticks inside. Among the prizes were movie passes, Max & Erma's coupons, a year's worth of baked goods from Back Home Bakery and a batch of wine from Vintner's valued at \$200.

"We are really excited that so many local businesses sponsored so many great prizes," Provenzano said.

Canton resident Jenny Craddock said she hadn't participated in an egg hunt in about 10 years and had her eye on the free party certificate from Bailey's Pub & Grille.

"It's been a long time since I went Easter egg hunting so I think this is pretty cool," she said.

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High school freshman's blog makes a case against McCotter

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Remember the year 2008. That's when you should be seeing some bright green bumper stickers that say "Fitz 28."

That's when Sean Fitzpatrick will be constitutionally old enough to run for president.

Meanwhile, the 14-year-old Canton High School freshman is working hard to bring down a congressman.

While young people are often accused of being politically apathetic, Fitzpatrick of Plymouth is a fervent political blogger who maintains the Mad at Thad blog site www.madatthad.blogspot.com. Its purpose is to make the case against U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who is expected to run for re-election to the 11th District seat.

On Monday, St. Patrick's Day, Sean came to the *Observer* in a cap decorated with a shamrock and a vivid green Obama for president T-shirt.

"I've always been interested in politics and I saw at the time there wasn't anything about McCotter and he was the local representative," Sean said.

Politics has always been discussed at the Fitzpatrick dinner table.

"My father is really into it and so is my grandmother," he said.

"I guess the 2004 election I really started to get into it."

Sean's father, Patrick, said his son's interest came early and evolved over time.

"When he was very young, when he was in first grade he used to wear a suit to school and said he was going to be president," Patrick Fitzpatrick said. "He also created a bumper sticker for himself that said Fitz 28."

Over the years, Sean has developed strong liberal views. "I think the government



Fitzpatrick

has a responsibility to help its people," he said. "I look at President Bush, who is not too popular even in Plymouth, and that's because his policies' aim to help the rich, where I support policies that help the poor and middle class, like FDR and the New Deal."

For Sean, McCotter represents everything he opposes.

"He supports the war which is still the No. 1 issue," he said. "His economic policies are right in line with George Bush and Ronald Reagan. The trickle down effect that he believes in strongly I don't think has proven to work. In general he doesn't seem to represent the interest of his constituents."

So at least once a week Sean posts something on his blog site — a commentary or news about the campaigns of Democratic candidates Tom Spencer and Ed Kriewall or links to other liberal and anti-McCotter sites. His comments show a political acumen beyond his years.

He said he enjoys the political gamesmanship. In the presidential election he was originally a John Edwards supporter but then switched to Barack Obama when Edwards dropped out.

"Obama has quite a few policies for open government. The one thing I was iffy about Edwards was his initial support for the war. I thought Obama was the strongest candidate, now that Edwards is out, in opposing the war from

the beginning," Sean said.

He's been closely following the controversy over counting the Michigan and Florida primary results.

"I think the best scenario, and I don't think it's all that likely, is a caucus in Michigan paid for by the candidates and primary in Florida," he said. "What I think will actually end up happening is that they'll split Michigan 50-50 and count the Florida results at a half a vote a delegate, which would leave a 19-vote advantage to Clinton, which I think Obama would find acceptable."

Sean said he hopes to go to law school on his way to a political career.

"I'd love to be a senator, a congressman or even a speechwriter some day," he said.

He agrees that most students aren't as interested in politics as he is but says they do know the issues.

"I usually bring it up and we get into a debate," he said. "We take one side of the argument or the other and talk about it until we're not getting anywhere or have a consensus. I'm in the mainstream as my friends go. But I have a couple Republican friends."

One Republican he hasn't met is his nemesis and fellow Irish-American Thaddeus McCotter, but he's looking forward to a meeting.

"I'm on the radio station at school and he does fund-raisers for them. I hope to meet him, I hear he's a nice guy, but that's not going to change my mind," he said.

And while he hasn't decided which of the two Democratic candidates to support, he'll continue to make his case against the war, the Republican Party and McCotter at his blog site.

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FESTIVAL

FROM PAGE A1

September 1944.

Jennifer Philpot-Munson, outgoing executive director

of Orchestra Canton, said the show should appeal to Canton's large Asian population.

"This is our first opportunity to reach a broader part of the Canton community using

the international language of music," she said, noting Orchestra Canton hopes to make The Fusion Festival an annual event featuring partnerships with different local ethnic groups.

In addition to the Saturday concert, there will be two workshops that will be open to the public and free of charge, both held at the Village Theater.

The Sitar Workshop will be held prior to the concert on Saturday March 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. Canton sitar artist Manjula Lal and Hasu Patel will demonstrate the various styles of sitar, composition, playing and technique.

The Dance Workshop will be held on Sunday, March 30 from 4-6 p.m.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, ENVIRONMENT, IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

CHAPTER 34, ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE IV, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Modify the Ordinance by amending the following Article and Sections.

Chapter 34, Environment, Section 34-126, Adoption of Rules by Reference, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

Sec. 34-126 Adoption of rules by reference.

Part 91 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and the Administrative Rules promulgated under Part 91 hereby are adopted by reference. A copy of Part 91 and the Rules are on file at the office of the Building Department of the City. Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of such rules and regulations are hereby referred to, adopted and made part hereof as if fully set out in this article.

Section 2. Modify the Ordinance by amending the following Article and Sections.

Chapter 34, Environment, Section 34-127, Municipal Enforcing Agency, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

Sec. 34-127. Municipal Enforcing Agency.

The Building Department of the city shall become the Municipal Enforcing agency in regard to Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 91), being 324.9101 *et seq.* of the Michigan Compiled Laws and the Administrative Rules promulgated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as amended, within the municipal limits of the city.

Section 3. Rights and Duties.

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 4. Validity

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

Section 5. Ordinances Repealed.

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

Introduced: March 3, 2008
Enacted: March 17, 2008

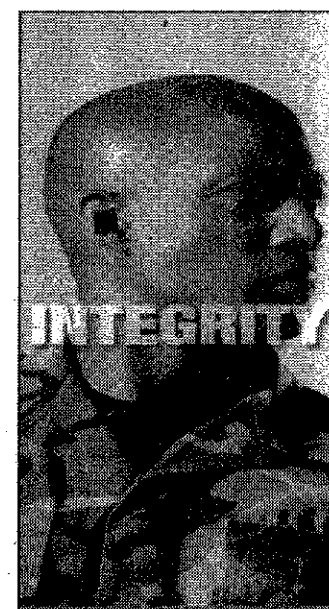
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SEMCOG at 40

Organization brings 7-county area together to plan for future

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Intergovernmental cooperation, bipartisan consensus and research-backed decision making may be today's cutting-edge ideas, but according to Paul Tait they've been business as usual for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments since 1968.

SEMCOG is celebrating its 40th anniversary as the organization that brings more than 150 units of government together to plan and build for the future.

"It came out of a study by a committee of 100 influential private and public sector leaders in the region who had looked at the need for voluntary regional cooperation," said Tait, SEMCOG's executive director. "Recognizing by working together, each unit of government could make better decisions for themselves and there are just some things that go beyond the boundaries of one community."

SEMCOG serves two primary roles. It is a research organization providing critical data on population, development, shifting demographics and land use. It is also mandated by the federal government to handle planning and allocation of federal transportation funding, implementation of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act.

SEMCOG is a voluntary organization of governments. The seven county governments of southeast Michigan — Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne — are all members. Cities, townships, villages and school districts throughout the region are also invited to be members.

SETS TRANSPORTATION AGENDA

"In the area of transportation, we're designated as a metropolitan planning organization," Tait said. "We do the long-range planning for roads and bridges in the region. With that responsibility in a major metro community like ours, the elected officials in SEMCOG are actually making the decision on what federal and major state dollars are spent in southeast Michigan."

That's approaching a billion dollars a year."

As part of their transportation responsibility, SEMCOG prepares an annual 25-year transportation plan. The agency is now working on projections for the year 2035.

"That sets the long range frame of the whole transportation system," Tait said. "What kind of projects are we going to have, how much are we going to spend on maintenance and rebuilding versus relieving congestion versus transit."

SEMCOG also develops a four-year transportation improvement program.

"If the Michigan Department of Transportation or road commissions in one of the communities wants to build or rebuild a road, if that's not in our plan, it's not going to happen to get the federal money," Tait said.

SEMCOG has also been supportive of mass transit. Tait said that in the '70s, SEMCOG had drawn up some elaborate plans for mass transit but "didn't have a clue how to pay for it."

"Most of our transit dollars are replacing buses and that's important. Maintaining a core bus system is important in getting people to where they need to be," he said.

SEMCOG has received money to develop some form of mass transit between Detroit and Ann Arbor. Tait said early studies didn't look promising for funding such a project.

The decision was to use existing heavy rail lines owned by Norfolk Southern. The plan is to have Amtrak operate a commuter train with eight to 15 runs a day.

Transportation planning also helps communities decide other issues, such as where to build schools or senior centers.

"We do forecasts with federal transportation money so we know what the future looks like 25 years in the future, but individual members use that forecast by community to say what will my school system need, where are the kids going to be," Tait said.

SOLID RESEARCH

Mary Blackmon, a trustee of Wayne County's Regional Educational Services Agency, is vice chair and chair-



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Mary Blackmon, vice chair of SEMCOG and a trustee and Wayne RESA, and Paul Tait, executive director of SEMCOG, discuss the organization's many roles.

elect of SEMCOG. She sees SEMCOG's research as a way to bring opposing sides together.

"Relationships are built with good research, good data that helped move us from contentious areas a while ago to where we are today, a better working relationship with all of our constituencies," she said. "It's been a long, hard road but built on trust and good research."

SEMCOG is known to the public for such programs as RideShare and Ozone Action days, which support the organization's role in transportation and air quality.

Blackmon said programs like Ozone Action Days and water quality programs have been adopted by area schools as part of their curriculum.

Another area that draws public attention is SEMCOG's regular population updates, which are often at variance with the U.S. Census Bureau. Tait said SEMCOG begins with the federal 10-year census and then uses different methodology to estimate regional population.

Tait and Blackmon said that unlike other public bodies, the SEMCOG assembly and execu-

tive committee do not engage in the usual contentious political debates. The members are all elected officials.

"It is gratifying to work for a board that comes together to discuss issues," Tait said. "Yes, everyone has a Democrat or a Republican hat or a local community hat, but it's much more about issues. We don't get into the stranglehold the legislature was in trying to work out last year's budget."

SEMCOG has also taken a leadership position in encouraging more intergovernmental cooperation.

SEMCOG is in the process of hiring a person to work full time working with communities on cooperative ventures. SEMCOG also advocates at the state and federal level with offices in Lansing and Washington.

In June, Blackmon will assume the chair position for the coming year from current chair William T. Roberts, mayor of Walled Lake. At that time, SEMCOG will formally mark its 40th anniversary at the annual General Assembly at The Henry Ford.

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SEMCOG stats

Founded: 1968

Members: 7 southeast Michigan counties: Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne; 146 townships, cities, villages and educational units of government.

Annual budget: 2007-08, \$12,090,344; 2008-2009, \$11,078,730. Two-thirds from federal transportation money, about \$2 million from local dues and the rest from state grants and contracts.

Staff: 80.

Executive director: Paul Tait

Chairperson: William T. Roberts, mayor, city of Walled Lake

Chair-elect: Mary Blackmon, trustee, Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency.

Outreach: RideShare, to encourage car pooling; Ozone Action Days, to alert residents when air pollution levels are high; Taubman Scholarship, supports executive training for public officials at Harvard.

Communication: SEMscope, quarterly publication; newsletter, printed biweekly; Web site www.semcog.org

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With that assurance from the stage set up at Nankin Mills Park, parents and grandparents herded hundreds of children from toddlers to teens Friday toward a restraining rope for the 24th Annual Wayne County Marshmallow Drop.

Eager eyes looked up to the sky where a helicopter circled in a continuous loop.

But that helicopter was a tease owned by one of the day's sponsors, Fox2 TV.

The real helicopter, the one loaded with fluffy, gooey, magical marshmallows was still out of view.

Meanwhile, hundreds of cars line Hines Drive and families trudged some distance in the chilly weather toward to the park.

Parents snapped photos of their children with the Easter Bunny.

Jessica Smith brought her two children all the way from Howell to visit her sister Jennifer Meyers of Westland. Nicky Smith was confident he'd get a marshmallow. His sister Danielle had a little apprehension.

"I think lots of marshmallows are going to come crashing down on us," she said.

Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano officially launched the event and also put in a plug for his alma mater Michigan State in the



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From left, 3-year-old Evan Cosgrove, 2-year-old Ben Brandt, 5-year-old Lydia Brandt, and 5-year-old Cara Cosgrove of Canton show off their marshmallows during the Marshmallow Drop Friday morning at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.

For a gallery of Marshmallow Drop photos see our Web site at www.hometownlife.com

NCAA basketball tournament, "Go Green on Saturday Night."

More than 20,000 marshmallows were dropped in three shifts, starting with the under 4 set.

"OK, everyone, 4 and under please go to the front of the line. Please do not run until the marshmallows have all hit the ground."

All eyes looked to the sky as the helicopter came into sight, flew off and then returned flying low above the trees. The marshmallows were released and the littlest children and their adult companions charged across the field squealing with delight.

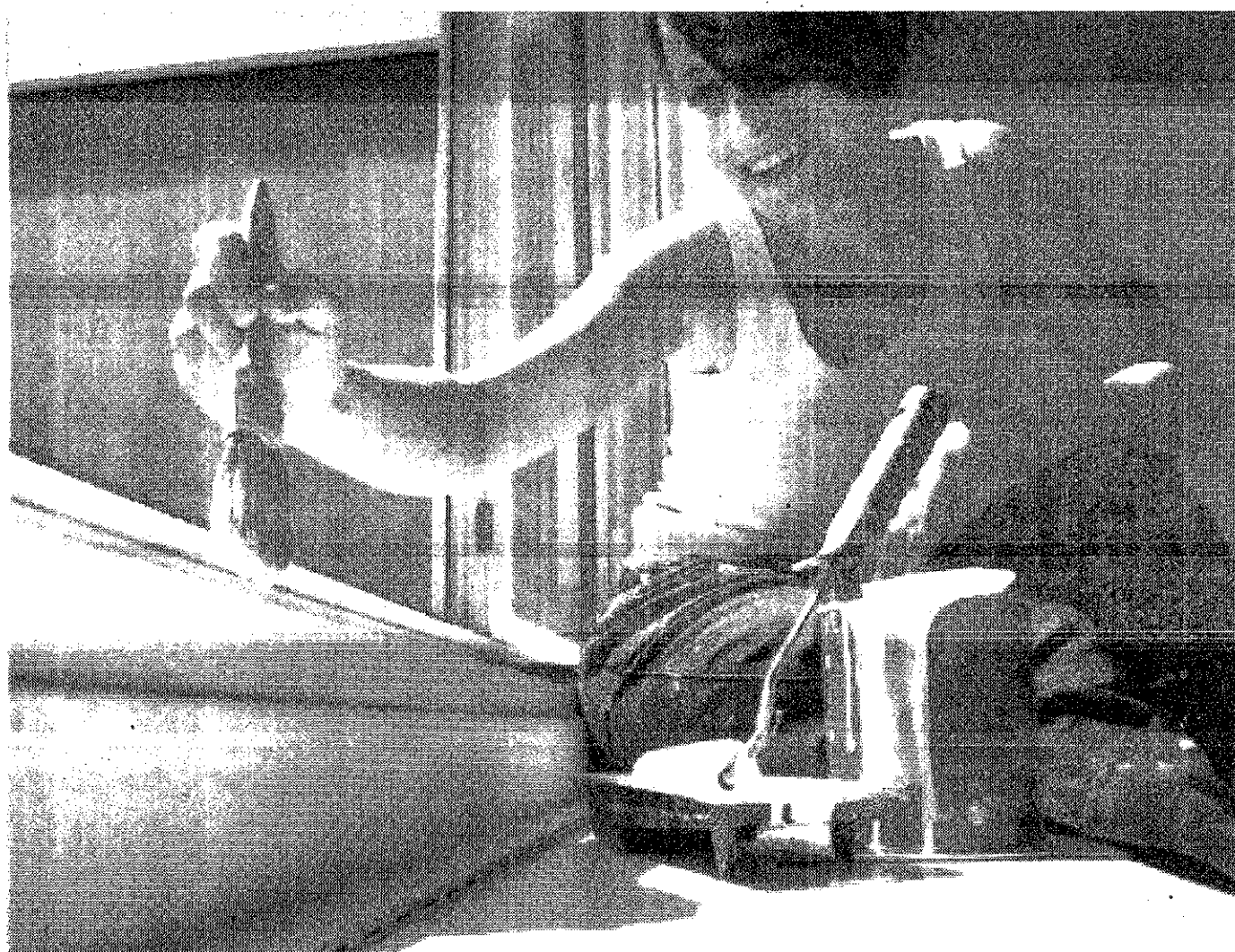
The Drop was co-sponsored by ITC Holdings, WNIC Radio, Motor City Moms and Fox 2.



Children race out to grab a marshmallow during this year's Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.



Marshmallows make their way towards the ground during the annual Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.



