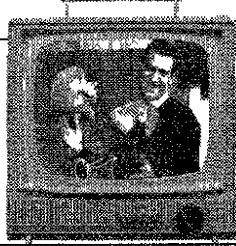


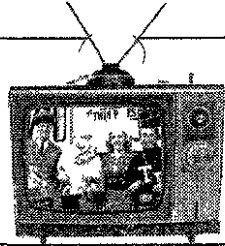
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Orange Crush

Drivers making their way around M-14 construction zone

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Julie Bernard chuckles a little when she's asked whether the construction on M-14 has affected business at Ilmor Engineering, where Bernard is vice president.

"It hasn't really affected us," said Bernard, who gets to avoid the problems because she lives south of them. "But we're trying to do some hiring, and a some of our interviewees have been late because of it."

It's all part of life since the Michigan Department of Transportation began its \$38 million project to reconstruct M-14 in both directions from Haggerty to the Washtenaw/Wayne County line. Construction is set to run through November. The project is designed to upgrade the surface condition of the roadway and do repairs to some 17 bridges along with work on the ramps to both Sheldon and Beck.

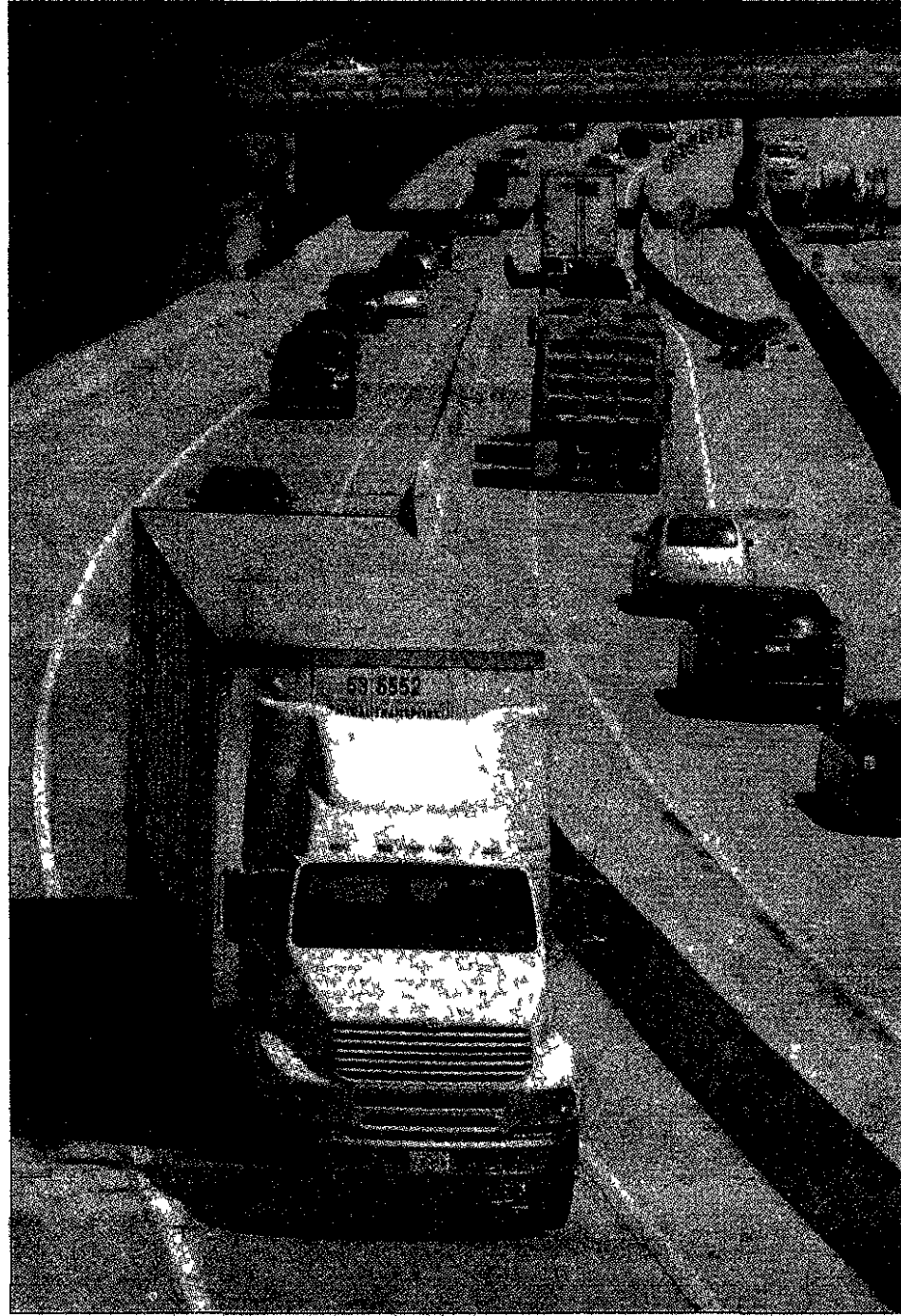
When MDOT officials announced the project last winter, they were hoping the two basic types of drivers would find alternate routes — drivers from the Ann Arbor area who work in Detroit would use I-94, while those who work in the Plymouth-Canton area would use M-14 and its nearby surface roads.

