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Voice on the phone: 'Mom ... it's Jill'



Christian Science Monitor reporter Jill Carroll kidnapped in Iraq in January and released Thursday, is the daughter of retired Plymouth-Canton teacher Mary Beth Carroll

Captured journalist's release ends family's ordeal

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Mary Beth Carroll was expected to be in the Plymouth/Canton area next weekend to visit close friends with whom she used to teach in the Plymouth-Canton school district, as well as friends in Ann Arbor,

where she formerly lived. Instead, the retired Salem High School English teacher is changing her plans — to reunite with her daughter, Jill Carroll, the American journalist released Thursday morning by Iraqi extremists who'd held her hostage since Jan. 7. "I was sound asleep when the

phone rang about 5:15 in the morning," said Mary Beth Carroll, who now lives in suburban Chicago. "I quickly thought 'maybe it's Jill,' and didn't have much time to think if it could be good news or bad news. When I answered I heard, 'Mom ... it's Jill.' "I can't even tell you what hap-

pened after that," Carroll said. "I must have screamed about 10 times and I had to calm down. Jill sounded great, and said she just wants to come home and be with her family."

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Carroll, who taught in the district for 33 years, said there are plans in the works for the family to reunite with Jill soon (for obvious

reasons she declined to be more specific). "We just want some privacy and time with Jill," she said. Carroll said they've had invitations to be on "every possible program" to tell their story of the past three months, but said "Jill will make those decisions." Jill Carroll, 28, was dropped off near the Iraqi Islamic Party offices

PLEASE SEE JILL CARROLL, A4



Cornelius (Mike Royer) and Barnaby (Keith Brown) are 'Going to New York' and they won't be back until they've kissed a girl

Park Players find fun in spring musical

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Kristen Quesada was considering possibilities for the Park Players' spring production, she wanted to have some fun.

Quesada, the Players' director, found just the right thing in the light-hearted, high energy musical *Hello, Dolly!*, which the Park Players will perform April 6-8 in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

The play, set in 1890s New York and based on Thornton Wilder's *The Matchmaker*, tells the story of Dolly Levi, a widowed matchmaker who sets up young men and women every day with the flick of a wrist. Levi has her sights set on Horace Vandergelder, the famous half-millionaire, and is determined to make him marry her.

The production, which Quesada said hasn't been done in Plymouth-Canton schools since the early 1980s, uses the second-largest cast (52 members) in school history.

"It's a classic, well-known musical that is highly energetic and entertaining," said Quesada. "They haven't done it here in a long time. I thought it was a fun musical that would be fun to do and that people would want to come and see."

Senior Lauren Norris plays Dolly, opposite Jeff Harrison's Horace Vandergelder. It's the first musical lead for Norris, who plans to study the-

Saying hello to 'Dolly'



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Lauren Norris plays Dolly and Jeff Harrison plays Mr. Vandergelder in the Plymouth Park Players' production of 'Hello, Dolly'

ater in college. "She's fabulous," Quesada said. "She's got an excellent voice. She's the total package."

But Quesada is most impressed with the boys who joined the cast. For instance, the play calls for 18 dancing waiters. Of the 18 P-CEP boys playing those roles, only two have ever had any kind of dance instruction, she said.

"I have to give 'props' to the boys in this show," Quesada said. "They've been busting their butts and doing very well. They're energetic and their voices are phenomenal. They just really bring the show together."

While rehearsals have gone well, it hasn't all been smooth. The theater will close for repairs

after *Dolly* completes its run. That means other groups using the theater have had to get in as well, leaving the cast of *Dolly* little time to build the large, detailed sets needed for the production.

"People will be impressed it's high school kids up on that stage and high school kids who put the sets together," Quesada said. "This amount of talent is amazing for a high school. It absolutely exceeds the expectations for high school performers. It's entertaining and fun."

Performances are 8 p.m. April 6-8, with a 2 p.m. matinee April 8. Tickets are \$10.

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Lawyer: Indictment driven by lawsuit

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BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Former federal prosecutor Richard Convertino and a former State Department official were formally indicted Wednesday on charges they conspired to mislead the jury about evidence in the nation's first terror trial after the 9/11 attacks.



Convertino

The four-count indictment charges Convertino, who lives in Canton Township and has a private law firm in downtown Plymouth, and Harry Raymond Smith for allegedly misleading the jury in a case that won two convictions, which were later overturned.

Two men were found guilty in June 2003 on terrorism charges, however, the convictions were thrown out after the U.S. Justice Department claimed prosecutors suppressed evidence.

The Justice Department has declined comment on the charges, which could land Convertino in prison for up to 30 years and cost him a \$1 million fine if convicted.

Convertino, 44, said the handing down of the indictments "wasn't unexpected, but still a shock."

Convertino continues his claim the indictments stem from his 2004 whistleblower lawsuit against then-Attorney General John Ashcroft, claiming gross incompetence and mismanagement of the war on terror.

"There were people in the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI in Washington that were of the belief, and told me so, that this is all driven by my lawsuit against Ashcroft," said Convertino. "The fact that a citizen has filed a lawsuit against our government is such a basic right of redress, and to think that in return for that a criminal investigation probe of every professional aspect of my career, and personal corner of my life, is a concept that is simply un-American."

Convertino said there has never been an offer to drop his lawsuit in return for the disappearance of the indictment. But, it has been intimidated.

"People would tell me all the time that this lawsuit would go away," Convertino said. "But, no one in authority at the Department of Justice has ever said it to me."

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School board elections 2006

Teen thinks young voice is needed on P-C board



Hynes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As a 2005 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Canton resident Brandon Hynes believes the private school experience is one that will benefit him if

elected to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. "I don't feel like the youth of our district are being represented on the current board," said Hynes, 18. "It's about a young voice and a

PLEASE SEE HYNES, A5

School hopeful wants state to step up funding

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As John Nichols of Canton Township sees it, Lansing lawmakers need to step up when it comes to funding for public education.

"I'm not a supporter of cutting any core value programs for our kids," said Nichols. "We've cut enough. It's time Lansing helps us out. The money is out there,



Nichols

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Growing local parishes are left alone in archdiocese plan

BY ALEX LUNDBERG AND BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITERS

In response to the pressures of shifting population, changing demographics and a diminishing pool of available priests, the Archdiocese of Detroit has announced the impending closure and merger of schools and parishes all over the metro Detroit area.

However, while the plan announced Wednesday morning by Cardinal Adam Maida addresses how the archdiocese will deal with changes within the Catholic community has been two years in the making, it

leaves the Plymouth Canton area relatively alone.

Since Plymouth sports two healthy Catholic parishes — St. Kenneth on Haggerty and Our Lady of Good Counsel at North Territorial and Beck — the archdiocese recommends no changes — for the time being.

However, the report does address a potential need for the two parishes to consider, in the near future, ways they could possibly collaborate to help each parish maintain its health.

Even out here we probably need to do a little cooperation, even though we have the numbers to support the buildings

and programs being offered, said the Rev. Tom Belczak, pastor at St. Kenneth. "The finances are stronger because we have a higher income and a higher number of people who contribute, but the fact remains there's still a shortage of clergy. We may not see consolidation, but we'll see some cooperation in terms of shared ministries."

Belczak said the changes being made by the archdiocese are being driven by the loss of parishioners in the city of Detroit.

In June, three Detroit parishes will close, two will cluster, two will merge and another eight

will start the process of clustering or merging. By December of 2006, 52 parishes will cluster with other, nearby parishes. The written plans extend through 2007 and beyond, reducing the grand total of Detroit area parishes from 306 to 290 by 2008.

Archdiocese Director of Communications Ned McGrath said it's not a question of whose church or school will be affected and whose will stay as it is.

"In short, all (schools and parishes) participated in the process and will be impacted," he said.

The cause for the reductions

have a lot to do with declining population in the City of Detroit and changes in ethnic and racial demographics across the archdiocese. The influx of people from Detroit into suburban areas can be seen particularly in areas like Plymouth and Canton, where parishes are growing.

Belczak used to be at St. John Neumann in Canton, which he said back then "was literally surrounded by farms and cows."

"Now, you can go west on Warren, and really in any direction, and you just have subdivision after subdivision," Belczak said. "We wish we could have contained the flight from the city, but you can't undo history. Now you have all this population in the suburbs, and not much Catholic population left in the city."

The changes are also rooted in the low number of priests expected to be ordained and the high number of them who are serving well-beyond traditional

retirement age.

The plan unveiled Wednesday suggests parishes in the Plymouth/Canton/Northville area develop a collaborative plan for meeting pastoral needs, particularly in light of the possibility of fewer associate pastors being assigned in these parishes.

"We all end up having our own religious education programs, but maybe in the future we might do some joint classes together so people who live in a relatively close proximity to each other can take some classes, even if it's not at their own parish," Belczak said. "The vocation crisis has truly had an impact on what we used to consider the way you'd normally run a parish. That's not the case now and won't be for a long time, if ever."

"The good news," Belczak added, "is they're finally doing something. It's the right move, the right direction."

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Candidates face off in forum

Candidates vying for two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education come face-to-face April 4, thanks to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The League sponsors a 7 p.m. candidates' forum that night in the E. J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

The forum is scheduled to last some 90 minutes, and will feature questions asked by members of the audience. The event will be videotaped and broadcast on both Comcast and WOW cable outlets several times prior to the May 2 election.

Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, one-minute responses to the questions and a two-minute summation.

Citizens who cannot attend the forum but would like to ask a question of the may submit it on-line by going to the League's Web site at www.lwvww.org and clicking the "Contact us" button.

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The Jen Possible Golfapalooza is scheduled for May 5 at Fellows Creek in Canton. The event is a fundraiser for Jennifer Hayse, a Plymouth resident and a mother of two, who died of cancer on Feb. 10. Proceeds will help the family pay bills.

The golfing event, which begins with a shotgun, 4-person scramble at 9 a.m. The cost is \$95 per person and dinner for \$30. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch at the turn. Dinner to follow. Registration deadline is April 7. To reserve a spot, contact Todd Laird at (313) 755-0182 or Mike Michela at (313) 722-1018. To learn more about Jennifer's story or to make a donation, visit www.jenpossible.us.

Curbside compost

Plymouth Township starts its curbside compost collection Monday, April 3.

Yard waste, including leaves, grass clippings, vegetative pruning, garden waste, wood debris and brush can be set out to the curb by 7 a.m. on regular collection days, but no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before.

Brush and branches up to six inches in diameter must be tied with string or twine in bundles no longer than three feet in length, no wire or plastic ties. Leaves and grass clippings can be put into paper yard waste bags available from various retailers, or in a 35-gallon (maximum size) container identified with a compost sticker or marked clearly with two large "Xs" or "Cs" on the container. Yard waste stickers are available at township offices. Filled containers should not weigh more than 50 pounds.

Call the solid waste department, (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33.

Breakfast 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, 'Report from the 2006 Securities Industry Seminar' 7:15-8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 20, from 7:15-8:30 a.m. at Fiamma Grille, 380 S. Main in Plymouth.

A recap of this year's hot topics, trends and targets as heard at the Securities Industry Association (SIA) Seminar will be given by Miller Canfield securities attorneys, Michael Coakley and Todd Holleman. Space is limited, advance registration is required by responding to bera@millercanfield.com or calling (248) 267-3345. There is no cost to attend, however, the event is limited to registered representatives and investment advisors.

Health screening

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging sponsors a health screening for seniors 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at the



Book signing

The Mother-daughter team of Rachel and Krystin Longhurst, along with author Andrea Robbins, will be at the Book Cellar and Café noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8, to sign copies of their book, 'Where My Story Begins.' In the book, inspired by a yellow Labrador retriever, Corey, the dog shares his discovery of love, friendship, patience and responsibility from his pal Lucas, a golden retriever. Rachel and Krystin have been celebrating 'March is Reading Month' with students in the Huron Valley school district, where they say "the response from both children and teachers was wonderfully overwhelming." For more information about the book signing and school events, visit us at www.wheremystorybegins.com.

Plymouth Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft in Plymouth Township.

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Mom-2-Mom sale

Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples sponsor a "Mom-2-Mom Sale" 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia, between 7 and 8 Mile roads.

Admission is \$1, and parents are asked to hold off on strollers until after 11 a.m. The department style event features more than 30 sellers featuring baby and children's clothes, equipment, toys, strollers, car seats, maternity wear, etc.

Contact Fiona via e-mail at surfaceinnovations@wowway.com.

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will feature, 'Versatility,' paintings by Marjorie Hogan Chellstorp April 4-20. The Farmington Hills artist taught art at Madonna University for 18 years.

As the title of her show implies, she works in more than one medium. This exhibit will include works in watercolor, acrylic and oil with subject matter ranging from realism to

abstract. The one constant factor is the exploration of color in all her images.

Chellstorp has exhibited widely and has won several awards throughout the state. In addition, she has many corporate mural commissions and her work is part of many corporate and private collections.

For a breath of spring, visit the Arts Center at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. The artist's reception is 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

The public is welcome. Regular hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call for (734) 416-4278 for additional times.

Chamber events

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors the following events in the coming weeks:

- State of the Community breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m. Tuesday, April 4 — Breakfast designed to report on happenings within the community. Features Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Jim Ryan and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox. Cost is \$12 per person.
- Downtown Plymouth Madness Sale, 6-10 p.m. Friday, April 7 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8 — Many downtown stores are offering sales on the latest home decor fashions, products and services.
- Plymouth Hall of Fame, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 11 — The banquet, held at Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township honors the newest inductees into the Plymouth Hall of Fame, local businessmen Bob DeMattia and James Vermeulen. Tickets are available at \$20 per person, which includes dinner. The banquet is open to the public.

For more information on these and other chamber events, call (734) 453-1540.

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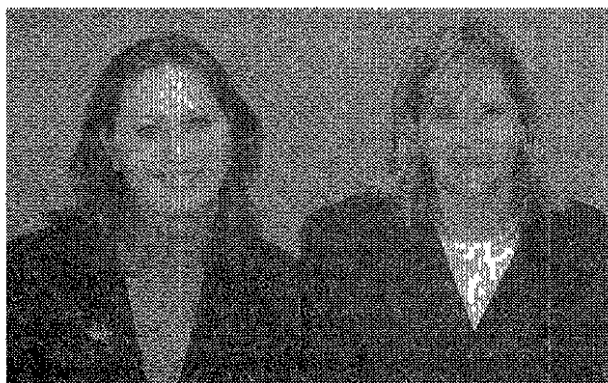
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JILL CARROLL

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before dawn Thursday (local time) Officials there called American authorities An Italian news agency reported Carroll was taken to an American hospital for a medical checkup

Carroll, working for *The Christian Science Monitor*, was kidnapped Jan. 7 in a western Baghdad neighborhood on her way to interviewing a Sunni Arab politician Her translator was killed in the attack

In a brief interview on Baghdad television, Jill Carroll said, "I was treated well, but I don't know why I was kidnapped"

TAPED MESSAGES

In two of three videotapes her captors, the Revenge Brigade, threatened to kill her However, Jill Carroll said, "They never hit me They never threatened to hit me"

Jill Carroll said she was kept in a furnished room with a window and a shower, however, she didn't know the location where she was being held

Concerning her release, Jill Carroll said, "They just came to me and said we're going They didn't tell me what was going on"

Carroll's father, Jim, told the Associated Press he was waiting to learn more about Jill's release before making plans to reunite with his daughter

Obviously, we are thrilled and relieved that she has been released,' Jim Carroll said "We want to thank all that have supported and prayed for her We

especially want to thank *The Christian Science Monitor*, who did so much work to keep her image alive in Iraq

STAYING STRONG

Mary Beth Carroll said it was the strength of her family and friends that kept her strong throughout the three-month ordeal

"My mother, who is 84, has been a pillar of strength," Carroll said And I felt if (ex-husband) Jim and (daughter) Katie could be strong, then Jill is staying strong because it must be in her genetic stock That helped keep me positive

"And there were the e-mails, cards, gifts, prayers and visits from people, all those things kept me positive," she added "People I haven't talked to in 25 or 30 years contacted me That's been the wonderful side, renewing those relationships I'm so grateful we had so much support, most people don't get this"

The kidnappers released three videotapes of Jill Carroll as a hostage While sometimes they were disturbing, especially one in which Jill was seen crying and pleading, Mary Beth Carroll said she viewed them as positive

"I just thought 'at least she's alive' and the kidnappers were trying to communicate with us," she said "In the third tape she looked very well cared for, so I was hopeful The third tape had a deadline for killing her, but I was confident because I knew she had at least had another two weeks to live We would worry about the end point later

When asked if the Carroll

family was involved in negotiations to free Jill, Carroll was vague

I shouldn't comment on that, right now, Carroll said "We certainly weren't involved in negotiations that got her out It's (Jill's release) a mystery to us, a bolt out of the blue

MYSTERY RELEASE

Carroll said despite the speculation there was a ransom paid for Jill's release, she's not aware of any money exchanging hands

They didn't get a cent out of us, or anybody I know," Carroll said "That should be a message, loud and clear, to people who kidnap in Iraq"

Some of Carroll's closest friends still teach at Salem High School, and she kept in touch with them often during Jill's kidnapping

I had a message from Mary Beth on my phone, telling it was true, that Jill was released," said Lauren Cummings of Plymouth, a colleague of Carroll's in the English department at Salem High School I was just thrilled

Initially, it was difficult, and we communicated with Mary Beth every week via e-mail or telephone,' Cummings said

She's a woman of great strength and courage, and kept us going by being focused on being positive and optimistic Jill would be released

Ironically, one of Mary Beth Carroll's best friends, Salem High School teacher Cyndi Burnstem, is in Chicago this week for an education conference and had dinner Wednesday night with Mary Beth Carroll

I didn't have my cell phone on but Mary Beth left a couple of messages about Jill, and chided me for not having my cell phone on, Burnstem said "She's thrilled and is just so overjoyed and relieved, and so is everybody around her I saw (Jill) on CNN (Thursday) morning, and she looked really good

Mary Beth Carroll said she had some reservations about Jill working in Iraq as a free-lance journalist, but also knew her daughter felt it was a calling

I was really proud of her,' Carroll said I knew she was doing what she wanted to do, and the only thing she didn't like about her job was that her family was worrying about her

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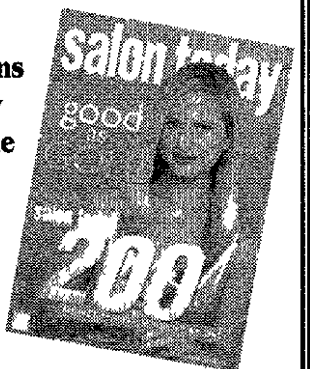
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League sets up for book sale

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Some 4,000 books, videos, magazines and CDs will be sold at low prices next week in a benefit for the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The four-day sale will begin next Thursday, April 6, at an old book store inside Livonia Mall.

"We have many books that look as good as new," said sale chairperson Ann Abdo. "There are a lot of people who look forward to our sale. Last year, we had someone waiting to get into the sale at 4 p.m., but we don't open the gate until 6 p.m."

The league's book sale, which dates back to 1982, netted \$2,500 last year. It is the non-partisan organization's only fund-raiser of the year, as its proceeds support the league's candidate forums, voter guides, Web site and other voter information efforts.

Many group members have been collecting donated books for sale over the past year. A number of league volunteers have spent several hours in recent weeks to set up the sale,



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Lena Packer of Plymouth (left) and Rachel Rion of Livonia work to stock the shelves for the upcoming used book sale by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County, which runs April 6-10 at the Livonia Mall.

which will take place from 6-9 p.m. April 6, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. April 7-8, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 9. There is a \$2 admission to attend the book sales preview night on April 6, which gives customers a first chance to select from the sales inventory. Admission is free for the other three days of the sale.

Most hardcover books cost \$1, paperbacks cost 50 cents and prices vary for videos and

CDs. On Sunday, customers who pay \$5 can stash as many books as they can into a bag.

The mall has been great since they gave us use of this store and gave us a month to get in and set up our sale, Abdo said.

There is still time to donate books, videos or CDs to the effort. Anyone who wants contribute books can call (734) 421-4420 or (734) 525-4326.

NICHOLS

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and it's in somebody's pocket. And, I think it's in the wrong pockets."

Nichols is one of eight candidates vying for the two four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education in the May 2 election.

"I have some questions the state needs to answer," said Nichols. "Lottery revenues have gone up tremendously from year to year, to the tune of \$25 million, and most of that is supposed to come to the schools. I don't understand why some districts in Wayne County get a certain amount of funding, and some get more. In the 34 districts in the county, we're about the eighth lowest in the state for mandated funding."

The district has done everything it possibly can without laying off people," Nichols said. "We need help from the state, and we need it now."

Nichols has a kindergarten and fourth-grader attending Fiegel Elementary. The University of Michigan electrician said he's running for

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HYNES

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young vision the school board needs."

And, when it comes to diversity on the school board, Hynes believes he's at the top of the list among the eight candidates vying for the two four-year seats in the May 2 Board of Education election.

"I'm running against people who are all saying the same thing," said Hynes. "My age is a benefit to me, I'll bring a different perspective to the board."

In fact, Hynes said his Catholic school education is an advantage when it comes to dealing with Plymouth-Canton's budget shortfalls.

"At Divine Child, we ran almost half the budget on alumni funds," Hynes said. "Let's start tapping these kinds of alternative sources for our schools. We graduate a lot of people each year."

While he didn't attend Plymouth-Canton Schools, his sister will be attending Salem High School next fall.

To be able to go to a school that has so many resources, it's priceless," said Hynes, a sophomore in his first year at Wayne State University as a result of taking Advanced Placement courses. "Plymouth-Canton offers more AP classes than my school did, and their theater program is much better funded than mine. And, they have so many clubs."

When it comes to funding, Hynes said he's ready to take the

issue to Lansing for more money. There are quite a bit of inequities in our state, and I would be an outspoken advocate to our state legislators," Hynes said. "It's time we really start funding public schools, keeping our promises to them."

Hynes has attended state Senate committee hearings on the stricter high school graduation requirements, and doesn't see them as a hindrance to high school graduates.

"I think if you raise the bar, the students will follow suit," said Hynes. "But, you just can't shun the kids who don't get it. You need support systems set up and they currently have those at the high school."

However, what Hynes doesn't like about the new requirements are a dictated curriculum and a lack of funding.

It's true, we need to have standards across the board, but it's about respecting the teacher's individuality in how they teach

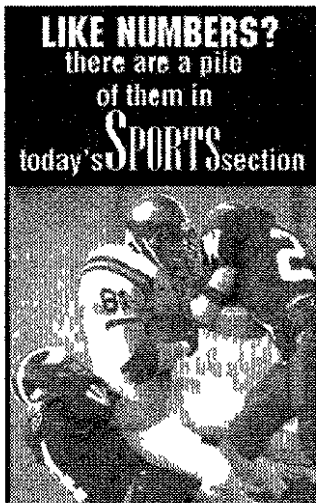
Hynes said. "And, I don't like the fact they are bureaucratic mandates sent down with no funding to back them up. We're not giving teachers adequate time to revamp their curriculum, and not giving the district enough time to handle it."

Hynes said he'll vote in favor of the \$120 million in bond proposals May 2, but that doesn't mean his votes are a full endorsement.

"I think it's terrible that we always have to appeal to our residents for more money, and I'm not positive that we really looked into all options," Hynes said. "Why not build up on some of the schools, instead of building new ones? We are in tough economic times and to ask residents to foot the bill for that."

Look what's happened to Livonia (where the district is closing schools)," he said.

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LaJoy pushes license plate to support troops

State Rep Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, announced Tuesday his bill to have a 'Support Our Troops' specialty license plate has been approved by the House Transportation Committee.

House Bill 5840, which LaJoy sponsored, will allow Support Our Troops Inc to develop a fund-raiser plate.

"It is important we do everything we can to show our troops how much we support the hard work they are doing throughout the world," said LaJoy. "As a retired Marine, I know how important it is for our armed forces to know they have the support of the people back home. The funds from these plates will help soldiers who have been wounded or families of those who have been killed. It is a small way to give something

back to our military." LaJoy asked the CEO of Support Our Troops, Martin Boire, testify in committee in support of the bill.