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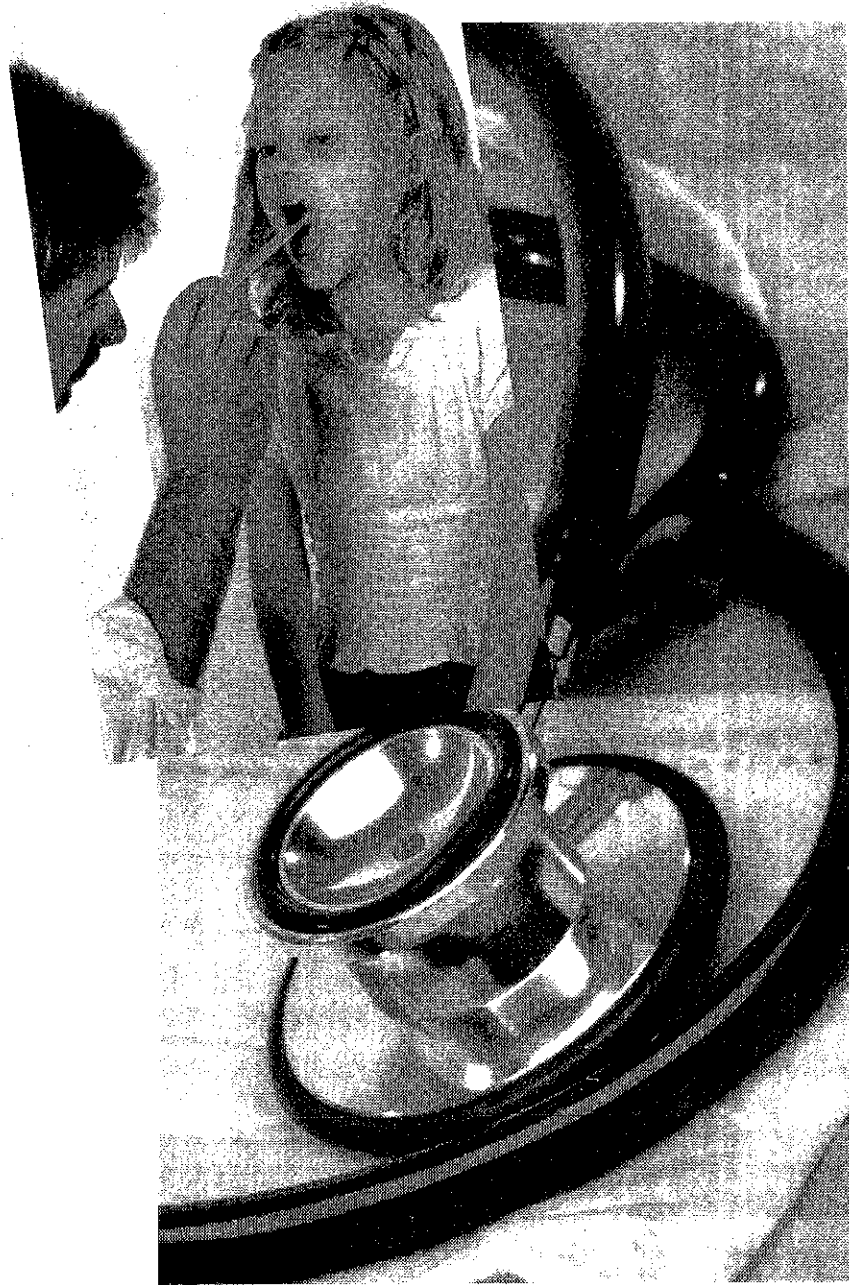
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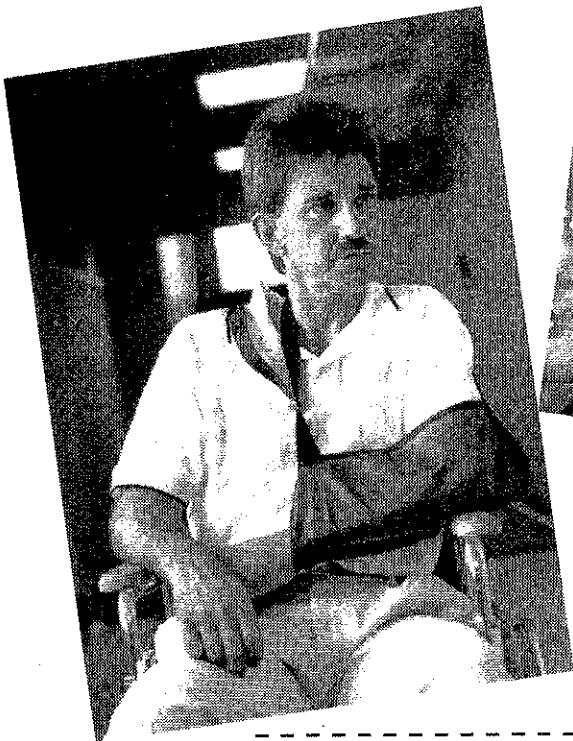
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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision," says Dr. Smith. "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy hand-held magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons

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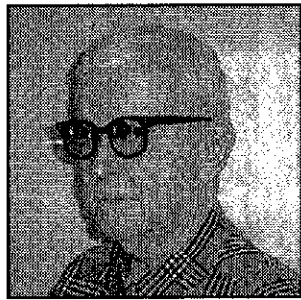
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Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May.

Macular degeneration, cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

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Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further loss.

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2,500.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find it.

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OUR VIEWS

Easter message is one of hope meant for everyone

It's Easter Sunday, and Christians worldwide are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ more than 2,000 years ago.

Believers are gathering in churches adorned with white lilies to hear trumpets blare, choirs sing and pastors proclaim that, through faith in Jesus, they too will live eternally in Heaven.

It's a message of hope for a world that, at times, seems hopeless.

Christians believe that their life on earth is fleeting compared to the life they'll live forever in Heaven, where there are no problems of any kind, including sickness, pain and death.

It gives them that joy and peace that surpass understanding to face the trials of their daily lives, knowing those trials are only temporary.

It also gives them the hope, when they lose a spouse, child, parent or friend, that they'll see their loved one again in Heaven, where they'll be together forever.

The story of Jesus, God's son, rising from the grave after dying on a cross to take the punishment for the sins of everyone has been retold every year since that first Easter morning.

It's a story first shared by the women visiting Jesus' empty tomb and his disciples who, fearful for their own lives immediately following his crucifixion, courageously went to their own deaths to spread it to the first-century world.

It's a story recorded in the Bible for every generation since — a message of hope meant for all people for all time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't add light for academy

I live on Napier Road north of Ford Road. The installation of the traffic light at the Canton Charter Academy has been a sore subject since it was installed. It is totally ridiculous that the light was put there in the first place. The academy should have been forced to pave Ridge Road from the school to Ford Road with a left turn lane (on to Ford). The light at the school entrance causes major problems for people trying to make a left turn onto Ford from Ridge Road. If there was only one traffic light at Ridge, the parents could enter the school from the left turn lane on Ford Road or use Ridge Road.

Do not add another traffic light! I am not against the school expanding, but it should be the school's responsibility to pay for upgrades to the surrounding roads.

Cheryl Strickland
Canton

Column made good point

Kurt Kuban's column ("Don't forget about our soldiers in debate on Iraq," March 13) was well written. I do agree with the things he wrote, wishing that I could assemble words to express myself as well as he has. He presents good points and covers one hell of a lot of areas in the article, looking back as well to the future, not praising Trustee Todd Caccamo, but doing him justice in his endeavor to help those serving in Iraq. We should be very concerned about the number of lives lost, wasted by some counts, as well as those who will live the remainder of their lives minus limbs and/or with everlasting scars both physically and emotionally.

However, I do personally question if a change in American leadership will bring change in our Iraq intervention just as I question whether change will take place in Detroit with new leadership (if by some miracle that happens). Aging has definitely contributed to the degree of pessimism I bear.

Ron DePentu
Canton

Don't repeat Vietnam in Iraq

Kurt Kuban recently "word-smithed" a column titled "Don't forget about our soldiers in debate on Iraq." Here's a news flash: Only the military is fighting the war on terror (called within the military the "long war"), while America is at the mall.

The American people are oblivious to this war, being fought thousands of miles away, similar to the country in the 1960s during the Vietnam War. I fought there February 1967-February 1968 with the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) as an infantryman, and furthermore spent 20 years in the military as a infantry soldier (combined active and reserve duty in the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s) with a 10-year break in service.

Kuban wrote, "However, if you want to get a glimpse into what their lives have been like, do yourself a favor and rent the movie, *No End in Sight*." This is like all the couch potato-soldiers that saw *Saving Private Ryan* and feel they know what war is all about. No way, Jose! If Hollywood truly wanted its audience to experience war it would use special effects like strapping you into you seat, filling the theater with the smells and odors of war and than use maximum use of the old 3-D effects to drive home war and its effects.

The Detroit newspapers recently stated that since March 19, 2003 some 3,987 military personnel had died in the war. How many more die is unknown. That's the price the country pays when politicians commit the nation's treasure to war. The military doesn't differentiate between a "good" war and a "bad" war. It's just plain war!

The bottom line in the pre-November 2007 debates, between the candidates, is how we as a country insure that we don't again repeat Vietnam where we abandoned an ally (for the first time in our history), which triggered a bloodbath of millions in Southeast Asia. If we are not extremely careful in Iraq; this lesson can and will be repeated.

Roger L. Kehrier
Plymouth

COMMUNITY VOICES

What is your favorite sign of spring?



"Crocus."
PHYLLIS CABLE, Canton



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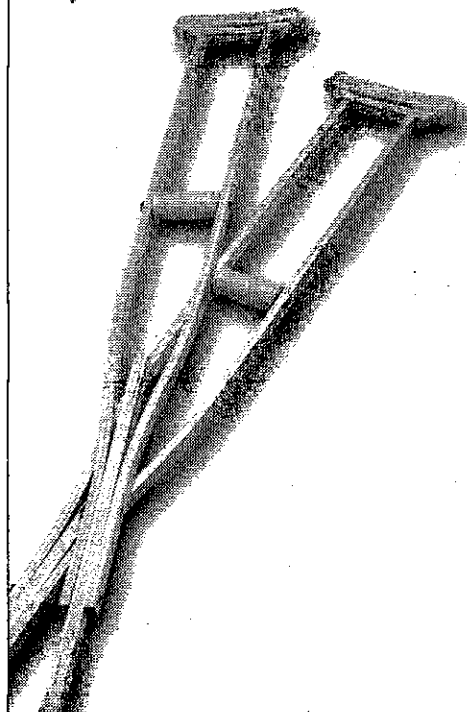


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Single mother should make statutory will first priority

Dear Rick: I am a single mother with a young child. I have not saved for college nor for my retirement and I have no will or life insurance. I can't afford to do everything at once. What is more important?

Since you have a young child it is important to do some estate planning. The Michigan Statutory Will, which is free, should fit your situation. You can get a copy at most public libraries or download one from my Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com, just click on "forms."

The most important issue is who is going to raise your child if something happens to you. This person is known as the guardian. Another important consideration in your Will is the choice of personal representative, the individual in charge of closing up the final affairs of your life.



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

Rick Bloom

There is no problem with naming the same person as guardian and personal representative. In order to protect your child if something happens to you it is important to have some life insurance. I recommend term insurance which is the least expensive. There are a variety of Web sites where you can shop for term insurance or if you would like to deal with someone locally, I recommend Mark Orechkin of the Orechkin Agency in Southfield, (248) 356-8820. I recommend at least a 20-year term life policy.

College is expensive and it will take a while to save

enough for your child's education. However, you don't necessarily have to save enough for his/her entire education but rather to have some resources to supplement any financial assistance your child may receive. I recommend the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP). All money invested in the MESP grows tax-free. In addition, you can deduct your contribution on your state tax return. What makes the MESP so good is it only takes \$25 to begin a program. The MESP can set up an automatic investment program to withdraw money from your checking account on a regular basis. The key is to save on a regular basis. You would be surprised at how fast your money will grow once you begin a saving program.

There are a variety of

different investment options within the MESP and in your situation I would recommend one of the age-based programs.

And while saving for your child's college education you also should begin saving for retirement. I recommend a Roth IRA which allows money to grow on a tax-free basis. In your situation, I recommend the T. Rowe Spectrum Growth Fund, (800) 638-5660, www.troweprice.com. The fund allows you set up an automatic investment program for a \$50 minimum. Once again, you'd be surprised how fast your money can grow once you begin to invest on a regular basis.

I know it can be a daunting challenge to get and keep your financial house in order. Keep the focus on what you can do from today on to make your

situation better. Keep in mind, the first step is the hardest. Dear Rick: I don't own a house. I live in an apartment and all my investments have beneficiaries. I went to a seminar and was told I need a living trust. Why would I need a living trust if all my money avoids probate?

There are a couple reasons why you may need a living trust.

If you're in a situation where you have a large estate and you have a spouse, then even though your assets avoid probate they may not avoid estate taxes upon both you and your spouse's death. For individuals with large estates, a living trust can be the most effective vehicle to avoid estate taxes.

The other reason is if you wish to control your assets upon your death. If your beneficiaries are young or cannot handle their inheritance you may wish to control your money past

your death. A living trust is the most effective vehicle. For example, if your beneficiaries were teenagers, you may not want them to receive their inheritance in a lump sum at age 18. Through the use of a living trust you can spread that money out for as long as you choose.

I do believe living trusts are sometimes oversold. They are not for everyone. However, living trusts can be an effective vehicle to reduce or eliminate estate taxes, avoid probate and to control your money past your death.

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

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Culinary gala April 5 to benefit Schoolcraft scholarships

The Art of Fine Dining will be experienced by those in attendance at this year's VisTa Gala on Saturday, April 5.

Patrons of this annual event will have the opportunity for an intimate look inside Schoolcraft College's six state-of-the-art culinary kitchens while mingling with world-class culinary chefs and instructors.

Guests will also enjoy a meal of adventuresome cuisine featuring Montreal beef with caramelized onion and roadhouse barbecue sauce; smoked cod cake with wilted greens and mustard aioli; wood grilled rack of lamb with rosemary sauce; sushi; sea bass, rock shrimp and lobster in light pastry with chervil, glazed cucumber and caviar sauce;

corn and shrimp bisque; pan-seared Hudson Valley duck foie gras and more. Of course, the perennial favorite, "Grand Pastry Display," and assorted chocolate desserts will top off the menu.

All dishes are prepared by the award-winning Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of Executive and Certified Master Chefs. Tickets are \$150 per person, \$90 of which is tax deductible. All proceeds will assist in funding scholarships

for culinary art students at Schoolcraft College.

The optional black-tie event will be held at the VisTaTech Center on the college's Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Complimentary valet parking will be provided. The evening's festivities will include:

6:30 p.m., Wine and Hors d'oeuvres; Complimentary Photos (available until 9:30 p.m.); Silent Auction bidding begins.

7:30 p.m., Plated Salad and Welcome.

8 p.m., Strolling Dinner through the American Harvest Restaurant and the production, charcuterie, bake shop, pastry and demonstration kitchens; Silent Auction bidding continues.

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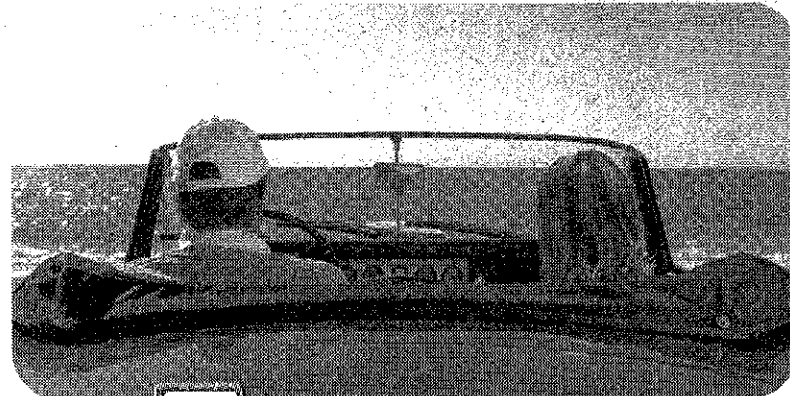


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Kitchener drops Whalers in Game 1

The Kitchener Rangers validated their No. 1 seed in the 2008 Ontario Hockey League playoffs Friday night in their Game 1 quarterfinal match-up against defending OHL champion Plymouth.

The Rangers struck early and often in their 9-2 triumph over the Whalers before a crowd of 6,132 at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium. Game 2 was set for Saturday night at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Kitchener, which earned the top seed by racking up 53 regular-season victories, scored four goals in both the first and second periods and never looked back. Nick Spaling, Justin Azevedo and Matt Halischuk did

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most of the damage for the winners, combining

for 14 points. Halischuk exploded for two goals and three assists, Spaling contributed a hat trick and an assist while Azevedo notched a trio of helpers.

Ben Shutron, Yannick Weber and Nazem Kadri also lit the lamp for the Rangers.

Chris Terry and Patrick Lee scored the Whalers' goals.

Kitchener's special teams shined as the Rangers scored on 5-of-10 power-play opportunities. Plymouth, on the other hand, cashed in on just 1-of-8 man-advantage situations.

Steve Mason made 25 saves between the pipes for the Rangers.

Plymouth's Jeremy Smith, who missed the previous two weeks with an injury, stopped 38 shots.

Kitchener outshot Plymouth, 47-27. The biggest shots-on-goal differential came in the first period when the Rangers unleashed 24 shots compared to the Whalers' eight.

Terry's goal came with 7:40 left in the opening period and his team trailing, 3-0. He was assisted by Smith.

Lee's lamp-lighter came with 5:21 to play in the game and the Rangers holding a commanding 9-1 advantage.

Tyler G. Brown and Christian Steingraber assisted.

2008 PCEP Lacrosse report



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pictured (from left) are representatives of the four P-CEP lacrosse teams that will take the field in early April (or whenever the snow melts): Justin Scott (Canton), Mark Paponetti (Salem), Laura Hahn (Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors) and Connor Martin (Plymouth).

LAX-PLSION

Sport's appeal reflected in growing number of teams

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sticks in hand, close to 30 fully uniformed members of the Salem boys lacrosse team jogged at a steady pace along a sidewalk that runs parallel to Ann Arbor Road one afternoon earlier this week.

Ten years ago, the sight of that many lacrosse players together in southeastern Michigan would have been shocking, given that the sport was almost exclusively an East Coast activity.

Nowadays, seeing high school-aged kids playing lacrosse is a common

occurrence as the sport has imbedded itself into the area's sports culture much like soccer did in the early-80s.

This spring, the number of Michigan High School Athletic Association-sanctioned teams at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has quadrupled compared to last season.

Each of the three PCEP schools will have its own boys team — Plymouth, Canton and Salem fielded one unified team previously — and the PCS girls unified team has officially joined the ranks of the MHSAA following two years as a club sport.

The LAX-plsion doesn't surprise

Plymouth coach Mike Costello.

"I think it's become popular with kids simply because of the nature of the game," said Costello, who served as the PCS Warriors head coach since the team's inception in 2003. "It's fast-paced, it takes a lot of skill and it's fun to play. I've always said that all it takes is for someone to watch a game for five minutes before they're hooked."

First-year Canton coach Kevin Riley said lacrosse has caught on because it's a hybrid of several other popular sports.

Please see **LACROSSE, B6**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Jessie Murray was recently named the recipient of the "Michigan Senior Gymnast of the Year" award.

Canton gymnast wins coveted award

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Earlier this month, Canton gymnast Jessie Murray was judged on a scale that went well beyond the normal 1-10 range.

And the scores she received from members of the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association were off-the-charts fantastic.

Following the Division 1 state meet at Plymouth High School on March 8, Murray was presented with the prestigious "Kim Rennolds Memorial Michigan Senior Gymnast of the Year Award," which is presented annually by the MHSGCJA to the athlete who possesses both outstanding skills and enviable character.

