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Parents ask: Where did hoop money go?

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Did the former longtime president of the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association run a fastbreak last spring with registration fees he had collected for a spring high school league?

That's the \$10,000 question a group of Plymouth and Canton parents would like to ask Al Flower, who oversaw the PCJBA for close to 30

However, Flower has been difficult to contact since he collected their \$115 entry fees in February 2005 The league was scheduled to start last April and run through early June However, no league games were ever played and, according to parents, not one dollar has been refunded

In an interview with the Observer in August, Flower said the league never got off the ground due to a combination of factors, including lack of interest and personal problems he had encountered Refunds would be

forthcoming, he added

Six months later, parents say, nothing has changed

Since August, Flower's phone number has been disconnected, and attempts to reach him have been unsuccessful At least two parents of players who registered for the league have filed complaints against Flower with the Plymouth Township Police Department

"My son told me that some of the boys he knows paid the \$115 from their own savings," said Kit

McGuigan, a former PCJBA coach "I also heard that one of the other coaches paid some of the other players back - over \$400 - out of his

"Al put his heart and soul into the league for a very long time Al was the league He gave so much of his time and energy," McGuigan added 'He was essentially at every game, checking on everything He ran things like a compassionate drill sergeant — he was stern, but fair with the kids and adults

In the August interview, Flower said approximately 30 kids had signed up for the league, but McGuigan estimated the number to be much higher

"Al told me he had close to a full league a few weeks before everything came crashing down," McGuigan said "Based on how many kids are usually in the league and on the number of people I've talked to who have lost money, I'd say there were 100 kids -

PLEASE SEE MONEY, A5

'Gun' used in heist turns up

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth police believe they have the gun used in the Feb 4 late-night robbery of the Hungry Howie's Pizza on Main Street

After putting out flyers asking residents to search their backyards for a possible weapon, a realistic-looking toy gun was found in the the 600 block of Ross, the same location where a ski mask and hat were found shortly after the robbery

"The gun was recovered Thursday afternoon," Officer Al Cox said 'It's been in the rain and snow, so it will be difficult to get prints But we'll give it a shot'

Cox described the gun as an air soft pellet gun, which shoots rubber pellets that are mostly harmless

"But it looks like and has the mechanical operation like a real handgun," Cox said "It's designed to look like a real handgun"

Police arrested one man on unrelated charges and consider him a suspection the robbery in which a skimasked bandıt entered the rear door of the pızza establıshment and demanded cash, Police say employees saw the black grip of a handgun sticking out of the bandit's jacket pocket, the same color as the grip of the toy gun that was found

Anyone with information about the robbery should contact the Plymouth police detective bureau at (734) 453-1234, ext



Collin Fowler, Colin McNally and Claire Forfinski count some of the \$4,000 worth of quarters Our Lady of Good Counsel students collected in their fund-raising drive to feed the hungry worldwide

Helping out, a quarter at a time

Students learn big bucks aren't only way to help

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Sometimes a little effort can lead to big results, and students at Our Lady of Good Counsel school in Plymouth learned that valuable lesson while helping to feed starving dindren throughout the

To get their attention, each student received a tube of M&M candies for their enjoyment However, instead of throwing away the empty tube, students were asked to fill them with quarters, with the proceeds to be sent to Feed My Starving Children, which produces ready-to-boil meals for starving children worldwide

"They learned that it doesn't take \$100 bills, but quarters can do something to make a difference," said Colleen Fowler of Plymouth, who organized the fund-raising

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS, A5



Student Mary Kate McNally goes through the candy containers

State cops nab township man in child porn sting

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

A 29-year-old Plymouth Township man was lodged in the Wayne County Jail Friday, charged with four counts of possession of child sexually abusive

Christopher Twitchell was arrested after an anonymous tip led Michigan State Police to his door, according to Sgt Michael Shaw of the MSP Metro South Post in Taylor The tip came in

December

'We made contact with him the first week of January," Shaw said "He was cooperative, he allowed us to seize his computer'

State police seized four computer discs Shaw said contained more than 1,000 images of child pornography After Twitchell allowed troopers to search his home, police seized the computers and related materials

Shaw said that degree of cooperation isn't unusual in cases where police

have been tipped off

"We just knocked on his door and asked if we could see his computer," Shaw said "Once we find them, most (suspects) are pretty cooperative'

State police turned the case over to Wayne County prosecutors, who arraigned Twitchell in 35th District Court Friday Bail was set at \$100,000, and Twitchell was taken to Wayne County Jail His preliminary exam is scheduled for March 3, back in 35th District Court

Field getting crowded for **House seat**

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The 20th State House seat being vacated at the end of the year by term-limited Rep John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) is drawing plenty of early interest

At least four Republican candidates have publicly expressed interest in representing the 20th House District, with one Democrat already filing for the August primary

Beth Stewart, wife of the current representative, entered the Republican primary by filing the \$100 fee with the Wayne County clerk's office Jan 13 Republicans who have announced they will take on Stewart include Plymouth Mayor Pro Tem Phil Pursell and Don Schnettler of Plymouth Township Former Plymouth Township Trustee Abe Munfakh said he's been approached about running, but hasn't made a final decision

Beth Stewart, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, said one of her main priorities, if elected, will be education

"We have such great schools in the Plymouth, Northville and Wayne communities and I want to maintain the level of funding," Stewart said "That directly goes with the cultural opportunities we have in this community, and I want to see increased state support for those things

Pursell would be following the footsteps of his father, Carl Pursell, who spent time in Lansing as a state senator from 1970-76 before a long and distinguished career as a Michigan congressman

"I want to make it easier for businesses to operate in this state," said Pursell, who owns Main Street Auto Wash in Plymouth "I think it's paramount we eliminate the Single Business Tax I don't think the Legislature will deal with it until an off-election year, and I hope to be there to effect that change"

Schnettler said identity theft and early release of prisoners are top priorities on his list. "Identity theft is an easy thing to do, and

there's not much of a penalty for messing up two years of someone's life," Schnettler said "We're doing early release of prisoners because of lack of jail space, but most people don't care about how many prisoners are in a cell Because of it, we're having to spend money to build more prisons or expand jails'

On the Democratic ticket, Plymouth-Canton Schools Trustee Joanne Lamar filed Jan 14, and thus far is running unopposed in the August primary

Nominating petitions for the 20th House District — which represents Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township, a strip of Canton Township along I-275 and Wayne — must be filed by 4 p m. May 16 at the Wayne County clerk's office in Detroit.

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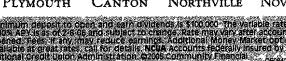
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Chili cook-off

The Plymouth Salvation Army holds its fourth-annual Chili Cook-Off and Basket Auction 4-7 p m Saturday, Feb 25

Admission is \$2 per person, and is free to children ages 12 and under The public is wel come to attend this fund rais er which helps raise money for The Salvation Armys World Services This program places missionaries in 110 countries worldwide, usually under very difficult circumstances

Organizers are looking for more chili cookers for the Chili Cook-Off For more information, call Kelly Boelter (734) 453 5464, Ext 32

Planning forum

Area investment advisors and registered representatives are invited to join the law firm of Miller Canfield at an upcoming Before the Bell Breakfast Forum, The Key to Specialty Planning, 7 15-8 30 a m Thurśday, March 9, at Fiamma Grille, 380 S Main in downtown Plymouth

Miller Canfield personal servıces attorneys, Kenneth Konop and Dawn Schluter, will discuss planning for unmarried cohabitants, joint ownership, trust accounts and estate planning

Space is limited, advance registration is required RSVP to bera@millercanfield com or (248) 267-3345 There is no cost to attend, however, the event is

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Blood drive

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts a blood drive 8 a m -2 p m Sunday, March 5

The church is located at 47650 N Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township For an appointment or more information, call Anne Perdue, (734) 453-7372

Breakfast help

Organizers of the annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools are looking for help for the breakfasts, scheduled at the respective schools 6 a m Thursday, March 30

Officials are seeking assistance with donations of breakfast foods (egg casseroles, potato dishes, baked items, fruit bowls, etc) and drinks (water, juice) or monetary donations to help purchase whatever the

committee doesn't receive They're also looking for people to help set up the day

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Senator Bruce Patterson's District Representative, Sue Trussell, conducts office hours for all constituents of State Senate District Seven in the Canton Public Library 11 a.m -1 p m Tuesday, Feb 21

The Canton Public Library is at 1200 S Canton Center For more information, call the library, (734) 397-0999, or Patterson's Lansing office, (866) 262-7307 or (517) 373-7350

ArtReach luncheon

The Plymouth Community Arts Council welcomes Robert Jones to the ArtReach Luncheon March 2 at 11 30 a.m

As a performer and teacher of traditional and original blues, spiritual, and folk music, his presentations, for audiences of all ages, have been praised for both their entertaining and educational content

Proceeds from this event help to send fifth-graders in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools to the Detroit Institute of Arts each year For many of them, PCAC officials said, it's the first time they have experienced a museum

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Arts Council, 774 N Sheldon Rd, Plymouth, or by calling (734) 416-4278

Open houses

Cross Bridge Academy, a school for the development of children along the autistic spectrum and those with significant language and sensory processing disorders, hosts an open house 7-8-30 p m, Wednesday, March 1 at Compass Čafé in downtown Plymouth

The academy, which opens a second classroom for the 2006-2007 school year, incorporates the successful Association Method, Sensory Integration Therapy and Social Pragmatic language lessons all. geared to the individual needs of the child The program is academically oriented with a ... focus on reading and writing.

For more information or to attend the open house, e-mail director Katie Kramer at katie aces@comcast.net or call-(734) 649-1044

■ New Morning School hosts its annual open house 1 p m Sunday, Feb 19

The event includes a discussion about the history and philosophy of the school followed by a question-and-answer session with the teachers and staff At 2 p m the annual Student Museum will begin for community and family viewing with

The school is located at 14501 Haggerty Road between Schoolcraft and 5 Mile in Plymouth Township For more information about the school and to reserve space at the discussion meeting, call (734) 420-3331

refreshments being served

Arts ensemble

The second-annual Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble takes place at Canton High School 10 a.m -4 p m Saturday, March 11

It is a juried show featuring local art and handmade crafts Music will be provided throughout the day performed by PCEP students, and food will be available for purchase, including a bake sale

Admission is \$2, with all proceeds benefitting the Plymouth-Canton music program

Frog listeners

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for the ninthannual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey, and one of the training seminars is coming to Plymouth

Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two-hour training workshop and learn eight breeding calls from a CD that is provided All materials are provided Surveys are conducted independently on damp, warm evenings, several times a month beginning in March and ending in July

This is a simple presence/absence survey in which participants identify what species are calling Survey locations must be within the Rouge River Watershed ın wetlands

Organizers say the survey is a fun opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife Families, students, seniors, etc. are encouraged to sign up Pre-registration for workshops is required by emailing picoordinator@therouge org or calling (313) 792-

The Plymouth training session takes place 10 a m -noon Saturday, March 11 at the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting room, 42350 Ann Arbor Road (at Lilley) Training sessions are also available in Ypsilanti, Livonia, Dearborn and Southfield Volunteers should provide full name, address, phone and email and which workshop you would like to attend

The Music Ladv

A pertenial favorite at Plymonth's "Music in the Park" "concert series, Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady," performs as part of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's "First Friday" series 7 p m Friday, March 3, at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Cester for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Rd,

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Croquet, anyone? AAUW presents 'Alice'

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

'I'm not a witch, I'm a queen, said Sharon Belobraidich, tapping the gold crown on her head for emphasis That's what the kids called me today

It's an easy mistake to make, since she has made a name for herself playing the villain - or "a stupid fellow" - in the annual Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women children's play

This year is no different She may be decked out as a queen, but she's the Red Queen who is forever yelling "off with their heads" in the group's presentation of Alice ın Wonderland

For 47 years, the organization has been presenting children's theater productions, taking classics like Pinocchio, Snow White and Alice in Wonderland and crafting hourlong "AAUW versions

This year's installment will be presented at 7 30 p m Thursday-Friday, March 9-10, and 10 a m, 1 and 3 p m Saturday, March 11, at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium

"We tried to lengthen and add to Alice, we have additional commentary from the storyteller and added three flowers who sing," said Mickey Edell, who is sharing directing duties with Pam Dean "We ve added more audience participation because the adults as well as the kids enjoy it"

Preparation for this years production began last summer when the script was updated Tryouts were held in October The twice-a-week

rehearsals began last month 'We try to get as many members involved as possible," said Dean "Some make all the costumes, others take care of the house and providing lunch There are some members who don t like to be on stage, but we need

them for their expertise" "We vank in everybody we can to help," added Edell

Belobraidich can relate While keeping her crown in place, she was bending over the piano, coaching Jan Branton with the music She started out doing that 35 years ago, but five years in found her niche on stage, playing such dastardly roles as Captain Hook in Peter Pan, the Queen in Cinderella and the Grant in Jack and the Beanstalk or as the brainless Scarecrow in The Wizard of Oz

"I couldn't be Alice, I have to be someone who's stupid with no brains or mean," said the retired first-grade teacher 'I don't know how to be nice"

Members all say that it's the camaraderie that makes doing the play so much fun, but it's the reaction of the kids that makes it extra special Scenes are written to put the characters in the audience, and when the play is over, they're in the lobby to meet and greet the audience

"We have a lot of members of the audience who come back every year," said Edell "They'll go through the line and tell you you did this last year, you did this in this play It's a combination of doing something for the community and celebrating the arts'

The oldest member of the cast is Sylvia Rozian, who is doing a reprise of her very first role She's the caterpillar Melissa Uhl is the youngest member and has been involved in AAUW plays for 35 years plus

"I was here in womb," said Uhl, who is following in her mother's footsteps

Another mother-daughter pairing is stage manager Jan Carney and daughter Trisha, who plays Tweedle Dee

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Becky Copenhaver of Canton will play the White Rabbit in the Plymouth-Canton AAUW's version of 'Alice in Wonderland



The Mad Hatter is played AAUW member Melissa Uhl of Plymouth

I'm so glad to see mothers passing the commitment to AAUW on to their daughters, Edell said

For a second year, the AAUW is offering a program after the 10 a m show

Saturday with activities to help Girl Scouts and Brownies earn their theater badges Last year, 45 Scouts turned out to try out makeup and get up on stage

'We have a whole plan we

follow, said Edell 'There's only two activities they need to do to complete it'

Tickets are priced at \$6 and are available at The Book Cellar & Cafe, 840 W Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, and at Fanatic U at 30409 Ford in Garden City They re also available at the door

School ticket sales have ended in the Plymouth-Canton district, however, Garden City students can buy tickets Tuesday, Feb 21, through Friday, March 10, at their local school

Its amazing how it comes together, said Edell, watching a rehearsal that was minus an ailing Alice As a director, you get nervous the week of the play because it s chaotic"

'But after the first per formance you say who are these people and where did the come from? added Dean It all comes together perfectly

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Judge gives serial thief 5-15 years in prison

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Serial bank robber Russell A Rasmussen, accused of robbing a Westland bank, will spend five to 15 years in prison

Rasmussen, 28, learned his fate just this month after pleading guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to a bank robbery charge

Rasmussen was suspected of bank robberies in several communities, including a Nov 1 incident at the Comerica branch on Wayne Road south of Warren

He entered the bank and passed a note to a teller indicating a holdup, police Sgt Chris Benson said The note warned the employee to hand over money "and no one will get hurt, although Rasmussen didn't actually reveal a gun, Benson said

Rasmussen previously was imprisoned for such charges as unarmed robbery, fleeing from police and auto theft He had been paroled last April and had less than a year of freedom

before being returned to prison Rasmussen was charged in Westland in November, within days of the Comerica robbery His arrest came after a Plymouth Township woman told authorities that he had borrowed her car and didn t return it

Dearborn Heights police found the womans car and turned it over to her In turn, she found a note that, according to authorities, looked like notes that Rasmussen had used ın bank robberies

He pleaded guilty and received a five to 15 year sen tence, meaning that his earliest possible release date will be in February 2011

If he had decided to proceed with a trial and if he had been convicted, he could have faced penalties ranging up to life in prison He had been jailed on a \$1 million bond for the Westland robbery, alone

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P-CCS to DeVos: 'It's about funding'

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos, who spent a few hours campaigning in Plymouth and Canton Friday, asked to meet with Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan

"He feels we're one of the school districts in the state that does a good job with the money we get," said Ryan "He likes the fact we have low administrative costs

Plymouth-Canton Schools has long been recognized as doing more with less state funding, and that includes having some of the lowest administrative costs in the state An independent Standard & Poors study indicated that 92 percent of the school districts in Michigan have higher administrative costs than P-CCS



DeVos

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DeVos said Friday he's not inclined to change Proposal A and the funding mechanism for public schools if elected governor Instead, DeVos said, school districts need to pare administrative costs to

improve their budgets

"We're 48th in the country in the amount of money that gets stuck in administration versus going into classroom delivery, said DeVos 'It's a matter of management, priority and accountability, that's why charters are such an important part of the mix They provide a real challenge for every school to be focused on what it delivers to its students and the parents who send them there

'A lot of them (public schools) have apparently made the decision to go into deficit spending but have they really done what they need to do to adjust their expenses to suit the reality,' questioned DeVos

Ryan met for some 10 minutes with DeVos, who then talked with several Plymouth-Canton school board members Trustee Barry Simescu said board members told

DeVos it was all about funding, and the inequities of Proposal A

"We told him were running one of the most efficient school districts in the state and we're still running a budget with problems, said Simescu, who said politically he's an independent "He listened, but didn't indicate he had any plans to change anything I wish somebody would finally address the inequities of Proposal A'

Ryan said any real change, realistically, will only come from whichever candidate -DeVos or Democratic Gov Jennifer Granholm — can ımprove Mıchıgan's fragile economy

"That's going to be the big question of the election, who can do the most to fix the economy,' said Ryan, 'because then the picture brightens for all entities that receive state funding'

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DEATHS

Lilian "Patricia" Bassett Bassett 90 of Plymouth died Feb 12

Paul E Boelter Boelter 89 of Utica formerly of

Rochester and Port Sanilac died Feb

Helen T Burke Burke 78 of Vero Beach Fla died

Frances T Caldwell

Caldwell 89 of Rochester Hills died Feb 3

William J Cecelski Cecelski 76 of Rochester Hills died Feb 10

Gladys E. Cutsinger Cutsinger 98 of Farmington Hills died

Feb 15 Margaret M Donnelly

Donnelly 73 of Rochester died Feb 2

Margaret Rose Downer Downer 54 of Garden City died Feb 3

Todd W. Ferguson Ferguson 43 of Waterford died Feb

Jason William Gamble Gamble 28 of Wayne died Jan 9

Jerry D. Holley

Holley 66 of Oakland Township died

William J Markley Markley 71 of Bloomfield Hills died

Erwin W Miller Miller 80 of Brighton died Feb 11

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JoAnn P Pagett Pagett 66 of Keswick Ontario for merly of Rochester died Feb 11 Angela M Paschke

Paschke 36 of Farmington Hills died

Marguerite J. Primo Primo 87 of Lake Orion died Feb 8 Virginia V Pryce

Pryce 86 of Westland died Feb 7

William R Steiner Steiner 76 of Rochester died Feb 7

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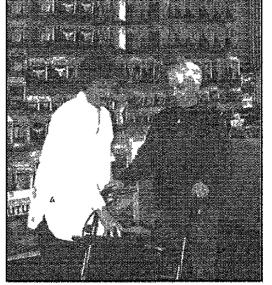
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effort "The candy was the eyecatcher, but they learned to realize the money went to help children their own age'

The idea was for students to perform acts of kindness for donations of quarters to fill the tubes, which — when completely filled — netted \$14 That's enough to feed 93 children around the world One student opened a hot chocolate stand on the sidewalk during the cold weather Others performed easier, but nonetheless equally rewarding, tasks

"I walked the dog for my aunt and uncle and got a handful of quarters," said Bailey Fowler, 10 "I wanted to help people who don't have as much food and I have"

Ten-year-old Cole Forfinski of Plymouth made self-sacrifices in helping hungry children