While that's happening to some degree, MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said the department has fielded concerns from both kinds of travelers about access to the road. The eastbound exit to Beck and the north/southbound ramps from Beck to M-14 are expected to be closed through early July.

"Local drivers want to know if there's any way to open up the Beck Road interchange, and through-traffic (drivers) have concerns about the slowdowns at Sheldon," Morosi said. "Local traffic wants more access, and through traffic wants less. We're confident we've worked it out the best way we can."

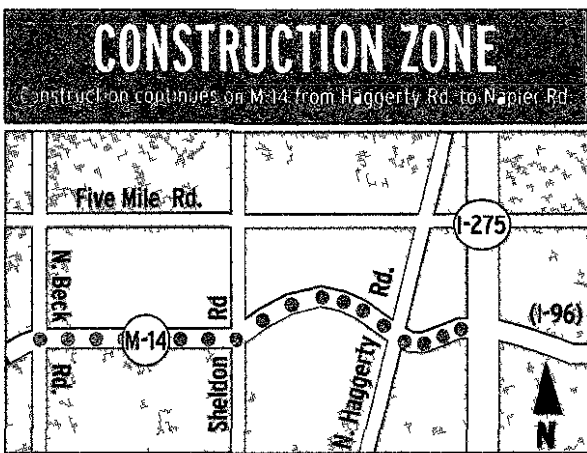
Right now, eastbound M-14 is shut down, and traffic runs one lane in each direction on the westbound side of the expressway. In early July, traffic will shift to the eastbound side and westbound M-14 will close. That will also include north- and southbound entrance ramps from Beck to M-14, and the westbound exit to Beck.

In September and October, drivers will see intermittent lane closures on both sides, along with the closing of exits to Sheldon, with traffic diverted to Beck.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Even mid-day traffic on M-14 can find it slow-going as construction continues on the \$38 million project



Morosi said the project is on track to be completed in November. In the meantime, drivers are making the best of it.



The eastbound M-14 ramps from Beck Road are closed until early July as work continues.

PLEASE SEE CONSTRUCTION, A6

Health a concern in pop decision

Choice to drop soda could also crimp schools' revenue

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Salem High School junior Kelly Beach says if she can't have her morning caffeine, then don't expect her to be wide awake in class.

"I buy Mountain Dew and Sprite and if they take that away from me, I'm going to fall asleep. I've done it before," said Beach. "The caffeine in it keeps me awake."

Beach, and fellow students, will have to find another way of getting their morning boost of energy after the nation's largest soda companies agreed to stop selling soft drinks in elementary and middle schools, and limit soda sales in high schools to diet drinks.

The Alliance for a Healthier Generation, a collaboration between former President Bill Clinton's foundation and the American Heart Association, brokered a deal with Coca-Cola Co., PepsiCo Inc., Cadbury Schweppes PLC and the American Beverage Association for the companies to stop selling most sodas in schools.

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Nationwide, soda accounts for nearly half of all drinks sold in schools, and is being blamed in part for causing obesity in children and contributing to the increase of some diseases, including diabetes.

The deal means the beverage companies — including Coca-Cola's exclusive contract with Plymouth-Canton schools — will only sell water, juice, tea and low-calorie drinks in the elementary and middle schools, while offering only diet pop in the high schools.

"I think that's great," said school board trustee Joanne Lamar. "The more water we put in the machines, the better off we are."

Lamar, a registered nurse, has been pushing for years to replace the soda with more water choices in vending machines throughout the district.

"My experience with Marching Band and the Senior Party is we went through water like crazy, and always had pop left over," Lamar said. "I think many of the kids are making better choices. Last year, we did a pilot program (throughout the district) where we put in more water in the machines and haven't had any problem with sales. I think we'll do fine."

It's a Catch-22 for the school district. At the same time students are being taught good health practices, Plymouth-Canton Schools has a contract with Coca-Cola that nets more than \$250,000 annually, much of it selling pop.

The current seven-year contract with Coke — which ends July 1 — gives the district \$155,000 upfront Commission sales earned by the high schools average \$100,000 annually, according to Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services.

"We're in the process of preparing requests for proposal for our exclusive beverage contract," said Brand. "With the announcement, there will be some modification on what you can sell at certain points of time."