The award is named after Rennolds, a former Canton standout gymnast who was one of 105 people who died aboard ValuJet Flight 592, which crashed into the Florida Everglades on May 11, 1996.

Along with a plaque, Murray received a \$500 college scholarship to the university of her choice.

"Typically, this award doesn't go to the best gymnast in the state, but to someone who is the best ambassador for the sport," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "It's based on gymnastics performance, leadership qualities and academics."

"Jessie is truly someone to be emulated. This could have been a difficult year for her as we graduated seven seniors last year, many of whom she was very close

friends with. But she handled what could have been a very tough situation very well and became an outstanding leader for our team.

"Jessie was our only senior and the other girls really looked up to her — both in the gym and away from it. She was truly deserving of this award."

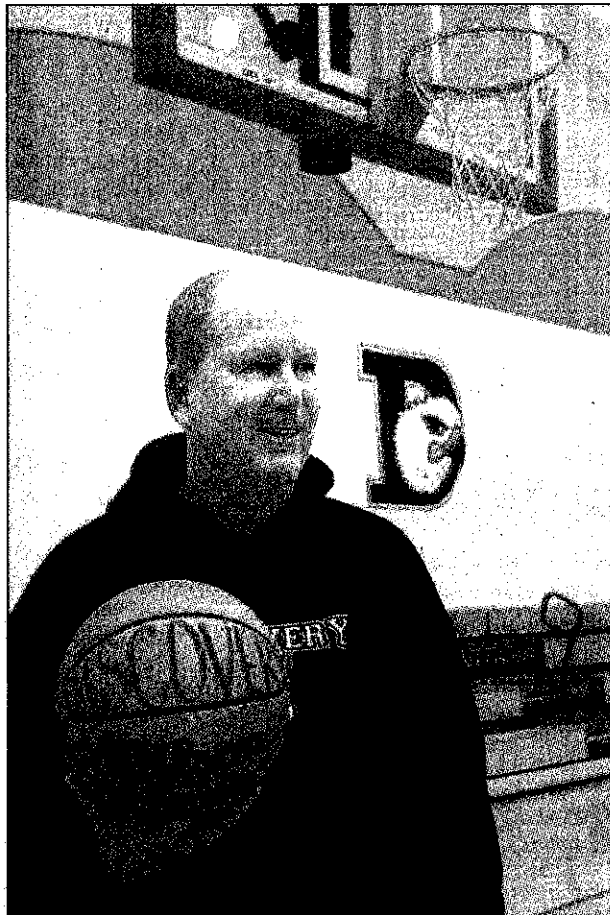
Canton's Kara Ahern won the award in 2006.

Murray, a captain, placed ninth in the all-around at Division 1 state meet with 36.700 points.

Her best performance came on the balance beam when she tied for sixth with Troy Athens' Michelle Mather.

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During his five seasons as head coach of the Discovery Middle School boys basketball teams, Dave Van Wagoner has chalked up a 78-2 record.



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Discovery-ing greatness

Local middle school has built an amazing hoop record

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One way to tell you're basketball program has reached elite status is that whenever an opponent beats you, they break out into a wild victory celebration seconds after the final buzzer sounds.

Case in point: the Discovery Middle School basketball team.

"After one team beat us, you would have thought they had won the World Series," said Discovery coach Dave Van Wagoner, smiling.

It's hard to blame players for getting giddy after conquering Discovery, considering the feat has proven to be almost as difficult as winning the Mega-Millions Lottery.

In the five seasons Van Wagoner has coached the

Eagles' "A" and "B" squads (he missed the 2004 and 2005 seasons to coach basketball at Plymouth High School), Discovery has registered a remarkable 78-2 record.

The "A" and "B" teams each play eight games a year — two each against the other four middle schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district. The "A" team is comparable to a high school varsity squad while the "B" is similar to a JV-level contingent.

Discovery's .975 winning percentage under Van Wagoner's guidance is something that would make the Harlem Globetrotters envious.

What's the veteran strategist's secret to success.

"First of all, we have great administrators here," said Van Wagoner, who has served two five-year stints (1980-85 and

1990-95) as the head coach at Canton High School. "I've also been lucky enough to get really good kids — both on the court and off — come out for my teams."

Van Wagoner listed a couple of on-the-court keys to the Eagles' dominance.

"Middle school kids don't have quite the attention span that high school kids have, so I try to keep things simple," he said. "I've learned over the years to have very structured practices so that every minute is used constructively. There's no 'goof-off' time."

"We don't run any set plays on offense and we work on defense probably 80 percent of each practice. We press the entire game. Our saying is, 'As soon as the other team steps

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Sidelines

Recruiting workshop

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has been selected as the Michigan host site of the Tom Lemming Prep Football Tour, which includes a "College Recruiting 101" workshop that will guide parents and student-athletes through the importance of establishing athletic and academic goals, setting realistic expectations and seeking opportunities at the college level.

Lemming is considered one of the leaders in college-football recruiting.

The featured speaker will be Bob Chmiel, a National Collegiate Scouting Association recruiting analyst and the former director of football operations and assistant football coach at the University of Notre Dame.

The event will be held Sunday, April 6, from 9-10 a.m. at Velocity Sports Performance, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Space is limited, so interested attendees must RSVP by calling Julie Thayer at (888) 333-6846 (ext. 7439).

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NBA 'Skills

Challenge' winner

Plymouth resident Caleb Hunter placed first in 7-8-year-old division in the Detroit Regional portion of the Junior NBA Skills Challenge.

The competition was held recently at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Hunter's score of 32.13 will be ranked nationally against the other 25 first-place finishers in each NBA market. He could earn a chance to advance to the national finals set for Orlando, Fla., in May.

The competition includes a time-based, half-court obstacle course that demonstrates fundamental basketball skills.

Approximately 42,000 youngsters participated nationwide.

OLGC football

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The Discovery Middle School "A" and "B" boys basketball teams combined to go 16-0 during the recently completed 2008 campaign. Pictured (front row from left) are Mike Kennedy, Josh Mayberry, Donte Fox, K.J. Malone, Kevin Buford, Marcus Houston, Steve Murphy, Mike Himmelsbach, (top row from left) coach Dave Van Wagoner, Andrew Klenk, Parker Adams, Gavin Carney, Clay Behrman, Ryan Jankowski, Devin McMillian, Derek O'Flynn, Tyler Stewart and Marcus Oden.

DISCOVERY

FROM PAGE B1

off the bus, we start pressing."

If you think defeating the Eagles is tough, you should try making it through the program's ultra-competitive tryout system.

As the saying goes, only the strong survive.

"There's usually about 115 kids who try out for the two teams, and we only keep about 18 (for both teams combined), so it's not easy," said Van Wagoner. "The hardest part of the job for me is looking a kid in the eye and telling him he's been cut, so I'll keep as many as 20 some years."

Van Wagoner said quite a few exceptional hoopsters who have been cut at Discovery

have gone on to enjoy stellar high school basketball careers.

"And they always come back and tell me about it," he said, laughing.

Among the stars who have lifted the Eagles into their own galaxy are Dominique Washington, who led Discovery's inaugural team to an unblemished record, and Ryan Waidmann, who led Canton to a pair of Class A District titles before moving on to play at Madonna University.

"Dominique is probably the best eighth-grader I've ever coached," Van Wagoner revealed. "He had good size with guard skills. He helped the school get off to a good start."

Discovery's roundball success has not gone unnoticed by the school's student body.

"Our gym seats about 300," said Van Wagoner. "Most of the games, the bleachers are filled and there are anywhere from 40 to 70 people seated in charis along the opposite sideline."

"Except for some of the big high school rivalry games, some days we'll get as big of crowds as the varsity teams at Plymouth, Canton and Salem." While the success has been nice, Van Wagoner admitted his joy of coaching goes deeper than the layer of victories his teams have compiled.

"The most important thing is that the kids are learning and having fun," he said. "At this level — no, really at every level — kids should have fun playing basketball and my players have fun."

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Madonna softball team heats up in AZ

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A hot start in Arizona isn't fooling Al White.

The veteran Madonna University softball coach, although satisfied with an 8-4 record at the Tucson Invitational, isn't getting carried away about the 2008 season just yet.

"We're about where we thought we would be," said White, noting his 14-player team is thin on numbers and college experience. "The infield is playing very well and our pitching is doing well."

At the top of the list at pitcher is senior lefty Liz Ballinger, who went 15-7 with a 2.95 ERA for the 2007 Crusaders (34-16, 14-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference).

In Arizona, Ballinger, who is overcoming an arm injury, won three of five decisions in Arizona, including a complete-game 13-3 win over Minot State.

Complementing Ballinger in the circle this year will be freshmen Jessica Irwin and Michelle Henning, who also had success during the western swing.

"We are going to go as far as our pitching will take us," White emphasized. "We have two freshmen pitchers. Jess Irwin has been outstanding so far as has Michelle Henning. Both threw well in Arizona for us."

White said it would be tough for the team to overcome another injury to Ballinger, noting that "if she goes down for the season, it's going to hurt us. "She is coming off of

her injury and surgery and her arm is a little sore right now. (But) she threw a lot for us out in Arizona. ... She should be all right, but that is still a question mark."

AROUND THE HORN

Helping out the pitching staff is a solid, young infield featuring sophomore first baseman and Livonia Churchill product Caitlyn Sidor (.400, 4 homers, 31 RBI in 2007) at first and sophomore second baseman and Canton alum Brittney Scero (.337) at second.

Junior catcher Danielle Richardson (.321), smooth-fielding junior shortstop Tedi Johnston (.292, 5 homers) and freshman third baseman Kelly Lesko of Trenton round out the infield lineup.

"Defensively we aren't going to get much better than what we have right now," White noted. "Tedi and Danielle are going to lead us on the field."

He really has high hopes for Lesko, who swings from the left side of the plate. "Kelly has been outstanding at third so far."

Backing up Richardson behind the plate will be freshman Ashley Shay, a Garden City native who graduated from Dearborn Divine Child. Shay's versatility could help her see time playing somewhere in the infield, too.

Senior infielder Christina Finch (.259) also brings a veteran presence that is generally lacking with the squad.

Meanwhile, White said his outfielders are inexperienced

and might struggle at the beginning of the season.

He does have juniors Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western) and Mary Kate Setta, who batted .235 and .228, respectively last season.

Other flycatchers vying for playing time include sophomore Rachael Kethe and freshman Tara LaMilza (who can also play infield).

One area that White is taking a wait-and-see approach is at the plate, with younger players still making the adjustment from high school. "We have to hit."

INTERRUPTION

Although White likes the makeup of his team, he might have to wait a little while to see it on the field again. Madonna — which had games this weekend in Ohio cancelled by inclement weather — is scheduled to open the home season 3 p.m. Wednesday against Spring Arbor at University Field.

But he is well aware of the cold, snowy weather that is still hitting southeast Michigan.

"If we had some blow torches to melt the snow it might be a different story and we'd be excited," he added. "But the way it looks now we might not get back out onto the field until the end of March when we head down to Kentucky and (we) might not get to play at home the entire month."

"It's tough to go back into the gym and be indoors after playing 12 games outside and not getting to play for maybe two or three weeks now."

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MU spikers sign yet another prized recruit

The 11-time defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's volleyball champion Madonna University added another piece to its 2008 puzzle last week when head coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing of Allen Park Cabrini High standout Karie Altman.

Abraham's fall recruiting class now includes Altman, Canton's Marie Martin and Wyandotte's Megan Fricke.

"Karie is a quality, all-around athlete," Abraham said. "Our staff has liked her from the first time we saw her. In the front row, she is a terminating type of attacker who can hit from antenna to antenna."

"She has the speed, agility and the court sense to hit out of the middle or come from the outside and attack as well.

VOLLEYBALL

She plays the game like one of our past all-Americans, Caryn Inman."

Altman, a 6-foot middle and outside hitter from Taylor, has earned four volleyball letters during her time with the Monarchs.

This season she helped lead her squad to the Catholic League C-D Division championship en route to being named All-Catholic, All-District, All-Region, All-State and for the third straight year to News Herald Downriver Dream Team.

Altman has also earned a trio of letters on the basketball court, helping Cabrini to another Catholic League title this winter and to a state semifinal

appearance in the MHSAA tournament two weeks ago.

She is also a standout on the softball diamond, helping Cabrini to back-to-back state championships and wrapping up the 2007 season with a perfect 35-0 record.

"Karie has a whip for an arm and plays with a great deal of intensity," added Abraham. "In high school she was also a standout defensive back row player who never came out of the game. She is the kind of player who makes everyone around her better and we can not wait to start working with her this fall."

MU, which earned its sixth straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament this season, returns 12 letter winners from a squad that finished 35-12 overall in 2007.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Parents of new and veteran players should plan to attend this meeting. A new registration will be in place for this season.

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Fellows Creek fund-raiser

The Friends of Fellows Creek and Canton Leisure Services are offering a unique opportunity to create a lasting tribute to friends or family members by purchasing a commemorative bench or brick paver at Fellows Creek Golf Club.

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Brick pavers can be purchased for \$100 and are 100 percent tax deductible.

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Sharp-shooting Mercury

The Mercury captured the girls CEBL B League title March 18. Pictured are (front row from left) Emily Sawyer, Chelsea Janice, Makenzie Hagan, Danielle Saleem, Carly Clark, Lauren Fette, (back row from left) coach Deb Janice, Taylor Hunley and coach Bruce Fette. Mercury, girls-CEBL B League team, who won Tuesday night's (March 18th) Championship game.

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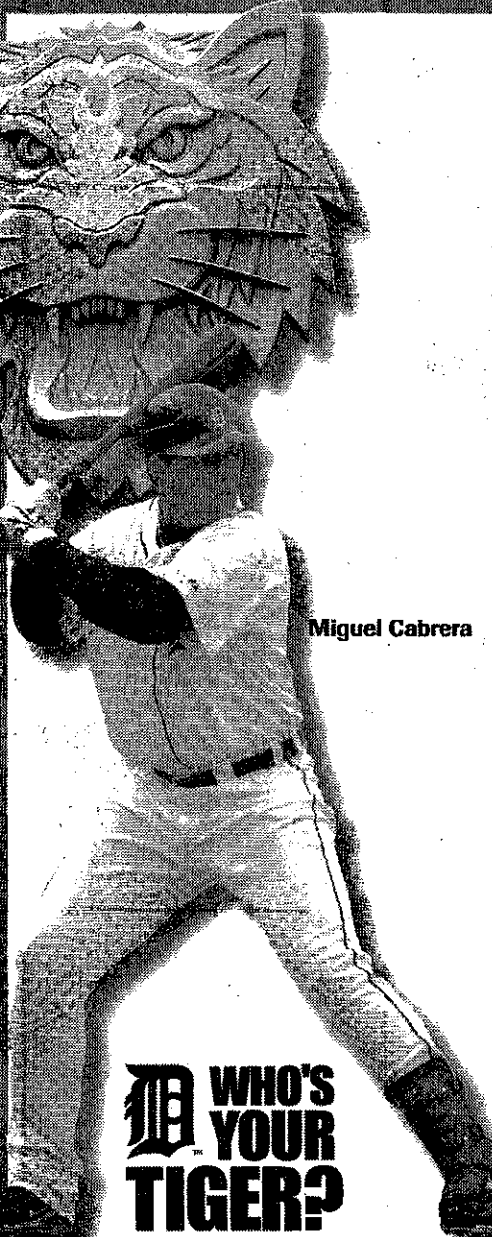
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FIRST-TEAM

MIKE LEE, SR., G., WAYNE: The 5-foot-11 senior guard averaged 19.3 points per game, along with three assists and four rebounds en route to All-Western Lakes Activities Association honors.

Lee, who lifted the Zebras to the WLAA playoff crown, a Western Division title and a 19-3 record, scored in double figures in 21-of-22 games.

"Mike always played his best in the big games," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said.

JAMIE STEWART, JR., G., LIV. CLARENCEVILLE:

The 6-3 junior guard posted big numbers for the Metro Conference champions averaging 22.4 points, 6.2 rebounds, 2.3 steals and 2.0 assist per game.

The Class B honorable mention All-Stater shot 54 percent from the floor, including 39 percent from three-point range, and made 75 percent of his free throws.

"Jamie really matured mentally and figured out what it takes to win," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said for the Metro co-MVP. "Jamie has the ability to score on from any spot on the floor. He always played his best game in our biggest games, both offensively and defensively."

"He is constantly working on his game and with another big summer he'll establish himself as one of the top players in the state."

EARL HARDISON, SR., F., WESTLAND GLENN:

The 6-1 senior repeated as first-team All-Observer averaging 16 points and seven rebounds per game for the WLAA-Lakes Division champions.

He also shot an impressive 75 percent from the foul line.

"Earl guarded the best player on the other team every game," Glenn coach Dan Young said of the All-WLAA pick. "He was our leading scorer. His motor never stops and he was very unselfish. His great attitude was huge for us. It rubbed off on other guys."

JARREL BLOODSAW, SR., F., RED. THURSTON:

The top scorer and rebounder for the Mega Blue champion Eagles led the way with nearly 14 points and more than six boards per outing.

Bloodsaw, who as co-captain was one of the top leaders, connected on about 60 percent of his field-goal opportunities and was named to the conference first team.

"Jarmel is a really good basketball player, very conscientious about improving," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "He really improved his shooting and was our top rebounder this year."

RYAN ROSENICK, SR., F., LIV. CHURCHILL: The 6-3 senior was a three-year starter for the Chargers.