"I took quarters from what I already had and filled it the first day," said Cole "I was giving my own money for people who don't have as much It's sad to see how people are being mistreated, and have a lot less than we do"

In the end, students collected 16,000 quarters — or \$4,000 — for Feed My Starving Children, resulting in 25,000 individual meals

OLGC Principal Kay Reilly said the concept helped her students learn about Christian service

"It's a fundamental concept in our school mission and philosophy to ingrain the kids with the idea of service and caring for our fellow human beings," said Reilly "We have fairly privileged kids around here, and it's really important for them to grow up with a sense they need to give back to the world'

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MONEY

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minimum — who signed up"
"I wrote my check on Feb 12
and it was cashed that day," said
Joanne Kind, whose son, Rory,
was registered to play in the
troubled league 'I think people
would have felt a lot better
about it if he would have just
been up front with us"

Several parents of players who had paid and registered to play in the league said Flower never returned phone calls they made to him last spring

"A couple of weeks after the league was supposed to start, I called Al because I hadn't heard anything,' said Canton resident Bill Blackerby, whose son, Zack, was registered to play in the league "I left at least six to eight messages with Al, but he never returned my calls Its a pretty disappointing situation"

"Al (collected) the money and there was no basketball played," said Plymouth resident Colleen Bouton, whose son was scheduled to participate in the league "Where's the money? Maybe his intentions were good at the beginning, but he's hurt a lot of people"

McGuigan has been told by authorities that even filing charges against Flower doesn't guarantee anyone will get their money back

"It's hard to beheve that someone could simply walk away with so much money with so little consequence,"
McGuigan said

Individuals who wrote a check for the ill-fated league are encouraged to contact Det Dave Hayes at the Plymouth Township Police Department Hayes can be reached at (734) 354-3244

"One of the things Al always projected to the kids and to the coaches was the importance of honesty and sportsmanship," said Deborah Mollner, the mother of a longtime PCJBA participant "What kind of message is he sending to the kids

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Blankets and health aids come to Wayne County

A cozy effort

Linus wouldn't go anywhere without his favorite blanket That's the image behind a donation effort coordinated by sewing machine dealers across the country

Sandy's Sew & Vac, located at 28790 Plymouth Road in Livonia is one business sponsoring Project Linus National Make A Blanket Day

On Saturday, Feb 18, nearly 230 Janome America sewing machine dealers across the country will gather donations

WHAT'S IN STORE

of thousands of new, handmade blankets to share with for those in need of security, warmth and comfort

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that distributes the blankets to children in need throughout the United States

Sandy's Sew & Vac will host blanket-making workshops and serve as a drop-off point for finished blankets

Following the communitywide effort, Project Linus representatives will distribute the blankets to children's hospitals, fire departments and family service organizations

Participants can enter a raffle to win a Janome computerized sewing machine

Naturally speaking

Nature's choice Nutritional Educational Center recently opened its doors in Plymouth More than a health store, the business is run by motherdaughter duo Georgia Schlee and Heidi Place They sell Nature's Sunshine herbal and homeopathic products, as well as an exclusive skin care line by Elina

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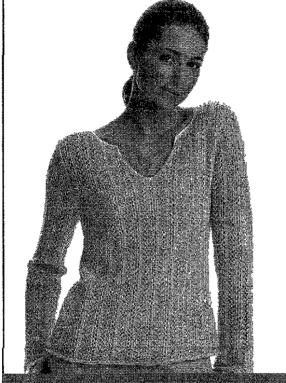
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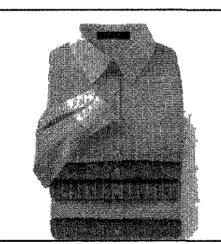


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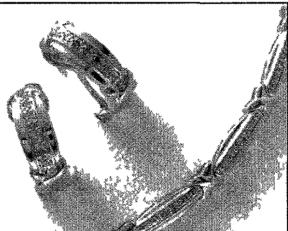
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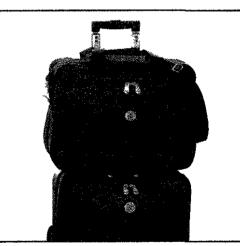
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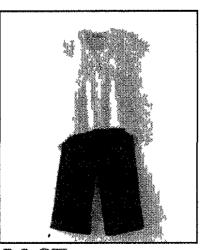
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Bringing Spanish to life

Restaurant allows students to put skills to the test

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

New Morning School Spanish teacher Socorro Truchan believes hands on learning beats memorizing books any day

That's why Truchan's students were in the school's kitchen and cafeteria Tuesday, preparing food and taking orders from customers — all in Spanish

It was part of a Valentines Day exercise designed to put students in situations that make the language more relevant to every-day life

'We have fun with hands-on experiences,' said Truchan, a native of Sonora, Mexico "If you can make a connection that's meaningful to you, it sticks with you for a lifetime In this exercise, they re living it and they ll remember the

Spanish that way Truchans seventh- and

eighth-grade students each played a different role restaurante manager host cashier waiters, cooks and bev erage servers Menus were made by the students and writ ten in Spanish Guests were able to choose from Spanish fare such as chips and salsa, Mexican rice and enchiladas The restaurant also threw in some American choices

The students spoke only Spanish, using phrases and narrative they've learned in class

We learn a lot more this way, said Evan Rager, a 13year-old eighth-grader "Its good practice Actually speaking the Spanish is just great"

Truchan chose to operate the Spanish restaurant — which the kids named Sparky McMcMcs — because it fits New Morning School's philoso phy that students learn best by doing School officials say recent brain research say infor

mation is more likely to be stored in long-term memory if there is sense and meaning attached to the new skill

Earlier in the year, the school operated a Spanish market in which the students had to deal with people actually do the shopping and make payments, all while speaking only in Spanish," said Elaine Yagiela, the schools director

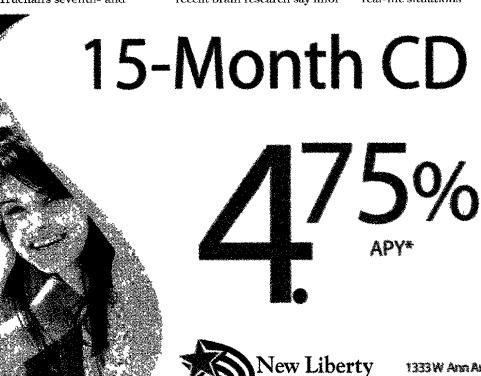
Socorro has brought Spanish to life, Yagiela said And parents have helped a lot Parents are very important to New Morning School

Parents, along with other students, teachers and community guests, made up the customer list for Sparky McMcMc's Tuesday And they loved it

It's awesome, said Kristi Partain, whose 12-year-old daughter Samantha, served as the assistant manager It helps them practice their skills in real-life situations



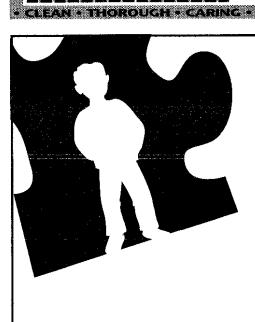
New Morning School students Carrie Brunt and Nimi Dayana prepare food for the school's Spanish function Tuesday Spanish students prepared menus in Spanish, and spoke Spanish while taking orders and serving the food



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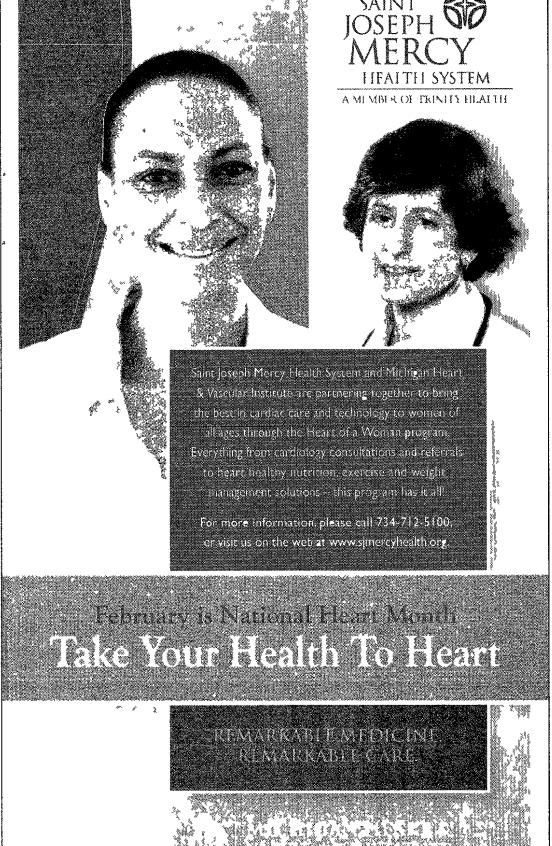
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here's an old saying that goes you can t pick your family or your neighbors, only your friends In my case, I dearly love (most of) my family members and I get along well enough with my neighbors

But from all that I ve been reading and listening to recently about the sad state of affairs

throughout Michigan, it seems my (extended) family is precisely the type of folks who have no future here

A little background My maternal family tree can be traced back to County Monaghan, Ireland, to one Francis McElmeel, who was born in the early 1800s Like many other people in this area, I still have countless relatives in the mother country, in my

case the Emerald Isle.

Emerick

My maternal grandparents emigrated to the US in the 1920s, my grandfather as a young adult on his own, my grandmother as a teenager with her parents They eventually made their way to the Detroit area, where they met and were marned in 1936 at St Leo's Catholic Church in the city

Over the years, they moved to Lincoln Park, where they raised 13 children with my grandfather the sole bread-winner of the family, he retired in 1973 after working 43 years for Great Lakes Steel in Ecorse He kept his grandchildren amazed in his later years by showing off his 'souvenir" of working in the steel mills - a right hand missing the ring and

The very idea that a family of 13 children could be financed today with one salary is beyond the pale - unless, of course, your income is that of a professional athlete or corporate executive Yet that's what my grandparents did, even sending most of their children to parochial schools They were the very embodiment of hard work until the day(s) they died - my grandfather in 1992, my grandmother in 2000

Their children have grown into adulthood, middle age and now their twilight years, themselves marrying and having children That next generation, while spread from early childhood to approaching 50, has further multiplied and spread the family genes to succeeding generations Amazingly enough, virtually every descendent from that union some 70 years ago still lives in the metro area, including myself, my wife and our two children When you count all the various in-laws added to the brood over the years, the num bers are quite staggering

Yet to hear Gov Jennifer Granholm and other elected officials talk, my family has no role to play in the future of Michigan - despite the rather large role we played in its history

Because we are a family of typical Michigan stock Many of my uncles served in the US Army (Vietnam era), most didn't attend college In fact, although the numbers have increased with each generation, only a handful of my relatives have any post-secondary schooling

Instead, the vast majority found honest work in the automobile industry - more than I can count Those that didn't labored elsewhere, in construction work, as county or city employees, as service workers and many other essential jobs that have provided them a good, solid living - the very essence of our state's middle class

We gather often as a group, to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and, regrettably, funerals We go to Red Wings games, to Tigers games, to concerts at Cobo Arena and Pine Knob (take that, DTE) We head outdoors to places like Hines Park and Erie Metropark Some of us own boats or snowmobiles that get dragged up North whenever the opportunity arises

Truth be told, as a group we probably drink too much, smoke too much and (on occasion) eat too much I have no doubt that we've contributed our fair share to Michigan's ongoing

In short, ours is a story that could be retold by any one of thousands of Michigan families, people who came to this state in search of a better life than they left behind For the most part, we found it and have been able to give the next generation a better foundation in the process

But is this where it stops? Have we reached the point where Michigan offers no promise to those willing to work hard and sacrifice to earn a living? Let's face it - we aren't all going to be engineers or biomedical technicians or life sciences specialists, just as most of our ancestors weren't those things

I fear for my children's future in this area, where we've been told that it will be impossible to earn an honest day's pay for an honest day's work Those days are gone forever, and they're not coming back What about all the people who have in the past and continue

to engage in the hum-drum of blue-collar work? Sure, I want my children to go to college In fact, they're probably sick of listening to me recite the same mantra every day - your educa tion is your ticket in life But, just as with any big game or red hot concert, not everyone is going to be able to acquire a ticket

I've been fortunate enough to have witnessed and partaken in the classic American dream Some might tell me it's time to wake up That's fine - because I'm afraid the nightmare is just around the corner

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American Dream has bypassed | Patterson's proposal could spur needed tax reform

f there's one person in Michigan politics who can be depended on to raise a rumpus, often at just the right time, it's Oakland County Executive L Brooks Patterson He did it again big time — last week in his State of the County speech

He announced he d lead a statewide drive to repeal the Single Business Tax, and he's planning to raise \$800,000 in pledges from busi-

nesses and individuals to fund a petition drive to put the issue on this November's ballot

Michigan's main business tax, the SBT, is essentially a tax on payroll But it is complex. difficult to administer and stands out like a sore thumb in comparison with business taxes in other states According to state government revenue forecasts for 2006, the SBT yields \$1 8 billion in revenue

for the state, representing nearly one-quarter of the state's total \$8 2 billion general fund Flourishing his reliably flamboyant rhetoric, Patterson called the SBT "damnable," a "10b

"More than the global economy, the Single Business Tax is killing this state because it is kıllıng jobs ın Mıchıgan," he said

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He assaulted "our friends in Lansing" for pussyfooting around the fundamental problem of Michigan's arcane tax structure. "They've introduced legislation, which quite frankly nibbles around the edges of meaningful business tax reform. We've been arguing about the impact of the Single Business Tax in this state for more than 15 years The endless debates on this subject have produced more flatulence than a Super Bowl party at an MSU frat house"

Power

But regardless of the rhetoric, Patterson's move does two things, both very good First, by threatening to put a radical — and likely popular — tax cut on the ballot, he is forcing both the Legislature and Gov Jennifer Granholm to get serious about a problem that they've been ducking for years

Second, it puts front and center just what \$1 8 billion from the SBT buys It's almost exactly the same amount the state spends in total for either all our colleges and universities or the entire corrections system So if you elimmate the SBT and don't make up the revenue it produces, you have no higher education system or no jails and prisons

Patterson's speech also sets up a magnificently sensible scenario for a way out of this morass He hints at a way in which Michigan can simultaneously reform its out-of-date tax system and begin to resolve the chronic billiondollar-plus structural state budget deficit

At the same time, we could undo the damage to our economic future that's been caused by \$300 million in cuts to our universities over the past five years

Here's how it could work

Most importantly, anybody who knows anything about economic development would love it, as it is plain that our economic future absolutely depends on the ability of our higher education system to help us toward a knowledge-based

The Legislature passes a bill repealing the SBT, which is signed by the governor Contained in the bill is a requirement that the ' \$1.8 billion in lost revenue be replaced either by an increase in the state income tax or a reduction in the rate of the state sales tax, which would then be expanded to apply to both goods and services

Voters statewide will be presented with a choice between these two on the November ballot And the legislation contains an earmark allocating a specified percentage of the new revenue stream to our state's colleges and uni-

Business would love it Politicians who want to be anti-tax would love it, especially since selecting which device to make up the lost revenue would be put in the hands of the people Colleges and universities (and their students and their families, who have been forced to make up for legislative cuts in state support by increased tuition payments) would be thrilled

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I asked Tom Clay, the respected research director of the Michigan Citizen's Research Council, how the numbers worked He estimates a 5-percent sales tax (down from the present 6-percent rate) levied on most services excepting health care — would come close to making up the loss in income from the SBT When I presented this scenario to Patterson,

he jumped at the idea To get the Legislature and the governor to act saves me a long season of hard slogging," he

told me "Broadening the sales tax while reducing the rate seems fair And earmarking part of the

revenue stream for higher education strengthens just the things in Michigan that will drive our future economic growth' OK, Gov Granholm OK, legislators Brooks

Patterson has teed it up for you Do you have the guts to do the right thing at the right time? Or will you whiff and fail us, yet again? It's your choice

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DeVos: This year's governor's race is all about jobs

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Dick DeVos said it's no surprise from talking with people he's met across the state - including those with whom he spoke to Friday in Livonia, Plymouth and Canton — there's one campaign issue the people of Michigan want the next governor to tackle the most

'It's all about jobs, and how are we going to get Michigan back to work,' said DeVos 'Seems to make sense to me that if the issues are business related, maybe it's time for somebody with a business background'

DeVos, who made his fortune heading the Amway Corp in Grand Rapids and is the Republican candidate for governor, said in order to get Michigan back to work, the state's Single Business Tax needs to be repealed

"It's a tax that punishes employers," said DeVos 'If employers add health care for their employees, they get

taxed on it It's a disincentive to do what we want to do in this state and have jobs

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"I would ask for a repeal as soon as possi-

ble, and we would work - in the meantime — to resolve how to take care of any deficit as a result," said DeVos "We need to take that kind of bold step forward in this state This governor said in the campaign she was going to get rid of the Small Business Tax, and it hasn't been done'

DeVos has been criticized by Granholm for failing to outline details of his economic recovery program DeVos said not to worry, it's only February, and he's not tipping his hand early in the campaign

"The current governor didn't issue any plans (in her last campaign) until September, that s the histo-

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ry,' said DeVos "We'll have proposals in place well before a full and lively debate '

DeVos is also quick to fight back against accusations by Democrats that his corporation cut Michigan jobs and invested in China

"They're lying," DeVos said straight-faced "I had to restructure a company during a time when we also knew we had to grow the business, and entered the China market Not one job

left the United States to go to China, not one product manufactured at our plant in China left China to come to the United States

"The Democrats are saying one plus one equals 11, he said "Maybe in the new math, but not in the real world?

