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Mother and child reunion



Foreign correspondent Jill Carroll (center) is reunited with her family after 82 days of being held hostage in Baghdad and finally released physically unharmed. She chats about her captivity with her mother, Mary Beth, and twin sister, Katie.

Former teacher eager to get back to 'normal'

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Mary Beth Carroll said she's been approached by just about every major news media outlet there is to tell her story.

However, Carroll said she's happy to turn them all down — for the time being — for an opportunity to lead a much more normal life than the one she's lived the past few months.

Carroll, a retired Plymouth Salem High School English teacher, is back home in suburban Chicago after spending a week sharing hugs, kisses and tears with her daughter, Jill, The Christian Science Monitor journalist held captive in Iraq for 82 days until being released March 30.

"I've talked to Diane Sawyer (ABC's Good Morning America) four times, Larry King three, Oprah (Winfrey) has called two or three times, Kate Couric (NBC's Today Show) sent a letter," said Carroll, who wasn't name dropping, only giving the facts. "Just about every Detroit and Chicago television and radio station has called, all the newspapers."

However, Carroll said she's only talked to two newspapers — the Plymouth Observer and her hometown Evanston, Ill., newspaper — to let those in her hometowns know she was staying strong, and now, excited about being reunited with Jill. She said, for both of them, becoming celebrities just isn't what they are all about.

Jill doesn't believe she's famous, and



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Foreign correspondent Jill Carroll is reunited with her family, including her mother, Mary Beth, after 82 days of being held hostage in Baghdad and finally released physically unharmed.

doesn't want to be well-known. It's against her grain," said Carroll. "And, besides, there's great sadness involved, especially with the death of her translator."

Jill Carroll was kidnapped Jan. 7 in a western Baghdad neighborhood, on her

way to an interview with a Sunni Arab politician. Her translator was killed in the attack. In the pre-dawn (local time) hours of March 30, Mary Beth Carroll received

PLEASE SEE REUNION, A5

Homeowner: Fence citation is 'retaliation'

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

There's a decorative five-foot little fence that juts a few feet off the front of Sonia Mayer's Shadywood home in Plymouth Township that's been there since at least 1983. Mayer knows because she's got pictures of it from that time.

Unfortunately for Mayer, township ordinances say the fence can only be four feet tall. That's why the township's building department sent her a Field Correction Notice last week, giving her until May 5 to get a permit for the fence and cut it down to four feet or remove it.

Mayer's got no problem complying with the ordinance. It's the timing she thinks smells bad. Mayer, who has been locked for months in a dispute with township officials over what she says are ordinance violations at a business near her Lake Pointe neighborhood, believes the notice is retaliation for her complaints.

It's unbelievable that elected officials would be this unprofessional and this vicious," said Mayer, who moved into the house in 1990.

The notice, signed by township ordinance Officer Kathy Pumphrey, is dated April 6, just a few weeks after Mayer and other residents appealed before the township board to complain about events taking place at the business establishment of Herriman & Associates, a property management firm headquartered on Schoolcraft.

Mayer and others have been complaining for months that Herriman's violated several township ordinances, including one that prohibits dumping of materials from off-site. The residents have also complained Herriman put up an air conditioning unit on top of his building, which he bought in the mid-1990s from Comerica Bank, and also has a Dumpster that is unscreened. The property also features a storage bin Mayer said isn't allowed by township ordinance.

In efforts to solve that dispute, Mayer has met several times with township Supervisor Richard Reaume and with James Anulewicz, township director of municipal services.

In an effort to resolve the dispute, Herriman agreed to several stipulations, including putting a screen around the air conditioner, a fence around his Dumpster, and to stop using the storage bin. Herriman couldn't be reached for comment, but Reaume said he's confident of Herriman's willingness to satisfy his neighbors.

"He's not obligated to put a screen around his air conditioner but he's going to screen it anyway," Reaume said. "All of the issues (Herriman) has to resolve, he's going to resolve."

But the concessions from Herriman didn't satisfy Mayer or some of her neighbors, who believe Herriman should be held to the letter of the ordinances. Mayer and Holly Good were at the March 14 board meeting, where Good told the board, "While we appreciate Herriman and Associates are complying occasionally with some of the township ordinances, there is concern regarding what appears to be a proposed 'negotiating' of the law by the township and the property owner."

Mayer believes Herriman is being protected because he's a friend of the township and a former township board member. Township building officials said the citation of Mayer for the fence was sparked by "anonymous complaints" but Mayer believes someone on the board is responsible.

"Citing a resident for a fence that was installed prior to 1983 by the previous owner is retaliation with a capital R," Mayer said. Plymouth Township Building Official Mark Lewis said that wasn't true.

These things are always prompted by a complaint, Lewis said. "It is definitely not retaliation. We don't operate that way."



Sonia Mayer got a notice to remove this small fence, just to the right of the front porch of her home.

Convertino pleads not guilty of lying to jury

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Former U.S. Attorney Rick Convertino of Canton is free on a \$25,000 unsecured bond and was forced to give up his travel documents after pleading not guilty Friday morning — in the same downtown Detroit U.S. District Court courtroom where he used to practice — to charges of lying to a jury and federal judge.

The four-count indictment charges Convertino, and U.S. State Department security officer

Harry Raymond Smith, with misleading a federal jury in Detroit in a case that won two convictions — later overturned — in the nation's first terrorism trial after Sept. 11, 2001.

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.

Not-guilty pleas were entered on behalf of Convertino and Smith before Judge Arthur Tarnow.

"The bottom line is we vehemently deny the charges, and our intent is to completely and 100 percent vindicate Mr. Convertino," said Jeffrey DeLuco, an ex-federal prosecutor who is one of Convertino's attorneys.

Convertino, who has a private law practice in Plymouth, 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.

Convertino said it was strange to be the defendant in front of a judge he used to face as a prosecutor. "It was a judge I'd seen many times and know well," said Convertino, 45. "There were several FBI agents, court officers, state troopers and police officers who were there to support me, something I didn't expect."

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.

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Salvation Army camp

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its summer day camp registration 6-8 p m Monday, April 24. The camp runs for eight weeks, June 19-Aug 11, with the first two weeks being held in Belleville at Faith United Methodist Church.

The cost of the camp is \$50 per week. The program is open to children ages 6-12. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S Main in Plymouth.

For more information call (734) 453-5464.

Coffee talks

Brandon Hynes, candidate for the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education, hosts a series of "coffee talks" this week.

Hynes will be at the Canton Panera Bread on Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty, 6-8 p m Thursday, April 27, at the Coffee Bean in Plymouth, corner of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, 5-7 p m April 28, and the Plymouth Panera Bread in the Mayflower Centre, 10 a m to noon April 29.

Those who can't make any of those talks can send comments or questions to Hynes at BrandonForSchoolBoard@yahoo.com or call (734) 740-6605.

Farmer's market

The Plymouth Farmer's Market is set to open May 6

and, according to Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce officials, booth space is still available.

The market, which now uses both sides of Penman and includes handmade crafts, packaged pierogies-pasties, American Girl doll clothes and other items, runs 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 29. The market is closed during Art in the Park (July 8) and Fall Festival (Sept. 9).

Space is available in front of The Gathering for the full season or on a weekly basis. Cost is \$250 for the season, \$25 per week. Produce, flowers, shrubs, etc., are welcome.

For more information, or to rent booth space, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

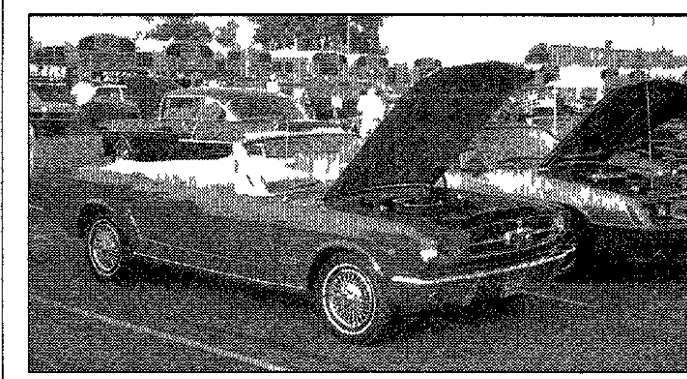
Spirits in clay

Native West presents "Spirits in Clay" during the second-annual Plymouth ARTFeast.

Opening reception takes place 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, and the exhibit also runs 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 20, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

The event features a guest appearance by Norman Red Star, who will demonstrate the art of Santa Clara pottery-making.

Native West is one of 34 stops during the weekend art walk taking place in and around downtown Plymouth. The event also features



Show offs

Cars sitting with their hoods up and tops down in a parking lot are a good indication that it's car show season. And ready to roll out their weekly show is the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth/Canton Chapter 528's CRUZ N 528 Pull in and park 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, starting Wednesday, May 17, at the Mayflower/Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 at 1426 S. Mill St., Plymouth. There will be food, refreshments, a 50/50 raffle and prizes available for original, restored and custom cars, hot rods and bikes. A disc jockey also will be spinning oldies.

chances to win pieces of art. For more information, call (734) 455-8838.

Wildflower walk

A wildflower walk takes place 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at Miller Woods, Plymouth's only nature preserve.

Walkers will enjoy identifying spring native wildflowers with a member of the Friends of Miller Woods and learn about the ecosystem of a climax forest.

Entrance to the preserve is on Powell just east of Ridge and south of N. Territorial.

Parking is along the side of the road.

For more information, call (734) 459-7666.

Hollywood glitz

Plymouth will be consumed by the glitz and glamour of Hollywood nightlife when Todd White, a member of the lead animation team for the internationally renowned Spongebob Squarepants, comes to Lotus Arts Gallery to help kick off Plymouth's second-annual Art Feast.

White's paintings, of nightlife, restaurants, women

and Hollywood, are fun and captivating but also allude to many of the emotions and social situations that are familiar to many people.

White appears at the gallery to talk about his career and his work, in addition to signing and embellishing purchased artwork, 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, and again 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 955 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

For more information, call the gallery, (734) 453-5400.

DeVos speaks

The Wayne 11th Congressional District Republican Committee is holding its second-annual Lincoln Dinner 6 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman Road (between Warren & Ann Arbor Trail) in Westland.

The keynote speaker for the dinner will be Republican gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos. A silent auction will also be held.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$90 per couple, tables of 10 are available at \$450 per table and advertising book sponsorships are also available in prices ranging from \$45 to \$175.

Life-saving awards

Huron Valley Ambulance seeks nominations for the Life Saving Award in its annual HVA Emergency Medical Services Recognition Awards. Nominees can be any citizen in the HVA service area who has saved, or attempted to save, a life under circumstances that indicate heroism.

and risk to his or her own life. The deadline is Monday, May 8, 2006.

The awards program takes place during National EMS Week Wednesday, May 17. It will also include several awards specific to HVA, such as Professional Achievement Awards for outstanding employees and Certificates of Merit honoring employees for doing well on specific incidents and projects.

To nominate someone online, visit www.hva.org and click on the HVA seeks nominations for annual EMS Awards' link.

For more information, contact Joyce Williams at jwilliams@hva.org or call (734) 477-6285.

Fighting hunger

The Wilcox Foundation Learning Program students, families and coaches join with the Key Clubs at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools high schools and the Plymouth Kwanan Club for "Kids Against Hunger," in the Canton High School cafeteria 2:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27.

The goal of the program is to meet or exceed the packaging of one million meals for Katrina victims, Detroit's needy and Tsunami victims.

For more information on this joint community service project, e-mail jcp513@ameritech.net or call James Piazza, (734) 996-4408.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet 6:30-8:45 p.m. Monday, May 15, at the Plymouth District Library for a program on genealogy searches.

For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Stamp show

The West Suburban Stamp Club hosts its Plymouth Stamp Show April 29-30 at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

This qualifying show for the American Philatelic Society's annual Champion of Champions competition takes place 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30. The school is at the corner of Church and Main, admission is free. For details, go to the Web site at http://mywebpages.comcast.net/wssc/plymsh.htm or call (734) 699-1026.

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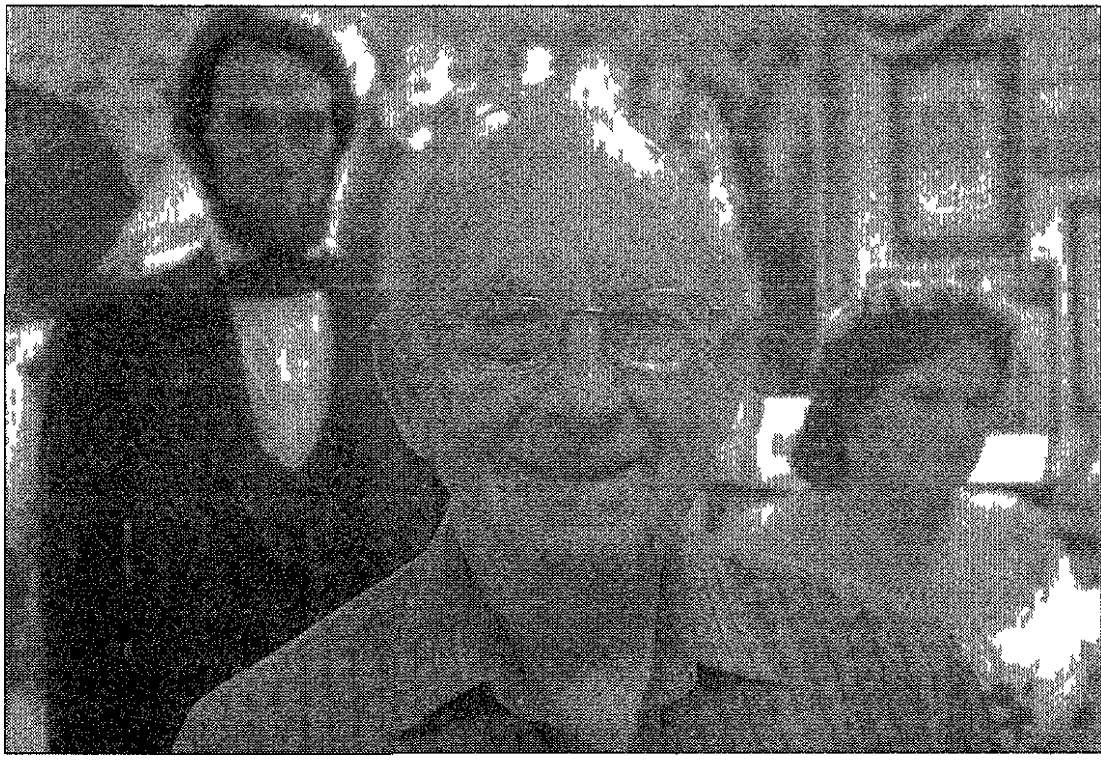
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Sandy Burr, pictured with his pals Abe and Mary Todd Lincoln in the Plymouth Historical Museum's Lincoln Collection, will be the museum's interim director

Stewart steps down to set up for 20th House race

Prez to run museum

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After 17 years as the director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, Beth Stewart will step down June 1 to campaign for the Republican nomination for the 20th District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

In accepting her leave of absence, the Historical Society board has appointed its president, Sandy Burr, as interim director.

"This is one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make," Stewart said. "I love what I do here, it's very challenging, always new collaborations, working with people, new exhibits and things for kids. We're currently working on a five-year plan some of which may or may not be affected depending on what happens."

However, I'm positive things will continue on with or without me," she said. "We have the best volunteer corps anywhere. They love this place and see the vision like I do."

Stewart is vying for the seat currently held by her term-limited husband, John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township. Thus far, she's expected to face Phil Pursell of Plymouth and Don Schnettler

of Plymouth Township in the primary. Only one Democrat, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education trustee Joanne Lamar of Plymouth Township, has announced a run for the seat. The deadline to file nominating petitions or a \$100 filing fee, to the Wayne County Clerk's Office is May 16.

Stewart said she will resume her role as director if she loses in the primary or the Nov. 7 general election.

Burr, 79, is a second-generation president of the Historical Society, following in the footsteps of his parents, George and Mildred Burr. He was president one other time in the 1970s.

"This is going to be a new experience, kind of exciting," said Burr. "Beth has laid the groundwork and we plan on holding the line (on new projects)."

"We need to build on our historical timeline, and there are some things we can do with education," he said. "We need to reach out to our public and let them know we have a wonderful facility. We will have the summer months where we're not deluged with school groups, so that will give us a breather."

Burr said the nearly 100 volunteers will make it easier for him to serve as interim director.

There are some fabulous people to work with, he said. "I marvel at the talent we have."

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the telephone call she'd been waiting to get for nearly three months, "Mom it's Jill"

After Jill Carroll was sent to U.S. military facilities in Germany for a medical check-up, it was on to Boston to be reunited with her mother, father and twin sister

"We had seen her on television and talked to her several times, but to be able to touch her, to know that she was really there," said Carroll. "And, to immediately see her personality she was the same old Jill, exuberant, curious. The nuances of her personality were all there."

Carroll said one of the first things Jill did was to cut and dye her hair at a salon that stayed open after-hours for Jill. "It meant her identity, that she was back in control of her life," said Carroll.

The family was reunited in a private home in central Boston, where they visited, ordered Indian food and even took walks unnoticed. But, to get to that point, Carroll said Jill's arrival from Logan Airport was more like something out of a spy movie.

"There was the switching of cars to throw the press off," Carroll said. "They drove into an underground garage and came out a different exit. Jill was delivered to the house down a back alley."

"When she arrived, we just mobbed her," she said. "There were lots of tears. I don't even remember what I said to her."

Carroll said Jill has been



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From left to right, Mary Beth Carroll, Jim Carroll and sister Katie Carroll talk to Jill on the phone as she drives to see her family

taping her story to keep the details fresh. As for why Jill was kidnapped, still no one really knows.

"I think they were trying to just kidnap a foreigner, and got Jill," said Carroll. "There was no physical abuse whatsoever. All of it was mental abuse. We have some fears about how this will affect her emotionally down the road."

"During Jill's entire time in captivity, we asked journalists who knew Jill in the Middle East to speak out and establish the fact she was a journalist,"

added Carroll. "If they thought she was the CIA or in the military, they would have killed her. I really believe that."

Carroll said with Jill's release, it's time to focus on some of the other hostages in Iraq, some of whom haven't been seen or heard from for a year.

Carroll said Jill will most likely remain out of the limelight for awhile, and will most likely tell her story in The Christian Science Monitor.

In time, the family might contemplate book or movie

deals. But, for now, Carroll is content to have a life without reporters, photographers and camera crews camping outside her home.

"My head isn't turned by fame, and neither is Jill's," Carroll said. "During this whole ordeal, I've only talked to the (newspapers) so people I care about can read and know my story. That's good enough."

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Earth Day collection focuses on e-waste issues

Classic Computer Recovery Inc. is helping the community and the environment free of charge by picking up and/or taking in old computers, monitors and printers.

CCR, a Michigan based computer and electronics recycling company, is coordinating two collection events, one at their permanent drop off facility at the Resource Recovery and

Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County in Southfield and one at its corporate headquarters in Garden City to help promote and advertise Earth Day 2006.

The women-owned minority certified business is accepting old computers for free 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, through Friday, April 28, at RRRASOC at 20000 W. Eight

Mile Road, Southfield, and CCR at 32400 Ford, Garden City.

This is the first year CCR is participating in the Earth Day campaign.

In 2005, CCR in conjunction with county recycling coordinators, property managers, public works, chambers and other organizations, CCR collected and processed more

than 400 skids, totaling an estimated 300,000 pounds or 150 tons, of computer equipment and e-scrap as part of the America Recycles Campaign.

For more information about the recycling program, contact RRRASOC at (248) 208-2270 or on the Web at www.rrrasoc.org or CCR at (734) 341-3793.

Career networking group aids in job search

Ken Woodside, a consultant and trainer with expertise in change in the workplace, speaks at the Our Lady of Good Counsel career networking group 7 p.m. Monday, April 24, at OLG, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

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Admission to the presentation is free. The public and persons who are out of work, re-energizing a job search, expecting layoffs or are looking for a new opportunity or a first job are invited.

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United Way to honor volunteers

United Way for Southeastern Michigan will recognize nine individuals and two groups for their outstanding volunteer service and commitment to others at the annual 'Celebrate Volunteers Recognizing HomeTown Heroes' luncheon set for Monday in Detroit's Marriott Renaissance Center.

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the luncheon, billed as one of the largest events of its kind in the nation.

Receiving awards are Patricia McCracken of Livonia, Acts of Kindness Award, Jo Ann Wallace of Southfield, Bernie Firestone Labor Award, Louis Mahoney of Bloomfield Hills, CorPLUS Award, Ernie Cooper of Lathrup Village and Jean Kolod of Rochester Hills, Heart of Gold Award, employees at Damler Chrysler Financial Services in Farmington Hills, Outstanding Business Award.

Also slated to be honored are Girl Scouts of Macomb-Otsikta Council for the Postponing Sexual Involvement Teen Mentor Program which spreads the abstinence message to young girls, Joyce Segel of Huntington Woods and Mark Williams of Detroit, Heart of Gold Award, Melvina Anderson of Detroit, Young Adult Award of Excellence and Ali Ayoub of Dearborn, Outstanding Youth Award.

In addition, the Junior League of Birmingham will recognize 80 individuals who make up this year's Governor's Honor Roll.

"All of this year's honored volunteers show tremendous commitment to their communities," said Michael J Brennan, president and CEO, United Way for Southeastern Michigan. "They are shining examples of the caring spirit this region demonstrates in creating a lasting impact on individuals and organizations in southeast Michigan."

Patricia McCracken of Livonia will receive the Acts of Kindness Award, spon-



McCracken

sored by Smooth Jazz V98.7 FM. The award is presented to a person who has demonstrated help and kindness benefiting groups and/or individuals throughout metro Detroit.

The station selected the winner among the many metro Detroit residents featured in its weekly Acts of Kindness segment throughout the year.

McCracken says she volunteers because "it makes her heart feel good," and she's been at it more than 20 years. A secretary at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Detroit, she has taken charge of her department's Care and Share program for the past two decades. The program collects money and other items to donate to a veteran and his or her family during the holiday season.

This past year, McCracken organized the donations that were given to a local veteran who also takes care of his seven grandchildren. She also volunteers at blood drives the VA Hospital holds three times a year, and serves hot meals to homeless veterans during the winter months.

Each fall, she supports United Way by helping with the Combined Federal Campaign in her office.

Outside of her work at the VA, McCracken has volunteered to teach Bible study for the past 15 years at Redford Church of Christ. McCracken was nominated by her co-worker, Mary Ann Rambus. McCracken also received the Bronze Presidential Service Award for volunteering more than 170 hours in the past year.

Employees at DamlerChrysler Financial Services in Farmington Hills will receive the Outstanding Business Award, sponsored by United Way for Southeastern Michigan and the Southeast Michigan Corporate

Volunteer Council. The award recognizes businesses that contribute to social and economic development through volunteering. A \$1,000 gift is awarded to the agency of the winner's choice.

This year's honorees gave up a holiday party last year to benefit The Boys and Girls Republic in Farmington Hills.

More than 60 employees came out during the winter's only snowstorm in December to give the agency an "Extreme Makeover." In one day, the volunteers painted the interior of the six residential cottages on the organization's campus. After painting, the volunteers hosted a pizza party and spoke to the youth about their careers in the automotive and finance industries. They gave mock interviews, offered success tips, and shared personal and professional experiences.

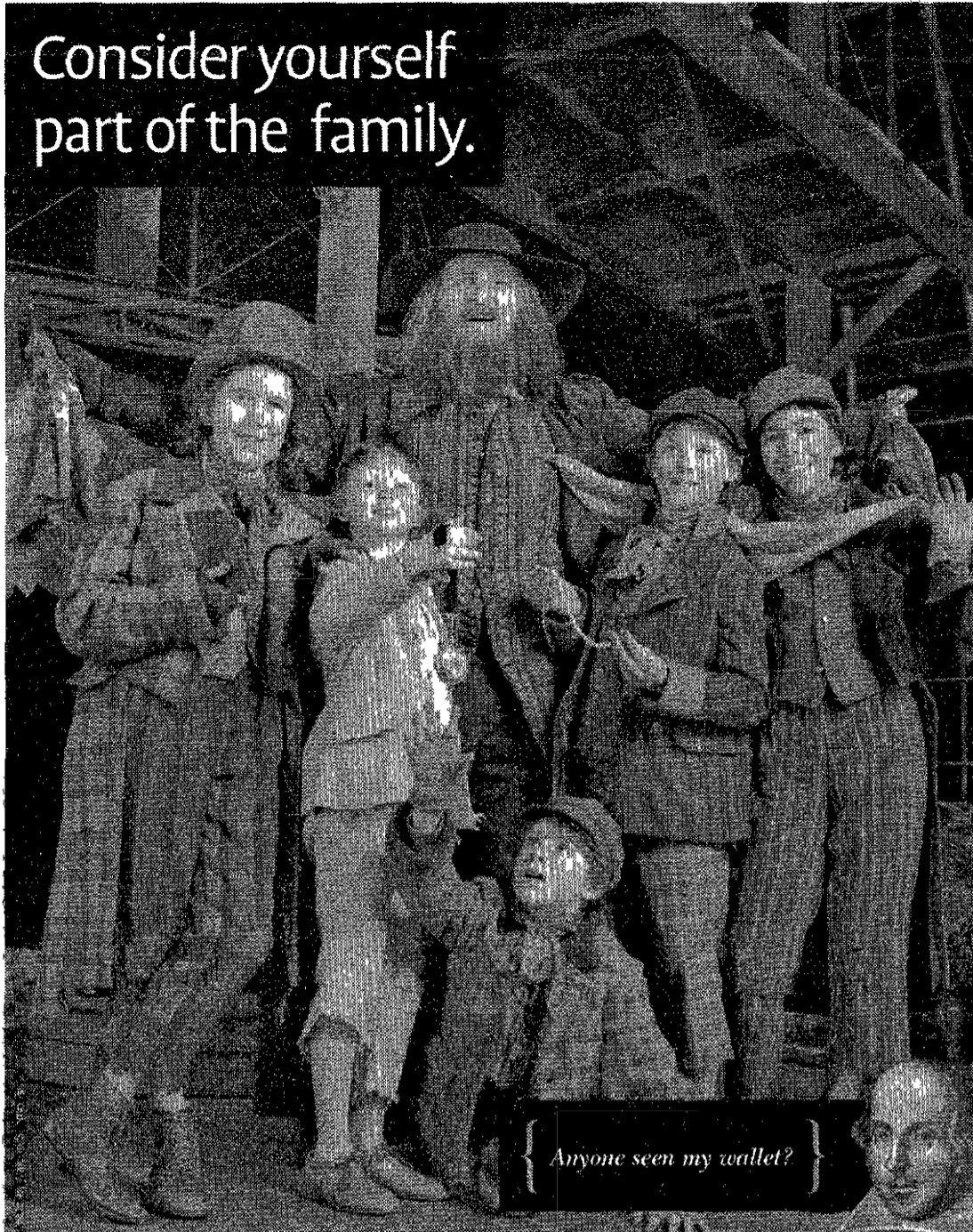
According to the agency, "the volunteers' time was invaluable, by accomplishing needed projects, but also helping their youth realize and explore future careers and opportunities."

At the end of the service day, the company donated new sheets and mattress pads, items for the agency's Token Economy Store, and new carpet for each of the cottages.

DamlerChrysler Financial Services was nominated by Stephanie Appel of Boys & Girls Republic. The company also received the Gold Presidential Service Award for the 20,000 hours it gave in the past year.

United Way for Southeastern Michigan is led by a diverse group of volunteers from business, labor, government, human services, education and the community. For more information go to www.uwsem.org.

To nominate someone for a future award or to learn more about year-round volunteer opportunities, click on www.uwsem.org or call United Way's George W. Romney Volunteer Center at (313) 226-9430.



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MILITARY NEWS

Academy honors

Air Force Cadet **Anthony E Hylko** has earned honors with placement on the Superintendent's List at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The cadet demonstrated excellence in military performance, academic studies, and athletic and physical fitness. Cadets must have maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average for the Dean's List, a military performance average for the Commandant's List, and a physical education average for the Athletic's List for a semester. Cadets meeting criteria requirements for placement on these merit lists are automatically placed on the Superintendent's List.

The academy is a four-year military institution of higher learning that develops and inspires new air and space leaders with the vision for the future.

Hylko is the son of Dave and Nancy Hylko of Canton. He is a 2005 graduate of Canton High School.

Army training

Army Pvt **Dakaree M. Ayers** has graduated from the Self-propelled Field Artillery Systems Mechanic Advanced Individual Training course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform unit maintenance and recovery on all self-propelled field artillery cannon weapon systems, including the automotive systems and components, self-propelled howitzers, and the 113 family of vehicles. Additional instruction included how to maintain diesel power plants/packs, compression ignition engine fuel systems, compression ignition air induction systems, and track vehicle exhaust systems, electrical systems, and transmission assemblies.

Ayers is the son of Bridgett E. Ray of Canton. He is a 2002 graduate of Loyola High School in Detroit.

Navy grad

Navy Airman Recruit **Nathan D. Bordach**, son of

Cathy E. Vickers of Belleville and Stephen F. Bordach of Canton, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Bordach completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is Battle Stations. This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. Battle Stations is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor. Bordach is a 2005 graduate of Canton High School.

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The Plymouth District Library, located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, offers the following programs during April.

■ **AUTHOR VISIT**, "The Road You've Traveled," Monday, April 24, 2 p.m. — Local author Jane Saylor will share the secrets of recording personal history as detailed in her new book, *The Road You've Traveled: How to Journal Your Life*. She will provide valuable how-to information to assist attendees in this process which can preserve history or help with future decision making. Signed copies of Saylor's book will be on sale at the end of the program. Register for this program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, April 24, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

■ **MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG WORKSHOP**, Tuesday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. — The library joins CVS/Pharmacy in helping area seniors better understand the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program. Individuals should

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■ **WORLD WAR I SERIES**, Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 p.m. — Scott Beaman will conclude this six-part series as he introduces professor Robert Citino of Eastern Michigan University. Citino will present "After the War: the Turbulent Years." Register for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, April 26, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcoocagne@plymouthlibrary.org.