Plymouth-Canton middle schools have pop machines, however, they are turned off during school.

PLEASE SEE SODA, A6

Northville lawyer jumps into judge race

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The race for 35th District Court judge intensified this week after Northville Township attorney Jim Plakas announced he's throwing his hat into the fray.

Plakas, 38, filed 995 petition signatures to enter the three-man race. State law requires between 600-1,000 petition signatures to run for the judgeship, a six-year term which pays \$138,272 annually.

Plakas, an 11-year attorney with the Westland law firm of

Angelo Plakas & Associates, said his experience includes representing plaintiffs, as well as prosecuting cases as an assistant city attorney for Westland. Plakas said it's that experience, from both sides of the courtroom, that gives him the experience to be a judge.

"The more I've been practicing law, the more I feel this (becoming a judge) is something I want to do," Plakas said. "I love to mediate disputes between people, and I love the law. There's nothing better than sitting on the bench and applying the facts of

the law and making a decision based on it."

Plakas will face incumbent Ron Lowe of Canton Township and attorney Brian Stacey of Plymouth Township in the Aug. 8 primary. Lowe has held the position for 12 years. Stacey has practiced law for 25 years. The candidates with the highest vote totals will challenge each other in the Nov. 7 general election.

Nominating petitions to enter the race for 35th District Court judge are due by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, and can be filed at the Wayne County Clerk's office in

downtown Detroit.

The 35th District Court in Plymouth serves the communities of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township.

Chief Judge John MacDonald who has been on the bench for 21 years, will face mandatory age restrictions and be forced to retire after his term expires in January 2009. Judge Mike Gerou was elected to an eight-year term in 2003.

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The vending machines at Salem High School won't have any regular pop after an agreement between the soft-drink companies not to provide sugary drinks to high schoolers.

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Call Clara, (734) 254-0849, or e-mail to sweisz59@comcast.net for more information

Meet Livonia author

Dana Kent of Livonia will be signing her first book 'The Life of An American Holocaust Survivor' from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 14 at The Book Cellar & Cafe in Plymouth

Kent, a retired teacher tells the story of her father's survival after three years in concentration camps through his strong belief in God. He truly believed he must have had a guardian angel watching over him to help him survive until the soldiers came to liberate him, Kent says. "Having this book published has been a long dream of mine as well as his"

Kent notes that the book published in January, is also available on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com

Framed art sale

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will be holding a spring framed art sale noon to 5 p.m. Friday, May 19, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 20

Many of the sale pieces are from the Art Rental Gallery at 774 Sheldon in Plymouth. Anyone who has rented art from the gallery may now be able to buy a favorite piece at the sale

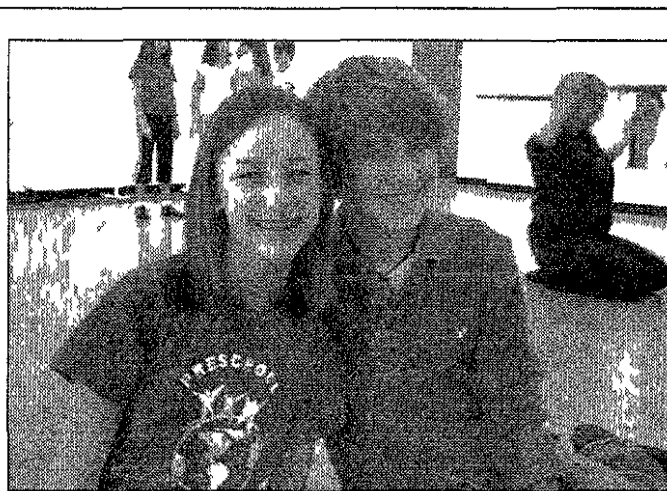
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PCAC camps

The Plymouth Community Arts Council sponsors the following camps for youngsters

- **Guitar Camp** — The PCAC offers two guitar camps this summer with instructor Henry Bahrou. Beginning guitarists age 7 and up can learn or improve their skills. 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. June 26-30. Aspiring musicians with at least six months experience can attend. 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. July 31-Aug 4. A group performance will be given at the end of this week.