When it comes to new math, DeVos isn't too sympathetic about the dilemma faced by many school districts throughout the state which are dipping into cash reserves that are rapidly disappearing, resulting in program cuts

'We're 48th in the country

in the amount of money that gets stuck in administration versus going into classroom delivery," said DeVos "It's a matter of management, priority and accountability, that's why charters are such an important part of the mix They provide a real challenge for every school to be focused on what it delivers to its students and the parents who send them there

"A lot of them (public schools) have apparently made the decision to go into deficit spending but have they really done what they need to do to adjust their expenses to suit the reality," questioned DeVos

Last summer, more than 10,000 supporters of education rallied at the state capitol, urging legislators to change Proposal A and its funding mechanism for local school districts DeVos said if he's elected, the tweaking of Proposal A will not be a priority

"I don't foresee a change in Proposal A it's working quite well, considering the circumstances," he said "If you're going to cut back and continue to do everything you used to do to be everything to everybody, at the end of the day you're going to be nothing to nobody

"This governor flatlined funding for education per student for the first few years," he said "Gov (John) Engler, a Republican governor, had 12 years of consistent increases for education He realized it was a priority, and put his money where his mouth is"

Despite the adversities of Michigan's automotive industry, DeVos said it's up. to the carmakers and suppliers to deal with the realities,

not the state "No governor can solve the problems of the auto industry," said DeVos "The leaders of the unions, the leaders of the companies, have got to work together to resolve those issues and make those hard choices to get those companies back on their feet

"You're not going to diversify the economy without helping small- and mediumsize business to grow," he said. "They're going to be the engines for jobs of the future

taking up the slack and offering opportunities for those workers to get back to

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Schoolcraft marks Women's History Month

Schoolcraft College will mark the first day of Women's History Month with a talk by Suzanne Mallare Acton, artistic and musical director for Rackham Symphony Choir, on Wednesday, March 1

Acton will speak on Voices of Light Looking at History through a Modern Multi-Media Lens Voices of Light is a contemporary oratorio, written to accompany the 1928 silent film

masterpiece La Passion de Jeanne dArc (The Passion of Joan of Arc) She will accompany her remarks with scenes from the

The piece is a celebration of female spirituality and heroism, bringing to life the trial and end of life of St Joan by giving her a voice The text is built around a series of writings by women writers of the Middle Ages

The talk begins at 11 a.m in the Forum Building, room 310, from 11am-12pm A question and answer period will follow



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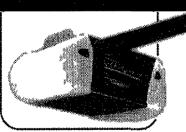
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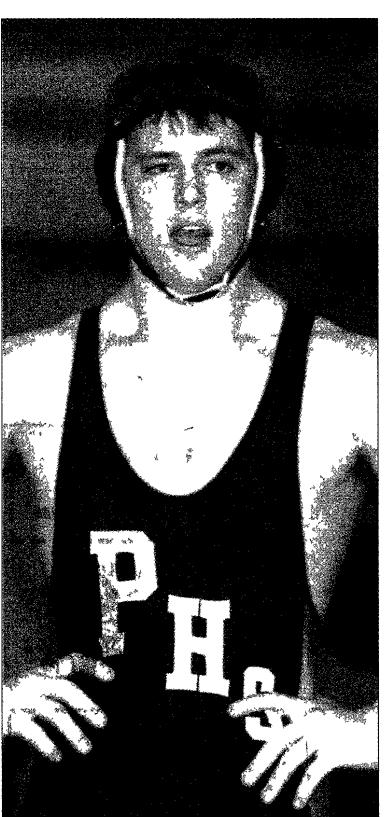
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ATHLETES AND ASTHMA



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Plymouth senior wrestler Taylor Fox had to battle opponents and asthma this season. The lung disease, which was diagnosed last year, saps his energy during

It takes their breath away

Asthma doesn't stop P-CEP athletes from competing in the sports they love

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Taylor Fox was a highly skilled, physically imposing 215-pound force when he stepped onto the wrestling mat for his opening-round match in last weekend's Western Lakes Activities Association tourna-

But less than 10 minutes later, his physical state had deteriorated so much that the wobbly-legged Fox had to be assisted by two teammates one arm around each of their shoulders — to a nearby chair

As in several of Fox's matches this season, the senior had been literally floored by asthma, a relentless opponent that gains strength as the intensity of the competition deepens

"I was ahead 7-2 after the second period, but I took a nosedive in the third," remembered Fox, who was initially diagnosed last fall "By the time overtime started, I couldn't even move, and I ended up getting pinned The asthma causes a combination of things, including muscle fatigue, a tightness in my chest and it just saps all my energy

It's been like this all year I know if I can pin my opponent in the first two periods, I'm all right But if it goes to the third period or into overtime, that's when it hits me the hardest It's frustrating because I was really looking forward to my senior year and now that it's here, I can't do anything"

HE'S NOT ALONE

Fox is one of several asthmat-1c student-athletes at the



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton-Salem hockey player Annie McTurner doesn't let asthma slow her down on the ice The first-year player has one goal and five assists for the high-flying Penguins this season

Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who participate in sports in spite of the energy-sapping, breath-stealing disease According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, exercise-induced asthma affects up to 20 percent of highly competitive athletes

For many of these athletes, like Canton wrestler Joe Wilson, the effects of asthma don't peak until the exercise has subsided

"In most cases, I don t notice anything physically wrong until the very end of my matches," said Wilson, who has been a

PLEASE SEE ASTHMA, B3

ALL ABOUT ASTHMA

Asthma is a disease of the lungs in which the air ways become blocked or narrowed, causing breath ing difficulty.

A chronic disease, asthma affects nearly 20 million Americans.

■ Exercise induced asthma can be effectively treated by doing the following: 4 * 1 Use a fast-acting inhaler 15 minutes prior to exercis-

2. Warm up for 6-10 minutes before beginning a full exercise program;

3 Drink plenty of fluids 4 Stop exercising if symptoms arise; and

5. Cool down at the end of the exercise.

Several well-known athletes have asthma, including recently retired NFL running back Jerome Bettis. former NBA star Dennis Rodman, Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyners Kersee and retired NBA great Hakeem Olaruwon.

Source The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (www.aafa.org)

Hoop events

Canton Leisure Services will be offering a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and hoop shoot competition Saturday, Feb 25, in the Summit on the Park gymnasium Registration for the hoop shoot begins at 9 30 a m. The 3-on-3 teams must be registered before 11

Kids between the ages of 8 and 15 years old areeligible to compete in the hoop shot contest, which gives competitors 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court The Canton winners will advance to a regional competition.

The entry fee for the 3on-3 tournament is \$45 per team Pre-registration prior to the day of. the event can be completed at the Summit The tournament, which is for boys and girls who are in grades third through eighth, will begin at noon Teams are guaranteed two games and division winners will receive awards.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600

Football meeting

The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p m Tuesday, March 7, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School All parents of current and future Wildcat tootball blavers are encouraged to attend the meeting. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

ice Sharks win

The Plymouth Ice Sharks Squirt B youth hockey team recently finished first in the inaugural West Michigan Cup Tournament held in Battle Creek The Ice Sharks compiled a 4-0-1 record and defeated Grosse ile, 4-0, in the title game. The Ice Sharks advanced to the * final game by edging Jackson, 5-4, on William ... Kawsky's overtime goals **Goalie Peter Contos** notched two shutouts.

The team consists of % Ryan Bamford, Jack Collop, Contos, Daniel Countegan, Steven Dunn, Bobby Fletcher, Justice Graves, Evan Hicks, Steven Homrich, Kawsky, Brendan McCann, Hunter Schlampp, Anthony Sloan, Ray Williams and Brandon Zack The Ice Sharks are coached by Tim Gilbert, George Dunn, Bob Fletcher and Tom Homrich The team is managed by Holly Dunn and Gina Sloan

Let us know

Have you or someone ? you know accomplished an athletic feat recently that is noteworthy? Or do you have an interest ing sports-related hobey or job?

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him at (734) 953-2108 of e-mail him at ewright@hometownlife,co

Re-energized Wildcats upend Chiefs in 4

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Playing at full strength for the first time in over a month, Plymouth's volleyball team never looked stronger in its four-game victory over cross-campus rival Canton Wednesday night

The Wildcats, who have been plagued by injuries since the beginning of January, won 25-11, 25-17, 20-25 and 25-15, in a match played in the Chiefs' gymnasium The victory improved Plymouth's record to 29-9 overall, 6-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-1 in the WLAA's Western Division

"It was so refreshing to see the whole team work together to get the victory," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland "The girls seemed relaxed and energized to give it their all

PREP VOLLEYBALL

"We came out strong in the first game, both offensively and defensively The third game was a little bit of a let-down as we had difficulty passing the ball Canton gained the momentum and we had a difficult time gaining it back to win the third game Before the beginning of the fourth game the girls knew what they had given up during the last game and they were determined to come back to win the fourth'

It was "Senior Night" for Canton, which honored six players who were playing their final home match Kelsey Bailey, Rachael Beaudoin, Krista Holcomb, Lisa Western, Sarah Alexander and Izabela Paszkowska

"The team played hard again, we just came up a little short," said Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn "It was 'Senior Night,' so everybody came out ready to play, especially our back-row senior players Krista and Sarah'

Several Wildcats turned in stellar performances Brittany Hengesh (12 kills, six solo blocks and three block assists), Jeanine Moise (13 kills), Janet Hanchett (seven kills), Jackie Dorre (nine kills), Sarah Haskins (39 set assists, five block assists), Lindsay Vogelsberg (19-for-19 serve receptions and 17 digs) and Brandi Swyhart (14 digs)

"Brittany was a solid force at the net for us," McCausland said "Jeanine (who was returning from a knee injury) was still not at her best, but I am looking forward to her stepping it up for the final weeks of play"

Paszkowska paced the Chiefs with five kills, one solo block and three block assists Junior Emily Hoernschemeyer also played well, registering four kills

SALEM 3. NORTHVILLE 0: The Rocks clinched the WLAA Lakes Division title with a convincing 25-19, 25-17 and 25-17 sweep of the Mustangs With the win, Salem improved its record to 38-7-1 overall and 10-0 in the WLAA The Mustangs fell to 6-4 in the league

Leading the Rocks were Teresa Coppiellie (12 kills and eight digs), Lauren Price (16 kills, five aces and 12 digs), Lauren Kurtz (eight kills and five block assists), and Jordan Falcuson (26 assists, eight digs and three aces)

Salem returns to action Monday when it hosts Plymouth in a WLAA cross-over match The opening serve is set for 7

Chiefs win on pick-and-roll

BY ED WRIGHT

Whoever designed the very first pick-and-roll play decades ago would have high-fived Canton's Andre Bridges and Ryan Waidmann had he or she been at Friday's "Senior Night' game against Walled Lake Northern

With seven seconds left and the Chiefs trailing, 51-50, Bridges secured an in-bounds pass near midcourt, drove his defender toward Waidmann's pick at the free-throw line, then threaded a pass to a cutting Waidmann, who laid the ball in with 0 03 left for the winning points in Canton's 52-51

A desperation three-point shot by the Knights' Alex Ropek fell two feet short and into the waiting hands of Canton's Andy Larsen as the buzzer

"Coach (Jason) Waidmann deserves the credit

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2



Canton's Andre Bridges goes in for a layup during Friday night's win over Walled Lake Northern

Northville is team to beat in WLAA

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Northville will take an unbeaten record - and a huge target on its back - into next week's Western Lakes Activities Association basketball tournament

The 17-0 Mustangs, who earned the No 1 seed in the tourney thanks to their spotless 11-0 conference mark, will host eighth-seeded Walled Lake Western in Tuesday night's opener The winner of that game will take on the winner of Tuesday's Livonia Stevenson (6-5) at Livonia Franklin (6-5) game in Friday's second round Lakes Division teams host games against Western Division teams in the first round The Western Division schools will host the second-round games If both teams are from the same division, the team with the better record is the host

On the other side of the bracket, No 3 seed Canton (9-2) will travel to No 6 seed Walled Lake Northern Tuesday night to take on the Knights, who they

nipped, 52-51, on Friday The winner of that game will play the winner of the Westland John Glenn (5-6) at Walled Lake Central (10-1) match-up on Friday night

All first- and second-round games are scheduled to tip off at 7 p m

The WLAA championship game is set for Wednesday, March 1, at approximately 7 p m at Plymouth High School The third-place game is slated to begin at 5 30 pm on the same night An awards ceremony honoring the division and league champions, and the All-League team will be held between the consolation and championship games

The four teams that did not qualify for the WLAA tournament - Salem, Plymouth, Livonia Churchill and Wayne Memorial — will play each other in a round-robin format beginnıng Tuesday Churchill will play at Plymouth that night while Salem will travel to Wayne On Friday, Plymouth will play at Wayne and Salem will host Churchill

CHIEFS

for drawing up the high pickand-roll play we used," said Canton coach Charlie Paye, moments after his team had improved its record to 13-4 overall and 9-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association 'It looked like 'Dre was going to take the ball all the way to the basket, but he showed great vision when he found Ryan cutting It was a great

In case you missed Friday night's exciting showdown, you can see the same two teams square off again on Tuesday night at Walled Lake Northern in the opening round of the WLAA conference tournament

Canton earned the third seed while the Knights (8-8 overall and 5-6 in the WLAA) are seeded sixth

The winner of Tuesday's game will play the winner of Tuesday's Westland John Glenn-Walled Lake Central quarterfinal match-up

'I've never coached against a team in back-to-back games

like this, so I don't know what to expect," Paye said 'Although I'm sure Northern gained some confidence from tonights

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game' Larsen, who started for the first time in over a month, led the Chiefs with 13 points and nine rebounds Waidmann finished with 12 points and seven boards, Bridges scored eight and Neal Sharma contributed seven Steve Paye chipped in with six points and five rebounds for the winners

Ropek enjoyed a productive night for the Knights, racking up 19 points and six rebounds Robert Johnson netted 11 points and Ryan Bahnmiller twined 10, including a pair of fourth-quarter triples that kept Northern in the game

The opening 20 minutes of the contest had "blow-out" written all over it

When Larsen converted a driving lay-up with 3 58 left in the third quarter, Canton led Northern, however, closed

and trailed just 39-34 with eight minutes to play "We stopped making our

shots and started giving up a

the quarter with a 12-4 run

lot of offensive rebounds at the other end,' said Paye, referring to the Chiefs' second-half collapse "It seemed like Northern was getting multiple shots every time down the court'

With 2 05 left, Bahnmiller swished a 23-footer to knot the score at 48-48 Fifteen seconds later, Waidmann put Canton up 50-48 with a strong inside

A single free throw by Ropek with 1 36 to go made it 50-49 The Knights then grabbed their first lead since the opening seconds of the game with 15 seconds to go when Nick Bortz drained an eight-foot baseline jumper Bortz had misfired on 11 of his first 12

Canton then called timeout with 10 ticks left to diagram the game-winning pick-and-

The Chiefs outrebounded the Knights, 36-32 Canton hit 21-of-53 shots from the floor (39 6 percent) and 8-of-13 free throws (61 5) Northern connected on 15-of-47 field goals (31 9) and 19-of-28 freebies

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Canton Agape victory has special meaning for players

STAFF WRITER

Canton Agapes basketball team was playing for more than a "W" Friday night in its homecoming game against Sterling Heights Bethesda.

The Wolverines dedicated the game to the memory of the school's founder, Pastor J Earl Moore, who passed away Wednesday at the age of 81

The inspired Wolves upended Bethesda, 81-47, to improve their record to 10-5 overall and 6-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Red Division The Eagles slipped to 6-9 and 5-5, respectively Bethesda had defeated Agape a month earlier

Agape senior forward Derek Leathers, who is the grandson of Moore, netted 20 points and 14 rebounds

'Derek was very focused, very serious tonight," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner "You could tell he really wanted to win this one for his grandfather"

Also playing well for the winners were Ty Majeski (15 points), Mark Mullett (13 points), Devin Bottiaux (12 points and 10 rebounds) and Jack Anleitner (11 points, seven assists and eight rebounds)

Matt Swartz paced the Eagles with 14 points

This was our best shooting night of the season so far," said Anleitner, whose team connected on 45 percent of their shots "They came out in a zone and we were hitting our shots'

Agape raced to a 31-18 lead after one quarter and a 50-28 halftime advantage The Wolves padded their lead to 66-39 with

eight minutes to play
NORTHVILLE 44, PLYMOUTH 37: For a half, it looked as though the Wildcats would be the first team this season to knock off the Mustangs, however, Plymouth was done in by a one-point third Led by senior guard D J

Coleman, the visiting Wildcats led 22-18 at the intermission Northville re-established control PREP BASKETBALL

in the third when it outscored the Wildcats, 11-1, to secure a 29-23 advantage Plymouth slipped to 6-11 overall and 4-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Northville improved to 17-0 and 11-0, respectively

Coleman finished with a team-high 15 points for Plymouth Senior forward Josh Le Duc didn't score, but he did block four shots and grab a team-high five rebounds

Alvin Storrs led the winners with 17 points Storrs drained 11of-13 free throws Chris Lorente also had a solid night for Northville, chipping in with 11

Plymouth hit 9-of-17 free throws while the Mustangs connected on 13-of-20 shots from the line

"The bottom line was we had too many turnovers and not enough assists," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner "We had some good shots, but we couldn't knock them down "

The setback knocked the Wildcats out of the WLAA conference tournament. It was erroneously reported in Thursday's Observer that Plymouth had already clinched a spot in the tourney field

The Wildcats will return to action Tuesday when they host Livonia Churchill The opening tip is set for 7 p.m

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 62, PCA 60 (OT): The Eagles lost a heartbreaker to host Southfield despite 25 points from sophomore guard Trevor Zinn, who canned six three-pointers Zinn nearly won the game for PCA just before the regulation buzzer, but his driving floater rolled out of the cylinder He also narrowly missed a baseline jumper at the end of the overtime that would have sent the game into another extra session

"We executed both plays just like we wanted to," said Doug Taylor 'We got great looks, but the ball wouldn't drop Trevor's

shot at the end of regulation was half-way down and popped back

Complementing Zinn's fine play were Dave Koscielny (10 points), Matt Saagman (three points and eight assists), Justin Govan (seven points and eight rebounds) and Ryan Barber (seven rebounds and five points)

Fred hill paced the winners with 22 points Steve Lewis chipped in with 11

Southfield led 20-13 after one quarter before the visiting Eagles stormed back to grab a 26-25 halftime lead. The game was tied after three quarters, 42-

PCA nailed 10-of-17 free throws while SC hit 11-of-19 shots from the stripe

"We made 10 three-pointers, so we shot well, 'Taylor said. "It was just a great game"

PCA returns to action Tuesday when it hosts

Birmingham Roeper at 7 p m WAYNE 54, SALEM 51: Four Zebras scored in double figures and Wayne picked up its first win since beating Walled Lake Western Jan 27 in running its record to 3-14 overall, 2-9 in Western Lakes Activities

Association play Sophomore forward John Hill led the Zebras with 15 points, while sophomore guard Mike Lee added 11 and junior guard Josh Lewis and senior forward Justin Collop each chipped in

Sophomore forward Grant Stone led the Rocks (3-14, 3-8) with 18 points, while Billy Leddy added nine Ironically, the Rocks also last won on Jan 27, when they beat John Glenn

Salem actually led 43-40 after three quarters, but the Zebras used a 14-8 fourth-quarter edge to pull the game out

"It's been awhile since we won, so it was nice," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said "(Salem) took the lead in the third quarter, and with our record we could have folded, but we didn't It was nice to win it down the stretch"

Perfect Play Inc. to host clinic

Perfect Play Inc, a basketball training company whose staff consists of former NBA, NCAA and European pro players, will be hosting a "March Madness Basketball Blitz" on Saturday, March 4, at Lifetime Fitness in Canton

The tutors of Perfect Play, including former NBA player Brandon Williams and ex-University of Michigan star Jimmy King, will host three group sessions of workouts

that improve participants' agility, speed and defending and shooting skills Other tutors include Troy Coleman, Ann Marie Carravallah, Dan Young and Saddı Washington Along with the sessions,

there will be several skills contests, including "Defender Challenge," 'Dribble Relay," "Three-Point Challenge' and a free-throw contest

The times of the sessions are 8-9 a m (ages 10-11), 9 3010 30 a m (ages 12-13) and 11 a.m -noon (ages 14 and up) The cost is \$10 per player and only 20 players per age group will be accepted

To register, call (734) 769-9839, send an e-mail to ınfo@perfectplayınc com, or visit the company's Web site at www perfectplayinc com

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key member of the Chiefs' dis trict-championship squad "Usually, I dont feel it until a few minutes after my matches That's when my chest will get tight and it will get harder to breathe My parents hold my inhaler during my matches just ın case I need it afterwards

If I m in a close match and its near the end, I ll notice the asthma a little more But I don t wrestle any differently than I would if I didn't have it

INHALER TO THE RESCUE

Plymouth-Canton-Salem hockey player Annie McTurner said her asthma worsens as the intensity of her exercises increases

'If I go out really fast, it gets to me more,' she said "There are times I have to go to the bench if it gets too bad, but that doesn't happen very much

McTurner said her inhaler is never very far away when shes skating for the first-place Penguins

I usually keep it in the locker room,' said McTurner, who has netted one goal and five assists this season When I need it, I take two sprays from the inhaler and that expands the airways and makes it easier to breathe It only takes about 20 seconds to work.