Rosenick earned All-WLAA honors averaging 17 points and 13 rebounds per game. He hit 53 percent of his field goal attempts (135-

ALL-AREA BOYS BASKETBALL

2007-08 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST-TEAM

Mike Lee, Sr. G., Wayne Memorial
Jamie Stewart, Jr. F., Liv. Clarenceville
Earl Hardison, Sr. F., Westland Glenn
Keshawn Martin, Sr. G., John Glenn
Ryan Rosenick, Sr. F., Liv. Churchill
Grant Stone, Sr. F., Salem

SECOND-TEAM

Delmichael Youngblood, Sr. F., Thurston
Terrell Beard, Sr. G., Redford Union
Lonnie Fairfax, Sr. G., Liv. Clarenceville
Stefan Marken, Sr. F., Westland Glenn
Keshawn Martin, Sr. G., John Glenn
Marte Abney, Sr. G., Wayne Memorial

THIRD-TEAM

Jeremy Gainer, Jr. C., Liv. Clarenceville
Navraj Sandhu, Sr. G., Plymouth
Greg Morgan, Jr. G., Red. Thurston
Robert Woodson, Jr. G., Wayne
Neil Sharma, Sr. F., Canton
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CO-TEAM OF THE YEAR

Brian Bates, Red. Thurston
Corey McKendry, Liv. Clarenceville

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Ryan Whitum, Ryan Woods, Nick Seger; Franklin: Jeff Podie; Stevenson: Mark Grisa, Gary Cobbs, Bobby Naubert, Brian Rowe, Jordan El-Sabeh; Clarenceville: Darryl Whitaker, Craig Van Nostrand; Lutheran Westland: Josh Kruger, Sam Ahlersmeyer; Huron Valley Lutheran: Kyle Tacia, Aaron Jones; John Glenn: Austin Anderson, Jordan Manier, Daris Smith; Wayne: John Hill, Matt Lewis, Daniel Hill; Thurston: Josh Miller, Marcus Jones; Redford Union: Anthony Wash, Youyue Wilson; Garden City: Joe Felice, Ron Pummili; Redford Covenant: Ben Kil, Gregory Lowe, Tony Harrison, Jamone Chester; Canton: Chris Bailey, Brody Coplat; Plymouth: Brandon Roberts, David Harvey, Mike Hanchett, Garrett Reban, Chris Daniels; Salem: Ross Davis, Tyler Jeleniewski, Jesse Pointer, Joe Posler; Plymouth Christian: Brent Zinn, Spencer Ward; Canton Agape: Mark Mullett, Jared Miller, Joel Ruffin.

of-256) and shot 60 percent from the foul line.

"Ryan is such a workhorse," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Everything he got was through hard work and effort."

"I've never seen anybody rebound like him. He's a rebounding machine. He was always around the ball and scored in many different aspects."

GRANT STONE, SR., F., SALEM: The 6-5 senior capped a stellar high school career by averaging 22 points and seven rebounds a game. Stone became the fourth all-time leading scorer in the storied high school's history in just three varsity seasons. Despite drawing the opposition's best defensive player, he was often unstoppable when driving to the basket. Stone earned first team All-



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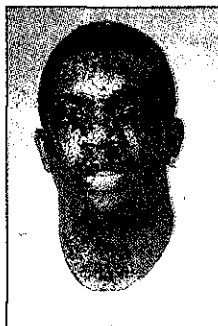
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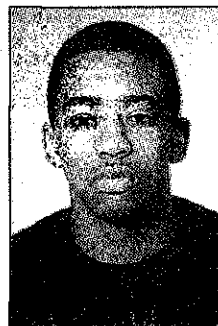
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WLAA recognition.

"Grant is a very versatile player who has an uncanny ability to score and get to the basket," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "He's very competitive and very coachable. He'll be missed around here next year."

SECOND-TEAM

DELMICHAEL YOUNGBLOOD, SR., F., RED. THURSTON: Youngblood's all-around game sparked Thurston to many wins this season. He averaged 13.4 points, 4 rebounds and 2.2 steals per game and was selected to the All-Mega Blue first team for his efforts.

"He gave us a lot of energy, he was one of our catalysts," said Bates, adding that Youngblood was a strong presence in the low post. "He did a lot of the dirty work for us."

TERRELL BEARD, SR., G., REDFORD UNION: Panthers head coach Brett Steele described the diminutive point guard as the "heart and soul" of his squad, and with good reason.

Beard was an All-Mega White first-team selection and RU's MVP for the second consecutive year following a season in which he tallied 16 points per game, making 60 treys and 84 percent of his foul shots as the Panthers finished 11-10.

"He is one of the three best players to wear an RU uniform in my tenure," Steele said. "Without him on the floor our team could not succeed."

LONNIE FAIRFAX, SR., G., LIV. CLARENCEVILLE: The 5-11 senior guard was named co-MVP of the Metro Conference along with teammate Stewart after averaging 11.7 points, 7.7 assists, 5.4 rebounds and 4.3 steals per game.

His 91 steals rank 19th all-time in

the MHSAA.

Fairfax shot 50.3 percent from the field and 67 percent from the foul line.

"Lonnie had a tremendous career at Clarenceville," McKendry said. "He was a joy to coach and one of the mentally toughest kids I have been around. Lonnie understood how to win and always left it on the floor. He was our heart-and-soul these past couple of years, and we're really going to miss him."

STEFAN MARKEN, SR., F., WESTLAND GLENN:

The 6-4 senior was a major contributor for the 19-3 Rockets averaging 14 points and eight rebounds.

He was a three-point marksman as well, averaging in the low 40 percent range.

"Stefan guarded the next best guy," Young said of the All-Lakes Division selection. "He not only scored, but also defended. He was in much better condition this season and better for longer stretches. That got him over the hump and it made him a consistent threat."

KESHAWN MARTIN, SR., G., WESTLAND GLENN: One of the quickest point-guards end-to-end ever to come out of the Observerland, the 5-11 Marken averaged 12 points and six assists per game en route to All-Lakes Division honors.

Marken, second-team All-Area for the second straight year, missed only five free throws all season while shooting 90 percent.

"Keshawn is a great athlete and a great kid," Young said. "He was very unselfish with the basketball and much better defensively this year."

He is headed to Michigan State on a football scholarship.

MARTEZ ABNEY, SR., G., WAYNE: The 5-10 senior guard saved his best outings for the stretch run while averaging 14 points per game for the WLAA playoff and Western Division champions.

The lefty sharpshooter was known for his explosive outbursts. "He played better and better as the season went on," Woodard said. "He could score in a variety of ways, going to the basket or pulling up for a jump shot."

CO-TEAM OF THE YEAR

BRIAN BATES, RED. THURSTON: Bates and his solid staff set the tone, with a no-nonsense approach that always emphasized the importance of team



Brian Bates
Thurston

chemistry while still having fun on the court.

With a handful of outstanding players buying in to the plan, Thurston (20-4 overall) won the Mega Blue and then captured a district title for the first time in 33 years before bowing out in overtime against Brighton in the regional semifinals.

"I am very proud of this group of players," Bates said. "I am proud of them for what they have accomplished both on and off the court. ... It was one of the best years ever at Thurston and they should always be proud of what they accomplished."

COREY MCKENDRY, LIV. CLARENCEVILLE:

After going 6-15 in his rookie year, the second-year coach guided the Trojans to a Metro Conference championship and an 18-3 record with the Trojans' only losses coming against three state-ranked teams (Madison Heights Madison, Detroit Community and Detroit Renaissance).

The 25-year-old McKendry, a 2000 Clarenceville grad, played for Bill Dyer (now at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) and coached under Kevin Murphy (Clarenceville's A.D.) before taking the varsity reins in 2006-07.

He was ably assisted this year by Thomas Martin and David Conti.

"We came so far as a program this year," McKendry said. "The kids did a great job of buying into our defensive philosophy and they really left it all on the court. I think we learned how hard you have to play to succeed at the highest level and that will certainly help us next year."

The future looks bright for the Trojans as nine juniors, including four-year starters Jamie Stewart and Jeremy Gainer, return along with one sophomore.

"We know that we took a step in the right direction this year, and we're already working on taking another big step next season," McKendry said.



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Aerobics can ease fibromyalgia

Jill from Eastpointe suffers from Fibromyalgia and wants tips for leading a fuller life.

Jill, almost 4 million Americans suffer from Fibromyalgia (also known as FM). FM patients have unexplained whole body muscle and joint pain. The symptoms can include chronic fatigue, muscle pain, impaired sleep patterns, and morning stiffness.

Treatments for FM include pain relief and helping the patients sleep, but exercise can also help people with the condition. They should begin with low impact aerobics and stretching activities like yoga or tai chi. After for weeks of aerobics, it should be okay to begin a weight program. Doctors think it is likely that FM is a metabolic problem and exercise is ideal for boosting the metabolism.

Wait from Rochester emails for tips on reducing arthritis pain that do not require medication. Wait, it is a simple fact of life. Chances are you will develop some form of arthritis if you live long enough!

Osteoarthritis is caused by wear and tear on the joints and runs in many families. It is particularly common if you have had a previous injury or have a weight problem. Faced with the painful condition, most people avoid exercise and unnecessary activity. That, however, is a big mistake. Exercise strengthens muscles and in turn takes the pressure off joints!

People with arthritis should do exercises that help with flexibility and posture. Start off gradually with non-weight bearing exercises like water aerobics and work your way up to walking.

Also, be sure to check with your doctor or personal fitness trainer for the program that is right for you.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Lupus

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OSE STAFF WRITER

Joscelyn Derene Knight tried to ignore the pain in her leg. She thought maybe the fatigue was from the split shifts she was working. Then Knight started having headaches that wouldn't go away.

Her sister, Ethel, encouraged her to make an appointment with a doctor, but Knight never expected a diagnosis of lupus. That was 1984 and she was in her early 20s. Back then Knight didn't know anything about the autoimmune disease which causes inflammation of tissues in the body. After having undergone a kidney transplant, hip and knee replacement surgeries, five years of dialysis, and a number of emergencies that left her and caregiver sister Constance spending many a night in a hospital, she decided to write *Lupus ... It Takes a Family* from Rosedog Books. Knight's goal is to help other families struggling with the disease.

"It was a nightmare," said Knight of Redford. "I wrote the book for therapy. It was so traumatic and long. I wrote the book to get a lot of this off of me."

"I would lose control of my legs. I came from a family of eight girls and two boys. Just getting through one day was the biggest challenge. It was extremely painful. You had to depend on God and your support, my mom and dad and Constance."

SYMPTOMS VARY

Dr. Robert S. Michaels has read Knight's book from cover to cover. The nephrologist began treating kidney diseases more than 30 years ago and says Knight's descriptions of her experiences reflect those of many of his lupus patients although every patient is different. Symptoms range from joint pain to skin rash, hair loss, fatigue, loss of appetite, swelling in the legs, and a butterfly rash depending on whether the disease affects only the skin or is systemic. Complications include an increased risk for blood clotting and accelerating cardiovascular disease.

"Lupus is a disease that affects multiple organs. The lung, the heart, the kidneys, all need to be assessed to see how lupus affects each system," said Michaels, chief of nephrology at the Detroit Medical Center's Sinai-Grace Hospital.

Michaels says to develop a treatment strategy it takes a team of physicians including a rheumatologist, nephrologist, internist, and in Knight's case a transplant specialist. Knight has the systemic type of lupus.

"Nephritis is the kidney disease from lupus. We have medications that can prevent them from needing dialysis. Sometimes lupus can destroy the kidneys," said Michaels of Nephron Associates in Southfield. Michaels is on staff at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

"The current approach is to use steroids with the addition of immunosuppressant therapy which usually consists of cyclosporin, CellCept which have made a great difference for kidney survival before transplant. I look at treating lupus as protecting the kidney from the body rejecting it before transplant so maybe transplant can be prevented."

One woman's battle with the autoimmune disease



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Joscelyn Derene Knight (left) and her sister, Constance Broner-Knight, pose in their Redford home where Joscelyn wrote her book on lupus. Constance was Joscelyn's caregiver as she battled the autoimmune disease.

GETTING BETTER

Treatment for lupus has vastly improved from 50 years ago, says Dr. W. Joseph McCune, director of the lupus clinic in the University of Michigan Health System. McCune has been treating lupus patients for more than 20 years. He is a professor in the department of internal medicine and associate chief for clinical programs, division of rheumatology at U-M.

"Our experience has been that lupus has been detected a little bit earlier in the past decade than previously and has been treated a little bit more quickly with medical regimens that have gradually improved so overall the outlook for patients has been improving," said McCune. "In the first half of the 20th century before introduction of cortisone and prednisone patients could not be adequately treated. In the 1950s cortisone and prednisone were introduced and then subsequently immunosuppressants. The last half of the 20th century is characterized by refinement of medications most of which had been in use for some years. In the past 10 years there have been trials ongoing of new and novel biologic agents, drugs made in such a way that they're tailored to specific aspects of immune response. There are many promising drugs being tried."

"We're learning how to identify and treat lupus better. Each five to 10 years we get better. We're living in a decade when about 10 treatments will be tried. In the 1990s many new therapies were developed for rheumatoid arthritis, biologic agents. This research has now been going on with lupus."

For the last five years, McCune and Emily Somers, Ph.D., have been in the midst of research to determine the prevalence of lupus in Washtenaw and Wayne counties as part of the MILES Project funded by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

"Previous estimates have suggested that approximately nine out of 10 patients are women. One out of every 2,000 Caucasian and one in 500 African American women

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DR. W. JOSEPH MCCUNE, director of the lupus clinic in the University of Michigan Health System

may be affected by lupus. The study is designed to confirm this estimate," said McCune. "I think we're going to find out there's more lupus than people expect."

SUPPORT'S THERE

While there is no cure for lupus, there is treatment and support. An inaugural walk for the Lupus Foundation of America will be held in May to raise funds for research and support for patients and their families. Call (419) 423-9313 or visit www.lupus.org to learn more about the disease.

The Foundation is among the lupus organizations, including Michigan/Indiana Lupus Alliance and Alliance for Lupus Research, to provide support and research funding.

"We provide support and education as well, support in the form of support groups," said Bob Scherger, president of the northwest Ohio and Michigan region of the Lupus Foundation of America. "Our goal is to grow, that as complicated as the disease people can come together and share what their success of dealing with the disease until a cure is found. That's the best medicine until a cure is found."

Knight received her younger sister Sandy's kidney in 2000 at U-M. Knight has been in clinical remission ever since ever but the disease could reactivate at any time.

For more information about Knight's book, visit www.rosedogbooks.com.

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Expert warns about the dangers of sun

As Old Man Winter continues his grip on Michigan, many people have winter vacation plans to a warmer climate or Spring Break getaway. This is a good time to remind adults and children to practice sun safety - whether they're in the Bahamas in March or Traverse City in July.

"Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States," said Henry Lim, M.D., chair of Dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital, "and most skin cancer are related to exposure to the sun."

More than one million skin cancers are diagnosed annually, and one in five Americans will develop skin cancer.

"Everyone should be able to enjoy the sun. But with a little common sense and some practical sun safety tips, people can protect themselves while playing outdoors and reduce their risk of developing skin cancer,"

said Lim who recommends these sun safety tips for people of any age when outdoors:

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sunscren protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.

Sunscren is designed to protect against ultraviolet B rays, which cause sunburn. Reapply frequently.

Wear protective clothing such as sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat as well as pants and a long-sleeved shirt.

Seek shade when appropriate. The sun's rays are most intense between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Avoid tanning beds. The UV light from these and the sun causes skin cancer and wrinkling.

Check your birthday suit on your birthday. See a dermatologist if something on the skin is changing, growing or bleeding. Skin cancer is treatable when caught early.

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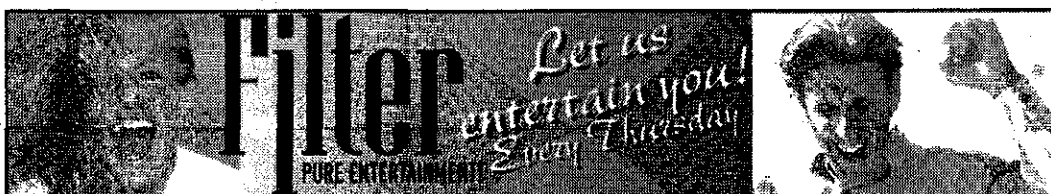
Reclaim, Reshape & Renew the New You for Conquerors workshop presented by The C Club for Cancer Conquerors 4-6 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Shrine Conference Center, 29130 Woodward, Royal Oak. Cost \$20, includes signed copy of Me, Myself and Why? The Secrets to Navigating Change by Lisa Mininni, founder of The C Club. Visit www.theclub.org, call (734) 223-3938, or send e-mail to info@excellerateassociates.com.

Divorce support group

Learning to love after divorce, Lisa Pasbjerg discuss the new science of happiness, what researchers have learned that can make us happy and how it applies to your life, she will also present strategies to help you build assertiveness skills and self esteem needed to love yourself and your new life 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225) of the McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Health seminar

Dr. Judith Reichman will be in Detroit 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, to host a digestive health seminar at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison St., during a pre-show event before the performance of Menopause the Musical which begins at 8 p.m. For tickets, call (313) 963-9800.



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A whole new ball game

PCEP boys lacrosse squads geared up to make strong first impression

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The fast-approaching 2008 season will prove to be a milestone year for the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys lacrosse teams as they set out on their own after several years as a unified contingent.

Following are brief capsules on each team, all of which will compete in the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

CANTON

The Chiefs will be anchored by senior captain Justin Scott, who is widely regarded as one of the most-talented goalies in the state. A second-team All-State performer as a junior, Scott will make opponents earn their points this season.

"We've looked really good defensively so far and the biggest reason for that is having Justin back there," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "The combination of his great hand speed and an advanced knowledge of the game makes him one of the best goalies in the state."

"Unless the ball is coming at him at 80 or 90 miles per hour, he's going to pick it up."

The Chiefs, who practice at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth, will carry a 34-player roster into battle this season.

"Our goals include winning all of our home games this season and being a contender in the KLAA," said Riley.

Two players who will have a strong say in whether the Chiefs reach those goals are senior captains Mac Ganzak, a defender who was an All-WLAA football player in the fall, and Scott Wisniewski, one of the team's top mid-fielders.

"You want size back on defense and Mac gives us that — he's about 6-1 and 230 pounds — and he has great speed for someone his size," said Riley. "Scott has blinding speed and outstanding stick skills. This will be his fourth year and he's gotten better each year he's played."

A pair of freshmen — Matt Rodgers and Jordan Smith — have also earned significant playing time, Riley added.

PLYMOUTH

Under the guidance of veteran coach Mike Costello, the Wildcats will carry a 40-player roster into the 2008 campaign.

"Coincidentally, we have 10 players in each class — freshman, sophomore, junior and senior," said Costello, the former head coach of the PCS Warriors united team. "We have seven or eight guys who saw a lot of time on last year's unified team and quite a few others who played a lot on last year's JV team."

"We played in a scrimmage at Detroit Country Day last week and, I know it's early, but it looks like we have a good group of guys who are willing to work hard. Obviously, there are some chinks that

have to be worked out since we're a first-year high school team, but I think we're going to be OK."

Costello said he feels his team's pre-season expectations are attainable.

"I met with the team captains this week and we went over our individual and team goals for the upcoming season," he said. "We talked about finishing with a record over .500, which would be a great accomplishment. I've always maintained that one of the most important team goals should be steadily improving on a day-to-day, game-to-game basis."

Among the Wildcats' leaders will be junior mid-fielder Connor Martin and senior mid-fielder John Olewnik.