The cost for these five day workshops is \$145 for members, \$160 for non-members. To register or for more information call (734)



Peter Pan

Canton Youth Theater presents Peter Pan, the show about a boy who wouldn't grow up, with 14-year olds Molly Wallace of Plymouth and Mike Petrillo of Commerce Township sharing the title role at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Two separate casts comprised of some 90 kids ages 6-18 who will perform over two weekends, Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 28. Evening shows 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Saturday matinee is at 2 p.m. and Sunday matinee is at 3 p.m. All seats are \$12, and may be purchased by phone at (734) 394-5460, in person at the Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway, Canton), or one hour pre-show at the Village Theater (50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton). For more information, call Ever After Productions at (734) 751-4887

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■ **Drama Camp for Kids** — Aspiring actors ages 5-14 can come for one, two or all three weeks to the PCAC for the Plymouth Uptown Players Drama Camps. Director

Sharon Belobraidich and the staff plans to teach the different aspects of drama and theater as well as the usual fun "camp" activities all kids look forward to

Bring a lunch each day and

plan for a performance for family and friends at the end of each week. Camp is 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 10-14, July 24-28 or Aug 21-25. The cost is \$110 for PCAC members, \$125 for non-members. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278

■ **Kids' Fine Arts Camps** — Visual Arts Workshops at the Plymouth Community Arts Council this summer are for young artists ages 7-14. During the July 17-21 or Aug 14-18, students will create two- and three-dimensional work with an emphasis on the artistic process. At the end of each week, the emerging artists will exhibit their work during an "opening reception"

Camp is 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. so kids should bring a lunch. The cost is \$125 for PCAC members, \$140 for non-members. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278

■ **Youngest Artists Camp** — Youngest Artists between 5 and 8 years old have a chance to experience both drama and visual arts June 20-23

Campers will create artworks such as masks or puppets to use in a short play to present to family and friends on Thursday afternoon. Camp times are 9:30 a.m. - noon

The cost is \$70 for PCAC members and \$85 for non-members. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278

Potters Guild sale

The Village Potter's Guild holds a special sale May 19-21 as part of Art Feast weekend in Plymouth

The event includes the Guild's annual clearance sale. All items in the clearance sale will be priced to sell. Included are functional pottery, tiles and

decorative items, some of which will not affect use

Art Feast and Potter's Guild sale hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, May 20, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 21. The Potter's Guild is located at 340 N. Main Street in Plymouth behind the Plymouth Crossing restaurant

In addition to the clearance sale the Guild will be holding open house all weekend with continuing demonstrations. The Guild will also offer first-quality items during the same hours

As a special part of the Art Feast Open House, the Guild will provide refreshments by the Plymouth Crossing Restaurant 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, in addition to sales and demonstrations