The toll asthma takes on athletes often varies depending on the sport Swimming is believed to be the best sport for asthmatics because meets are held in humid arenas Asthma is especially bothersome in cool, dry conditions

Fox said he was rarely affect-

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday Feb 21

Canton at W L Northern 7 p m

Birmingham Roeper at PCA 7 p m

Salem at Wayne Memorial 7 p m

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BOYS SWIMMING

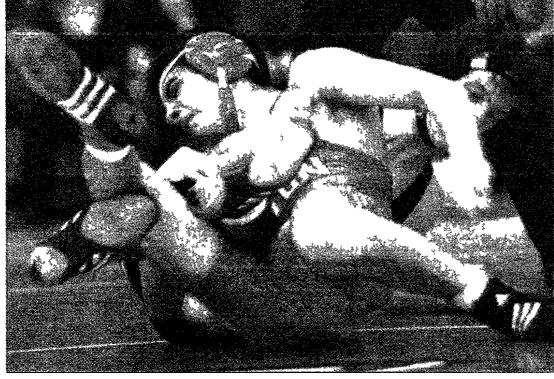
Thursday, Feb 23

WLAA Conference prelims at Salem TBA

Friday Feb 24

WLAA Conference diving at Salem TBA Saturday Feb 25

Friday Feb 24



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Asthma hasn't stopped Canton wrestler Joe Wilson from posting a stellar season. Wilson uses an inhaler after most of his matches

ed by the disease this past fall when he excelled for the Wildcats football team

'Football-wise, it didn't affect me at all,' said Fox, who is eyeing a collegiate football career In football, I get 30 seconds or so in between plays to rest, and I think that makes all the difference in the world In wrestling, you're going for two minutes straight and then you only get 14 to 20 seconds to recover

ADVANCES IN TREATMENT

Dr James Fordyce, who treats several asthmatic athletes out of his Dearborn office, said significant strides have been made over the past two

decades in treating exerciseinduced asthma

There has been a lot of important research completed on asthma in the past 15 to 20 years," Fordyce said 'We have inhalers now that are effective and safe People can, for the most part, live normal lives

Even though we know a lot more about the disease than we did 20 years ago, the incidence of asthma - and the mortality rate for it — has been going up No one is really sure why this is so The number of asthma cases in our office is three-fold compared to what it was 12 years ago"

Fordyce said most athletes use two inhaled medications

Albuteral and Ipapropium

Some athletes do well with just one while others need a combination," Fordyce said I have one cross-country runner who I treat that needs three medications before he com-

Not long after he informs patients that they've been diagnosed with asthma, Fordyce delivers the following inspirational message

"I tell them all that having asthma should not preclude them from participating in sports - any sports," he said 'I have patients who play soccer and run cross country

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Franklin ties Canton with last-minute goal

With goaltender Joey Garbutt pulled for an extra skater, Livonia Franklin's Brian Kozlowski scored the gametying goal at 14 39 to earn the Patriots a 3-3 tie with Canton Friday night

D J Tracy and Steve South each got their second assists of the game on Kozlowski's goal, which capped a furious thirdperiod rally for the Patriots (9-

The Chiefs scored once in the first and twice in the second to take a 3-0 lead Pat Gallagher (from Kevin Tollison) scored the first of his two at 3 57 of the first period, then added the second (from Brad Barath and Brad Giacomino) at 6 35 of the second Justin Ward (from Derek Trosper and Rob Dew) capped Canton's scoring at 13 55 of the PREP HOCKEY

second

Dan Kozlowskı (from Anthony Farthing) got Franklin on the board at 1 55 of the third David Muller (from Tracy and South) scored 'A Franklin's second goal

STEVENSON 10, SALEM 1: The Spartans (21-1-1 overall, 13-0 Western Lakes, 8-0 Lakes Division) got three goals apiece from Shaun Anderson (three assists) and Ryan Zucal (two assists)

Michael Voran had a pair of goals and an assist, while Corey_ Matson (two assists) and Marcus Voran had the other goals for Stevenson

Steve Heilser's second-period goal was the only score for Salem (3-18, 0-11, 0-7)

Attack whitewash Plymouth Whalers

Scott Tregunna netted two goals and two assists to lead the Owen Sound Attack to a 7-O victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Friday night in Owen Sound

Tregunna was named the games first star for his efforts The Attack's Derek Brochu was designated the games second star thanks to his pair of lamp-

Owen Sound's Michael Ouzas stopped all 26 shots he faced for his second shutout of the season Marek Bartanus also sparkled with two goals and an assist for the winners

The victory improved the

Attacks record to 28-21-3-3 for 62 points Justin Garay suffered the loss between the pipes for the Whalers He faced 28 shots

Smith in the third period Owen Sound led 2-0 after one period and 3-0 with 20 minutes to play

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before giving way to Jeremy

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS WRESTLING Wednesday Feb 22

Canton Livonia Franklin Novi CC and Saline at D1 regional at Plymouth 5 p m Saturday, Feb 25 MHSAA individual regional at Southgate Anderson TBA **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** Monday Feb 20 Plymouth at Salem 2nd round games (at Western Division sites) at Plymouth H S 7 p m Thursday Feb 23 Plymouth Salem and Canton at

WLAA tourney at W L Central noon ICE HOCKEY Monday Feb 20 Hartland Arena 6 p m Wednesday Feb 22

Plymouth at Chelsea at Arctic Coliseum 6 30

Salem at West Bloomfield at St Mary's Ice Arena 730 pm Canton at Dexter at Veterans Ice Arena 730 pm Friday Feb 24 WLAA cross over games at Lakes Division sites Saturday Feb 25 PCS Penguins at HW Regina 8 pm GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Monday Feb 20 Plymouth at Salem 7 p m

Saturday, Feb 25 Salem Plymouth and Canton at WLAA tourney at Livonia Churchill 8 a m PCA at U M Dearborn Tourney 9 a m

Canton at Livonia Stevenson 7 p m

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PREP SWIMMING RESULTS

SALEM DOUBLE-DUAL Feb 9 at Salem

TEAM SCORES Ann Arbor Pioneer 108 Livonia Stevenson 78 Pioneer 139 Salem 44 Stevenson 134 Salem 51

200-yard medley relay. Stevenson (Robert Luke David Gosdzinski Steve Bruestle Matt Massman) 1 39 46 200 freestyle Chris Buck (AAP) 14748 200 individual mediey Travis Hatt (LS) 1576 50 freestyle Sho Koba (AAP) 21 85 1-meter diving Kyle Powell (Salem) 159 15 points 100 butterfly Jason Hass (AAP) 52 76 100 freestyle

Koba (AAP) 46 98 500 freestyle. Jeff Pauza (LS) 4 51 17 200 freestyle relay Pioneer (Dustin Hennigar Hass Buck Koba) 1 28 83 100 backstroke Buck (AAP) 55 6 100 breaststroke Gosdzinski (LS) 100 83 400 freestyle relay Pioneer (Buck Hass Robert Steele Koba) 3 16 88 Stevenson 2nds Pauza 200 freestyle (1 47 6) Massman 50 freestyle (22 13)

Bruestle 100 butterfly (54 27) Hatt 100 freestyle (48 45) Luke 100 backstroke (56 95) 3rds Gosdzinski 50 freestyle (22 58) Steve Smith diving (145 80) Stevenson's dual meet record 8 2 overall 4 0 WLAA Lakes Division





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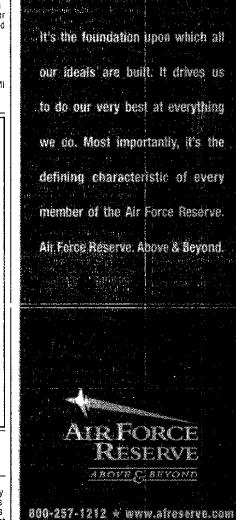
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The Plymouth '92 Stingrays won the Steel City Cup which took place in Pittsburgh, PA, on Jan 27-29 The Stingrays beat the Virginia Wolves, Parma Flyers, Pittsburgh Predators and the Toronto Ojibwas to win the title The Stingrays shut out the Predators in the finale 3-0 The team consists of Gordon Bell, Cameron Benedict Dave Brouillette, Tony Brown Warren Buzzard, Andrew Carison Taylor Currier Z J Doyle Kenny Durham, Brian Gardner, Steve Haburne, Jake Hillman Ian Kain Matt Keast, Tommy Lorenz, Sean Murphy, Parker Pakula, Nick Riley and Keith Zech The team was coached by Chris Benedict, Jim Haburne Vince Doyle and Norb Pakula

Falls don't derail Canton gymnasts

A pair of falls on the balance beam didn't prevent the Canton gymnastics teams record from rising Wednesday hight

The Chiefs handed Walled Lake Consolidated a 143 65-135 80 setback to improve their record to 8-1 overall and 7-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association

Alyssa Kelley and Kate Staley paved the way with allaround scores of 36 40 and 36 05, respectively

"Alyssa had a fall on beam, but still had a fine all-around score," said Canton coach John Cunningham "Kate made her 36 05 again and Jessie Murray just missed with a 35 95 Since we committed two falls on beam, this was still a good night"

Kelley won the vault and floor exercise with identical 9 5's Murray captured the top spot on the beam with a 9 3

Hannah Saarinen sparkled for Walled Lake, winning the bars with a 9 0

BRIGHTON 146.60, PLYMOUTH 130.85: Despite the loss, the Wildcats posted their season-

PREP GYMNASTICS

best score Wednesday night at

Tonight's performance should boost the girls confidence heading into next week's league meet,' said Plymouth coach Diane Hodur 'We got Ashley Brimmer back tonight and Jordan Brodehl, who was injured, has really been stepping up for us All the girls are really working hard and working together to improve"

Brodehl paced the Wildcats with a fifth-place finish in the all-around (35 30) Nicole Drouillard was impressive for Brighton, winning the all-around with a 37 10 and earning a 9 7 with her floor exercise

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FLOOR EXERCISE 1 Nicole Drouillard (B) 972 Lauren Diluolo (B) 955 3 Rachael Page (B) 944 Monica Cauley (B) 925 Jordan Brodehi (P) 9056 Courtney Pickard (P) 82

Schoolcraft men's hoop team penalized for 2nd straight year

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Schoolcraft mens basketball season will end prematurely for the second straight season after the National Junior College Athletic Association denied an appeal and will ban the Ocelots from postseason play

Schoolcraft, 23-4 this season, did not file an ejection report in a timely manner to the NJCAA when coach Carlos Briggs was hit with a pair of technical fouls and tossed with only 40 seconds left in a game Jan 28, an 87-76 loss against Eastern Conference leader and rival Mott Community College in Flint

Earlier this season, the school did not report two ejections in a timely manner, one against Briggs on Nov 24, and another against player Antonio Bonds (who is no longer with the team), on Nov 26, in the Battle at the Beach Tournament held Thanksgiving weekend in Daytona Beach, Fla.

NJCAA rules state that any player or coaching game disqualifications must be filed by noon on the first business day following the ejection

Schoolcraft's written appeal, according to NJCAA Executive Director Wayne Baker, was denied unanimously, 11-0, by a committee which consisted of NJCAA officers, four at-large Region directors and one college president

'You hurt for the student-athletes, but you also have to be fair to all the other programs who are following the rules," Baker said "We warned them (Schoolcraft) after the first offense We ve been fair and up front We did not make an arbitrary decision It's in the bylaws There's not much we could do"

The ban prevents Schoolcraft from hosting the NJCAA-Region 12 Tournament (March 7-8) and competing in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association Playoffs next weekend ın Kalamazoo

The 40-year-old Briggs, a former Schoolcraft All-America, is in his final season at his alma mater. He will coach his final game Tuesday at home against St Clair CC

"Its the second offense by this coach this season,' Baker added 'He did not sit out a game (after the first ejection), and by rule, another violation warrants automatic probation. If this was the only incident this season, we wouldn't be talking. If this had been an isolated case, I would have said, just get your paperwork in

It's been a rough season already at Schoolcraft The NJCAA came down on its mens soccer program when three players enrolled in course that started later in the semester, leading to the forfeit seven mens soccer wins and the dismissal of coach Dominic Scicluna.

"I made a passionate appeal on behalf of the kids, they're the ones who are suffering," Schoolcraft athletic director Sid Fox said of the basketball situation "The (ejection) rule is good and I understand it, but procedures are not taking place with the rule There are hiccups in the system Whoever is the site administrator (at the game) should notify the school involved and that did not hap pen We did not get a call from Mott If somebody gets tossed, then call them and report it"

When Fox was asked why the report was filed 24 hours late, he answered 'Its a personnel issue I can't get into that"

Fox, however, said 'we have a monthly meeting with all our coaches to go over updates and rules changes'

"If I have to take it on my shoulders, so be it," the new A.D added "And if there's a void in the leadership, don't blame the kids It's a tough one"

Going into Saturday's scheduled home game against Macomb CC, Briggs, who took over a downtrodden program, was 247-36 overall in nine seasons with three trips to the NJCAA Division I Nationals and five MCCAA titles

Last season (2004-05), Schoolcraft finished 27-3, but was banned from postseason play over sanctions stemming for the use of a college-owned van that transported nine players and provided a meal on a trip to a college showcase in Indianapolis, Ind

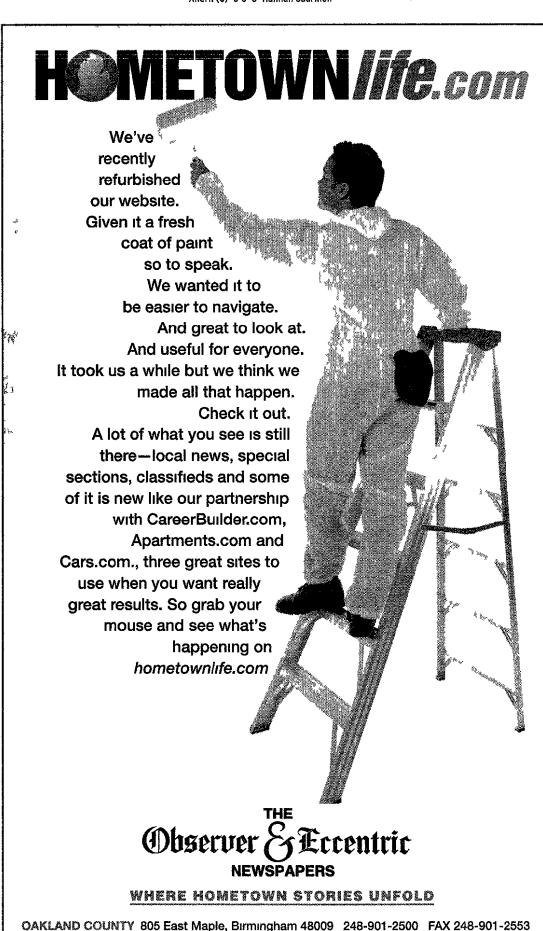
After the school failed to appeal, Briggs and Schoolcraft administrators clashed over a variety of issues and his contract was terminated, only to be given a one-year reprieve last April by Schoolcraft president Dr Conway Jeffress after Briggs supporters protested in front of the administration building

If I'm at fault, its because I stood up for kids when nobody else would, said Briggs, who sent over 30 players to the Division I ranks, including Derrick Bird (Auburn), Sam , Hoskin (DePaul), Gary Johnson (Central Florida) and Mike Williams (Western Michigan) "They never took the time to understand athletics or put somebody in there who understood

"They want to go back to the old Schoolcraft' Whatever I success that we ve had, I've always given credit to our administration But maybe they felt basketball started to outshine academ, ics

"I ve always beheved, however, both go hand-in-hand When you think of Duke, you think about academics and basketball When you think of Notre Dame, you think of academics and their football program. When you talk about Stanford, you think about academics and their all-around sports program"

Briggs replacement may be coming soon Fox has already begun interviewing a possible successor for next season when the Ocelots drop down from Division I to Division II NJCAA status



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Schoolcraft fends off Kirtland; Cornerstone spoils MU 'Senior Night'

The beat goes on for the Lady Ocelots Schoolcraft's women's basketball team Wednesday defeated Kirtland College 89-80, sparked by a 26-point night by freshman forward LaShanda Thomas

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The victory improved Schoolcraft's record to 24-2 overall, with the Lady Ocelots ranked third in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II polls

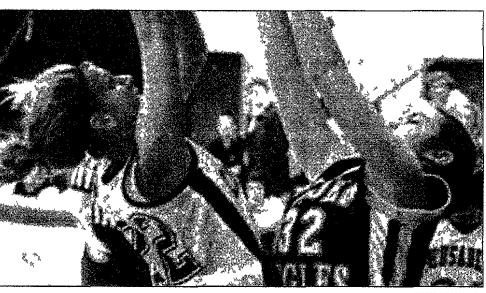
Because Kirtland is on probation, the game does not count in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association-Eastern Conference standings The Lady Ocelots remain 8-2 in league play, a half game behind Delta and Mott, entering weekend action

Thomas, who just missed a triple-double on Feb 11 against Henry Ford Community College, connected on four of 11 three-point tries and nailed all 10 foul

Also sparking the Lady Ocelots, who led 44-40 at the intermission, was sophomore forward Charlese Greer (19 points, six rebounds), freshman forward Maricka Seay (18 points, 18 rebounds) and sophomore guard Tomica Hodge (nine points, gight boards)

For the Firebirds (11-16), Liz Stempke led the way with 18 points and 10 rebounds

CORNERSTONE 68, MADONNA 55: Errant shooting, both from the floor and charity stripe, cost the Crusaders in this Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup Wednesday night at the



Madonna University freshman forward Christine Carrico (left) battles Cornerstone's Lisa Wightman for a loose ball during Wednesday night's game

Madonna University activities center MU (12-16 overall, 7-6 in the WHAC), hit just 23 of 78 field-goal attempts (29 5 percent) and only five of 17 free-throw tries The Golden Eagles (21-8, 8-5), on the other hand, hit nearly 50 percent of their shots from the floor and 21 of 26 from the line

The main thorn in the Madonna side was guard Jenna Plewes, who scored 25 points, including 11 free throws Adding 12 points was center Katie Anderson

Fitting for Madonna's "Senior Night' was the play of the team's two seniors Sarah Thomson and Lydia Prusinowski Thomson, a 5-11 forward, led the Crusaders with 17 points and nine rebounds while 5-8 guard Prusinowski chipped in with 14 points and six boards

Junior guard Stephanie Childs and sophomore forward Caryn Inman tallied eight and seven points, respectively Sophomore forward Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added seven rebounds

S'craft cages Firebirds; Golden Eagles down MU

Despite its lame-duck status due to probation, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team isn t playing out the string

The Ocelots led 58-28 at halftime en route to a 111-73 victory Wednesday at home over Kirtland Community College

Wallace Hall scored a game-high 25 points as the Ocelots improved to 23-4 overall Darryl Garrett added 17, while 7-foot cen ter James Davis finished with 15 points, 16 rebounds, four assists and three blocks

DeMario Curry and Derrick Coleman chipped in with 11 points apiece, while Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) and Garrett each dished out six assists

Tony Brown led the Firebirds (12-15), coached by former Schoolcraft coach Glen Donahue, with 23 points David Allison added 17

CORNERSTONE 102, MADON-NA 78. Guard Josh Liggins nailed six 3-pointers Wednesday night, leading

Cornerstone University (19-10, 10-3) to a Wolverme-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball win over visitıng Madonna University (10-18, 4-9) at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids

Liggins was 8 of-17 from the floor and 7-of 9 from the foul line en route to a game high 29 points He also grabbed 10 rebounds

John Jonker, who had 35 in a previous meeting against MU, added 18 points and 15 rebounds Kevin Wurn and Jim Cochran added 15 and 14 points, respectively

MU, shot shot only 38 1 percent from the floor (24of-63), got a team-high 18 points from Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) Henry made 4-of 5 threepoint attempts

Jordan Napier (Agape Christian) and Adam Kerfoot added 15 and 12 points, respectively D J Bridges (Canton) added nine points

MU was outrebounded

Wayne State men icers battle to 7-7 draw

In a wild finish, the Wayne State men's hockey team (5-17-6, 2-7-5 CHA) rallied from a three-goal deficit on three occasions (3-0, 5-2, 6-3) to earn a hard-fought 7-7 overtime draw at Robert Morris University on Feb 10

The host Colonials outshot WSU 12-11 in the opening period and held a 3-0 lead, but Wayne State pulled within a goal at 3-2 in the second period, as Derek Bachynski scored a power-play goal at the 6 56 mark and Adam Krug (Livonia, Mich /Sioux City Musketeers) recorded his third career shorthanded goal at the 9 02 mark.

Two RMU power-play goals put the Colonials ahead, 5-2, but Wayne State would score four of the next five goals over the next 17 minutes to tie the game at six

Another power-play goal for Robert Morris put the Warriors down one before WSU junior Jason Bloomingburg (Canton, Mich /Texas Tornado) pushed the puck across the goal line with 0 1 seconds remaining in regulation to complete the Warrior comeback.