"What this plate does is let the citizen themselves do something to help the men and women in uniform who are protecting us," Boire said. "We need to make sure family members of our troops are supported should anything happen to them. The plates will be similar to others throughout the country and will directly help soldiers and their families who are struggling. These plates are a great way for individuals to give back to those who give so much for us."

The bill also would create a Support our Troops Fund within the Department of Treasury, and fund-raising donations recognizing support collected



State Rep Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, listens as Martin Boire, CEO of Support Our Troops, testifies before the House Transportation Committee in Lansing. Boire is holding an example of what the suggested Support Our Troops license plate would look like.

'The funds from these plates will help soldiers who have been wounded or families of those who have been killed. It is a small way to give something back to our military.'

State Rep Phil LaJoy
R Canton

under this section would be transferred by the Secretary of State to the Department of Treasury for disbursement to the Support our Troops Fund. The bill is tied to Senate Bill

248, which establishes a fee structure for organizations wishing to start a specialty plate. The bills now go to the full House for consideration.

Humane society offers reward in animal case

The Humane Society of Huron Valley is offering an \$18,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whomever is responsible for killing, decapitating and dumping dogs in Superior Township.

A female rottweiler was found March 16 bound by her feet with duct tape and decapitated. By March 27, three other decapitated dogs, including another rottweiler, a terrier, and a Lab mix, plus five dogs whose cause of death is still undetermined, had been found.

All of the dogs were found in close proximity to each other in Superior Township. To date, there has not been a match of pet owners to the dogs that have been found.

The issue of trapping and illegal dumping of wild animals, initially thought to be related to this case, is being separated out and handled by the Department of Natural Resources, which now has two suspects under investigation.

"In terms of the dogs that have been found, we do believe there is a serious case of animal cruelty going on," said Julie

Curtis, cruelty investigator. "We have never had a case like this before. We have no reasonable explanation for what is happening to these dogs and are working as a team with the Sheriff's Department of Washtenaw County and the DNR to find the person responsible."

Tanya Hilgendorf, executive director of the Humane Society of Huron Valley, said while this is "a particularly strange and upsetting case," animal cruelty is a daily occurrence. She said her agency has done more than 1,300 investigations of animal cruelty in Washtenaw County over the last five years.

"Dog fighting, abuse and torture of innocent animals, animal neglect and abandonment is, in part, what keeps us in business," Hilgendorf said. "Most people love and treat their pets like members of the family. But there are those who see animals as objects without feeling and others who have a proclivity toward violence who view animals as the perfect voiceless victims."

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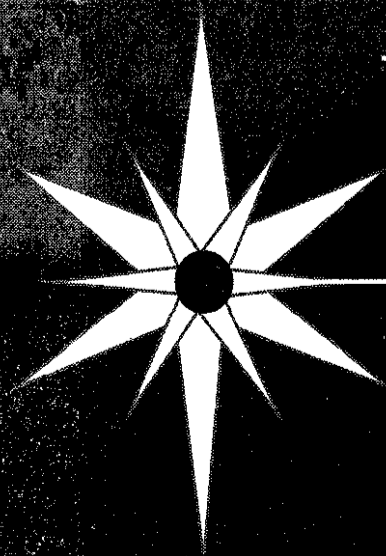
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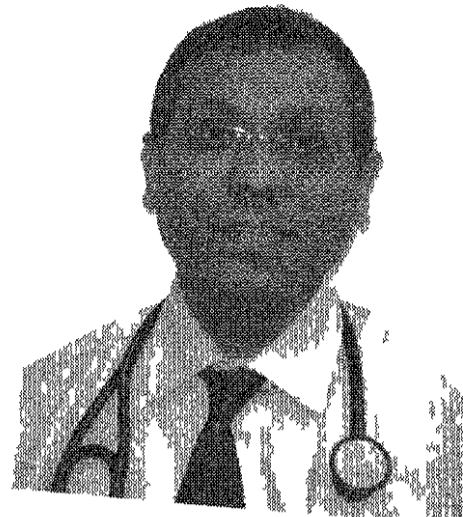
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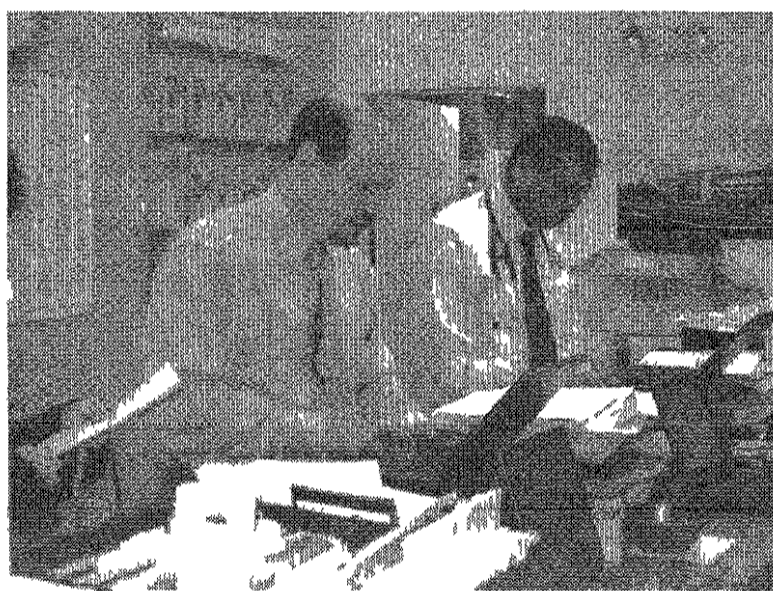
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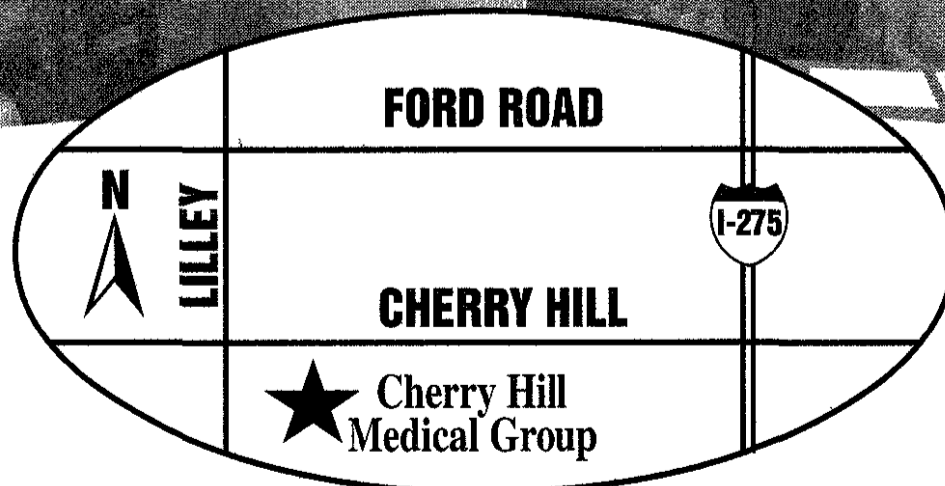
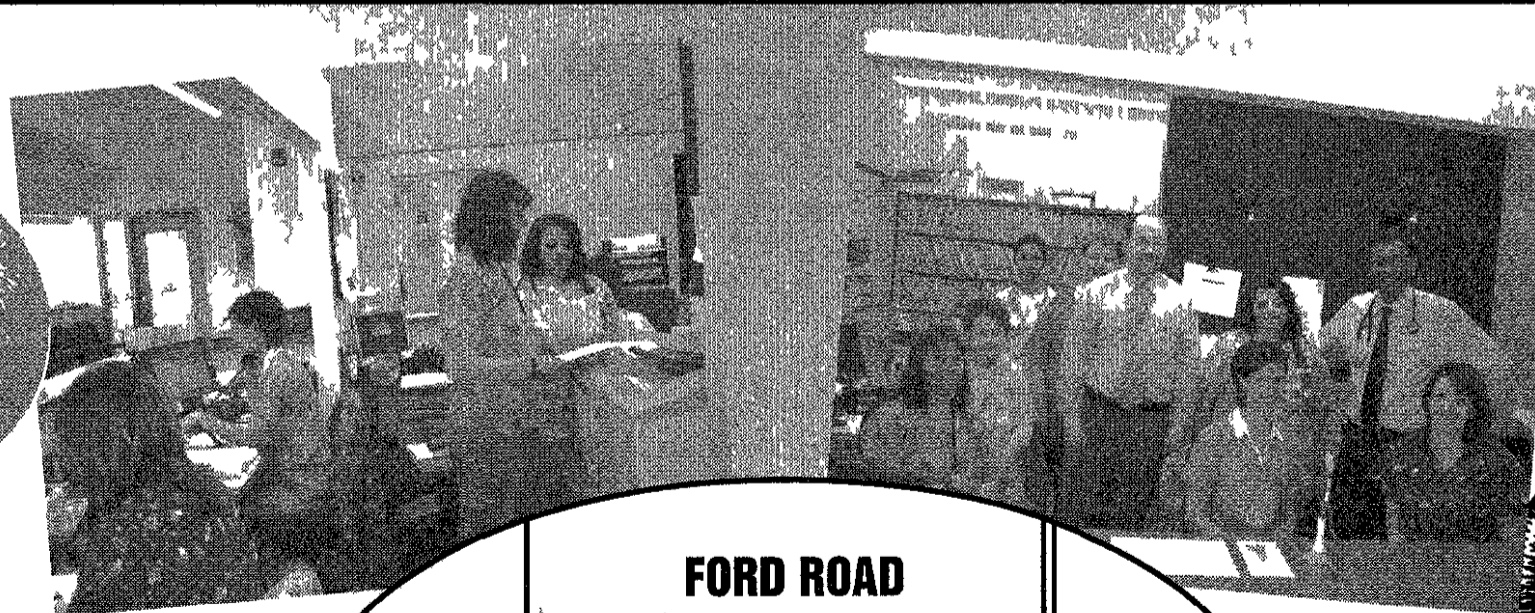


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The Republicans who run the Legislature are hell-bent on passing legislation that would repeal the SBT, taking effect, most likely, a year from October. The tax, now widely reviled as a 'job killer,' brings in \$1.9 billion a year to the state's treasury.

Gov Jennifer Granholm, having tried and failed to get the Legislature to consider her 2005 proposal to cut the SBT rate from 1.9 to 1.2 percent, now says she'll veto any outright repeal. Why? On the grounds that it's financially irresponsible to blow a \$1.9 billion hole in the state's \$9.3 billion general fund without replacing that money — or showing how that much spending can be cut without destroying essential services, like our universities.

But the Republicans are chortling. They think they've put Granholm into a difficult political situation, forcing her to veto repeal of an unpopular tax. So legislative Republicans have clammed up, and aren't talking about what replacement tax on business they'd favor or how they'd cut the state's budget.

Doing the latter would not be pleasant — \$1.9 billion is about what the state spends on our colleges and universities or on the entire prison system. Show me a lawmaker who wants to eliminate either and I'll show you a lawmaker with a very short political future.

And just to be cute, GOP lawmakers tossed into the bill to repeal the tax instructions for the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers. They want them to come up with a replacement plan by Jan. 1, 2007.

That council is composed of 47 members drawn from every possible interest group. It has as much chance of coming up with a broadly acceptable tax plan as the Detroit City Council has of being declared a major league baseball team.

This time, I'll side with Granholm. It's just outright irresponsible to even talk about eliminating one of the biggest sources of state revenue without a serious plan to replace it — or specific ideas about what cuts you're going to make to save \$1.9 billion.

By the way — all the easy cuts were already made, long ago. It is cheap and easy to let the partisan rhetoric fly. But here are a few uncomfortable facts that most of the blowhards would prefer to avoid.

■ Michigan is generally regarded as a high tax state. Not true. We were 29th in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income in 2004, the last year for which data are available.

■ There is no evidence whatsoever that cutting taxes alone produces economic growth, as some ideologues claim. The states with the highest growth rates tend also to be relatively high tax states.

■ Forget all the propaganda — Michigan's government is, in fact, undernourished. The state has run a \$1 billion-plus operating budget deficit for the past six years. The politicians have plugged the hole so far by selling off assets, cannibalizing rainy day funds and accounting gimmicks, but the fact is that state income today is far below what it was six years ago. And the puggy bank is just about empty.

■ Michigan today faces a supremely difficult and supremely necessary transition from brawn-dependent manufacturing to a brain-based knowledge economy. Yet state spending on higher education has been cut repeatedly over the past four years, while our political masters spend more and more on the prison system and Medicaid.

Other than mere irresponsibility by our politicians, the underlying reason for all this gridlock is Lansing's supposed Iron Rule that any politician who can be labeled (fairly or unfairly) as being for increasing taxes is toast. And to be fair, most voters, when facing proposals to increase taxes with no clear idea what for, will find themselves somewhere between skeptical and outraged.

I don't blame them. But lots of voters are willing to tax themselves for specific purposes, such as fixing the potholes in the street in front of their house or making sure their kids get a decent education.

So here's a modest suggestion to get out of the gridlock: repeal the SBT. How do you replace the money the state needs? Simple: Take the monkey off the lawmakers' backs, and let the voters decide. Put something on the ballot that gives us a choice.

A) Either replace the SBT by broadening the sales tax to include services (like haircuts, for example) and lower the overall tax rate from the present 6 percent.

B) Increase the state income tax by a large enough amount to make up the money.

In either case, earmark a specific part of this revenue stream to create a system of lifelong learning. As part of that, provide vouchers for each Michigan citizen that would cover either an associate's degree from a community college or a four-year degree from a state university. And provide serious job retraining for the thousands of workers who are taking buyouts or permanent layoffs from General Motors now — and, inevitably, the other auto companies soon.

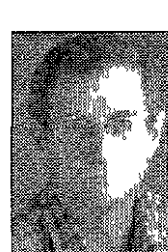
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Abduhr Rahman was released last week "for lack of evidence" and under pressure from Western governments (who have soldiers dying in that country in the name of freedom). In Afghanistan, many clerics and their followers were decrying the release and the interference of the West in the affairs of Afghanistan. They wanted blood, they wanted this man to die for changing his mind.

In their view, Western governments were interfering with their "democracy." The sad thing is that the Christian with his sign and the Afghans who wanted to kill an apostate were not so far apart.

We would like to believe that we have come a long way from a time when people were placed on a rack or crushed with boulders to make them believe or burned at the stake when they wouldn't admit the error of their ways. We certainly have a right to a smug sense of superiority.

In Afghanistan and throughout the Muslim world, many believe that Christians are trying to worm their way into their culture and convert everyone. Of course, from a Western point of view, Christians, Hindus, agnostics, atheists, animists and anyone else should have a right to proclaim their views and let the chips, or the converts, fall where they may. From our view, the freedom to believe what we want to believe is what matters most. We would argue that if Islam offers spiritual strength and truth to people they won't be swayed by another religion, and if they are swayed to change, then in a free world they should be allowed to do so and live in peace with their neighbors.

All the stretching on a rack, all the lashings with a whip, all the flames of a thousand fires cannot make people believe something they don't believe. A religion that holds its believers through the threat of death, holds only their fear-based spoken proclamations, not their heartfelt beliefs.

This is at the core of the First Amendment, the amendment that the American Civil Liberties Union defends time and again to the dismay of that protesting Christian. The ACLU does not hate Christians, but it defends for those who do.

not follow Christianity the same rights as those who do. Many of its lawyers are Christians. It also defends Christians when their religious rights, rather than assumed privileges, are under attack. In 2004, the ACLU of Michigan won a settlement with the Utica Community Schools district in defense of a student whose yearbook entry was deleted because it contained passages from the Bible.

Many argue that the First Amendment "establishment clause" is not about separation of church and state but rather about the establishment of a "state religion." They cite chapter and verse, historical not biblical. They will argue that Christianity has a special place in American culture and other Americans need to just accept that.

Christianity does have a special place in American history, for good and ill. Obviously, the first Europeans in the New World were Christians. Though at that time and right into the 20th century, Protestant Christians and Roman Catholics were often antagonistic. And many Christians are leery of those they regard as "lesser Christians."

I was raised Catholic and taught that I belonged to the one true church. I was also taught that freedom of religion is a good thing in the United States, but it would be better if the Catholic church was the state church as in Franco's Spain. (I also heard from my Protestant schoolmates that they were told that Catholic children were learning military maneuvers during catechism to serve in the pope's army. Ha!)

Today we have a much broader base of residents — Protestants, Catholics (who seem to have amnesia about their own struggles as a minority), Muslims, Hindus, sects within sects and nonbelievers. It is important to recognize the rights of people to believe what they want, to espouse their beliefs in their churches and in publications and to be free from government influence in favor of one religion or another.

I think some people go too far in objecting to religion in the public forum or to long existing cultural language, as the ACLU's defense of the Utica student attests. But a religion neutral government is the best defense of religious freedom.

And as long as American soldiers are dying for "freedom" in Afghanistan or Iraq, our government is duty-bound to defend Christians, Jews and atheists alike against deadly intolerance.

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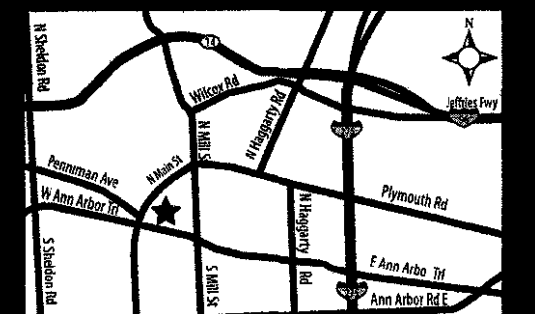
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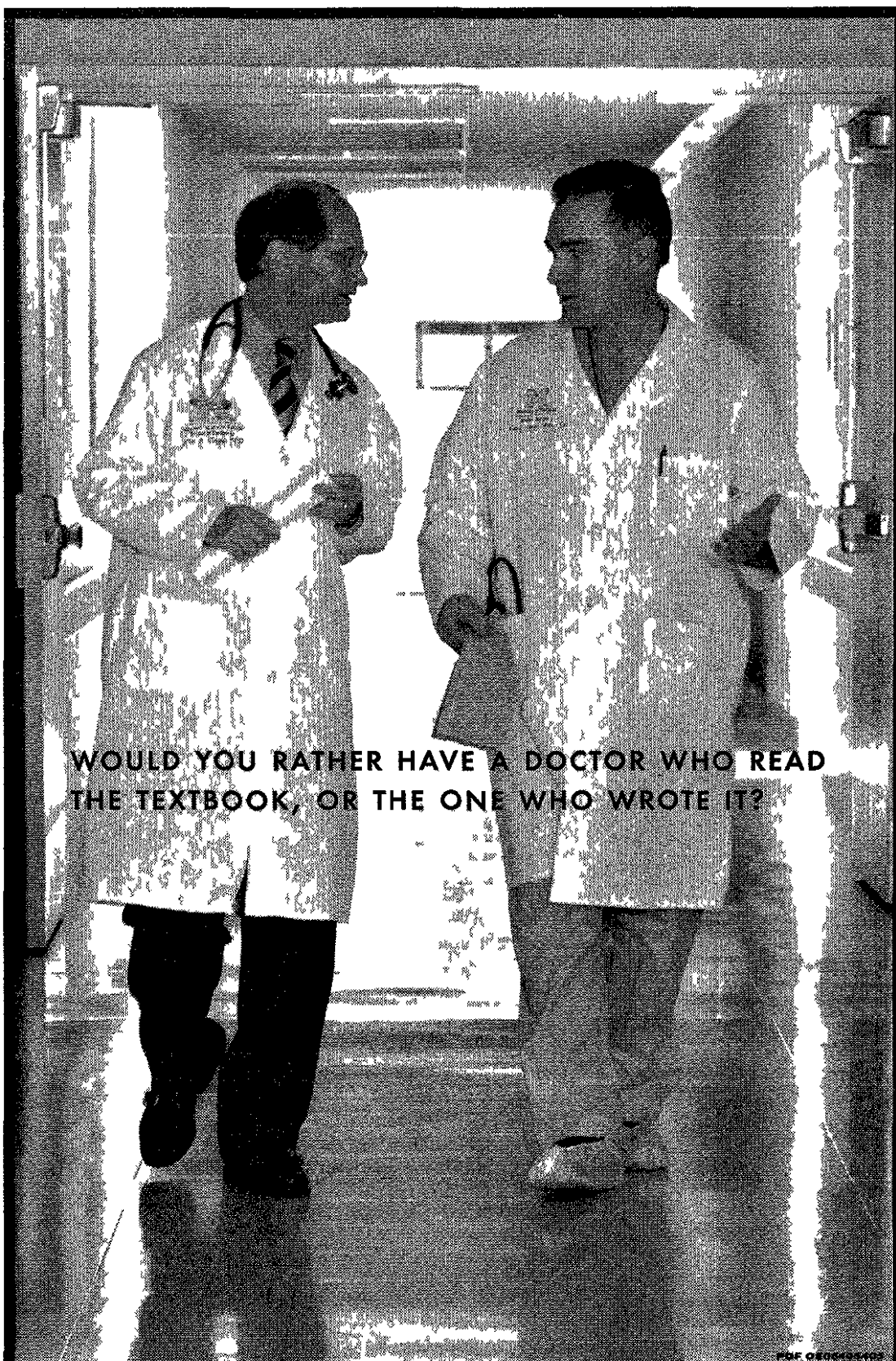
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Hiller: Ethics remain a vital part of business

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Jim Hiller faces tough competition in his grocery business. Even so, he's sticking with the United Food and Commercial Workers union and his loyal workforce.

Hiller is president and CEO of Hiller's grocery store chain. He spoke on "Integrating Your Ethics with Your Business" Wednesday, March 29, during the Madonna University School of Business McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series.

"Hiller's is a unique company," he said of the family-owned, six-store chain. Retailers such as Wal-Mart have moved away from unionization, which has implications for medical



Hiller

insurance and wages. Hiller, however, is unsure he could maintain good customer service without his longtime unionized employees.

Hiller is a Detroit native and a graduate of the University of Detroit Law School. The lecture series at Madonna was established by Michael F. McManus Jr., founder and CEO of Header Products Inc., in memory of his father.

Hiller's does \$175 million of business a year. Hiller became CEO in 1987 after leaving the law. He had thought his career shift into the family business would be

an intellectual step down. "It did not take me long to learn how wrong I was," he told the Madonna audience, describing the "real job fallacy" and noting the importance of good work performance.

"There is no excuse for a poor performance at one's current vocation. His work at Hiller's has engaged his mind and enriched his knowledge."

He's found family ownership key to identity of the business, and that its leader must be concerned with ethics. High quality products are vital, as is a competent and inspired workforce.

"It is ethical to make money," he said, noting that it supports his family and philanthropy. Perhaps most important at Hiller's is the

relationship with customers. "It means creating an environment in which the customer is comfortable," and service is the cornerstone of identity.

Hiller's now requires ID on all alcohol purchases. Thus far, the issue has sparked a great deal of criticism, the CEO said. "I know that I've lost customers because of the policy."

He considered the need never to sell to minors and the implications of what could be lost, up to life. Removing all judgment from the process has helped Hiller's, and he doesn't have to worry about losing his license to sell alcohol.

Hiller also mulled selling alcohol and cigarettes at his stores. "I have concluded that our own free will should govern here."

Trudy Bonk of Livonia, who shops regularly at the Five Mile Haggerty store, had kind words for Hiller. "I really enjoyed it," she said of his speech. "I was impressed by all the things he said." Bonk likes that Hiller treats his customers and staff well.

It's what you look for in a store," she added.

Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna president, was also pleased. "We as often as possible like to have local people," she said, adding that ethics discussion fits well with the university's mission. "We're very pleased he was able to take the time to be with us," Sister Kujawa said. "I thought it was superb."

A McManus family member, William Harahan of Beverly Hills, attended. "He leads by example, which is

nice," Harahan said of Hiller. Harahan is vice president for operations for Header Products Inc. of Romulus.

"My uncle started this in memory of my grandfather," he said of the series, adding the family likes to emphasize good business opportunities remain in Detroit, even as the auto industry struggles.

"It was interesting to get that approach," said Elizabeth Hanlon of East Lansing, a first-year medical student at Michigan State University. As a consumer, you may not realize the way business people care, she said.