"Connor is one of those guys who is a very talented athlete who has picked up the game quickly," said Costello. "We brought him up for the playoffs his freshman year, so this is his third year on varsity."

"John is probably our best long-stick mid-fielder. He's a hard worker who will be playing Division I lacrosse for the University of Detroit Mercy next year."

Other pivotal players Costello mentioned were senior attackman Patrick Downey, a four-year player; senior defenders Aaron Uller and Paul Gustafson; junior defender Alex Turfe; and freshmen defenders Ronny Lowe, Alex Miller and Ben Burkman.

SALEM

Based on first impressions, the Rocks could be in for a stellar inaugural season.

"We're looking solid so far — the kids are really coming together," said Salem coach Eric Bielecki. "Our camaraderie is better than I expected it would. We have about 20 kids who have never played, so a lot will depend on how well they progress as the season goes on."

Bielecki didn't hesitate when asked what he thought his team's strength would be this season.

"We should be strong defensively," he said. "Our defensive core is made up of players who played last year and we've added some talented freshmen this year."

The Rocks have a quartet of captains who should serve as catalysts during the team's initial season: sophomore defender Blake Abbey, junior goalie Ryan Winkler, senior mid-fielder Nathan Spala and junior attackman Chris Koetting.

"Blake is one of those kids who always works hard and never gives up," said Bielecki. "Ryan is moving from defense to goalie and I'm confident he'll do a good job back there. Nathan has great stick skills and Chris will probably lead us in scoring."

Bielecki has set his team's goals high.

"Honestly, our No. 1 goal is to go 18-0," he said. "Now, I don't know if that's realistic or not, but that's what we're shooting for. The most important thing, though, is for the kids to progress on the field and off it."

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CHERYL BURRIS

Pictured are the captains for the 2008 Plymouth-Canton Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team along with head coach Dave Medley. Pictured are (front row from left) Kate Spangler (Plymouth), Stephanie Matusiak (Plymouth), (middle row from left) Nicole Sheldon (Canton), Jessica Murray (Canton), Amy Coleman (Canton), (back row from left) Laura Hahn (Plymouth), Morgan Franke (Plymouth) and coach Dave Medley.

Lady Warriors know how to win

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team will carry some serious credentials into its first official season as a Michigan High School Athletic Association-sanctioned squad.

The Lady Warriors were the state's No. 1-ranked high school club team in 2007, according to www.powerlax.com.

Coach Dave Medley's contingent is not only talented, it's experienced as 17 returning seniors dominated the 26-player roster.

"I have high expectations for this entire group," said Medley. "We finished the past two years as a club team believing we could win. Now it's time to prove we can win."

The Lady Warriors' offensive firepower will come from a variety of sources, including seniors Morgan Franke, Kate Spangler, Jessica Murray and sophomore Lauren Ebersole, who led the team in scoring as a freshman.

"Lauren is a very explosive player," said Medley. "When we beat Notre Dame Academy in Ohio last year, she scored six of our 10 goals. And when we beat Battle Creek United — which at the time was the No. 1-ranked club team — she scored six of our seven goals. Lauren is very athletic and she has a lot of skills."

Medley has also been impressed by the early play of junior Amanda Yang, a transfer student from Virginia who was the captain of her former team as a sophomore.

"I am also very high on utility player Arielle Pietron for her leadership — both on and off the field," Medley said.

Defensively, PCS will

be paced by seniors Amy Coleman, Laura Hahn, Kaitlyn Moore, Stephanie Matusiak and Nicole Sheldon. Junior Nicole Rottell will start the season as the team's starting net-minder.

Medley credited PCEP athletic director Tom Willette, former PCS Superintendent Jim Ryan and retired Salem principal Jerry Ostoin with elevating the Lady Warriors to MHSAA status.

PCS is set to open its season Friday, April 4, at 8 p.m. at home against Rochester. The game will be played at the junior varsity stadium, which is located southwest of Plymouth High School.

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LACROSSE

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"It offers some of the best elements from basketball, football, soccer and hockey," said Riley, who served as a Warriors assistant coach through last season. "Plus, it's a sport in which everybody on the team gets to participate — there's not a lot of standing around. The field is 110 yards long and there's a lot of running involved, so we're constantly making substitutions."

According to Salem coach Eric Bielecki, the bottom line when it comes to lacrosse's recent surge in popularity surge is this: everyone can play.

"It's something kids of all sizes and ability levels can do," said Bielecki, a former prep player at Detroit Catholic Central. "You can be 6-6 and 250 pounds, or 5-1 and 100 pounds — as long as you work hard and get the fundamentals down, you're going to be OK."

The escalation to MHSAA status will produce a number of improvements for the PCS girls team this season.

Most importantly, the team has a regular practice site at East Middle School and its home games will be held at the two PCEP stadiums.

"Last year, we'd practice wherever we could find space," said coach Dave Medley. "We'd usually go over to Heritage Park and find an area between picnic spots."

"And a lot of our games last year were played on fields without lines, so playing at the stadiums will definitely be an upgrade."

The boys teams will compete in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, a 12-team league that includes Northville, South Lyon, Novi, Brighton, Howell, Hartland, Huron Valley Unified, Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Central.

The girls squad will have joined the East Central League, which consists of Brighton, Flint Carman Ainsworth, Hartland, Huron Valley Unified, Northville, South Lyon and Swartz Creek.

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MEETING NOTICE
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A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

1. Z 08 -04 1067 Linden	Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Ronald and Judith Elwell
2. Z 08 -05 744 Starkweather	Non-Use Variance Requested Projecting Sign Zoned: B-1, Local Business Applicant: Paul Murphy and Tim Judge

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
FY2008 CDBG ACTION PLAN
FY 2006 "CAPER"**

On April 9, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project proposals. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2008 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, 20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$3,000; Revival Outreach Center (ROC), \$2,500; Canton Township Leisure Services "Totally Canton Totally Arts," \$2,000; Canton Township Sheldon School playscape and landscaping improvements, \$45,000; Affordable Housing Activities (housing rehabilitation and lot purchase), \$170,860; Construction Contingency, \$20,000; Program administration, \$70,000. Not all project proposals are necessarily listed, and not all projects will be approved or funded at the requested amounts. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is \$359,835. The FY 2006 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) covers CDBG program activities between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

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Forgiveness issue can be complicated

It is common for people to speak of forgiveness, especially in couple relationships. It either should happen or should not. People speak about it and expect it to be there at will — when, in fact, forgiveness can be a long and complicated process. Even spiritually forgiveness gets misused. The Bible, both Hebrew and Christian versions, describes a God of forgiveness; Jesus promises it. So when we want it, it should be available. And it should be OK for us not to forgive if we don't want to.



Chat Room

Paul Melrose

It is true that forgiveness is an individual decision. But is has some aspects to it, I was reminded about in some reading I did recently, that I want to share. The Smalley Center and several other authors point to being able to forgive and to let go of past hurts as a critical tool for a marriage relationship. Additionally, being able to forgive is a way to keep you healthy both emotionally and physically. There are healthy aspects to forgiveness. If you hold on to old hurts, disappointments, petty annoyances, betrayals, insensitivity and anger, you are wasting both your time and your energy. Nursing a perceived hurt can eventually make it in to something more — hate and extreme bitterness. Lack of forgiveness can wear you down. Additionally, being unforgiving is not good for either your physical or your mental well being.

Here are some steps one author has for how to forgive.

Be open. *

Make a decision to forgive your spouse.

When images of the betrayal or hurt flash in your mind, think of a calming place or do something to distract yourself from dwelling on those thoughts.

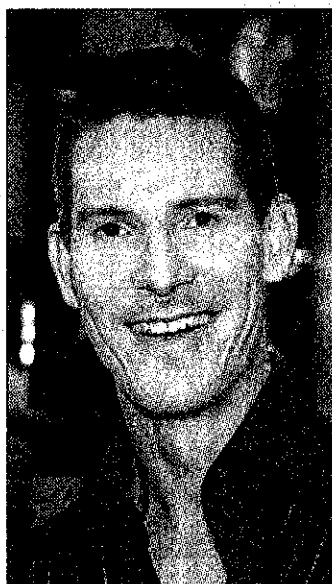
Don't throw an error or mistake back in your spouse's face at a later date.

William Menninger wrote (in *The Process of Forgiveness*): "Forgiveness, then, is not forgetting. It is not condoning or absolving. Neither is it pretending nor something done for the sake of the offender. It is not a thing we just do by a brutal act of the will. It does not entail a loss of identity, of specialness, or of face. It does not release the offenders from obligations they may or may not recognize. An understanding of these things will go a long way towards helping people enter into the forgiveness process."

Engaging in the tough process of forgiveness can give you and your partner more of a chance of a greater and healthier relationship.

Dr. Paul J. Melrose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached at www.paulmelrose.com or at (248) 474-4701. The Staff of the Samaritan Counseling Center can be reached at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com or at (248) 474-4701.

'An amazing American talent'



Peter Soronen



Jody Soronen

BY STACY JENKINS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

His fashions are donned by red carpet divas; they grace the covers of fashion magazines and they've even been spotted on a first lady hopeful on the campaign trail.

Distinctive in style and classic femininity, the pieces created by Peter Soronen are timeless, bold and not just for the skinny girls, said Ellen Carey, owner of New York-based Seedhouse, a talent publicity firm.

"His designs give the lift, form and shape to areas of your body that you may not have seen in awhile," said Carey, noting the intricate inside work, including Victorian corset-inspired boning and seaming craft work.

The chic, always flattering designs have been worn by many celebrities, including Sarah Jessica Parker, Reese Witherspoon, Hilary Swank, Tina Fey, Jennifer Lopez, Jessica Lang and Eva Longoria. Brooke Shields' co-stars on the new TV hit series *Lipstick Jungle* wore Soronen's designs in the series premiere and in the promotional material for the show.

A Soronen suit was spotted recently on Michelle Obama as she took the stage with her husband, presidential hopeful Barack Obama at a campaign rally, said Carey.

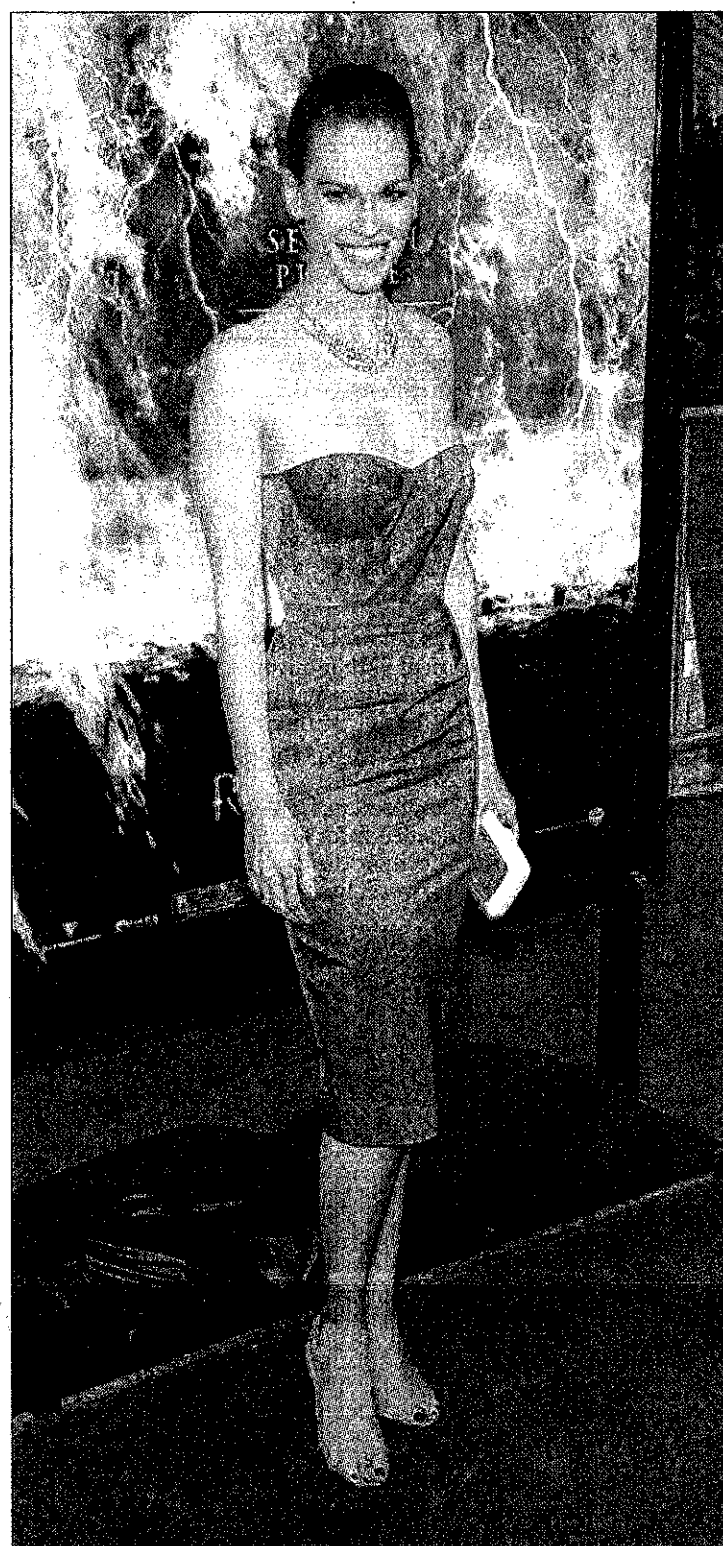
Tender, in Birmingham, exclusively carries Soronen's designs. His spring collection is now available at Tender, a boutique that supports up and coming talent, said Carey.

"(Tender owner) Karen Daskas' forward thinking has made him known in the city where he was born," said Carey. "They support

new talents, and I think that's amazing."

Soronen, a Farmington Hills native, has donated seven dresses, of varying sizes, to a special event honoring his mother, Jody Soronen, an active member of the community and former Farmington Hills mayor who lost her battle with cancer in 2005.

Peter Soronen gowns featured in charity auction



Hilary Swank sports a hot cherry red dress by Peter Soronen.



Michelle Obama purchased this Peter Soronen suit at a shop in Chicago.

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Sarah Jessica Parker, in a Peter Soronen gown.

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Christine Hinkle has created a sizeable endowed scholarship fund to provide scholarships for students at Schoolcraft College.



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Northville woman's gift to fund Schoolcraft scholarships

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Christine Hinkle lives simply, but comfortably in an apartment surrounded by cuddly stuffed bears, crafts and her cat, Casper. Her frugal lifestyle is one of the reasons the 86-year-old Northville woman was able to present a sizable estate gift to the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

The endowed scholarship fund

was announced Tuesday, March 18, during a spaghetti dinner and wine glow to raise money for the college's Women's Resource Center which provides help to men and women preparing to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Hinkle first learned about the center through Dorothy Gay, a friend who volunteered there. WRC offers support programs and scholarships for those in financial need.

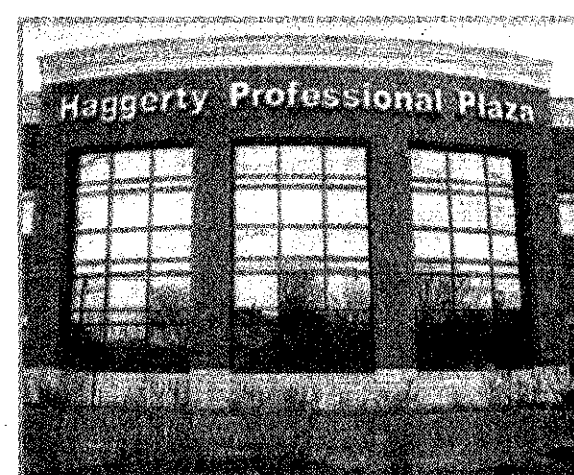
The college will begin awarding the Hinkle-funded scholarships to students enrolling in classes for the fall 2008 semester. After it's fully funded, the Hinkle estate gift will be the largest scholarship fund in the college's history and one day could provide 30 full tuition scholarships each academic year.

The Schoolcraft College district includes the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth-

Canton, and part of Novi but draws students from all over.

"I would like to inspire people if they're able financially to inspire these young people so good minds don't go to waste," said Hinkle. "Being local they can stay at home and find out what they want to do."

Hinkle says her late husband, Lawrence, was a firm believer in education. He was an attorney who

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Spaghetti dinner to raise money for medical bills

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's tough for Rick VanOver to ask for help, but since falling and breaking his hip last October the 59-year old Livonia man's incurred an estimated \$60,000 in medical debt.

Friends are coming together to help the out-of-work welder by putting on a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser 3-7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club, 27531 Grand River, one block west of Inkster Road in Livonia.

Tickets are \$10 for adults (in advance), \$3 for children age 10 and under; \$12 adults (at the door), \$5 children age 10 and under.

For more information, call Heidi at (248) 420-0495 or Diane Hamilton (248) 231-4269.

"Rick has no health insurance," said Hamilton, a friend. "Back in October when his fall

happened he went in for emergency surgery and resulted in over \$20,000 in bills. He had three pins inserted and his leg did not heal. It cost over \$30,000 for a total hip replacement in January. He could not put any weight on his leg, but now he's getting around on a walker and four-pronged cane. It will probably be about four months before he can even think about going back to work."

VanOver is presently receiving therapy three days a week while Hamilton and daughter Heidi Ray organize the fund-raiser with the help of family, friends and local businesses.

"It was my daughter's idea," said Hamilton of Livonia. "Her and I both worked together thinking even if with got a few people together it would help."

"It will be a spaghetti dinner cooked by an Italian friend of my daughter. We have people who have donated the noodles - Value Center and my uncle Robert Savage, and rolls being

donated by Leon's Family Restaurant in Livonia."

Ram's Horn in Livonia is donating salad along with Toarmina's Pizza on Seven Mile near Inkster Road.

An Ernie Harwell autographed baseball is just one of the donations given for the silent auction. Tickets to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Tigers, and Toledo Mudhens, and Century Bowling are among the items up for bid along with wrestling memorabilia, hair styling baskets and gift certificates.

"Rick's very touched by the whole thing. We've gotten quite a few donations," said Hamilton. "Wolverine Sports & Conservation donated their bingo hall. We're having a 50/50 raffle, face painting and a bake sale. Rick might make some pies. He's itching to help some, but just can't be on his feet very long."

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Members of Merriman Student Ministries from Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City competed in the Area Teens Involved event at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Flint on Feb. 23. The students continue to the regional level of competition to be held April 19.

Students to go on to regional competition

Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City sent 20 students to compete in the Area Teens Involved event at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Flint on Saturday Feb. 23.