. Warriors goaltender Matt Kelly allowed six goals on 21 shots in the first 33 27 before being lifted for jumor Will Hooper (13 saves)

The squads met again on Feb 11, with Robert Morris edging

WSU by a score of 5-4 Bloomingburg scored the second fastest goal to start a game in school history lighting the lamp just 10 seconds into the contest, and John May (Livonia, Mich /Springfield Junior Blues) followed 76 second later with his third goal of the season to put WSU in front, 2-0

The Colonials scored the next three goals to take the lead in the second period, and the two teams proceeded to exchange goals until RMU's Aaron Clarke scored the game-winner at 11 33 of the final period

Hooper made 28 saves in the game including double-digit totals in both of the first two periods

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

A pair of third period goals by Mercyhurst helped put an end to the WSU womens hockey teams fourgame winning streak, as the Warriors fell, 4-2, to the sixthranked Lakers on "Skate For The Cure" Night at City Sports Center Arena on Feb 10

The Warriors answered each of the Lakers' first two goals as Sam Poyton became the first womens hockey player in WSU history to score 20 goals in a season, while Mehssa Boal scored her 13th of the year, on a power play to send the teams into the locker room tied at two with the third period remaining

Mercyhurst took a 3-2 lead at the 5 06 mark and added a late goal to

HIGH FIVE!

put the game away

Wayne State fared slightly better on Feb 11 however skating to a 2-2 tie with its conference rival Poyton tied the game at one with her 21st of the season extending her scoring streak to six games and Boal record ed her second power-play goal of the series in the second period to put WSU ahead, 2-1

The lead held until 17 42 of the third period when MCs Valerie Choumard tied the game with her 19th of the season Mercyhurst man aged four shots on goal in overtime compared to two by WSU but nexther team could break the deadlock

Mercyhurst outshot the Warriors 35 28 with Valery Turcotte making 33 saves for WSU After losing the first 24 meetings in the all-time series with the Lakers Wavne State has recorded two ties against MC this season

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Wayne State mens basketball team (10-12 5 9 GLIAC) splrt a pair of home conference games last week, ginning with a c Mercyhurst on Feb 9

Thirteen first half points by Kris Krzyminski helped put WSU ahead, 32 24 at halftime and the Warriors led by as many as 12 early in the sec ond half before the Lakers went on an 14-2 run to tie the game at 41

with 10 53 remaining Several lead changes ensued and while senior Herb Goliday's (Royal Oak Twp) lay-up with 6 4 seconds left put the Warriors up by one Mercyhursts Avi Fogel made two free throws with 2 4 seconds remain

Krzyminski tied his career high

with 22 points, while Goliday fin ished with 13 points as both played all 40 minutes Jacob Black added 11 points five rebounds three steals and three assists

On Feb 11 five players scored in double figures as Wayne State defeated visiting Gannon University, 74 57, as WSU honored the 50th anniversary of its 1955 56 team that advanced to the NCAA Division I Sweet Sixteen

The game was close for much of the first half and into the second with Gannon clinging to a two-point lead with 13 49 to play

Krzyminski drained a three point er to ignite the offense as the Warriors went on runs of 9 0 and 9-1 and made 19-of 24 (79 2 percent) of their shots in the second half

Wayne State now in fifth place in the South Division is still alive for a spot in the GLIAC Tournament

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Teen Talk

Monica **Fulton**

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How can I make my Comp 1 teacher like me? Struggling Student

Garden City If I knew how to make people do something, I'd be a multimillionaire! It seems that you feel your teacher somehow has it in for you and that not liking you will show in your grade Having a number of teachers in my family, I can tell you from my experience that teachers actually want all of their students to succeed Yep, that's right I know, hard to believe isn't it? Teachers become teachers as a way to help kids like you and maybe even to help our society become stronger Now, as for your Comp 1 teacher I suspect that you're experiencing negative consequences in your Comp 1 class Maybe referrals to your administrator or after school detentions? I encourage you to choose your behavior wisely in order to minimize the negative consequences you're experiencing If your behavior is disruptive to the class to the point of interfering with the other students' learning, you aren't leaving your teacher much of an option I bet that if you listened in class, did all of your assignments and kept your disruptions to a minimum, you would experience more positive consequences And, because you'll be doing assignments and paying attention in class, your grade will see a boost as well!

My friend keeps lying and makes me second choice if there are older people around 1'm starting to get sick of her and I don't think my mom should keep driving her around if she keeps doing this But she tries to win back my friendship with gifts. Should I forgive her? Confused

Garden City It sounds like your friend's actions are hurting your feelings Have you told your friend how it feels when she dumps you to be around older people? Besides being angry, you're probably feeling abandoned and used From your letter, it seems that your friend is at least a little bit aware of what she's doing — the gifts might be her way of apologizing to

You might want to talk to your mom about how you feel because she may not be aware of the way your friend treats you Talk to your friend about how you feel when she treats you badly If your friend doesn't change and you decide you've had enough, then tell your mom that you want to stop spending so much time with your friend and that she doesn't need to be your friend's taxi service

anymore About forgiveness it's never healthy to hang on to negative feelings, but it's not healthy to keep yourself in a situation where you're not being treated right either If your friend is taking more than she's giving, forgive her and move on Take care of yourself and find friends that treat you with respect

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Midwinter oreak



Ann Michelle Householder removes son Liam's skates after a fun time on the ice at the Plymouth



There's an early evening crowd at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice

Recreation facilities gear up for school vacation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Skating, bowling, basketball tournaments, field trips, a performing arts camp – thanks to the staffs of local recreation facilities, children have a variety of activities to choose from during midwinter break.

At the Livonia Community Recreation Center, Ann Cox talks about the three point and free-throw shooting contests for ages 10-13 on Monday, Feb 20 All that's needed is an annual pass, or daily pass which varies in price from \$4 to \$11 depending on age and residency

A dodge ball showdown follows on Tuesday, Feb 21, more basketball on Wednesday, Feb 22, and a hoop shoot on Thursday when game room tournaments also offer an opportunity to play air hockey, pingpong, pool and foosball For a schedule of activities, visit www.ci livonia.mi and click on recreation center, or call (734) 466-2900

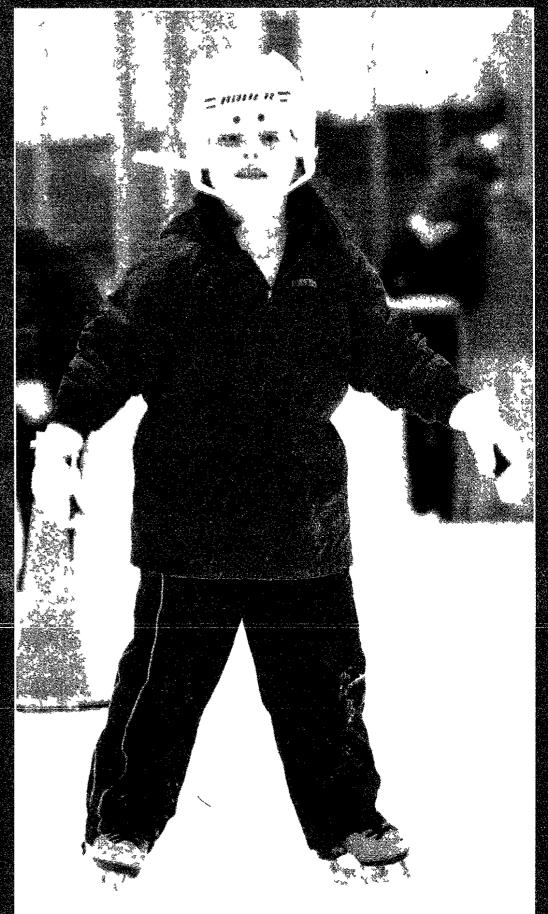
"We have lots of fun stuff for kıds, a tree fort for ages 12 and under, a leisure pool with a slide into the lazy river, a water playground with sprays and geysers, and a climbing wall," said Cox, a rec center staffer "Classes to learn how to climb the wall are noon to 1 p m Saturday, Feb 25, for

While Michelle Badolato's 2 1/2-year-old son, Christian, is still too young for school, he's able to enjoy swimming at the YMCA in Livonia. Badolato, the Y's membership coordinator, has signed him up for Splash, a series of five 30minute classes Monday through Friday, Feb 20-24

The class is on learning how to be safe and have fun while swimming,' said Badolato "Every day, Christian wants to go into the pool and come to the YMCA I've taken parent-child classes with him since he was 18 months'

Swimming is just one of the activities the Y has planned for midwinter break. A camp includes field trips for ages

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Six-year-old Julia Scannell takes a spin around the Plymouth Cultural Center ice rink

Y Adventure Guides bring parents, kids together

BY NEAL HALDANE CORRESPONDENT

The baby garter snake circled around my daughter's fingers as a group of her friends approached

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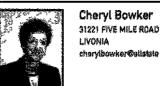
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Women's club

The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 11 a m Thursday Feb 23 at the Pick A Bone Restaurant 30325 Six Mile in Livonia Speaker will be Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard candidate for the US Senate There is a \$15 charge for the luncheon Visitors and guests always welcome For reservations call (248) 320 5473

Mercy auction

An opportunity to have a great evening and support a worthy cause comes when Mercy High School in Farmington hosts its 27th annual auction March 4 The evening includes a strolling buffet dinner and live and silent auctions Entertainment will be provided by the Mercyaires and the Mercy Mimes The auction is a parent sponsored fund raising event Proceeds will benefit the quality of education for Mercy young women WDIV's Steve Garagiola emcees the evening Joseph DuMouchelle of **DuMouchelle International Auctioneers** will be the auctioneer For auction reservations or more information call Erin Carlesimo or Diane Ludwinski (248) 476 8020 Ext 253

Daddy-Daughter Ball

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1411 Tickets are limited and do sell out **Genealogical societies** ■ The Livingston County Genealogical

Society meets 7 pm March 2 for a presentation on Genealogy and Adoption Research presented by guest speakers from the Adoption Identity Movement of Michigan a search and support organization founded in 1972 by people directly

affected by all aspects of adoption The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 Grand River in Howell A help session starts at 6 p m. The public is invited. For more information call (810) 227 7745

■ The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets 7 30 pm Monday Feb 20 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile Guest speaker Chauncy Miller will talk about Elmwood Cemetery giving facts and lore of Detroit's 150 year old ceme tery. The meeting and classes are open to the public free of charge and guests are welcome For more information call

(734) 425 3079

Parenting seminar Jim Fay one of America's most sought after presenters in the areas of parent ing and school discipline returns to the Northville area for two Love and Logic parenting seminars March 6 in the auditorium at the new Northville High School on 6 Mile between Sheldon and Beck The first session 4:30 6 pm is for parents of preschool and elemen tary age children the second session 730-9 pm helps parents learn how to quit arguing with their children ways to handle recovery time and food issues and how to get their children to help around the house For more infor mation call (248) 344 8443

Grace & Glorie

Arbor Hospice & Home Care partners with Duo Damas Productions for Grace & Glorie a humorous and heart warm ing play by renowned playwright Tom Ziegler The opening gala will be held 6 30 pm Friday March 24 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Set in a tiny cabin in the Blue Ridge Mountains Grace & Glorie is a mod ern day comedy which features Grace a feisty octogenarian with incurable cancer who has returned to her beloved homestead cottage to die She is cared for by a volunteer hospice worker named Glorie a Harvard MBA graduate and sophisticated urbanite who is a recent transplant to the rural area and is the volunteer hospice work

assigned to assist Grace Acclaimed producers Joanne W Hulce and Gloria Logan will be at the helm of the production Gloria Logan will also star as Glorie in the production Donna Adams Schulte will play the character of Grace Proceeds from the production will benefit The Arbor Hospice Foundation which supports the pro grams and services of Arbor Hospice & Home Care Tickets to the Opening Night Gala on Friday March 24 are \$75 each and include an opening reception with a chance to speak with the cast at 6 30 p m and the production beginning

at 8 Other show times are 8 p m

Saturday March 25 and a matinee per

formance 2 pm Sunday March 26 Tickets for those productions are \$40 apiece. For more information or to pur chase tickets contact Glenda Gordon Kime

at Arbor Hospice & Home Care at (734) 662 5999 ext 152

specialevents@arborhospice.org.or visit Arbor Hospice & Home Care online at www arborhospice org

Girlstown Foundation

Girlstown Foundation is looking for fos ter parents to provide care to males and females from 10 to 17 years of age in need of safe and loving homes. For information call (734) 697 4804

50s-60s party

Sterling Heights Dodge is co sponsor ing the first annual March of Dimes 50s 60s Party at the Fernhill Golf & Country Club Feb 25 to raise money for the fight against birth defects prema ture birth and infant mortality. The event will include live entertainment by Steve King and the Dittilies and a cos tume contest for those who best repre sent fun fifties sixties style Besides live entertainment guests will enjoy a buffet dinner and have a chance to participate in a silent auction and raffle with prizes throughout the evening While there are some tickets left for the premiere of this fund raiser space is limited. Tickets are \$50 per individual (\$22 tax deductible) and reservations can be made for a table of ten for \$450 Fernhill Golf & Country Club is located at 17600 Clinton River Road in Clinton Township between Garfield and Cass Roads Doors open at 6 pm and dinner will start at 7 pm For more information call Sharon Gwizdowski at (248) 359 1550

Drawing into painting

The exhibition Drawing into Painting runs Feb 24 April 8 at the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery 117 West Liberty Street Ann Arbor Hours are 10 am 6pm Monday through Saturday noon 5 30 pm Sunday For more infor mation contact Amanda Krugliak Exhibitions Director at the Ann Arbor Art Center (734) 994 8004 Ext 110

Literacy Council tutors

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

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in

various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their chil dren between the ages of 4 through the teen years Groups for parents who have lost a child adults who have lost a parent pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants If you are grieving or know someone who is please call the office at (248) 348 0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or

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visit www.newhopecenter.net

Rotary A M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth AM meets at 7 am every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer New members are always well come Contact Tim Phillips president Rotary Club of Plymouth A M via e mail at tim@phillipshq.com or call (734) 451

MOPS meet

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

Mosaic

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

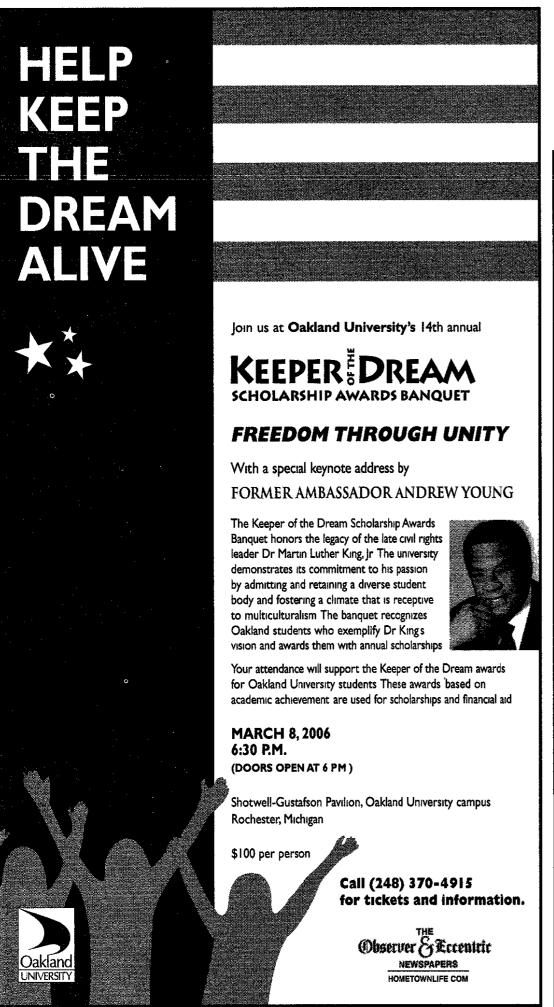
Moms Club

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

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January July and August A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution Members partici pate in community work involving vet erans' hospitals schools and communi ty service Call (734) 420 2775 for fur ther information

German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road Plymouth Call Mary Ann at (734) 420 0857 for further information





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Teens

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Encouraging the emotional life of boys

his column draws on Raising Cain by Kindlon and Thompson Here is a simple explanation of "emotional literacy" "If a boy gets to say, 'I'm hurt,' and he gets to say it over and over in an accepting (italics my own) environment, he can them recognize that he is hurt, because he's been validated (given confirmation or approval) If he feels hurt and nobody vali-

dates the word, then after a while he doesn't recognize it as hurt 'This is basic psychotherapy articulation (saying it), acknowledgment (admitting to its being real), and validation of a life experi-

Below are points that the authors believe have the potential to help protect the emotional life of your son They say these are foundations of parenting and creating communities that reflect and cul-

tivate the inner life of boys 1 "Give boys permission to have an internal life, approval for the full range of human emotions and help in developing an emotional vocabulary

The author explains that the informed parent respects the internal life of his or her son, makes reference to it, and shares his or her own internal life (My five children close each telephone call to me with "I love you," and I return the sentiment)

2 "Recognize and accept the high activity level of boys and give them places to express it"

Parents of boys need no explanation! The authors say '(B)oys need to learn how to manage their physicality to do no harm, but they need not be shamed for exuberance'

3 Talk to boys in their language - in a way that honors their pride and masculinity Be direct with them, use them as consultants and problem solvers

The authors conclude that "If you are willing to ask consultive questions, put your emotional cards on the table, you will not be disappointed with brief answers, you can communicate with boys Above all you have to convey your respect for his psychological defenses, his wish to be

4 'Teach boys that emotional courage is courage and that courage and empathy are sources of real strength

There aren't many models of important leaders who show emotional courage, state the authors, but parents need to recognize and identify emotional courage in those close to us - to point out models of male heroism "that goes beyond the muscular, the self-absorbed and simply heroic 'How to teach emotional courage? Encourage pet ownership, give opportunities for interacting with the very young, the elderly, and the environment Community service programs are invaluable as a means to developing male empathy

5 'Use discipline to build character and conscience, not enemies

The authors (and I) believe boys need discipline that is clear, consistent, and not harsh 'The best discipline is built on the child's love for adults and his wish to please If boys are unduly shamed, harshly punished, or encounter excessive adult anger, they will soon react to authority with resistance rather than with a desire to do better

6 Model a manhood of emotional attachment

These therapists explain that parents need to encourage and support boy-to-boy friendships These friendships may not look the way you expect them to look, be

as close as women's, or be different But they are extremely valuable My 41-yearold son has two loyal friends he always sees when he visits me Many a boy has been at our dinner table, and I would have had it no other way Two sons have middle names to honor friends of my husband

7 Teach boys there are many ways to be

Celebrate the natural creativity, risk-tak ing, energy and boldness of boys "We need to celebrate the many ways boys con tribute in this life

Be sure to review the last chapter of Raising Cain A good summary "The only thing that will make growing up psychologically safe for our sons is for them to know we value them and that we love them and that we have every confidence that they will grow naturally into good

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at

www.hometownlife.com/Livonia/News as p Type 'Alice R. McCarthy" under Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site All of her columns for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are on www bridgecomm com See the column of Feb 12 for an extensive list of books related to boys

Alice R McCarthy Ph D the mother of five profes sionals is a national consultant in the areas of par ent involvement in schools curriculum writing in health and health publications. She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book *Healthy* Teens Facing the Challenges of Young Lives Write to her in care of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 or at bridgecomm@aol com

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

- 1 Cell, Stephen King 2 "Memory in Death," J D Robb
- 3 The Hostage," WEB Griffin
- 4 Last Templar,' Ray Khoury 5 'Mary, Mary, James

Patterson

NON-FICTION

1 Marley and Me, John

- 2 "For Lacı A Mother's
- Story, Sharon Rocha 3 "My Friend Leonard, James Frey
- 4 'The Year of Magical Thinking,' Joan Didion
- 5 'Night, Elie Wiesel

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

- 1 The Have a Good Day
- Cafe, Frances Park 2 Baby Cant Sleep, Lisa
- Schroeder 3 How Do I Love You?
- Leslie Kimmelman
- 4 "Bess and Belia, Irene
- 5 'Rosie and the Nightmares, Philip Weechter

Tomorrow's Herel

Redford dance studio to present master classes

The Jazz & Spirit Dance Theatre of Detroit is hosting An Experience in Dance, a series of master classes with Dorothee Jaxon Alexander for instructors and students at the

studio, 23224 Joy, between Telegraph and W Outer Drive.