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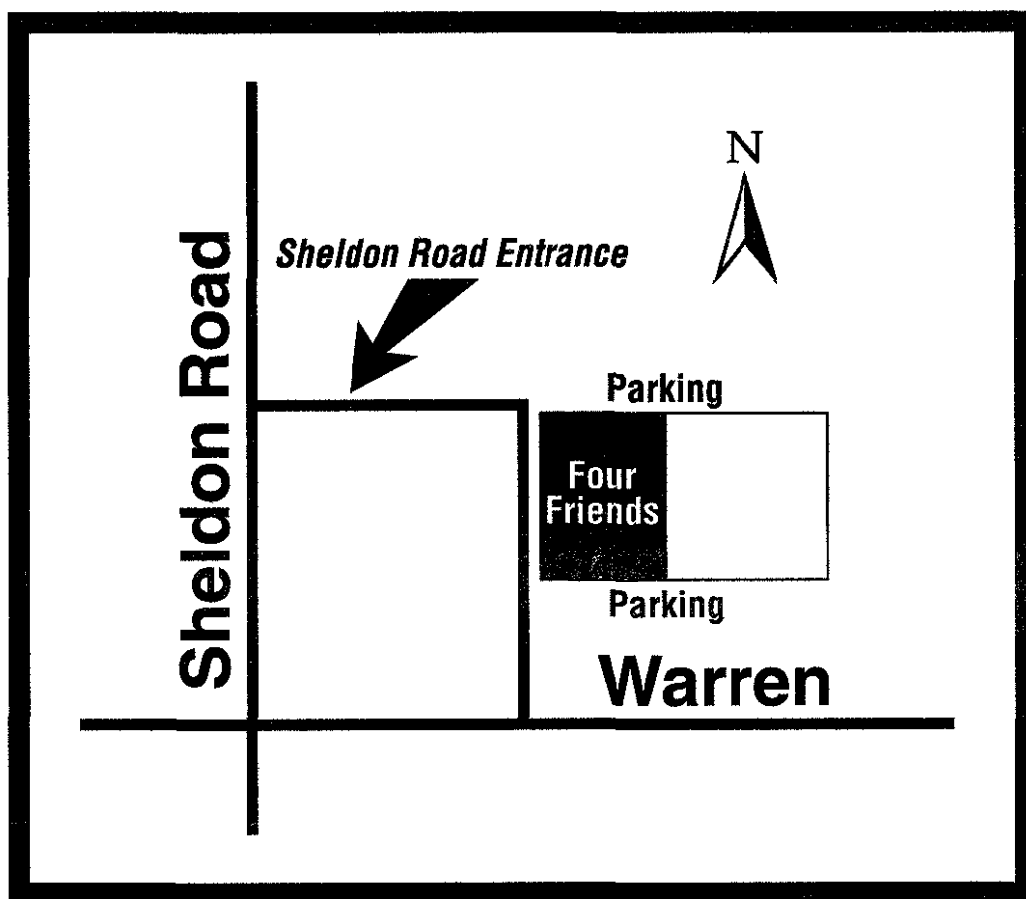
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A vulnerable governor tacks back to a bipartisan mode

The piranhas are circling around Jennifer Granholm's rowboat, sniffing a whiff of fatal vulnerability

Polls are showing the Democratic governor and her presumptive Republican opponent, businessman Dick DeVos, running neck and neck with about 42 percent of potential voters each. Granholm's approval rating is also running below 50 percent, which doesn't bode well for her re-election.



Hugh Gallagher

In two recent meetings, Republican spokesmen were buoyant about this year's prospects for keeping control of the Legislature and retaking the governorship. GOP pollster Steve Mitchell and Maxine Berman, Granholm's director of special projects, gave their prognostications to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce recently. While Berman promised that the governor would put on a "quality campaign," Mitchell had the numbers. The polls show that most Michigan voters think the state is moving in the wrong direction and a large percentage have lost confidence in the governor.

GOP state Chairman Saul Anuzis met with *Observer & Eccentric* editors and was similarly upbeat for his candidate's chances. Anuzis points to Michigan's grim economy and what he sees as Granholm's inability to get major players to the table. He concedes the governor's charm and "movie star looks," but thinks she's lost her early touch.

As Anuzis sees it, Granholm worked well with the Republican-majority Legislature in her first two years, but hasn't been as astute in the last year. Of course, you could also see it a different way. The first two years, the Republican legislators were looking toward the mid-term elections. They and the governor needed to show that they were working together for Michigan. The last year, the Republicans might have been more interested in setting the table for their gubernatorial candidate, who would be even more receptive to their views.

DeVos has been effectively using his Amway fortune to present a flurry of very early campaign ads showing him as a great family guy, a wonderful employer, a generous community benefactor and a businessman's businessman. As with the GOP's plan to replace the Single Business Tax, details of DeVos' plans for the state are yet to come. As Anuzis allowed, too many details this soon might turn away some voters.

As the polls show, this Getting to Know You approach is paying off with voters.

This would have seemed unthinkable a year ago. At that time, DeVos was a scary figure to many on this side of the state. He was per-

ceived as too conservative. He was pictured as someone who took a large share of his business to China. He was seen as a threat to public education because of his support for vouchers. Democrats were gloating at the prospect. They're not gloating anymore.

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On Thursday, she signed the new state high school curriculum. The governor takes credit for setting the change in motion by having Supt. of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan develop the new curriculum for approval by the state Board of Education. But the release ends by acknowledging that the final bills were sponsored by Republicans Sen. Wayne Kuipers and Rep. Brian Palmer.

Later Thursday, the governor's office released a joint statement from the governor and Republican Majority Leader Ken Sikkema and Speaker of the House Crag DeRoche on an agreement to funnel \$400 million into road programs. The agreement is expected to move forward mass transit projects for Grand Rapids and the Ann Arbor-Detroit rail project, provide \$15 million to Travel Michigan for marketing and fund several road projects, including major work on US 131 and I-75 between Eight Mile and M-59.

Announcements like these seem like old times, though such cozy relations can't last long in an election year. As for the polls, Granholm can take heart from the history of two politicians in 1948: Harry Truman and G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams were down in the polls and not expected to win. *The Chicago Tribune* famously jumped the gun election night to proclaim "Dewey Wins" and the relatively unknown Williams was running against a well-known governor and what seemed a Republican tide.

We know how those contests worked out. No doubt, the GOP won't take early polls too seriously.

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Volunteers at VA help veterans adjust to life

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is well-known for its collection of household discards. We regularly get calls asking if we have anything for their next pickup in our neighborhood, and sometimes we do.

Plymouth Township resident Roger Kehrner is hoping to expand awareness of another Purple Heart endeavor, in which he and others bring activities to the Veterans Administration facility in Ann Arbor.

"In February, we had a Super Bowl party," said Kehrner, veterans affairs/volunteer services representative. There's a July party in the works for baseball's All-Star Game.

Activities include bingo and chess or poker tournament variants for the veterans. Volunteers will order pizza for the VA patients, drawing around 40 for bingo and good-sized crowds for movie nights.

"We do other things across the spectrum of the hospital," said Kehrner, a Vietnam veteran who served in the Army 1965-71 and in the Army Reserves 1980-98.

He appreciates the support of such groups as the Plymouth-Canton Civitans and the Lions. "The bottom line is to try to get the word out" on volunteers, who must be age 14 or older.

Prospective volunteers should call Beverly Lenetski at the VA, (734) 761-7995, for an appointment. There will be an interview and brief written test.

Last year, the Purple Heart got 26 students from Ann Arbor schools to volunteer in the summer. There are scholarship opportunities as well, said Kehrner, adding the group's present in five VA hospitals and two veterans homes in Michigan.

"You're putting something back in the community," Volunteers have worked with Iraq war veterans who are severely injured.

"You get to meet them—you get to hear their story. Basically, you make a friend," Kehrner said.

Volunteers help the veterans learn what government assistance is available, something Kehrner believes is much better now than when he left the service in the Vietnam era.

He's found that volunteers who are having a rotten day soon forget their troubles when they go to the VA. "When you leave, I defy you to

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have anything but good thoughts and a smile on your face."

Some older veterans have been at the VA much longer, and welcome strangers as visitors. In addition, Plymouth-Canton students have made friends from Ann Arbor Huron and Pioneer high schools they otherwise wouldn't have met.

Volunteers also come from western Wayne County communities including Redford, Wayne and Westland, with some going to the Detroit VA facility to volunteer. Kehrner noted the unpopularity of the Vietnam War, many veterans wish to put it behind them, but he'd like to get them involved at the VA as well as the younger people.

He and others go into patients' rooms at the VA, asking such basics as if their water is cold enough or if they'd like a snack. Such thoughtfulness is well-received and Kehrner and the others are glad to do what they can to help.

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If you've got the time and inclination, why not consider volunteering at the VA? It's not the volunteer job for everyone, but many will do just fine in that setting and as Kehrner says brighten the days of veterans who are otherwise all too easily forgotten.

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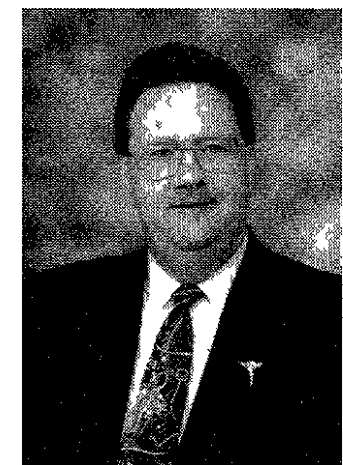
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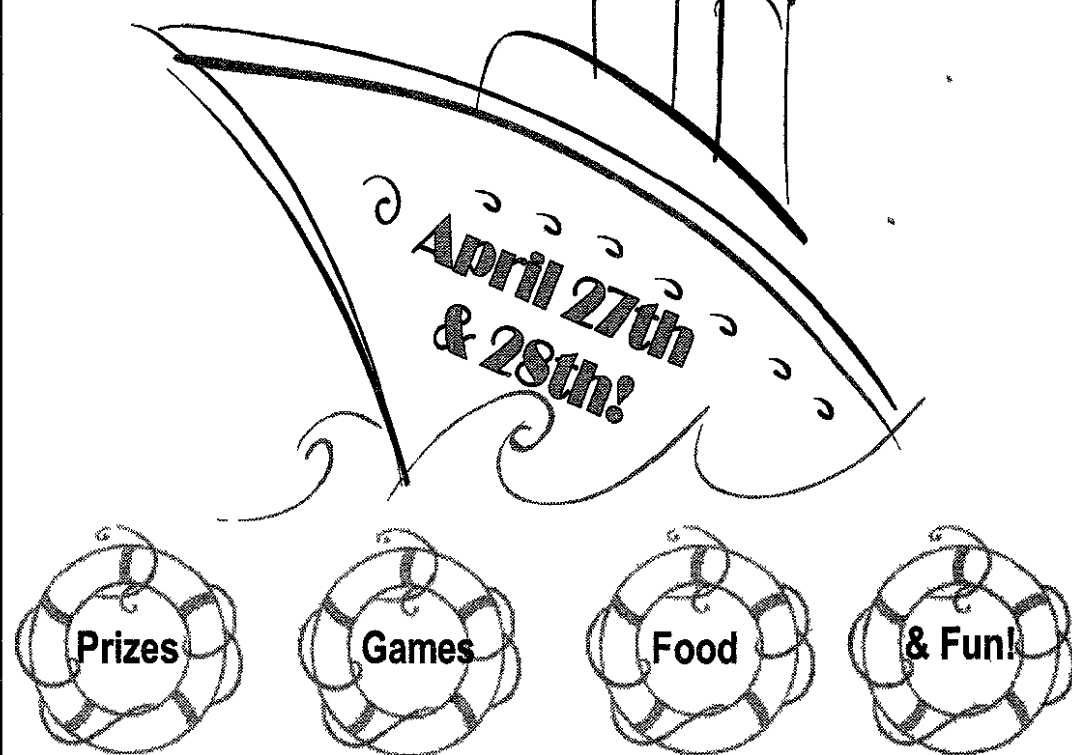
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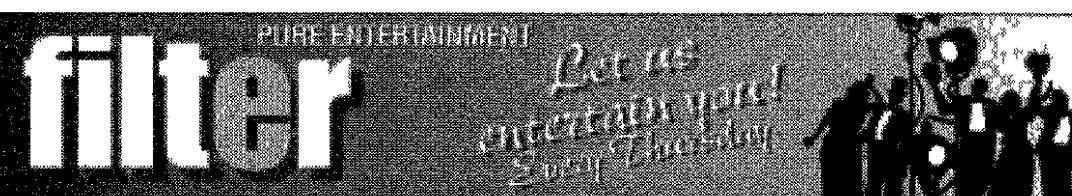


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Botsford docs go on medical mission

A team of 25 physicians and volunteers affiliated with Botsford General Hospital provided medical care to thousands of men, women and children in rural Guatemala during a recent medical mission.

The trip was led by Botsford General Hospital's president and CEO Paul LaCasse, D.O., and his wife, Annette LaCasse, D.O.

The trip was part of DOCARE, a nonprofit organization that brings needed health care to people in remote areas of countries in the Western Hemisphere who would not otherwise be able to receive such medical attention.

During the trip, the Botsford doctors traveled to Antigua, Guatemala and each day went to various small towns including San Andreas,

Chichiconstanango and Chimaltango. The group also went to Guatemala's capital, Guatemala City. They treated more than 5,000 patients in a two-week time frame.

The physicians cared for families including children of all ages, pregnant women, middle-aged men and women and the elderly. They treated patients with skin disease, fungal infections, sun rashes, psoriasis, eczema, malnutrition, congenital and malformations of the central nervous system and heart, ear, nose and throat infections, allergies, asthma, gastritis and parasites.

This trip is an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help people who truly have nothing," said Ben Rossi, D.O., a Botsford resident. "We become immersed in a completely different culture and

see diseases that we have only read about. The people are wonderful and very appreciative of the care we provide.

Prior to the trip, the group raised funds to cover transportation and housing costs and to purchase medications to treat Guatemalan patients. Donors included other Botsford physicians, nurses and members of the community.

Plans are under way for another medical mission in 2007. Donations to support that trip can be sent to Botsford General Hospital, Guatemala Medical Mission, 28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. For questions, contact Sonya Amos, Medical Staff Services director, at (248) 471-8823.



Botsford General Hospital residents and interns volunteered to provide medical services to people in rural Guatemala. Back row left to right: Shane Matheny, Jamie Taweel, Ben Rossi, David Kanze, Jon Snyderman and Gassan Alaou, front row left to right: Michael Raphael, Kiran Saraya, Genevieve Buenafior, Lesa Chopra and Hazel Robles.

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OLGC grid program irked by field-usage rate hike

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Our Lady of Good Counsel junior football program is flagging the Plymouth-Canton School District for unnecessary wallet-lightening in the wake of a field-usage rate increase that kicked in before the 2005 season.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan countered that the field-usage rate hike was one of many difficult — yet necessary — policies the district has had to implement to help offset significant cuts in state funding over the past three years.

Prior to last season, OLGC was charged an annual field permit fee of \$50 to use the Central Middle School football facility for Saturday home games for its eight CYO teams. The fee was raised to \$62-an-

hour beginning last year, which cost the OLGC football program an additional \$2,755, according to OLGC Football Director Mike Nelson.

"In February, the school district sent us a letter informing us that they have the option to raise the rates as much as they deem necessary each year," said Nelson. "They try to justify the increase by saying that the Livonia School District charges its junior football teams \$80 an hour for its facilities, but Central Middle School is not comparable to the facilities they use in Livonia."

"We — along with the Canton Lions and Plymouth Steelers programs — seed, fertilize and maintain the (Central Middle School) field. We have to provide our own scoreboard, we rent a port-a-john on game days, and we use the Steelers' P.A. system. That's not the case in Livonia.

In the past couple of years, all three teams that use Central's field have painted the press box, repaired the lights and painted the fences at Central, to name just a few things. Now, the school district is telling us that none of that matters."

Ryan emphasized that the plan to raise the field-usage fees was thoroughly researched before it was implemented.

"I know they're frustrated over at OLGC, but we're frustrated, too," said Ryan. "Before we made the decision to charge the hourly rental fee, we looked at all the other districts in the area and what they charged for renting their fields. Yes, the rates are up, but based on what surrounding districts are charging, it's not an unrealistic amount — and they still get to practice at West Middle School during the week for nothing."

"All of the teams that use Central have

done a great job with the facility, but, unfortunately, we're in a position where we have to make tough decisions."

Nelson said one way to reduce the rate would be to eliminate the need for a district-paid custodial employee to be present at Central Middle School on game days.

"The school district has told us they need someone there in case of an emergency, but we always make sure we have a doctor present during all of our games," Nelson said. "Plus, we have 200 parents in the stands who could call 911 with their cell phones if there was an emergency."

Ryan said the presence of a district employee at the games is essential.

"We have to have someone at every event that takes place on school property — it's a liability issue," Ryan stressed.

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Plymouth's Nate McManus is congratulated by teammates Ian Fazica (12) and Tyler Locklear (1) after being a two-run home run in the second inning of the Wildcats' 13-3 victory over Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse Thursday afternoon. McManus finished with three hits.

Lefty's all right

Plymouth southpaw pitcher Stotz throws one-hitter at L'Anse Creuse

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like a doctor straightening up his operating room following surgery, senior left-handed pitcher Bryan Stotz meticulously raked the Plymouth High School baseball field's mound Thursday afternoon a few minutes after the Wildcats' double-header split with L'Anse Creuse.

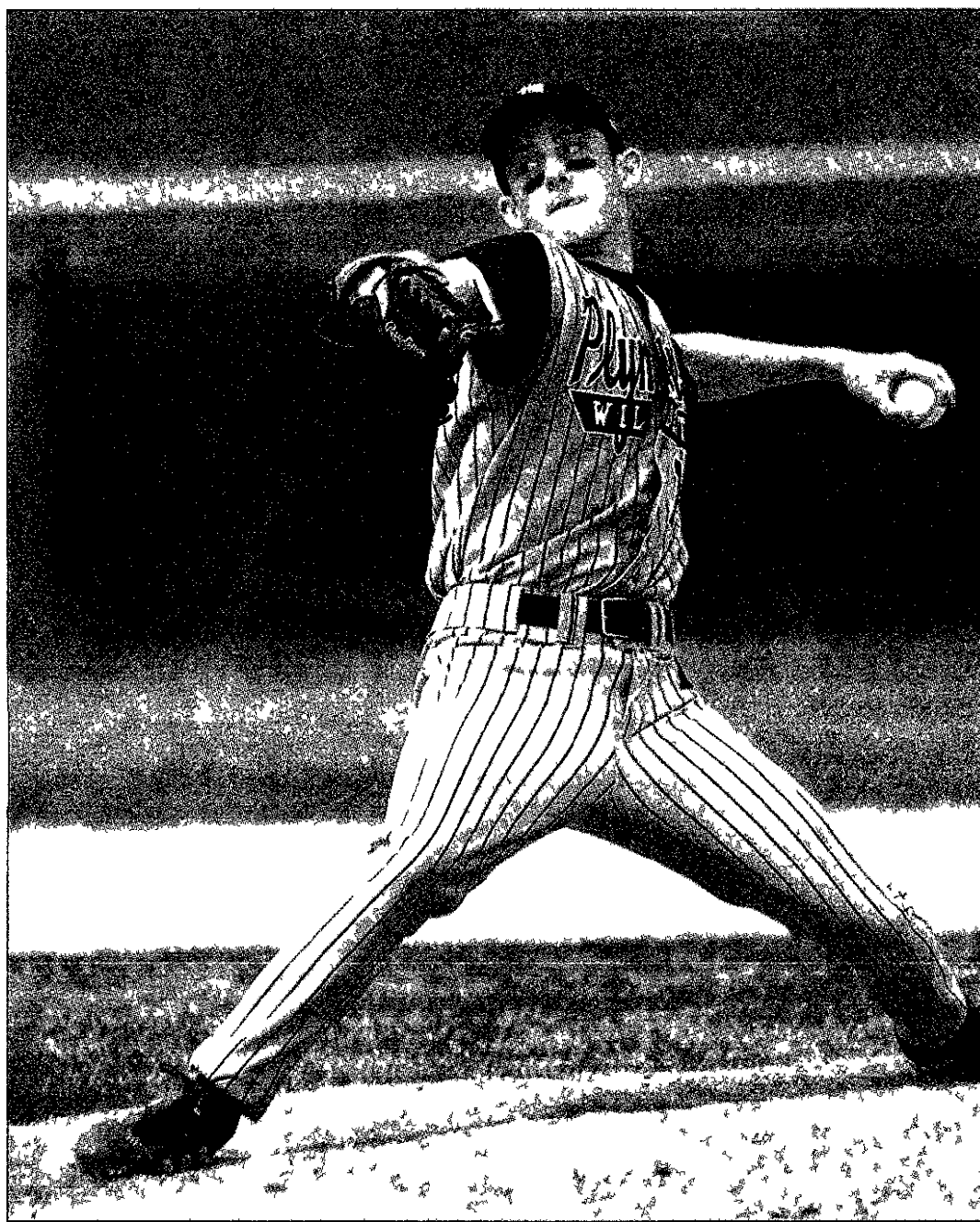
Mixing his deceptively quick fastball with several well-timed change-ups, Stotz sedated the Lancers' bats in the second game of the twinbill, limiting them to just one hit in Plymouth's 13-3

mercy-rule shortened victory. The Lancers (7-6) won the first game, 6-1.

The split left the Wildcats with a 5-4 mark heading into Saturday's Milan Invitational tournament.

"Look at him out there taking care of the mound after pitching like he did," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, smiling and gesturing toward Stotz. "He's such a great team player and he provides us with outstanding senior leadership. The other kids love playing behind him."

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B2



Plymouth senior pitcher Bryan Stotz tossed a one-hitter in the Wildcats' 13-3, mercy rule-shortened victory over Mount Clemens L'Anse Creuse Thursday afternoon in the second game of a double-header. Stotz struck out six, walked three and did not give up an earned run.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Detroit Ignition president Greg Bibb (left) and coach Mark Pulsic are ready to lead the area's newest professional indoor soccer team later this year. The Ignition will play home games at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.



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Detroit's newest indoor soccer team set to ignite

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

"We have Ignition," said Greg Bibb on Wednesday. No, Bibb isn't the new voice of NASA announcing the latest space shuttle launch. Rather, Bibb is president of Hantz Sports & Entertainment, announcing the launch of a new indoor soccer

team, the Detroit Ignition, during a Wednesday press conference at Southfield's Westin Hotel. The Ignition will play in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL), beginning in November.

The Ignition will play their 15 home games at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, and could

PLEASE SEE IGNITION, B2

Canton runners 3rd at EMU Invite

Canton's boys track-and-field team continued its successful run through the month of April with a third-place showing at Friday's Eastern Michigan University Invitational, which was held at the Olds-Marshall Track.

Ann Arbor Pioneer placed first with 157 points followed by Grand Ledge (154). Canton earned 134 points, 52 more than fourth-place Birmingham Brother Rice. "It was a fantastic day for all of our athletes," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "There was a lot of good competition. Pioneer is tough, Grand Ledge is tough and Ypsilanti had some guys who could fly. But our guys rose to the occasion and turned in some great times."

Turning in first-place efforts for Canton were shot-putter Ryan Jonik (46 feet, 1 inch) and the 800-meter relay team of Andy Rossow, Dalton Walsler, Andrew Manuel and Cyrus Azizi (1:32.8). Several Chiefs compiled personal-best times, including Azizi, who registered a 2:00.2 clocking in the 800-meter run and Ryan Langdon, whose 12-6 effort was 18 inches more than his previous best.

EMU Invitational
Friday at Olds-Marshall Track

FINAL STANDINGS: 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer 157 points 2 Grand Ledge 154 3 Canton 134 4 Birmingham Brother Rice 82 5 Ypsilanti Lincoln 70 5 Dearborn Heights Robichaud 29 5 7 Bloomfield Hills Lahser 7

Canton athletes who placed

Pole vault* 2 Ryan Langdon 12 feet 6 inches 6 Rob Lindman 10 6
Long jump 3 Josh Butler 19 8 7 4 Okemdi Oparaeke 19 8 8
Tosin Adedeji 16 4 25
High jump 2 Eric Thornton 6 2 4 Andy Rossow 5 10 8 Ryan Waidmann 5 6
Discus 3 Steve Paye 133 8 4 Joe Zuga, 122 0 8 Ryan Jonik

ON YOUR MARK...

■ **What:** Bolger-Mangan Memorial Track & Field Meet.

■ **Who's competing:** Boys and girls teams from Canton, Salem and Plymouth high schools.

■ **When:** Tuesday — field events will begin at 3:30 p.m., running events will start at 4:30 p.m.

■ **Where:** P-CEP varsity stadium.

■ **Defending champions:** Canton won the 2005 boys title; Salem captured the first-place trophy for the girls.

113 5
Shot put 1 Ryan Jonik 46 1 4 Joe Zuga, 42 8, 6 Steve Paye 41 5
3,200-meter relay* 3 Canton (Pat Bradford Josh Godwin Greg Reed Jeremy Moliner), 9 16 3
110 high hurdles 8 (tie) Jon Rykalski 19 0
100 dash 8 (tie) Josh Butler 12 5
800 relay* 1 Canton (Andy Rossow Dalton Walsler Andrew Manuel Cyrus Azizi) 1:32 8
1,600 run. 5 Eric Zech 4 54 6 8 Jeremy Moliner 5 15 8
400 relay* 3 Canton (Dalton Walsler Josh Butler Jordan Raiford Ocie Lewis) 47 8
400 dash 2 Andy Rossow 52 7 3 Andrew Manuel 53 0
300 hurdles. 7 Sheriff Hassanien 45 5
800 run. 3 Cyrus Azizi 2 00 2 5 Phatrael Whitlock 2 02 5
200 dash. 4 Dalton Walsler 24 1
3,200 run 8 Duncan Spitz 10 49 4
1,600 relay* 2 Canton (Andy Rossow Phatrael Whitlock Andrew Manuel Cyrus Azizi) 3 29 2

Sidelines

Chiefs camp

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has a few openings. The camp will be held June 19-23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Canton varsity baseball field. The cost of the camp is \$100. Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at the Web site www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

Boston marathoners

Several Plymouth and Canton residents competed in the Boston Marathon Monday. Following is a list of the local runners, their places and times:

■ **Male finishers:** 75
Kevin Pine (Plymouth), 2:36:22, 2,680. Jay Steele (Plymouth), 3:14:33, 3,001. Brian Galvin (Plymouth), 3:16:47, 4,006. Roman Krzyzanowski (Plymouth), 3:23:32; 5,384. Terry Rush (Plymouth), 3:31:11, 6,258. David Murphy (Plymouth), 3:37:13, 6,260. Todd Doenitz (Plymouth), 3:37:13, 6,279. Frank Kazaleh (Plymouth), 3:37:18, 6,287. Kevin Galvin (Plymouth), 3:37:21, and 6,540. Daniel Sarna (Canton), 3:39:12.

■ **Female finishers:** 1,427. Soojin Koh (Canton), 3:35:06, 1,684. Jennifer Dattilo (Canton), 3:37:18, 2,236. Sarah Shipley (Canton), 3:41:55; 3,530. Jennifer Lemieux (Canton), 3:53:00, 3,779. Christine Balch (Canton), 3:55:11, 4,602. Beth Fortino (Plymouth), 4:02:02, 5,463, and Janis Haggerty (Canton), 4:13:19.

Lady Warriors fall

The Plymouth-Canton Salem Girls Lacrosse Club was nudged by the Holt Rams junior varsity squad, 4-2, on Tuesday. Both of the Lady Warriors' goals were scored by Morgan Franke. PCS also received strong contributions from Jillian Miller, Kate Spangler and Arielle Pietron. Goalie Samantha Weidendorf led the Lady Warriors' defense, which was also sparked by Angel Lucas, Lauren Medley and Sara Tidderington.

Football combine

The All-American Football Combine for high school players in grades 9-12 will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, May 14, at All-American Sportsplex in Auburn Hills.

Players will be tested in the 40-yard dash, vertical jump, bench press, 20-yard shuttle, 3-cone 'L' drill and various position drills. Participants will receive a full report of their scores and have the option to have them forwarded to college football programs. Call (248) 333-3929 or visit www.all-american-football.com.

BASEBALL

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"Last year, Bryan was off and on for us, but this year he's been on most of the time. He keeps the batters off-balance and he has a good fastball, too."

The biggest challenge for Stotz Thursday afternoon was staying loose on the bench during the bottom half of the first, second and fourth innings when the Wildcats struck for 3, 4 and 4 runs, respectively.

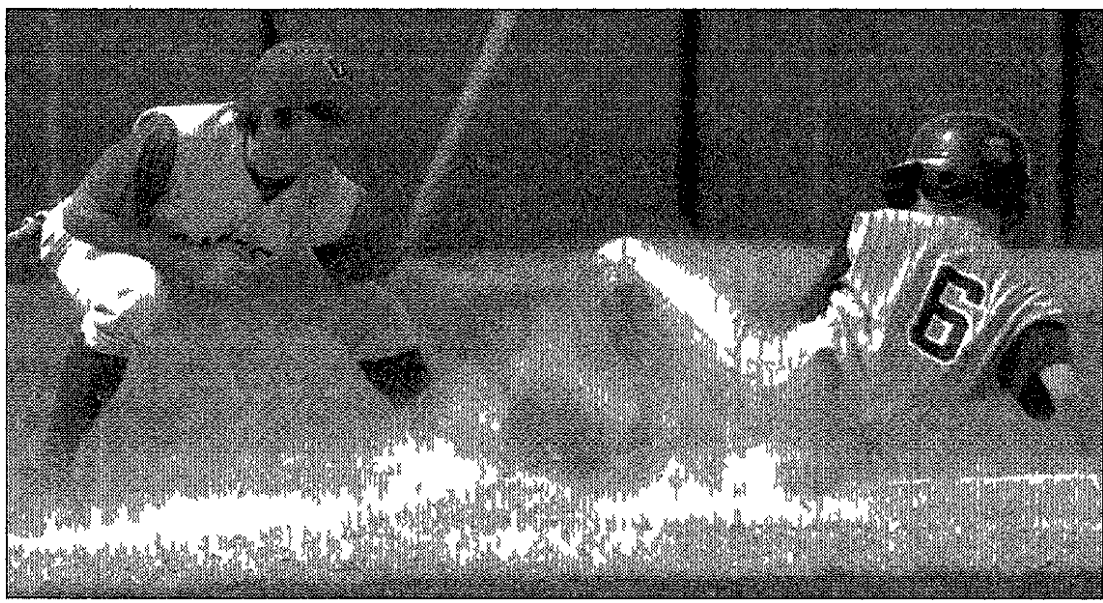
"Even though it was hot out today, I still wore a jacket on the bench," Stotz said, revealing one of his arm-loosening secrets. "I also did some stretching exercises while we were batting to keep my legs loose. I went at them with my fastball most of the time today. I used my change-up when I needed to."

Stotz, who retired the first eight batters he faced, struck out six, walked three and did not yield an earned run. The Lancers' lone hit came when lead-off batter Landon LaBelle bounced a single into centerfield with two outs in the third.

The Wildcats' bats struck early and often, accounting for 10 hits in five innings off a quartet of L'Anse Creuse hurlers.

Senior second baseman Alex Harvey set the tone when he belted T.J. Volinski's fourth pitch of the game over the left-center field fence for his first home run of the season. Plymouth tacked on two more runs in the frame without a hit, giving Stotz a 3-0 cushion.

Plymouth added four more runs in the second on RBI groundouts by Harvey and Ben Kosmalki and a towering, two-run homer off the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Michael Michno (6) slides safely into third base during the Wildcats' four-run fourth inning against L'Anse Creuse Thursday afternoon. The Wildcats won, 13-3.

bat of clean-up hitter Nate McManus. The Wildcats threatened to do more harm

in the inning, however, Lancer relief pitcher Kyle Schubel got T.J. Downey to pop out with the bases loaded and two outs.

Harvey accounted for the Wildcats' lone run in the third when he singled, stole second and third, before scoring on a wild pitch.

Garrett Reban, Matt Barrera, Alex Mihelick and Kosmalki contributed RBIs in the winners' four-run fourth.

Harvey (2-for-4, two RBI, two runs, two steals), McManus (3-for-4, four runs) and Reban (2-for-4, run) paced Plymouth's offensive assault.

L'Anse Creuse's Kyle Esparza was the story in

Game 1, tossing a complete-game two-hitter at the Wildcats. The junior also chipped in with an RBI single at the plate.

Three potential rallies by the Wildcats were extinguished with double-plays.