For more information call the Guild at (734) 207-8807

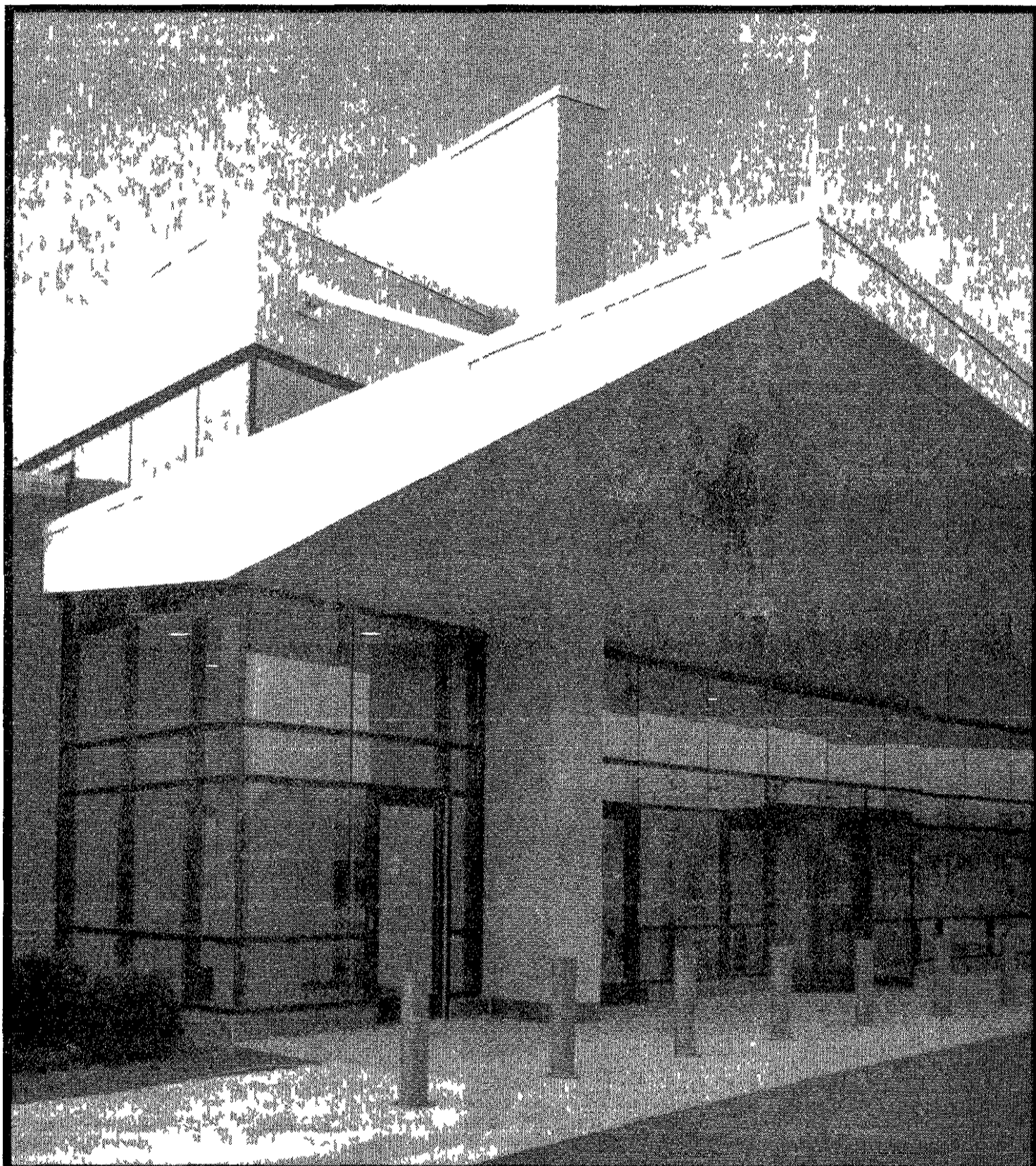
Lake party

Van Dam's Boutique in Northville hosts a party on the lake to celebrate New Hope Center for Grief Support 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, at Highland Lakes Clubhouse

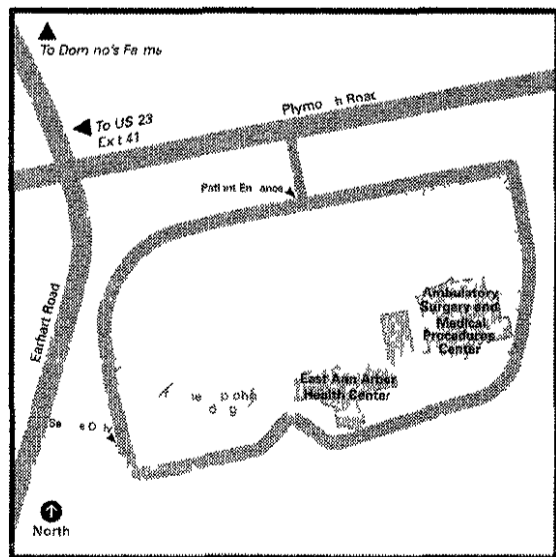
The event features live music by Dale Hicks, food, refreshments and a "fashion stroll" featuring spring and summer casual wear from Fine Threads and Van Dam's Boutique.

Cost is \$25 per person, and reservations can be made in advance at Van Dam's or by mail. Tickets paid by cash or check only, make checks out to Van Dam's Boutique. The clubhouse is located at 20301 Silver Springs Drive, south of 8 Mile between Griswold and Meadowbrook, in Northville

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Students get chance to browse careers

East career day gives kids glimpse at future

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

From chief financial officer, to funeral director, to FBI agent, to CNN producer, seventh-graders at East Middle School received a glimpse of more than two dozen career possibilities at the school's fourth-annual Career Day.

"I thought the FBI was kinda cool," said Ashley Cade, 13, of Canton Township. "I liked they got to chase people across the country and bust people for drugs."

Cade said teaching has interested her, but it's still too early to tell.

However, East counselor Sheila Weber said seventh-



Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, who owns D&M Art Studios in Canton, demonstrates oil painting while talking about her career as an artist during career day at East Middle School Friday.

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East Middle School student Alexis Wagar listens to Sharon Lee Dillenbeck's presentation during the school's career day event Friday.

grade isn't too early to begin making inquiries for a possible career choice.

"Many of the electives they will take in high school will be based on what their career and personal interests are," said Weber. "These kids will get a say on what electives they want to take, so it's never too early to think about it."

Kara Booms of Canton said a reporting career could be in her future.

"I've always wanted to be a reporter because I like to write," said Booms, 13. "I just think it would be really exciting to have people read what you have to say."

Booms said her first step will be to attend college before embarking on a career.

Education is really important, it can take you really far in life, Booms said.

Taylor Anderson, 13, of Canton, said he'd like to teach culture and social studies some day. However, he was interested in the presentation by Enrico Digrolamo, chief financial officer for General Motors, because Digrolamo's job afforded a lot of travel abroad, increasing opportunities to learn different cultures.

Anderson said the East

Career Day is definitely a good idea for students.

"Some kids aren't too sure about jobs, and it gives them a good chance to set their goals now," Anderson said. "Some kids mess around in high school but now is when it starts counting in life."

Digrolamo, who conveyed stories about living in Germany, Spain and Brazil while working for GM, encouraged students to take the time to learn about other cultures.