Hanlon attended with Stephen Brooks of Ypsilanti, a Hiller's store manager. Hiller's is large enough to impact people, he said, but small enough to have a recognizable identity.

Oh, goody: Marshmallow Drop set for April 14

Wayne County Parks will hold its annual Marshmallow Drop 11 a.m. Friday, April 14, at Nankin Mills Park on Hines Drive in Westland.

More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter as children scramble to collect them. Children will be divided by age, to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate fully.

The Marshmallow Drop is co-sponsored by Clear Channel Radio and Mike's Modern Classics.

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Don't be disappointed if he only confirms the diagnosis of sciatica, gives you pain medication and tells you to return in a month. The reason for this conservative approach is that experience shows most sciatica will resolve in 6 weeks. 3 months. It is not necessary to obtain X-rays or MRIs in every case. Imaging the back is in order if pain persists or leg weakness develops.

If waiting does not help, the next step is physical therapy to relieve muscle spasm and strengthen back muscles. If pain continues, then your doctor will refer you to a pain clinic for evaluation for epidural steroid injection. If sciatica still persists, your doctor will ask the opinion of a back specialist if surgery is appropriate to remove the offending disk.

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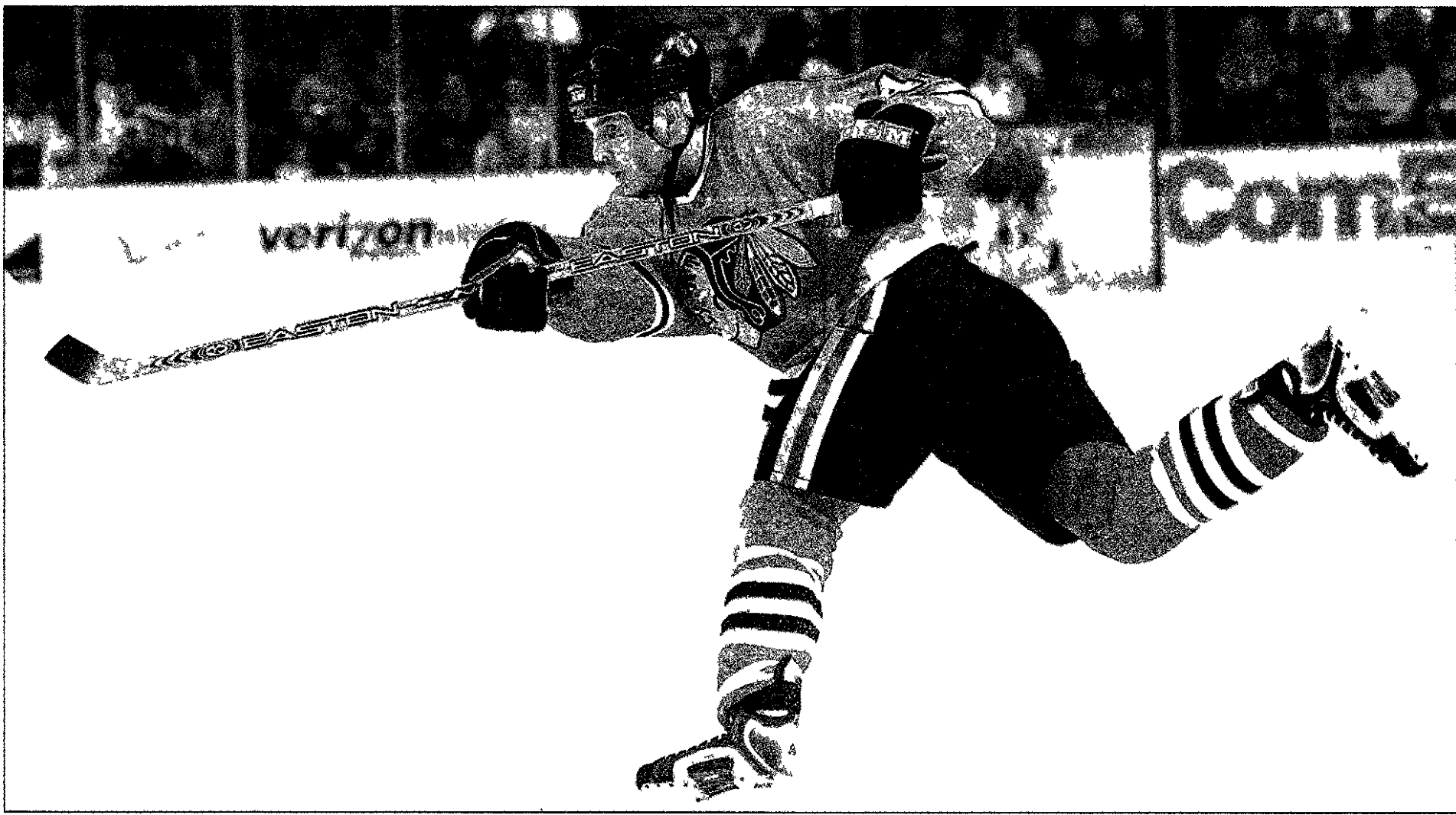


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Canton native James Wisniewski blasts a slapshot during a game earlier this season. The Canton High School graduate and former Plymouth Whaler made his National Hockey League debut in January. On Friday night, he played his first professional game at Joe Louis Arena.

Sidelines

'Cats in 'Showdown'

The Plymouth High School football team has been selected as one of eight teams to participate in the 2006 "Big Day Prep Showdown II" set for Saturday, Aug. 26 at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

Plymouth, which finished 7-3 and qualified for the Division 1 playoffs in 2005, will take on state power Hudsonville at 2:30 p.m. at EMU.

The day will open at 11:45 a.m. when Allen Park tangles with Trenton. Following the Hudsonville-Plymouth showdown, Flint Carman-Ainsworth will play Saline at 5:15 p.m. The day will be capped with the 8 p.m. match-up between Chelsea and Novi.

The event will be hosted by the Detroit Metro Sports Commission.

"The feedback in the local prep athletic community from the inaugural 'Big Day Prep Showdown' was tremendous," said DMSC executive director Dave Beachnau. "For 2006, we have added teams from outstate Michigan, including seven 2005 state playoff teams and one state finalist. We look forward to a big day of football for the players and the fans."

Tickets to the games are available at the participating schools. Advance ticket prices are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students. Children 6 and under are free.

All game-day tickets are \$10 at the gate. The DMSC is a subsidiary of the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau that was formed in 2001 to bring regional, national and international amateur sporting events to metro Detroit.

MU signs Germane

Madonna University women's soccer coach Mark Zathay announced the signing Wednesday of Hartland High School standout Kati Germane, who has 37 career goals heading into her senior year.

Germane earned honorable mention All-State honors in 2004, as well as All-Region, All-District and All-Kensington Valley Conference accolades.

"We extremely happy to sign a player of Kati's caliber," Zathay said. "I feel she can step right in and be an immediate impact player for us — and more importantly, our returning players' flat-out told me I had to get her after they had a chance to compete with her."

Germane plans to study Elementary Education with a Learning Disability concentration at MU.

"I fell in love with the coaching staff, the players, the program, the total package," said Germane, a four-year honor roll member and scholar-athlete. "I think that I fit in very well with the personalities of the returning players and that was a big factor for me."

THE SHOT OF A LIFETIME

Wisniewski's dream of playing in NHL is reality after promotion

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

James Wisniewski's incredible journey from Canton to the National Hockey League started 15 years ago in a pair of pint-sized hockey skates and an over-sized "Ya-Ya's Chicken" mini mite uniform. It came to fruition on the night of Feb. 2 when the 22-year-old defenseman pulled on a Chicago Blackhawks uniform and joined his teammates for a pre-game skate an hour before their game against the St. Louis Blues.

"I'm living every kid's dream," Wisniewski said Friday afternoon, a few hours before he contributed an assist on the goal that lifted the Blackhawks to a 3-2 overtime victory over the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena. "I've been dreaming



James Wisniewski

Admirals — the Blackhawks' top minor-league team — to an American Hockey League victory over Hershey.

"It was our last game before the (AHL) All-Star game, and a couple of teammates and I were planning on going to New York City for a few days," Wisniewski recalled. "My coach called me into his office and said, 'You're not going to New York

about this opportunity for a long time, and it's finally here. I'm just trying to make the best of it."

CHANGE OF PLANS

Wisniewski's NHL dream was realized Jan. 29, less than an hour after he helped lead the Norfolk

— you're going to Chicago. He told me I was being called up and I'd be playing in the Blackhawks' next game.

"I didn't sleep very well that night with all the emotions what were going through me."

It didn't take long for Wisniewski to share the news with members of his family, including his father, Jim, who was relaxing with a group of his 50 and over hockey league teammates when his cell phone rang.

The funny thing is I had just told one of the guys that I thought James was going to get called up because I knew one of Chicago's defensemen had been hurt," said Jim Wisniewski. "Then my cell phone rings and I saw it was James calling. When I answered, he said, 'Guess

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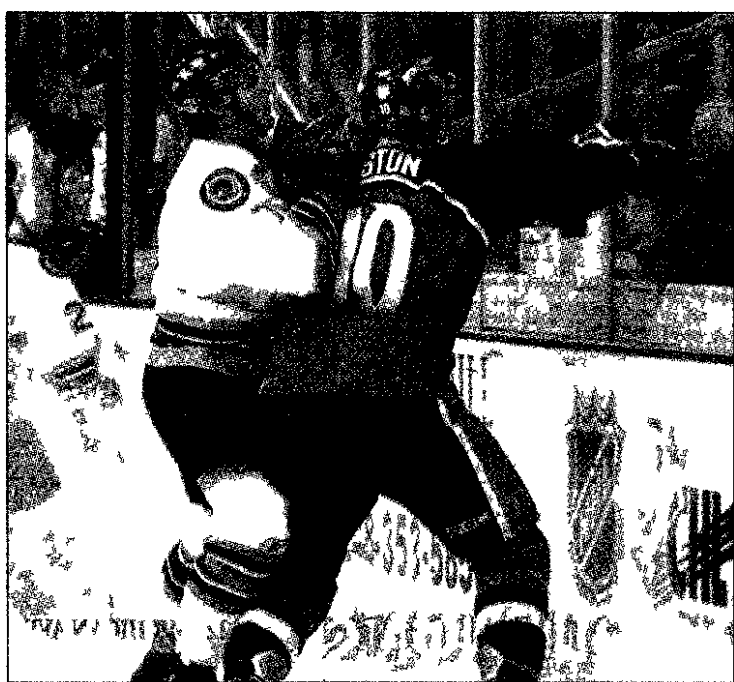
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■ **NAME:** James Wisniewski

■ **AGE:** 22

■ **BACKGROUND:** Born and raised in Canton, Wisniewski excelled on the ice from an early age. He was drafted by the Plymouth Whalers in 2000 and immediately earned the team's Rookie of the Year award. He was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks in the 5th round of the NHL Entry Draft.

■ **MOMENTS OF TRUTH:** He made his NHL debut Feb. 2 in St. Louis. His first NHL goal came March 23 in a 4-3 loss to Phoenix. On Friday, while playing in his first professional game at Joe Louis Arena, Wisniewski assisted on the Blackhawks' game-winning goal in overtime.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Jared Boll (light uniform) checks Windsor's Peter Aston into the boards during Tuesday night's Ontario Hockey League game. The two teams will battle in Game 6 of their first-round OHL best-of-seven series tonight in Windsor.

Last-minute goal evens Whalers-Spitfires series

Cal O'Reilly's goal with 49 seconds remaining in regulation lifted the Windsor Spitfires to a 4-3 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in Game 4 of the Ontario Hockey League first-round playoff series Thursday night at Windsor Arena.

Plymouth and Windsor were tied 2-2 in the best-of-seven

OHL Western Conference quarterfinal playoff series heading into Saturday night's Game 5. The sixth game of the series is set for tonight in Windsor. If a Game 7 is necessary, it will be played Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2

'L'-ectric start Canton baseball team sweeps pair from Lakers

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If your last name started with an "L" and you were wearing a Canton baseball uniform Thursday afternoon, the chances are good that you contributed to West Bloomfield's quiet bus-ride home.

Led by the arms of pitchers Shawn Little, Corey Lewis and Caleb Lerner, and the bat of Justin Latin, the Chiefs handed the Lakers a pair of "L's" — 13-3 and 5-3 — in the season-opening double-header for both teams.

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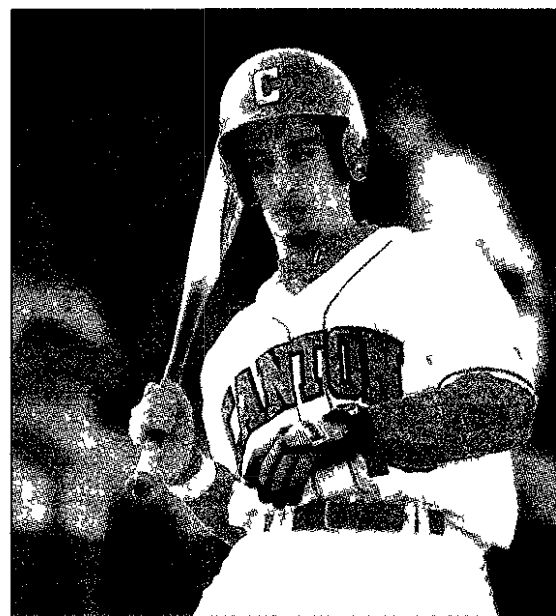
Little, a senior, earned the win in the opener of the twinbill, yielding just four hits in four innings of work. Lewis closed out the final inning of the mercy-rule-shortened victory by throwing a one-hit fifth.

The junior then pitched the first two innings of the nightcap before giving way to Lerner, who pitched the final two frames of the four-inning, darkness-shortened game.

Latin went 4-for-7 in the two games, compiling three RBI and a pair of doubles. Drew Rambo provided the biggest fireworks for the Lakers when he blasted a three-run home run in the first game.

"In the first game, I was very pleased with our defense and the way we swung the bats aggressively," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "In the second game, we took advantage of their errors (three) and walks (eight) and we got great pitching from Caleb Lerner to close it out."

The Chiefs put the first game away with a six-run second inning. Joining Latin in the hitting



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Tarik Khasawneh leans back to avoid an inside pitch during the first game of the Chiefs' double-header sweep of West Bloomfield Thursday afternoon.

parade were Kyle Gring (2-for-3, two RBI), Blaine Paden (2-for-3), Keith Campbell (RBI single), Brad Barath (1-for-3, two RBI), Little (RBI single) and Jon Puskar (2-for-3, RBI).

The game-two hitting stars were Gring, Chris Woudstra and Latin, all of whom ripped run-scoring singles.

Ben Weiner and Tashiro Fukui stroked RBI doubles for the Lakers.

Canton returns to action Monday when they travel to Dearborn Divine Child for a double-header that is set to begin at 4 p.m.

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DREAM

FROM PAGE B1
 "What? I got called up and I'm heading to Chicago."
 "I got goosebumps. I don't even know how to describe the feeling I got when I heard those words. It's something I wish every parent could experience."

A GAME LIKE NO OTHER

Jim Wisniewski joined a contingent of 14 family members and friends, including James' mom and his two sisters, who made the trip to St. Louis so that they could see his NHL debut up close and personally.
 "We had great seats for the game, but they were at the end that St. Louis was warming up in," Jim Wisniewski said. "So when the Blackhawks came out for their pre-game skate, we all moved down to the other end. I was in awe when I saw James skate out there for the first time."
 "As soon as we saw him, my daughter elbowed me and said, 'Dad, do you believe it? Your son is in the NHL.'"
 Wisniewski nearly scored that night, but his only shot

hit the cross-bar and bounced away.
 After three games with the Blackhawks, Wisniewski was dispatched back to Norfolk because of the NHL's two-week hiatus during the Winter Olympics. He was recalled again on March 19 and four days later he lit the lamp for the first time as an NHL player.
 "We were in Phoenix, which was neat because we have a lot of family and friends down there," he said. "I was trailing the play on a 3-on-3 break and they dumped the puck back to me to make it a 4-on-3. I skated in and fired a shot glove side. It hit the cross bar and went in. It was an awesome feeling."
 Wisniewski said his off-the-ice lifestyle has improved dramatically since getting called up.
 "In the minors, we'd stay at Holiday Inns," he said. "Now, I'm staying in the Ritz-Carlton. In the minors, we could choose between pasta and chicken for dinner. Now, there's wheat pasta, white pasta, four different kinds of chicken — the food is unbelievable."

Another thing that's different is the schedule. In the minors, I played eight games in 10 nights once. In the NHL, we're not allowed to play three games in three nights."
THE EARLY DAYS
 Jim Wisniewski can still vividly recall his son's first on-ice experience at the Westland Ice Arena in 1990.
 "His first mini-mite team was 'Ya-Ya's Chicken,'" the proud father remembered. "The first time he tried to skate, he could barely stand up. But two weeks later, he was one of the best players on the ice."
 Now, 15 years later, Wisniewski has reached a plateau that few athletes reach.
 "If I had to give some advice to young players that want to get to the NHL, the first thing I'd tell them is that you have to love the game," he said. "You have to love coming to the rink every day, or it's no use playing."
 "If they love it and they work hard, you never know. Their dream could come true, just like mine did."
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'Shoe' fits for Stevenson's best swimming team

See All Area boys swim team B3

BY BRAD EMONS
 STAFF WRITER



Shoemaker

Livonia Stevenson's third-place finish at the Division I boys swimming and diving state championships certainly raised the bar and some eyebrows.
 It was the culmination of another stellar season for the Spartans, who captured the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays and finished runner-up to Northville in the WLAA meet.
 The Spartans scored 201.5 points to Northville's 200 at the state finals to gain third. Only perennial powers Ann Arbor Pioneer and Birmingham Brother Rice placed ahead of Stevenson.

Three Stevenson school records also fell during the meet held at the University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium in

Stevenson's 200-yard freestyle relay team of seniors David Godzinski, Steve Bruestle and Matt Massman, along with junior Travis Hatt, won the event and set a Division I state record in the prelims with a time of 1:25.61.
 A total of four school marks were established this season including the 200 medley relay (1:36.17), 50 freestyle (Massman) and 100 butterfly (Hatt).
 "It took five years to be where we wanted to be," said the fifth-year coach, a former Division I All-America swimmer at Eastern Michigan University (1992) and mathematics teacher at Stevenson. "And in the foreseeable future I think we can keep it there if we continue to get that leadership from the juniors and seniors."

WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1
 Township
 James Neal scored twice for Plymouth — his second and third goals of the playoffs. Jared Boll added his first goal of the post-season for the Whalers, while Evan Brophy added two assists.
 Besides O'Reilly, Cory McGillis (1), Bryan Bickell (4) and Patrick Davis (2) added singles for Windsor.
 There was never more than a one-goal differential in the game. Boll appeared to score a spectacular goal on an end-to-end rush for Plymouth late in the third period that would have given the Whalers a 4-3 lead, but referees Ian Smith and Darren Price waved the goal off with no explanation.

given to the crowd or to Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci.
 McGillis scored on a scramble in front of the Plymouth goal to give Windsor a 1-0 lead at 9:00 of the first period. Plymouth tied the game at 1-1 at 14:04 of the first period when Neal ripped a shot from the right face-off dot by Windsor goaltender Anthony Guadagnolo.
 Neal gave Plymouth a 2-1 lead on a power play at 10:01 of the second period when he tipped Steve Ward's shot from the point by Guadagnolo. But Windsor tied the game at 2-2 at 12:29 of the second period on a power-play goal by Bickell, who ripped a shot from the slot by Plymouth goaltender Justin Peters.
 Boll gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead at 3:07 of the third period

when he took Chris Terry's pass from behind the net and jammed the puck by Guadagnolo. But Windsor tied the game at 3-3 when Davis intercepted a Plymouth clearing pass at the blue line and beat Peters with the shot at 8:51.
 After Boll's goal was waved off, O'Reilly scored the game-winner off a face-off in the Plymouth zone. O'Reilly followed the puck in the middle of a scramble and stuffed the puck by Peters.
 Plymouth called a time-out and pulled Peters with 41.2 seconds left in regulation and had a two-man advantage when Garlock was penalized for cross-checking at 19:37. But the Whalers couldn't find the equalizer.
 Windsor outshot Plymouth, 37-26.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
 Monday, April 3
 Canton at Divine Child (DH) 4 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 4
 Plymouth at A.A. Huron (DH) 4 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 5
 Canton at Livonia Stevenson 4 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Salem 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at W.L. Northern 4 p.m.
 Thursday, April 6
 Lutheran Westland at PCA 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 7
 Canton at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Salem 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Northville 4 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Swartz Creek at Canton 1 p.m.
 Salem at Flagstar Tournament 9 a.m.
 W. Bloomfield vs. Plymouth at EMU 11 a.m.
 PCA at Franklin Road 9 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
 Monday, April 3
 Canton at A.A. Pioneer 4 p.m.
 A.A. Huron at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 PCA at Lutheran Westland 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 4
 PCA at Canton Agape 4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 5
 Livonia Stevenson at Canton 4 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Thursday, April 6
 Macomb Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 7
 W.L. Western at Canton 4 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern 4 p.m.
 Northville at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Salem at Taylor Tournament TBA
GIRLS TRACK & FIELD
 Thursday, April 6
 Canton at Plymouth at P. CEP JV football stadium 3:30 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill at Salem 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Canton and Salem at A.A. Pioneer All Corners Invite 10 a.m.
 Plymouth vs. Farmington Hills Mercy at Nov Catholic Central 2 p.m.
BOYS TRACK & FIELD
 Thursday, April 6
 Plymouth at Canton at P. CEP varsity track 5:30 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Churchill 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Canton at Pioneer Tr Meet 11 a.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
 Monday, April 3
 Canton at Troy 7 p.m.
 South Lyon at Salem 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Plymouth 7 p.m.
 PCA at Lutheran Westland 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 4
 PCA at Macomb Christian 4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 5
 W.L. Western at Canton 7 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Central 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Churchill 7 p.m.
 Thursday, April 6
 Salem at Howell 7 p.m.
 PCA at Zoe Christian 4:30 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Bham Seaholm at Canton 2 p.m.
BOYS TENNIS
 Tuesday, April 4
 Milford at Canton 4 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 5
 Canton at Salem 4 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Friday, April 7
 W.L. Western at Canton 4 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Central 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Salem at Essexville Garber Invite 9:30 a.m.
GIRLS GOLF
 Friday, April 7
 Salem at Hartland Invite at Dunham Hills G.C. 9 a.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Salem at Grosse Ile Invite at Riverview Highlands 9 a.m.
BOYS LACROSSE
 Thursday, April 6
 PCS at Ypsilanti 6 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 PCS at Flint Powers 3:30 p.m.
- MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL**
 Sunday, March 26
 Madonna at Spalding (Ky) 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 28
 Madonna at Ohio Dominican (2) 1 p.m.
 Saturday, April 1
 Madonna at Siena Heights (2) 1 p.m.
 Sunday, April 2
 Siena Heights vs. Madonna at Iitch Ballpark (2) 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers)
 Sunday, March 26
 Madonna at Ohio Dominican 1 p.m.
 Thursday, March 30
 Rochester College vs. Madonna at Ladywood H.S. 3 p.m.
 Saturday, April 1
 Madonna at Concordia 1 p.m.
 Sunday, April 2
 Siena Heights vs. Madonna at Ladywood H.S. 1 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL (all double-headers)
 Sunday, April 2
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Iitch Ballpark 1 p.m.
 Thursday, April 6
 Madonna vs. Triffin (Ohio) at Iitch Ballpark 1 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.) at Iitch Ballpark 1 p.m.
 Sunday, April 9
 Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ill.) at Iitch Ballpark 1 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all double-headers)
 Sunday, April 2
 Madonna vs. Siena Heights at Ladywood H.S. 1 p.m.
 Thursday, April 6
 Madonna at Saginaw Valley St. 3 p.m.
 Saturday, April 8
 Madonna at Siena Heights 1 p.m.
 Sunday, April 9
 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Ladywood H.S. 1 p.m.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

PLYMOUTH BOOSTERS
 The next meeting of the Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School.
 The club will be awarding two \$500 scholarships, applications for which can be downloaded from www.footballplymouthwildcats.com. The deadline for applying for the scholarships is Monday, April 24.