"L'Anse Creuse came to play in the first game," said Adams. "Their pitcher threw the ball pretty good, they played great defense and they played small ball on offense, stealing bases and getting us with a suicide squeeze."

Downey suffered the mound loss in the opener. "T.J. didn't throw that bad," said Adams. "They didn't get a lot of base-runners on against him, but when they did, they manufactured runs."

IGNITION

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field a team with a distinct local flavor. In the "territorial" round of the MISL's college draft last month, the Ignition chose Southfield native and former University of Michigan star Ryan Alexander. In the second "numerical" round they selected Chris Edwards, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, who played four years at Oakland University. Detroit capped its draft by choosing former Plymouth Canton All-Stater John Kaczmarek, who played for four years at Michigan State, in the fourth round.

Alexander is currently working out for teams in France and hasn't committed to playing for the Ignition. Indeed, none of the team's draft picks are signed, although Edwards and Kaczmarek both stated that they hope to make the team during its training camp this fall.

Ignition coach Mark Pulsic said Alexander is "quite excited" about his selection by the Ignition. "I've spoken to Ryan a few times. He can see himself coming in and giving this a shot."

Alexander, a forward, played high school soccer at U-D Jesuit and was Michigan's Mr. Soccer in 2001. He spent two years at Wake Forest, then played two seasons at U-M, where he had four goals and three assists in 17 games last season.

Kaczmarek, meanwhile, has no soccer plans aside from the Ignition.

"It's kind of neat coming back to Plymouth. It'll be cool," he says.

Kaczmarek, a midfielder, was third in the Mr. Soccer voting in 2001, but earned a spot on the All-State Dream Team.

He hasn't played any indoor soccer in more than five years, but believes the transition won't be rocky.

"I watched a couple (MISL) games on TV and it seems to be a pretty fast-paced game," he says. "I think, actually, that's almost better for me because I'm not the fastest player, but I'm very quick."

Edwards traveled to Oakland University from Scotland after accepting a soccer scholarship. The forward scored 36 goals in 75 games and earned All-Conference honors in each of his four seasons, including a pair of First Team selections.

Like Kaczmarek, Edwards played indoor soccer prior to college, and is also eager to try MISL play even though he's not very familiar with the league.

"I'm excited about it," Edwards said. "I don't really know much about the indoor league, but I think it's awesome, a pro soccer team coming to Detroit."

Edwards had a bit of culture shock four years ago, but says he's adjusted.

"It was kind of scary. No one could understand me. I thought I was speaking a different language actually. That was hard to get used to. But it's been great. Everyone's been so nice. I don't see myself going back home."

Pulsic, meanwhile, is pleased to have area talent on his roster.

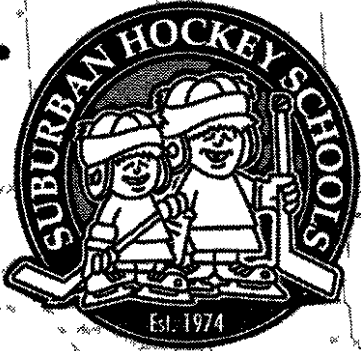
"I wanted to bring in some local players and see how they would adapt," he said. "There are some strong colleges nearby here, universities that put out some good players. I'd like to get them into camp and see how they do."

The team will add more players via an off-season expansion draft.

Pulsic, 37, will be a professional head coach for the first time. He was an indoor and outdoor player who started the men's soccer program as head coach at Lebanon Valley (Penn.) College in 1993, then did the same for the Division III school's women's program in 1996. In 2003 and 2004 he also served as lead assistant for the expansion Harrisburg City Islanders of the outdoor United Soccer League's second division.

The Ignition also announced several community initiatives Wednesday, including sponsorship of the Canton Youth Soccer Association's Canton Cup, which is scheduled for May 26-28. Several of the Association's players helped perform a ceremonial "first kick" at Wednesday's press conference.

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PCS team outshoots Greenhills

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team manhandled Ann Arbor Greenhills, 21-0, Thursday afternoon in a match played at the P CEP junior varsity stadium.

The Warriors improved to 5-0 with the lopsided victory. The Gryphons slipped to 0-4.

Thirteen players scored for the Warriors, who outshot their visitors 52-5. Johnny Groat paced the offensive onslaught with four goals and two assists.

Ben Feeley added three goals while Mitch French, Ray Gilmore and Alex Caryl tallied two each. Ryan Gubert, Johnny Demery, Nick Cote, Joey Underwood, Johnny Watkins, Devin Murphy, Patrick Downey and Nick Saia scored single goals for PCS. Gubert also contributed four assists.

Groat lit up the scoreboard first when he scored after securing a pass from French just 39 seconds into the contest.

PCS led 6-0 after one quarter, 14-0 at the half and 19-0 with 12 minutes left.

The Warriors won 17 of 23 face-offs and scooped up 48 ground balls.

On Tuesday, the Warriors knocked off Bay City Central, 17-1, thanks to three goals each from French and Groat. PCS outshot the visiting Wolves 44-7, and were not penalized. Gubert and Murphy each found the back of the net twice for the winners.

Caryl Saia Gilmore, Justin Patrick, John Sidor, Cote and Feeley all tallied single goals for the Warriors. Cote (three), Caryl Underwood, Gubert, Groat (two) and Patrick all notched assists.

"We played very well in spots," said PCS coach Mike Costello. "Our offense had a chance to work on some plays and our midfield play was quite solid. Unfortunately, our defense was not tested."



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Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Justin Patrick advances the ball upfield during Thursday's win over Ann Arbor Greenhills. Patrick notched a pair of assists.

A few of our players got some well-deserved rest in an effort to let injuries heal. A lot of players earned their first points (Saia Gilmore, Patrick Sidor and Feeley) and that should add to their confidence.

PCS led 6-0 after one quarter, 10-1 at the half and 15-1 with 12 minutes to play.

The Warriors return to action Monday when they travel to Walled Lake Northern to battle Walled Lake Unified in a game set to begin at 6:30 p.m. On Tuesday, they host Farmington Unified in an 8 p.m. game at the P CEP junior varsity stadium.



Ray Gilmore passes the ball past Ann Arbor Greenhills player Seth O'Laughlin during Thursday afternoon's 21-0 Warriors' victory. Gilmore tallied a pair of goals in the one-sided contest.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
Monday, April 24
 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m.
 Westland John Glenn at Salem 4 p.m.
 Canton at Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25
 PCA at Roeper 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26
 Plymouth at Westland John Glenn 4 p.m.
 Northville at Salem 4 p.m.
 Canton at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 27
 Southfield Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m.
 Northville at Canton 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
 Milan at Salem (DH) 10 a.m.
- PREP SOFTBALL**
Monday, April 24
 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Salem at Westland John Glenn 4 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Canton 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26
 Westland John Glenn at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Salem at Northville 4 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill at Canton 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 27
 Plymouth at Ann Arbor Huron 4 p.m.
 PCA at Huron Valley Lutheran 4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill at Salem 4 p.m.
 Canton at Northville 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
 Plymouth at Saline Tournament TBA.
 Canton at Chelsea Invitational 9 a.m.
- BOYS TRACK & FIELD**
Tuesday, April 25
 Plymouth-Canton and Salem at City Meet 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, April 27
 Northville at Plymouth at PCEP JV track 3:45 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Salem, 5:30 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Canton 5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
 Salem at J.D. Immercraft Invite 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
 Salem-Canton at Holly 9/10 Relays
- GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**
Tuesday, April 25
 Plymouth-Canton and Salem at City Meet 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, April 27
 Plymouth at Northville 3:45 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern 3:30 p.m.
 Livonia Franklin at Canton 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 28
 Salem at J.D. Immercraft Invite 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
 Plymouth-Canton at Livonia Stevenson Invite 9 a.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**
Monday, April 24
 Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 W.L. Northern at Salem 4 p.m.
 Canton at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26
 Plymouth at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
 Salem at Livonia Stevenson 4 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Salem 4 p.m.
- Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 28
 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Canton at Westland John Glenn 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 29
 Canton at Novi Tournament TBA.
- GIRLS SOCCER**
Monday, April 24
 Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth 7 p.m.
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 Canton at Livonia Churchill 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25
 PCA at Oakland Christian 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26
 Plymouth at W.L. Western 7 p.m.
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 Wayne Memorial at Canton 7 p.m.
Friday, April 28
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Tuesday, April 25
 Plymouth at Livonia Stevenson at Fox Creek GC 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26
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 Canton at Livonia Franklin at Idylwild GC 3 p.m.
Friday, April 28
 Salem at W.L. Northern 3 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill at Canton at Hilltop GC 3 p.m.
- BOYS LACROSSE**
Monday, April 24
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Tuesday, April 25
 Farmington at PCS 8 p.m.
Thursday, April 27
 PCS at Ann Arbor Pioneer 7:30 p.m.
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Sunday, April 23
 Madonna at Aquinas College, 1 p.m.
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 Madonna vs. Ohio Dominican at Ilich Ballpark 1 p.m.
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 Madonna vs. Indiana Tech at Ilich Ballpark 1 p.m.
Sunday, April 30
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- WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL**
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Sunday, April 23
 Madonna at Indiana Tech 1 p.m.
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The next Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club meeting will be held Tuesday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School.

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YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Fox Hills.

More than 35,000 youngsters throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit www.TheGolfChannel.com.

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.

Runners can run the river, enjoy the post-race carnival atmosphere, then take the family a block down Main Street to sample the offerings of the Taste of Ann Arbor Festival. 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.dexterannaborrun.com.

TOP 50 GOLF

The popular Top 50 Jr. Golf Tour, which is organized by the non-profit National Golf Scholarship Association, has added 10 events in southeastern Michigan to its 2006 schedule. The tour will offer 27 events throughout Michigan for its participants.

Players compete in the following divisions: girls 15 and under, girls 16 and over, boys 15 and under, and boys 16 and over. The tour offers free golf and scholarship opportunities for its member players.

Registration is now open for local boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Interested students and parents can visit www.Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900 for more information.

Among the southeastern Michigan events is a stop at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth on June 22-23.

Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole tournament. The top 40 players at each qualifier play in the tournament for free. The top 10 finishers at each tournament are exempt into the following tournament and they will play for free.

The 2006 tour kicks off June 15-16 at Bay Pointe Country Club in West Bloomfield.

The only offense Madonna University needed Wednesday against Rochester College came by way of two run-scoring groundouts in the fourth inning.

But that's all the Crusaders needed in the nine-inning non-conference baseball game, earning a 2-0 victory at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia.

Madonna (22-16-1) only managed five hits against Rochester pitcher Mike Miller, but the Crusaders put them to good use, particularly in the fourth

BASEBALL

Senior first baseman Todd Kalmbach singled to right and advanced to third on a double down the left-field line by junior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield).

Kalmbach scored on a grounder by junior shortstop Kyle Fedorka and Alvarado (2-for-3) scored on a roller to

second base by senior catcher Justin Fabian.

Madonna's other hits were singles by senior third baseman Ben Ramsey and Alvarado in the first and second innings, respectively, and a double in the seventh by Fedorka.

Making those two runs stand up were a trio of pitchers, who scattered nine hits.

Madonna junior starter Mike Orehek (Livonia) went the first seven innings

and gave up six hits while walking just one and striking out five. He earned the victory to improve to 1-2 on the season.

Each throwing a shutout inning for the Crusaders were sophomore Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) and Fedorka.

Rochester, led at the plate by shortstop Linares Ford, rightfielder Jordan Ackerman and catcher Kyle York (two hits each), dropped to 8-15 overall with the defeat.

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Victorious Rocks

The Salem junior varsity baseball team won the inaugural Bloomfield Hills Lahser JV Invitational April 8. Pictured (top row from left) are coach Nick Rizzi, Joe Posler, Jeff Stroka, Kyle Powell, Sam Ott, Jim Dexter, Drew Grabowski, Alex Murray, (bottom row from left) Heath Parling, Matt Woster, Joe Boctor, Kyle Bricker, Alex Russell, David Hales and James Abraham. Not pictured is David Ios.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
 PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
 LEGAL NOTICE
 ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 02, 2006**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, on Tuesday, May 02, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time the following will be voted on:

Two (2) Members of the Board of Education
 Terms ending June 30, 2010

and
 PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION 1

Shall the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw State of Michigan borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety Five Million Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 (\$95,415,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore, in one or more series for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

- Erecting, equipping and furnishing a new middle school building and a new career technical education facility and acquiring preparing developing and improving the sites for a new middle school building and a new career technical education facility
- Erecting equipping and furnishing additions to school buildings and preparing developing and improving sites for additions to school buildings
- Remodeling re equipping re furnishing school buildings, preparing developing and improving sites at school buildings and purchasing school buses and
- Equipping and re equipping school buildings for technology systems and equipment?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding exclusive of refunding is not more than twenty five (25) years the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.86 mills (which is equal to \$0.86 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty five (25) years is 0.83 mills annually (\$0.83 per \$1,000 of taxable value)

If this Bond Proposition 1 is combined with Bond Proposition 2 it will be outstanding exclusive of refunding for not more than twenty five (25) years the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the combined proposed bonds in the first year is 1.08 mills (which is equal to \$1.08 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty five (25) years is 1.05 mills annually (\$1.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value)

If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963 as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan (Pursuant to State law expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher administrator or employee salaries repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

YES _____ NO _____

PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL
 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION 2

Shall the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty Four Million Seven Hundred Sixty Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$24,765,000) Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefore in one or more series for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

- Erecting equipping and furnishing a performing arts center addition, a multi purpose swimming pool addition and auxiliary gymnasium addition to high school buildings
- Preparing developing and improving sites for a performing arts center addition a multi purpose swimming pool addition and an auxiliary gymnasium addition to high school buildings
- Equipping additions to high school buildings for technology systems and equipment and
- Erecting equipping and furnishing additions to athletic fields and preparing, developing and improving sites for additions to athletic fields?

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding is not more than twenty five (25) years, the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.22 mills (which is equal to \$0.22 per \$1,000 of taxable value), and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty five (25) years is 0.22 mills annually (\$0.22 per \$1,000 of taxable value)

If this Bond Proposition 2 is combined with Bond Proposition 1 it will be outstanding exclusive of refunding for not more than twenty five (25) years, the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the combined proposed bonds in the first year is 1.08 mills (which is equal to \$1.08 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average millage that will be required to retire the bonds over twenty five (25) years is \$1.05 mills annually (\$1.05 per \$1,000 of taxable value)

The Bonds authorized under this School Improvement Bond Proposition 2 if approved by the voters, will not be issued if the voters do not approve School Improvement Bond Proposition 1

If approved by the voters the bonds will be guaranteed by the State of Michigan under Section 16 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, as amended. If the School District borrows from the State of Michigan to pay debt service on the bonds under the State of Michigan's guarantee the School District may be required to levy debt mills beyond the term of the bonds to repay the State of Michigan (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher administrator or employee salaries repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

YES _____ NO _____

All polling locations in Plymouth Township are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped

Polling locations are as follows:

Precinct 1	Farrand School	41400 Greenbriar Ln
Precinct 2	Friendship Station	42375 Schoolcraft Rd
Precinct 3	Township Clerk's Office	42350 Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 4	Township Clerk's Office	42350 Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 5	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Tr
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor Tr
Precinct 7	Living Word Church	46500 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Rd
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Rd
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Rd
Precincts 13 & 16	Risen Christ Lutheran Church	46250 W Ann Arbor Rd
Precinct 14	Isbister School	9300 N Canton Center Rd
Precinct 15	First United Methodist Church	45201 N Territorial Rd
Precinct 17	NorthRidge Church	49555 N Territorial Rd

Applications for absentee ballots for Plymouth Township registered voters may be obtained at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Building #3, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number 354-3224. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday April 29. On Monday May 1, qualified voters shall receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill CMC
 Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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Raptors persevere for 6-1 run in tourney

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Adversity, even tragedy, sometimes gives people ample excuse to give up on a worthy goal. Not the Redford Raptors, a Division 7 Pee Wee AA hockey travel team in the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League.

The Raptors began the 2005-06 fall-winter season following the switch of Redford Ice Arena management from the township to a private company - amid unfounded rumors that the new regime would turn it into a soccer facility.

Then, key members of the team were lost for long stretches due to serious injuries. And during the holiday season came the biggest obstacle of all when assistant coach Frank Iannetta of Canton suffered a fatal heart attack Dec. 30, during the Hockey for Hospice Tournament.

"The team went to the funeral, we wore our dark jerseys as a tribute," said Livonia's Marc Shaver, whose 13-year-old son Josh is a defenseman on the Raptors.

Shaver said the team's show of support to Iannetta's widow, Cindy, and son Cody (who was selected Raptors captain before the season began) seemingly served as a rallying cry of sorts.

"After that transpired, we really picked it up," Shaver said. "We felt like a family and everybody wanted to support Cody."

Indeed, the Raptors would not fold their tent and played



The Redford Raptors Pee Wee AA travel hockey team overcame much adversity this season, including the death of an assistant coach. But the Raptors, many who live in Plymouth and Canton, still persevered and enjoyed a 6-1 run in the recent Little Caesars Hockey Association tournament. Team members (in alphabetical order) are Patrick Coliton, Corey Culbert, Connor Gestro, Richard Guglielmi, Alex Haam, team captain Cody Iannetta, Nick Koelzer, Chris McCausland, Brandyn Patton, Chris Perkovich, Josh Rochette, A. J. Rosales, Daniel Sekerak, Josh Shaver, Derek Simancas, Chris White and Chase Zebari. The Raptors are coached by John Perkovich, assisted by Ed Gestro, Len Koelzer and Jeff Rochette.

harder than ever for head coach John Perkovich and remaining assistants Ed Gestro, Len Koelzer and Jeff Rochette. The squad ultimately won their first six games in the recent Little Caesars playoff tournament before losing in the semifinals.

Another Raptors parent, Jim Culbert of Redford Township (whose son, Corey is a goaltender for the squad), concurred that throughout this whole ordeal, our team has pulled together and managed to show their desire and strength.

Shaver said the way the Raptors - some who are now competing in a spring season - learned some invaluable life lessons through it all.

"They learned to work together as a team, on and off the ice," Shaver noted. "They have learned a lesson here from seeing other kids go through tragedies, a lesson that will stick with them the rest of their lives."

Remember how you talk to people, because you may not see them again. Hold your head up and act accordingly.

Meanwhile, Shaver said everybody connected with the Raptors (who are part of the venerable Redford Township Hockey Association) knew the late Iannetta was extremely proud of the fact Cody was the team's captain.

"In the grand scheme of things," Shaver said, "He (coach Iannetta) was able to see his son as a captain."

Plymouth Twp. PD 734-453-3869 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on 04/28/06 at 10 am at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Rd Plymouth MI a public auction of the following:

- 1989 HONDA PRELUDE JHMB4133KC058447
- 1994 DODGE 1B7JC26Y1RS050552

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk. Sealed bids enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Beck Road Water Main Extension" along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office 1st Floor 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

BECK ROAD WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Project consists of the following approximate major quantities:

- 1,372 LF 16" Diameter Ductile Iron Water Main
- 195 LF Bore and Jack with 30" Diameter Steel Casing Pipe
- 2 EA 16" Diameter Gate Valve and Well
- 3 EA Fire Hydrant Installation

The Project involves the installation of new water main and all associated work such as grading and restoration.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, 1150 S Canton Center Road, 2nd Floor - Engineering, Canton, MI 48188. A nonrefundable fee of \$25.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Canton Township Public Works, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc. and McGraw Hill Construction.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

Terry Bennett
Clerk

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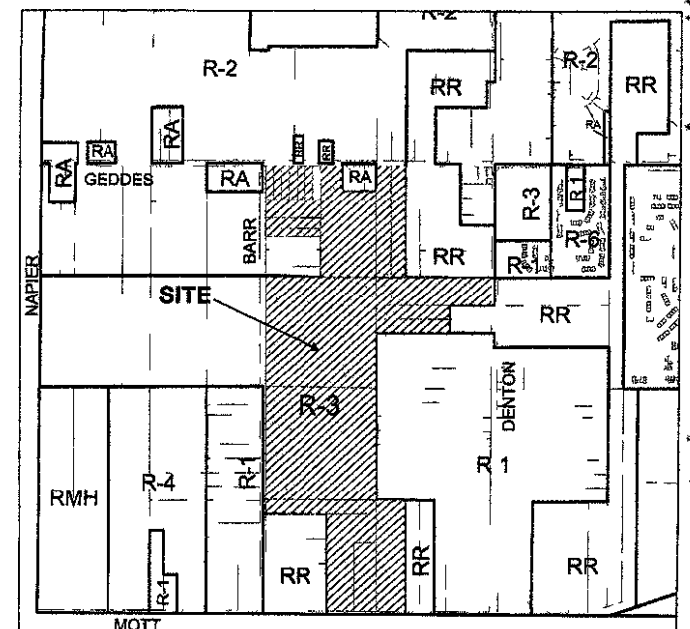
PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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

GRANDVIEW ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS(S) 121 99 0012 000 (49875 GEDDES) 121 99 0013 000 121 99 0014 000 (4330 DENTON) 121 99 0015 001 (4400 DENTON) 121 99 0015 002 (4540 DENTON) 121 99 0024 002 121 99 0025 000 121 99 0026 000 121 99 0027 000 121 99 0028 000, 121 99 0029 000 121 99 0030 000 121 99 0032 000 121 99 0033 000 (4005 BARR), 121 99 0034 000 121 99 0008 000 (4605 BARR) 124 99 0001 000 (5275 BARR) 124 99 0002 000 (5305 BARR) 124 99 0003 005 (50200 MOTT) 124 99 0004 000 (49900 MOTT) 124 99 0010 000 (49850 MOTT). Property is located south of Geddes and west of Denton Roads. (Second Public Hearing)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday May 11 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



Grandview Estates 121-PDD-006

VIC GUSTAFSON
Chairman

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday May 4 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth MI to consider the following item:

- Z 06 06 337 Joy Non Use Variance Requested Side & Rear Yard Setbacks Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential Applicant Ian & Victoria Nicol
- Z 06 07 1404 Penniman Non Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential Applicant Brian Trembath

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY2006 CDBG ACTION PLAN AND REPROGRAMMING

On May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room first floor Administration Building 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan there will be a public hearing on the CDBG Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2006 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2006 CDBG program. The project and project funding recommendations are: First Step \$31,925 Growth Works \$6,670 Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan \$7,901 Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency \$1,710 Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator \$5,500 Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements \$122,910 First Step Building Acquisition \$20,000 CDBG program administration \$69,741 Affordable Housing Contingency \$100,000 Teen Center outreach program \$1,350 Human Services Center building improvements \$5,000. The FY 2006 CDBG allocation is \$373,707. Included in the public hearing is the request to reprogram FY 2003 Housing Lot Purchase funds (\$8,600) to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency. The reprogramming neither cancels an old project nor creates a new project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Canton Community Services Division, 1150 S Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 (734) 394 5194.

Terry Bennett Clerk

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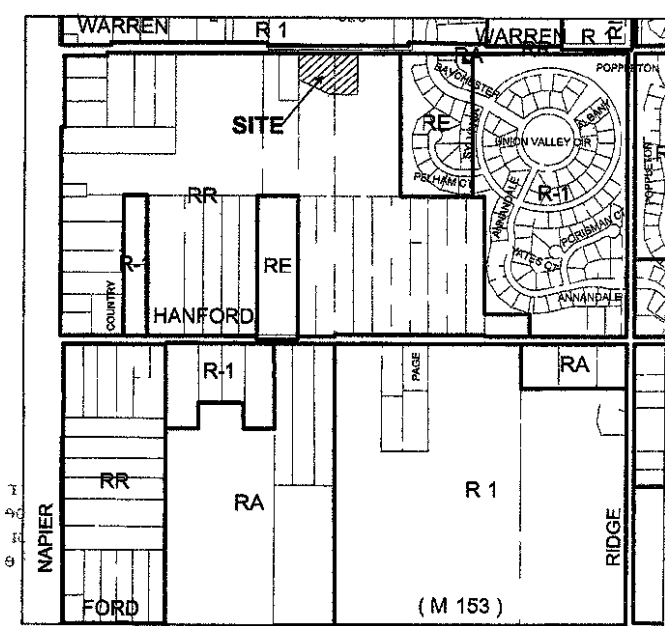
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MCCLUMPHA REZONING: CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 025 99 0004 000 (PART OF) (50385 WARREN ROAD) AND 026 99 0001 000 (PART OF) FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 3 RESIDENTIAL ESTATE. Property is located south of Warren between Ridge and Napier Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday May 11 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



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VIC GUSTAFSON
Chairman

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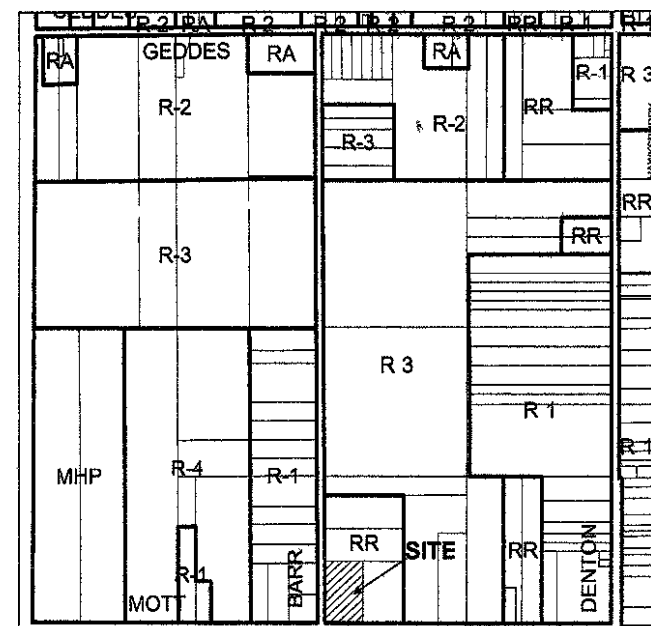
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CHOPRA REZONING: CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 124 99 0003 003 (5701 BARR ROAD) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located at the northeast corner of Barr and Mott Roads.

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VIC GUSTAFSON
Chairman

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Whale of an effort

Vellucci savors time with team at banquet

Plymouth Whalers President, general manager and head coach Mike Vellucci was succinct in summing up the feelings for his team at the Whalers' banquet Tuesday night at Ginopolis on the Ice.

Working with this team was the most fun I've had in 15 years of coaching, Vellucci said. "Sometimes in January and February, the season drags on. But I didn't feel that this year." "This year's team got no respect around the league

Nobody — except John Vigilante — made an all-star team. We got very little mention on the Coaches Poll and no consideration for Rookie of the Year. But in playing the way our team played this year, they earned everyone's respect."

After defeating Windsor in seven dramatic games in the Western Conference quarter-finals, Plymouth was eliminated in six games in the conference semifinals by the Guelph Storm.

Guelph advanced to the

Western Conference finals against the London Knights, who eliminated Owen Sound in six games.

Trailing 4-3, Plymouth battled Guelph down to the final seconds of Game 6 last Saturday, taking a face-off in the Guelph zone with 4.9 seconds remaining. Jared Boll got one final shot on Guelph goalie Ryan MacDonald, who made the save.

Earlier, Mike McLean's goal with 3:02 remaining in regulation snapped the 3-3 tie.



Gaels cheer 3-peat

On March 25, the Livonia St. Michael's varsity team (grades 7-8) captured first-place honors for the third consecutive season in the Winter 2006 Catholic Youth Organization cheerleading championship held at St. Paul's in Grosse Pointe Farms. St. Michael's varsity won the nine-team field throughout the Archdiocese with two cheer performances, including a flat round and dance round involving stunting and gymnastics skills. The Gaels were followed by Utica St. Lawrence, Rochester Hills Holy Family and Garden City St. Raphael. St. Michael's JV also performed in two flat cheer rounds, including gymnastic skills to also earn a first place finish. Team varsity members include (front row from left) Kelly Menard, Estrellita Perez, Alex Cummings, Chelsea Romanczk, Rachel Countegan, Megan Doulette, Hillary Shesterkin, Madelyn Downs, Kasey DeClercq, Rebecca Jason, (middle row from left) Emily Broda, Michelle Popiel, Mackenzie Murphy, Margaret Molloy, Marianne Grima, Mackenzie Everson, April Spaulding, Alicia Willbanks (back row from left) coaches Jennifer Grima, Lauren Mies and Marissa Maysak, all former St. Michael's cheerleaders. Not pictured is cheer moderator Terese Koestering, assisted by Lisa Shesterkin and Cheryl Popiel.

Ignition, 'Goose' stage soccer camps

The Detroit Ignition, the area's newest professional soccer team, is taking over Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, it was revealed recently.

The camps, which are gearing up for their fourth year of operation and 15th under the direction of Bryan 'Goose' Finnerty, are in a transition mode of ownership.

Finnerty, a former all-star goalkeeper for the Detroit Rockers, was the camp director during his Rockers days and then continued the popular summer camps once the team folded in 2001.

"It just seemed natural to continue with the camps, said Finnerty. There are so many kids playing soccer in Michigan and our local clubs are growing at such an impressive pace, that it just made sense to continue with a service that was in demand. Plus, my staff and I love

being out in the community and working with kids. We have such a blast."

Although the camps are being shifted into the Ignition's care, they will still be operated by Finnerty and former teammate and camp director Dru Callahan. The coaching staff will include former professional and collegiate players who are all licensed trainers with various clubs, including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Brighton and CW3.

Following is the 2006 camp schedule:

- **June 12-16:** Bicentennial Park in Livonia,
- **June 19-23:** Sarah Banks Middle School in Walled Lake,
- **June 26-30:** Independence Park in Canton,
- **July 10-14:** Pioneer Park in Farmington and Walled

Lake Northern High School in Walled Lake,

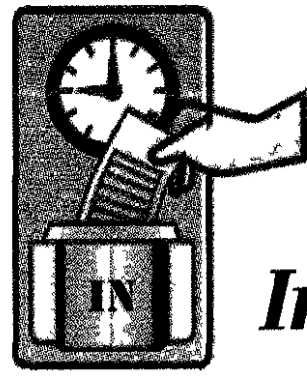
■ **July 17-21:** Independence Park in Canton (also includes advanced goalkeeper/striker option), and

■ **August 7-11:** Plymouth Lake Soccer Park in Plymouth.

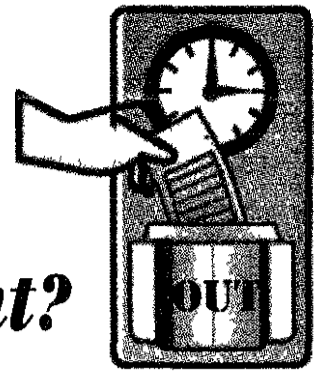
Each camp runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon and includes a free ball and T-shirt. The camp fee is \$139 per camper.