The event is sponsored by Word of Life Fellowship to encourage youth in Christian service.

Members of Merriman Student Ministries prepared in categories including large and small vocal groups, male and female soloists, instrumentalists, dramas, special presentation, and preaching. Qualified students continue to the next level of competition, the regional event, which will be held April 19. All of the Merriman students qualified for this next level of competition.

"We're encouraging our students to be devoted to the Lord and serve the community by using their gifts," said Associate Pastor Jeff Buchholz. "This venue gives them the opportunity to discover their gifts." Participant Nick Walters prepared for preaching, large vocal group, and drama. Asked about the full day event he said, "It's fun to put your talents to a good use and this event was very encouraging."

Merriman Road Baptist Church has an active youth program with many opportunities for fellowship, training, and ministry for students in 7-12th grades. The church is located at 2055 Merriman. For information, call (734) 421-0472.

Exhibitors wanted for Art from the Heart

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for artists for its third annual Art from the Heart show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15, on the grounds of Livonia City Hall at Farmington Rd. and Five Mile.

The events was formerly known as Art in the Village and was held at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

For more information, call Livonia's Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

An application can also be downloaded from www.artsinlivonia.com or the city's Web site at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Admission to the annual event is free and shuttle service provided.

Additional activities and services include arts and crafts fun for children, package pickup and delivery, hourly raffles, entertainment, a sidewalk chalk-drawing contest, and food.



Collectible toy show comes to Livonia

Winross Collectors Club of America, Michigan Chapter presents its' Spring 2008 Collectible Show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 30, at the Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Admission is \$3, children under age 12 free.

For information, call (586) 795-8281 or (248) 363-9495.

The show features vendors with collectible and die cast toys, Hot Wheels, model car kits, promos, action figures, sci-fi, and Matchbox.

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Recital spotlights traditional Polish, novelty dancing

Golden Agers mark anniversary

The PRCUA (Polish Roman Catholic Union of America) Taty Dancers are holding a recital 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Crestwood High School, 1501 Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights.

The afternoon spotlights traditional Polish dancing and lively novelty dances.

Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. For information, call (313) 274-0183.

The Golden Agers, a senior citizen group that operates under a theme of "sharing, caring and concern for others," is marking its 35th anniversary this year.

A special celebration marking the occasion will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 21, at the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile. Main speakers are the Rev. Mark McGilvrey of Memorial Church of Christ and the Rev. Todd Lackie of Kenwood Church. Music and other special events will be presented by Joel Paul.

The Golden Agers began back in 1973 at Kenwood Church of Christ, where members met for 19 years. Other churches began joining these meetings and soon the group included people from 20 different communities representing three different counties.

Led by Ralph Congdon, members gather monthly, except during the summer, for fellowship, lunch, entertainment and outreach projects. They send monthly contributions to a senior retirement home called Great Lakes Christian Homes in Holt, Michigan. Members also donate craft items for a fall boutique, where funds raised are used for the residents.

Golden Agers also show their spirit by helping the American Legion with pop can rings, which are redeemed for medical equipment for hospitalized children, and performing outreach for the Lutheran Senior City in Columbus, Ohio; the Detroit Rescue Mission; American Cancer Foundation; and others.

Lunch entertainment, over the years, has included the Livonia Police Department Canine Unit, Livonia Firefighters, Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, Holmes Middle School Choir, Great Lakes Lighthouse-keepers Association, Spirit of Detroit Chorus of Sweet Adelines, USS Enterprise Exhibit and others.

The group invites all retired people to join them during their monthly gatherings on the third Monday of every month from September through May at the church.

For more details about the celebration or the group, call (734) 353-6722.

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GIFT

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graduated from Wayne State University. She worked her way up to management during a 40-year career with an insurance company. Hinkle said they lived on his salary and she put her money in the bank and bought bonds. She retired from the Wausau office in Southfield in 1986. Since then she's stayed active by keeping her hands busy with crafts, basket making and painting, and volunteering with the Northville Historical Society and Northville Library. They had no children.

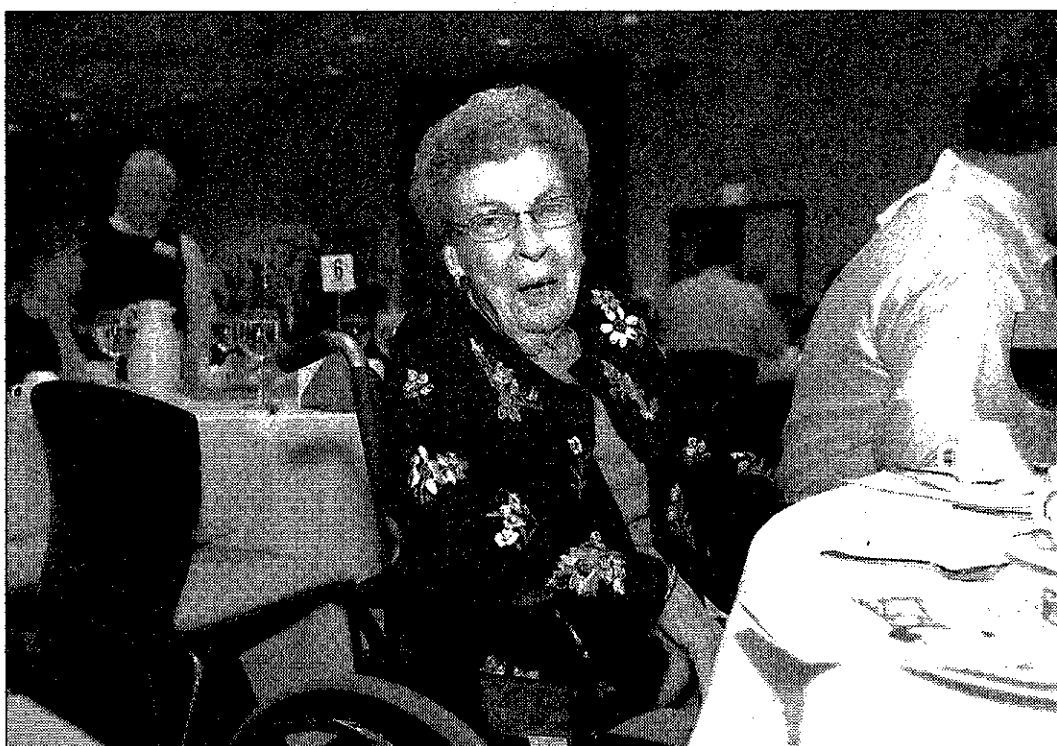
VALUE OF EDUCATION

"He was very interested in investing. I'm doing this on his behalf also. Education was very important to him," said Hinkle of her husband who died in 1996. She moved to Independence Village in Northville not long after losing her partner of nearly 49 years.

The Hinkles' longtime C.P.A. and financial adviser, Richard Gillikan, suggested the Schoolcraft College Foundation about eight months ago when Christine was trying to decide where the couple's estate would go after her death. Joanne Kwasnik, an associate of Gillikan, has been working with the Foundation to create the Hinkle endowed scholarship fund.

Kwasnik's been helping Hinkle ever since she encountered problems applying for Social Security. Hinkle was turned down because she wasn't a citizen. She never knew that her family immigrated to America from Scotland when Hinkle was 9 months old. Her mother died when she was 14 and never told her. She had to wait five years before she was able to take the test to become a citizen.

"I became close with her (Christine), took her shopping. She got to know my girls," said Kwasnik, an accountant who lives in Livonia. "I think the estate gift is wonderful, the whole idea of it helping people who wouldn't otherwise go to college. I think it's amazing.



Christine Hinkle attended the Women's Resource Center spaghetti dinner Tuesday night where it was announced she created a major endowed scholarship fund for students in financial need.

Especially since I have two girls, age 16 and 12. My oldest is thinking of Schoolcraft for the first year because it's local and inexpensive.

"The Foundation created a plan and worked with her (Hinkle's) estate attorney. You can have it just tuition but hers is all inclusive, it includes the recipient's children."

GIVING WAYS

According to John Walsh, executive director of development and governmental relations and Foundation board member, Hinkle is typical of the donors who support the college for years before deciding to develop an estate plan.

"She started with small gifts and attending different events which is the traditional path for our donors. They start by coming to a culinary extravaganza or taking a community ed course," said Walsh of Hinkle, who's taken classes at the college as a senior citizen. "The story is great because she is an ordinary person, not born to great wealth. She and her husband worked hard and saved their money. She's trying to give it away in a way that's meaningful for the future. She wants everyone to know anyone can do this. This type of gift permits us to help students

to attend school. Very often it makes a difference between whether or not a student can even attend here.

"We have a \$10 million endowed balance in the Foundation. Her estate plan allows us to grant more scholarships to more needy students only on interest earned. That means it will be perpetual."

Walsh suggests anyone considering leaving their estate to the foundation consult an attorney or financial adviser "so they're not jeopardizing their future." For more information about setting up an

endowed scholarship fund, call the Schoolcraft College Foundation office at (734) 462-4455 and ask for Walsh or Jason Valente, director of development.

"Nationally the trend is people are doing more estate planning gifts because the federal government had made it worth their while," said Walsh. "There's a great deal of wealth accumulated by baby boomers who are now thinking about their estate and tax advantageous rulings."

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AUCTION

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The dresses will be showcased in The Celebration of Creativity fashion show and luncheon event at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 5, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Each dress will be up for auction, with proceeds to benefit the Farmington Area Arts Commission, an organization that was close to Jody Soronen's heart.

Peter Soronen said he's happy to participate, in honor of his mother.

"When they approached me about it, I thought it would be a great way to give back to the community that I left so long ago," said Soronen, who lives in New York.

Guests will enjoy lunch from the award-winning OCC Culinary Institute, live harp music, and a silent auction.

Peter Soronen will be on hand to pay tribute to his mother, who served as chair of the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Committee, and executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. She was active with the Farmington Community Arts Council, the Farmington Founders Festival and many other organizations.

Her son's interest in fashion design began in Farmington Public Schools and contin-

ued at Oakland Community College, where he took his first pattern design class. His career started in Chicago in the early 1990s, where he found his niche in turning corsets into garments.

He designed wedding gowns and evening attire, carving out his own distinct style with every piece. Soon, his business grew and moved to New York City, where his prolific work includes seasonal collections and runway shows.

"He is so successful in a difficult economy — he's truly an amazing American talent," said Carey.

Besides visiting Tender on Maple in downtown Birmingham, his creations may be seen at www.petersoronen.com.

Rita Dilanian of Farmington Hills said she's excited to present this event to the public and that she's grateful for Soronen's involvement and his generosity.

"We're all so proud of him," she said. "He's a good person to offer us all of these gowns."

The fashion show models include: Miss Oakland County Samantha Steckloff, Marianne Carolan, Kristi Bowden, Erica Huyck, Diane Sarkisian and Susie Ellwood. Celebration of Creativity tickets are \$45 and may be purchased at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, or by calling (248) 473-1848.

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Third, as much as possible sleep on your back and side, not on your stomach. When you sleep on your stomach, you accentuate the lordotic curve the greatest support; being on your stomach puts the lordotic curve at its maximum strain.

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Benefit will help support veterans' trips to the World War II memorial

A Magical Night for Honor Flight, a benefit to help aging Michigan World War II veterans visit the national World War II memorial in Washington, D.C., will take place 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights (south of 13 Mile, between Stephenson Highway and John R Road).

The evening will benefit Honor Flight Michigan, an organization that arranges flights for World War II veterans have waited more than 60 years to see a memorial to their fallen comrades.

Nearly 1,500 World War II veterans die each day. For many, prohibitive health care

costs have wiped out their savings, preventing them from visiting the site. It costs \$350 to fly one veteran to and from the memorial.

Guests at the event will be treated to entertainment by animated illusionist and magician, Ardan James. A silent auction will be held. Among the items to be auctioned off are jewelry, Red Wings tickets, Detroit Tigers tickets, gift certificates, Italian dinner basket, golf packages, vintage wine basket and more.

Strolling dinner, dessert and coffee will be served. A cash bar will be available. Raffles will be conducted throughout the evening.

Donations of auction items

are appreciated. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsors to date include Wolverine Packing Co., Color Media Print Service and Casa d'Oro.

Cost of admission is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. The public is invited. Paid reservations are due by April 18. Checks should be made payable to Honor Flight Michigan, Inc. and mailed to Melissa Downey, 10734 Borgman, Huntington Woods, MI 48070.

For further details or sponsorship information, contact Melissa Downey at (248) 541-4388.

For information about Honor Flight Michigan, visit www.honorflightmichigan.com

Speakers share search engine secrets

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Google's home page March 20, the first day of spring, featured colorful flowers. Learning the ins and outs of search engine optimization was the focus that day at the Westland Rotary's lunch.

"Hopefully, you'll find this a benefit you can direct to your own business," said Randy Johnston, director of operations for Westland-based VR Metro LLC, a 10-year company specializing in Web design and promotion.

Johnston described how "key words" are vital in driving traffic to your business Web site, "to at least get some search engine positions. That's where a customer will land when they link to you."

Johnston used an example of Beste's Hydroponics Supply,

a client, showing how he and co-workers used key words and programming to increase visits to the site and boost sales. On a Google search, Hydroponics Michigan yielded spot No. 17 out of 227,000, compared to No. 20 out of 26,000 for Hydroponics Supplies Michigan, and not even in the top 100 of 860,000 for Hydroponics Supplies.

"You have to do the work," Johnston said. "You have to have relevant content." He recommends site design with a complete story of your business (who you are, what you do, how your products/services provide a benefit to customers) to have good enough content to get placement on search engines.

"They like bulleted lists, too, by the way," he added. At VR Metro, the staff has access to servers and he recognizes not

all business people do.

"It really comes down to the key word phrase," concluded Johnston, who was joined by Ron Howard, director of sales and development, and J.P. Cacciaglia, of customer service/information technology, for the business in the Ford-Newburgh area. It can be reached online at www.vrmetro.com or at (800) 473-5530.

Lou Toarmina, Westland Rotary president and Toarmina's Pizza owner, is a pleased customer. He gets good placement online for pizza, ahead of larger competitors. Fellow Rotarian Gary Bulson of Men on the Move in Westland also likes the service he gets.

"I just really enjoy working with them," said Bulson, who finds it fun to think of key words to boost his placement. "I know it works."

WEDDING



Tolsdorf-Goffas

Amy D. Tolsdorf and George P. Goffas were married Oct. 13, 2007, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Ann Arbor with the Rev. Nick Kotsis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Beverly A. Tolsdorf of Livonia and the late Bruce L. Tolsdorf. She has a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and employed by In-House Realty as Quicken Loans.

The groom is the son of Peter and Anastasia Goffas of Ann Arbor. He has a bachelor of science degree in criminology from Eastern Michigan University and is employed by Gofco Financial Group.

The bride was attended by Kimberly Bigger, main of honor and sister of the bride; Laura Tolsdorf, matron of honor and sister-in-law of the bride; and Lyric Tyler Bigger, flower girl and godchild of the bride.

The groom was attended by Tom Goffas, best man and brother of the groom; Eric Tolsdorf, groomsmen and brother of the bride; Cruz Ezra Tolsdorf, ring bearer and nephew of the bride; Dante Leonard Tolsdorf, junior groomsmen and godchild of the bride; and Tommy Peter Colburn, junior groomsmen and nephew of the groom.

A reception was held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The couple honeymooned at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Pinckney.

BIRTH



Hope Elizabeth Nashlon

Scott and Alison (Phillips) Nashlon of Belleville, formerly of Canton announce the birth of their daughter Hope Elizabeth on March 13, 2008 at U of M Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Marie Nashlon of Canton and Allyn and Carol Phillips of Ypsilanti.

ENGAGEMENTS



Fairbanks-VanHouten

Wayne and Kimberly Fairbanks of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Fairbanks, to Gabriel VanHouten, son of David and Linda VanHouten of Cadillac.

The bride-to-be received a bachelor of arts degree from Central Michigan University. She is employed at Organic in Bloomfield Hills as a senior engagement manager. She lives in Royal Oak.

The future groom received a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University. He is

employed at Swank Audio Visual in Dearborn as director of operations. A June wedding is planned in Birmingham.

Yates-Underwood

Brett and April Yates of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amelia, to Remick Underwood, son of Dennis and Robin Underwood of Redford.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and is currently attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School and is currently attending the University of Michigan-Deerborn.

The couple is planning a June wedding in the Detroit



Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Bloomfield Hills.

Crandell-deVries

Breck and Marilee Crandell of Ypsilanti announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle M. Crandell, to Jacob A. deVries, son of James and Janel deVries of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lutheran High Westland. She will graduate in May from Washtenaw Community College with a degree in early childhood development.

The future groom is a graduate of Lutheran Westland. He will graduate in May from Bowling Green State University with a degree in construction management.



An August wedding is planned for Ann Arbor.

Rankin-Covington

Kathryn Rankin of Royal Oak and Adam Covington of Plymouth have announced their engagement.

Katy is the daughter of Daniel and Sharon Rankin of Cedar, Mich. She is a graduate of Glen Lake High School and the University of Michigan where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in vocal performance and music education. She is currently employed by Farmington Public Schools as an elementary music teacher.

Adam is the son of William and Debra Covington of Plymouth, Mich. He is a graduate of Salem High School



and Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in hospitality business. He is currently employed by a sports and entertainment food service company as a senior club manager.

The couple plans a July wedding.

REUNIONS

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1988

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gn.org.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynilitu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at klivingston@nu-core.com.

Detroit Cass Tech

Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary

Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail dplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit High School of Commerce

Class of 1958 January, June and August

Planning reunion for Sept. 13. Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693.

Detroit Western High School

Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or email reunion-

30western@woway.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gch5989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/gch520threunion.

The reunion date has not been set yet.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@comcast.com.

Dearborn Edsel Ford

Classes of 1958

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club.

Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford.net may be contacted for further information.

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991

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Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School

60th Anniversary

The Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School (JACNS) in Detroit is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. A celebration and silent auction are being planned for Saturday, May 24. If you were associated with Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School at any time in the past, as either a student or parent, the school is seeking your memories. For information, email gandjack@yahoo.com, or call the Shields family at (313) 822-3211.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynilitu@aol.com.