The completed applications must be mailed or delivered to Counseling Office of Scholarships, Plymouth High School, 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

ANN ARBOR RUN
 Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, presented by Comerica Sunday, June 4. The featured race is the RRCA Michigan Half-Marathon Championship.

Other runs include 10K and 5K run and walks. All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the finish on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor. Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborryun.com.

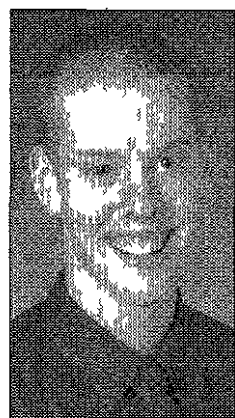
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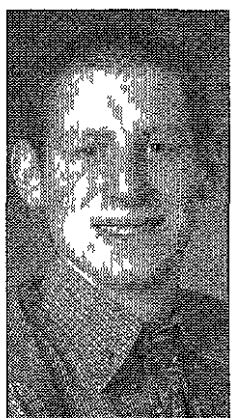
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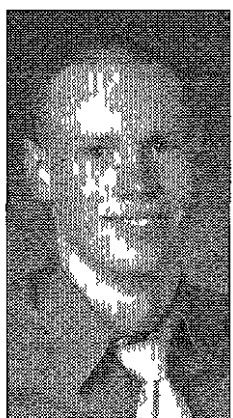
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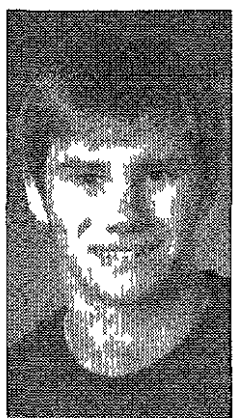
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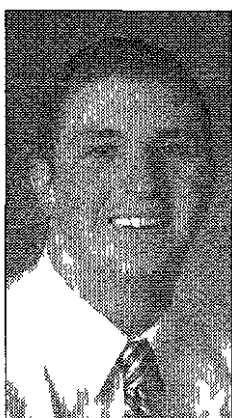
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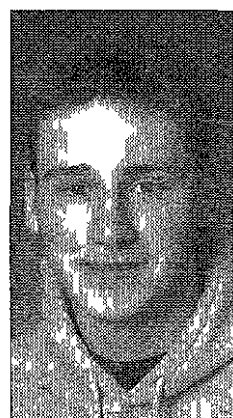
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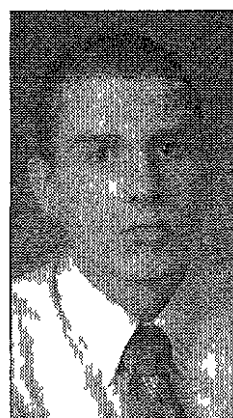
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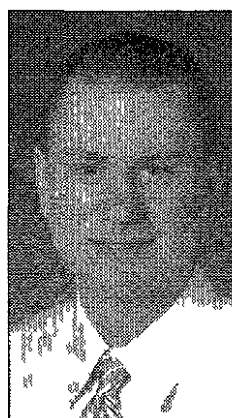
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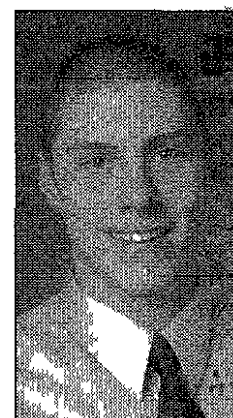
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Pool's gold

All-Area swimmers outstroke foes

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUAL
Derek Schmitt, Sr., Canton, 200 freestyle: The senior went out in style, qualifying for the Division I state meet in the 200 and 500 freestyle. To qualify in the 200 the hard-working Schmitt chopped a second off his time at the season ending Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

Derek has spent just two years with us, but we've enjoyed every swim, said Canton coach Ed Weber. "I wish him the best of luck next year swimming in college."

Travis Hatt, Jr., Liv. Stevenson, 200 individual medley: The junior finished third in Division I in the 200 IM with a time of 1:55.06 and also finished third in the 100 butterfly (51.06).

His school record time in the 100 butterfly earned him All-American recognition.

Hatt was also WLAA champ in the 200 IM and runner-up in the 100 freestyle (48.34).

Travis continues to dominate in his events for us this year, Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "He can and will swim anything. I expect big things from Travis next year. He's a hard worker and will make a great leader next year."

Matt Massman, Sr., Liv. Stevenson, 50 freestyle: The senior finished third in Division I with a school record and All-American time of 21.35 (set in the prelims).

At the WLAA meet Massman was champ in the 50 freestyle and added a third in the 100 freestyle (48.53).

"Matt will be missed next year," Shoemaker said. "He is the fastest freestyler in the history of Stevenson swimming. He is a Division I-caliber swimmer. He was a great leader for us this year."

Jon Whitt, Jr., Westland Glenn, diving: The junior earned a 15th-place finish at the Division I state meet with an 11-dive total of 324.90 points.

He added an eighth place at the regional and was fourth in the WLAA meet (296.10).

"Jon finished the season very strong," Glenn coach Jim Daniel said. "He did a great job down the stretch this year. He has great potential and will be a tough competitor in his senior year."

Steve Bruestle, Sr., Liv. Stevenson, 100 butterfly: The senior earned a fourth place finish in the Division I state meet with a time of 51.72.

The WLAA runner-up is also the third fastest butterfly swimmer in school history.

Steve is also a Division I caliber swimmer," Shoemaker said. "He was the driving force behind our third place finish at the state meet. He's a great team leader and will do great things for the rest of his life. This program will miss Steve Bruestle."

Nick Stone, Sr., Westland Glenn, 100 freestyle: The senior earned state qualifying cuts in all four freestyle events.

At the Division I state meet Stone took 27th in the 200 freestyle and 28th in the 100 freestyle.

His season best in the 200 freestyle was 1:47.57, while he posted a 49.15 in the 100 freestyle.

At the WLAA meet, Stone took fifth in both the 50 freestyle (22.58) and 100 freestyle (49.15).

Nick had an outstanding season, Daniel said. "He's one of the best swimmers ever to come through John Glenn High School. He'll be greatly missed."

Jeff Pauza, Jr., Liv. Stevenson, 500 freestyle: The junior wound up eighth in the Division I state meet with a time of 4:46.81 (set in the prelims). He also added a 17th in the 100 backstroke (55.39).

In the Western Lakes meet Pauza took third in the 500 freestyle (4:48.05) and sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:49.89).

Jeff was a solid performer for us this year and will score in four events at the state meet next year, Shoemaker said. "Jeff has unlimited talent and has the ability to swim in any college of his choosing."

He will be one of our captains next year and will lead this team to more great things.

Robert Luke, Soph., Liv. Stevenson, 100 backstroke: The sophomore came through with a 14th-place showing in the Division I meet (55.0).

Luke also took 16th in the 100 butterfly in 54.47 after going 53.45 in the prelims.

In the WLAA meet, Luke took third in the butterfly (54.16) and fourth in the backstroke (54.85).

Robert had a spectacular sophomore year making the state meet and scoring in two events which is an awesome feat, Shoemaker said. "We're looking for some great things from Robert the next two years."

David Gosdzinski, Sr., Liv. Stevenson, 100 breaststroke: The senior wound up fifth in Division I with a time of 1:00.47 (after going 59.58 in the prelims).

He also tied for 11th in the 50 freestyle (21.91).

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has been a strong force in practice and competition as his teammates look on how to get it done.

Matt Carlson, Jr., Canton, 200 IM: Carlson was a two-time qualifier for the Division I state meet where he turned in personal-best efforts in the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM.

Matt has always been a competitor, said Weber. "Each year he has gotten stronger. I'm sure next year will be very favorable for him."

Jon Templeton, Jr., Canton, 50 freestyle: Templeton proved to be a consistent point earner in the 50 freestyle this past season for the Chiefs and he was also an instrumental component in the teams three state-qualifying relay squads.

Jon understands what it takes for him to be successful at swimming," said Weber. "So I'm excited about what's down the line for him next year."

Jarett Machovec, Sr., Wayne, diving: The senior earned a trip to the Division I state meet where he was second alternate (18th) after placing seventh at the Division I regional. He was also runner-up in the WLAA meet (313.35).

His best 11-dive total was 338.65 while he posted a season-best 238.65 for six dives.

Machovec, a four-time regional qualifier, also won the Wayne Invitational title.

Jarett is the most talented diver I've ever worked with, Wayne coach Mike Grueber said. "He was always striving for perfection and was diligent in his practice regimen."

Machovec was also a member of Wayne's sixth-place 200 medley relay team in the Western Lakes meet.

Shogo Uno, Sr., Canton, 100 butterfly: The four-year letter winner closed out his high school swimming career with a bang this season especially in the 100 fly where he qualified for the D1 state meet for the second consecutive season.

"Shogo has been a major contributor to our team during the past four years," said Weber. "His butterfly stroke has been fun to watch. He's been a two-time state qualifier in the butterfly and will be greatly missed. I wish him

good luck as he goes to college."

Kyle Erdmann, Sr., Wayne, 100 freestyle: The senior clocked a 50.97 along with a 22.44 in the 50 freestyle.

Erdmann also went 1:05.0 in the 100 breaststroke and was a

member of Wayne's sixth place 200 medley relay squad in the WLAA.

He also was a member of Wayne's state qualifying 200 freestyle relay team which set a school record. Erdmann also earned Wayne's Hardest

Worker Award in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Kyle was one of the hardest-working athletes I have ever had, Grueber said. "He led by example and earned everything he has gotten. A kid like him is very hard to replace."

Nick Landis, Sr., Canton, 500 freestyle: Landis was one of the hardest-working Chiefs during his high school career, setting a positive tone for the rest of the squad in practice and in meets.

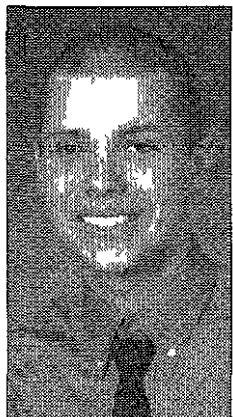
"Because Nick was one of our most consistent trainers, he was able to develop into a great distance freestyler," said Weber. "Nick had a career state qualifying swim in the 500 free at the WLAA Conference Meet, dropping six seconds. He also came within nano seconds of a state-qualifying time in the 200 freestyle. His work ethic will be missed."

Robert Blaesser, Jr., Canton, 100 backstroke: The versatile junior excelled in several events this season for the Chiefs.

Rob had a great season," said Weber. "He brought it all together, swimming personal bests at the WLAA Conference Meet in the 200 IM and the 100 backstroke."

Andy Knisely, Sr., Plymouth, 100 breaststroke: The senior has set a standard for future Plymouth swimmers to try to match as he qualified for the state meet in all four years of the school's existence.

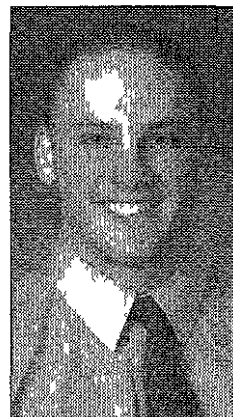
This past season, Knisely provided his team with the majority of its bright spots, qualifying for the post-season in the 100 breaststroke (he finished 18th in 1:02.38) and in the 100 butterfly (he finished 36th in 55.83).



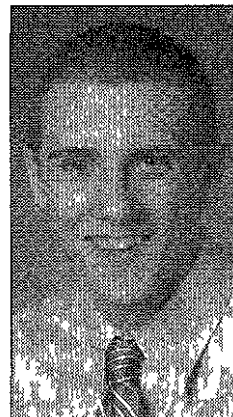
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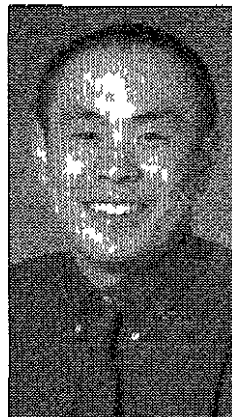
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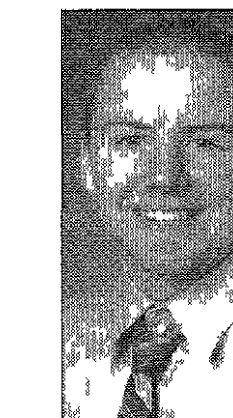
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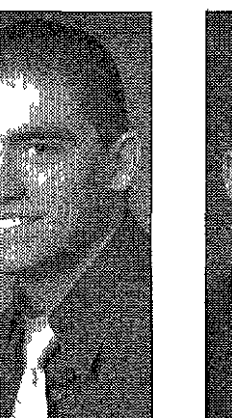
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Stevenson's Matt Massman was first-team performer in the 200 yard medley relay 200 and 400 freestyle relays along with the 50 freestyle

2005-06 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS SWIM TEAMS

200-yard medley relay: 1 Livonia Stevenson (Robert Luke, Soph., David Gosdzinski, Sr., Steve Bruestle, Sr., Matt Massman, Sr.) 2 Canton (Nathan Phillips, Matt Carlson, Shogo Uno, Jon Templeton)
200 freestyle: 1 Derek Schmitt, Sr. Canton 2 Nick Leone, Jr. Salem
200 individual medley: 1 Travis Hatt, Jr. Stevenson 2 Matt Carlson, ?? Canton
50 freestyle: 1 Matt Massman, Sr. Stevenson 2 Jon Templeton, ?? Canton
Diving: 1 Jon Whitt, Jr. Westland John Glenn 2 Jarett Machovec, Sr. Wayne Memorial
100 butterfly: 1 Steve Bruestle, Sr. Stevenson 2 Shogo Uno, ?? Canton
100 freestyle: 1 Nick Stone, Sr. John Glenn 2 Kyle Erdmann, Sr. Wayne
500 freestyle: 1 Jeff Pauza, Jr. Stevenson 2 Nick Landis, ?? Canton
200 freestyle relay: 1 Stevenson (Travis Hatt, Jr., David Gosdzinski, Sr., Steve Bruestle, Sr., Matt Massman, Sr.) 2 Canton (Shogo Uno, Jon Templeton, Chris Marinica, Derek Schmitt)
100 backstroke: 1 Robert Luke, Soph., Stevenson 2 Robert Blaesser, ?? Canton
100 breaststroke: 1 David Gosdzinski, Sr. Stevenson 2 Andy Knisely, Sr. Plymouth
400 freestyle relay: 1 Stevenson (Matt Massman, Sr., Steve Bruestle, Sr., Jeff Pauza, Jr., Travis Hatt, Jr.) 2 Canton (Matt Carlson, Jon Templeton, Shogo Uno, Derek Schmitt)
COACH OF THE YEAR: Jeff Shoemaker, Stevenson

2005-06 TOP BOYS SWIM TIMES

200-yard medley relay Livonia Stevenson 1:36.17 Canton 1:43.79 Salem 1:47.55 Livonia Churchill 1:48.43 Wayne Memorial 1:48.53 Redford Thurston 1:54.97 Garden City 1:57.64 Plymouth 2:01.04	200 freestyle Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 1:44.42 Derek Schmitt (Canton) 1:46.57 Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 1:47.60 Steve Bruestle (Stevenson) 1:47.70 Nick Stone (John Glenn) 1:47.82 Nick Landis (Canton) 1:49.61 Nick Leone (Salem) 1:49.70 Matt Carlson (Canton) 1:50.61 Matt Underhill (Salem) 1:51.83 Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 1:52.66	200 individual medley Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 1:55.06 Matt Carlson (Canton) 2:03.38 Nathan Phillips (Canton) 2:05.84 Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 2:06.87 Robert Luke (Stevenson) 2:07.79 Robert Blaesser (Canton) 2:10.52 Nick Landis (Canton) 2:11.22 Andy Knisely (Plymouth) 2:11.50 Ross Schwarz (Canton) 2:11.95 Stan Chen (Salem) 2:12.04	50 freestyle Matt Massman (Stevenson) 21.35 Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 21.80 David Gosdzinski (Stevenson) 21.91 Nick Stone (John Glenn) 22.58 Steve Bruestle (Stevenson) 23.27 Jon Templeton (Canton) 23.38 Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 23.45 Nick Leone (Salem) 23.45 Derek Schmitt (Canton) 23.74 Kyle Erdmann (Wayne Memorial) 23.93	Diving Jarett Machovec (Wayne Memorial) 313.35 John Whitt (John Glenn) 296.10 Matt Fitzgibbon (Garden City) 268.15 Christopher Watkins (Salem) 184.30 Justin Magill (Plymouth) 178.90	100 butterfly Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 51.06 Steve Bruestle (Stevenson) 51.72 Robert Luke (Stevenson) 53.45 Shogo Uno (Canton) 54.91 Andy Knisely (Plymouth) 55.70 Matt Carlson (Canton) 57.55 Ryan Zuhke (Stevenson) 58.65 Nathan Phillips (Canton) 58.84 Nick Landis (Canton) 59.19 Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 59.34	100 freestyle Matt Massman (Stevenson) 47.78 Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 48.24	500 freestyle Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 49.00 Nick Stone (John Glenn) 49.15 Nick Leone (Salem) 50.09 David Gosdzinski (Stevenson) 50.27 Matt Carlson (Canton) 50.85 Derek Schmitt (Canton) 50.91 Jon Templeton (Canton) 51.09 Steve Bruestle (Stevenson) 51.25 Shogo Uno (Canton) 51.32	500 freestyle Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 4:46.81 Steve Bruestle (Stevenson) 4:47.73 Derek Schmitt (Canton) 4:54.40 Nick Landis (Canton) 4:55.76 Nick Stone (John Glenn) 4:58.38 Kyle Hermann (Stevenson) 5:01.07 Ross Schwarz (Canton) 5:04.78 Drew Randall (Churchill) 5:05.38 Matt Underhill (Salem) 5:05.53 Matt Carlson (Canton) 5:09.29	200 freestyle relay Stevenson 1:25.40 Canton 1:32.79 Salem 1:34.32 Churchill 1:35.15 John Glenn 1:35.63 Wayne Memorial 1:36.19 Garden City 1:39.42 Plymouth 1:40.79 Redford Thurston 1:42.28	100 backstroke Robert Luke (Stevenson) 54.85 Jeff Pauza (Stevenson) 55.35 Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 57.60 Robert Blaesser (Canton) 59.06 Matt Carlson (Canton) 59.23 Nathan Phillips (Canton) 59.27 Nick Landis (Canton) 1:00.87 Jarett Machovec (Wayne Memorial) 1:01.32 Aaron Schultz (Stevenson) 1:01.38 Michael Conger (Plymouth) 1:01.50 Shogo Uno (Canton) 1:02.13	100 breaststroke David Gosdzinski (Stevenson) 59.58 Travis Hatt (Stevenson) 1:02.21 Andy Knisely (Plymouth) 1:02.38 Stan Chen (Salem) 1:03.06 Matt Carlson (Canton) 1:03.59 Joey Wingett (Stevenson) 1:05.03 Kevin Karinski (Canton) 1:07.14 Mark Gordon (Churchill) 1:07.66 Jeff Chudzinski (Stevenson) 1:08.48 Nathan Phillips (Canton) 1:08.62	400 freestyle relay Stevenson 3:11.37 Canton 3:22.14 Salem 3:28.23 John Glenn 3:33.46 Wayne Memorial 3:35.14 Garden City 3:47.95 Plymouth 3:47.99 Redford Thurston 3:49.07
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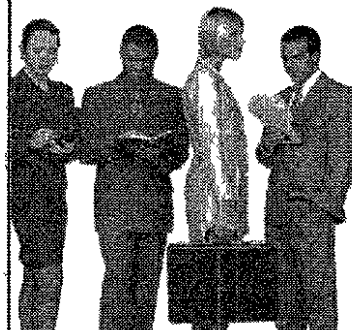
member of Wayne's sixth place 200 medley relay squad in the WLAA.

He also was a member of Wayne's state qualifying 200 freestyle relay team which set a school record. Erdmann also earned Wayne's Hardest

Worker Award in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Kyle was one of the hardest-working athletes I have ever had, Grueber said. "He led by example and earned everything he has gotten. A kid like him is very hard to replace."

Nick Landis, Sr., Canton, 500 freestyle: Landis was one of the hardest-working Chiefs during his high school career, setting a positive tone for the rest of the squad in practice and in meets.



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Rocks should benefit from sweat equity

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's too early to tell if this season's Salem baseball team has the potential to match the achievements of the Rocks' 2005 squad, which pushed No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer to the limit before falling, 2-1, in a Division 1 Regional final contest.

But veteran coach Dale Rumberger is certain of at least one thing when it comes to his 20th team at Salem.

"This is a great, hard-working group of kids," asserted Rumberger, who has led the Rocks to nine district titles, a pair of Regional crowns as well as the 1991 Class A state title since taking over the program in the spring of 1987. "They're a lot of fun to be around."

PREP BASEBALL PREVIEW

"Every team comes after us like we're the Yankees, so who knows how we'll do. We're just going to try to improve every game so we're playing our best baseball at the end of the season."

That was the script the Rocks followed last year when they took a sub-500 record into the post-season coming within a big hit or two from securing Rumberger's third Regional trophy.

The key losses from last year's squad are starting shortstop Dave Cardenas and starting pitcher Nic England, who set the school record for career victories.

Filling England's No. 1 starter's shoes will be senior

Josh Ritter, who excelled as the team's No. 2 hurler in 2005. Ritter, who can hit the upper-80s on the radar gun, was the primary reason the Rocks were able to make Pioneer shed some serious sweat last June.

All you need to know about Josh is that he held the No. 1-ranked team in the state to one run last year," Rumberger said. "He's bigger than he was last year, too, and he throw harder. He should have a big year."

The Rocks' rotation will be filled out by senior Bill Leddy, who will patrol the outfield when he's not pitching, and junior Brad Way, who will also see a lot of time at first base.

Junior Mike Myers will share the team's catching responsibilities with senior Dave Leone. Joining Way on the starting infield will be three seniors

second baseman Kyle Kelly, shortstop Kevin Weingrot and third baseman Joe Maltese.

Along with Leddy and Ritter, Salem's outfield duties will be shared by seniors Ryan Rowe and Jon Pomorski, and junior Dan Cassidy.

Junior Mike Marek (infield/pitcher) and sophomores Dana Lorber (infield) and Justin Horger (outfield/pitcher) will give the Rocks depth.

The Rocks open their 2006 campaign Wednesday when they host Livonia Franklin. The opening pitch is set for 4 p.m.

In two weeks, the Rocks will travel to Cincinnati for their annual "Spring Break" trip, during which they will take on several of southern Ohio's top teams.

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Salem senior pitcher Josh Ritter is pictured throwing out Livonia Stevenson's Luke Knochel in a game last season. Ritter will succeed the graduated Nic England to become the Rocks' No. 1 starting pitcher this season.

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Wildcats should improve with senior class

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Following a season filled with growing pains, the Plymouth baseball team is hoping for a season jammed with just plain old growth in 2006.

Plymouth coach Chuck Adams knew last year was going to be rough, but not 2-21-2 rough.

"Having seniors this year should make all the difference in the world," said Adams. "Last year, the school was only three years old, so we had to bring a lot of kids up to levels that they wouldn't have played at if they were attending a four-year institution. We had to cut

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our teeth last season, but now that we have a full complement of classes, we should be a lot better.

"Last year, we'd get down seven or eight runs after two or three innings and we'd be pretty much out of it. This year, it's the same group, but we're a year older and a year better. The kids put a lot of time in during the off-season in the weight room, and a lot of them played in summer and fall leagues. Hopefully, we'll see the results of all the hard work this year."

The Wildcats' pitching staff

will be anchored by seniors Bryan Stotz, Alex Harvey and T.J. Downey, and junior Tyler Locklear. All three seniors racked up a considerable number of innings in 2005.

"Our pitching is what is going to make or break us," said Adams. "We don't have a true, No. 1 starter like most teams, but we have a group that is solid."

Senior Brandon Winowiecki will head the Wildcats' trio of catchers. He'll be joined by sophomore Garrett Reban and junior Mike Michno.