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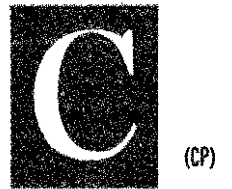
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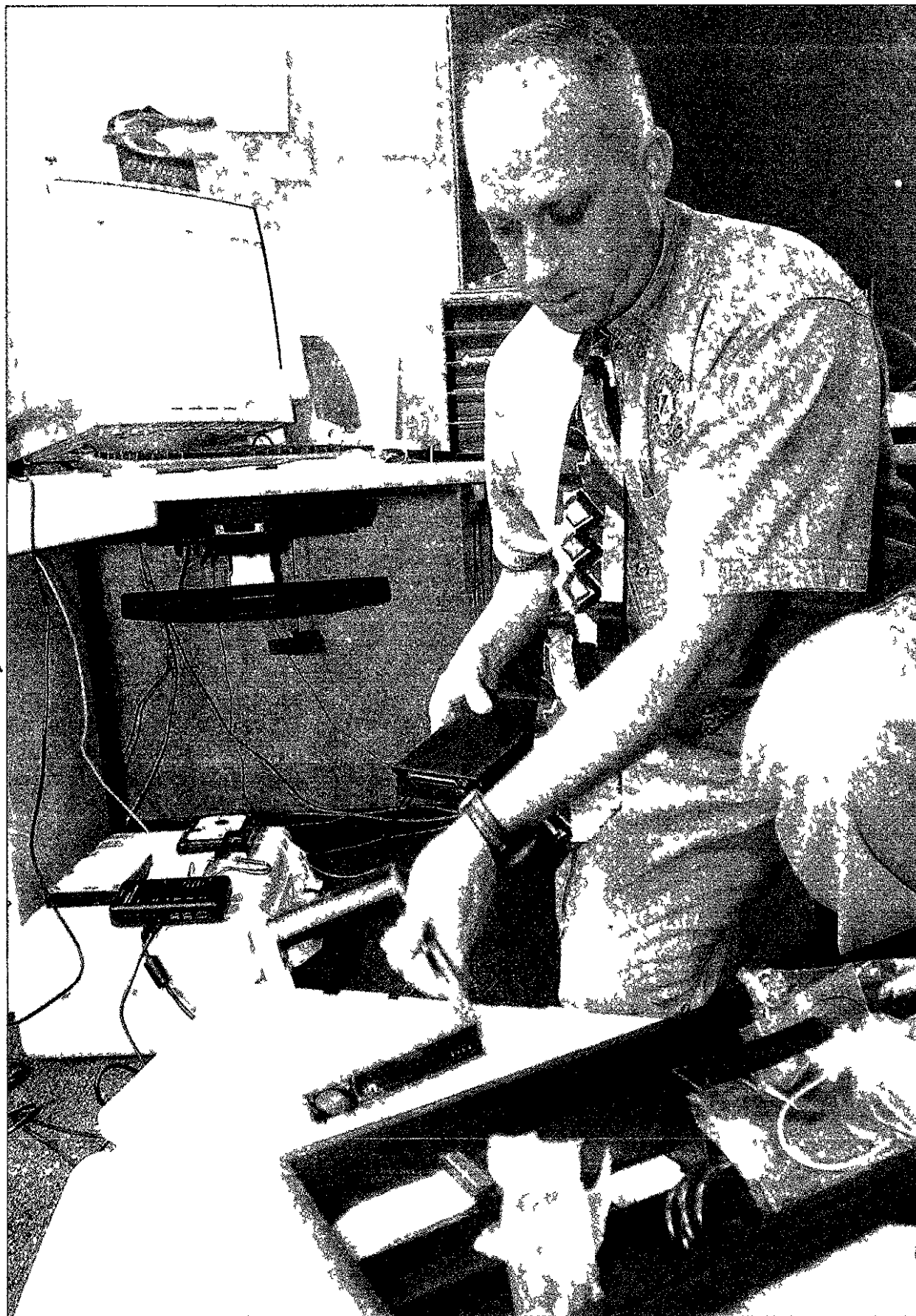
'Faking it' is a way to try roles

My friends, and a lot of people I know, just seem fake. Really fake. It's getting me mad. What do I do?

Not Fake in Garden City
Finding out that friends haven't been acting like real friends can be very disappointing. If your friends don't really know who they are, or what they want to be like when they grow up, it might seem as though they're acting like different people in different situations. In a way, they are! It's tough to know who you are when you're more than a kid, but not quite an adult yet. This time in your life is a time when you're discovering what kind of person you want to be. And that means trying on different roles, attitudes, values, and even personality traits. However, if the people you're hanging with are behaving badly, acting rudely, or being just plain mean to other people, you might want to think about what qualities you want your friends to have. When you've decided what you want in a friend, talk to the people closest to you that are acting fake and let them know that you like their good qualities, not the ones they're trying on. But, if your friends keep acting in a way that you feel is wrong, it's time to look for people that have the same values as you and make new friends!

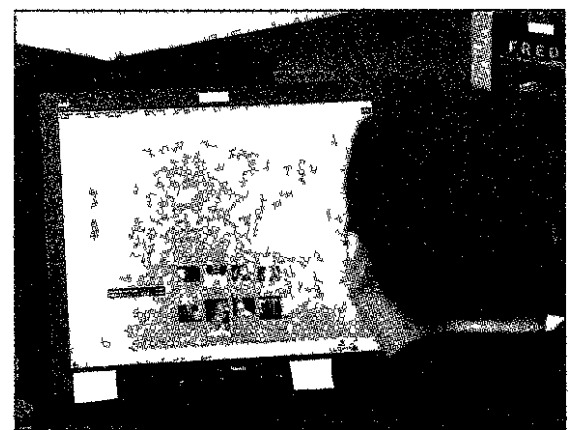
There's this boy that I think is really cute, but I don't know what I should say or do to get his attention. What should I do? Too Shy in Farmington Hills
First, the best relationships begin with a friendship. Find out if you have anything in common with this boy. Do you both enjoy sports, art, drama, or music? If so, work up the courage to introduce yourself and then talk about an upcoming event that you both would enjoy. If he seems interested, ask him if he'd like to go with you and your friends. You'll get the chance to see if he's as interesting as he is cute in a no-pressure situation. One small warning: Don't change who you are in order to have something in common with this boy. If you do, eventually the real you will want to be known and the relationship will end. You might miss the chance to find your soul mate by pretending to be somebody you're not!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She can be reached by e-mail at monicaful@sbccglobal.net



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Detective/Sgt. Thomas Kish at the Michigan State Police Southeastern Criminal Investigation Division works on copying a hard drive to examine it for evidence in a child pornography case.



Livonia police detective Wade Higgason works in the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children unit where he looks through some Myspace.com accounts and finds several with photos and personal information.

CID

State police support local criminal investigations

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

When the Farmington Hills Police Department was stumped by a rash of laptop thefts at Oakland Community College, who did they call? The Michigan State Police Southeastern Criminal Investigation Division in Livonia. CID installed covert cameras in the parking lot to help capture the culprits. Local law enforcement relies on CID's surveillance equipment and computer forensics to catch the bad guys. When a Birmingham attorney met a child online in a chat room and then traveled to Illinois to have sex with the minor, detectives with CID's Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force executed a search warrant to retrieve information on hard drives at his Birmingham office and St. Clair Shores home. "We are here to provide support services to local law enforcement in southeast Michigan," said Capt. Annemarie Gibson, division commander.

PLEASE SEE CID, C2



Detective Sgt. Bill Torley goes over video from a case in Canton describing the techniques and technology the department has to examine video evidence.

State task force tracks child predators and pornographers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

A few clicks of the mouse is all it takes for Livonia Police Detective Wade Higgason to find personal information that could lead predators to middle and high school students in any ZIP code across the country. Higgason spends eight hours a day trying to keep children safe. He and Sumpter Township Police Officer

Elizabeth Egerer are part of the Michigan State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force that partners with local agencies at its Southeastern Criminal Investigation Division in Livonia. Currently they're working on around 100 child pornography cases in addition to creating profiles on Web sites such as MySpace.com to trap predators. On March 20, the two executed a search

PLEASE SEE TASK FORCE, C2

A capella group to compete in nationals

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Paul Ellinger never imagined when he began singing with elmoTHUMM in the summer of 2000 that one day the capella group would be competing nationally. On May 6, Ellinger, Ed Pendleton, Jason Miller, Adam Westmoreland and Greg Vaden travel to San Rafael, Calif., for the Harmony Sweepstakes A Capella Festival,

a showcase for vocal harmony music.

The group has come a long way from singing at fairs and festivals after selecting their name out of a phone book. Originally, 64 groups from across the country competed for eight slots in the finals. After winning the Chicago Regional, elmoTHUMM challenges singers from the Boston, New York, Los Angeles, Mid-Atlantic, Pacific North West,

San Francisco, and Rocky Mountain areas.

"No capella groups from Michigan have gone this far," said Ellinger of Canton. "We've been singing for a long time. Everything we do is original arrangements from do-wop to hard rock." "We have a more contemporary feel than most capella groups," added Greg Vaden, the



Ed Pendleton (left), Jason Miller, Paul Ellinger, Greg Vaden, and Adam Westmoreland compete in the national Harmony Sweepstakes finals in California on May 6.

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mander "We're here to augment the Livonia PD. We want the public to know if they are a victim of a crime, that crime will be solved. We work with all Oakland County departments. We make presentations at detectives associations to let them know what we have."

In addition to assisting local agencies and partnering with the Drug Enforcement Agency, FBI, U.S. Marshal, Homeland Security, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement, CID investigates violent crimes including multiple murders, abduction, rape, and armed car robberies, computer crimes, public corruption, election fraud, narcotics violations, identity theft, casino gaming, organized crime, cold case homicides, and child pornography and predators. A recent case involved a subject who attempted to hire a hit man to kill a Rochester Hills man.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

"We have dogs, divers, aircraft, a bomb squad," said Inspector Ellis Stafford, assistant Division Commander, central sector.

Historically Michigan State Police didn't publicize what we do, but there's rarely a large investigation going on in this area that the MPS isn't involved.

"One of our most requested services, about 700 times a year, is the video clarification unit."

Detective/Sgt. Bill Torley works to clarify the image of a suspect in an armed robbery for Livonia PD. Stafford estimates that the average person is caught on video 12 times a day. Torley used everything from betacam footage to phone cameras to investigate the brawl at The Palace in Auburn Hills, and security tapes from a Troy hotel where an attendant was murdered. About \$50,000 in Avid computer forensic equipment sits on his desk in the Technical Services Unit. Sometimes a suspect will try to destroy a tape but Torley says it's amazing how a small strip can still yield information.

"(We'd be nowhere) without videos and tips," said Torley, who regularly testifies in court. "Video is a silent witness."

Down the hall, rooms housing the Fugitive Team and Major Case Unit (formerly Organized Crime) are empty. These detectives are out on the street except for Sgt. Paul DiPietro. The Major Case detective is dressed casually for surveillance. He'd planned to do undercover work in a crap game, but instead is manning the phones. The unit works on cases involving gambling, organized crime, election fraud, public corruption, liquor smuggling, and identity theft.

"It's very interesting," said DiPietro. "You're

sometimes doing surveillance on one and another crime happens."

COMPUTER CRIMES

In the Computer Forensics Unit, Rebecca MacArthur is working on a case involving a rapist of at least three children, a homicide cold case, and child pornography. After hours, she does graphic arts to relieve stress.

"It's very difficult and disturbing but being a part of the conviction process and having our evidence assist in the trial process makes me feel good," said MacArthur, a computer forensic analyst. "Forensic evidence is best because it stands on its own."

To the left of Thomas Kish is the hard drive he copied for a child pornography case. Kish is team leader for the Computer Crimes Unit and calls the Birmingham attorney mentioned earlier a true predator. Kish is going to be working with America's Most Wanted to find more of his victims. Gone are the days when detectives used only pagers and voice mail to track criminals.

"Today's computers have 100 to 500 gigabytes of storage so it can take a few days to just get evidence," said Kish.

"In addition to computers, there are full function phones such as Blackberrys. We have to keep up with technology, retrieve text messaging."

In the Tobacco Tax Team Unit Detective/Lt

Judy Anderson displays thousands of dollars of counterfeit stamps made in Lebanon. The money would have gone to pay for Medicare/Medicaid recipients' health care. Since 1998, all tobacco is required to have a tax stamp affixed to the package. The team visits retailers and wholesalers to look for seven security features to determine if stamps are legitimate. Investigators have found that some of the money from counterfeit stamps goes back to terrorists in the Middle East. Along with cigarettes, products include cigars, chewing and molasses tobacco, which is smoked with a water pipe. One case netted 20,000 boxes of molasses tobacco, made in Egypt and brought from Lebanon.

UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Detective/Sgt. Lynn Sanders says the Technical Support Unit can put a camera in anything to capture criminals. One camera uses night vision and works in all types of weather. Thermal imaging hones in on a suspect's body heat in total darkness.

"We support investigations in the field from Bay City to the Indiana border by doing covert camera installs, placing GPS trackers on cars instead of using cars to tail a suspect."

"It's not our job to look like police," said Sanders, referring to his plain clothes. "We get in close and find out what's going on." lchomin@hometownlife.com | (734) 953-2145



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warrant on an attorney to retrieve computers from his Birmingham office and St. Clair Shores home.

Eventually both officers will return to their respective agencies with FRED, a Forensic Recovery of Evidence computer which is built to acquire information/evidence from other computers. But first they're still learning. Higgason is scheduled to attend data recovery training for six weeks in five states this summer. He began his duties at ICAC in April 2005. Many of his investigations stem from complaints to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and include suspected child molesters.

"Our biggest concern is taking care of children on the Internet, to have parents aware so they can protect their child," said Egerer. "If we can stop one child from becoming a victim."

If we're talking to them (predators), added Higgason, "then they're not talking to

children."

When they aren't sitting at computers or on the streets talking with parents of molestation victims, Higgason and Egerer give presentations in schools to warn kids not to divulge personal information, that includes not filling out popup ads that promise free iPods. For parents they suggest visiting www.netsmartz.org, an interactive, educational resource to teach children Internet safety.

"Kids don't think they can be tracked. You're never anonymous," said Higgason.

A predator can use an online search to track a child to their home in minutes, or can paste a photo into pornography and trade it as new.

"Online blogs become resumes for jobs in the future," said Higgason. "If prospective employers do a Google search, it can cost them jobs or admission to university. Information is free game."

"Don't post pictures of yourself. Use a cartoon or dog."

"We tell them to be creative. added Egerer.

Sex doesn't matter when it comes to predators. There preference is about 50/50 boys and girls. Higgason recommends parents be on the look out for warning signs that their child could be talking to a child molester. Predators are adept at controlling the minds of children, and spend many hours accomplishing this task to get what they want.

"If a kid shuts the lid quickly (on a laptop) when you enter the room, there's something going on," said Higgason. "If all they want to do is get on computer or they're receiving gifts. Ask where did you get that?"

"It's not about trusting your child," added Egerer. "It's about not trusting all the pedophiles and everybody else."

ICAC is still looking for officers from local departments to fill two empty chairs. For more information, call Thomas Kish, team leader for the Computer Crimes Unit of the Michigan State Police Southeastern Criminal Investigation Division at (734) 525-4492.

Computers are here to stay, said Inspector Ellis Stafford, assistant division commander. "We try not to take away from police departments. We want to add to it with our computer safety initiative. It's a fellowship. Funds go back to the community department. We train them and after a year they go back with equipment to help their department. Computer forensics is a science. Computers are a relatively modern phenomena and that makes computer forensics more difficult."

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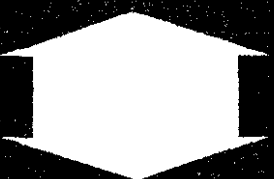
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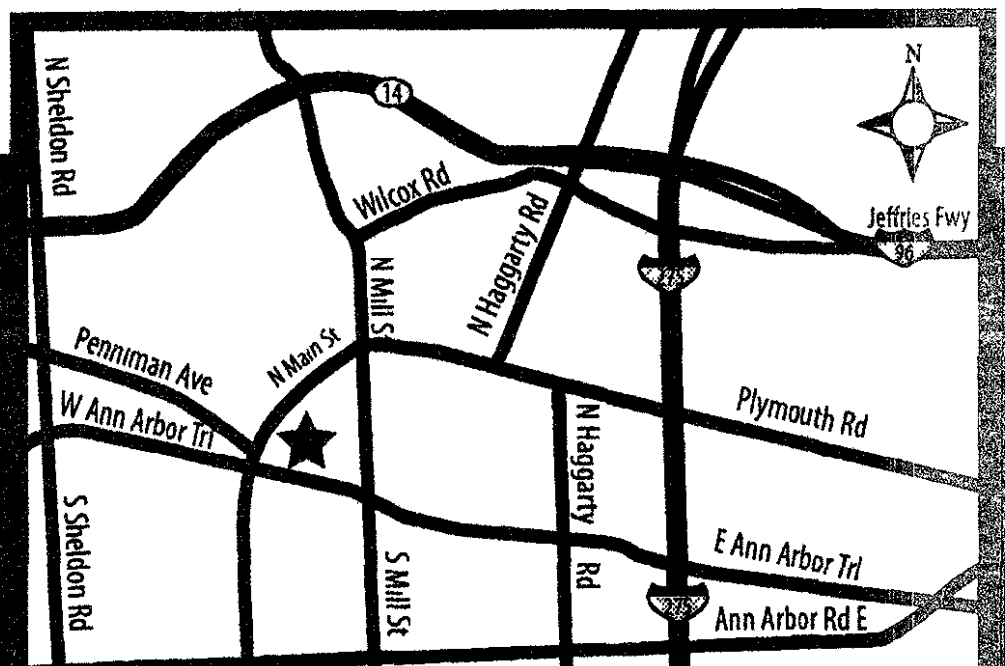
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REUNIONS

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 Aitwies (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 Drive N in Livonia. A brunch is planned on June 11. For more information, call Mary Monroe at (734) 427-4526.

East Detroit High School

A 40 year reunion for East Detroit High School's Class of 1966 is Saturday Aug 12 at Zuccaro's 46601 Gratiot Chesterfield Township. Call Laura (Koster) Lavigne at (586) 263-0677 or visit www.edhs1966.com for more information.

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Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

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

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1996

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

Class of 1986

A 20 year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct 14 at St. Mary's Cultural Center. Alumni can update their address by calling (734) 261-3264 or e-mailing celebrationstoremember@yahoo.com. Visit the Web site at ctrinc.dvincinet.com

Class of 1976

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

Livonia 48154. For more information, email dlindenm@hotmail.com

Marine Reunion

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North Farmington Class of 1966

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

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem Class of 1996

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

Redford Union Class of 1961

A 45 year reunion is planned for July 21, 2006 at the Italian American Banquet Center 39200 Five Mile Road Livonia. Contact Ann (Schmitzhofer) Brighton at (734) 513-7499 or email re1961reunion@yahoo.com

Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1956

Southeastern High School (Detroit) Class of 1956 50 Year Reunion is planned for Saturday Sept 16, 2006 at the Northfield Hilton. Contact Beverly at (586) 566-6775

Southfield High School Class 1986

A 20 year reunion is planned for Aug 11-13, 2006. Friday Aug 11 a reunion kickoff at 6:30 p.m. at the Westin Hotel Southfield. Saturday Aug 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Tapestry Banquet Facility 24580 Evergreen Road Southfield. \$65/person \$75/person after July 10. Sunday Aug 13 a family picnic at the Southfield Civic Center. Contact Lisa Rader (lrad3333@aol.com) or Paul Bernstein (paulboy@comcast.net)

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All-Class Sock Hop

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Class of 1976

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Troy-Athens Class of 1986

A 20 year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. on Saturday Aug 19, 2006 at the Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac. For more information, log on to www.athensreunion86.com or e-mail to athensreunion86@gmail.com or Mary (Coralino) Emanuele (248) 651-8118

Wayne High School Class of 1956

Wayne High School Alumni All Class Reunion is planned for Friday May 19 at the Wayne Tree Manor 35100 VanBorne Road Wayne 6 p.m. \$25/person. For information, contact Terri Grzecki at (734) 729-6023 or visit www.waynehighalumni.com

Wayne Memorial Class of 1956

A 50 year reunion is planned for May 20, 2006 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Marriott Detroit Metro Airport 30559 Flynn Drive Romulus. Contact Carol Srock Simons (734) 421-0925. Sue McCormick Marshall (734) 466-9855. Sue Heard Reighard (517) 592-3703 or Kenneth Sharp (734) 595-8305

Class of 1986

A 20 year reunion is planned for Saturday May 6, 2006 at Joy Manor in Westland. For information, please go to www.aspenreunion.com/vmhs.html or call (414) 858-0331

ENGAGEMENTS



Beste-Smith

Bob and Pam Beste of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Lynn, to George Gregory Smith IV of Filson, Mich. Katie is a 2001 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2004 summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently employed at Workforce Strategies Inc. on location as the staffing coordinator and head of payroll for EPI Printing and Packaging of

Battle Creek

Her fiancé, George, is the son of Greg and Cheryl Smith. He is a 1999 graduate of Bad Axe High School. George will be completing his undergraduate degree in music education from Western Michigan University in 2006 upon finishing his student teaching in Otsego. The couple is planning an August 2006 wedding at Zion Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo. They will be making their home in Richland, Mich.

Wood-Plamondon

John and Rosemary Wood of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Lena, to Daniel David Plamondon of Livonia.

The groom-elect is the son of David and Connie Plamondon and Patricia Plamondon. He is a graduate of Flint SW Academy and Central Michigan University. He is employed at Oakland University.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and Wayne County Community College Veterinary Technician Program. She is employed as a licensed veterinary technician.

An Aug 5 wedding is planned at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia followed by a



reception at St. Mary's Cultural Center. A honeymoon is planned at the Riviera Maya in Mexico.

WEDDING

Wahtera-Gage

Kirk Alexander Wahtera and Maury Sessions Gage were married Nov 5, 2005, at the home of the bride's parents in Vicksburg, Miss. The Rev. Lane Alderman presided. A reception immediately followed the outdoor ceremony.

Kirk is the son of Kim and Sandi Wahtera of Plymouth. He graduated from the University of Michigan and received a master's degree in biology from Loyola University of Chicago. He is a high school science teacher at the Brentwood School in Merrimack, N.H.

Maury is the daughter of Howell and Elizabeth Gage of Vicksburg, Miss. She graduated from Davidson College in North Carolina and is a graduate student in education at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, N.H.

Attending the bride was her sister, Rosanna Gage, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tiffany Montgomery, sister of the groom, Molly Gage, sister-in-law of the bride and Elizabeth Marie Melchionna, a college friend of the bride.

Attending the groom was his



father as best man. Groomsmen were Ron Montgomery, brother-in-law of the groom, Nick Gage, brother of the groom, and Doug Kleinman, friend of the groom. Cameron Montgomery, nephew of the groom, was the ringbearer.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Wahtera spent their honeymoon at an environmental retreat on Little Simon Island, Ga. They currently reside in Peterborough, N.H.

NEW VOICES

David and April Schuler of Canton Township announce the birth of their son **Gavin James Schuler** on March 29 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Gavin's grandparents are Keith and Brenda Schuster of Ash Township, Mich., and Arthur and Donna Schuler of Clinton Township, Mich., and Linda Schuler of Schwartz Creek, Mich. Great-grandparents are Bill and Barbara Echols of Westland, Arthur and Alice Schuler of Ferndale and Clarence and Phyllis Lawrence of Westland.

Daniel and Christee Reddick of Canton Township announce the birth of their daughter **Faith Lee Reddick** on March 26 at home in Canton and then taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Faith has older brothers Chandler Aaron, 2, and Jordan Eh, 14 months.

Grandparents are Keith and Brenda Schuster of Ash Township, Mich., and Joe and Connie Reddick of Rougemont, N.C.

Great-grandparents are Melba Collins of Adrian, Mich., and William and Mavis Bell of Canton and Bill and Barbara Echols of Westland.

Nicholas David Hinks

Kevin and Amy Hinks announce the birth of their son **Nicholas David Hinks** April 27, 2005, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Nicholas's grandparents are David and Martha Brown of Belleville, Anna Hinks of Plymouth and Thomas Hinks of Riverview. His aunts and uncles are



Shelly and Tim Elden of Belleville and Patrick Hinks of Warwick, England.



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RICHARD J. DUGGAN

Age 57 of Howell formerly of Farmington Hills. April 19, 2006. Beloved husband of Nancy for 24 years. Loving father of Matthew and Adam. Dear son of Dorothy and brother of Michael (Jo Ann) Duggan. A funeral service was held Friday, April 21st at Hidden Springs Church. Howell Memorial contributions may be given to the family arrangements by Thayer Rock Funeral Home down town Farmington. www.thayer-rock.com

PATRICIA LYNN FISHWICK

Has fought with Melanoma for 10 long months and on April 18, 2006 at the age of 48 she was able to stop fighting and was led into heaven. She was an extremely strong person that left behind two wonderful sons, Shawn and Erik Fishwick along with their father Harry Fishwick. One living sister, Linda Brooks and her daughter Melissa remains behind to walk in her footsteps. Family and friends will be gathering for a Memorial Service which will be held at Bortz Health Care Facility of Ypsilanti on Monday April 24 from 1:00PM-5:00PM. Prayer Service 4:30PM. Bortz Health Care 28 S Prospect Ypsilanti MI 48198.

PATRICIA LYNN (FitzGerald) HAYNES

Age 39 of Roanoke, VA passed away on April 12, 2006. Patty graduated from Walled Lake Central HS in 1984. Was owner of Image Tile Works Inc. & member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Her world was filled with love & laughter & she lived each day fully. She is survived by her husband Mark Haynes, son Adam, daughter Madison Haynes, stepchildren Sarah Alyce & Samantha Haynes, her parents James and Betty FitzGerald of West Bloomfield, sister, Pamela (FitzGerald) Davis and brother Greg FitzGerald.

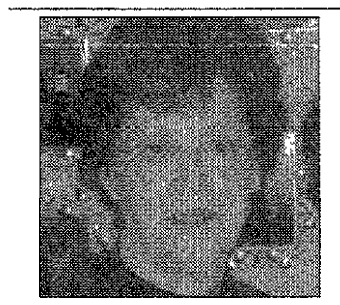
HENRY KLAEBEL HOLDENBERG

Age 89. April 19, 2006 of Jefferson City, MO (formerly of Farmington MI). Born December 30, 1916 in Copenhagen, Denmark. Beloved husband of Celeste. Dearest father of Linda (David) Keith, the late Caesar Avenir Holdenberg, Henry (Lisa) Holdenberg, Joyce (Joe) Neuenswander and Vera (Barry) Faldner. Known as Abuelito. Henry was adored by his ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 22 at the Freeman Mortuary in Jefferson City. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Memorial contributions to The Halo Foundation or The American Heart Association. www.freemanmortuary.com

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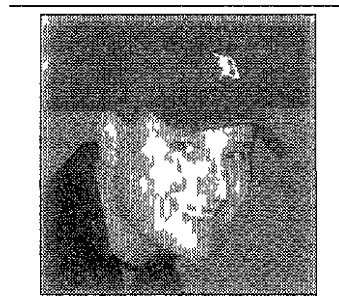


PATRICIA ANN MISHLER

Age 68, died April 20, 2006. She was born March 13, 1938 in Detroit. She was a lifelong resident of the Plymouth/Canton area. She retired from K Mart after many years of service. Her greatest joy and achievement was raising her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Michael Mishler, Richard Mishler, Susan (Brian) Smith, Andrea (Tim) Clemson, Joanne (Chris) Dwight and Beth (Gary) Whidden, six grandchildren, her mother, Teresa H. Degenhardt, her mother in law, Hazel Mishler, her sisters, Mary (Don) Snyder, Teresa (Gary) Hopper and Anna (Joe) Hamilton, her brothers, David (Marlene) Degenhardt, Bob (Karen) Degenhardt and Donald (Vicki) Degenhardt, her sister in law, Vicki Degenhardt and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Richard and her brother, Charles Degenhardt. Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Monday 11am. Visitation Sunday 1-9pm. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

ANNA L. PRICE

(nee Cummings) Age 77. April 16, 2006 of Clarkston, formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Retired Birmingham/Bloomfield realtor. Wife of the late Henry W. Dear mother of William A. and George F. (Sheree) Grandmother of William, Timothy Mark and Devon. Sister of the late Orm Ward and Roberta. Memorial service Saturday, April 29th 11:30am at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd. Birmingham 48009. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to Redeemer Lutheran Church. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



SEAN M. PETTIBONE

Died April 20, 2006 unexpectedly at his home in Ann Arbor. Age 29 for merely of Troy. Teacher, musician and writer. Beloved son of Cindy and Michael. Dearest brother of Kelly, Grandson of Norm and Dan Braude. Nephew of Bill and Jane Heidi Geffen and Brad and Geri Geffen. Also survived by many loving cousins. Remembrance service Tuesday 10am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Monday 3:00-8:00pm. Memorial tributes to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), 501 Front St. Norfolk VA 23510 or the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy Ste 175, Southfield, MI 48034. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com



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Peter Nielsen

Drug helps some quit smoking

Jenna from Auburn Hills has been trying to keep her New Year's resolution to quit smoking. So far, she's been mostly unsuccessful and e-mails for help.

Jenna, that's one New Year's resolution you need to keep! Maybe this will help. First, let's start with some numbers. Men who smoke will die an average of 13 years earlier than their nonsmoking counterparts. With women, the number jumps to 15 years. Seventy percent of adult smokers in the US want to quit. They try and try but seem to always fail. Now there may be new help on the way in the battle of the butts.

A new drug called Varenicline is showing promise in a series of clinical trials. Researchers have found that 44 percent of those using Varenicline were able to quit after three months of treatment. That's compared to 30 percent taking another popular antismoking drug and 8 percent taking sugar pills. Most importantly, more patients who quit with Varenicline stayed away from cigarettes long term. I'll have more on this important new drug as it becomes available. This is one of the most important resolutions you'll ever keep and we definitely want to see you succeed!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

10 years after!

Livonia girls still 'Preemie Stars' to help March of Dimes' quest



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bumping up awareness about what the March of Dimes does to help curb prematurity are Livonia's Elizabeth Smith (left) and Katie Blacker, both members of the "Preemie Stars" walk team.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Countless times in countless hospitals across the United States, fragile, tiny babies are born in peril - extremely premature and with plenty of medical landmines for them and their families to wade through on the way to health. In 2004 alone, more than 500,000 were born prematurely. For the preemies and their families there are unhappy results to be sure, with everything from cerebral palsy to chronic lung disease.

But beacons of light are everywhere - including Livonia - that all is not hopeless in the world of prematurity. Consider Livonia's Katie Blacker and Elizabeth Smith, both very normal and very active for having gone through so many early trials and tribulations in hospital neonatal intensive care units now more than a decade ago. Both Katie, 15, and Elizabeth, 11, will again participate with the Preemie Stars team at this year's WalkAmerica, nonprofit organization March of Dimes annual fund-raising event (March of Dimes is in the midst of a five-year campaign, to educate women about signs and symptoms of premature birth and to support medical research in that area.)

THE FIGHT REMAINS

Katie, who is a freshman at Livonia Clarenceville, is actively recruiting schoolmates to join the team for the six-mile walk at Hines Park in Westland and Plymouth on Saturday, April 29.

"It's still happening to kids," said Katie, the daughter of Laurie and David Blacker, born about 10 weeks early weighing just three pounds, 12 ounces, in January 1991. "I guess I'm really lucky because I didn't wind up with any major problems. But there are kids who still are."

Born even earlier and tinier was Elizabeth, who weighed one pound, 14 ounces, when she arrived at 25 weeks gestation in November 1994. After four months at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, she finally went home to her parents (Donna and Tim, an Observer & Eccentric staff writer).