Redford Classes takes place 5 30-7 p m Monday-Friday, Feb 20-

24 Cost is \$75 for 5-day work-

shop, \$17 individual class, plus \$10 registration fee For more information, call (313) 534

Alexander performed with the Detroit City Dance

Company and currently is artistic director of The Repertory Dance Company of East Harlem She has choreo graphed for companies and professional dancers



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WEDDINGS

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Conroy-Dersey

Marisa Lynne Dersey and Michael Patrick Conroy were married Jan 5, 2006, at Belongil Beach, Byron Bay, in New South Wales, Australia

Marisa is the daughter of Ken and Jan Dersey of Plymouth She is a 1991 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 1995 graduate of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and a 1999 graduate of Emory University Law School She is employed as an attorney

Michael is the son of Mrs Janet Conroy and the late Harry Conroy of Minnesota He is a graduate of Purdue University He is employed as a senior project manager with Rudolph and Sletten in San Diego

The new Mr and Mrs Michael Conrov spent their honeymoon in Australia They are making their new home in San Diego, Calif

Sicilia-Kozan

Christina Marie Kozan and Eric Gregory Sicilia were married Nov 5, 2005, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church before the Rev David Brown A reception was held at Laurel Manor

Attending the bride were Laura Newlin, Megan McCarthy and Marin Jacoby Attending the groom were Steven Sıcılıa, Mıchael Sıcılıa

and Greg Sıcılıa Christina is the daughter of Christopher and Kimberly Kozan of Livonia, and Robbin Stenfelt of Webberville She is a graduate of Churchill High School and Schoolcraft College She is a teacher's assistant

Eric is the son of Marion and Joe Palazzolo of Livonia, and Greg and Candy Sicilia of West Bloomfield He is a graduate of Churchill High School and Madonna University with high honors He is employed in hotel upper management

ANNIVERSARY



Thompson's Golden

Robert (Bob) and Sandra (nee Doty) Thompson of Westland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb 18 They were married Feb 18, 1956, in Wood River, Ill They have lived in Westland for 41 years Bob was born and raised in Detroit

Sandra was a supervisor for 34 years with Michigan Bell/Ameritech, retiring in 1988 Bob was a teacher for Wayne-Westland Community Schools for 33 years, retiring in 1992 Their hobbies and interests include, Metro Detroit ASA Softball Hall of Fame-Managers, coaching women's fast pitch softball for 34 years, traveling, watching college sports, and they have belonged to a local pinochle club for 42

Bob and Sandra enjoyed an anniversary dinner with family and close friends at a local restaurant

ENGAGEMENTS

Schilk-Mancha

Daniel and Roslyn Schilk of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Kathryn, to Enc Todd Mancha of Plymouth

Nicole is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University, College of Nursing She is employed as a nurse at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor

Her fiance, Eric, is the son of Donald and Jane Mancha of Plymouth He is a 2000 graduate of Salem High School and a 2002 graduate of the National Fire Academy He is employed



at Ford's and Pittsfield Fire Department

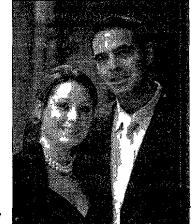
Eric and Nicole are planning a May wedding at First Presbyterian Church in Northville

Spallone-Thompson

Robert and Lori Spallone of Livonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Suzanne, to John A Thompson of

Nicole is a 1998 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2002 graduate of Madonna University with a degree in nursing She is employed at St Mary Mercy Hospital as a registered nurse in the operating

Her fiance, John, is the son of Horace and Lynn Thompson of Big Rapids He is a 1994 graduate of Big Rapids High School While serving in the United States Navy, he earned a bachelor's degree in health care management from Southern Illinois University He is employed by Zimmer as a senior orthopedic sales associate



John and Nicole are planning a September wedding at St Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth, followed by a reception at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn

After a honeymoon in the Hawanan Islands, they will make their home in Livonia

ANNIVERSARY

Wiley's Silver Scott and Sheri Wiley of

Redford recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary They were married May 24, 1980, at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia

Sheri grew up in Westland and Scott grew up in Garden City They met through friends in 1977

Sheri is a homemaker and Scott is employed in Wixom They enjoy the outdoors, biking, and camp as often as they can They are active with their church, Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church where they both serve on different committees They have lived in Redford for 14 years Scott and Sheri have one son, Cody



REUNIONS

As space permits the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print without charge announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Love at (586) 739 3840 **Detroit Chadsey** Class of 1956

Reunions Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia

MI 48170 Please include the date of the reunion one contact person and a tele phone number

Central High

Class of 1946 A 60-year reunion is planned for June 4 2006 at Glen Oaks Country Club Both January and June classmates will cele brate over dinner and dancing January grads contact Al Weiss (248) 737-9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851 6625 June grads contact Barbara Keidan (248) 646 7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932 5177

Denby High School

Class of 1956 A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept 16 2006 at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno com or Jerry

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

Detroit Mackenzie

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

Detroit St. Theresa

Class of 1956 A 50 year reunion is planned for June 10 2006 at the Holiday Inn West 17123 Laurel Park Dr N in Livonia Abrunch is planned on June 11 For more informa

tion call Mary Monroe at (734) 427 4526 **Edsel Ford High School**

A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events Final activity will be a Black and White Ball on Saturday May 20 2006 About the activities

www.geocities.com/edsel50th To.con tact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com

Epiphany Grade School Class of 1966

A 40 year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006 Contact Dorothy at (24) 477 9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com

Franklin High School Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007 Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363 5679 or e mail Kayninilu@aol com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu core com

Gable-Herald

Borowiec-Tomczyk

engagement

Jamie Lynn Borowiec and

John Walter Tomczyk, both of

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rick and Patti Borowiec

of Howell (formerly of Livonia)

Commerce Township (formerly

of Livonia) and the late Dennis

The couple plan to wed April,

Tomczyk of Emmet, Mich

The groom-elect is the son of

Marquette, are pleased to

announce their wedding

MaryAnn Tomczyk of

Lyle and Deborah Gable of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Marie, to John M Berwick of Ypsilanti

Elizabeth is a 1999 graduate of Canton High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University She is employed at Creative Solutions

Her fiancé, John, is the son of John and Kathy Herald of Northville He is a 1998 gradu ate of Canton High School and a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University He is employed with Yazaki

John and Elizabeth are planning a May wedding at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth

Lambert-Serafinski

Ken and Debbie Lambert of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Stefanie Lynn Lambert, to Jason Serafinski of Novi Stefanie is a 2000 graduate

of Stevenson High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University She is currently in her second year at The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Her fiance, Jason, is the son of Joseph Serafinski of Macomb and Darlene Martin of Clinton Township He is a 1995 graduate of Chippewa Valley High School, a 2001 graduate of Mıchıgan Technological University with a degree in chemical engineering, and a 2005 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a master's in engineering Jason is currently employed at



Henkel Surface Technologies as senior site engineer

Stefanie and Jason are planning a July 2006 wedding at First Presbyterian Church in South Lyon They will be mak ing their new home in Novi

Obituaries, Memorials Remembrances

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Age 58 of Westland, Michigan, passed away on February 14, 2006 after a brief illness Ms Greenwell was born March 23, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Herman Wood and the late Esther Mary Greenwell She attended the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah s Witnesses during her life She is sur vived by two sisters, Shirley Clark and Betty (Gordon) Sherman of Westland and three bothers Neil (Barbara) of Douglas Georgia Gary (Linda) Greenwell of Silver Creek Georgia, (Arlene) Greenwell of Valdosta, Georgia, and a host of nieces and nephews Memorial Services for Ms Greenwell will be 5pm Saturday February 18, 2006 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Westland Michigan Dennis DeCarlo will be

officiating Interment will be at

Cemetery in Valdosta, Georgia at a later date Arrangements provided by the Ziomek Funeral Home

Memorial

JOYCE ANN GREENWELL

Paying Loved One



PASTOR J. EARL MOORE

Age 79 of Canton, MI Beloved hus and of Bobbi for over 60 years Dear father of Diana (Jude) Barlage, Steven (Theda) Pastor Mark (Nancy) son in law Dean Leathers and the late Kimberly Moore Leathers Dear grandfather of John Krivis Jason Krivis Emily Barlage Dana Moore Scott Moore Timothy Lutz Adam Glaze Lindsey Moore, Derek Leathers, and nine great grandchil dren Dear brother of Pete Moore and Ruth Johnson In state Monday, 9 30 am until funeral service 10 am at Agape' Family Worship Center 45081 Geddes Road (btwn Sheldon & Canton Center) Canton Visitation Sunday 3-9 pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth Memorial contributions may be made to the Agape Family Worship Center Geddes Road Canton MI 48188 To leave a message of condo lence log on to

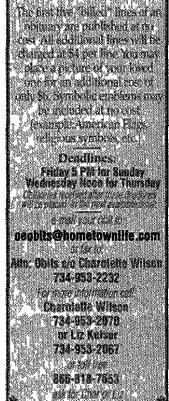
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EUGENE E. PREVOST D D.S.

Age 77 February 16 2006 Beloved husband of Alice Loving father of Kenneth (Mary) and Lynn Prevost Dear step father of Rhonda (John) Franchi and Roland DiMichele Devoted grandfather of Alicia Dane John Kelsi, Alise Wesley and Roland Dear brother of Dr Ronald (Linda) and Robert Muske Eugene was a dedicated and respected dentist an avid hunter and fisherman A memorial gathering will be held at RG & GR Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Road Livonia Saturday February 25th from 10 AM until Memorial Service at 12 noon Memorial contributions may be directed to Karmanos Caner Institute

In Memory Of

OBITUARY POLICY



Jacek-Andrus Michael and Vicki Jacek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Renee, to Bradley George Andrus Michelle is a graduate of Michigan State University She

is employed at ISCG Her fiance, Bradley, is the son

of Gary and Dianna Andrus of Royal Oak He is a graduate of Michigan State University He is employed at Kawasaki Robotics

Bradley and Michelle are planning an August wedding at Divine Child Church in Dearborn

Mr Timothy Sutton and Dr

Sutton-Eberhardt

Lynette Sutton of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Anne, to Michael Joseph Eberhardt of Clarkston Kimberly is a graduate of

Stevenson High School and Michigan State University She is the marketing manager for the Detroit Regional Chamber

Her fiance, Michael, is the son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence and Carol Eberhardt of Clarkston He is a graduate of Clarkston High School and



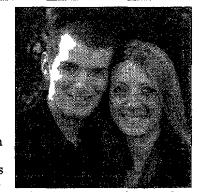
Michigan State University He is a customer development specialist for Gordon Food Services Michael and Kimberly are planning a May wedding at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth

Bakowski-Steinhelper Robert and Irene Bakowski

of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Marie, of Northville to Jason Thomas Steinhelper of Novi

Lauren is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University She is employed at DFCU Financial as a member relations representa-

Her fiance, Jason, 1s the son of Thomas and Patricia Steinhelper of Novi He is a 1999 graduate of Novi High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan-Ann



Arbor He is currently attending the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and will receive his JD this spring Jason and Lauren are plan

ning an August wedding at Laurel Manor

ANNIVERSARY

Green's Golden

William A and Joyce (nee Brandt) Green of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb 4 They were married Feb 4, 1956, at Covenant Lutheran Church in Detroit They moved into their home in Livonia after their honeymoon and are still in that same home after 50 years Bill has lived in Livonia 60 years

Bill worked as a tool and die maker for General Motors Spring and Bumper and has been retired for 15 years He has served as assistant scout

leader of Troop 897 for 39

Joyce is a homemaker She worked part time at Montgomery Ward They are members of the Livonia Historical Society, are certified health consultants and give free

consultations Bill and Joyce have three children, Timothy (married with two children) of Pinckney, Linda of Woodland, Wash, and Lori (married with two children) of Westminster, Colo,

and four grandchildren During their Christmas visit



to Colorado, they were guests of honor at a surprise party with family and friends

(CP)

GUIDES

FROM PAGE C1

We've seen turtles sunning themselves on logs and eagles soaring overhead

We've dipped candles, kayaked, bowled, roasted s mores, and played board games during rainy days

FULFILLING LIFE

All these events share a common catalyst - the YMCA Adventure Guide program

Without this program, my photo album and my life would have been much empti-

In today's drop-off-the-kids world where parents merely chauffeur their children from one organized activity to another, the Adventure Guide program requires a shared commitment

We don't drop off the kids and let someone else run things We jump in and interact with our children One month, we may be making birdhouses or pine cars at someone's house The next, we're visiting a cider mill or playing laser tag

Several times a year, we take over the YMCA and play tennis, shoot hoops, swim and eat pizza during the fun nights Three times a year, we head to a camp for a weekend of archery, high ropes, horseback riding, games, campfires and crafts

To tell the truth, I look forward to these activities as much as my children

In addition to the parentchild connection, I've had the chance to meet and spend time with a wonderful group of dads who also invest their energies in the program I expect many of these friendships to last long after my children grow too old for the Adventure Guides

Until then, I will cherish each moment I spend with Laura and Christopher and fellow adventurers I remember canoeing on a crystal clear lake with my daughter urging me to paddle faster, "Warp speed, daddy' I've skated on a frozen lake with my son under a sky brimming with stars

It's not all rainbows and ponies, though Sleeping in a cabin with a half-dozen dads who snore does little for your temperament and morning comes early in rooms without curtains or shades

we've survived some inter esting meals at camp, most notably a dinner of tater tots and "hurkey," which I hope to this day was a combination of ham and turkey and not some other protein source Fund raising remains a constant headache and some events lose their luster after five or six years

GOOD TIMES

Nonetheless, after all the sleepless nights, bad meals, and candy bar sales, my children and I can rattle off dozens of memories And guess what? My children don't have to fill me in on all the details I was there I have seen my children, and myself, overcome an obstacle, befriend another person, or try a new challenge

Now, the challenge for the Adventure Guides program

involves enlisting new members Turnout has been dwindling for several years It seems the current generation

of parents can't find or won't make the time to spend with their children I know it's tough to schedule a hike or fly a kite given all those other commitments

But I can't understand why so may parents fail to see the benefits of being more than a guest star in their children's lives

Is the visit to the driving range so vital? Chores? Hockey or basketball on TV? Internet? What could be more important than helping your child make a Popsicle-stick frame for a picture of both of you mugging for the camera or urging your kid up a rock wall and seeing that smile at the top?

Organized sports and afterschool activities have their place, but they can't replace one-on-one time spent with your children

Not convinced? Bring your son or daughter to the next Adventure Guide outing You don't have to commit more than one evening

Call the Livonia Family Y at (734) 261-2161 for more information and a schedule of upcoming activities

You don't have to become a full-fledged member of the Y, either

Just become a program member and you can enjoy all the benefits of the Adventure Guides program

I can't guarantee an absence of "hurkey," but I can promise a memory that will last a lifetime

Neal Haldane is a professor of jour nalism at Madonna University and former Observer editor

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MIDWINTER

3-14 The cost is \$35 a day for facility members, \$50 for program and nonmembers For more information, call (734) 261-2161 Even though Jon LaFever isn't a father himself, the Canton Leisure Services youth development specialist has spent weeks scheduling a midwinter camp (ages 11-15) with field trips to SuperBowl in Canton, Putting Edge glow-inthe-dark mini golf in Novi, Laser Quest in Westland, Game Works at Great Lakes Crossing Mall in Auburn Hills, and Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum in Farmington Hills from Feb 27 to March 3 Call (734) 398-5570

"It's an opportunity for parents who don't want to leave their students at home unattended," said LaFever "We pride ourselves on having activities that teens enjoy A youth advisory council of high school students meets regularly with ideas for the teen center It's an afterschool program that we pick kids up and bring them back to the center to play pool, air hockey, pingpong We have a computer lab, play stations, large screen TV, and a lounge with restaurant booths to hang out"

SKATING AWAY

All kids need to ice skate at the Plymouth Cultural Center is a day pass The cost is \$15 for youth and seniors, \$20 for adults Call (734) 455-6620 or visit www.ci plymouth mi us

"It's a prepaid punch card similar to those from car washes," said Mark Hammar, facility manager "They would pay up front for five sessions They would come for open skating Someone would punch the pass and after five sessions come

back next time for free'

For those who like to roller skate, the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation hosts a matinee 1-3 p m Monday, Feb 20, at Riverside Arena on Plymouth Road Fee is \$6 and covers skate rental, pizza and beverage Inline skates can be rented for an extra \$4 Call (734) 421-3540 Margaret Martin has an

entire week of activities planned through the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland Monday kicks off with a party at the Westland Bowl Tuesday is golfing fun on the Municipal Course and Wednesday, gym games A Rocker Soccer Clinic takes place Thursday for grades one eight (\$15, pre-register at Bailey Center or call (734) 427-6017) A Detroit Pistons Youth Basketball Clinic follows March 3 (grades one-eight, \$20) Preregister by March 1 Call (248) 377-8653 Martin is especially looking forward to the Nursery School Olympics for ages 18 months to 5 years old 10 a m to noon Saturday, March 4 Cost is \$4 per child, parents and spec tators free Martin is still looking for volunteers where chil dren provide the entertainment Call (734) 722-7620

'We wanted to have something fun for children to do every day of mid-winter break and they would be able to do a physical activity every day," said Martin, program supervisor "The racquetball courts are open during the day and basketball hoops are available every day 9 am to 10 pm, but they should pre-register ahead'

Dance Electric hosts a performing arts camp Feb 20-24, at its studio in Farmington Hills Students ages 6 17 learn about acting, making a commercial and music video, dance, and voice Cost is \$295 Call (248) 477-3830 or visit www.dance electric com

GOTTA HAVE ART

The Plymouth Community Arts Council explores the arts of Asia Monday-Wednesday, Feb 27 to March 1 (ages 5-12) The cost is \$81 members, \$93 nonmembers Call (734) 416-4278

We ll also have a Beverly Meyer concert March 3 at 7 p m that appeals to young children,' said Leslie Greeneisen, program director "Part of the First Friday Series, it's an outgrowth of our Music in the Park program and designed for all members of the

On March 2, musician Robert Jones talks about the blues, spirituals and freedom songs during the ArtReach Luncheon Tickets are \$20 Proceeds go to send fifth-graders in Plymouth Canton schools to the Detroit Institute of Arts

As director of youth services for the Plymouth District Library, Carol Champagne tries to plan several events for school breaks At 2 p m Tuesday, Feb 28, kids of all ages can enjoy the new Charlie and the Chocolate Factory film There is no charge,

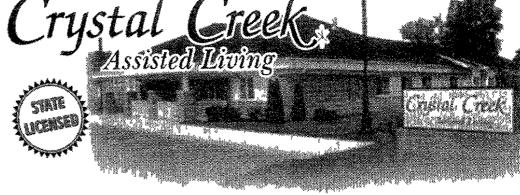
'I think we're going to have a lot of fun,' said Champagne "It's based on children's literature Books by Roald Dahl are always real popular'

An educational program, Magnificent Mesozoic, focuses on evolution 10 a m Saturday, Feb 25 Presented by the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum, the monthly program 1s open to kids ages 5-12 and their parents, but seating is limited Ages 5-12 will want to put on their shorts for limbo and hula hoop contest during a Winter Beach Party 2 p m Thursday, March 2

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NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times

Hearings are by appointment, please call 354 3267 between 8 am

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

To all residents and other interested parties Agenda's and Minutes

for the Township of Plymouth Board of Trustee Meetings are available for review under the Reference Desk Page of the

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

and 4 30 pm for an appointment Tuesday, March 7

Monday, March 18

9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

Wednesday, March 159 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment

6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment

2 pm -5 pm Hearings by Appointment

Saturday, March 18 9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed

All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board A personal appearance is not required Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 18,

The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI Please come prepared as a ten (10) minute time limit before the

Board of Review will be strictly adhered to

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2006 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the 2006 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI 48170, for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday March 7, 2006 from 9 00 a.m. to 9 30 pm and appointments from 9 30 a m to 6 00 p m

The regular Board of Review session will begin

Wednesday March 8 2006 from 3 00 pm to 9 00 pm Tuesday, March 14, 2006 from 3 00 p m to 9 00 p m Wednesday, March 15 2006 from 9 00 a m to 6 00 p m Monday March 20, 2006 from 11 30 a m to 1 00 p m

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed Hearings are by appointment only COMPLETED 2006 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made The "Deadline" for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 15, 2006 by 5 00 p m

A resident or non resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative An agent must have written authority to represent the owner Written petitions must be submitted by Wednesday March 15 2006 by 5 00 p m

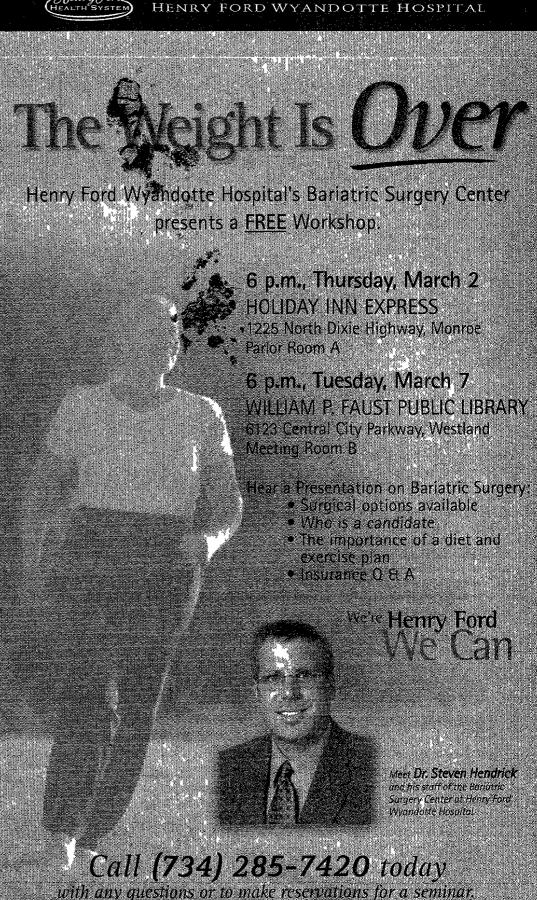
Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted local newspapers

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If you have any questions or concerns please contact (734) 453

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Linda J Langmesser City Clerk



Peppers great for vitamin C

Jill from Lincoln Park is a big fan of getting enough vitamin C. She usually gets it from citrus fruit, but wants a healthy vitamin C ingredient to add to her cooking

Jıll, you might want to take a walk on the spicy side! Ounce for ounce, green peppers have three times the vitamin C content of oranges and that is just half the equation Red and yellow peppers pack twice as much vitamin C as green That's a whopping 170 milligrams in just three tasty ounces Green peppers also supply large amounts of beta carotene and the amount goes up as they ripen into red or yellow peppers In fact, a red pepper has nine times the beta carotene of the green variety

Bob from Redford has been running for years and has never experienced the so called runner's high. He e-mails asking what is missing?