"I think it's important that kids understand that there's a variety of things they can aspire to, that actually the world is quite limitless in terms of business opportunities and what you want to do as a career," said Digrolamo.

Mumps case sparks vaccination check

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly three dozen Plymouth-Canton high school students were kept out of class this week until they showed proof of immunization against mumps, just days after one student at the high school park was diagnosed with a probable case early this week.

"There were about 30 students we could easily identify as not having all their immunizations," said Nancy Bitzarakis, a school nurse at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. They did have to stay home from school until they got them. About a third received their immunizations and returned to school.

Bitzarakis said the single case of mumps doesn't appear to be related to an outbreak in the Midwest, most notably in Iowa. However, high school administrators are checking records of the 5,600 students at P-CEP to identify those who may not have been properly immunized.

"We're contacting the families of students who need an update," said Bitzarakis. If they haven't been contacted, students should continue to come to school as

usual.

Bitzarakis said students must have two doses of the MMR vaccine to prevent mumps. Adults who have had mumps are immune.

A letter was sent home to parents Wednesday with information about mumps, including symptoms of the virus and good health practices.

"Mumps is not a common illness, and families have to be concerned," said Bitzarakis. "Since it's a virus, it's best to stay home and let it run its course, drink lots of fluids and get lots of rest."

"You generally feel crummy for about four-five days, and then you gradually get better," she said. "It takes at least two weeks to run its course."

Symptoms include chills, headache, loss of appetite, fatigue and a low-grade fever. After those symptoms, swelling starts behind the ears and there is pain associated with chewing and swallowing.

"It's a reminder to keep good health practices," said Bitzarakis. "Don't go to school if you're ill, don't share food and drink, cover your mouth when you sneeze and wash your hands frequently."

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C
Barbara J. (Nussmeier) Copeland
 Copeland 57 of Pendleton NY died May 4

D
Louise Devor
 Devor 92 died May 3

G
Robert John Gilfert
 Gilfert 85 formerly of Birmingham died May 1

H
Sydney R Hall
 Hall 83 of Rochester Hills died April 18

Affred Eugene Hiveley
 Hiveley 77 of Wayne died April 30

Joseph E. House
 House 85 of Rochester Hills died April 28

K
Ruth M Kay
 Kay 84 of Sterling Heights died April 30

Roger J Kukkola
 Kukkola 72 of Amherstberg Ontario died April 21

L
Mayme D LaPalm
 LaPalm 87 died May 5

M
Ruel E McKenzie
 McKenzie 90 of Rochester Hills died April 28

Lois I Mills
 Mills 87 of Auburn Hills died April 16

S
Howard J Sanford
 Sanford 61 of Rochester Hills died April 30

Vern Wallace Schlawske
 Schlawske 90 formerly of Plymouth died April 19

Helen B Schneider
 Schneider 82 formerly of Farmington Hills died May 3

Tessie M Souders
 Souders 93 of Rochester Hills died April 24

John Stupka Jr.
 Stupka 89 of Rochester Hills died April 23

T
Margaret D Thompson
 Thompson 80 of Lake Orion died April 20

V
Marylou Vickers
 Vickers 76 of Rochester Hills died April 21

W
Sherry A Winkel
 Winkel 65 formerly of Rochester died April 12

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Losing a piece of history

Civil War-era barn scheduled for wrecking ball

BY KURT KUBAN
 STAFF WRITER

The Canton Historic District Commission and Canton Historical Society did all they could to save the historic barn located on the grounds of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Since December, the historians tried to raise funds to move the barn, which dates back to the Civil War, to Cherry Hill Village.

But in the end, there just wasn't enough interest -- or financial support. As a result, Canton will lose yet another piece of its proud agricultural history when the barn is demolished, probably sometime this summer.

Canton Township Clerk Terry Bennett, who is also a member of the historic district commission, said a sluggish economy and a struggling automotive industry affected the scope of the donations they were able to get. The group was trying to raise \$120,000 to move the barn, but only received commitments for



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Historical preservationists and Canton officials were unable to raise enough money or interest to save this Civil War-era barn located on the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

\$25,000. "People were still donating, but instead of getting \$5,000 at a time we were getting \$1,000," she said. "There just didn't seem to be a huge rallying of folks. We didn't feel that in a short amount of time we were going to be able to raise the rest of what we needed."

The barn, currently located at the corner of McClumpha and Joy roads, was constructed on the site in the early 1900s, but contains some timbers from a barn that was built in the pre-Civil War era.