Today, Elizabeth is a fifth-grader at Randolph Elementary School in Livonia Public Schools who swims, enjoys softball, is excelling in school and participates in the Grand Tradition Martial Arts Program (Tang Soo Do) out of New Morning School on Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

There are no health problems of note and the lone reminder of her difficult first months are her glasses - while at Beaumont, she had laser surgery on her eyes to correct retinopathy of prematurity. The condition is caused by extreme levels of oxygen administered to babies

in the NICU which if left unchecked can cause blindness.

"I just feel good inside that I can help other babies (who are) going through the same thing that I went through," said Elizabeth about doing WalkAmerica. "Hopefully, they can live healthy lives like I am."

PLENTY OF PROOF

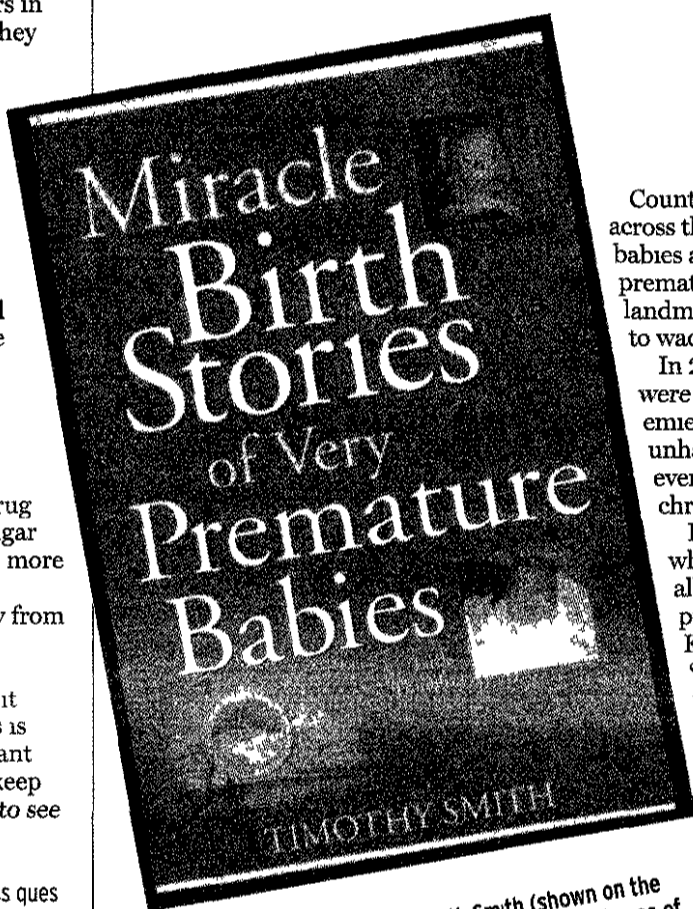
Similarly as healthy and happy as can be is Katie, who along with younger brother Danny (also a preemie) were WalkAmerica ambassadors for several years. Katie has no preemie-related medical concerns, carries a 3.0 grade-point average, plays flute in the marching band and competed on the Trojans' junior varsity volleyball team.

Nobody could guess the trials and tribulations both girls were faced with more than a decade ago. So, in recent weeks, Katie has had to share with potential Preemie Stars recruits her old photos and stories to prove her tenuous early life.

And the beginnings of both Katie and Elizabeth and how they impacted family members were chronicled in the Tim Smith-authored 1999 trade paperback *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!* (Greenwood Publications, www.littlethumbsup.com).

'She tells them (schoolmates) she was

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A "thumbs-up" photo of Elizabeth Smith (shown on the cover) inspired her dad to write 'Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!' Elizabeth's and Katie Blacker's stories are included in the book.

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APRIL

Baby Signs workshop

The Parent Workshop is designed for parents to be and parents of babies from birth to 24 months and caretakers. Parents learn everything they need to know to incorporate signing into everyday life. 2 4 p.m. Sunday April 23 and May 21. The Sign Say & Play class is a six week program for parents and babies ages 6-24 months to learn and practice simple signs in a fun, musical and play environment. Series begins 10 a.m. May 12. Both programs appropriate for special needs children and their parents. Pre registration required. Programs taught by Ruth Haberkorn-Halm, speech and language pathologist and certified Baby Signs instructor at The Kaufman's Children Center, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 737-3430 or send e-mail to rnh4962@aol.com

Caregiver conference

6 9 p.m. Monday April 24 at Redford Community Center 12121 Hemingway. To register call (734) 287-7831

Blood drive

6 30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday April 24 in the Huron Valley Sinai Hospital conference center 1 Williams Carls Drive. Commerce Walk-ins welcome but appointments encouraged to prevent lengthy waits. Call (248) 937-3314

Red Cross classes

Continue April 24 to May 8 to become a first aid/CPR and automated external defibrillation instructor. April 26 review of CPR/AED for professional res

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a preemie, that she was in intensive care and had all these procedures," noted Katie's mom, Laurie Blacker. "At first they thought, 'Oh you're just making that up, you're saying that to get money' (for WalkAmerica). But then she brought in some pictures. It's hard to believe she started out so little and so fragile."

Both the Blackers and Smiths have been supportive of March of Dimes and WalkAmerica for more than a decade, and the younger girls look to continue that tradition.

"We haven't used that (Preemie Stars) in a while so it's good to get it out there again and start getting people enthused to walk again."

When Katie, Elizabeth and the other Preemie Stars make the rounds in Hines Park, they can strut their stuff with pride - knowing they are living, breathing examples that what March of Dimes does year after year is on the mark a lot more than people might realize.

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STEPPING OUT

■ Livonia's Katie Blacker, 15, and Elizabeth Smith, 11, are both members of the 'Preemie Stars' walk team that will participate in the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica. This year they will take part in the six-mile junket Saturday April 29 at Hines Park in Westland and Plymouth.

■ The 2005 walk raised \$3.2 million in Michigan alone, to help raise money for research about birth defects and causes of premature birth and to pump up awareness about how prospective moms can deliver healthy babies.

■ To sign up online for the walk (additional area sites are Sunday April 30 in Troy and Detroit), go to www.marchofdimes.org

Registration the day of the walk begins 8 a.m. with the walk slated to begin at 9 a.m.

■ The Preemie Stars, including Katie and Elizabeth, were prominently featured in a book written by Elizabeth's dad, Tim Smith. The 1999 book, *Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!* is a resource to help families and medical caregivers deal with extreme prematurity. For more go to www.littlethumbsup.com

cuor April 29 CPR review at Livonia Community Service Center 36650 Five Mile. Call (313) 576-4100 or visit www.semredcross.org

Healthy cooking seminars

Free cooking demonstrations put on by Weight Watchers 6 p.m. Monday April 24 29195 Northwestern in Franklin Plaza Southfield and 8 30 a.m. 9 30 a.m. and 10 30 a.m. Saturday April 29 at 41814 Ford Canton. For more information call (888) 3-FLORINE or visit www.883florine.com

Parkinson's program

This comprehensive 7 week series which provides information and discussion about all aspects of living with Parkinson's continues at St. John South Macomb Hospital Auditorium B Physical Rehabilitation Services 12000 Twelve Mile Warren. Fee is \$50 family \$40 per person. Scholarships available. Call (800) 852-9781

Aging event

5 9 p.m. Tuesday April 25 at Laurel Manor 39000 Schoolcraft Livonia. \$5 donation with pre registration \$10 at door. Features speaker Dorcas Hardy 2005 Policy Chair for White House Conference on Aging. Call (734) 658-4317

Preventing knee injuries

Seminar presented by orthopaedic surgeons 7 p.m. Tuesday April 25 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital 1 William Carls Drive Commerce. Pre registration required. Call (248) 937-3314

Stop smoking

Presentation 10 11 a.m. Tuesday April 25 at Northville Senior Center 303 W Main. Sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital. No charge. Registration requested. Call (248) 349-4140

Heart art contest

How do area 3rd, 4th and 5th graders keep their hearts in shape? The American Heart Association is interested in finding out by inviting students to draw a picture and write 3 to 4 sentences on how I keep my heart healthy. Winners will be announced May 1 and the drawings will be posted at the American Heart Association's Heart Ball on May 20. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. Entries should be post marked by April 25 and mailed to Katie McManus, American Heart Association 24445 Northwestern Suite 100 Southfield, MI 48075. Be sure to include child's name, grade level, address and school. For information call (248) 827-4214

Divorce support

7 9 p.m. Tuesday April 25 an overview of the divorce process with attorney Patricia Kasody Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman, an attorney from the firm Wolf & Wolf will be available 5

7 p.m. the third Monday of each month (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4 30 p.m. that day) a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5 7 p.m. (sign in begins 4 30 p.m.) on first Monday of each month at Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443

Schizophrenics Anonymous

3 30 5 p.m. Tuesday April 25 meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of month at The Guidance Center 19275 Northline Southgate. Call (734) 785-7714 (517) 485-7168 or visit www.nsfoundation.org

Mask fitting clinic

Visit the Sleep Disorders Center room 329 Garden City Hospital (6245 Inkster road between Warren and Ford) 5 6 p.m. Wednesdays to try new masks. No appointment needed. For more information call (734) 458-3330

Silver Linings

8 week breast cancer rehabilitation workshop for survivors regardless of hospital affiliation for women who have completed treatment and/or who are on long term medical therapy uses mind/body techniques to help women explore and heal the after effects of breast cancer 6 30 8 30 p.m. Wednesday April 26 to June 14 at the Barnum Center 746 Parly at Frank Birmingham. No charge. Registration required. Call (248) 551-4645 or send e-mail to pjablonski@beaumont.edu

Thyroid cancer support

The support group is free and open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends 7 8 30 p.m. Wednesday April 26 at Costello Elementary Media Center 1333 Hamman Troy. For more information call Gwynne (248) 740-9759

Coffee and controversy

Nurse to Patient Ratio a forum to exchange information and ideas about the state of health care in Michigan 8 10 a.m. (registration at 7 a.m.) Thursday April 27 at Meadow Brook Hall 480 South Adams Oakland University campus Rochester Cost \$25. To pre register call (248) 594-0066

Children's grief workshop

Parents are asked to register their children by April 27 for the Angela Hospice annual workshop to help children who are grieving the loss of a loved one 5 7 p.m. Thursday May 4 at the Angela Hospice Care Center 14100 Newburgh north of I-96 Livonia. With the help of a parent or

guardian children will participate in a craft activity to create a memory box in honor of their loved one. In addition to the memory boxes the children and parents will have a light dinner of pizza, punch and cookies. No charge. Call Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012 or Sally Loughrin at (734) 464-2683 to register.

Sharing & Caring

Movement for wellness exercise workshop with certified personal trainer Coreen Parr 7 9 p.m. Thursday April 27 first floor classroom Beaumont Cancer Center 3577 W 13 Mile Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors their family and friends. Call (248) 551-8585

Comedy night

Stand up for Lupus 8 p.m. Thursday April 27 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle Royal Oak. VIP tickets \$50 \$25 general call (300) 705-6677 or visit www.milupus.org

Benefit dinner

Bid for Life Recognition Dinner & Auction to raise fund for the American Liver Foundation 6 p.m. Friday April 28 at the Athenium Suites grand ball room in Greektown Detroit. Tickets \$100. Call (248) 489-5400 or e-mail to michigan@liverfoundation.org. Advance registration required.

Spring into health

Medical education seminars at the Farmington Community Library 32737 W 12 Mile Farmington Hills. Lose weight, increase metabolism and restore muscle mass using natural remedies 9 11 a.m. Saturday April 29 with Richard Ng, M.D. and Jeffery Nusbaum, M.D. Center for Holistic Medicine and Beyond. Alternative approaches to common childhood behavioral problems 7 9 p.m. Thursday May 18 with Richard Linsk, M.D. a clinical instructor University of Michigan Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Disease. To reserve a space at these free seminars call (248) 489-1573 ext. 304

Diabetes 101

10 a.m. Saturday April 29 Northwest Activities Center 18100 Meyers in Detroit sponsored by the American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply. Free one hour seminar designed to educate people with diabetes about proper self care. Diabetes 101 is designed for people newly diagnosed with the disease and anyone living with diabetes for years. To register call (888) DIABETES ext. 6695

Seminar

St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute

are offering a free seminar to people with atrial fibrillation and their families 8 a.m. to 115 p.m. Saturday April 29 in the hospital's Education Center 5305 East Huron River Drive Ypsilanti. Attendees will learn about conditions that cause atrial fibrillation, the why and when of blood thinners, treatments, surgical procedures, handling episodes and the emotional cost of atrial fibrillation. Cardiologists, electrophysiologists and a nurse practitioner will be on hand to speak and answer questions. No charge. Registration required online at www.sjmercyhealth.org and click on cardiovascular or call (800) 231-2211

Ancient health principles

With Dr. Arthur Weaver 2 30 5 30 p.m. Sunday April 30 discover the link between ancient health principles and modern scientific research seminar ends with a meal based on nutritional concepts learned in the seminar at Plymouth Seventh day Adventist Church 4295 Napier between Ann Arbor and Warren Plymouth. No charge. Freewill donation if you choose. Pre registration required. Call (313) 531-2179 or (248) 349-5683

Volunteers wanted

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is looking for volunteers. Regular orientation programs are held throughout the year to familiarize volunteers with the organization and the jobs there are to do. For more information call (800) 852-9781 send e-mail to mpfdire@aol.com or fax to (248) 433-1150

UPCOMING

Workshop

Alternatives to Vioxx, Celebrex and Naproxin 7 p.m. Monday May 1 at Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington. Seating limited. To reserve a seat call (734) 425-8588

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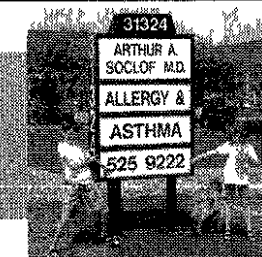
The development of MRI gave physicians a new window to see details of tendons, muscles, ligaments and other tissues surrounding joints that the profession previously could only see at the time of operation. However, MRI is extremely expensive and the equipment required means you need to go to a special facility for the imaging and then return to the doctor's office for the report and analysis.

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At present, musculoskeletal ultrasound has proven useful in uncovering rotator cuff tears, assessing the severity of carpal tunnel syndrome, confirming the presence of fluid in post-operative knee replacement joints, and showing the presence of fluid in swollen ankles. It is a matter of time before its uses will expand.

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On July 20, they perform for Canton Township's summer series at Heritage Park 7:30-9 p.m., but by day Pendleton works as a battery sales representative. Jason Miller owns a real estate agency, Ellinger an insurance agency in Farmington Hills. Vaden teaches at an alternative high school. Westmoreland is a track and football coach for Oxford Schools.

"We're trying to perform in schools because most of us started singing in schools," said Ellinger.

"You don't have to sing professionally to enjoy music your entire life," added Vaden. "I think that's important for kids too to know that."

For more information, visit www.elmoTHUMM.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Swedish visit

Mark McCaslin, general manager of the new IKEA store coming to Canton, visited the Swedish Club of Detroit and presented two of his food managers, Martha Lugoskey (left) and Rebecca Freek (second from left). McCaslin said IKEA expects 20,000 people a day to visit the new store when it opens June 7, the day after Swedish Flag Day. Plans are being made to involve the Swedish Club with the store's opening festivities. Also pictured are Swedish Club President John Fraser (center), McCaslin and Marie Louise Capote, in charge of the Swedish Club's publicity.

LIBRARY PICKS

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

FICTION

- 1 "Two Little Girls in Blue," Mary Higgins Clark
- 2 "Gone," Jonathan Kellerman
- 3 "Shiver," Lisa Jackson
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- 5 "The Tenth Circle," Jodi Picoult

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- 1 "Marley and Me," John Grogan
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- 1 "You Come to Yokum," Carol Hurst
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- 3 "Flush," Carl Hiaasen
- 4 "Spacer and Rat," Margaret Bechard
- 5 "Poppy's Return," Avi

AROUND TOWN

Fashion show

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

Living longer

Dr. Dorcas Hardy, policy chair for the White House Conference on Aging and former U.S. Commissioner of Social Security, will be the guest at An Evening Under the Stars: Living Longer and Loving It! Tuesday, April 25 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, prizes, free goodie bags, music by the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society and exhibits. Cost is \$5 with advanced registration and \$10 at the door. Call Renee Mercix at (734) 658-4317.

St. Mary's classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled "Menopause and Sleep Apnea: Detection and Treatment," 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7. Speaker will be registered sleep technologist Scott G. Woik, RPSGT, EMTP, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge, but registration is requested. Visit www.stmarymercy.org on the Web or call (734) 655-1100.

St. Mary Mercy hosts a community open house called Kaleidoscope of Care, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 4. All events are free and will take place on the hospital grounds at 5 Mile and Levan. On the same day, St. Mary Mercy hosts its annual Cancer Survivors Celebration as well as the ground breaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception and speaker, noon to 1 p.m.

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 **Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Field Elementary School**. Specifications, bid forms and additional information are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due on or before 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2006. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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

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

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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LEGAL NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC TEST OF THE M-100 OPTIC SCAN VOTING SYSTEM FOR THE MAY 02, 2006, ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, in the Clerks Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth, MI 48170 for the Tuesday, May 2, 2006 School Election. For further information, contact the Clerks Office, Phone #354-3224.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Media Center Furniture for the New Workman Elementary School at Cherry Hill**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2006. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
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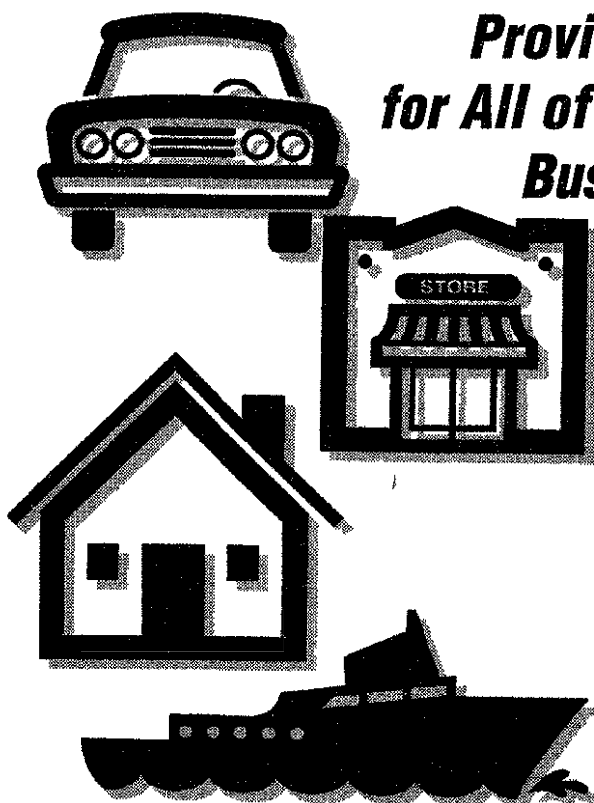
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SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

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Sunday Fellowship

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Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

■ Learner's Bible Study 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101
■ Praying Together 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church

■ Men's Bible Study 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office

Tennis Anyone?

The nets are up at Rotary Park on 6 Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia and you will find players there weekdays 4-7 p.m. any time the weather is above 45 degrees Saturday and Sunday play is 1-5 p.m. Just stop by and mention Single Point Ministries For more information contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374 5920

Lighthouse Cafe

7-10 p.m. Friday April 28 Knox Hall Cards board games ping pong specialty coffees snacks and music The cost is \$5 payable at the door and free childcare is provided Lighthouse Cafe is a great place to meet people! Greeters are available to help first time attendees get acclimated Hope to see you there! For more information contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374 5920

Laugh out loud

May 5 7 p.m. Knox Hall The 321 Improve Comedy team Tickets are \$5 on sale through the SPM office Free childcare provided For more information contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374 5920

Bicycling Group

May 6 10 a.m. Nankin Mills Administrative Offices parking lot (Hines Drive one mile east of Farmington Road) Single Point bike rides are every Saturday morning at various locations until the weather turns cold again All riders must wear a helmet For a schedule or more information please contact the SPM office at Ward Church at (248) 374 5920
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Young dancers wanted to celebrate Jewish choral music

Young people from kindergarten through high school ages are invited to attend ballet, jazz, tap and modern dance auditions on Thursday, April 27, and May 4, 11 and 18, at the Farmington Family YMCA Aerobics Studio on Thursday nights by minimum two-hour advance appointment 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Auditions will be approximately ten minutes for solos, duets or small groups and a CD/tape player will be available Potential performers should bring a piece of recorded music, comfortable clothes and appropriate dance shoes to wear for their presentations

Selected dancers will join the Zamir Chorale of Metropolitan Detroit at the Farmington

Family YMCA for this Strong Kids Campaign concert entitled A Celebration of Great Jewish Choral Music 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at the Farmington Family YMCA The concert will be recorded for local cable television viewing on Channel 12

Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased at the door Proceeds will solely support the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign To secure an audition time or find out more information about the concert, call Vickie Kimler, director of the dance recitals for the Farmington YMCA, at (248) 553-4020

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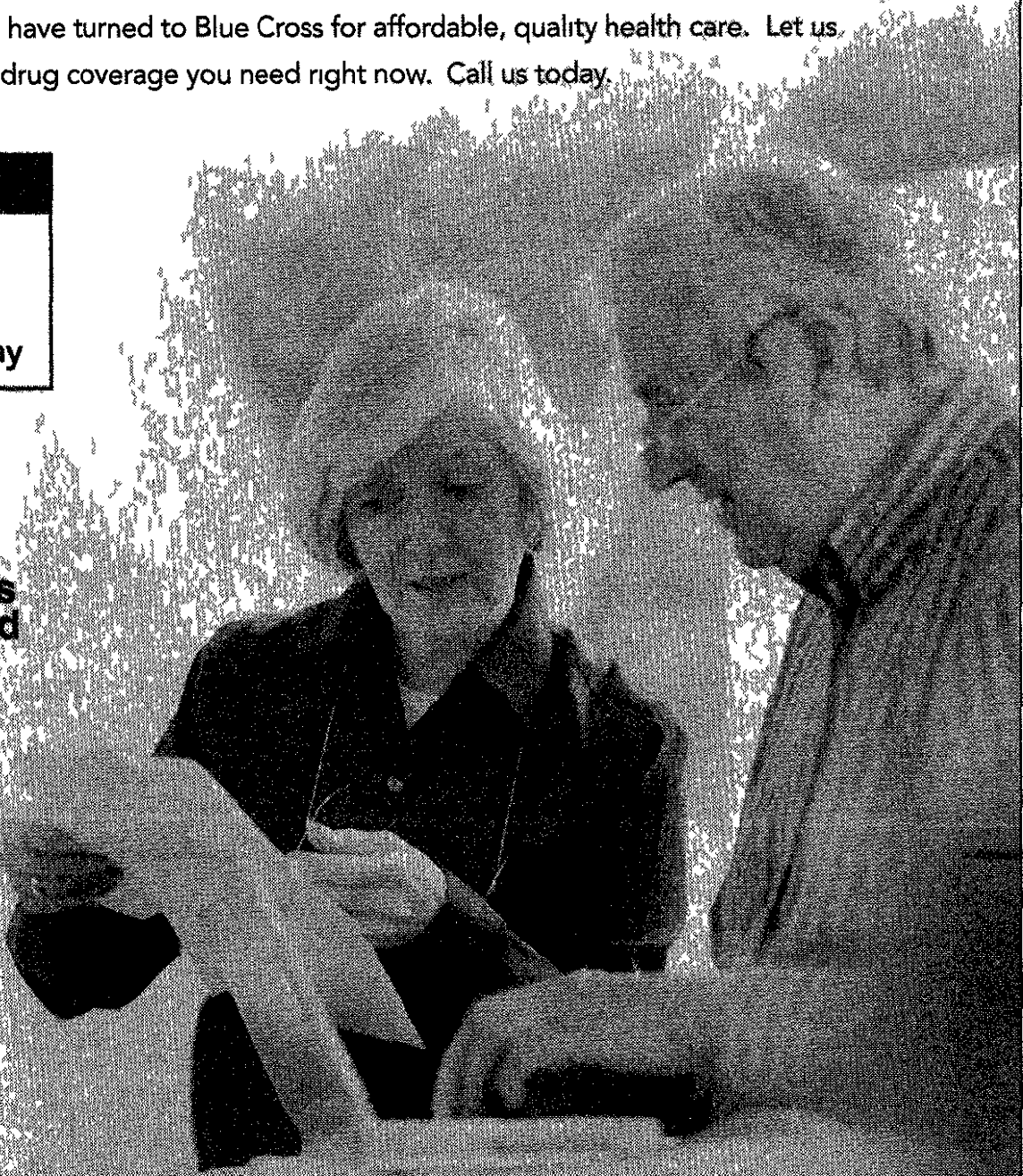
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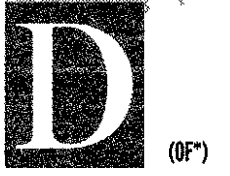


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Commencement of a career

2006 graduation employment outlook

(NAPSI) — The members of the Class of 2006 are expected to be met with great opportunity after they accept their diplomas and embark on the U.S. workforce. Baby boomers are beginning to retire and, as a result, employers are aggressively recruiting top talent to not only fill open positions, but to identify and retain the best and brightest.

Fortunately for these graduates, the job outlook is strong, as 72 percent of employers anticipate hiring entry-level employees in the next year, according to a recent survey conducted by MonsterTRAK, the leading careers site for college students and young alumni. Additionally, 37 percent of employers report plans to hire more college graduates than they did in 2005. The MonsterTRAK survey also revealed that 82 percent of graduates expect to receive at least one job offer following graduation, while 13 percent have already secured a full-time job.

According to MonsterTRAK, it is possible for 2006 graduates to land the opportunity of their dreams, if they follow their instincts and develop a strategic plan of action to secure their career goals. Before starting a job search, graduates should answer these four questions:

■ Who are you? New job seekers should first complete a self-evaluation, examining both personal and career-related goals,

interests and values. This will provide the framework for exploring career objectives and narrowing a job search.

■ Why hire you? After completing a self-evaluation, grads will be better equipped to identify their most compatible career path and create a strong resume. Recognizing weaknesses can also be beneficial, as it can provide direction as to the skill sets they need to master.

■ Where to work? Throughout an initial job search, making a strong connection with a future employer is essential. The best strategy is to research successful companies within a given field, applicable hiring trends and the availability of entry-level positions.

■ How do you make the connection? Informational interviews and internships can be particularly beneficial, as they provide education regarding the skills required and help to forge networking relationships. Roughly 57 percent of 2006 grads surveyed by MonsterTRAK have already completed at least one internship.

Finally, one of the most important things recent graduates should recognize is that their job search will be an ongoing learning experience. The future looks bright for the members of the Class of 2006, but it is up to them to properly market themselves and seize all the opportunities ahead.



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Teen safety in the workplace

(NAPSI) — When teenagers go off to work — sometimes for the first time in their lives — parents want to know they will be safe in the workplace.

Who will look out for their safety? Industrial hygienists are professionals who specialize in ensuring safe and healthy work environments for employees of all ages.

Are teenagers safe in the workplace? Do they know what to watch out for in terms of safety? Consider these statistics from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

■ On average, 45 percent of American teens are employed each year — more than any other developed country.

■ More than three million U.S. teens enter the workforce every summer and thousands of these teens are admitted to emergency rooms due to work-related injuries.

■ Nearly 200,000 adolescents suffer injuries on the job and approximately 70 die from these injuries each year.

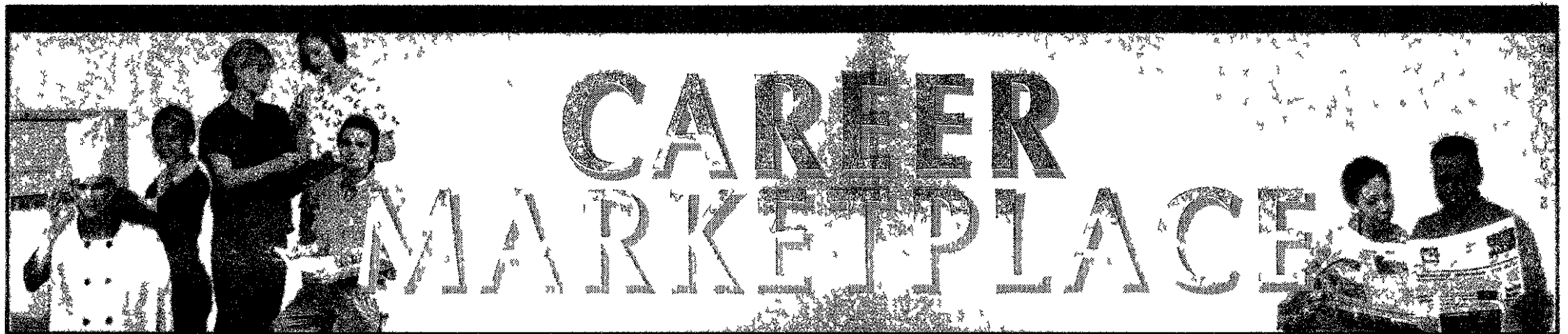
Teens have the highest rate of nonfatal work-related injuries, even though they encounter the same potential on-the-job hazards as adults.

■ The reasons for teen work-related accidents include lack of experience, gaps in current laws and enforcement, inexperienced supervisors, working in industries that don't generally hire professionals trained in industrial hygiene and/or safety, physical limitations due to lack of size and strength and simple lack of maturity (' goofing off ' on the job).

■ The majority of deaths and injuries of teen workers on the job occur in retail stores and restaurants.

■ Common potential hazards include automobile and machinery operation (for teens old enough for such tasks), working in high-homicide industries such as retail, working with or near electrical or hot equipment, working jobs with fall hazards and working jobs requiring manual lifting.