Milford High School

Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. All interested class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Their contact email address is: milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School

Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth-Canton high schools

Classes of 1988

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact ceclas-sot1988@yahoo.com for more infor-



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Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Angelo of Birmingham, MI passed away January 8, 2008 at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids. A Memorial Service for Betty will be held at 2:00pm Thursday, March 27, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Memorials are suggested to the Clark Foundation for Benevolent Care, 1551 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Arslulowicz Brothers, East Mortuary 616-458-1297 www.arslulowiczbrothers.com

Dominick S. Lomazzo

Age 72, March 14, 2008. Dear father of Anthony (Joy), Matthew (Heather) and Christa. Grandfather of Anthony, Jessica, Christopher, Josh, Kortney, Dominick and Cassidy. Brother of Beatrice Heafield. Memorial Visitation Saturday 1pm until a 2pm Memorial Service at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. (between Ford & Warren Rds.). Luncheon to follow service. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Good Shepherd Reformed Church. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son, 734-427-3800.



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CARL VERN WYMAN

Age 85, of Higgins Lake, passed on March 19, 2008. Carl was a World War II Veteran, and retired from Consumers Energy in 1981. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, as well as cutting wood and picking blueberries. Carl died of Alzheimer's disease while under the care of Angela Hospice in his family home in Plymouth. Carl was preceded in death by his son Gary. His wife Phyllis of 64 years, son Carlton (Mama), daughter Debbie Moore (Mel) and Daughter-in-law Pat (Gary's Wife). Papa loved his 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Sat., March 22nd at 1pm in Marion MI. at Fosnaught Holdship Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice in memory of Carl Wyman at: www.angelahospice.org

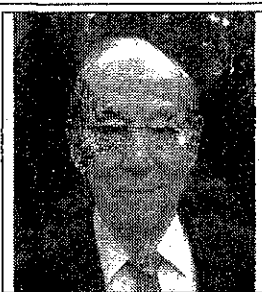
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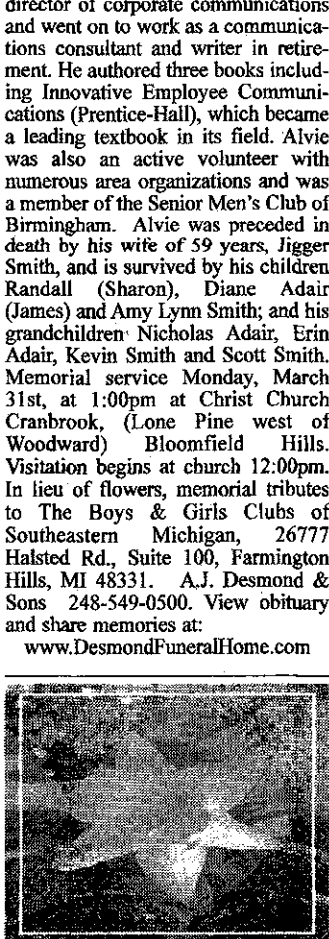
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ALVIE L. SMITH

March 19, 2008 after a long illness. Age 84 of Birmingham. Born November 5, 1923 in Garfield, Ga. Alvie grew up in Savannah. He served in World War II with the Eighth Air Force as a B-17 bombardier, flying 35 missions. Alvie was awarded the Air Medal with silver cluster and five European Theater battle stars, ultimately rising to the rank of major during his more than 20 years of active and reserve service. After the war, Alvie earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in journalism at the University of Wisconsin. He then worked for Michigan State University and in 1955 he joined General Motors. Alvie retired from GM in 1988 as director of corporate communications and went on to work as a communications consultant and writer in retirement. He authored three books including Innovative Employee Communications (Prentice-Hall), which became a leading textbook in its field. Alvie was also an active volunteer with numerous area organizations and was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. Alvie was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Jigger Smith, and is survived by his children Randall (Sharon), Diane Adair (James) and Amy Lynn Smith; and his grandchildren: Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. Memorial service Monday, March 31st, at 1:00pm at Christ Church Cranbrook, (Lone Pine west of Woodward) Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 12:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, 26777 Halsted Rd., Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



CHARLES EDWARD SHAW

Age 88 of Farmington Hills, March 19, 2008 after a gallant fight with cancer. Charles joined in heaven his beloved wife, Mary, who preceded him in death two years ago, after 62 years of joyful marriage. He was born in Lansing, MI on August 18, 1919, and lived almost all his life in Michigan - Lansing, Okemos, and Farmington. He and Mary moved to Farmington Twp in 1956, and raised their two loving daughters, Sally (Robert) Kirsten of Farmington Hills, and Mary Amanda (Ronald) Zumbrunnen of Northville. They strongly promoted education and both daughters graduated from MSU, as did their mother. Charles worked for Lincoln Engineering and later was National Sales Mgr for Theim Corp, creating custom sealants for automotive mfg. He was devoted to his wife and family, and was a master craftsman - especially restoration of MG, Porsche, and Alpha Romeo sports cars. He could fix anything, and with just basic tools. He is survived by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Arrangements are entrusted to McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, MI. A memorial service will take place at 1st Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills, MI at 11AM on Tuesday, March 25, 08. Interment will be beside his wife in Lansing. Please feel free to share memories and thoughts at: www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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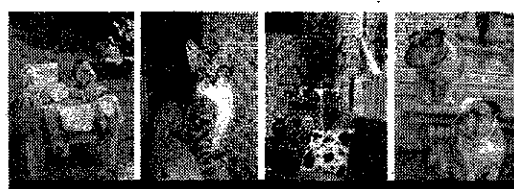
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MUSIC AT WORK - SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES



WORKWISE

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iPods aren't the most exciting development regarding music in the workplace. Agreement over special circumstances and types of music is.

Take the case of orthopedic surgeon Steven Barnett at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif. He can't listen to music during office visits, but he does in the OR. Barnett keeps volume low to optimize relaxation.

"If we don't have music playing," he continues, "it seems as if something is out of order in the OR. Most surgeons have done procedures thousands and thousands of times. The replaces hips and knees, which take from one to four hours. But if a previous replacement failed, he's less likely to have music on. Or if he encounters a challenge, he'll have the room silenced until everyone has worked through the rough spot."

Like Barnett, psychologist Russell Riendeau, senior partner at The East Wing Search Group in Barrington, Ill., uses music under special circumstances -- in his case, in educational programs and motivational speeches for groups of 25 or more. Pop music from the 50s forward accompanies

his message about personal change and generational differences so that when participants hear the same songs again, messages will be reinforced. "We might be discussing how difficult it is to work in an office environment," he says. "Where there are cubicles, there's always a strange guy. I mention the importance of embracing diversity while singing 'Secret Cubicle Man' to the popular song 'Secret Agent Man.'"

Meredith Hamilton of Clearwater, Fla.'s Expert Communications, which trains and markets professionals to be expert witnesses, also uses music for special situations -- when people are feeling stressed. She e-mails a ten-minute notice for the next dance break. "Then I'll play a fun song I've saved on my computer, like something from 'Grease,'" she reports, "or pull out a musical card, like James Brown's 'I Feel Good,' a tune we can get silly with and smile. Somehow, it puts that break in the day, makes us more creative and productive." She also plays music when the group is assembling packets for a conference. "It gets you going," she explains.

"I mostly use music while working with clients who don't understand the concept of time," says Allison Carter of The Professional Organizer L.L.C., in Marietta, Ga. "It allows them to work for the length of a song. The song acts as a timer." She favors energetic songs to motivate people every day to clean up their desks and calming songs, such as classical and other instrumental music, for filing in three-

minute bursts, once an hour only.

The experience of San Antonio's Roch Jimenez, soon-to-be a recovery business owner, suggests that corporations dislike music because of its ability to make employees comfortable. Working on a factory floor with 250 other people, he finally convinced his boss that a small portable cassette recorder was worth a try. "The music would be for where I sat with five other workers," he explains. "It would be kept low; there would be no dancing; and we would have an increase in productivity." It all came true, and other tables picked up on the trend. "When a music war between adjoining tables broke out," he continues, "justice was swift and fair -- no music for seven business days." Productivity jumped 22 percent.

Barnett, the surgeon, indicates that a little sensitivity to the needs of others makes music possible in some situations. He mentions that some patients choose not to have music playing until after they're anesthetized, while others will request a specific musician or group to be played during the operation. "That's the neat thing about having the Internet," he says. "There are 100,000 songs available."

Where is music going in the workplace? Hamilton says nowhere, in terms of "a constant background noise," except where a person works in isolation, because tasks and work styles vary. "Jimenez says not where it compromises safety. 'Take it out of the workplace or society,' opines Riendeau,



Credit: Courtesy of Steven Barnett, M.D.

Photo: Steven Barnett, M.D., is shown here in one of his thousands of hip replacement surgeries. He has performed so many of these surgeries that playing quiet music in the background is soothing for everyone in the OR. Barnett practices at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif.

the speaker, "and you'd probably have an extremely depressed, desensitized, unmotivated, less healthy human being, because it helps us feel better."

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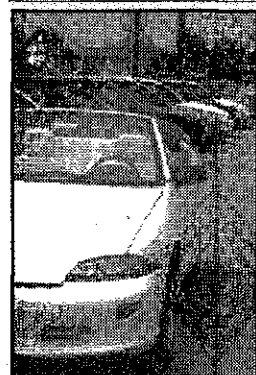
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2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE, at home on-and off-road

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By Dave Menard
Avanti News Features

So many SUVs are sold to people who have no intention of using them for anything resembling "sport." I have to admit I would be one of them. I'm not an off-roader, so an SUV's off-road capabilities don't matter to me much on a personal level. On a professional level, though, I know there are lots of you who want something you can take off-road, as well as look good on city streets. If that describes you, I'd advise you to take a good look at the 2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE.

Simply put, the LR2 seems equally at home no matter where you drive it. It's an impressive-looking SUV, with a clamshell bonnet, stepped roof, and wraparound headlights (with headlight washers). The headlights are available as either halogen lights, or High Intensity Discharge projector lamps, with Adaptive Front Lighting - which allow the lights to swivel with the direction of travel - available as part of an optional lighting package (\$1,050). Eighteen-inch aluminum alloy wheels are standard, as are front and rear fog lamps.

Inside, the cabin is functional with a touch of elegance. Instrumentation includes a tachometer and coolant temperature gauge; there's a driver's information center in the middle of the instrument panel, as well. The leather-wrapped steering wheel also features audio controls and the cruise control switches.

The standard leather seats are comfortable and provide excellent support, even during long trips. The seats are six-way power adjustable, including height-adjustable. Driving position is excellent, and rear seat passengers enjoy an excellent view, thanks to the "stadium seating" design, which places rear passengers at a slightly higher elevation than those in the front seat.

There's plenty of room in the LR2, both for cargo and for people. Total luggage volume is almost 60 cubic feet with the rear seats folded forward and 26.7 cubic feet when the seats are raised. The rear cargo area features a reversible load floor cover; one side is carpet for those items you might not want to scratch, while the other side is a water-resistance surface on the other for sports equipment or things that might otherwise get the carpet dirty.

The roof line is high enough for tall drivers, and there's



The 2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE. A capable performer no matter the terrain.

a lot of leg and shoulder room, as well. The standard power tilt-and-slide sunroof with sunblinds provides nice natural light for the cabin during the day. Visibility is excellent, thanks to the liberal use of glass.

The LR2 comes with some nice standard features. Power windows, rear park distance control, dual-zone automatic climate control, cruise control and the above-mentioned sunroof are all standard.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with eight speakers and a subwoofer. For \$3,500, you can upgrade to a system that features Dolby Pro-Logic II 7.1 Surround Sound, upgraded amplifier, 14 speakers, sub-woofer, six-disc in-dash CD changer, rear seat audio controls, satellite radio, Bluetooth connectivity, and integrated navigation system.

Both the upgraded audio and navigation systems are excellent; the navigation system is clear and easy to use (with a nice feature that allows you to turn off the voice guidance system, if you like), and the sound system is one of the best out there.

There is a Cold Climate Package offered as an option. This \$700 package gets you a heated front windshield, heated front row seats and heated windshield washer jets.

I'll admit I didn't go off-road with the LR2, so I can't give you a first hand account of how it would do off-road, but I can tell you that on city streets and long highways, the LR2 is a joy to drive, and I don't say that about a lot of SUVs.

The ride is excellent for an all-wheel drive vehicle, and it's fairly easy to handle. You can choose for four different Terrain Response settings to get the right driving environment for you: General Driving, Grass/Gravel/Snow, Mud/Ruts, and Sand. Each provides different responses from the gearbox, engine, chassis and center coupling to maximize traction as necessary.

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Electronic Traction control are part of the LR2's drive system, as well, allowing it to adapt to various driving conditions.

The LR2 is powered by 3.2-liter, 24-valve, in-line, 6-cylinder engine. It's rated at 230 horsepower and 234 lb.-ft. of torque. It gets you get under way fairly quickly, with a 0-60 time of 8.4 seconds. Mileage is respectable for an all-wheel drive vehicle - 16 mpg in the city and 23 on the highway.

The engine is mated with a six-speed automatic transmission. You can choose a driving mode that fits your needs: sport or normal. You can also shift the gears yourself, if you like, using the LR2's Command-Shift mode. I wouldn't bother; the automatic gear selections suit everyday driving just fine.

Anti-lock brakes are standard and they are excellent. The LR2 also comes with dual-threshold driver and front passenger airbags, driver's knee airbag, side-impact airbag for driver and front seat passenger and side-curtain airbags for first- and second-row occupants.

The 2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE starts at a little over \$35,000. Add the Cold Climate Package, Lighting Package, and the upgraded audio/navigation system and you're close to \$41,000. Not bad really for an all-wheel drive SUV you can really take just about anywhere.

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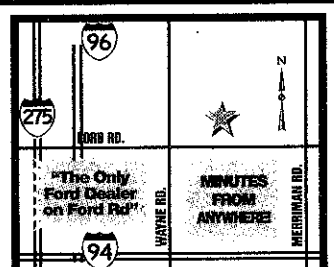
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New Homes



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What, me worry? Newman offers gracious living with ease

The unique V-shape of the Newman (D1689) uses the front entry area with the various rooflines above as accents to draw the eyes of the beholder. The large fireplace chimney in the rear also lends eye appeal to the façade. A large three-car garage faces the left side while all the bedrooms face the left side.

Columns support the cov-

ered stoop entry into the Newman. Once inside the arched entry opens into a large, spacious great room. To the left of the entry is an open dining room with taller ceilings. Behind the angular wall of the dining room is the utility with a door opening into the garage. Adjacent is a half bath and closet.

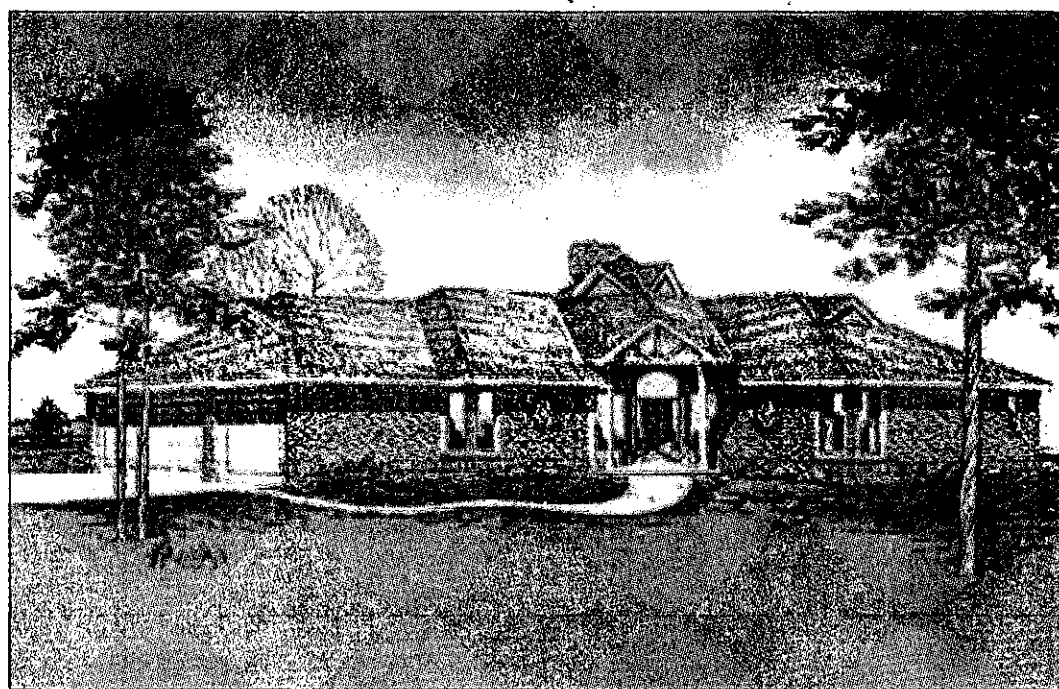
The corner kitchen has an island in the middle while

cabinets and appliances line the wall in a C-shape. Over the sink is a garden window. A corner walk-in pantry is convenient to the door to the garage for ease of putting groceries away. Separating the kitchen/nook from the great room is a built-in desk on the wall to the stairs to the unfinished basement.

Twelve-foot ceilings, a fireplace centered in the V, and windows lining both sides, accent the beautiful great room. A covered deck with roof louvers over the windows adds to the charm of the room. There are column posts near the entry and a corner post off the stairs for support and to add to the room's decor.

The right side of the Newman is devoted to the bedrooms. The master suite is on the outside wall. French doors open into the main suite while a full master bath is in the rear corner. A raised spa tub is separated from the shower by glass blocks, while his and her sinks are opposite. A large walk-in closet with shelves is adjacent the sinks.

Bedrooms 2 and 3 are fac-



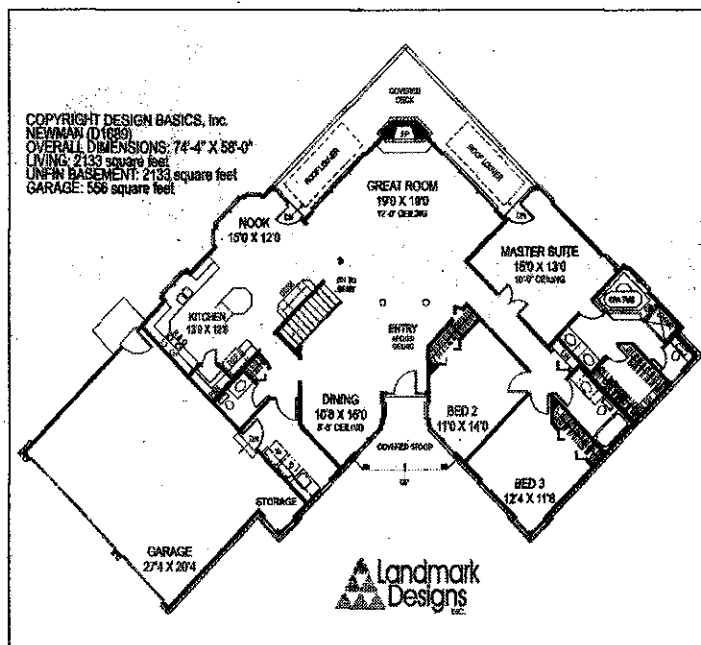
ing the front of the home. Each has wall closets and bedroom 3 has a special set of windows in the front corner. Convenient to both bedrooms is a full bath with a tub.