There is a traffic jam at first base, where Kyle Feldscher, Max Vaughn, Alex Mihelick and Tim Kwiecien will all battle

for playing time. Feldscher, who is strong defensively, should get the most time, Adams said.

"Kyle has really good hands at first," Adams said. "Max will get his share of at bats and Alex and Tim are consummate team players."

Junior Ben Kosmalski and senior Alex Harvey will handle the two middle-infield positions — Adams just isn't certain which one will be at second and which one will play shortstop.

"It might take a few games to get that totally resolved," Adams said. "No matter where they play though, they'll do a good job. Alex hit .403 last year

and was All-Division. He's a five-tool guy who could play at the next level. Ben puts the bat on the ball and is a gamer. He's a coach's dream. I'm confident he's going to have a very, very solid season."

Junior Steve Lozier will serve as a middle-infield reserve. Third base will be shared by Downey and Reban.

Several players will be vying for time in the outfield, including Stotz, senior Ryan Valle, junior Matt Barrera, freshman Ronnie Goble and Locklear. Senior Nate McManus will serve as a designated hitter as well as pitcher.

"We have 12 or 13 guys who we have to find time for, which

is a good thing," said Adams. "Our goals will never change. No. 1, we want to play as a team. After that, it's win the division, then play for a conference championship and see how deep we can go in the playoffs."

Adams mentioned Northville and Wayne Memorial as teams that should be strong in the WLA's Western Division.

"Northville has two solid pitchers returning and Wayne Memorial has Justin Collop, who's a pretty good pitcher."

Plymouth opened its season with a Saturday double-header at Belleville. Check Thursday's Observer for results.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its Session I adult softball leagues. Over 25 competitive and recreational men's and co-ed softball leagues will be offered this spring. Registration started March 1

and is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leagues are offered Sundays through Fridays and will begin in early- or mid-April and conclude in early-July, depending on the day the league is held.

All leagues will have a doubleheader schedule format. Friday games will have a 12

game schedule, Monday through Thursday leagues will play 18 games, and Sunday night leagues will play 16 games.

Registration for Session II will begin June 1.

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

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19-1 Crusaders pull off 2 sweeps

The Madonna University women's softball continued to improve on their best start in school history by sweeping a pair of doubleheaders.

MU ran its overall record to 19-1 on Friday by downing visiting Shawnee State (Ohio), 4-0 and 8-2.

In the opener, MU pitcher Erin Brockert (12-1) faced just 23 batters, allowing one hit to shortstop Tammie Joe Coleman to go along with four strikeouts. Brockert also got it done at the plate, going 2 for 4 with a pair of doubles and three RBI.

Stacey Sexsmith had the

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

other RBI, while Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) and Hannah Godfrey added two hits apiece.

Shawnee State pitcher Lori Harmon gave up 10 hits in the opener and 16 more in the nightcap.

First baseman Alison Grant went 4-for-4 with three RBI to pace the Crusaders, while Brockert went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood), Little and Heather Richardson added two

hits apiece. Day also knocked in one run.

Liz Ballinger started on the mound for MU, allowing one earned run on three hits. Shannon Noder (2-0) finished up to pick up the win, allowing four hits and three walks while striking out four.

Emily Fuhman went 3-for-4, while Katie Wade added two hits for Shawnee State (13-6).

On Thursday, MU took a pair from visiting Rochester College, 14-0 and 4-1.

Brockert threw five perfect innings (mercy rule) in the opener, retiring all 15 batters she faced to go along with

seven strikeouts against the Warriors. She also went 3-for-4 at the plate with an RBI double.

MU belted a pair of grand slams, one each by Richardson and Day. Kathleen Smiley also contributed an RBI double.

In the nightcap, Noder had a career-high 15 strikeouts while allowing just two hits, both to Nancy Chiles.

The Crusaders collected five hits off losing pitcher Julie Puggini with Brockert knocking in a pair of runs. Mary Kate Setta and Grant also collected an RBI apiece.

Rochester falls to 1-7.

GIRLS GOLF

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Wayne scorers: Jenny Schmidt 61, Berlynn Beaver 70, Samantha Cruse 73, Taylor Tuttle 79.
Dual meet records: Dearborn 1-0 overall, Wayne 0-1 overall.

Junior Classic scores continue to soar

Westland's Town n Country Lanes is the home of the Tuesday Junior Classic League where high scores and lofty averages are the norm.

In recent action, Matt Wisniewski started the night with a 300 game, followed it with another perfect before slipping to a 248 in the third game for an amazing 848 series.

Harley Duke also had a hot hand with scores of 235, 300, 236 for a 771 set, while Steven O'Harris came close to perfection with a 299 game.

His name is Gregory Brown, but everybody calls him Lefty.

The 41-year-old from Southfield bowls Mondays in the TCAC League at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

On Feb. 6, Lefty rolled a 299 game, leaving only a 7 pin on the 12th shot.

Last Monday, I presented his award, which he opted for the U.S. Bowling Congress wrist watch for his honor score per-



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formance.

Brown will also be receiving a 300 game ring, taking advantage of a second chance when he rolled a perfect game the following week.

Lefty is employed as a maintenance technician at Coach House.

Livonian Bob Ostler, 80, recently was the oldest bowler to receive the prestigious Jack Dahlstrom Award.

Bob recently rolled a perfect game in the Friday Men's Senior League at Mayflower Lanes.

His next game was 176, which was 100 pins or more below his first game. As Jack's rule states, 100 pins under the first game to

qualify, and enough for his award.

Perhaps Dahlstrom should have another award for 100 pins over in the following game. became Ostler came back with a flourish, finishing with a 278 game and a fine series of 754.

His third game was 102 pins over his second game score.

If you watched the Pro Bowlers Association event last Sunday on TV, you saw Walter Ray Williams Jr. beat Pete Weber in the championship match to win his 41st pro title.

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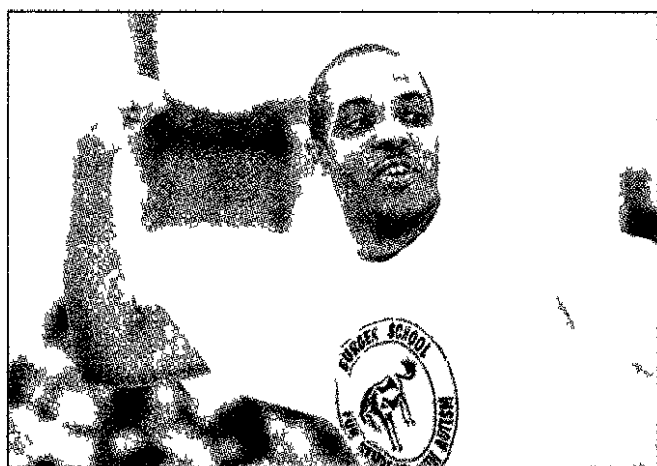
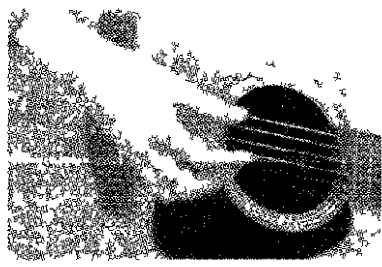
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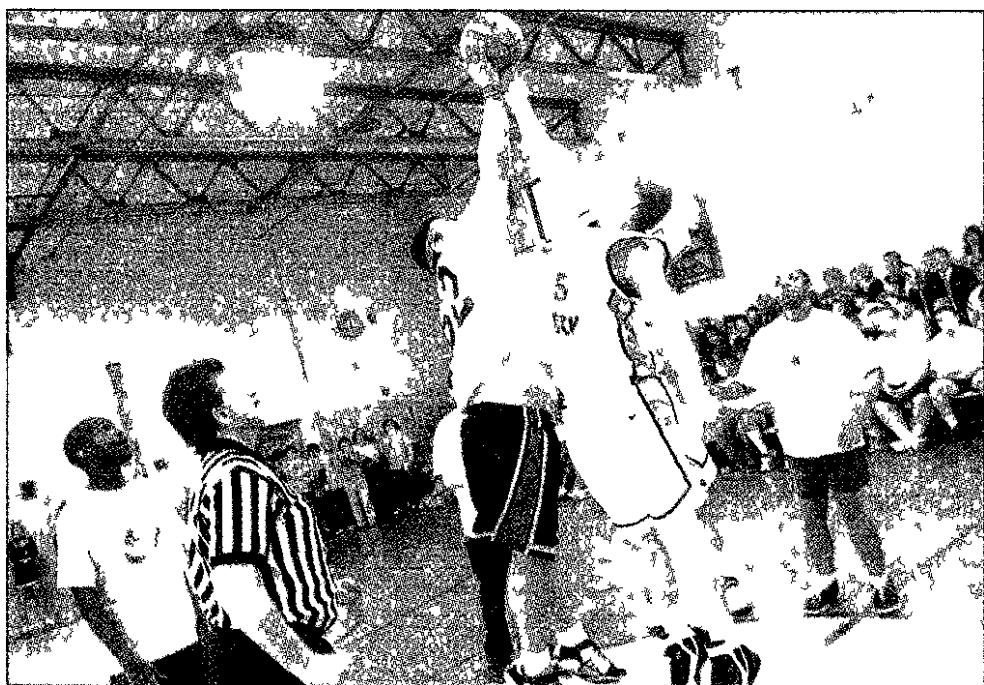


Burger Broncos Tony Ardinger (center) reacts after his teammates scored a basket



Renee Mills, Burger junior varsity cheerleader, performs at halftime

March Madness



Opening tipoff, Burger Broncos' Chris Sheppard (left) and Garden City Cougars Anthony Dixon

Burger Broncos win the 'Big Game' again

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The cheering grew louder with each passing quarter as the Burger Broncos varsity took on Garden City High School's varsity basketball team on the Broncos home court at the Burger School on Friday, March 24. It was a close game and a fun one especially for Burger players who look forward to the Big Game all year long. It's all part of the March Madness at the Garden City school for students with autism.

Here, things aren't always what they seem to be as the high school's cheerleaders root for the Broncos. It seems every one wants Burger to win including Cougars captain Brandon Craft, who gives a wink and a nod when asked before the game if he'll be giving it his all.

It's a nice atmosphere to see the kids make a basket. It's not about winning or losing, said Craft, an 18-year-old senior who volunteered his time to play the Broncos for a third year.

"It's fun seeing them enjoy themselves," said Cougars player Michael Shaw, 17. This was his third year as well.

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Cougars coach Greg Williamson said it's a terrific experience for both teams. "Originally there were a lot of misconceptions about what autism is," said Williamson. "This dispels those myths."

Bronco coach Mary Jimenez is proud of her players as well as the rest of the school. Ten days before they all turned out for the rivalry between the varsity (ages 15-26) and junior varsity (ages 10-14) teams at Burger which began the basketball program seven years ago to give students an opportunity to play. The game is a big deal for Burger students whose autism affects their ability to communicate, reason and interact with others.

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Bronco Co-Captain Jason Phelps drives past the Cougar bench behind for the Cougars is Mike Shaw



Bronco Jonathan Walker shows off his medal as Cougar seniors Mike Nasierowski (left) and Brandon Craft carry him off after the big game



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Josh Wizinsky runs the full length of the court with his arms raised after scoring a basket for the Burger Broncos

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BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER
STAFF WRITER

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ation, computers are second nature. "It's like we're always online, always checking our e-mails."

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To get started, "I worked really closely with a Web site developer and designed it myself."

The attractive home page invites those viewing to log on and enter their profile and photo for free.

To initiate contact with someone else, there is a membership fee of \$19.95.

"I approve every profile," she said. "It's safe, it's fun."

Of course, as with any online dating site, good common sense when meeting others should be considered.

To date, she said, "I'm getting a lot of great response. We get a lot of views a day. We are getting paid membership."

But she admits it will take time as this "modern answer to dating" is very different from traditional ways. In not-so-recent history, Chaldeans had arranged marriages. Currently, singles mainly meet others through friends, families and weddings.

"I think it's just kind of new so far. I think it's going to take time for more people to put their profiles up," she said.

"Now I am getting lots of people finding out about it through 'word of mouth'."

Eventually, she hopes to have not only a large network of members, but paid advertising on the site, too.

As for her own dating life? "To be honest, it has not been my priority to date," said Kassab, who wants to establish her career first. But when it does become a priority, her own Internet site shows the potential to provide all the "connections" she needs.

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BURGER

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Jimenez "They have very good basketball skills. They see it on TV but we want them to be able to play with people in the audience. Everyone does get to play an equal amount of time. We've been practicing since January. There's always basketball going on here after lunch."

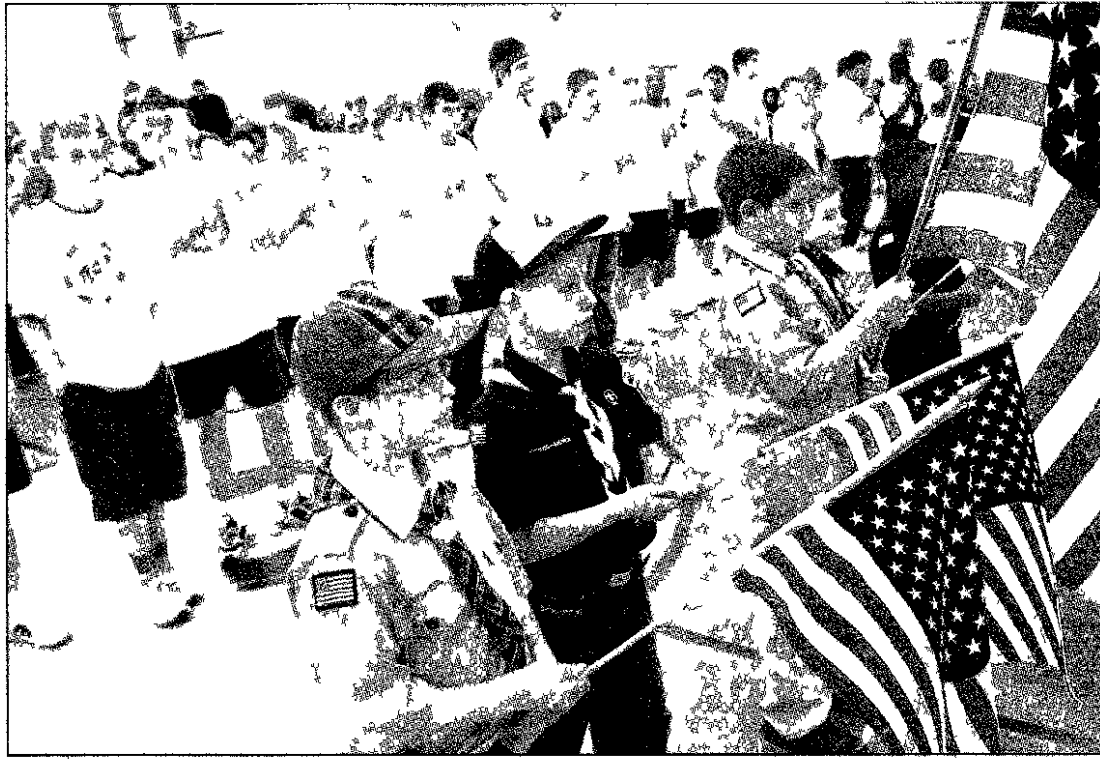
John Walker thinks son Jonathan's head probably won't fit through the classroom door after the 13-year-old made two baskets for the Broncos.

"He's been looking forward to the big game," said Walker of Garden City.

"It's fabulous," added Paula Walker, Jonathan's mother. "It's unbelievable. The high school kids give all their time to make this possible."

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY

Garden City High School cheerleaders Courtney McGahann, Carly Stanley, Haley Sneath, and Emily Harding wouldn't think of missing the Big Game and disappointing the Burger students because the event makes the kids happy whether they're on the floor or in the stands. The Big Game not only involves the players but students who hand out programs, set up water stations for both teams, and wash uniforms. "We do it to watch their faces light up and it's fun," said



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Burger Center Boy Scouts presented the American flag as the Broncos lined up before the big game.

Carly Stanley, a Garden City High School junior.

"I like to see how excited they are after they work so hard to accomplish their goals," added Haley Sneath, a junior who volunteered for a third year.

At halftime, the Burger cheerleaders stole everyone's hearts as they encouraged the Broncos to "Go, Fight and Win." Then the Churchill Stomp percussion group amazed the crowd by playing

on cans and buckets. It took the cooperation of schools and the community to make the Big Game a success.

It's a collaboration between Garden City High School, Churchill High School, Burger and members of the community, said Sue Helmkamp, a Burger music teacher who lives in Livonia. Helmkamp and co-teacher Michelle Brown led the school's choir in a rousing rendition of the national anthem before the game. Burger Boy

Scouts presented the American flag.

As bench coach Helmkamp's son Matt made sure all of the Broncos remained seated until it was their turn to play.



Burger Broncos coach Mary Jimenez looks to call a time out.

"I like helping the kids and it's usually a good game. It's close for the most part," said Matt Helmkamp, a varsity football player at Catholic Central High School in Novi. Helmkamp was back for a third year as a volunteer because of the joy the game brings to Bronco players like James Sears.

It's a very important game, said Sears, 15. "It's the best of both worlds. You've got two of the greatest teams from Garden City and the best players. It will be a tug of war."

By the end of third quarter it was still close with 71 points for the home team, 70 for the Cougars. By the end of the fourth quarter with four minutes to go it was 94 to 83 and at that point the highest scoring game in Burger Bronco history. The crowd cheered when the final score lit up the board 102 to 94. Every player on the Burger team received a medal to remember the Big Game.

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BIRTHS

Heidi Nita Likeric
Joshua and Michelle Likeric of University Place, Washington, announce the birth of their daughter Heidi Nita Likeric, May 9, 2005.
Grandparents are Debbie and J.B. Likeric of Garden City, Mich. and Dave and Wendy Marsden of North Carolina. Heidi has a 5-year-old sister Mikaylah Rain Likeric.
Joshua and Michele are graduates of Garden City High School.



Charles Robert Schleicher Paul and Elizabeth Schleicher of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Charles Robert Schleicher**, on Feb. 28, 2006, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces.
Charles's grandparents are Tom and Sharon McConaghy of Farmington Hills, and Paul and Carol Schleicher of Farmington Hills.
His great-grandmothers are Elma Schleicher of Warren, and Irene Nicol of Dearborn Heights.

CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print without charge announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact per son, and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

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

Bishop Borgess Class of 1986
A 20 year reunion is planned for May 20. For more information e-mail Bishopborgess86@gmail.com or call (734) 762-5186.

Cass Tech High School Class of 1955-57
A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 15-17 2006 at St. John's Armenian Church Southfield. Contact Rich Baylerian (248) 735-4495. Barbara Grajek Schanfrank (248) 543-6353. Joann Ellison Armistead (248) 533-9525. Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com.

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

Clarenceville High School Class of 1956
A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 29 Oct 1 Sept 29 football game and party Sept 30 banquet at Vladimirs of Farmington \$45/person open bar Oct 1 breakfast at Leon's in Livonia. For more information call Sharon Byrnes Hawk at (248) 529-3016.

Denby High School Class of 1956
A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 16 2006 at the Club Venetian in Madison Heights. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at darweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840.

Detroit Chadsey Class of 1956
Looking for classmates. A 50 year reunion is planned for October 2006. All alumni from other years welcome. Contact Ted at (734) 462-2411 or Lillian at (734) 326-1324.

Detroit Cody Class of 1976
A 30 year reunion is planned for Sept 30 2006 at Summit at the Park in Canton. \$60. Make check payable to Cody 76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig 6736 Elizabeth Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pietzke) Wauford at swauford@aol.com OR Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 OR Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

Detroit Cooley Class of 1966
A 40 year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct 7 2006 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills. Buffet dinner music dancing and a souvenir booklet. All interested January and June graduates please contact Julie (McLean) Work at (248) 477-6802 or email jwork2friends@yahoo.com.

Detroit Henry Ford Class of 1966
A 40 year reunion will be held 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturday Sept 2 2006 at the Troy Hilton. Anyone who attended Ford is welcome. Contact Ron Grant (home 248) 288-9376 OR (cell 586) 663-8844.

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

Detroit Salesian High School Class of 1956
A 50 year reunion is planned for July 15 2006 at the Royal Oak Elks Club. Contact Tom Connelly (248) 546-4536 or Ron Altweis (734) 421-7143.

Detroit St. Theresa Class of 1956
A 50 year reunion is planned for June 10 2006 at the Holiday Inn West 17123 Laurel Park Dr N in Livonia. A brunch is planned on June 11. For more information call Mary Monroe at (734) 427-4526.

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 contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com.

Epiphany Grade School Class of 1966

ENGAGEMENTS

Moore-Noe
Dr. Charlene Moore and Louis J. Mika of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter Shannon Lee Moore of Redford Township to Ryan Dennis Noe of Redford Township. Ryan is the son of Dennis and Tania Noe of Flushing, Mich.
Shannon is an accounting manager with Hammell Music. Ryan works in logistics and warehouse management.
Attending the bride will be Maya Morkgan, Tracie Lang, Sherry Kendall and Lynn Grinst. Attending the groom will be Rolly Noc and Dennis Noe.
A Nov. 11 wedding is planned.



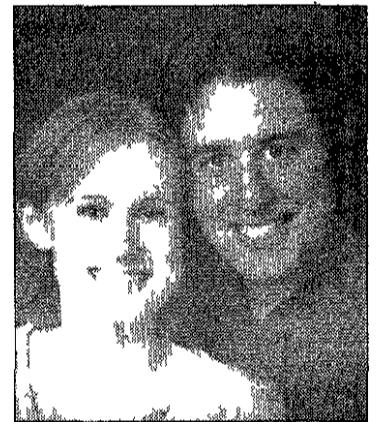
at the Henry Ford Fairlane Estate

Braidech-Rossetti
William and Veronica Braidech of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Sheila Veronica Braidech of Livonia to Brian Jon Rossetti of Ferndale, son of Joan Rossetti of Dearborn Heights and Remo Rossetti of Redford.
Sheila is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. She works as a purchasing specialist with ACRD Corp.
Brian is a graduate of Crestwood High School in Dearborn Heights and has an associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College. He is a senior design engineer with Ricardo Engineering.
An April 29 wedding is planned at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia followed by a reception at Doubletree Hotel in Novi.
Attending the bride will be Kristin Carter, matron of honor, Lisa O'Neill, Mary Deschenes, Robin Ash, Brooke Hoover and Kyle Misak.
Attending the groom will be Eric Syzmaniak, best man; James Rossetti, Brett Sadler, Jerry Brown, Kevin Hofmeister and David Dexter.
The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.



Attending the bride will be Kristin Carter, matron of honor, Lisa O'Neill, Mary Deschenes, Robin Ash, Brooke Hoover and Kyle Misak. Attending the groom will be Eric Syzmaniak, best man; James Rossetti, Brett Sadler, Jerry Brown, Kevin Hofmeister and David Dexter. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii.

Robords-Vinciguerra
Jessica Robords and Eric Vinciguerra announce their engagement.
The bride to be is the daughter of Alan and Cindy Robords of Charlotte, MI. She is a 2001 graduate of Charlotte High School and will earn her bachelor's degree in music from Central Michigan University this May.
Eric is the son of Bill and Nancy Rowell of Lowell. He is a 2003 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and pursuing a degree in music education at Central Michigan University.
A summer 2006 wedding is planned in Charlotte.



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Gromek-Blythe
Robert and Kathleen Gromek of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Lynn of Livonia to Jonathan Blythe of Ferndale, son of William and Landa Blythe of Westland.
Lynn is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. She works as a claims analyst for the Social Security Administration.
Jonathan is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and 2004 graduate of Michigan State University. He works as a tax associate with Grant Thornton.
An Aug. 5 wedding is planned for St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia. A reception at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor will follow.



The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii. Attending the bride will be Julia Arciero, Landa Boudiab and Bethany LaLaonde. Attending the groom will be Scott Risner, Christopher Harkins and Sean Gallagher.