To learn more about safety in the workplace, visit www.aiaa.com



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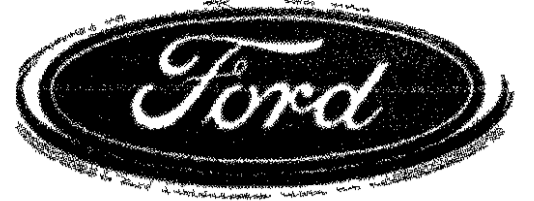
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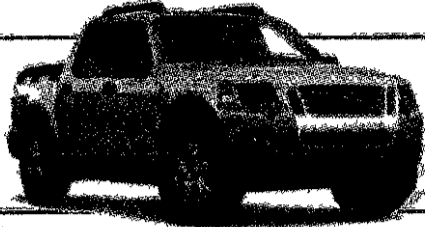
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Was \$33,875 **NOW \$22,466⁰⁰**

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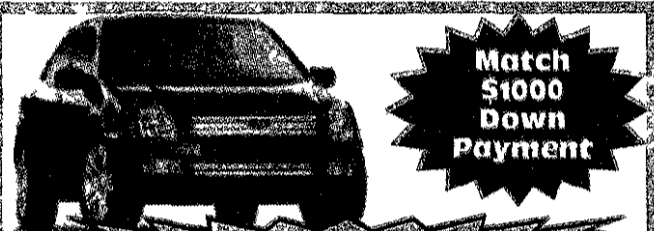
4 0L SOHC V-6 engine, 5 speed auto overdrive transmission, adjusting pedals with memory, air conditioning, running boards, cargo area cover, roof rail cross bars, luxury bucket seats with suede inserts, convenience group and more Stock #61531



Was \$31,105 **NOW \$22,559³⁵**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	SIGN & DRIVE	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN
	\$206³⁸** per mo \$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$187³²** per mo \$461.46 DUE AT SIGNING	\$145⁴⁶** per mo \$1477.08 DUE AT SIGNING

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL	SIGN & DRIVE	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN
	\$228⁷¹** per mo \$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$204⁸³** per mo \$578.12 DUE AT SIGNING	\$162²⁶** per mo \$1585 DUE AT SIGNING



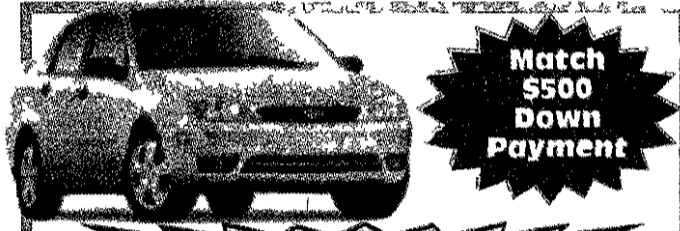
2006 FUSION SE

Stock #62124

2 3L I4 engine, 5-speed automatic transmission, P205/60R16 all season tires, SE sport package, AM/FM/MP3 6 CDX player w/clock, aluminum wheels 16x6 5, fog lamps

Was \$19,800 **NOW \$14,523⁰⁰**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL		
SIGN & DRIVE	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN
\$191⁵⁸** per mo \$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$171⁷¹** per mo \$431.07 DUE AT SIGNING	\$128³⁰** per mo \$1444.00 DUE AT SIGNING



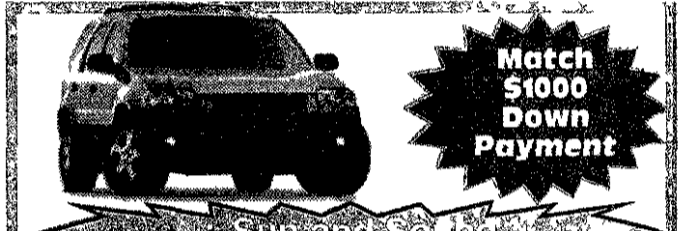
2006 FOCUS 4DR ZX4 SES

Stock #62591

Rear spoiler, power side window, convenience group, integrated fog lamps CFC-free air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, 2 0L DOHC engine, automatic transaxle, P205/50R16 BSW tire, safety package anti-lock brakes side impact air bags

Was \$17,885 **NOW \$11,822³⁶**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL		
SIGN & DRIVE	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN
\$187⁷⁰** per mo \$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$172⁷⁷** per mo \$356.14 DUE AT SIGNING	\$130¹⁰** per mo \$1370.91 DUE AT SIGNING



2006 ESCAPE XLT FWD

Stock #62225

Power 6-way driver seat floor mats-front and rear, speed control, A/C perimeter alarm, privacy glass Duratec 3 0L V6 engine, 4 speed auto O/D trans, P235/70R16 A/S BSW tires power moonroof w/shade, mini-oh console w/sunglass bin, cargo conv group rear cargo storage bin, retractable cargo cover, audiophile/6 CD in dash/satellite capability

Was \$25,335 **NOW \$18,375³¹**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL		
SIGN & DRIVE	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN
\$260⁴⁵** per mo \$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$241³⁵** per mo \$458.83 DUE AT SIGNING	\$199⁰⁶** per mo \$1474.02 DUE AT SIGNING

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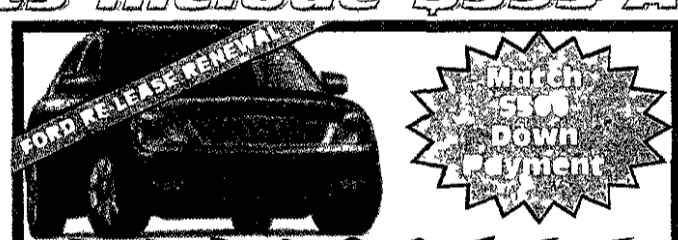
2006 MUSTANG COUPE

Stock #61320

Driver & pass air bags, AM/FM stereo/6-CD in dash/MP3, power driver's seat, manual A/C, rear wndw defrost, 4 0L SOHC V6 engine, 5-speed auto trans, V6 pony pkg, P235/55R17 A/S tire, frt floor mats Mustang logo, rear deck lid spoiler, tape strip delete, 17" alum mini spare whl/tire, anti-lock brakes, trac cntrl, 17" prntd cast alum, pony center cap, int upgrade pkg, satin alum panel, wheel locking kit

Was \$23,660 **NOW \$19,646²⁰**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL		
SIGN & DRIVE	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN
\$287⁹³** per mo \$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$172⁷¹** per mo \$428.70 DUE AT SIGNING	\$225⁹⁵** per mo \$1442.51 DUE AT SIGNING



2006 FIVE HUNDRED FWD SEL

Stock #62480

Dual auto air conditioning, 17 x 7 7-spk alum w/lug nuts, fog lamps, message center steering wheel audio controls, 3 0L 4V V6 Duratec engine, auto 6-speed trans, P215/60R17 BSW tires, storage compartment in arm rest, NO CHARGE LEATHER SEATING, AM/FM CDX 6 MP3 radio

Was \$25,925 **NOW \$21,615⁰⁰**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL		
SIGN & DRIVE	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN
\$224⁶¹** per mo \$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$204⁸²** per mo \$465.11 DUE AT SIGNING	\$162⁰⁵** per mo \$1479.77 DUE AT SIGNING



2007 SPORT TRAC XLT

Stock #70009

16" cast aluminum wheels, AM/FM single CD/MP3, 4 0L SOHC 2V V6 5 speed automatic transmission, convenience package, automatic headlamps, entry keypad auto-dimming rear view mirror, hard tonneau cover, leather wrapped steering wheel

Was \$25,860 **NOW \$22,698⁰⁰**

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL		
SIGN & DRIVE	ZERO DOWN	\$1000 DOWN
\$258⁴⁴** per mo \$0 DUE AT SIGNING	\$241⁶³** per mo \$399.13 DUE AT SIGNING	\$198⁸⁵** per mo \$1413.78 DUE AT SIGNING

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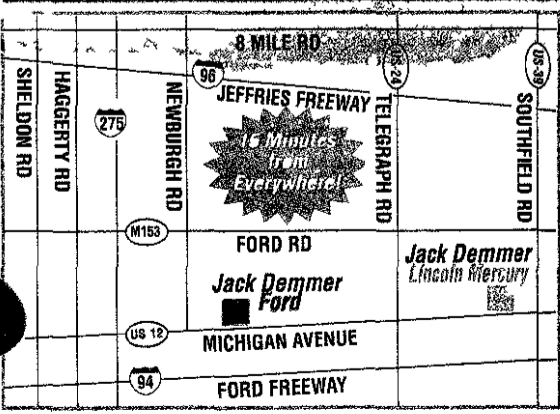
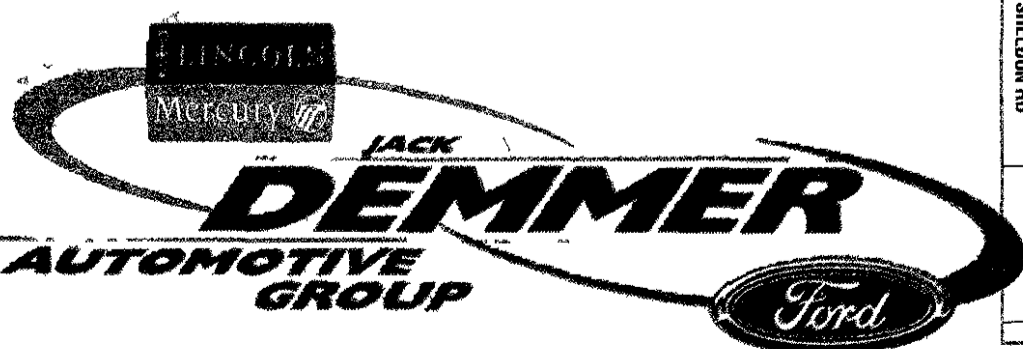
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Advertising Feature

Homes at Northville Hills Golf Club Selling Quickly Ravine View Home Sites in Private Enclave Now Available

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading luxury home builder, has announced the release of a new section of breathtaking ravine home sites at Northville Hills Golf Club, the area's most prestigious public golf club and recipient of the 2001 Community of the Year award by the South-eastern Michigan Building Industry Association (BIA).

For home buyers contemplating a new home purchase, now is the time to visit the Toll Brothers sales centers at Northville Hills. "The views will last a lifetime, but the opportunity to live here will not," said Colleen Weber, Sales Manager for The Estate Collection.

Offering single-family homes and luxury condominiums, buyers have several choices. For those searching for more privacy and scenic views, the just released Prestwick Estates enclave located east of Sheldon Road and on the north side of Five Mile Road offers single-family homes - many of which offer walkout lower levels on breathtaking ravine home sites - priced from the mid-\$500,000s.

The Estate Collection features single-family home located on and around the golf course between Five and Six Mile Roads and Sheldon and Beck Roads, priced from the low to mid-\$500,000s.

The Villa Collection of condominium homes, starting in the upper \$300,000s, is perfect for those desiring luxurious low-maintenance living. Several home designs are available including a first-floor master suite plan.

"We encourage buyers to stop in for a tour and see for themselves why our condominium homes have sold so fast," said Lynn Phillips, Sales Manager for The Villas.

And indeed, they have. Condo sales are up across the country and experts say this trend is here to stay for some time. There are several condominium homes under construction and available for quicker occupancy.

Every Toll Brothers home includes outstanding features such as dramatic architectural trim, 9 ft first floor ceilings, two story foyers, and opulent master suites. Hundreds of prepriced options are available such as sunrooms, conservatories, and game rooms. To sample these options, visit the company's online design program at DesignYourOwnHome.com.



Northville Hills Estates residents enjoy resort-class amenities including tennis courts and a Swim & Fitness Center with a resort pool, separate kiddie pool, and fitness center. Villa homeowners enjoy the luxury of their own cabana, outdoor pool, and fitness facility.

Recently rated one of the top ten public golf courses in southeast Michigan, Northville Hills was designed by the legendary golf great Arnold Palmer with Palmer Course Design Co.

Complementing the course is the clubhouse with a pro shop, driving range, locker rooms, restaurant, and banquet facilities.

Toll Brothers' Sales Centers are open everyday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call The Estate Collection (734) 254-9100, Prestwick Estates (734) 416-9220, or The Villas (734) 667-9400 or visit northvillehills.com.



ALSO OFFERED BY TOLL BROTHERS:

For those wishing for a single-family luxury home on an Estate sized home site, Toll Brothers offers Steeplechase of Northville, located on the north side of Six Mile Road, just west of Napier Road. This community offers Estate homes on large 1+ acre home sites plus a community clubhouse, pools and other amenities. A new model home, the Carlton Traditional, was recently unveiled and is available to tour. Choose from 9 floor plans including the recently added Duke and Somerset collections. For more information on Steeplechase of Northville, call Jennifer Hubenschmidt at (248) 924-2601.



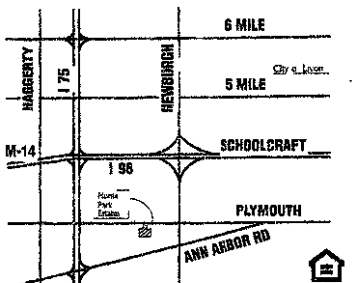
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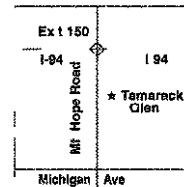
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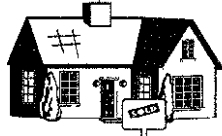
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I hired a real estate agent to sell my house and I am dissatisfied with his performance. What are some reasons to fire him?



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Michael Aidouby

Some sellers are unhappy with their Realtor. The No. 1 complaint that sellers have is that once you hire them, they disappear on you. I would certainly have a problem with a Realtor that won't return calls. To me, that isn't only unprofessional, but rude. You are entrusting your Realtor with what is most likely your most expensive investment, your house, the least he/she can do is call you back.

There is a tendency for Realtors to not communicate with you when there is little or no activity regarding your house. Often, Realtors are reluctant to call you when they don't have something positive to tell you. It's more fun for real estate agents to call you to tell you about an offer on your house rather than non-activity. When you are not getting activity is the most important time for your Realtor to update you.

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Realtors should also know what they are doing. It's OK to hire your nephew who just got his real estate license. However, it's important for your nephew to have a mentor to help him through the process. If your nephew doesn't know what a Seller's Disclosure Statement is or about the basics needed to get your house

sold that should cause some concern. Real estate agents must present all offers to their sellers. If you find out that your real estate agent has not presented an offer to you in a timely manner that is a reason to be a little upset. Realtors should tell you what their plan is to get your house sold and do what they say they will do. Just like you wouldn't knowingly get on board a plane with a pilot who doesn't have a plan how to get you from point A to point B, you should be hesitant to hire a Realtor who doesn't have a detailed marketing plan how to sell your house. Your real estate agent also has a responsibility to do what he/she said he/she would do. I am in no way implying that most Realtors deserve to be fired, they do not. Most are hardworking professionals. However, in any field you have people who aren't that great. Also, keep in mind that in many cases you cannot simply fire your Realtor because of the length of the Exclusive Right To Sell Agreement. The reason for this is that Realtors invest money into your house from the time you hire them. They would like some time to get the job done and see a return on their investment.

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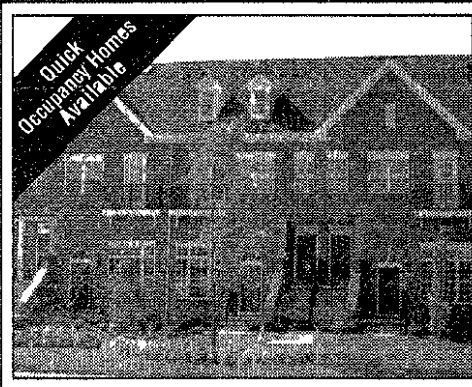


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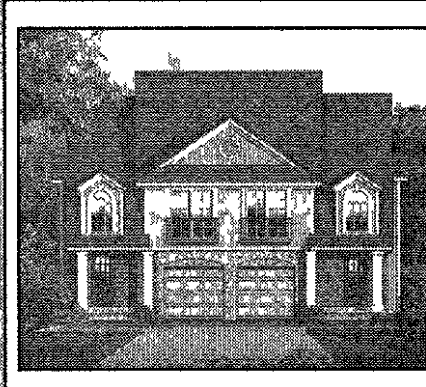
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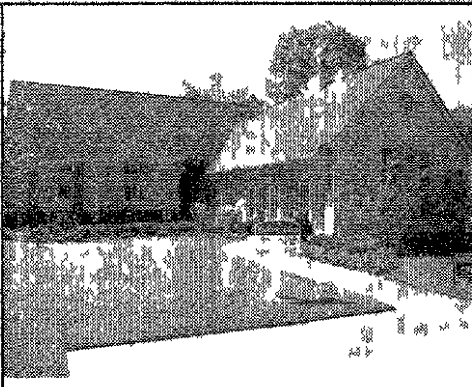
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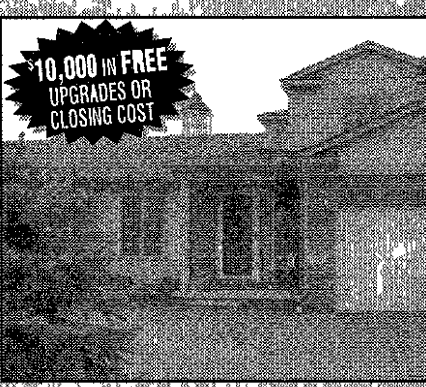
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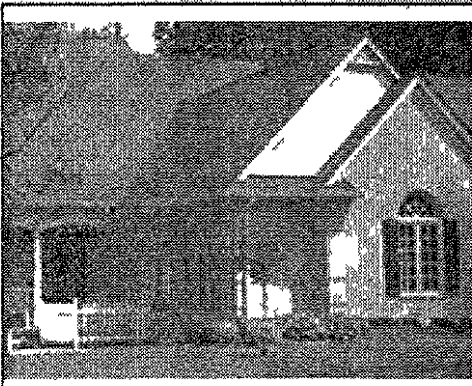
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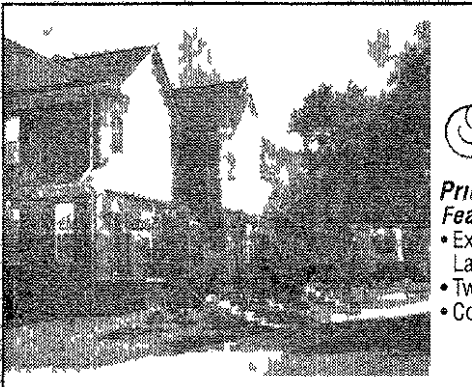
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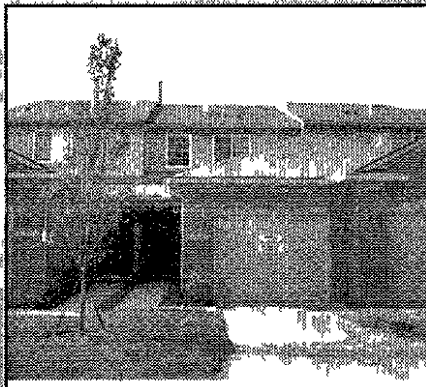
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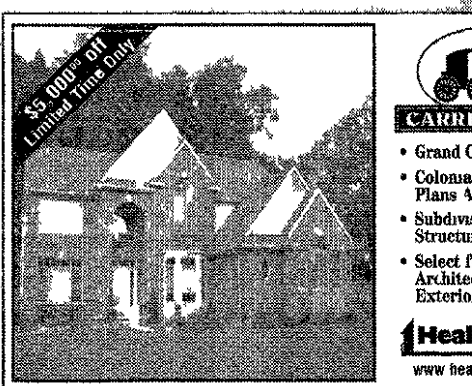
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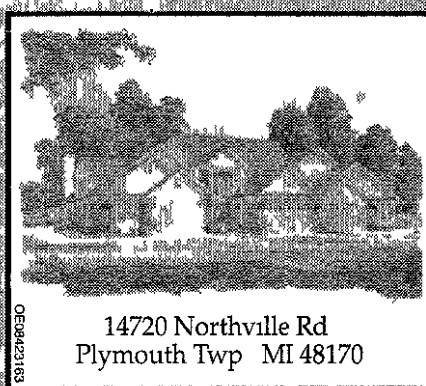
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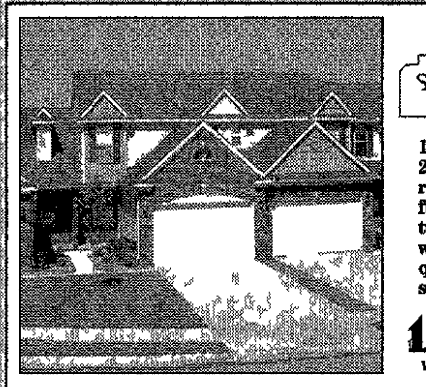
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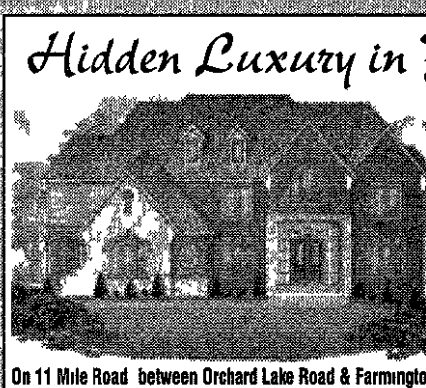
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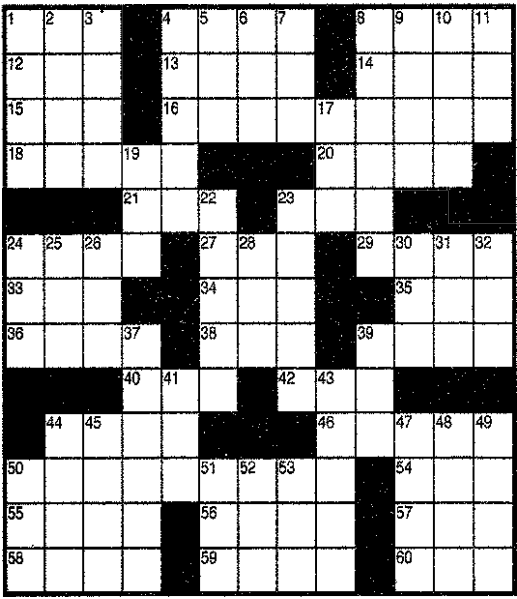
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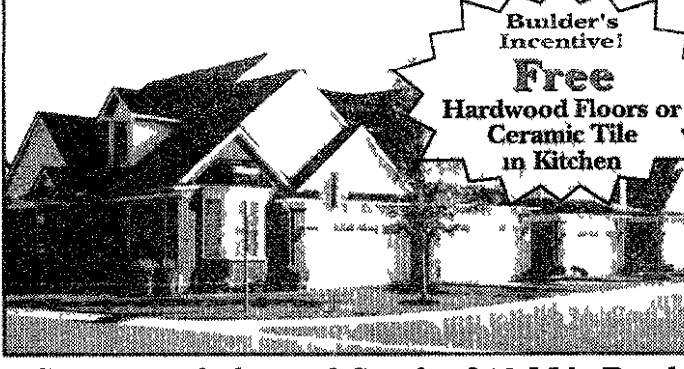
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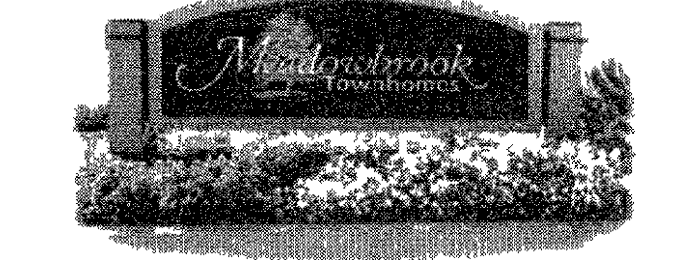
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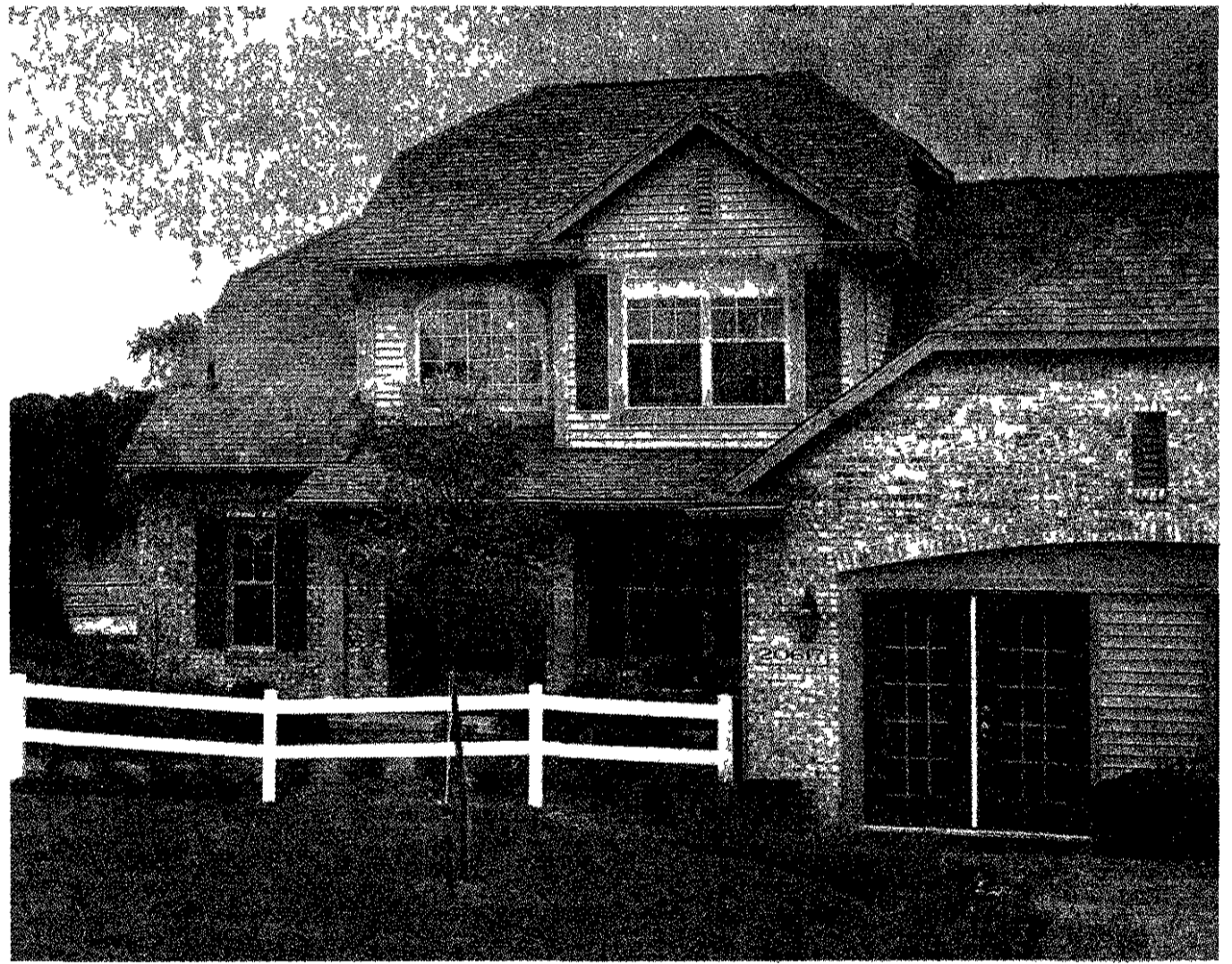
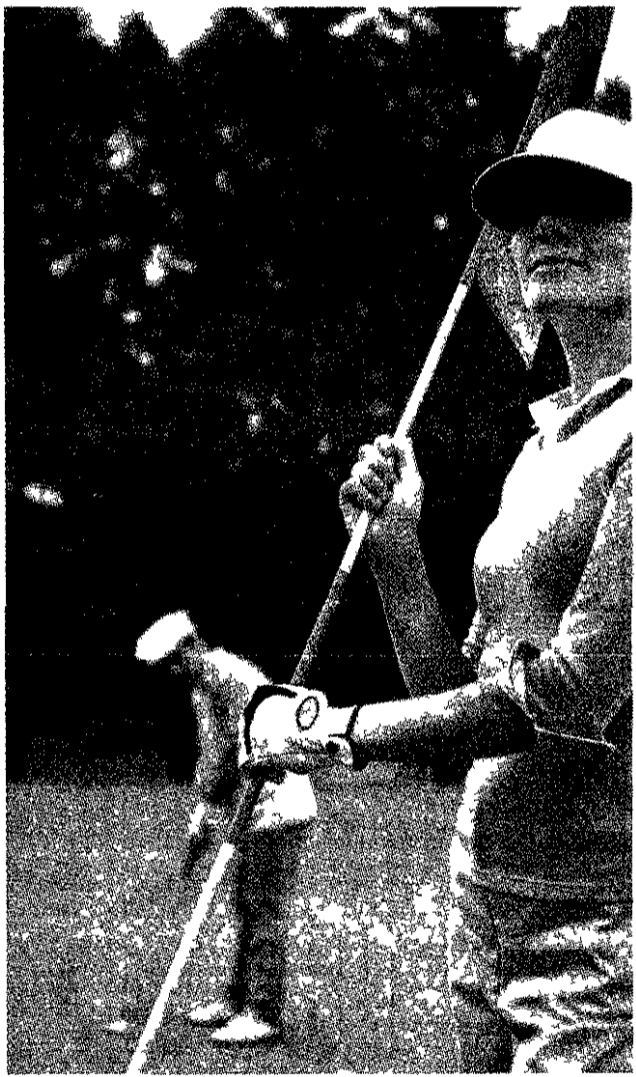
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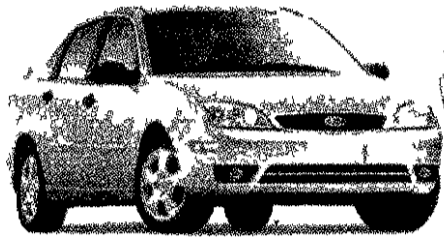


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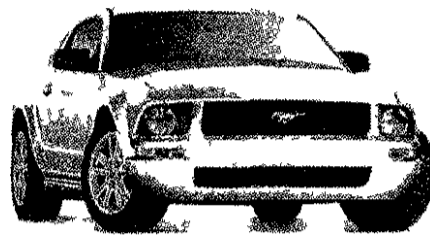
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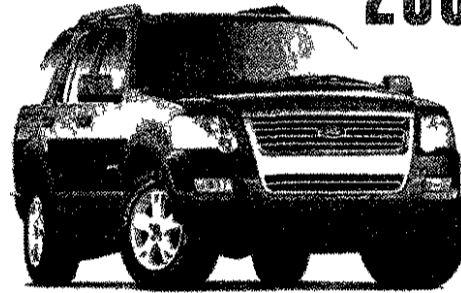
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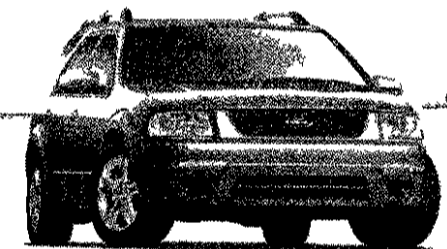
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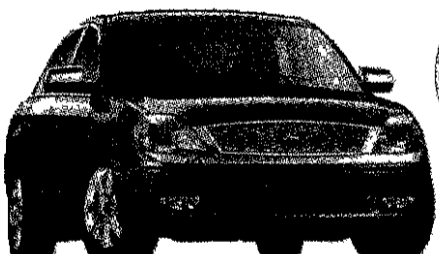
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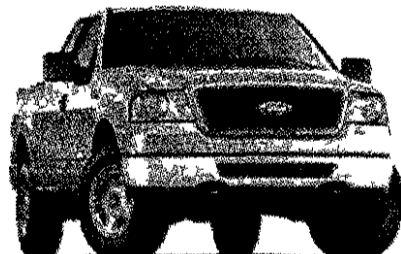
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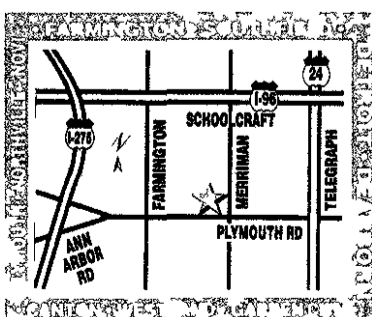
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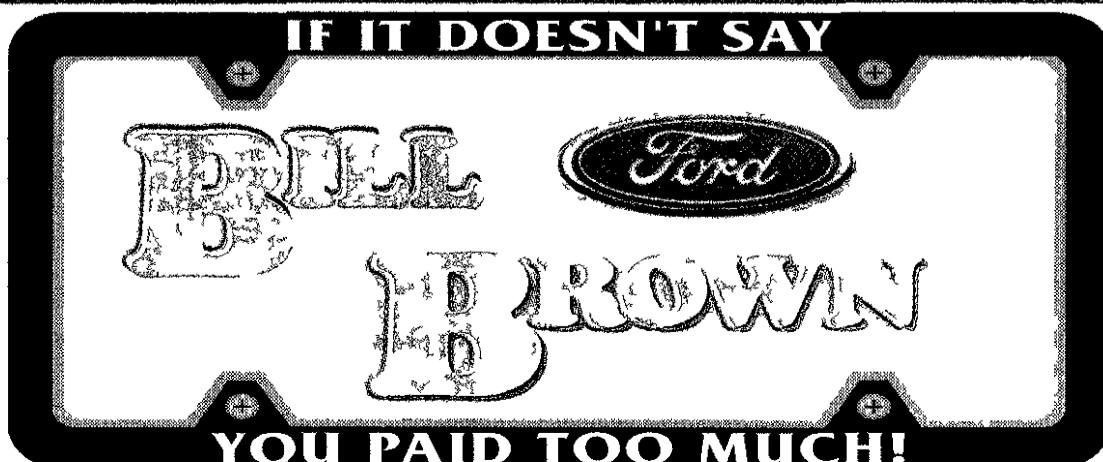
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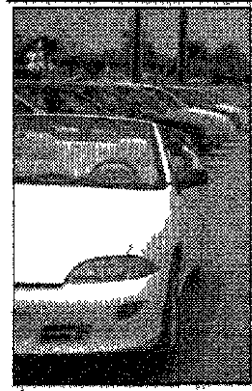
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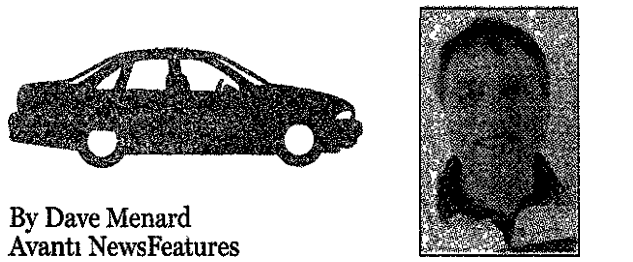
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2006 Scion tC: yes, it is very cool

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When I test drive a vehicle, one of the ways I evaluate it is to try to put myself in the position of the buyer the automaker might be aiming for. That's why I had such fun with the Scion tC. With the tC, Scion — a division of Toyota — is making a pitch for young car buyers, emphasizing features like audio upgrades, sporty looks, and a reasonable price. As a (temporarily) young potential car buyer, I can tell you that the Scion tC has a lot of appeal. You get a lot of car for the money, it's fun to drive, and it looks cool in the driveway. Wait — do we say "cool" in my (temporarily) young age group?