Bob, for many people exercise provides improved mood and an overall feeling of well-being The feeling of euphoria known as a runner's high became all the buzz way back in the 1970s Many runners say it really does happen, and yet others never experience it and probably never will The whole concept led to talk of people actually becoming hooked on

It was originally thought that natural painkillers called endorphins produced in the blood stream helped produce the high, however there is really no solid evidence to support this Not everybody gets high or even exhilarated from a workout and that is really the wrong reason to head to the gym or the track anyway!

If you have a health or fitness gues tion you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers e mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com

Controversy clears

PSA testing helped save man's life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Manuel Rosenbaum 18 happy hes still able to volunteer to read college level texts at Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic in Troy If the 76 year-old retiree hadn't gone for PSA testing every six months after his brother was diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer, he might have died as Irving did five years ago

That's why Rosenbaum is concerned about the controversy over a study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine in January He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in April 2004 after a PSA revealed his numbers had risen to 5 1

According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, more than 230,000 US men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2006, about 27,00 men will die of the disease

'Because of my brother, I was getting tested every six months instead of once a year as recommended for men over 50," said Rosenbaum, whose PSA level has dropped to zero since receiving 38 radiation treatments and hormonal therapy "The study published last month claims to show whether you get a PSA or not, it makes no difference in your ultimate survival There are many studies that show the opposite, studies that show the sooner you diagnose prostate cancer the more the person will likely survive and be cured even

Views on PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood testing have changed sınce Rosenbaum began volunteering to speak on prostate cancer for

the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute seven years ago

'I followed a script and showed slides Back then the PSA wasn't specifically known for detecting cancer, said Rosenbaum, of Oak Park 'Irving was diagnosed at the end of 1995 and had also been getting PSAs and DREs (digital rectal exam), but was diagnosed with an aggressive form that already spread to his pelvic bone

Dr Jeffrey Forman doesn't have a family history of prostate cancer, but thinks it's wise for men over age 50, and African American men 45 and older, to have an annual PSA and DRE A prostate cancer specialist at Karmanos, Forman is only 49 but has gone through testing for several years. He strongly disagrees with the recent study

The PSA and DRE should be done and there is more benefit than harm in doing it," said Forman, medical director of Karmanos affiliates and satellites including the Weisberg Treatment Center in Farmington Hills Rosenbaum was treated at the Weisberg center by Forman, a West Bloomfield physician who is a professor in the department of radiation oncology at Wayne State University

'A number of studies have shown a benefit, a previous body of scientific literature There's no question early detection leads to an improved cure rate Small cancers have a higher suc

Rosenbaum wants to encourage men to take the PSA and the DRE

"You hear a lot of guys were afraid to take the DRE," Rosenbaum said 'It takes a few seconds and maybe its



STEVE CANTRELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A simple PSA blood test has made it possible for Manuel Rosenbaum to conquer prostate cancer so he can continue to volunteer to read textbooks at Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic in Troy

annoying or uncomfortable, but (it's) over in a few seconds There's no good reason for a man to turn away from getting examined, and to talk to their physician about the meaning of their results Like any test, the PSA isn't perfect A well-informed physician will know that There may be reasons for a high number that can be identified and ruled out

Today, Rosenbaum is able to continue volunteering because of the early detection and treatment of his cancer Once a month he visits the Us Too support group at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak to help newly-diagnosed men who are considering different treatments He initially received two drugs to suppress testosterone He still gets hot flashes, one of the side effects, but is eating more soy products to reduce the intensity

Rosenbaum is just grateful to be alive for his three sons, two grandchildren one step grandchild and wife of 50 years, Regine That's why he gives back to Karmanos and nonprofits such as Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (www rfbd org, click on local link) which was founded nationally in 1949, in Michigan in 1958

Don Haffner, director of the studio, is as thankful to Rosenbaum for volunteering to reading textbooks. He has the expertise needed to pronounce the words he became familiar with while working in research, supervising a microbiology lab, and teaching at Cornell Medical College in New York City Rosenbaum is one of about 150 volunteers who record texts for levels ranging from kindergarten to graduate school

It's especially important because of his background,' Haffner said "When you get to chemistry and microbiology, we only have a handful of readers We re always training new people and always looking for new people We have nine sound-proof booths and almost never have them filled

Its (volunteering) important because we re working with students who have sight problems or reading disability, dyslexia, and are not able to read standard print, but by listening they can keep up with their classmates and even excel'

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In honor of National Heart Month, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is teaming up with Kroger to offer cholesterol screenings Cost is \$10 No fasting required

According to the American Heart Association, while 200 mg/dL or less is a desirable cholesterol level, nearly 107 million Americans age 20 or older have blood cholesterol levels of 200 mg/dL (considered borderline high) and almost 38 million have levels of 240 mg/dL or above (considered high blood choles-

Cardiovascular diseases rank as America's No 1 killer, claiming the lives of 38 percent of the more than 2 4 million Americans who die each year High blood cholesterol levels are a risk factor for cardiovascular disease For dates, times and locations, see schedule below or visit www.vna.org

10 am to 2 pm Monday, Feb 20, 5990 Sashabaw, Independence Twp, 9 a m to 1 p m Tuesday, Feb 21, 3097 Baldwin Road, and 2-6 p m Feb 21, 460 N Lapeer, Orion Twp, 10 a m to 2 p m Wednesday, Feb 22, 19855 12 Mile, Southfield, 10 a m to 2 p m Monday, Feb 27, 10805 Highland at Elizabeth Lake, White Lake, and 10 a.m to 2 p m Tuesday, Feb 28, 25780 Middlebelt Road at 11 Mile, Farmington

Efforts raise awareness of congenital heart defects

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Margaret Long continues to do everything she can to raise awareness about recognizing congenital heart defects (CHD) with an Awareness Day on Feb 14, and a week leading up to Valentines Day On Thursday, Feb 16, the Troy resident gave apresentation to third through fifth grade students at Mark Twain Elementary in Royal Oak Afterwards, their teacher told Long the students talked about her presentation until the final bell rang

"I hope to spread awareness, said Long They took stuff home, stickers and brochures and a sheet on how the heart works The kids were extremely interested to hear about congenital heart defects

"We looked at the school's defibrillator and talked about athletes who's heart stops and they didn t even realize they have CHD They had good questions I put a note on one sheet for them to take home to their parents to e-mail their congressman about passing H305 to make Feb 7-14 CHD awareness week More awareness would bring funding for research '

Families of children with congenital and acquired heart disease, adults with congenital heart defects and the professionals who work with them are joining forces to have the week leading up to Feb 14 proclaimed in all 50 states as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week

This year the US Senate passed a bill declaring Feb 14 'A Day For Hearts - Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day"

Many states and cities also issued a Proclamation that

February 7-14, 2006 was to be

CHD Awareness Week Long's youngest son was born with five significant heart defects Ethan was not diagnosed until after he was born Fortunately the physicians at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak quickly recognized the problem and he was immediately life-flighted to University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital where he had the first of three surgeries at five days old

Today, Ethan continues to enjoy life and is like other 9year-olds He is in third grade Sadly, many children are born with heart defects that are not diagnosed in time to save their lives That is why Long believes it is so important to increase awareness of CHD and to screen all newborns

The Congenital Heart Information Network (CHIN), which sponsors the national awareness day was launched in 1996 as an international nonprofit organization that provides reliable information, support services and resources to families of children with congenital and acquired heart disease, adults with congenital heart defects, and the professionals who work with them

For more information, visit www.tchin.org, or call (215) 493-3068

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FEBRUARY

Half hour to health

A fun and informative look at how the human body works and the five aspects of health will be covered in a lecture by Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C. 615 p.m. Tuesday Feb 21 at 8524 Canton Center Road Canton Topics include the most beneficial foods for your health and how low carb diets may be dangerous for some individuals learn how to sleep correctly and eat and drink to reach optimal health. No charge Seating limited Call (734) 455 4444

Say Goodbye lecture

Learn strategies to restore balance to your body using healthy foods herbal supplements good fats vitamins minerals and non prescription hormone creams 6 30 9 p m Wednesday Feb 22 at the Center for Lifelong Learning 22586 Ann Arbor Trail in Dearborn Heights Cost is \$29 To register call (313) 317 1500 or click on www hfcc edu/CL2

Thyroid cancer support

The support group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends and meets monthly. The next meeting is 7 8 30 pm Wednesday Feb 22 at Costello Elementary Media Center 1333 Hamman Troy For information call Gwynne at (248) 740 9759

Fun workshop

ALS of Michigan is offering a workshop for kids who have a connection to a Lou Gehrig's Disease patient $6\,30\,\,8\,30\,p\,m$ Thursday Feb 23 at ALS of Michigan 21311 Civic Center Drive Southfield If you are a par ent aunt or uncle grandparent or family friend of a child who might have fun gathering with other kids in similar circumstances to make a project that will promote laughs questions and an opportunity to share feelings and thoughts call (800) 882 5764 to RSVP or for more information. No charge Reservations not required

There will be refreshments for adults while kids interact and work on a take home project with an adult leader at each table Kids will also be able to interact with a certified Pet Therapy Dog Please bring pictures with you that can be cut as well as small memory items that can be used in projects In Michigan more than 1 2000 people are battling ALS an always fatal disease which attacks the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord that control the ability to move speak swallow and eventually breathe while the mind stays fully aware

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

GEMS

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets 6 7 pm Feb 24 and every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road It is a water exercise class for MS patients and their families. Support group meeting from 715 815 p m For information call Karolyn Davis (734) 459 9715 or Mike Hickey (734) 522 0036

Recovery Inc

The self help mental health organization meets Feb 24 and every Friday in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Building on Evergreen at 10 1/2 Mile For more information call (734) 464 0027 Recovery also meets 2 30 pm Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard and West Chicago Livonia 730 pm Mondays at St Matthew's Methodist Church 30900 W Six Mile between Middlebelt and Merriman and 115 pm Tuesdays at Mt Hope Congregational Church 30330 Schoolcraft west of Middlebelt. For location or times of other meetings call (313) 561 2521 or visit www.recovery inclorg Recovery helps people who suffer from depression tension anger low self esteem and other feelings that interfere with effectively meeting the challenges of daily living

Role play workshop

Samaritan Counseling Services is offering a work

shop on improving interpersonal skills 9 a m to 1 p m Saturday Feb 25 at Samaritan's Conference Room Gain insight into yourself improve interpersonal relationships learn to handle anger fear and hurt through the Blees method of scenario role playing led by the Rev Maymette Dolberry Sessions will be offered each month for those who would like to continue to sharp en their interpersonal relationship skills Reduced rate if four or more sign up. To register call (734) 677 0609

Eating disorders sessions

A two part educational presentation about eating disorders focusing on how genetics plays a role 7 9 pm Monday Feb 27 (focus on adolescents) and Wednesday March 1 (focus on adults) in the first floor auditorium of the Administration Building at William Beaumont Hospital 3601 W 13 Mile west of Woodward Royal Oak No charge Call (243) 898 9700

Golf fitness seminar

Gearing Up for Golf 7 pm Tuesday Feb 28 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital 1 William Carls Drive Commerce Orthopedic surgeon Philip Schmitt DO

and physical therapist John Connolly discuss how range of motion and proper body mechanics can affect your golf game and how to physically prepare for the season so as to prevent injury, according to keep you off the greens a you can expect an injury to keep you off the greens a young Call (248) 937

Divorce support

7 9 pm Tuesday Feb 28 gaining financial control of your divorce Jacqueline Gold Roessler CDFA and partner David Roessler CDFA discuss the financial aspects of divorce and how to plan for your future following divorce an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5.7 pm the third Monday of each month to discuss divorce and family issues (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4.30 p m that day) a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5 7 p m (sign in begins 4 30 p m) on the first Monday of each $^{\rm rk}$ month at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College 1860Q ... Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia Call (734) 462 4443

Mentally ill support

The Alliance for the Mentally III of Oakland County provides family support meetings for relatives of persons who suffer from mental illness on the first Monday of every month at 30233 Southfield Suite (5.3) 220 Southfield For information and referral for AMÍ 🗸 Oakland South call (248) 557 6440 AMI Oakland North (248) 706 0591 AMI general meeting is held the fourth Thursday of every month Education regarding mental illness related topics is provided in the Administration Building Classroom ABIW (lower level) at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Enter west service drive and park in west lot. Time is: 730 pm refreshments at 7 pm For information call (248) 706 0591

Hearing aid program

Individuals with hearing problems who meet eligibility requirements of hearing loss and low income criteria will s be able to obtain free hearing aids from the Lions Hearing Center Hearing Aid Program Candidates should call 1 888 LHC MICH for information and if eligible will be referred to a Lions Club in Oakland/Macomb County for sponsorship and an office in Southfield Bloomfield Hills or Detroit for testing and fitting Alternatively candidates may approach their local Lions Club for sponsorship and/or more information about the program

Back Pain?

Westland, MI According to a recently released back pain relief report most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs back pain relief techniques very But thanks to a free report local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do To get a copy of the free 'Back Pain Relief Report', call toll free **1-888-744-2225.** (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)



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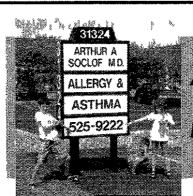


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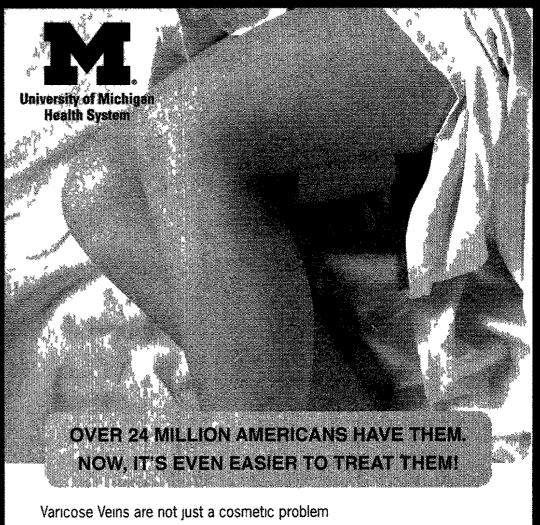
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Artrageous Fashion Runway shows set charity gala apart

By Wensdy White

hen Virginia Sullivan moved back to Michigan after spending 20 years ın New York, she didn't want to leave her fashion career behind She quickly carved a niche for herself in Metro Detroit, reinvigorating the local fashion scene in the process One of Sullivan's first tasks was to launch the Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards at last year's Artrageous charity gala. Students from Wayne State University, International Academy of Design & Technology, Cranbrook Arts Academy and College for Creative Studies showed clothing on the catwalk and competed for scholarships The FAFFAs were such a hit, they'll be staged again this year, along with an added competition for new and emerging designers PINK tracked down the busy Ms Sullivan for a chat about Artrageous 2006 fashion

What are the FAFFAs?

-The Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards They're the Detroit fashion equivalent of the Emmys or the Oscars The FAFFAs may sound new to people right now, but in a year or two they will be as well known as the Oscars, Emmys and Golden Globes I really believe that, isn't that scary?

What are the different categories?

Students can enter garments in four categories Artrageous Office, Artrageous Weekend, Artrageous Evening and Artrageous Qutrageous. Students will win FAFFAs in each category and their schools will receive grants

Why did you start the FAFFAs?

The whole thing — which is orchestrated through me by Fashion Detroit - the whole goal is to create awareness of fashion in Metro Detroit, and of



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER A JABLONSKI

Virginia Sullivan, right, talks with fellow judge Susan Howes of HOUR Detroit, during last year's FAFFAs at Artrageous

Artrageous 2006

When: 7 30 p m Saturday, Feb. 25 Where: American Center Building, 27777 Franklin Road, Southfield What: This premiere charity gala includes three fashion shows, live entertainment and an Artist Market, along with wines and tastings from more than 25 local eateries. Why: To benefit Fanclub Arts Foundation, promoting local art programs and education Tickets: \$100 in advance, \$125 at the door Call: (248) 584-4150 or visit www fanclubarts com

> ents in the fashion-related arts at all I suggested the fashion show right at the gala because it would differentiate Artrageous from every other gala out there These students need scholarships to pursue their dreams Also, the FAFFAs show our benefactors where their money is going, plus they can see these designers grow

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course Fanclubs goal is to promote arts education in fashion

Tell us more about the emerging designer's fashion show ..

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Who is overseeing this category?