Baughman-Maltese
Mr. and Mrs. Dominic J. Maltese announce the engagement of their son Andrew D. Maltese to Melissa Ann Baughman, daughter of Randy Holland of Jonesville and Mr. Dale Baughman of Litchfield.
Andrew is a 1997 graduate of Dearborn High School and is currently employed with the family construction business, D.J. Maltese in Plymouth.
Melissa Ann is a 1999 graduate of Hillsdale High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology.
She is currently employed at Northville Physical Rehabilitation as a physical therapy technician.
A summer 2006 garden wedding is planned.



Northville Physical Rehabilitation as a physical therapy technician. A summer 2006 garden wedding is planned.

Schmidt-Palm
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mauchen of Garden City and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmidt of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Marie Schmidt of Dearborn Heights to Michael David Palm of Dearborn Heights.
Michael is the son of Ellen Palm of Gaylord, Mich., and Joseph Palm of Ellington, Fla. Michael is employed with Benkins Trucking.
Julie is employed with ACC Penske Logistics. A wedding is planned for July 8 at Riverview Golf Course. The couple will reside in Dearborn, Heights.

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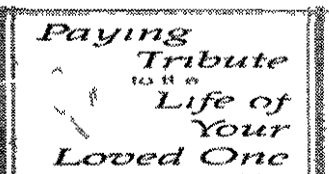
JAMES ALLEN BIGHAM

Age 59 of Plymouth and Grosse Pointe passed away March 29 2006 surrounded by family and friends. Beloved husband of Nancy and devoted father of Amy and Nick. Jim's family was the center of his life. His children the sparkle in his eyes and wife Nancy his life's love of 19 years. A professional educator dedicated to teaching, coaching and mentoring young people for over 40 years. He was committed to the craft of teaching physical education throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and for the last 28 years in the Woodhaven-Brownstown school district. Jim was a positive influence on many people young and old through his teaching and coaching career. He will be sorely missed by his friends and family. He is also survived by his mother Mary Bigham, his sister Barbara (Skip) Luther and his brothers Robert (Mary) William (Maureen) and Tim (Deborah) Bigham. Services were held Saturday April 1 at St. Kenneth Church, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Benedict Monastery, 2711 E. Drahn Rd., Oxford, MI 48370. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home.



RICHARD A. FEMMEL

March 31, 2006, age 79 of West Bloomfield, formerly of Birmingham. Retired Vice President of Corporate Communications for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. Former Vice President of George Perrot Productions and former News Director for WXYZ-TV and Radio. Beloved husband of Jane and the late Bobbi. Dear father of Gwen McGlade (Alan) Grandfather of Rachel and Christopher. Also survived by his stepchildren Steven McCready (Crystal), Karen Currier Susan O'Hara (Stephen), Michael McCready (Yvonne) and step grand children Steven, Jennifer, Cheryl, Sean, Tim, Christie, Madison and Louise. Memorial services have been held privately. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to Parkinson's Foundation, 30161 Southfield Rd., Ste. 119, Southfield, MI 48076. For information call A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.



ANGELICA MOSER,

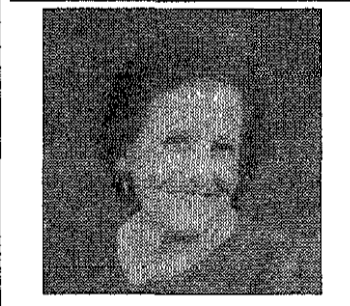
March 29 2006 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Age 86, formerly of Birmingham. A humanitarian who was a strong champion of higher education, a deep belief in her religion but a good sense of humor. Beloved wife of Bruno for 62 years. Dear mother of Natalie Stoner (Gary) and George Moser MD. Grandmother of Sean Stoner Esq. and Jason Stoner DDS. Sister of the late Momcilo Konstantinovic. Aunt of Zine Milic MD. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13 & 14 Mile) Sunday (today) 2:00-8:00pm. Pomen 7:00pm. Funeral service Monday 11:00am at St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church, 4675 E. Outer Dr., Detroit, MI 48234. Visitation begins at church 10:00am. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Church. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

ELIZABETH ANN FLUEGEL

Of Wixom, MI, age 45, passed away suddenly March 30 2006 at Providence Park Medical Center in Novi, MI. She was born August 6 1960 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of James and Bernice (Brown) Milner. On February 2 1985 in Farmington, MI, Elizabeth married her loving husband of 21 years, Gregory Fluegel. Elizabeth was employed as a head cook and baker for Millennium Middle School and South Lyon High School. She is described by her family as an upbeat, positive girl who adored her family. Elizabeth loved gardening, crafts, bingo, bowling, shopping, antiques and auctions. In addition to her husband, Gregory, survivors include her two children, Sarah Fluegel and James Fluegel of Farmington Hills, and her brothers, Russel Milner of TN, Peter Milner of Redford, and Paul Milner of Pontiac. A Celebration of Elizabeth's life will be held 3:00 PM Sunday April 2 2006 at Chilton Hills American Baptist Church in Brighton, with Dr. David Swink officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family for future designation. Envelopes will be available at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel, where the family will receive friends on Saturday from 4-8 PM and on Sunday at the church from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Please share your condolences with Elizabeth's family at www.borekjennings.com.

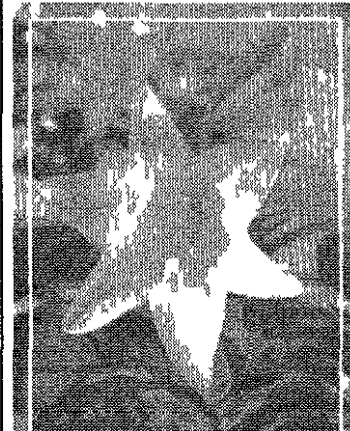
LOUISE M. LINDER,

Age 90, March 31 2006. Beloved wife of the late Wilhelm Linder. Loving mother of 3 and stepmother of 3. Also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City, Wednesday at 11:00 am. Visitation Tuesday from 1 to 8 pm.



ANTOINETTE M. MUNFAKH

Age 86 of Plymouth died March 29 2006. She was born September 14 1919 in Syria. She came to the United States in 1973 from Syria and became a United States citizen in 1979. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. She was a devoted mother who stressed the importance of education to her sons, two of whom became doctors and three of whom are engineers. Survivors included her sons, Abe (Darlene) Munfakh, George (Jimmie) Munfakh, Robert (Brooke) Munfakh, Nasri (Theresa) Munfakh, and Nabil (Paula) Munfakh, her grandchildren, Laila (Michael) Carr, Jennifer (Scott) Shaw, Antoine, George, Munfakh, Antoine, Munfakh, John Paul, Munfakh, Mark, Munfakh, Lt. Antoine, Nasri, Munfakh, Andrew, Munfakh, Sarah, Munfakh, and Matthew, Munfakh, her great grand daughter, Emily Carr, her brothers, Joseph and Maurice, Maghamez, and her sister, Joan, Maghamez. She is preceded in death by her husband, Antoine, Munfakh. Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, Tuesday 10:30am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Visitation at Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Monday 6:30pm, Tuesday 7pm. Memorial services may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



CHARNA BLOOM SEGAL

50 of West Bloomfield died March 23. An attorney, Charna graduated MSU and DCL. She was the Director of the legal department at Baker College and also was a teacher at Temple Beth El. Charna also volunteered throughout the community. She is survived by her loving husband, Randy, daughters, Amanda & Jennifer, and mother in law, Lorraine. Charna was the only daughter of the late Beril Bloom. Contributions may be made to offset Charna's medical expenses. Checks should be made out directly to Charna Segal family, P.O. Box #252493, West Bloomfield, MI 48325.



AMY WEBER 1974 - 2006

Age 31 of Farmington Hills, MI, died Monday, February 20 2006. Amy was born November 21 1974 in Ann Arbor, MI, the daughter of Charles and Sharon (Frantzen) Weber. When Amy was just two years old, she was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex. The condition would prove to be a lifelong challenge. Always a fighter, Amy never let her life challenges slow her down. She was always full of energy and ready to go. Amy was a student in the Special Education Program of the Farmington Public Schools. She completed her education in 2001 when she graduated from the Oakland Schools Autistic Program. Amy then went on to work at the adult day program at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) in Southfield, MI. She is survived by her parents, her grandmother, Helene Weber of Independence, IA, aunts and uncles, Connie Weber of Independence, IA, Cathy and Rick Hagan of Novi, MI, Dave Frantzen of Altoona, IA, Diane and Tim Wheeler of Jacksonville, FL, Judy Frantzen of Bountiful, UT, Kim and Joe Frantzen of Lincoln, NE, Jerry Frantzen of Jacksonville, FL, Kim Frantzen of Des Moines, IA, and Laura and Ron Frantzen of Ames, IA. Amy was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Leonard and Therese Frantzen, formerly of New Hampton, IA, area, and her uncles, Dennis Frantzen and Patrick Weber. Funeral services were held February 25 2006 at Holy Family Catholic Church, Novi, MI. Burial services were held at St. John Cemetery, Independence, IA, on Wednesday, March 1 2006. Memorials may be sent to the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, 801 Roeder Rd., Suite 750, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (800) 225-6872. www.mccabefuneralhome.com.



NORMAN A. ZAWISLAK

Died suddenly March 28 2006 at the age of 59. Long time dedicated employee of Detroit Diesel. Enjoyed traveling all sports and exercising. Norm was most passionate about spending time with and supporting his family. He is survived by his beloved wife, Joan (Kava) Loving, father of Jeff (Amy) Andrea (Matt) Scoles, Michelle (Bill) Griese, and Brian (Joanne) Grandfather of Miranda and Emily. Brother of Geraldine. Also survived by sister in laws, brother in laws, and many nieces & nephews. Visitation was held at Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) in Livonia on Thursday & Friday. A funeral mass was held at St. Edith Catholic Church, Sat. at 10:00 pm. Memorials to the American Heart/Association, Eastern Michigan Soccer Program.

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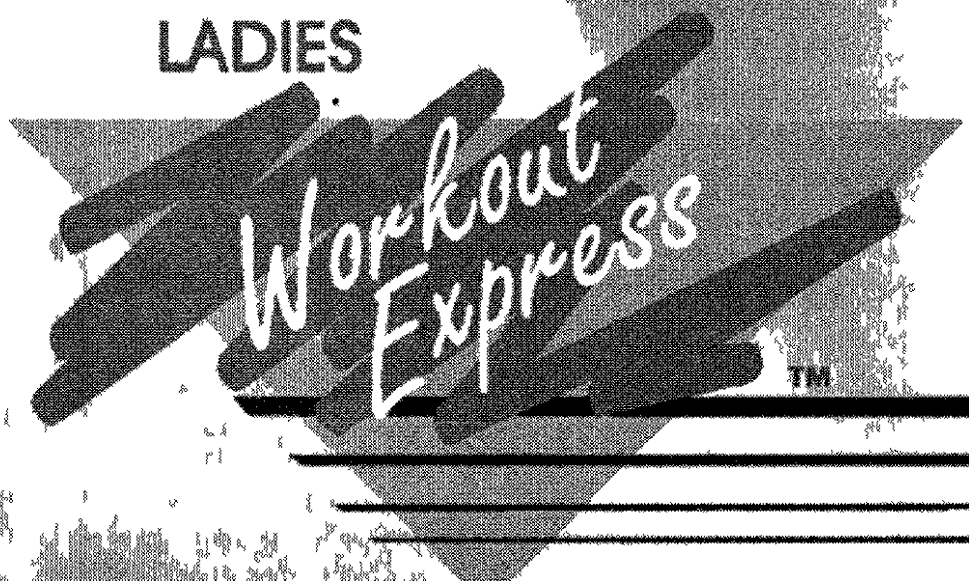
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Kristine Frias, board certified music therapist at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center, uses music to help a patient with anxiety and pain control.

New Beginnings

Integrating complementary and alternative medicine in end of life care

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

For too long, the health care profession avoided the issues of death and dying. Today, that's changing with a movement to integrate complementary and alternative therapies in end of life care.

New Beginnings, a conference thought to be the first of its kind in the nation, researches options such as acupuncture, music therapy and guided imagery to make the journey as peaceful and painless as possible. It takes place

May 19-21 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township and is sponsored by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, in cooperation with Karmanos Cancer Institute, Henry Ford and University of Michigan health systems, and Wayne State and Oakland universities.


Presenters' topics range from holistic interventions for patients and families to spiritual assessment at end of life.

"We began planning the conference two years ago to create a research agenda on complementary and alternative medicine. We have to publish this at the end and hope it will stimulate

further research," said Megan Gunnell, committee chairwoman and an integrative psychotherapist who uses the arts to treat clients of the Center for Creative Living in Royal Oak.

Too little research is being done on complementary and alternative medicine for end of life care, according to Robert Levine. The director of complementary and integrative medicine research for Henry Ford Health System says their studies prove the effectiveness. Levine

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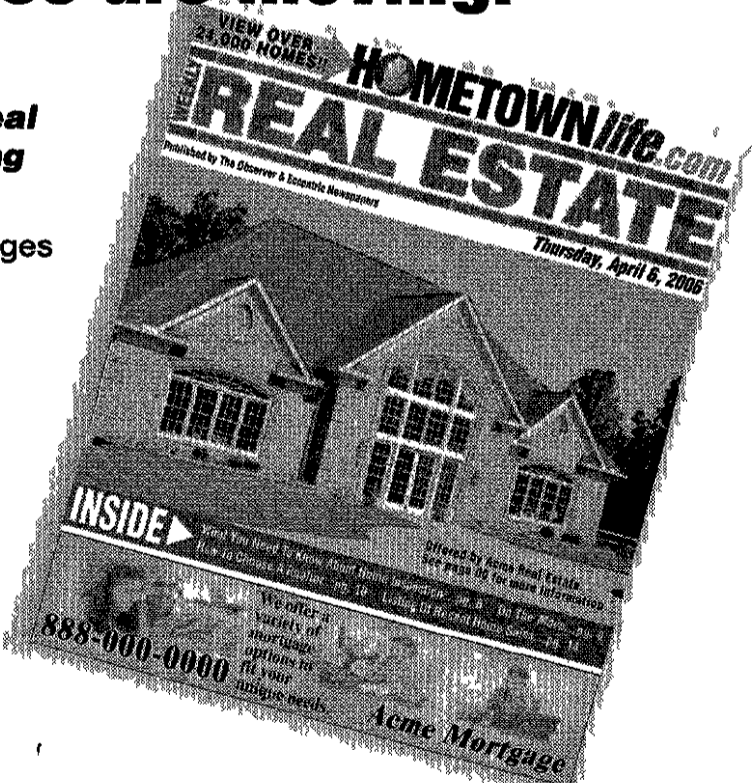
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Family fitness day

Care Choices is teaming up with St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Livonia Recreation Center to offer free fitness activities and health education on noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the rec center 15100 Hubbard, one-half mile east of Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Call (800) 852-9780 or visit www.carechoices.com. All youths ages 17 and under participate for free. Children under 11 must be accompanied by adult. Admission free for adults who show their Care Choices or Preferred Choices card. Admission \$3 for all others.

Musicians for HOPE

A benefit concert with members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra to benefit autistic children's programs by providing scholarships for children at Beaumont Hospitals Center for Human Development 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at

First Presbyterian Church 1669 W. Maple Birmingham. Tickets \$25. Call (248) 691-4757 also available at the door.

Bocce for Bucks II

Indoor bocce ball play and an Italian dinner buffet 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Palazzo di Bocce 4291 S. Lapeer Road Orion Township. Soft-soled shoes required for play. Demonstrations provided. Tickets \$100 per person. \$50 youth free for under age 5. Proceeds support homecare and hospice services for the uninsured in metro Detroit. Call (248) 760-2654 or send e-mail to bocce4bucks@wowway.com.

Weight loss secrets

Workshop 7 p.m. Monday, April 3, at the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile between Farmington and Merriman. No charge. Call (734) 425-8538.

Childbirth Education

7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 4 to May 16, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor

and delivery. These classes are based on the Lamaze Method and include exercise, relaxation, breathing techniques and comfort measures to assist expectant moms through the different stages of labor. Classes also include information on anesthesia options, medication, nutrition, family adjustment. There is a fee registration required. Call (734) 655-1162.

Volunteers wanted

Henry Ford Health System is looking for volunteers for two clinical trials. On trial for chronic low back pain compares acupuncture to conventional therapy. For information, call (248) 380-6203. Breast cancer survivors who are taking hormone suppression therapy and experiencing hot flashes are also sought. This clinical trial is testing acupuncture versus effector, call (313) 916-3938.

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talks about the roll of research in the welcoming keynote speech on Friday, May 19.

'MAKE A DIFFERENCE'

'CAM (complementary and alternative medicine) therapies can make a difference,' said Levine of Farmington Hills. Levine co-directs the Henry Ford Center for Integrative Medicine which offers herbal therapies, acupuncture, massage, guided imagery and Feldenkrais at its office in Novi. 'We use acupuncture to help people release certain types of pain, nutritional and supplemental approaches to have more energy and vitality. We collect health outcomes data on everyone who comes into the center. We can reliably relieve pain in people who've been through conventional medicine and come to us not being able to be helped.'

Beth Kohn gives an overview of traditional Chinese medicine before talking about the benefits she first witnessed in patients while working at San Diego Hospice. The Farmington Hills resident practices acupuncture at Henry Ford Center for Integrative Medicine.

There's a variety of ways acupuncture supports the system,' said Kohn. 'It can be used for everything from anxiety to sleep issues, constipation, nausea, depression, and to make someone comfortable physically, emotionally and spiritually.'

Kristine Frias knows firsthand that her guitar playing eases the anxiety of patients at the Karmanos Cancer Institute. The Birmingham music therapist serves on the committee presenting the conference.

'We want to improve quality of life and allow a person to develop and express themselves as fully as possible until their death,' said Frias, who coordinates complementary therapies including art, music, reiki, yoga, spiritual and nutritional counseling at Karmanos. At Hospice of Muskegon medical director Dr. Leonard

Wright regularly explores possibilities for patients. He'll speak on the topic at the 6:30-9 p.m. dinner on Saturday, May 20, as well as tell about his experience using acupuncture, acupuncture, meditation, and nutrition to survive a health crisis 17 years ago. Wright looks for effective options that are free of side effects.

'We're offering patients options, motion sickness bands for wrists (Seabands) for nausea,' said Wright, an M.D. 'We're currently doing a study to look at Korean hand therapy, a form of acupuncture to relieve pain. We utilize a lot of herbal teas. Patients love them. There may be nothing we can do for them but we can make a cup of tea. Ginger-based tea can help control nausea. Senna relieves constipation, chamomile relaxes.

CULTURAL INFLUENCES

When it comes to end of life decisions, one person's cup of tea may taste bitter to another. Frances Jackson, an R.N. and associate nursing professor at Oakland University in Rochester, says there is only one area that everyone agrees on - the disparity in end of life care. Jackson presents a break fast keynote speech on the subject Sunday, May 21. The day

before she talks about cultural influences on end of life preferences.

'We haven't done a good job of communicating with people about end of life period,' said Jackson.

In the 1970s, I had a Native American patient who had certain cultural rituals. The hospital had no ability to respond to what he needed. It seemed wrong to me. They seemed more concerned about rules and regulations. This was end of life. This would make him comfortable.'

Years later, Jackson would use guided imagery to help a patient at Hospice of Michigan.

'He wanted to make one last trip up North to see his cottage, but he was too ill. Through guided imagery we made that trip,' said Jackson. 'I got babbling brook music with birds chirping and we made the long drive using our imaginations.'

Cost for the New Beginning in End of Life Care Conference is \$225 until April 14, \$275 after, \$125 for students. For more information, call (313) 916-8354 or visit www.eol.wayne.edu.

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Assistance available on Medicare prescriptions

If you have questions about the new Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit, the Area Agency on Aging 1-B is offering free assistance in Oakland County.

Nearly half a million Medicare beneficiaries in Southeast Michigan began enrolling in the new prescription drug benefit on Nov. 15, 2005. Individuals with Medicare were eligible for the new prescription drug plans as of Jan. 1. Beneficiaries should enroll by May 15, to avoid paying a higher premium, unless they have current prescription coverage as good as the Medicare benefit.

Assistance is available at the following locations by appointment only, call 1-800-803-7174.

Sessions take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Clarkston Health Center, 5625 Water Tower Place, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 10 in the lower level of the Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, April 17, Older Persons Commission, 650 Leitch, Rochester. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at Area Agency on Aging 1-B, 29100 Northwestern, Suite 400, Southfield, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, LaAmstad Senior Center, 990 Joslyn, Pontiac.

Area Agency on Aging 1-B is a nonprofit agency responsible for providing services to more than 435,000 older adults in six counties in southeastern Michigan. It offers these tips for choosing a Medicare Part D Plan.

If you're not sure if your coverage from your past employer is as good as Medicare's benefit, be sure to call them before enrolling. If your coverage is as good as Medicare, ask for a letter stating this and keep this letter in your files.

Don't enroll in a plan before doing a comparison. This should be done with the search tool on Medicare's Web site (www.medicare.gov). Otherwise, you may enroll in a

plan that doesn't provide adequate coverage, or you could find yourself paying two to three times more than you need to. Plans can vary significantly.

If you are eligible for Medicare by February 1, 2006 and do not have current prescription coverage as good as Medicare, you must join a Medicare Part D plan by May 15, or may be charged a penalty of 1 percent per month for each month following that you do not enroll in Part D.

Once you join a plan you should receive a card a few weeks after enrolling. Until you receive a card be sure to keep all of your enrollment documentation in the event that you need to have a prescription filled and do not have your card.

Your prescription coverage is effective the first of the month after you enroll. For example if you join in April, your prescription coverage will start on May 1.

Weekend workshop to focus on grief and loss

Madonna University's Orchard Lake Center is hosting a weekend workshop on Grief and Loss 6:10 p.m. Friday, April 7 and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake.

This workshop will focus on the grief and loss issues faced by an individual in recovery, particularly for the person who has had chemical dependency

and/or psychological problems combined with family dysfunction, suicide, unemployment, financial concerns, legal involvement and physical illness.

Bill Vanderwill, director of addiction studies at Madonna University, is the instructor. Vanderwill holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan and is a

certified therapist with the State of Michigan and a certified advanced social work case manager by the National Association of Social Workers.

Cost for the workshop is \$170 for noncredit, \$340 for credit. For online registration, go to www.madonna.edu or call Ann Valentino at (248) 683-0523.

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Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. April 6 when guest speaker Milton Charbonneau will talk about Information from Land Use Records. A help session starts at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details call Margaret at (810) 227-7745.

Telephone retirees

Telephone Retirees from SBC Ameritech and Michigan Bell are invited to the group's monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 10 at Arches Fine Dining, 30471 Plymouth Road between Middlebelt and Merriman Roads (586) 268-1613.

Marshmallow drop

Wayne County Parks presents Marshmallow Drop 2006 Friday, April 14 when kids from all over will have the chance to turn in marshmallows for a prize. More than 20,000 marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter at the two county parks locations. 9 a.m. at Elizabeth Park in Trenton and 11 a.m. at Nankin Mills in Westland. Elizabeth Park is located on Jefferson, east of I-75 and south of West Road in Trenton. Nankin Mills is located on Hines Drive just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For additional information call (734) 261-1990.

CPR classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers two free Friends and Family cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes.

Saturday, April 8. One class runs 8:10 a.m. to 10 a.m. the other 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Outreach Department Classroom 11. To register call (734) 655-8950.

Hospice training

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

Wizard of Oz

Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company comprised of dancers ages 9-18 presents a ballet to the much loved music of The Wizard of Oz 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 in the Northville High School Auditorium. The performance will include dancing to songs such as Over the Rainbow, Ding Dong the Witch is Dead and Ease on Down the Road. Tickets are available at the studio by mail, e-mail and fax. Tickets are \$8 each and \$6 each for groups of 10 or more. Center Stage Dance Company is located at 43334 W Seven Mile, Suite 250 in Northville. For more information call (248) 380-1666, e-mail: cscdc5678@sbcglobal.net or fax (248) 380-1597.

Safe driving program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the

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

Ann Arbor Women

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 16th annual Tables and Tea event displaying elegant and whimsical table settings designed by club members and local retailers. The event takes place at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw (between Devonshire and Hill) 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 4. Tickets go on sale in mid-May at the Club and at some designated places around town. Tickets will be available the day of the event at the Club. For more information call Linda Atkins (734) 741-8032.