We'll start with how cool it looks. This two-door lift-back sits low enough to look sporty, but not so low that my real-life, over-40 body couldn't get in and out easily. The lines are tight and the front fascia is nicely done. The tC comes with 17-inch alloy wheels, graphite finish/chrome exhaust tip, and power outside mirrors. You can add a Toyota Racing Development (TRD) performance exhaust system, fog lights, rear spoiler lip, and color-keyed ground effects to the package, as well.

The tC is powered by a 2.4-liter DOHC, 16-valve, four-cylinder engine with electronic throttle control and Variable Valve Timing with intelligence (VVT-i). It's rated at 160 horsepower and 163 lb-ft of torque, it does, however require premium fuel. It's mated with a five-speed manual (automatic is available as an option) transmission and will give you a decent getaway. Shifting is fairly easy and the clutch feels good.

The ride's a little harsh, but maybe that's my over-40 body talking. The front suspension is an independent MacPherson strut system with stabilizer bar, while in the rear it's a double-wishbone system with stabilizer bar. There's plenty of road feel, and, combined with the optional TRD exhaust system, it's not a very quiet ride. That means, of course, it's probably just perfect for its

target buyer. Power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering is standard and performs well, the car is fairly easy to maneuver. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes come with the tC and are very good.

Inside, there's a lot to like. The instrument panel is well laid out and looks sharp. The standard cloth seats are comfortable, but can be difficult to adjust to a good driving position. Legroom is fine, but headroom is tight for tall drivers, and that's due to the power moonroof, which tall drivers will brush up against. What's nice, though, is the moonroof is standard equipment on the tC, and when it's open, there's no headroom problem.

The rear seats recline and there's a good amount of cargo room in the tC. There's a cloth-covered storage compartment in the center console and map pockets in the doors. You can add brushed stainless steel sport pedals and one of three different shift knobs (mesh, leather or "speed star" stainless steel).

Air conditioning is standard, as are power locks and windows, cruise control, rear defogger, tilt steering wheel, and keyless entry. A Scion security system is a \$469 option.

The audio system is actually behind a panel in the center panel, above the climate controls. A touch of the bottom panel and the panel lifts up to reveal the audio system. I have mixed feelings about this system. The standard configuration is an AM/FM/CD system with six speakers. You can upgrade to a system that will give you a six-CD changer, you can also add either XM or Sirius satellite radio, and a connector for your iPod that allows you to play and control it through the audio controls.

The system also comes with something called Scion



2006 Scion tC Type: sub-compact Where built: Tsutsumi, Japan EPA 22/29. Base price \$15,950. Price as tested \$20,313.

Sound Processing. This is a button that allows you to choose through three pre-set equalizations — "feel," which has more bass, "hear," which has more top end and bass while dropping the mid-range slightly, and "neutral," which allows you to set the bass and treble controls where you prefer. The sound is very good, although I found one setting not to be optimum for all the kinds of music I listen to.

Different songs sometimes require you to hit the SSP button a few times to get the sound you want — which could be a distraction while driving. The controls on the head unit itself aren't the most intuitive, no knobs, just buttons, which you'll have to memorize quickly if you want to adjust while driving. You can also adjust the color of the screen through several different colors at the touch of a button to really customize the look.

The 2006 Scion tC starts at about \$16,000, which is pretty good for the car you get. Even adding the optional driver and passenger seat bolster side impact airbags, and overhead front and rear side curtain airbags (a good option to get here), the security system, the six-CD audio system, performance exhaust system, ground effects, and rear spoiler lip keeps you around \$20,000.

I'm not sure I'd necessarily buy one — they're not aimed at people like me — I can tell you that if you're looking for something that looks cool, is fun to drive and doesn't cost a ton of money, you might want to take a look at the 2006 Scion tC.

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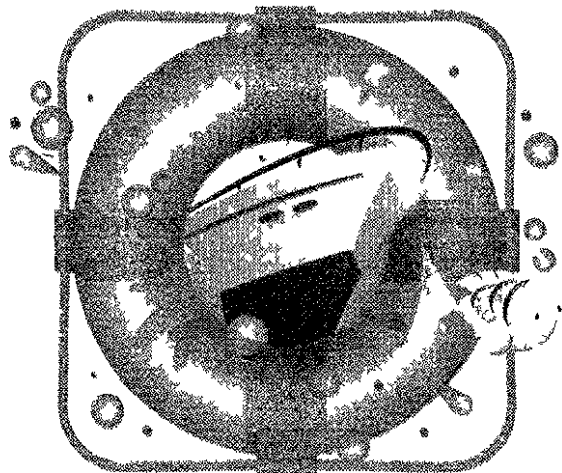
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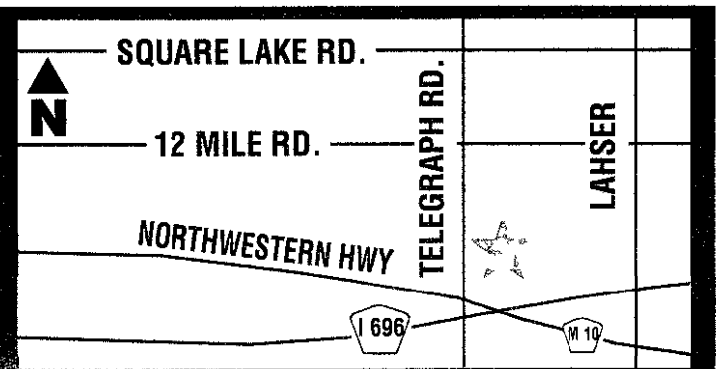
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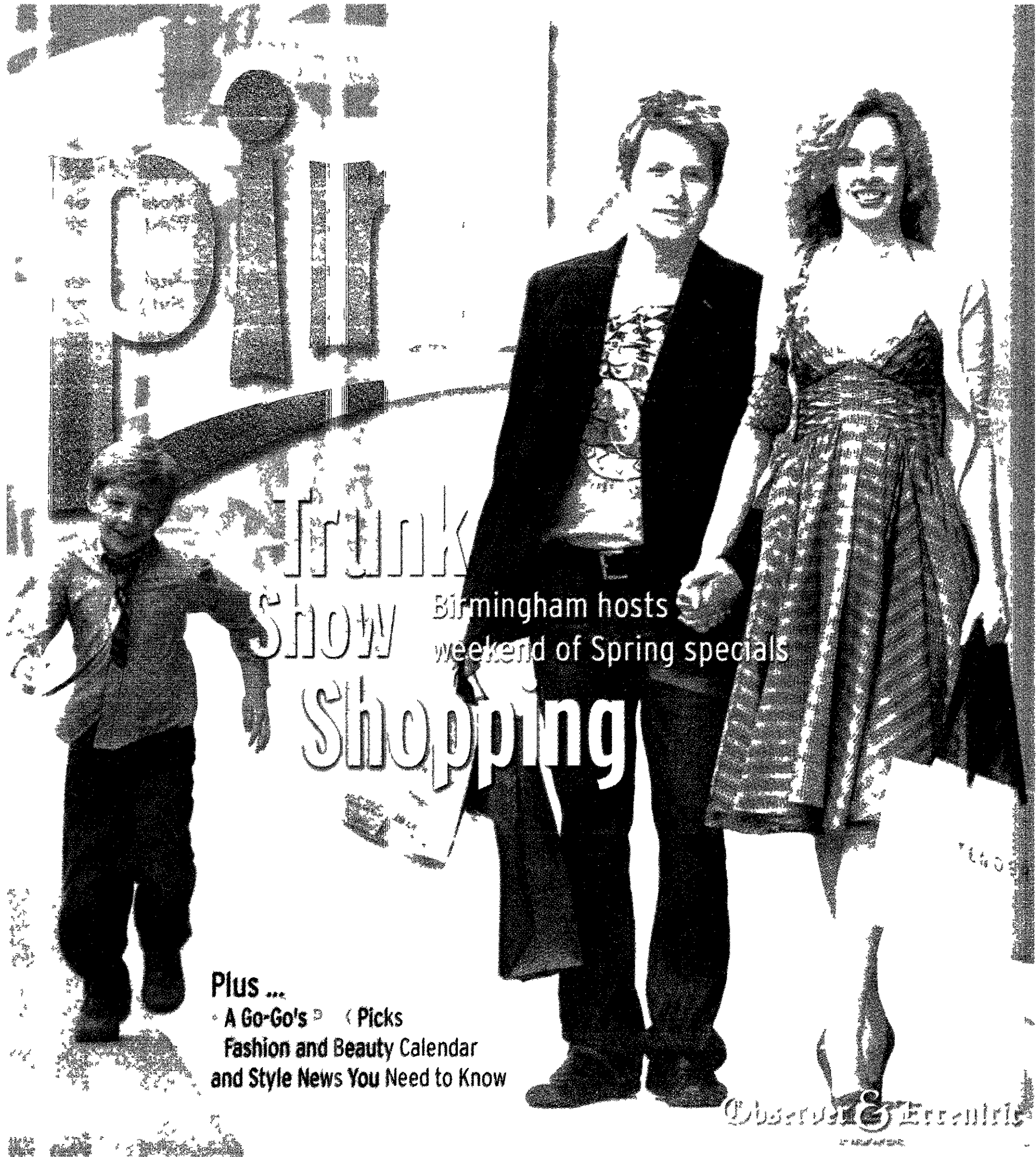


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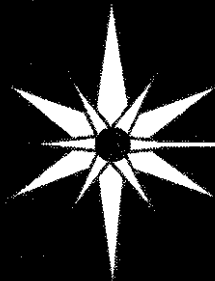
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note
from Daniel Vosovic
from Project Runway

The thing I love most about my job as editor of PINK is all the interesting people I get to meet. Recently, I had the pleasure of interviewing Daniel Vosovic, the winner of *Project Runway's* second season. Vosovic was a finalist on the fashion design reality show, and PINK broke the news that he hails from Michigan. When I called Vosovic on his cell phone in New York, I was surprised by how down to earth he is. He is a genuinely nice guy, and took the time to answer all my questions about his experience on *Project Runway*, and his bright future in design.

What would you ask Vosovic if you had his ear? How he handled rooming with Santino? Whether he took that job with Michael Kors? Where he gets his inspiration? How much of a reality show is real?

Well, thanks to the Detroit chapter of Fashion Group International, fans around here will get the chance to meet Vosovic and ask him whatever they want. FGI is bringing Vosovic to town for a special event on May 23 in Detroit. According to FGI member Michelle Moenssen, he will speak to guests and answer questions beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for

FGI members and \$90 for non-members. Those wishing for even more face time with Vosovic can purchase tickets to a private champagne pre-party beginning at 5:45 p.m. for \$150.

All proceeds will benefit the FGI scholarship fund.

Whether you're a *Project Runway* fan, a fellow designer or a fashionista who likes to stay in the know, you'll want to get your tickets early.

For more information, call Michelle Moenssen at (248) 420-9711.

PINK Page Moves to Thursdays

Warm weather is finally here! Time to air out your closet and replace those sweaters and boots with tank tops and sandals.

Here at PINK, we've done some spring cleaning too. Last month, you noticed our new look. But we also changed the days our PINK Page appears. From now on, PINK will be in your hometown *Observer & Eccentric* newspaper every Thursday instead of Sunday. The pull-out issue will still be published on Sundays once a month. Think PINK for all things haute!

— **Wensdy White,**
Editor

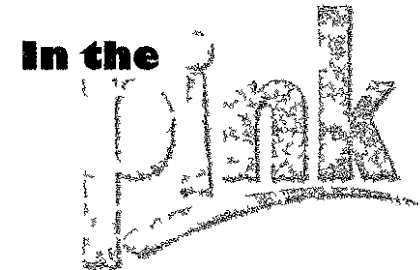
Corrections

In the March issue of PINK, we featured a hip handbag organizer by Simply Sarah in PINK Picks. The product is great. I have one hanging inside my microscopic closet, so I know. It comes in a wide variety of cute prints, and allows you to snap in your handbags for easy viewing and access. Several readers tried to check out the organizers at the website we listed, but found themselves on a dog training site. Oops!

Try www.simplysarahshaw.com instead.

Jockey Person to Person meetings are held the first Monday of every month, 7 p.m. at VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College (not the second Monday as PINK reported March 26). For more information, contact Mary Schifano at (734) 464-2490 or visit www.jockeypersontoperson.com. Jockey P2P Team Leader Nancy Santer also reminded us that the company offers in-home bra fittings as well as the chance to earn free intimates when hosting a party.

When we reported on Calliope "Peppy" Zgouvas' beautiful vintage jewelry in PINK March 5, Peppy was very happy. Her hubby was not. Why? We used the newlywed's maiden name in our article. Please note Peppy's new last name is Fahoome, and her husband is so proud he wants the world to know. Sorry Mr. Fahoome! Meanwhile, you simply MUST check out Peppy's gorgeous jewelry at www.vintagejewelrydirect.com. It's definitely worth a look.



Kelly's.Klicks

Surprise mom with these great online gift ideas.

Operation Smile

Ken Paves, hairstylist to the stars, chairs benefit gala.

Celeb PINK Picks

Mamapalooza rocker shares her favorites with PINK.

B'ham Trunk Show

Get ready for Spring power shopping with this fun event.

Prom Pretty

Make the night magical with the perfect prom outfit.

PINK List

Your guide to style events throughout Metro Detroit.

HealthStyle

Mrs. Michigan promotes autism awareness.

Spring & Summer Beauty Trends

Sophisticated makeup will offset neutral clothing this spring and summer. According to Uzo, Senior Makeup Stylist for Nars Cosmetics, the ultimate look is color on the lips, with a sculpted warm cheekbone and gold shimmer on the eyes. On lips, Uzo suggests something bold.

"You're going to see a lot of red, fuchsia, magenta, corals," Uzo says. "A favorite on the runway and with celebrities is Cruella Velvet Matte Lipstick, which is a true red." The overall key to spring and summer makeup is velvety, matte skin. To get the right finish — less dewy and

shiny than the recent past — use a light touch to apply loose or pressed powder (sans sparkles) after foundation. And while sun-kissed skin is always in, this summer go a notch lighter on the Mystic Tan. It's all about embracing your own complexion and not going overboard with the bronzer.

winner!

Livonia's MaryBeth Conger is the winner of our PINK Heart Prize Pack, which includes a \$50 gift certificate to Little Italy Ristorante in Northville, a Trollbeads bracelet from Alexander J Bongiorno Creative Jeweler in Troy, a cupid T-shirt and tank top from Michael Stars and Love Sticks from Allie Oop in Wixom. Congratulations MaryBeth!



On the Cover

Keri, Scott and little Liam shop in downtown Birmingham dressed in spring styles from Tender, Caruso Caruso and Claymore Shop. Plan a day downtown for the Birmingham Trunk Show. See page 10 for more.

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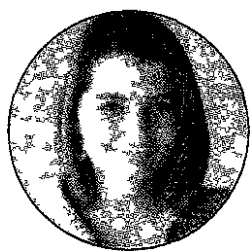
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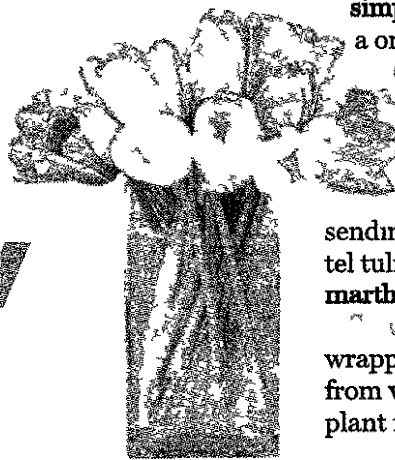
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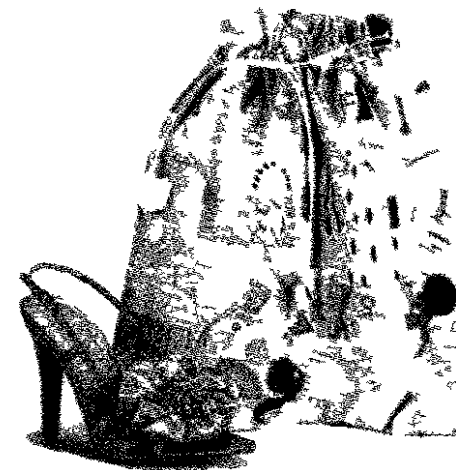


simplysarahshaw.com Or, give Mom a one-of-a-kind checkbook cover (\$22) or wallet (\$26) from kaloche.com

Flower-Loving Mom

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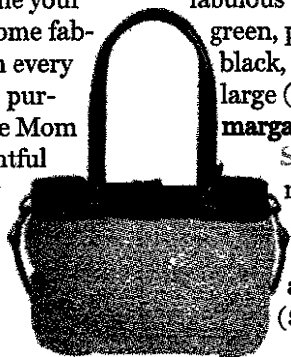
Save Score Mom a cool shoe bag (\$39) in a fun fabric from bagswithstyle.com so she can always carry her Manolos (or Birks) in effortless style

For more haute gift ideas with direct links to where to buy them, visit BussBuss.com — Your Guide to Totally Haute Stuff Got a style or shopping question? Ask Kelly@bussbuss.com

Seems like we were just snuggling up in bulky sweaters and fa-la-la-la-ing, yet here we are, about to celebrate Mother's Day on May 14th. Where does the time go? Seeing as there's no time to contemplate it and knowing that you are just as busy, busy, busy as yours truly, I have done your dirty work and rounded up some fabulous Mother's Day gifts — in every price range — that can all be purchased online in a click. Make Mom happy this year with a thoughtful gift and make yourself happy (or at least a little less stressed) by taking care of her gift now. Waiting til the last minute is so 2005

Handbag-Addicted Mom

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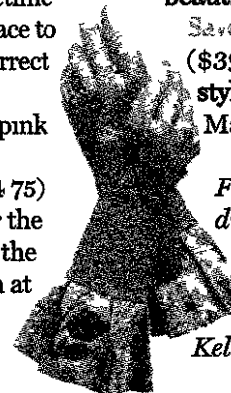


Save For the Mom who needs a place to stash all of her fab handbags in organized style, treat her to an adorable Handbag Hanger (\$30) from

Domestic Goddess Mom

For the Mom who is a neat-freak and deserves to work a lot less hard, hook her up with a Roomba robot vacuum (\$349.95) or Scooba robotic floor washer (\$399.95) from hammacher.com (Hammacher Schlemmer's lifetime guarantee makes it the best place to score electronics in my very correct opinion)

Save Or, treat her to some pink polka dot or flower-bedecked Gloveables rubber gloves (\$14.75) from downhomegirl.com. For the Mom who is the hostess with the mostest, a retro hostess apron at sommerdesigns.com will let her entertain in style (\$36)



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'Hairstylist to the Stars' chairs Operation Smile gala

DEARBORN — Known as "Hairstylist to the Stars," Clinton Township native Ken Paves is sought after by celebs like Jessica Simpson, Celine Dion, Jennifer Lopez, Kim Cattrall and Heather Locklear

Paves will soon take a break from Hollywood to make a personal appearance at the Second Annual Journey of Smiles Gala in Dearborn. The event, set for 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m. April 29 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, will raise money for Michigan Friends of Operation Smile. Paves will attend as honorary co-chair.

Operation Smile treats children around the world suffering from facial deformities such as cleft lips, cleft palates, tumors and burns. In 24 years, Operation Smile's medical volunteers have provided free reconstructive surgery for at least 98,000 youth around the world, bringing them new hope and new lives.

Paves' involvement in Operation Smile stems from personal experience.

A favorite nephew was born with Trisomy 13, which causes birth defects like those treated by Operation Smile. Ryan lived just 15 months, and when he passed away 17 years ago, Paves vowed he would try to make a difference in other children's lives.

His notoriety allows him to spotlight Operation Smile.

"Vanity is truly universal. It is my goal to shine light on the fact that we are all judged on our appearance, and how truly beautiful it is to just be you. Operation Smile sets the perfect tone for this," Paves said.

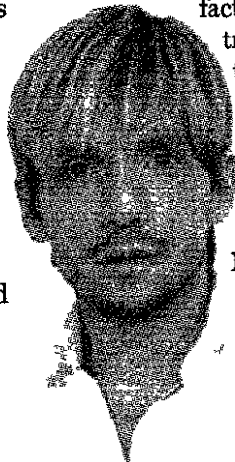
Many children who are born with cleft palates and cleft lips cannot eat or speak. In addition to physical problems, they are often traumatized, ostracized and kept out of school because of the way they look.

Journey of Smiles will feature emcees John Salley and Monica Gayle, along with keynote speaker Jose Villegas, an Operation Smile World Care patient.

The black-tie optional gala includes a reception, dinner, silent and live auctions and dancing to the music of the Jerry Ross Band. Décor will reflect the Asian theme.

Tickets \$250, can be purchased by calling (248) 347-2797. For more information on Operation Smile, visit www.operationssmile.org

Ken Paves owns Pave Salon & Spa, located at 43210 Hayes in Clinton Twp., across from Lakeside Mall. Paves also produces the haircare line Flawless. Call (586) 416-8600 or visit www.pavesprofessional.com for more information.



Mydols host second annual Mamapalooza

Yeah, moms rock, and the Mamapalooza Festival will prove it once and for all.

Bring your kids to this family-friendly concert, and see all-mom bands perform Friday, May 5 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. The lineup includes Kathy Valentine (formerly of The Go-Go's), The Mydols, Candy Band and The Detroit Women with Motor City Express.

The concert benefits the new Detroit Boll Family YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign, which makes membership, programs, childcare and day camp affordable to Detroit families and individuals in need.

"I am so excited about this concert," said Judy Davids of The Mydols. "This year's event is going to be incredible, with Kathy Valentine headlining and the amazing support of local sponsors who just love the whole bizarre notion of axe-wielding rock moms supporting Detroit families through the Y."

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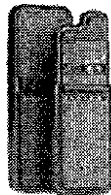
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Many of us remember Kathy Valentine as bassist of The Go-Go's. These days, Kathy is still on the scene. She just released the solo CD *Light Years*, and will headline Mamapalooza in Royal Oak on May 5 with her band Kathy Valentine and The Impossibles. This week, Kathy shares her rockin' picks with PINK

By Kathy Valentine

Vans slip-ons and drugstore flip-flops



Kathy Valentine's *Light Years*



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sages, pizza and lots of shopping, as vendors like Catching Fireflies, Kitty Deluxe, Scents of Delight, A Step Outside the Box, Avon, Lia Sophia and others set up booths in the lobby. Festivalgoers also can enter to win a Daisy Rock guitar in champagne pink! Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children, and free ages 2 and under.

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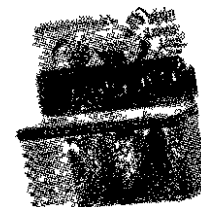


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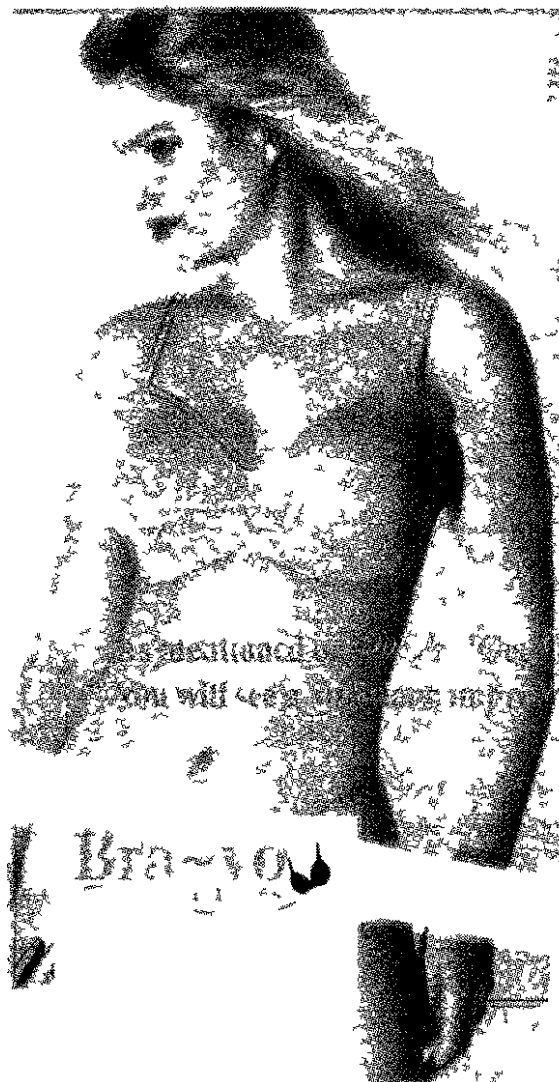


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Paradoxically, "The Town That Time Forgot" offers some of the most hip, current finds in the metro area!

The latest in fashions and denim can be found at **Sentir**, a boutique with an edge. This urban chic shop carries trends by Heatherette, Iconic Couture, Taverniti So Jeans, 575 Denim, J & Company and more. The angel wing outfits by Young Fabulous & Broke and silk kimono dresses by Meghan Fabulous rock. Shrug hoodies, linen trousers, hip totes, fabulous shades and hot accessories make for more fun (for both men and women). Co-owners Julie Norton and Sara MacPhee only stock the distinctive — like a facsimile of the butterfly belt made famous by Sarah Jessica Parker in *Sex and the City*!

Inspired for the home, body and soul, Gina Hart and Alise Marks offer a treas-

ure trove of goodies at **So Zen**. Check out yoga and relax wear, lingerie, pampering items, home accents, handbags, belts — and Marks' own signature line of gold and silver jewelry with semi-precious stones. Exclusive to the shop is Anatomie active wear from France. The aura is oh-So Zen!

Water up at the **Franklin Grill**, a comfy yet trendy eatery in the middle of town. For lunch or dinner, a choice selection of soups, salads, wraps, sandwiches, entrees and desserts are freshly prepared, tasty and bountiful. Spirits, beer and wine are available, and don't leave without dessert — from a sky-high hot fudge cream puff to a fruity crumble.

Speaking of treats, the **Franklin Spa** offers facials, massages, manicures and pedicures. This intimate spa features pampering parties for adults, children, prom pals, brides and bachelorettes. A larger party can be moved off site, and "Spa to Go" offers mobile services to homes and offices. Owner Andrea

Ubom encourages a visit to her Web site, thefranklinspa.com, to view the indulgences and event options such as Martini & A Manicure, Key Lime Escape, or a Yin Yang Pedicure (with a sampling of sushi!).

Escapades is a shop for all seasons with upbeat contemporary gift and home decor items, and **The Apple Tree Room** is a great stop for stylish clothing, handbags and accessories, including the popular Brighton line.

Appealing to creative souls, **Beadworks** conducts classes in beaded jewelry, bead-knitted purses, lamp shades and belt buckles. Also a great resource for small repairs, they recently replaced a tiny crystal in my necklace — and lickety-split, too!

For those with a penchant for vintage home decor, browse through **Town Crier Antiques**. Innovative jewelry creations or re-designs are "works of art" by **Yanke Designs**. Then, wander through the nooks and crannies at **Giftpeople**, specialists in personal

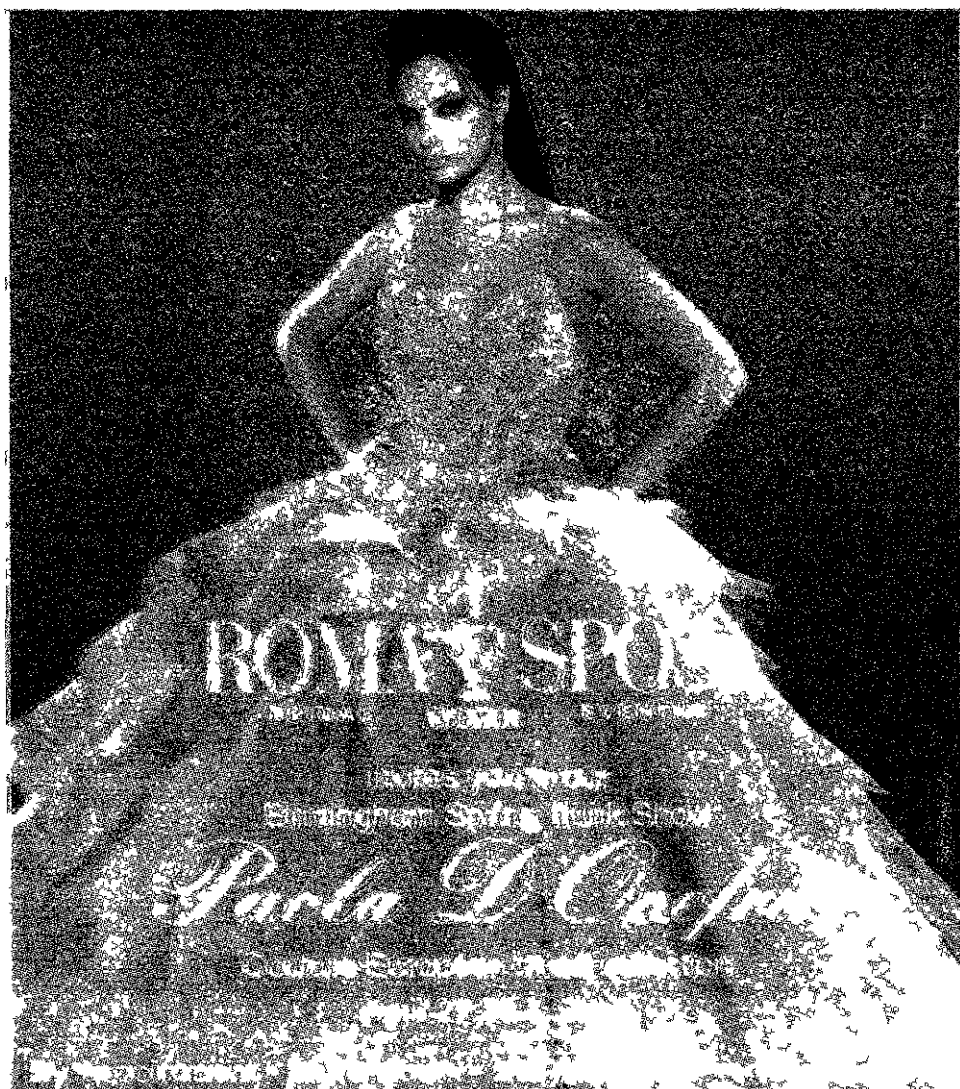
expression with invitations, greeting cards, stylish notes and gifts. Or, learn to make your own genuine gold and silver jewelry at **Fritz Willis**.