According to the historical society, the barn was constructed by farmer Aruna Cady, who died in 1911. Several barn experts have inspected the barn and determined it is a 'raised basement' barn with a gambrel roof, which has four

sides and is quite rare. The barn is also all that is left of the Rotary School Farm, named in 1970 after the Plymouth Rotary raised \$20,000 to operate a school farm and rural life center. Thousands of Plymouth-Canton students took bus trips to the farm until it closed in 1981 because of economic cutbacks.

The school district bought the property and barn in 1967, and has used it to store road salt and lawn equipment. District spokesman Frank Ruggirello said the barn has become inadequate for the district's needs, however. The district will build a larger storage facility on the campus, and will also build tennis courts for Plymouth High School where the barn now sits.

Ruggirello said the district has put off demolishing the barn to give Canton officials enough time to raise money so it could be moved, but it is now apparent that isn't going to happen.

June 1 is kind of the day we set. But we're going to allow them to go in and take anything of historical significance. I understand there is some old farm equipment in there. We're going to give them all the time they need," he said. "We don't want this to turn into a sour point with the community."

Ruggirello said the district still hasn't put the demolition project out to bid, so it should take a few months before anything happens.

It's too bad it couldn't be saved, he said.

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Community Financial scholarship recipients and presenter honorees gather at scholarship reception (from left) Nichole McLaughlin, Allison Poremba, Margaret Dunning, Doreen Lawton, Matthew Renner, Pridvi Kandagatla, Kathryn Girsks, Grace Huang, Sarah Galli and Yiyang Lu. Not pictured are Katlyn Harrison and Jenna Hansen.

Winners pick up college scholarships

Community Financial recently announced the winners of its 2006 scholarship program. The Community Financial Scholarship Fund, an affiliate of the credit union, awarded 10 \$1,000 scholarships to Michigan students.

The winners were selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members and will use the funds to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution.

All of the students were selected for their outstanding academic performance and for their involvement in community service.

"These students represent our future, and by providing these scholarships we hope that we can help them build a solid foundation," said Bill Lawton, board chair of the Community Financial Scholarship Fund.

For 18 years, the credit union's annual scholarship program has awarded more than \$80,000 to college-

bound members who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to education and their communities.

Community Financial has two annual scholarship funds—one in honor of Margaret Dunning, a long-time credit union volunteer, and another to honor the memory of George Lawton, the credit union's general manager of 29 years.

Dunning and Doreen Lawton, wife of the late George Lawton, joined CEO Bill Lawton, scholarship selection committee members and board directors in making the special presentations at the Plymouth office.

There were eight local winners of this year's Dunning and Lawton scholarships including Plymouth residents Sarah Galli (Canton High School) and Kathryn Girsks (Salem), Canton residents Katlyn Harrison (Plymouth), Pridvi Kandagatla (Salem) and Yiyang Lu (Salem), Northville resident Jenna Hansen (Ladywood), and

Novi residents Grace Huang (Northville) and Matthew Renner (Novi). Two scholarships will also be awarded in the credit union's northern Michigan service area.

In addition, the credit union awarded two \$500 scholarships to children of Community Financial employees.

Recipients of this year's scholarships to children of credit union employees included Allison Poremba, daughter of Sales Trainer Connie Poremba and Nichole McLaughlin, daughter of Senior Education Partnership Coordinator Natalie McLaughlin. Both are graduating from Plymouth High School.

These scholarship programs are among several youth programs through which Community Financial has demonstrated its strong commitment to education and financial literacy.

County emphasizes chemical awareness

Wayne County's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will participate in Chemical Awareness Week, May 7-13. The Michigan State Police (MSP) Emergency Management division, the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and the Michigan Chemistry Council are promoting this public-safety event statewide.

This year's awareness effort focuses on public preparedness and action steps in the case of a chemical (contamination) emergency, with an emphasis

on 'shelter in place' Safety pamphlets and related Chemical Awareness Week information are being made available at Wayne County's Web site, <http://www.waynecountyemd.com>.

Wayne County is 'highly focused on bringing our citizens the correct information, so we can prevent an incident,' said James Buford, the county's Homeland Security director. 'Public awareness is a vital part of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.'

Improper handling, processing, storage and transport of chemicals/toxins can

create public hazards. And accidents involving hazardous materials, both at home and commercially, have been common in some communities, like Romulus and Riverview. Chemical Awareness Week focuses on the dangers of intentional and unintentional chemical releases, home-safety measures and what actions citizens may take to help prevent injury in the event of a commercial accident.

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CONSTRUCTION

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Laurel Thomas Gnagey used to be able to get to her job at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in about 30 minutes, with M-14 as her primary route. Now Gnagey, executive editor of *The University Record* who lives near Five Mile and Haggerty, said she bypasses the worst of the construction by "meandering over to North Territorial or Gotfredson."

"I've noticed a lot of people doing that, so it's a little more congested that way," she said. "That slows me down a little bit, but it's a little less frustrating than being in a long line of cars."