This wonderfully unique 2,133-square-foot home would lend itself to the family that likes to entertain. The openness of the great room

and the dining room would be ideal for the large family gathering or the gathering of friends for the holidays.

For a study plan of the NEWMAN (D1689), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with

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■ Get the help you need to start and maintain a successful business with an eight-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Education Seminars. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, March 25 & 27, from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

This seminar is designed to help make sense of and remove the unknowns of purchasing, starting and maintaining a successful business. The cost of the seminar is \$105 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook. Pre-registration with payment is preferred as classes may cancel. Call Henry Ford Community College at (313) 317-1500 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On site registration with payment is acceptable.

BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers will present the ABCs of Remodeling for all interested homeowners. The event will take place at Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday, April 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and is free to everyone. The Center is located just west of Telegraph and north off 14 Mile. Homeowners will have an opportunity to speak directly with remodelers and to providers of related services. A panel of experts will discuss what homeowners need to know about major and minor remodeling for improvement projects such as kitchens and baths, home additions and insurance repairs. Also included will be information on energy efficiency, cost and financing and how to hire a professional contractor.

The panel of experts includes Mark Renn of H.J. Oldenkamp, John Maloney of BOA Construction, Don Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction, Patty Shea of Shea Company Construction, Tim Smith of Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mike Gordon, A.I.A., of Moiseev/Gordon Architects and Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance. Each expert is a member of BIA and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers Council.

Exhibitors will be on hand to show their remodeling products and services, includ-

ing Advance Plumbing & Heating Supply, Affordable Spaces/Four Seasons, Andersen Windows, Carnovale Associates, Closets Plus, Inc., Hinkson Construction Co., Michigan Shelf Distributors, Newmyer Remodeling and Shea Company Construction.

The event is free to everyone. For further information, call the Association, (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Construction Association of Michigan (CAM) present The Southeast Michigan Residential & Commercial Construction Safety Training Workshop on Thursday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom.

The seminar will include how to deal with fall protection, trenching, rigging, masonry, aerial lift, fire protection, scaffolding, asbestos awareness and more.

Registration is \$75 per person. After March 25, registration is payable at the door only and is \$90 per person. To register, call Joe Forgue at (248) 972-1141 or Sheila Denstaedt at (248) 862-1033. To register online, visit www.cam-online.com or www.builders.org

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, April 9, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy. This house built by Wake-Pratt Construction is on the east side of Crooks Road, north of Square Lake Road.

In this first of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses the technical and sales aspects of Building Green using materials and methods that result in Green Built® certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. Training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Design Build" course on Tuesday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach techniques that lead to a well managed, full service build-



The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present the ABCs of remodeling for homeowners from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, in Bloomfield Hills.

ing or remodeling business with increased profits and maximized customer satisfaction. He will also discuss the benefits of implementing a design/build strategy and how to make it successful.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Selling to the CAPS Generation, the New Gen X" (Certified Aging-In-Place) on Wednesday, April 16, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Services Group, will instruct attendees on how to communicate and interact with this exciting and evolving population and how to do business with one of the fastest growing market segments. Registration fees are \$15 for SMC members, \$25 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1003.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property

Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on "Pool Chemistry and Maintenance" on Thursday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Wilmar staff will instruct attendees in aspects of pool chemistry, filtration, circulation, routine cleaning, daily testing and chemical maintenance. Fees are \$45 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Leasing 101: The 2008 Tour" seminar on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. The seminar is valuable for newly hired leasing personnel as well as seasoned ones. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

'Tools of the Trade'

Real estate author, speaker and expert forecaster Stefan Swanepoel will present his visionary "Top 10 Trends" for 2008 as Realcomp II Ltd. hosts its annual "Tools of the Trade" Expo, Thursday April 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. at the Ford Conference and



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Event Center in Dearborn. Swanepoel will serve as the Expo's keynote speaker. Free and open to all Michigan Realtors and support personnel, the

all-day, Big Top-themed event will also feature presentations, technological displays and more than 50 exhibitors sharing industry innovations. A catered lunch will be served by Opos to Go.

"Each year, the Expo provides Michigan Realtors with a comprehensive forum for networking as well as discovering new resources and information designed to enhance their business and ability to

serve their customers," said Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd. "As attendance for our event continues to grow, we are looking forward to more than 1,000 Realtors joining us this year. 'Tools of the Trade,' we are quite happy to say, has truly become one of Michigan real estate's most anticipated events."

To register for the Expo or to obtain information, visit online at: www.RealcompExpo.com.

Broker Summit

The Michigan Association of Realtors will host its sixth annual Broker Summit Conference on April 15-16. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The 2008 Broker Summit will feature industry speaker Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist and senior vice president of Research for the National Association of Realtors. Also highlighting the event will be John Tuccillo, author of *The Eight New Rules of Real Estate*; Sherry Chris, president and CEO of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate; Steve Harney, industry leader in real estate agent training; Greg McClelland, counsel to the Michigan Association of Realtors; Kelly Myers, of McClelland & Anderson, LLP; Nancy Haynes, director of Fair Housing Center of West Michigan; and Brian Westrin, MAR manager of Legal Affairs. An expert legal panel and MAR update are also scheduled. For more information, visit the MAR web site at <http://www.mirealtors.com/brokersummit/2008.html> or contact Joe Kras at (800) 454-7842.

Parade of Staged Homes

The second annual Parade of Staged Homes Event will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4. Proceeds of the event benefit Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. Its purpose is to showcase exceptional houses and the Realtors who understand how to use home staging as a marketing tool, as well as provide an opportunity for the public to meet Accredited Home Staging Professionals that are helping to market and ultimately sell houses quickly in the Detroit metro area. Those who are interested in finding a quality home or learning about the staging process to sell their properties are encouraged to attend. Houses can be located by going to www.paradeofstagedhomes.com for map and addresses. Admission is free.

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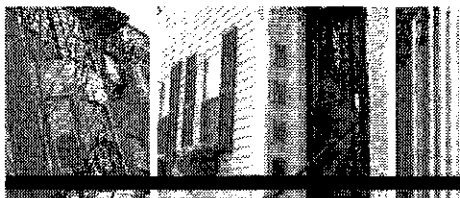
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SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **☎235988**

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the outdoors, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **☎241298**

JUST A NICE PERSON...
looking for a nice man. Tall SBF, 45, 5'8", long hair, glasses, seeks SM, 45-65, WM a plus. **☎249320**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **☎147056**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **☎230694**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 130lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, long for N/S, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **☎408679**

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **☎262181**

NEW BEGINNINGS
This attractive SWF, blonde/brown, 5'5", 50s, is honest, caring and sincere. I enjoy nature, water, travel, music, quiet times. I am a good friend, companion, seeking a mature gentleman, 60+. **☎233677**

ARE YOU HERE?
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBF, 58-65, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **☎260770**

VERY CUTE
SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **☎113198**

GET TO KNOW ME
BF, 57", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. **☎250736**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, mainly gentleman. **☎692549**

LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST

SF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? **☎247152**

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWM, 55-62, N/S, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. **☎933381**

DO YOU EXIST?
DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, D/D-free, with good sense of humor. **☎200236**

LOOKING FOR A COMPANION
Tall, attractive WWF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide variety of interest to share all life offers. **☎236416**

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 66, 5'6", blond, N/S, good sense of humor, enjoys life, dancing and dining, seeking a W/WM, 66-75, N/S, sincere and humorous, for companionship, maybe more. Oakland county replies only. **☎207161**

LET'S TALK SOON
Sincere, drama-free SWF, 57, 5'6", reddish-brown/brown, glasses, 165lbs, D/D-free, ISO S/DWM, 35-62 who's shared in a friends first relationship. **☎246147**

WHY NOT CALL?
Family-oriented SWF, 53, 5'5", 145lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys The Red Wings, The Pistons, movies, outdoor activities and more. Seeking compatible man to share and explore all life offers. **☎251092**

WORTH THE CALL
SWF, 55, 5'6", dark autumn/hazel, N/S, no children, never married, seeking SM, to share talks, casual dates, nice times and see where it goes. **☎252620**

HERE I AM GUYS
Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 155lbs, brown eyes, independent, employed, secure. Seeking warm-hearted, intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. **☎238307**

TRY THIS ONE
Loving, sincere SBF, 58, easygoing, looking for a good-hearted, Christian gentleman with The Lord in his heart to share life, laughter, happiness and possible LTR. **☎242234**

WORTH A CALL
SWF, 55, loves movies, trying new things, sports events, motocross, sewing and more. Seeking sociable SM, with similar interests, to share the special times in life. Friendship first, possible LTR. **☎245092**

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'8", 124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles, outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/qualities, for friendship/LTR. **☎245846**

LOOKING FOR ME?
Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian gentleman, 49-57, 5'11"-6'2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. **☎246967**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
SBF, 53", long hair, student, seeking a SBF, 19-23, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. **☎248542**

HELLO
SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seeking well-educated SW/AM, 47-55, clean-cut, handsome, independent and warm. **☎249756**

WORTH A LOOK
SBF, 30, 5'7", 195lbs, nurse, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for good-hearted, open-minded man to share the good times in life, friendship and maybe more. **☎253834**

IT'S WORTH THE CALL
SBF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes. **☎255979**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blond, 5'5", H/W proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. **☎759645**

FUN & OUTGOING
SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, tennis, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **☎275968**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. **☎933760**

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/F, 43, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. **☎568599**

WHY NOT CALL?
SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friendship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. **☎217234**

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBF, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? **☎985794**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED
SBM, 46, looking for that special person for LTR, someone who enjoys wine, movies, sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, independent and know what you want in life. **☎692418**

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brouhaha, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. **☎531308**

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WWM, 45, 5'11", 185lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/outdoor. Looking for LTR, with the right person. **☎265340**

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. **☎587540**

GOOD MAN FOUND
Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. **☎267088**

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest D/DWF, wise sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **☎266446**

LOOKING FOR YOU
SWM, 50, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who enjoys Backgammon/Chess, dancing, working out at Bally's, piano bars, comedy clubs, coffee houses, art galleries. Must be social drinker, N/S, H/W proportionate. **☎218827**

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/WM SWF, for dating and fun times. **☎187614**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Laid-back, affectionate, good-humored SBF, 38, 5'11", 165lbs, goatee/beard, hazel-brown eyes, looking for drama-free, good-hearted woman, communicative and compassionate to share hopes, dreams, happiness, friendship and maybe something more. **☎250650**

LET'S GO OUT!

DWM, 47, 5'11", 185lbs, N/S, social drinker, physically fit, fun, loyal, energetic, hard-working, seeking happy SW/AF, 32-45, kids ok, who's attractive, slender to average build, to have fun, possible LTR. **☎250806**

INTERESTED?
WM, 5'11", brown/blue, goatee, moustache, looking for a woman who wants to start a relationship. Seeking W/F, 18-45. **☎265007**

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Affectionate SWM, 40, 5'9", 210lbs, dark brown/brown, easygoing, friendly, enjoys dining, movies, talks, walks, and waterfront talks, quiet times home. Looking for compatible lady who knows how to enjoy life. **☎238130**

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SWM, 62, good listener, enjoys cards, travel, the arts, walks and more, offering a good friendship to a warm-hearted woman, with inner/outer beauty. **☎233598**

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Easygoing, expressive DWM, 43, nice looks, no kids, enjoys traveling, outdoors, romantic evenings. Seeks warm-hearted SWF. **☎112288**

LOVELY TOO LONG
Funny, easygoing SWM, 49, kids at home, enjoys travel, being with people. Seeking slim SBF, 20-40, who likes sports. Give me a call. **☎273689**

A GOOD MAN
SM, 45, 5'8", looking for a full-figured female, 25-50, for dating, possible LTR. Face unimportant. **☎264078**

SEEKS FUN FEMALE
SBM, 29, 6'1", 200lbs, athletic build, smoker, loves bowling, pool, swimming, golf, movies, dining. Seeking nice, mature, strong-minded, communicative BF, 22-36, for friendship, possible romance. **☎265403**

SEEKING A REAL WOMAN
SBM, 32, 5'9", 195lbs, N/S, seeks real, cool, fun, outgoing woman, 21-45, N/S, who enjoys life. **☎265183**

SEXY BM SEEKS SEXY BF
Young SBM, 24, N/S, seeks fun, vibrant woman, 18-32, N/S, for sports, hanging out, music, having fun. **☎266318**

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Single, middle-aged male seeks SWF for casual dating. She should be attractive, petite, financially independent. Prefer Oakland County. **☎266732**

MARTIAL ARTIST
SWM, 45, 5'6", slim build, smoker, into martial arts, enjoys all types of music. Seeking secure, honest, caring, humorous woman, 28-57, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **☎264446**

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SBM, 49, smoker, seeks W/F, 30-50, for LTR. Let's get together and see what develops! **☎260148**

LIGHT MY FIRE
Honest SWM, 41, 5'9", 147lbs, blond/blue, clean-cut, caring, humorous woman, 28-57, for the right woman! **☎263709**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, dinner, travel. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. **☎221121**

SEEKING EBONY WOMAN
Attractive SWPM seeking BF for dating. New to area and looking to explore the area. Sense of humor, easygoing, attractive, H/W proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. **☎262579**

LOOKING FOR A FUN LADY
Devoted SCM, 36, low-key and light-hearted, looking for SBF, race open, to enjoy church, dinner, date, movie nights and much more. Let's see what happens. **☎252802**

HI LADIES
SWM, 46, kind, hard-working, N/S, seeking SB/HF, 32-34, N/S, for sharing conversation, enjoys dates, laughter and just living life. Possible LTR. **☎254060**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
W/M, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, is a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. **☎257001**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
WM, 6'3", dark/blue, easygoing, down-to-earth, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out. Would love to meet an attractive female for dating. Foreign born a plus. **☎257029**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 25-50, for dating. **☎257496**

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks W/F, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. **☎603005**

LET'S GET GOING!
SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks personable SWF for dating and more. **☎128302**

YOUNG-AT-HEART
SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, N/S, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first may be marriage. **☎449201**

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. **☎177324**

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
DWM, 49, 250lbs, overweight, enjoys life's simple things. Seeking friendship leading to love with SWF, 35-60, caring, compassionate, romantic, open-minded, who will accept me in good times and bad. **☎259425**

FD LIKE TO MEET YOU!
SWM, 5'10", 53, houseowner, lonely, interested in meeting a SWF, 40-45, N/S. Let's get together and see what happens! **☎264178**

SEEKING LTR
WM, 52, looking for a woman to spend some quality time with. Want to meet someone to share nice evenings and the finer things in life with. 30-58. **☎265218**

LIFE IS BEST SHARED
Secure, employed, independent SWM, 39, sociable, affectionate, kind, seeks similar lady who likes sports, theater, romance, to share the finer things in life, laughter and anything that comes our way. **☎232608**

FRIENDLY AND FUN
SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life. **☎235736**

HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confident, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking W/F, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. **☎384967**

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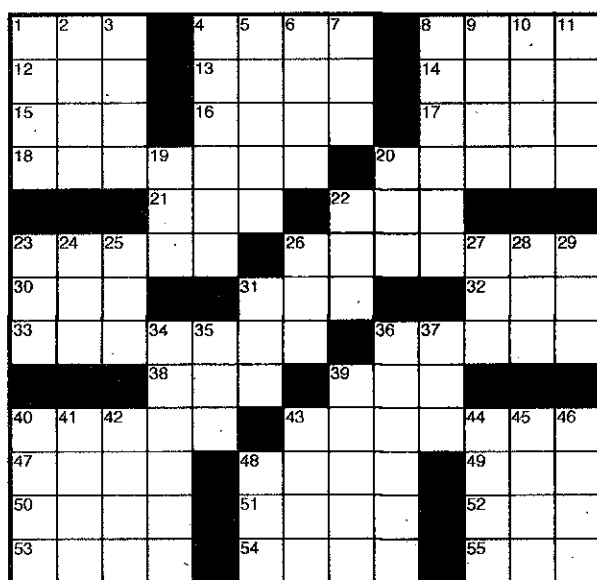
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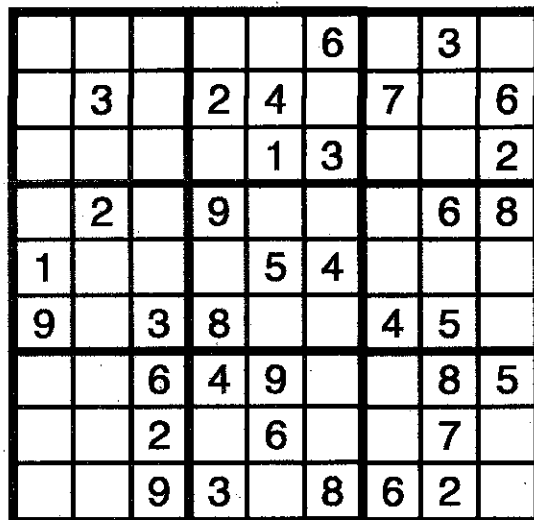
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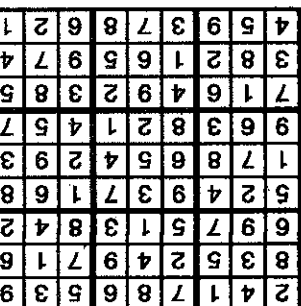
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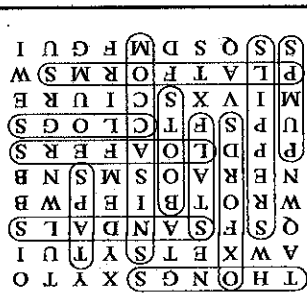
THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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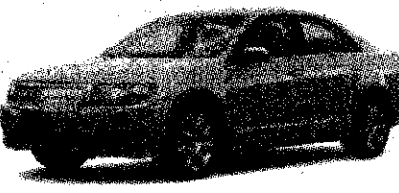
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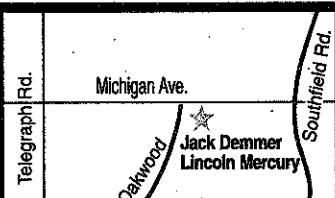
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