Whether "by chance" or "by appointment" (248 539 8879), make contact with **Zieben-Mare and Finds by Monica** to eye the hottest in workout wear, other fashions and collectibles. (They share space next door to the **Franklin Saddler**.)

Complete your afternoon by heading south on Franklin Road to the Fine Shops at the **Claymoor** in neighboring Southfield where Lynn Portnoy's re-decorated boutique sheds new light on summer couture (29260 Franklin Road).

And while in Southfield, be sure to stop off at **Studio Couture**, 18296 10 Mile Road. It showcases the latest fashions for both you and your guy!

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Birmingham celebrates spring with downtown trunk show

By Anna Foard Whidden



Keri, Scott and Liam take a break from shopping to grab a bite to eat at Streetside Seafood. Keri wears a Zac Posen tie silk dress with a Hanii Y mustard cardigan, Miu Miu denim wedges with leather bows, and a Lorenza crochet handbag, all from Tender in Birmingham. Scott wears Earnest Sewn Filson straight leg jeans, with an Ed Hardy short sleeve stitch tee and MBX Marco three button jacket, all from Caruso Caruso in Birmingham. Liam wears a blue and white striped Oxford shirt and boy's striped tie from Hickey Freeman, from the Claymore Shop in Birmingham.

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Spring fashion is in the air this month in downtown Birmingham, as close to 30 shops and boutiques take part in the area's biannual trunk show.

From Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29, customers will get to meet designers, talk to manufacturer representatives, request special orders, and view expanded collections of designer lines at a variety of independent merchants in downtown Birmingham.

"The goal is to invite customers in to look at more merchandise or to look at special merchandise they might not normally have on hand," said Maureen Evans of the Birmingham Principal Shopping District, publicist of the event. "It's really to add some emphasis to what they already have."

The term "trunk show" refers to the trunks in which manufacturers and designers used to bring their collections, either to sell to a store or directly to customers. Although modern trunk shows rarely feature actual trunks, the idea behind the events is the same.

"It's to offer your clients their choice of a complete collection," said Karen Daskas, who co-owns Tender along with her sister Cheryl.

The upscale boutique, which features European and American designer clothing, accessories and shoes, will host former Detroit Peter Soronen. A relative newcomer to the fashion industry, the 38-year-old designer already has attracted celebrity fans, including Sarah Jessica Parker, Reese Witherspoon and Brittany Murphy.

"He is a very nice person and very accommodating. We're excited to have him here," Daskas said. Tender carries evening gowns, cocktail dresses, separates and suits created by the designer.

Some stores will have representatives from manufacturers on site to answer questions and take special orders from clients. Claymore Shop, which specializes in "updated traditional clothing," will feature Oxford, Samuelsohn, Taha Hartz, Polo by Ralph Lauren and boys clothing manufacturer Hickey Freeman.

"We're focusing on all these manufacturers for Birmingham because it's an important trunk show," said Bob Benkert, founder and chief executive officer of the 40-year-old store. The shop will offer special discounts on custom

garments, and a tailor will be on hand for clients, Benkert added.

Caruso Caruso, recently named one of the top 10 denim stores in the country by a menswear magazine, will have a representative on hand for a line of merchandise the store recently started carrying — Hush Puppies shoes.

The store carries suede slip on and tie-up shoes to pair with their wide selection of jeans.

"It's all more creative denim — not what you'd find in the mall," Owner Frankie Caruso said. The newly expanded store (Caruso Caruso moved and doubled its size a year and a half ago) carries jeans from more than 55 companies, with a myriad of different styles and washes. It also sells sweaters, sweatshirts, T-shirts and some children's clothing.

The downtown Birmingham Trunk Show began last spring, although some individual stores have been hosting their own trunk shows for years.

"We thought, why not do it all at once?

It's an easy message to the customer and it brings more foot traffic for all the stores," Evans said. "We had a fantastic response from patrons [last year]."

The event also showcases what downtown Birmingham has to offer.

"We hope it gives people a reason to come to Birmingham and support the local independent merchants," said Daskas. She points out that shopping at locally owned stores helps support the community through sales taxes. Local merchants are first to donate back to the community, she added.

"I hope [clients] have a great time, enjoy themselves, bring their friends, and find a nice dress or suit for their next event," Daskas said.

Other participating stores include The Birkenstock Place, David Wachler & Sons Jewelers, Nicole Miller and Roma Sposa. Store times vary, some stores will have extended hours.

Birmingham Trunk Show

When: April 27-29 (Check stores for hours)
Where: At participating stores throughout Downtown Birmingham
For more information: Call the Principal Shopping District of Birmingham, (248) 433-3550

'Threading' removes hair old-school style

Today, women have lots of choices when it comes to getting rid of unwanted hair. Yet some choose to skip the laser in favor of ancient Middle Eastern technique called "threading."

Threading promises to remove hair at the root relatively painlessly, using nothing more than a single piece of thread.

I had heard about threading but never quite understood how it was done, so I was excited when Nahla Shaaya offered to show me.

Shaaya is owner of Nahla's Place, a beauty and fashion boutique located on Pierce Street in the former Todd's Room location. Decorated with Nahla's fashion sketches, the boutique is filled with "Nahla Maher" — Shaaya's own line of clothing, makeup and skincare products, along with unique clothing and accessories for day and evening.

Along with great shopping, Nahla offers makeup application and threading.

Shaaya learned the skill as a child growing up in Baghdad.

"I would watch my mother. She used to do her sister and her friends," Nahla

said. "I would pick up a thread and practice on my legs."

When I sat in Nahla's makeup chair, she looked carefully at my brows, then unfurled a long piece of everyday lavender thread. She twisted the thread around her fingers. Cat's Cradle style, then, holding one end between her teeth and the other in her hand, she worked the thread around my eyebrows. As she swept it across my skin, the coils trapped hairs and pulled them out.

The process removed not only visible strays, but hair too fine to pluck. It can be performed on any part of the body.

"This technique is from way, way back," Nahla said. "Back when there were no tweezers, no scissors, women found a way to remove hair."

Nahla wrapped up my threading session by tweezing, trimming and filling my brows, and applying chamomile lotion to calm the skin.



Nahla Shaaya in her Birmingham shop

The whole thing took about 10 minutes.

"Eyebrows are so important. They frame the face. When they're shaped and clean they make a whole difference. Trust me," Nahla said. "I'm the queen of eyebrows."

Nahla's Place offers spa services, makeup application, and a full array of clothing, accessories and beauty products. It is located at 205 Pierce Street in Birmingham. Call (248) 220-1021.

Tweezing Tips

Natural, manicured brows never go out of style. To find the best shape for your face, determine the "eye space." The space between the brows should be equal or slightly smaller than the width of the eye.

Take a brow pencil parallel to the side of the nose. The inner edge of the brow should align with the bridge of the nose. Do this on both sides, it should keep you from tweezing too severely between the brows.

Next is the arch. To find the high point of the arch, hold the pencil parallel to the outside corner of the iris.

For length, hold the pencil diagonally from the nostril, following the outside corner of the eye to the temple, basically a 45-degree angle.

Tweezing mistakes

Too close. If the brow hairs meet about the nose, you'll have the appearance of one long brow, which can make the face look tired and sad.

Too far apart. This creates an unbalanced look, and your nose appears wider and eyes smaller.

Arched too high. This makes you look surprised or angry.

Bushy brows. This makes you look unkempt and unpolished. It also can make you look older.

Too thin. Overtweezing — the most common mistake — also looks unfinished.

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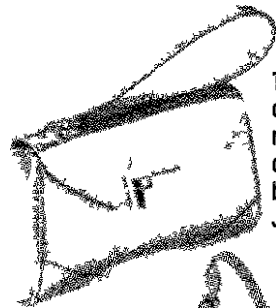
By Wendy Pierman Mitzel ■ PINK Correspondent

There's no denying it. Prom season starts the moment the Winter sun begins to warm to Spring. Every girl wants to shine at this one-time-only event and make it an affair to remember.

This season, prom dresses and accessories span a wide range of tastes. According to Jestina Howard of Laurel Park Place in Livonia, girls will show up in everything from the hottest Hollywood red-carpet styles to simple cocktail dresses or retro-looks. Dresses feature asymmetrical hems, tiers of soft fabric, variations on the halter neckline and vivid to pastel colors in magenta, tangerine, green, pink, yellow and turquoise. But the real key to feeling like you own the night is making the dress your own with accessories. A busy neckline means skip the choker but make the most of sparkly earrings. Shoes with pizzazz can liven up the plain hemline of a dress. But still don't take yourself too seriously. Teens aren't supposed to follow all the rules!

Hollywood Glam

Neutral colors were all the rage on runway starlets this Oscar season. Create your own red carpet look with this cream colored gown from Laurel Park Place. Since a necklace would compete with the jeweled bodice, opt for classic gold and rhinestone earrings instead. Add a matching bracelet, some sparkly shoes and you're ready for the prom paparazzi.



Tuck your digital in this rhinestone drop evening bag, \$15.99 @ JCPenney.com

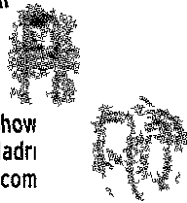
Sparkle from head to toe with latticed heels from Caparros, \$64.95 @ Nordstrom.com



Draw attention with this Nadri hammered cuff \$125 @ Nordstrom.com



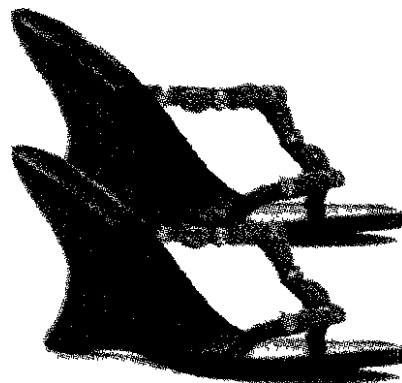
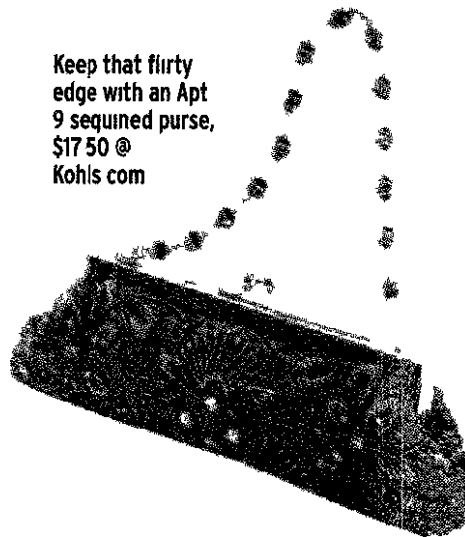
Wear a French twist to show off these matching Nadri hoops \$48 @ Nordstrom.com



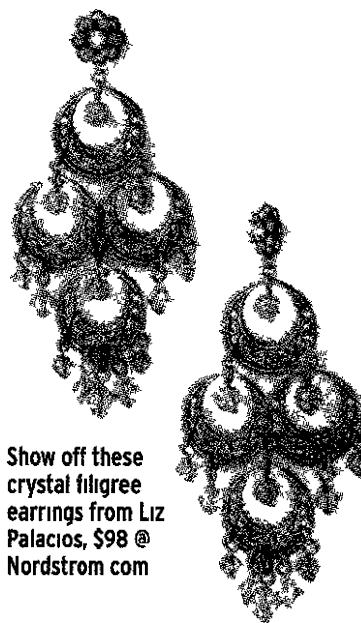
Bursting with Fun

You won't get lost in a crowd in this burst of color from Laurel Park Place. This dress demands a lot of drama in the form of chunky accessories in the season's hottest colors of oranges, wood tones and turquoise blues. This is no time to be shy, even the shoes you'll be dancing in should be unconventional!

Keep that flirty edge with an Apt 9 sequined purse, \$17.50 @ Kohls.com



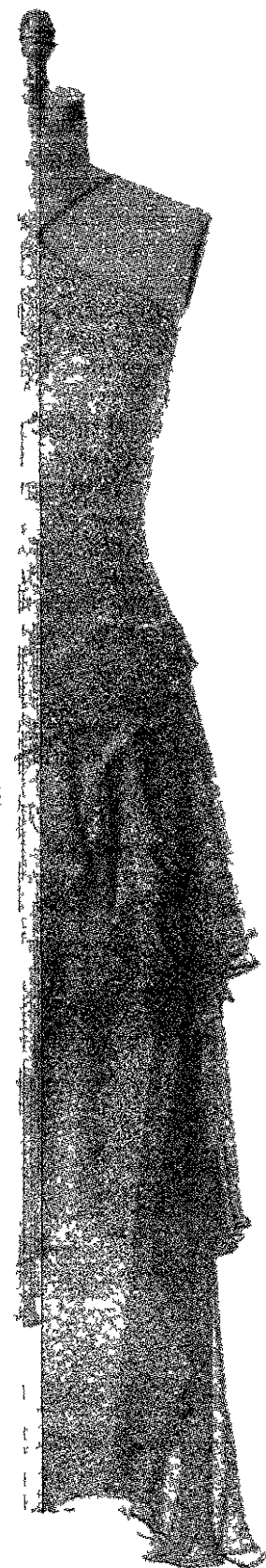
Funk it up with stylish wedges @ Parisian.com



Show off these crystal filigree earrings from Liz Palacios, \$98 @ Nordstrom.com



Stay casual with this trendy beaded bracelet, \$15.99 @ JCPenney.com



Classic Color

The star in this dress from Laurel Park Place will feel like royalty in beautiful blue on her special night. Keep accessories low key. Pile hair high and curly to let a set of topaz-colored earrings peek out. Add dainty shoes and a simple clutch to finish off the look for a night you'll always remember.

Step out of the limo in these Alicia Sandals from Caparros, \$49.99 @ MarshallFields.com

Stash lipstick, powder and perfume in this Kate Spade wristlet, \$145 @ NeimanMarcus.com

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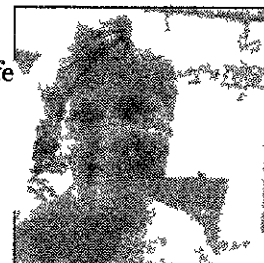
By Wendy Pierman Mitzel

Let's face it, we don't always tell
our mothers how much they mean to
us. To inspire us to remember that

our mothers taught us our first les-
sons, PINK wandered into the
Plymouth Public Library to ask

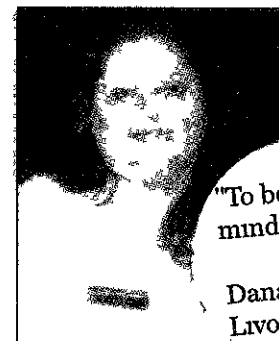
What is the most important thing your mother taught you?

"To laugh. That life
is funny, you can't
take yourself too
seriously."
Mary Zdanowski,
Northville



"To be open-
minded and fair."

Dana Bussard,
Livonia



"To be grateful for all
God has given us. She
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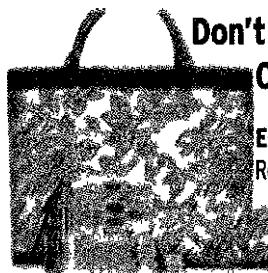
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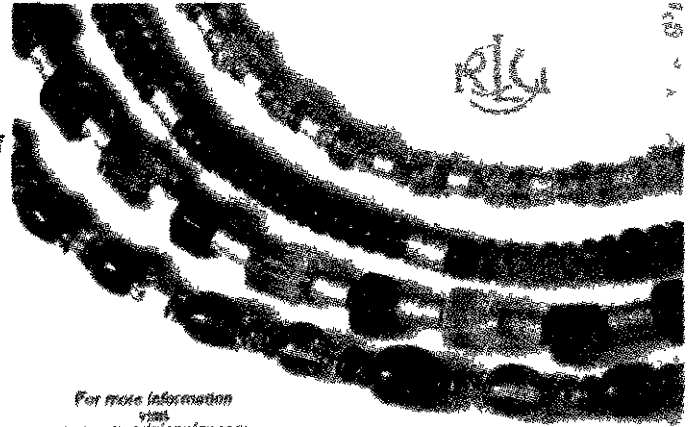
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Meet Project Runway's Daniel Vosovic

PINK was glued to *Project Runway's* second season as Michigan native Daniel Vosovic designed his way to the final three and showed a stunning collection during New York Fashion Week. Now fashion philes can meet the hometown star in person during a special event May 23 in Detroit sponsored by Fashion Group International. Vosovic will speak and answer questions at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 for FGI members and \$90 for nonmembers benefiting the FGI scholarship fund. Or, purchase \$150 tickets and meet Vosovic during a more intimate private champagne pre party at 5:45 p.m. for \$150. For more information call Michelle Moenssen at (248) 420-9711.

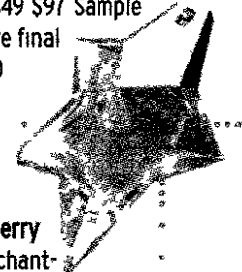


Bridal Sample Sale

Bridal gowns from \$1,000-\$10,000 will be sold for a fraction of the price at the Annual Bridal Sample Sale during store hours April 28-30 at Marshall Field's Somerset. Gowns from designers like Vera Wang, Reem Acra, Justina McCaffrey and Romona Keveza will be sold at 50-75 percent off the retail price. Attendants and special occasion dresses from designers such as Watters and Watters and Vera Wang also will be available for \$49-\$97. Sample gowns are typically sizes 8-12. All sales are final and quantities limited. Call (248) 816-4270.

Exclusive Scent Event

Tempt your senses 6:30 p.m. Thursday May 10 at Parisian Laurel Park as a guest speaker from Thierry Mugler Parfums takes you on a journey of an enchanting fragrance universe. Receive a gift and participate in a drawing for an exclusive Thierry Mugler gift basket. Light refreshments will be served. Purchase of a \$15 gift card required. RSVP at (734) 953-7536.



Body Shop at Home

Learn about selling Body Shop at Home and experience The Body Shop products during an open house/business opportunity presentation at karma TEA + TONIC 1-4 p.m. Saturday April 29. The event features samples, pampering, raffles and massages along with plenty of information about joining the business. karma is located at 309 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale.

Dream about Fashion

Students from the International Academy of Design & Technology will present Dream 2 their second annual fashion show 7:30 p.m. April 28 at the Masonic Temple Crystal Ballroom. Check out the talent of tomorrow as they present their garments during this high energy runway event. Tickets are \$20 reserved seating \$10 general admission. Call (248) 457-2700 or visit iadtetroit.com for tickets and more information.

International Women's Show

Mark your calendar for the 11th Annual Michigan International Women's Show May 4-7 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. In addition to unique shopping, gourmet food sampling, pampering, makeovers, fashion shows, celebrity sightings and health advice, this year's highlights include a parenting seminar by *Nanny 911's* Nanny Stella on Saturday and personal skin care demonstrations by actress Meredith Baxter throughout. Hours for the show are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$8 at the door, \$4 for ages 6-12 and free for children under 6. Call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.internationalwomenshow.com.



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Royal Oak's Bridal Bliss

Plan your wedding in a day as downtown Royal Oak hosts Bridal Bliss 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday April 29. Dozens of shops, salons and restaurants will provide VIP treatment relating to all things bridal - including wedding planning, invitations, floral arrangements, showers, unique gifts, make up, skin and hair care and styling, bridesmaid dresses, undergarments, catering, jewelry and cakes (like this one from Pronto!). Select stores will present models in various dresses and veils. For more info, visit www.downtownroyaloak.org.



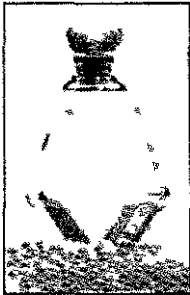
Fragrance Week at Saks

Stash those heavy winter perfumes and indulge in something lighter for spring during

Fragrance Week at Saks Fifth Avenue. Experts will help you sample the latest scents as Saks hosts a bouquet of unique events in the Fragrance Department April 30 - May 6.

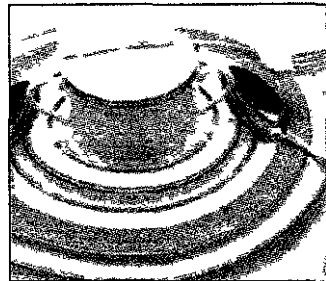
Guests will get a vintage inspired perfume flacon with any fragrance purchase of \$85 or more, and a percentage of sales during the event will benefit

Women in Need, an organization that serves homeless and disadvantaged women and children.



Registration 101

Get set for your wedding as **Marshall Field's** at Twelve Oaks hosts **Registration 101** 5 p.m. to store close May 4-5. Join other couples, explore the store and get advice from the experts on how to create a registry that will set you up in style. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (248) 344-6800.



Shop Through Time

Don't miss the chance to add some vintage to your wardrobe at the **Bloomfield Hills Antique Jewelry and Vintage Apparel Show** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday May 13. Bargain with vendors of costume designer and fine antique jewelry. Find one of a kind gems on racks of clothing dating from the Victorian Age through the mid 20th century. The show at the **Birmingham Unitarian Church**, 38651 Woodward Bloomfield Hills, also will feature vintage menswear for the first time this year, along with great giveaways. Admission is \$5 (children under 12 free) with proceeds benefiting the Rainbow Connection. Call (248) 988-0924 or (248) 646-1047.



If the Shoe Fits

Shoe fanatics will not want to miss this shoe party 2-4 p.m. May 6 at **Marshall Field's Somerset**. Preview the latest runway trends in spring footwear as you enjoy refreshments and informal modeling. Learn from a fashion expert how to match the perfect shoes for every outfit and receive a complimentary foot massage. Vendor representatives will assist with purchases and *An Ultimate Shoe Guide* makes it simple to select the hottest shoes of the season. Call (248) 816-4000.

Cure for the Common Closet

Do you stare at a closet full of nothing to wear? Join style gurus Jesse Garza and Joe Lupo as they visit **Marshall Field's Somerset** at 2 p.m. Saturday April 29. Dubbed the style SWAT team by fashion editors, Garza and Lupo will share their simple 5-step solution to help you edit and add to your wardrobe, creating optimal style and a balance of trends and basics. Jesse and Joe will sign copies of their new book *Nothing to Wear? A 5 Step Cure for the Common Closet*. Call (248) 816-4000.

Lauren Week at Parisian

Celebrate the fashions of **Lauren by Ralph Lauren** 1-4 p.m. April 26-29 at **Parisian Laurel Park Place**. During the week, enjoy light refreshments and special events on certain days, including free alterations on Lauren purchases, wardrobing seminars and mini makeovers. Also register to win a \$500 Lauren wardrobe. Call (734) 953-7500.



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Mrs. Michigan promotes autism awareness

By Diane Gale Andreassi
... PINK Correspondent

When Heidi Scheer learned her son, Gannon, 5, had autism, she immediately went on the Internet and learned as much as she could about the developmental disability that typically involves delays and impairment in social skills, language and behavior.

The Commerce Township woman was impressed by The Autism Research Institute in California, which promotes Defeat Autism Now!, offering an alternative approach to treatments.

The mother of three children, Gannon, Carson, 6 and Ella, 2, immediately took the family off products that had gluten and saw improvements in Gannon a few weeks later.

Scheer is the reigning Mrs. Michigan International and has promoted the importance of autism awareness as her pageant platform. She also convinced Gov. Jennifer Granholm to proclaim April 5 as Autism Intervention Day. PINK spoke with Scheer about autism and the issues she faced as a mother of an autistic child.

How did you first learn Gannon was autistic?

It was brought to our attention by a speech pathologist when he was four

Before that he was speech delayed. First of all, it's kind of horrifying to hear the word autism. They said he was showing autistic characteristics.

What did you do?

I basically spent the weekend researching autism and the different types and the whole spectrum. I found out that having a gluten sensitivity was a large issue. My sister-in-law, who is 30, was just diagnosed with a gluten sensitivity. I put him on the (gluten free) diet. You have to follow it 100 percent. We did it as a family. Anything with wheat, oats, rye or barley in it I took out of the house. I was told I had to give it at least three months. After three weeks we saw dramatic results. His vocabulary went from 50 to 80 words to about 350 words. We were very impressed.

How do you handle his diagnosis?

We have a biomedical approach looking at his diet and ordering blood tests and urine tests and finding out what his body can't tolerate, whether it's gluten or casein. They crave what they're having trouble with. They don't have an enzyme to break down the gluten, which is the protein

from the grain and/or the casein, which is the dairy protein. There's a chemical that goes to the brain that affects them like an opium and makes them not have a clear head, they're spacey, lethargic and frustrated. We also have him on a regimen of supplements, some homeopathy and herbs.

Do doctors support your methods?

Most pediatricians don't know about the DAN! program. It is alternative. It's definitely seeking out other ways to heal the body naturally, but more and more doctors are getting on board.

What's your advice for others who have a child with autism or suspect there is a problem?

There are so many people out there who are searching for

answers. They may not have ever gotten a diagnosis, but they know something is not quite right. Or, they have a diagnosis and they don't know about the biomedical approach. There's so many kids out there who can get some improvements.

Each child is different with their characteristics and classifications. They will all react and respond differently with treatments. And the parents have no idea and



Mrs. Michigan Heidi Scheer

they're giving their kids milk five times a day. I want to get the word out there that there are alternatives.

What does the future hold?

I tell people we are in the process of recovering. I can't say if it will ever go away 100 percent. I've seen kids who have become 100 percent recovered. Next year we're going to put him in a regular kindergarten class. He's got four years of catching up to do with emotions and relationships.

For more information about DAN! go to www.AutismResearchInstitute.com. A local organization, the Judson Center Autism Connections Services in Royal Oak, also offers services designed to assist individuals with autism, their families and their communities. Call 248-837-2047 for more information.

Gluten Intolerance

Many people suffer from bad reactions to gluten. Celiac disease, also known as gluten intolerance, is a genetic disorder that affects one in 133 Americans. Symptoms can range from diarrhea, weight loss and malnutrition, to nutrient deficiencies. The disease mostly affects people of European, especially Northern European, descent. For more information go to www.celiac.com

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Women Helping Women

Support Grace Centers of Hope at the 8th Annual Women Helping Women Luncheon and Fashion Show. The event, set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday May 6 at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, will include lunch, a raffle, silent auction and fashion show. Tickets: \$75 benefit the Grace Center's Women's Program, the only shelter in Southeast Michigan where mothers and children can stay together longer than two weeks. Women from the shelter will join professional and local celebrity models to show the latest fashions from the Somerset Collection. Call Shannon Grace Clark at (248) 334-2187 ext. 23 or visit www.gracecentersofhope.org.

Spring Luncheon and Boutique

The Women's Committee for Hospice Care will sponsor its annual Spring Luncheon and Boutique Tuesday, May 9 at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester. Shopping lasts from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes vendors like Pangborn Collection, The Fuschia Frog, Needle Nook and Krystyna's European Spa. Items include Mother's Day gifts, pampered pet supplies, beauty products, hand-painted portraits of your home, vintage furs and

jewelry, evening bags, St. John knits and more. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets: \$60-\$150 benefit eight area hospices. For information e-mail Sandy Nahm at snahm@cranbrook.edu or visit www.wchcinc.org.

Get a Kick From Boot Camp

Jennifer Gray's Spring Body Beautiful Boot Camps kick off May 1 in fitness centers in Brighton, Clinton Township, Rochester, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. The program integrates nutrition with Pilates Bar method, bosu ball, kickboxing, low impact step aerobics, yoga and belly dancing to help you reach your fitness goals. Boot Camps are tailored specifically for women. Big beautiful women and brides. Twelve- and six-week options are available. Visit www.bodybyjenn.com.

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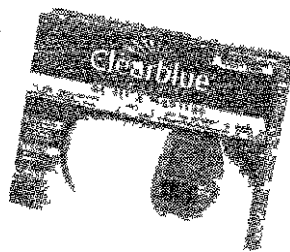
Dust off those clubs and get motivated to hit the greens. The Women's 18 Hole Livonia Women's Golf League is offering gal golfers a great rate to get in the game. League members golf for \$25, including greens fees and cart, at Whispering Willows Golf Course every Thursday morning starting May 4 for 20 weeks. Tee time is 8 a.m. Non-residents are encouraged to join. Call Kathy at (248) 476-3991.

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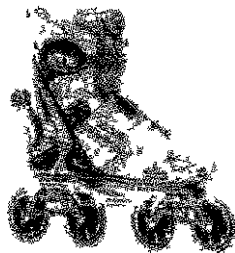
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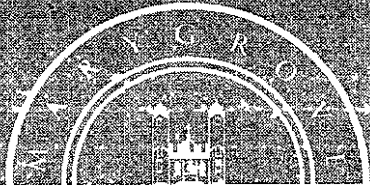
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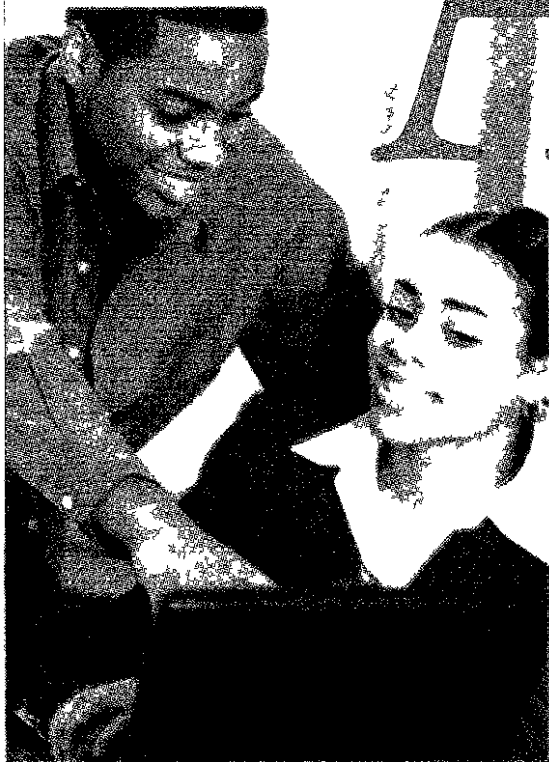
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