Bunny hop

Pull out your bobby socks & poodle skirts! Northville Parks and Recreation invites your family to our spring sock hop. The Bunny Hop! Dance to current & classic hits, make crafts, design cookies with Great Harvest Bread Company, savor some delightful treats and visit the spring bunny! It's sure to be an enjoyable evening for the whole family! The Bunny Hop will take place 4-6 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Senior Community Center (303 W Main, Northville). Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W Baseline, Northville). For more information call (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

Home tour

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 54th annual Home Tour beginning at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. May 19. Ozone House has been designated the recipient of a portion of the event's revenue. Tickets go on sale in April at the City Club and in designated places around town. Tickets will also be available the day of the event. For

more information and updates call Sylvie Stetz (734) 878-9044.

Swap Meet

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association of Plymouth hosts a swap meet noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15 at the WCCA club house at 6700 Napier Road. The swap meet allows participants the opportunity to bring out items they've been wanting to sell or trade, including guns, knives, reloading equipment and supplies, fishing tackle and other items. Tables at the meet cost \$15 apiece or two for \$25. Someone will be available to handle any transactions required for firearms sales at a nominal cost. All local state and federal firearms laws will be followed with no exceptions. The kitchen will also be open. For more information or to reserve tables call Don McLellan (734) 591-0247. A limited number of tables will be available and must be paid for in advance.

Ray of hope

Organizers of the seventh annual Ray of Hope fund raiser are requesting used cell phones that are no longer in service. They should be in good working order and will be donated to an organization that provides them for temporary use by victims of domestic violence. The seventh annual Ray of Hope event - a Silent Auction Lunch and Fashion Show with a guest speaker - will be held on 9 a.m. - noon Saturday, April 8 at the Four Points Sheraton Inn, 3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor. You can enjoy a fun, relaxing and inspiring morning while lending your support to the fight against women's cancers and the equally serious task of breaking the silence of domestic violence. Proceeds from the 2006 Ray of Hope will provide a significant contribution to the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation, whose mission is their commitment to battling cancers affecting women and ending domestic violence. Since Ray of Hope's first event in Ann Arbor in 2000, they have raised more than \$60,000 locally. Their goal this year is to raise an additional \$15,000 in support of the foundation's mission.

Tickets to Ray of Hope \$25 each may be purchased by contacting Ginger Winter at (734) 429-2433 or by emailing her at ginger@marykay.com. Individual tickets or small groups of tickets may be purchased.

Cancer society scholarships

The American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division college scholarship program is currently accepting applications for the 2006-2007 school year. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18. Since 1997, the American Cancer Society Great Lakes Division Foundation has proudly supported young cancer survivors with \$1,000 scholarships as they pursue ambitious career goals. To date, more than 300 first-time scholarships and 200 renewal scholarships have been awarded to students in the Great Lakes area of Indiana and Michigan. To qualify, applicants must be a cancer survivor age 20 or younger (as of April 18, 2006), a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Indiana or Michigan and attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university in Indiana or Michigan in Fall 2006. Those interested may download an application on line by visiting www.cancer.org/scholarships or by calling (800) 723-0360.

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Girlstown Foundation

Girlstown Foundation is looking for foster 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.

Drawing into painting

The exhibition Drawing into Painting runs through April 8 at the Ann Arbor Art Center Exhibition Gallery, 117 West Liberty Street, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon - 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information 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 communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

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

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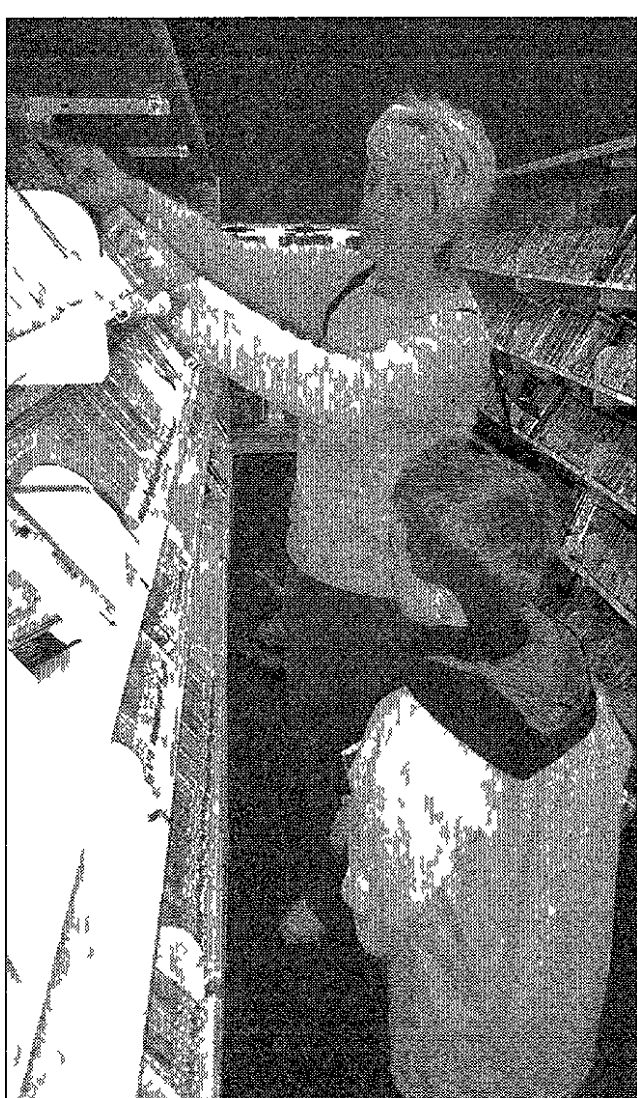
Notice to Bidders. The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the Management of School Food Service Operations for the 2006-2007 school year. Specifications and bid forms will be available at the MANDATORY pre bid meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at the Plymouth High School located at 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Charter Township of Canton Access to Public Meetings. The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. David Medley, ADA Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5280.

Planning Commission Charter Township of Canton Notice of Public Hearing. Proposed Amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 17, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan. Includes a map of Section 11.

Planning Commission Charter Township of Canton Notice of Public Hearing. Proposed Amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 17, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan. Includes a map of Section 09.

Wayne County's Department of Public Services in Cooperation with the Township of Canton Announces a Public Information Meeting for the Canton Center Road Improvement Project (Cherry Hill to Palmer). April 4, 2006, 7 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, PDC Room - Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township. Project Overview with Preliminary Plans. Includes a map of the project area.



Reading round-up

Isbister School first-grader Blake McKolaiczik, 6, and mom Susan McKolaiczik select books during a First Grade Round-Up visit to the Canton Public Library. First-graders throughout the Plymouth-Canton school district boarded buses and headed for a new world at the Canton Public Library where, for the last 15 years, the library has welcomed for the round-up, held during March Reading Month. This year, 14 schools visited the library, bringing some 1,135 students, 22 teachers and parent chaperones. Students got a tour of the Children's Department, saw a puppet show, and learned about good library manners. They also got their own library card and the opportunity to check out a book to take home.

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 "The 11th Horseman," James Patterson
- 2 "The Tenth Circle," Jodi Picoult
- 3 "The House," Danielle Steele
- 4 "Cell," Stephen King
- 5 "The Templar Legacy," Steve Berry

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Marley and Me," John Grogan
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United Way holds survey on needs

United Way for Southeastern Michigan wants metro Detroit residents to participate in a brief Community Action Survey via telephone or online.

Through April 7, residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are being encouraged to voice what they feel are the top social issues that they would like to see progress on in our region, as well as what are the barriers we need to overcome to achieve success.

According to Michael J Brennan, president & CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, the community outreach effort is aimed at identifying the most pressing human service issues across metro Detroit, resulting in a region-wide plan to effectively make progress on those key issues.

"Our goal is to involve local residents in the process of addressing both short and long-term issues that affect our children, families, neighborhoods and health, resulting in a com-

munity action plan," said Brennan. "We need to hear from all sectors of our region and work together to achieve regional success. We're urging everyone to participate in the survey, so we can capture the top concerns, as well as aspirations, from the diverse populations that make up southeast Michigan."

United Way for Southeastern Michigan is in the first of a three-phase process that, over the next two years, will step up regional efforts to address core needs through various safety-net services. The organization will also sharpen its focus on the underlying causes of social ills with targeted strategies that prevent problems in the first place.

The Community Action Survey is one way United Way is hearing from the community. The organization is also conducting one-on-one interviews with community stakeholders, as well as facilitating focus groups with diverse public and

private sectors throughout the region. United Way will compile the information, which will be used as a benchmark for regional objectives and goals.

The Community Action Survey seeks to shed light on the general public's top concerns about critical human service issues, asking questions such as how important are thriving families, education, economic vitality, and access to affordable housing, for example, and what are the barriers to overcome in order to achieve success related to those areas.

The survey will be available 24 hours a day concluding at 5 p.m. on April 7. All residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties are being encouraged to take the brief survey either online at www.uwsem.org or by calling United Way for Southeastern Michigan's call center by dialing 2-1-1 or (800) 552-1183.

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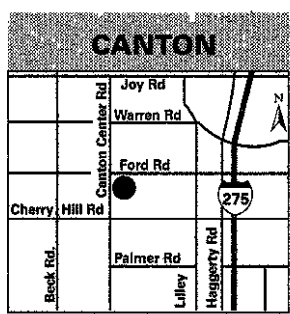


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Self-esteem need not be all or nothing

Self-esteem can be described as how one feels about him or herself as a person. There may be feelings of worthlessness/uselessness vs. feelings



Len McCulloch

of acceptance and getting along with one self, no matter what age.

At the extreme end of poor self-esteem would be self-hatred (masochism) and, at the opposite

extreme, high self regard with grandiosity (megalomania and narcissism). Obviously, it's not good to be one of the extremes.

Self-esteem need not be an all or nothing issue and one might, for example, have good self-esteem about their physical appearance and poor esteem about their intellectual abilities, or vice versa.

Many think that it is during the formative years of childhood that one's self-esteem is constructed. It may begin as a reaction to feedback one is getting from his/her family. Generally, one comes out of childhood with a basic feeling of "I am an OK person" vs. "I am not." It seems that, in childhood, when one is not loved properly or enough (neglected, abused, etc.) the young person does not ask, "What's wrong with these grown-ups for not loving me the right way?"

More often, if asked, the youngster will say, "There must be something wrong with me and that's why I'm being mistreated." Thus, we have the basis for what may become a lifelong attitude toward the self.

Psychotherapy, in very general terms, is a working relationship between two people, one trained by education and experience in how the mind works and one who is in distress—usually in the form of anxiety or depression. Commonly, self-esteem issues are one of the underlying ingredients of the distress and motivation for seeking out a psychotherapist. Or, in the case of the child, being brought to meet a therapist by the parent.

Many years ago I met, in therapy, an 8-year-old girl from a large family of seven siblings whose complaint was "I don't like myself." She was also becoming less social in school and her usual good grades were dropping. Her parents were astute enough to recognize this as a possible sign of depression and brought her for evaluation. This revealed a case of self-esteem that had become problematic, without evidence of much other psychopathology, in a family which seemed relatively intact, but "too crowded" from an 8-year-old's point of view.

Supportive and exploratory psychotherapeutic treatment was conducted twice weekly over a nine-month period. The child formed a positive therapeutic alliance and openly expressed her thoughts and feelings which were accepted and responded to empathetically. Her grades and socialization improved. No further problems surfaced and a planned termination was worked on during the last eight weeks of treatment. This went well and we parted. Her last comment to me, after walking down the hallway away from my office was "Oh, and Mr. McCulloch, I like myself now!"

About eight years later I was getting popcorn at the movies and the 16-year-old looking girl waiting on me seemed a little too smiley and mildly embarrassed. I made nothing of it, nor did I recognize or remember her. As I walked away she called out to me "Mr. McCulloch!" I turned and suddenly the memory of our work together returned, although vaguely. She said, "I'm Melissa and you were my therapist when I was 8 years old. We chatted briefly, wished each other well and parted again. As I left the counter and walked down the hallway away from her she called out again. Oh, Mr. McCulloch? I turned and said, 'Yes?' She said with a smile, 'I still like myself!'"

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association, a licensed social worker and holds various additional certifications in mental health, substance abuse and brain injury. He has published 80 articles and can be reached about his writing at (248) 474-2763 Ext. 22.

Nominations are wanted for Senior Friendly Business Award

The Community Outreach Department of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in conjunction with the Livonia Senior Center are looking for nominations for Livonia businesses for its first annual Senior Friendly Business Award. Livonia businesses would be nominated based on having accessible facilities that are safe, convenient and comfortable, provide excellent service that is courteous and unrushed and offer senior discounts

home delivery, help to the car, or other services to support seniors. The businesses make it a habit to show respect to seniors by listening actively and asking open, positive questions without making assumptions. Nomination forms can be found at the Livonia Senior Center, City Hall, and Livonia Civic, Alfred Noble and Carl Sandburg libraries. Awards will be presented at the Senior Resource Day 1 p.m. Friday, May 5.

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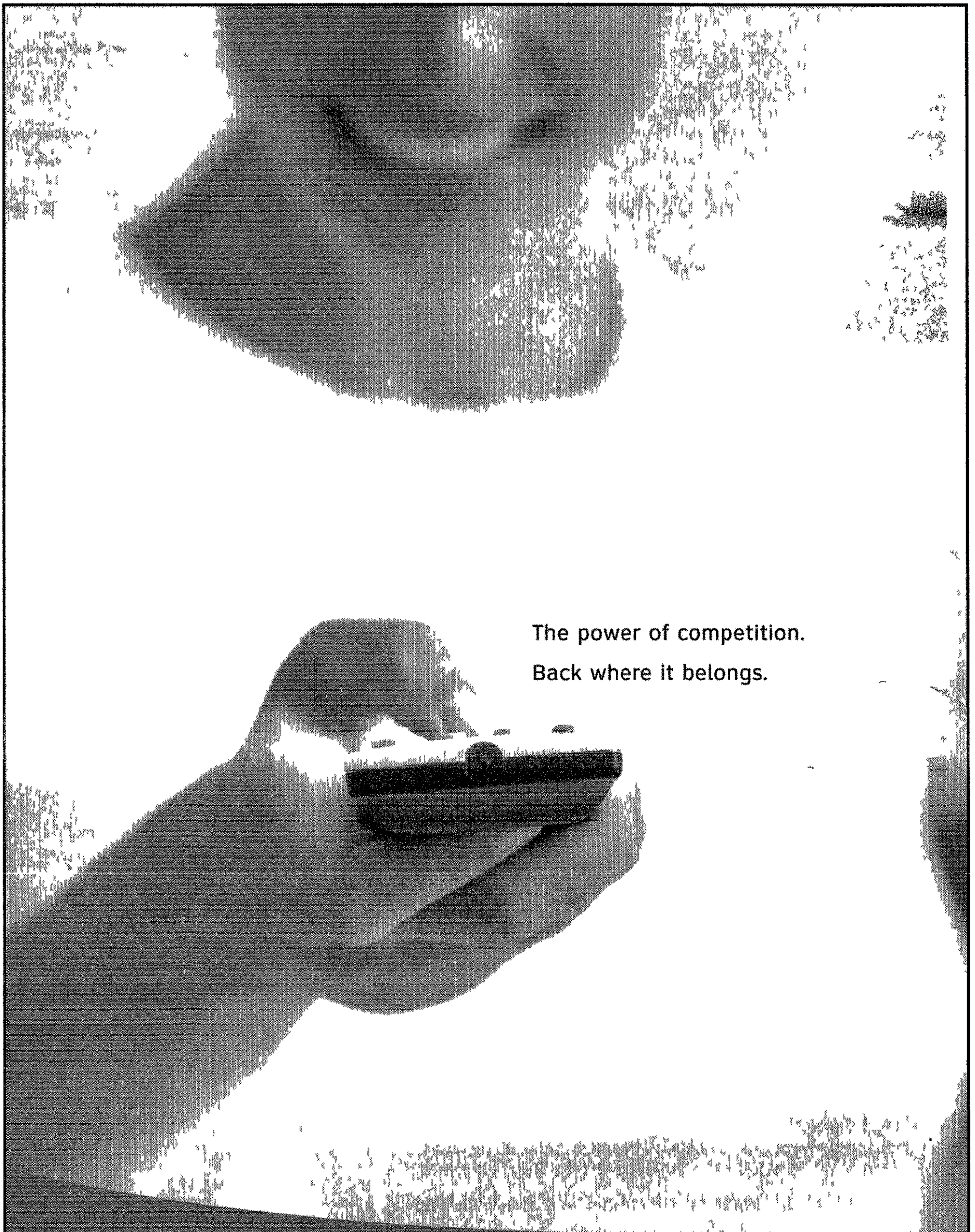
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Call (734) 427-8552, ext. 307 to register and reserve a spot at the event.

If you're unable to bowl but would like the chance to bid on Red Wings tickets

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Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a nonprofit organization in Livonia dedicated to increasing the opportunity for braille literacy by providing high quality, low cost Braille books for blind children. Every \$10 earned at the Bowl-a-thon will create one more book. Last year, bowlers raised nearly \$22,000 provide blind children access to popular children's books in Braille and to bring them the materials they need to read and succeed.



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Fresh graduates should fight for their rights

(PRWEB) — Fresh graduates should fight for their rights in the work place to avoid discrimination, according to experts at CvTips.com, one of the Web's leading portals on employment matters.

One CvTips consultant said employers sometimes take advantage of freshers who are unaware of their rights and eager to land a good job.

Low salaries, lack of benefits, long hours working on large portfolios and reduced holidays are some of the ways in which employers use freshers desperate to join the workforce, the consultant said.

Freshers need to know that they have a choice and that with the right negotiation tactics they can score high even at entry level.

It definitely requires a high level of confidence from the candidate, but this is not what today's youth is lacking. What they lack is awareness and belief that it is possible to negotiate right at the beginning of a career and come up out a winner.

He said many companies acquire freshers with the intent of getting more out of their investment in the real sense.

Even big-name companies use their reputation to attract freshers and get the most mileage out of them, he said. These new graduates are so grateful and happy about working for a big name company that they accept terms that are below industry standards.

The CvTips.com consultant said universities around the world produce qualified graduates, most with master's degrees, at an increasing rate. And with the advent of the Internet, the job market is now a global phenomenon.

As a result, much of the exploitation involves graduates from under-developed countries working for big companies in developed nations at lower salaries.



Freshers need to know that they have a choice and that with the right negotiation tactics they can score high even at entry level.

Freshers have been found working longer, harder and with less remuneration and benefits in the majority of the companies, including giants of the global market, he said.

Under the head of internship, a fresher is often expected to make the rounds in a company with inadequate time to gain hands-on experience in most departments.

They are also expected to put in long hours and become multi-tasking and multi-portfolio holders. They cannot ordinarily say no to any assignment during their internship period.

He said in many cases, an internship or probation period involves the employee

earning much less than what a regular full-time staff member would receive.

During this period, the fresher has almost no rights. They cannot take leave, unless sick and medically approved by company doctors, he added.

They cannot avail themselves of any benefits such as loans, housing and allowances and they cannot apply for a transfer.

CvTips.com says many fresh graduates are willing to undergo hardship early on and consider their sacrifices as an investment in their future careers rather than exploitation.

For more advice on employment matters, visit <http://www.cvtips.com>

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With basic assisting skills needed to grow small practice in Farmington Hills/Southfield area Tues & Thurs and 1 2 Saturdays per mo Fax resume to 248 354 8883

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Parade of Homes

Showcase has something for all

New homes of every shape and size — and price range — are being honored by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) as part of its 17th-annual spring Parade of Homes architectural judging.

Parade of Homes is a month-long exhibition of 106 new model homes and condominiums located throughout southeastern Michigan. The showcase runs through April 16.

The winning homes were selected based on the following

criteria: best value for the price, best use of space, most innovative design and aesthetic appeal. Before being judged, participating homes were divided into 12 categories by price.

"This year's Parade of Homes presents a select sampling of what BIA professional master builders are providing for today's discerning and eager homebuyer," said James P. Babcock, president of BIA and Babcock Building Co., Inc. in St. Clair Shores. "BIA's professional master builders have built homes for

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■ **Community Development** Advocates of Detroit Affordable Housing Village Colonial, priced at \$109,000 in Detroit, built by O'Brien Construction
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■ **Attached Condominiums Priced Over \$200,000 to \$220,000** Afton, priced at \$211,000, in Trenton, built by Trenton Grand Development.
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■ **Homes and Detached Condominiums Priced Under \$300,000** Wellington Colonial, priced at \$230,000, located in Village of New Haven, built by Lassale Homes.

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■ **Homes Priced Over \$375,000 to \$400,000** Wilton III, priced at \$379,900, located in White Lake, built by Heritage Noshan Homes.

■ **Homes and Condominiums Over \$400,000 to \$560,000** Columbia Lexington, priced at \$557,975, in Oakland Township, built by Toll Brothers, Inc.

■ **Homes Priced Over \$560,000 to \$750,000** The Chadwick, priced at \$570,200 in Commerce Township, built by Cohen Homes.

■ **Homes and Attached Condominiums Over \$750,000 to \$1 Million** The Normandy, priced at \$879,000, in Oxford Township, built by Miller Properties LLC.

■ **Homes Priced Over \$1 million** Bayshore, priced at \$1,5 million, located in Northville Township, built by Curtis Estate.

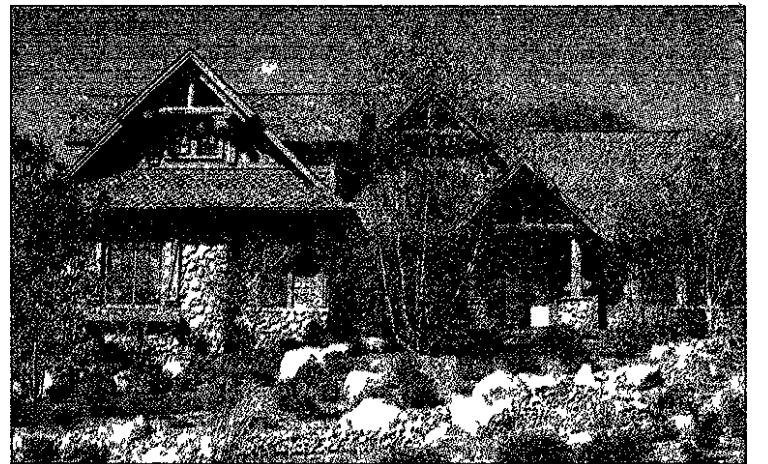
■ **Blue Ribbon Award For A "One Of-A-Kind" Home** Up Northville, priced at \$2.45 million in Northville, built by Michael Mocer Design/Build.

A panel of local architects and industry experts judged the homes.

The 106 Spring Parade of Homes models are located



The Curtis-Estate built Bayshore in Northville was named best home priced over \$1 million.



Michael Mocer Design/Build built Up Northville received the Blue Ribbon award for best one-of-a-kind home.



The Columbia Lexington, a Toll Brothers-built home in Oakland Township, was named best home or condo over \$400,000 to \$560,000.

throughout southeastern Michigan and can be viewed via open house tours or on-line at www.biaparadeofhomes.com. Featured homes include condominiums and single-family homes ranging in price from

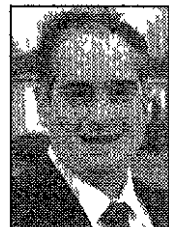
\$80,000 to \$2.4 million. For information on the 2006 Spring Parade of Homes, call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.biaparadeofhomes.com. BIA also sponsors a Parade of Homes event in the fall.

Choose wisely which repairs to make when you put your home on market

How much repairs and remodeling should I do to get my house sold, and can I include the improvement in the asking price?

Your house may need a lot of work. Do you need to make the repairs to get your house sold? That depends. If you want to get more money for your house then it's important that you fix what is needed.

Remember that your house is competing with other houses that are on the market. If all the houses on the



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market need a lot of repair then you can price your house similar to the other houses.

However, if the competing houses don't need repair and you want to get your house sold, you can choose whether

to make the repairs or be prepared to take less money for the house. Also, you may lose a lot of buyers who may have otherwise made an offer because they will believe that it's not worth the time and energy to make the repairs even if they can recover the loss by getting the house for less money.