This is going to be orchestrated by the Detroit Design Lab through Sarah Lurtz Sarah will be working with the designers she already represents, as well as looking for new talent to represent at the Design Lab

How many new and emerging

designers/do you expect? We will probably have eight designers showing a small collection of their clothing, between 6-8 designs, so we the judges will get a feeling of what their concepts are We will give a grant to the Design Lab in the winner's name

What should the audience expect? They can see the pulse of

many things Also, garments will be available for sale How did you get involved with the

fashion in Detroit — what's

ideas, they ll be energized But

what I really want them to see

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and fashionable. It offers its

residents fashion schools to

get an education, designers

who are very talented, fashion boutiques, fashion retailers, so

Fanclub Arts Foundation? In New York I was a professor at FIT and had my own fashion and image consulting company for 20-plus years I also had a mentorship program with a lot of students who were interested in getting into fashion, so I was very aware of how important the fashion arts were for students I came to Detroit... to take care of ailing parents, and happened to meet (Fanclub President) John Bloom The best thing about John is that he is very open to ideas and very committed to providing arts education in the Metro Detroit community

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tions are left unfilled every year

Pharmacy graduates can expect a variety of possible career directions as well as four or five job offers Besides earning a mean annual wage of \$77,050, pharmacists can choose from a wide variety of employment settings, from research labo ratories to poison control centers to vetermary clinics

To help teachers encourage students to pursue a career in pharmacy, health and science, the pharmaceutical company Roche created a free teacher's guide in collaboration with the Parenteral Drug Association Foundation for Pharmaceutical Sciences Inc. and WLIW New York public television

"Encouraging students who already have an interest in health and science may be key to closing the potential shortage gap of pharmacists,' said Vivian L Beetle, director of corporate relations and contri butions for Roche 'Roche believes that teachers play a positive and vital role in directing students into a career path

The guide is designed to help teachers identify students with an interest in sci ence and show them how to engage students in dialogue about career opportunities in pharmacy It includes profiles of students who have pursued a career in pharmacy, a list of colleges and profes sional organizations and a student self-



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to make a positive contribution to society?

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Roche is working with others to distribute the guide, titled Pharmacists Unsung Heroes, among educators It also can be downloaded at www.wliw.org/pharmacists

Experts say allied health work force in jeopardy,

(NewsUSA) — From rising health care costs to an increase in the number of Americans who lack health insurance coverage, there are many health care issues that are attracting considerable attention in Congress

However, some say there's one key dimension that fails to receive sufficient notice the adequacy of the allied health care work force Apart from doctors, nurses and pharmacists, these professionals are the personnel engaged in patient care in hospitals They also work in a wide range of other health care settings

An increase in demand, retirements, technology advances and other opportunities for allied health graduates have placed a strain on the educational pipeline According to the Association of Schools of Alhed Health Professions, an organzation representing allied health education in the US, a vivid illustration of this disturbing trend may be found among the allied health professions

Currently, many sectors within the allied health professions are vulnerable For example, although a high proportion of all treatment furnished in a hospital is accompanied by medical laboratory tests, the medical technologists who perform these procedures are ... experiencing a personnel shortage that is just as severe — if not worse - than what afflicts the national nurse shortage

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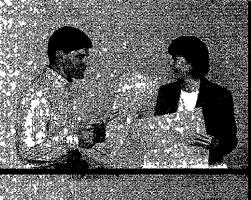


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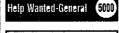
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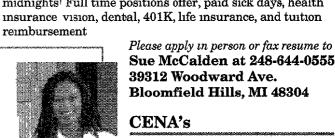
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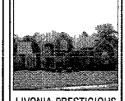
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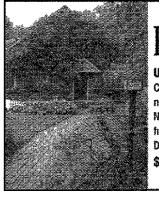
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Follow this recipe for cooking up a colorful new room

(NAPSI) — For many, choosing the right color scheme for their new home can be a daunting household task But, just like learning how to cook a great meal, creating the perfect room can be achieved with the right ingredients and a good

"Spicing up the home with color is a great way to brighten the indoors, but the actual color selection process often can be quite overwhelming," said Barbara Richardson, director of color marketing for ICI Paints and a licensed intenor designer Follow these simple, sensible tips, and you'll paint like a pro to create a delectable treat of a colorful new home - and have fun in the process

CONSULT A COLOR "COOKBOOK"

You wouldn't attempt to whip up a gourmet meal with out consulting a cookbook or an experienced chef Similarly, take advantage of the design assistance that is available to you For computer-sayvy do-ityourselfers, free design advice

is available with the simple click of a computer mouse

For example, the Glidden Online Color Consultant, located at www glidden com, combines individual tastes with direction from color experts to determine a user's ideal paint palette through a step-by-step guided process

Color chips of shades chosen online can be ordered and sent free of charge Since it's preferable to make paint selections surrounded by the furniture, lighting and accessories of a room, reviewing color chips in the comfort of home provides the extra confidence needed to proceed with a paint project

DO A TASTE TEST

It's important to see before you believe, especially when it comes to paint colors So, how do you experiment with paint colors and avoid the stress and mess?

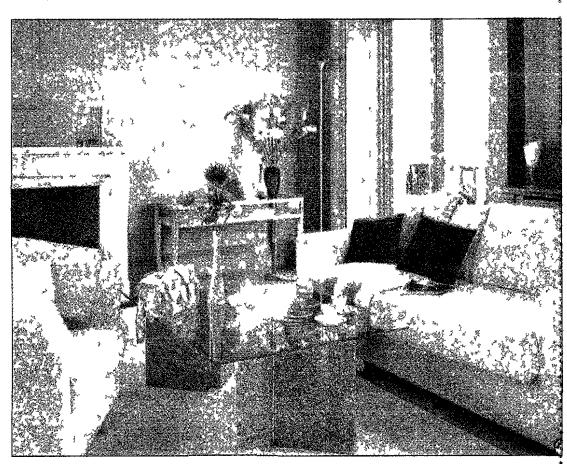
Try the self-adhesive, reposi tionable color swatches Simply place swatches on a wall, then remove and restick as many times as necessary to select the best colors to coordinate with furniture and acces-

DON'T LEAVE OUT ESSENTIALS

For the best topcoat results, most projects will require a coat of primer first A primer called Gripper Grey, for example, was specifically developed for use under dark or vibrant paints These primers use shades of grey to create a better foundation that enhances the true richness of popular topcoat colors while saving time and money

'Most DIYers don t think twice about applying deep colors, such as dark reds, greens or blues, over a white primer," said Richardson 'Only after the paint has dried do they realize that the primer affects the intensity of the topcoat As a result, more time and money are spent on applying additional layers to achieve the desired color

By following a recipe for painting success, do-it-yourselfers can create a room that will be savored for years to



Color selection for a home's interior can be overwhelming, but design advice is just a computer mouse away

Get the facts: Determine market value properly to sell your house

I am going to sell my house How do I determine what price it will sell

For the most part sellers don't want to feel like they are giving away their house and buyers don't want to pay over market value What is supposed to happen is that the house will sell at market

Some of the things that make up the market value

■ What similar properties in the same area sold for If your house has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 2,000 square feet, you need to examine what houses that have 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a similar number



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Michael Aldouby

of square feet have recently sold for in your area And let's say you found out that the range is between \$200,000 to \$240,000, that is most likely your range

Now often when I have told sellers what the range is and I ask them how they want to price their home, they pick the top of the range However, there is still more

that goes into the pricing of the house

■ Updates If the house you have has all granite or higherend countertops and other upgrades it will be worth the higher amount of the range If, on the other hand, the house isn't updated that is an indicator that it will sell for the lower range

■ The condition If buyers determine that the house is in sad shape that will affect its market value This could mean that it's dirty and is cluttered This is why it's critical for sellers to keep their houses in pristine shape when its being sold Buying is an emotional experience and

All houses and condos can sell. The trick is determining what is the market value. Sometimes sellers don't want to accept what the market value truly is for their house. However, the house won't sell based on what the seller wants, it will sell based on what buyers are willing to pay.

even though it really doesn't cost anything to put away dirty dishes it could affect the price

■ The terms You want to make it as easy as possible to buy your house If you are asking buyers to wait six months until you are ready to move this will mean that your house is now less attractive on the market

Sometimes sellers don't want to accept what the market value truly is for their house However, the house won't sell Also, maybe allow buyers to based on what the seller purchase your house using FHA or VA financing If you really want to sell your house maybe consider offering a land con-

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CAM's new chairman for 2004 is Robert A Singer, president of Duross Painting Co

CAM's newly elected Vice Chairmen are Todd A Garris, owner/president of Walltec LLC, and James A Sinkel, president of Smith Brothers Electric Randy L Brooks, executive vice president of Temperature Engineering Corp was elected treasurer

Each year, three individuals retire from CAM's Board of Directors and three new members are elected by the membership to serve in their place The newly elected directors are Brian J Brunt, vice president of Brunt Associates Inc. Robert J Michielutti Jr, presi dent of Michielutti Bros Inc. and Glenn E Parvin, president of Custom Architectural Sheet Metal Specialists (C A.S S)

Condominium Living

Condo Owners of Livonia is sponsoring a free seminar for all those living in or considering a condominium The first ın a series "Rules and Regulations, Who Wants Them? Who Needs Them? will be held 7-8 30 p m on Tuesday, March 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library This series will address all the aspects of condominium ownership and association membership Call Michael, (734) 464-7455 (condoownersoflivonia@earthlink net)

New leases

Liberty Property Trust announced that it has signed leases with two new tenants and four existing tenants for Class A office space in Michigan totaling 29,623 square feet According to Joe Trinkle, Liberty's city manager and vice president in the region, "Liberty's occupancy continues to outpace the market and we anticipate continuing this trend during the rest of

Homebuyer Seminar

Flagstar Bank Home Lending is offering a free First-Time Homebuyer Seminar from 5 30-8 p m Thursday, Feb 23, at Flagstar Bank Corporate Headquarters Auditorium, 5151 Corporate Drive (just off Long Lake, west of Crooks), Troy Seating is limited To reserve a space, call Michelle Ulman, (248) 723-6432, Ext 247

Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following

■8 a m to noon Tuesday, Feb 21, "Planning & Scheduling at BIA Headquarters, Arrangements were handled by Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fee is \$145 for Remodelers Council members, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests (248) 862-1033

■ 8 30 10 30 a m Tuesday, Feb 28, "So You Found the Land Now What?' at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan mem bers and \$40 for nonmembers and guests Registration, (248) 862 1033

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes

6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, Feb 27 & March 1, Basement Remodeling, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake The cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Feb 23, Bloomfield Hills Community Education (248) 433-0885

■ 6-10 p m Monday/Wednesday, Feb 27, and March 1, 6, and 8, 'Mıchıgan State Builder's License Examination, The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington, \$190 plus \$30 for course textbook and sample questions Pre-registration is required no later than Thursday, Feb 23, **Farmington Community** Education (248) 489 3333

■ 6 10 p m Tuesday/Thursday, Feb 28 & March 2, 7, 9 How To Build Your Own Home, Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W 14 Mile, Beverly Hills The cost is \$190 plus \$30 for two textbooks Pre-registration is required by Friday, Feb 24, Birmingham Community Education (248) 203-3800

■ 6-10 p m Tuesday/Thursday, Feb 28, and March 2, 7, 9, How To Build Your Own Home,' South Lyon High School, 1000 N Lafayette St, South Lyon, \$190 plus \$20 for two course textbooks Pre-registration is required by Friday, Feb 24, South Lyon Recreation Department (248) 437-8105

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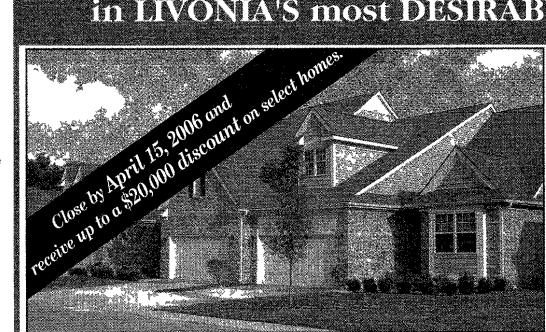
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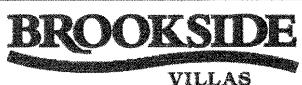


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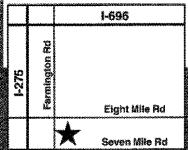






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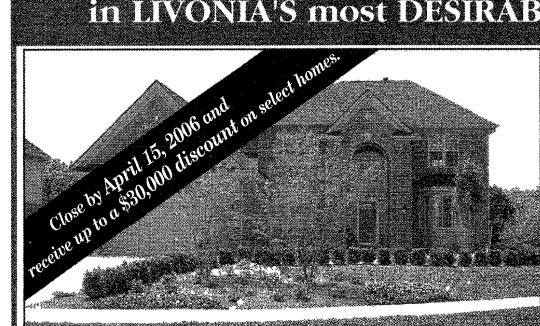


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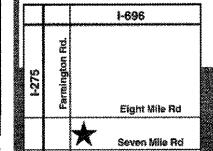




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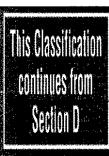
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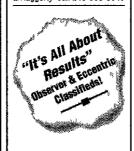
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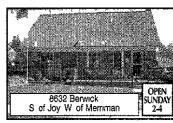
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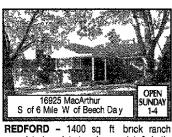
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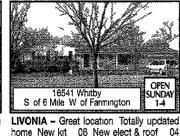
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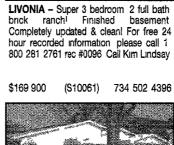
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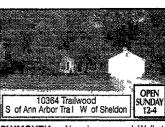
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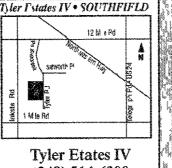


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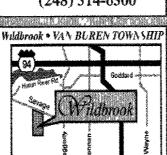
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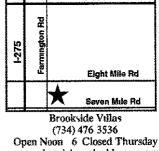
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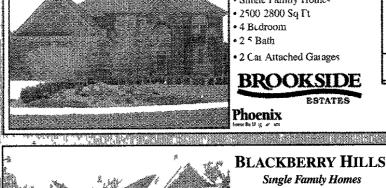
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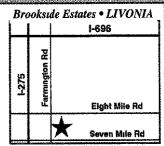
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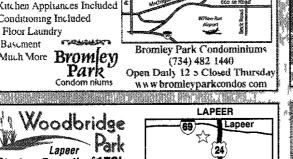
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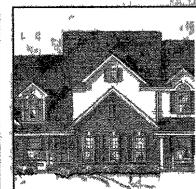
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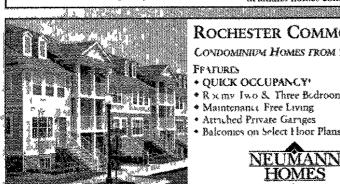
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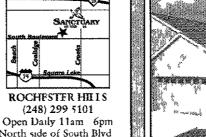
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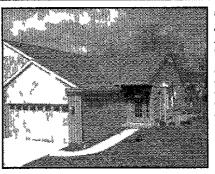


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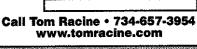
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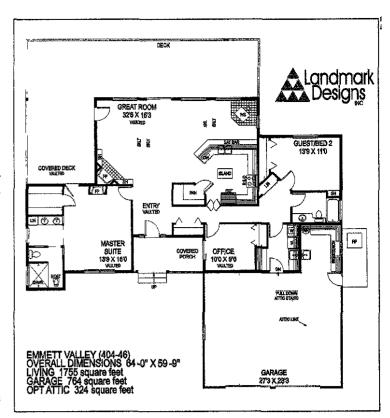
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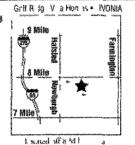
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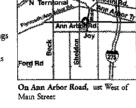


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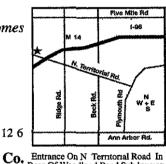


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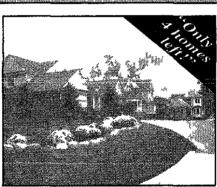
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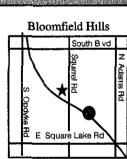


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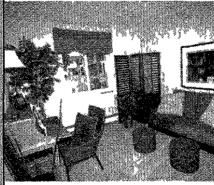
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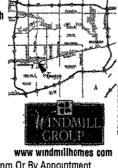
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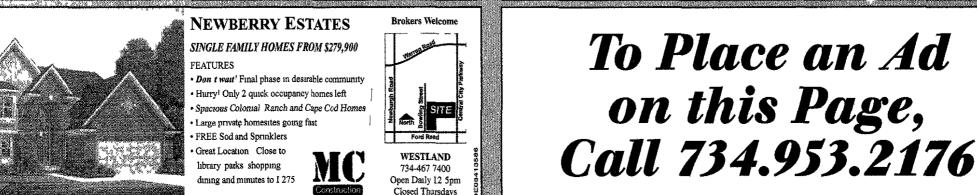
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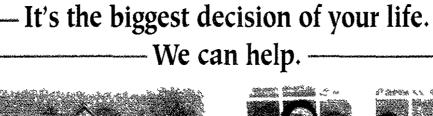


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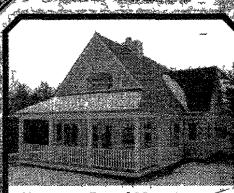




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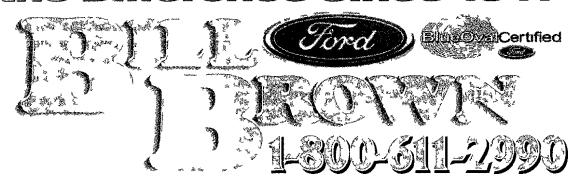
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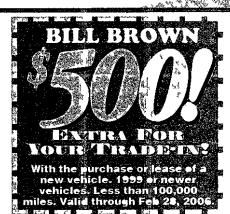
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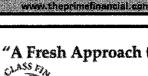
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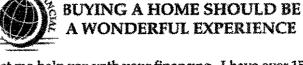
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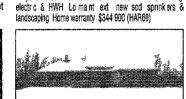
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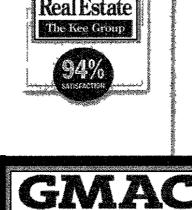
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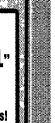
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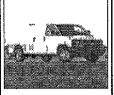
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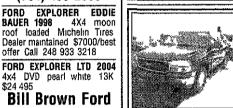
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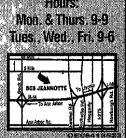


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These days, when manufacturers share platforms among their different models, it can sometimes be difficult to tell one car from another That won't be a problem for the 2006 Scion xB This is a unique car in many ways, and the most obvious is the way it looks - you can spot one (almost) a mile away And getting a unique vehicle doesn't have to cost a lot, either, the xB starts at under \$15,000

The xB, built by the Scion division of Toyota, looks like a box on wheels It's actually more attractive than that sounds, it's tall with sharp lines The xB comes with multi-reflector halogen headlamps, a chrome exhaust tip and an exterior ground effects kit that includes a front air dam, rocker panel extensions, and a rear valance panel Stainless steel exhaust, fog lights and a rear lip spoiler are optional

The unique shape of the xB means that there is plenty - and I mean plenty - of headroom You could almost wear a ten-gallon hat without touching the top of the cabin There a good amount of legroom, as well, and with the 60/40 folding rear seats and big rear hatch, there's cargo space aplenty

The standard cloth seats are relatively comfortable and provide good driving position My only gripe about the way the driver's area is laid out is the lack of a footrest on the left side It's tough to find a comfortable position for your left foot The layout of the cockpit is a little different than you may be used to - the instrument panel is actually mounted on top of the dash It's easy to read, though, and is easy to get used to

There are a lot of nice standard features for a car in this price range Air conditioning,



2006 Toyota Scion xB. Type: Small wagon. Where built: Japan. EPA: 30/34 (automatic). Base price: \$14,680. Price as tested: \$17,199

power doors, window and locks, remote keyless entry, and rear window defroster all come with

The unique shape of the Scion isn't always an advantage, as a listen to the audio system will show The acoustics are difficult to engineer, but Scio makes a good effort. The standard audio system is a Pioneer 160-watt AM/FM/CD system with six speakers. The sound is clean, but the rear speakers are almost impossible to hear because they're buried in the back behind the seating area. One nice feature is the optional sound system (also made by Pioneer) with an iPod connection system With this system, one cable connects your iPod to the sound system via the center console Press a button on the head unit and it will display the song information on the track that's playing You can, if you wish, also add a subwoofer and either XM or Sirius satellite radio

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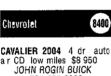
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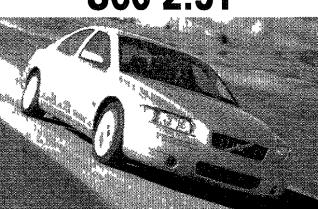
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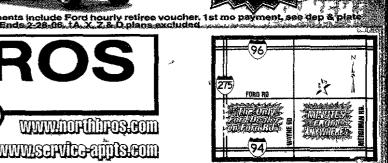
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