Does that mean that if you spend \$20,000 remodeling the kitchen that you can add that amount to your asking price based on the price of

competing houses and similar houses that recently sold in your area? No. Just because you put in a nickel doesn't mean that you will get a dime or even your nickel back.

What repairs should you make? Some of the things that you should consider doing are obviously improvements that don't cost a lot of money. This means getting rid of clutter and painting areas that need it. Putting your mind to it, I am sure you can find many ways to make

inexpensive repairs.

What if you have a major problem, like an issue regarding the foundation or roof? You may have to spend the money to make those repairs. Most buyers will hire a private inspector to do a thorough inspection. Chances are, even if you try to hide it in the Seller's Disclosure Statement it will be found by the inspector. It then has a great chance of killing the sale.

What may not be worth the

price are expensive upgrades such as putting in granite countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms. Once again, you need to examine what your competition is doing. They are ultimately who you are up against when it comes to getting your house sold.

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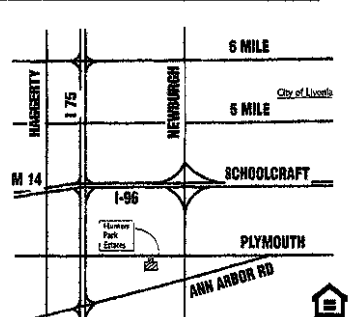


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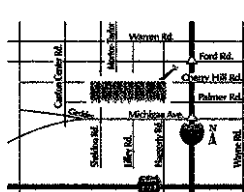


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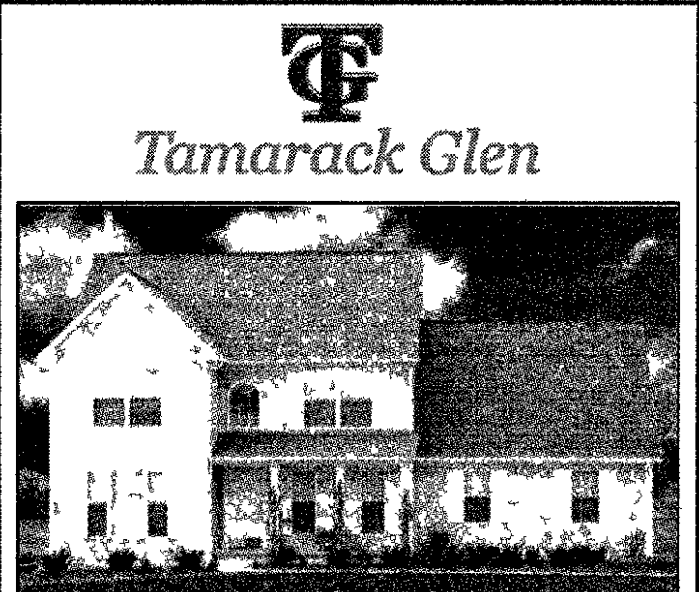


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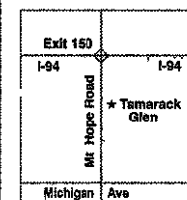
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Seminar on tap

Vacation Finance, based in Birmingham, will offer a seminar Wednesday, April 5, at the Reserve, 325 S Eton. It will run 6-8 p.m. Speakers are Bob Waun, CEO of Vacation Finance, and David Disick, the mastermind behind the Franz Klammer Lodge in Telluride, Colo.

The point of the seminar is to educate attendees about the real estate, financing, tax and investment issues relating to the rapidly growing condo hotel market. Participants will discuss the variations in ownership and cost structures. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The Web site is www.vacation-finance.com.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Wayne County will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at the Holiday Inn Heritage Center, 17201 Northline Road, Southgate (at I-75 Exit No. 37). Mansa Musa will discuss "Credit Score Management for the Real Estate Investor." Meetings are 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For information, visit www.reiawaneconomy.org or call (313) 386-7228.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:

■ Livonia Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24 and 26, at Holmes

Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia. It is designed to help people make better use of space by planning and completing a remodeling. Cost is \$101 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Livonia Community Education (734) 744-2602.

■ Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25 and 27, at the Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$95 for residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials, or \$104 for nonresidents plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Henry Ford Community College (313) 317-1500.

■ Waterford Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar, "How To Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24, 26, May 1 and 3, at Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction, it is also for those who wish to work with a builder. Cost is \$199 plus \$30 for textbooks to instructor. Spouse's discount is half of tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Waterford Community Education (248) 682-1088.

■ Berkley Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar, "How To Build

Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24, 26, May 1 and 3, at the Tyndall Center, 14501 Talbot, Oak Park. Seminar cost is \$190 plus \$30 for textbooks to instructor. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Berkley Community Education (248) 837-8900.

■ Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. The seminar will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25, 27, May 2 and 4, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$190 plus \$20 for the text-

book and sample questions. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Birmingham Community Education (248) 203-3800.

■ Bloomfield Hills Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25 and 27, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Room 133, Bloomfield Hills. Cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Bloomfield Hills Community Education (248) 433-0885. On the Internet, visit www.buildersinstitute.com.

HomeOffice Center

The HomeOffice Center offers a number of sessions,

most free and at the center, 21500 Greenfield Road, Suite 101 in Oak Park. Upcoming offerings include "Learn the Secrets of Buying Real Estate," 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, (248) 967-6920, Real Estate Investing From A to Z, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, and continuing six weeks, (248) 967-6920 or e-mail info@TheHomeOfficeCenter.com, Future Brokers Training, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 28,

open to all Michigan-licensed real estate agents whose goal is to become a broker in three years or less, training sessions the last Friday of each month, call Amazing! Real Estate Solutions, Realtors, (248) 721-4848.

There is also The Buyers Club 500, which meets monthly including 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Meetings are held the last Saturday of the month.

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Lowe's offers some tips to wallpaper with ease

Lowe's has information on wallpapering on its Web site, www.lowes.com.

These tips include:
■ Turn off electrical power and remove all switch plates and outlet covers.
■ Remove old wallpaper and fill in any holes or cracks with spackling compound.
■ Clean surfaces with a 1 to 4 ratio of ammonia/water for proper adhesion.

■ Cover drywall or newly-painted wall with primer/sealer, and let dry for 24 hours.

■ Before hanging, ensure the pattern and run or dye lot numbers on each bolt are the same.

■ Check each bolt for printing and shading defects.

■ Save packaging information. You may need to buy more.

Don't let ants spoil your summer months

(NewsUSA) — Summer is here and so are the bugs. While we are planning picnics and firing up the backyard barbecue, ants are moving inside to forage on our countertops and invade our refrigerators.

We all expect to see ants in our backyard, it's a sign of summer. But when they start to move indoors, they become a nuisance.

Ants can often be found around sinks and countertops looking for food and water. And once they find it, you can be sure they'll be back, bringing others with them. There typically are thousands more with their queen hidden somewhere nearby.

Here are some tips for keeping ants out of your home:

■ Ants travel along odor trails between a food source and their nest. Follow the trail of ants and fill any cracks or gaps at the point of entry.

■ Scrub with dish soap to remove the scent along the trail.

■ Place ant baits next to the trail. Ants will pick up the bait and bring it back to their nest. Not all species of ants respond to baits, so this method may not always work.

■ If the problem is severe, don't try to take it on alone, call a professional pest control company.

"To really control an ant population you have to find and treat the nest," said Dr. Bob

Don't let ants ruin your summer. Treat the problem early and enjoy the season. For more information and to find a pest management professional, visit www.securechoice.us.

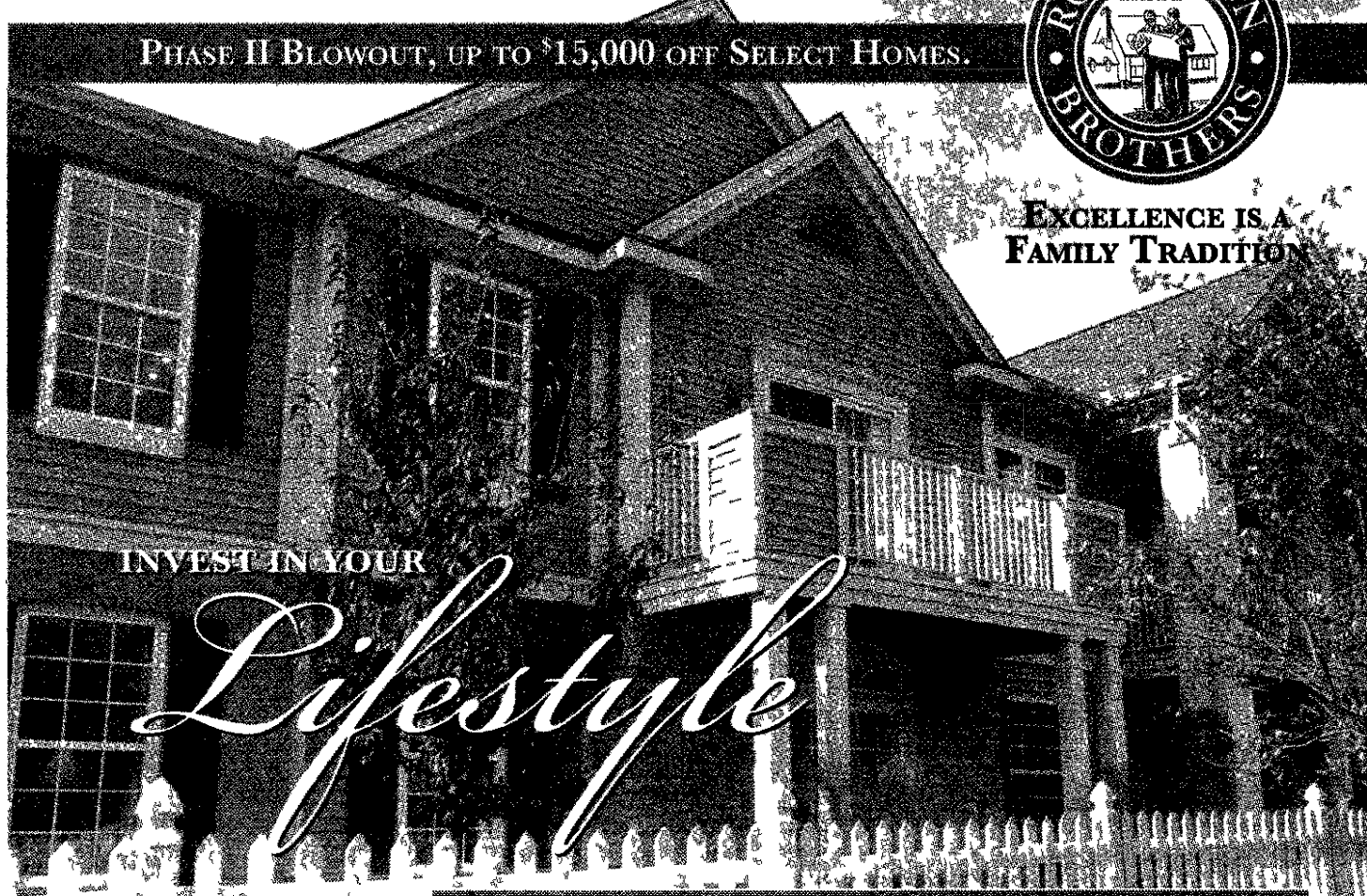
Cartwright, technical representative of Syngenta, a manufacturer of professional pest control products. "This can be difficult work, and is best done by a licensed professional."

Treating around your home will reduce the likelihood of ants returning. Syngenta created a microencapsulated insecticide called Demand CS with iCAP technology. The microcapsules in Demand CS protect against sunlight and rain and provide longer control of these nuisance pests, Cartwright said.

Because colonies sometimes move into an area abandoned by another colony, maintain a regularly scheduled pest control service to help keep ant problems at bay.

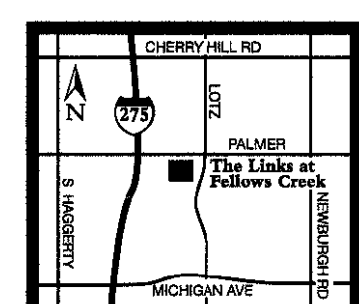
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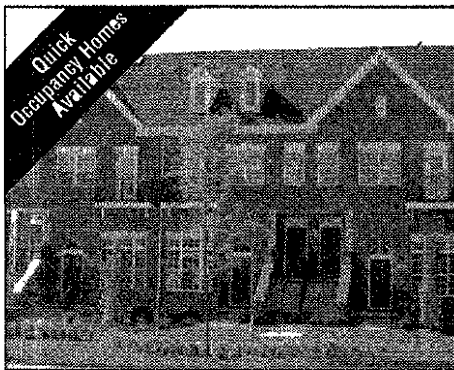


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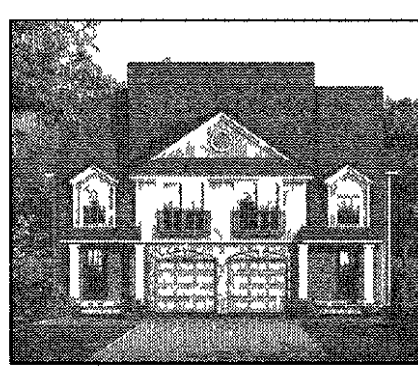


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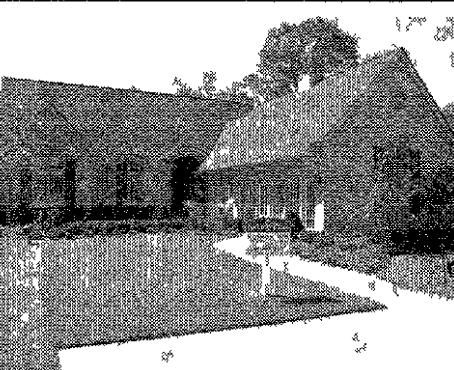


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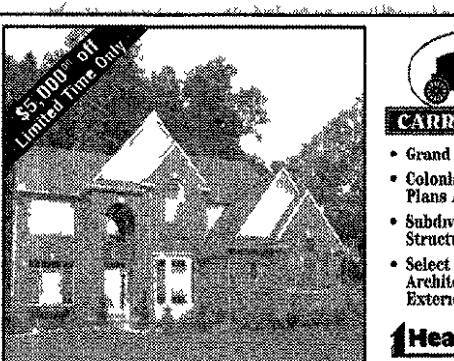


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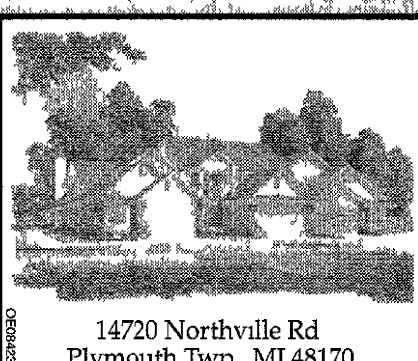


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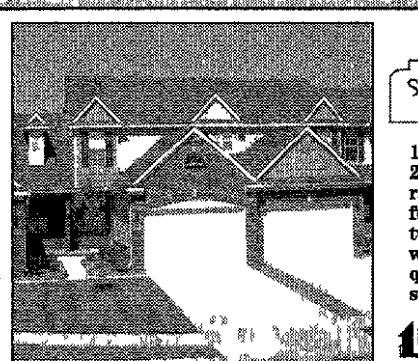
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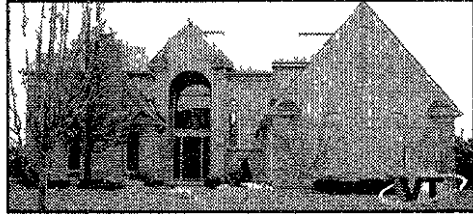
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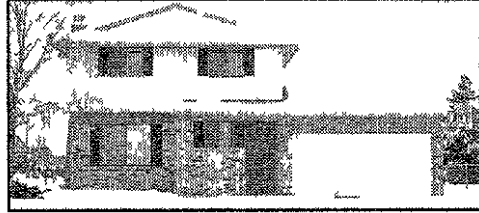
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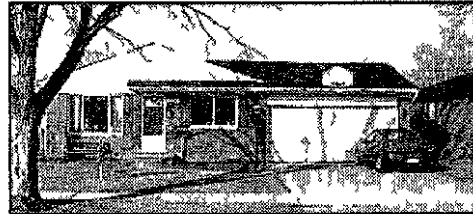
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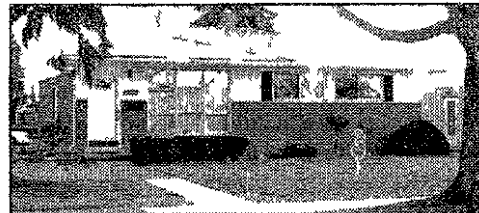
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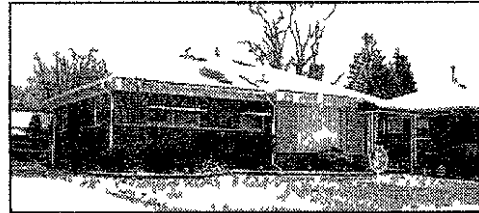
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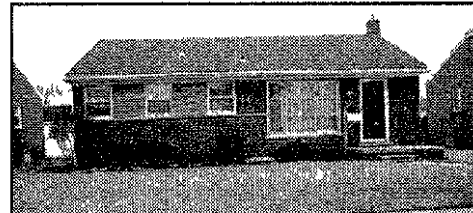
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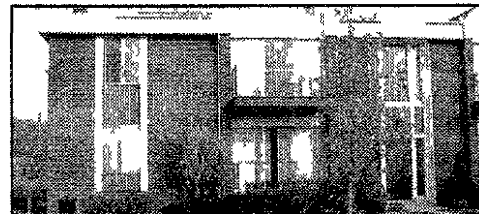
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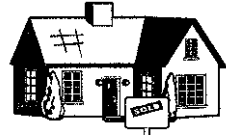
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2006 Jaguar S-Type R Makes the Grade

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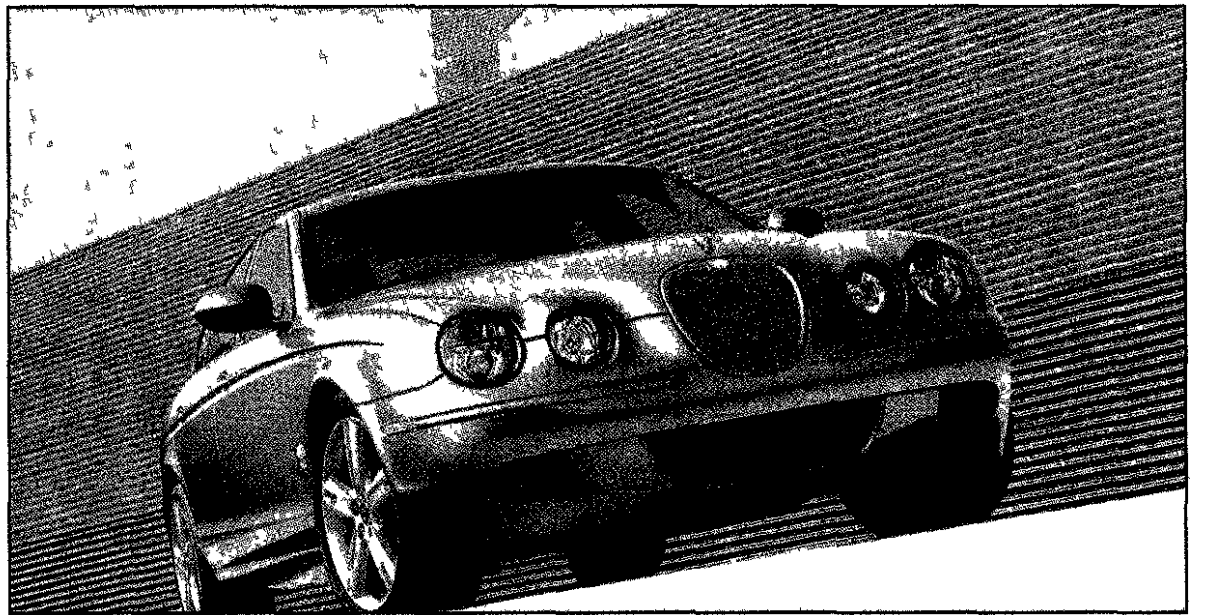
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When a Jaguar shows up in your driveway, expect different reactions from the people in your life. My wife, for instance, worries someone will steal or vandalize it. My next door neighbor finds more reasons to be out when I pull in the driveway - he wants to know if he can drive it (uh...no). My daughter wants to make sure all her friends know it's here, and that she got to ride in it. There's just something about a Jaguar sitting in your driveway that's a little different from just about any other car, and there's a reason for that. A Jag in the driveway always meant two things - the driver has money (not true in my case, by the way), and the person who bought this car loves to drive (or at least show off a little).

The 2006 Jaguar S-Type R is really no different Jaguar made some changes to the look and lines of the S-Type in 2005, making it more slim and sleek, for this year the only real change is a chrome-mesh grille insert. The four headlamp configuration is still there, as are the round tail lamps. The S-Type R comes with a spoiler along the trunk lip, stainless steel exhaust tips, and 18-inch alloy wheels.

Inside, the S-Type R just wraps around you. The standard leather power adjustable "performance" seats give great support and all your seating settings can be saved to memory - the car's, not yours. There's plenty of room to get comfortable, and finding a good driving position is easy. The rear seats are 60/40 split seats with a pass-through to the trunk. The pedals are not too close or too far apart and there's a nice space to rest your left foot. The interior has wood trim, but you can opt for a "wood-free" all aluminum interior, if you desire.

As you would expect, there are plenty of standard features here. Dual-zone climate control, power windows, power moonroof, cruise control, rear defroster



2006 Jaguar S-Type R. Type: mid-size. Where built: Castle Bromwich, England. EPA: 17/23
Base price: \$63,030. Price as tested: \$66,645.

- it's all here. The R comes with Bluetooth connectivity for your mobile phone and an easy to use navigation system.

The standard audio system is an Alpine AM/FM/six-CD changer rated at 320 watts. It sounds great and you can add a Sirius satellite radio receiver to the system, but if you do, beware of this little annoyance - anytime you start the car with the radio already in the "on" position, the satellite receiver comes on, even if you have it set to AM or FM. The satellite receiver must be turned off manually if you're not using it, or all you'll hear is static on the AM and FM bands. Note to Jaguar: an iPod (or other mp3 player) connector would be a nice touch.

Punching the accelerator is where you'll really know this is a Jaguar. The S-Type R comes with a supercharged 4.2-liter V8 rated at a whopping 400 hp and 413 lb-ft (SAE) of torque at only 3,500 rpm. It's mated with a six-speed automatic transmission with six ratios and an adaptive Mechatronic shift, which responds to both road conditions and handling of the car. Shifting is smooth and quick and you can go 0-60 in 5.3 seconds. Punch that accelerator - legally, of course - and you'll feel yourself thrown against the driver's seat. Downside, of course, is that the engine requires premium fuel and gets just 17/23 mpg. However, if you're looking at a

Jag in the first place, chances are gas prices aren't the first thing on your mind, right?

As you would expect, the S-Type R is a fun car to drive, with exceptional handling and ride. The R comes with Dynamic Stability Control and a Computer Active Technology Suspension (eCATS), a two-stage sport suspension. On a twisty, bumpy road, eCATS maximizes comfort, handling and driver control by switching the system's dampers from the normal 'soft' setting to 'firm' in milliseconds, which improves vehicle stability, particularly during cornering or braking. Road noise is not an issue and the ride is smooth. Power-assisted steering is standard and the brakes are excellent, so good, in fact, that when I drove my own car it felt like I had to really slam down my brakes to stop.

The R also comes with parking alert (to let you know if you're coming too close to another object), front and side airbags, side-curtain airbags, and anti-theft engine immobilizer. Adaptive cruise control is available to adjust your speed to traffic conditions.

The 2006 Jaguar S-Type R starts at about \$63,000. Add the adaptive cruise control and satellite radio and you'll pay about \$66,000. But think of all the different reactions you'll get when it shows up in your driveway. Write Dave Menard at avanti1054@aol.com

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