Ian Hawkins, general manager of the Marine Department at Ilmor Engineering, has to travel every day from Carpenter Road south of Ann Arbor to Plymouth. He said the drive hasn't been as bad as he thought.

"Some days you can stay on M-14 all the way to Gotfredson and then you have your choice of North Territorial or Sheldon. Ann Arbor Road has been remark-



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With normal M-14 drivers taking to surface streets, Ann Arbor Road gets a little busier, especially at rush hour

ably quiet," he said. "It has been something of a pain, because you have to deal with all the side roads and the school bus traffic, but it hasn't been as bad as I thought it

would be." Hawkins said the finished product should be worth the wait.

They seem to be ripping it out at the moment, but it used

to be like a motocross track with all the bumps," Hawkins said. "If (congestion) doesn't get any worse, it'll be OK."

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SODA

FROM PAGE A1

hours Plymouth High School Principal Michael Bee said the high school policy allows students to purchase pop from the vending machines during lunch hours and after school.

"Other than water, we don't allow any food or drink in the classroom," said Bee. "After school at activities, they can eat or drink what they want."

Restricting sugary sodas could put a crimp in sales, which would lower commissions, which pay for a number of high school programs.

"If we pull out the colas, we might not get as big a commission to buy computers, classroom supplies and pay for field trips, things that our budget just doesn't allow for," said Bee. "Half of what we earn goes to athletics, because of all the cuts. The other half goes into a fund that a committee of teachers, administrators and support staff decide how to spend."

A STUDENT VIEW

Seventeen-year-old Lindsey Ross of Plymouth Township said many students depend on pop and energy drinks to keep awake in class.

"I think a lot of people will be pretty upset," said Ross, a Salem senior. "I know people who get two pops a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, to keep them motivated."

"I think it will be good for us, instead of drinking unhealthy drinks," said Ross, who noted she doesn't drink pop.

Nancy Haskin of Canton Township, who has two

teenagers, said she's in favor of limiting the sugary drinks, and the ban should go even further.

"They drink at home, they drink it here, when they go to McDonald's," said Haskin. "I think they should take out the diet pop, too, because it's not healthy for the kids."

Shahnaz Broucek of Canton, with two children in school, said dropping the pop is a good idea, but kids will find other ways to get their morning caffeine fix.

"One of the bigger concerns for me are all the so-called energy drinks, that's what the kids are drinking and bringing to school," said Broucek. "They're very high sugar and very high caffeine. You'll probably see more of those drinks being brought in."

School nurse Nancy Bitzarakis said taking the pop out of schools is a good start, but it has to be part of a total lifestyle change.

"Doing anything to promote good health is a good idea," said Bitzarakis. "But, it can't be just one place that's trying to get kids healthy. We have to look at what they're doing at school, at home and when they're out with friends. We also need to get kids to exercise more."

Beach said she understands the health issues, however, with the enormity of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, health shouldn't be an issue.

"If you walk between three high schools, you're going to burn more calories than you drink," Beach said. "It just takes away your freedom of choice. If it's what I want, give it to me."

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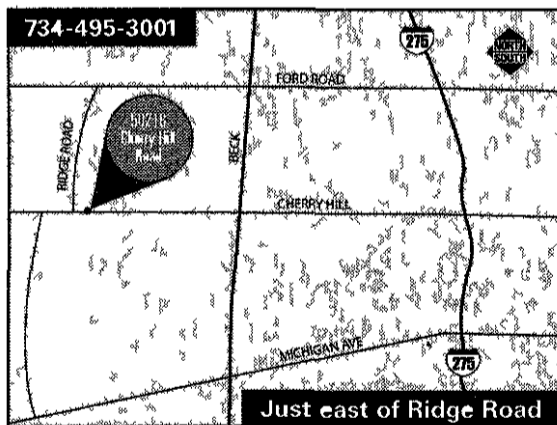


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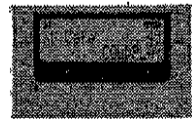
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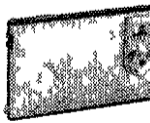
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Local student wins Fulbright to Germany

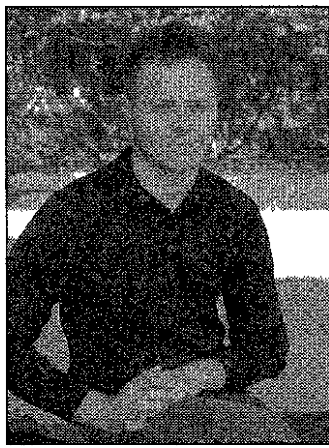
For the third year in a row, an Eastern Michigan University student has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright teaching assistantship

Jason Bishop, a senior from Canton, has won a fully-paid trip to Germany, where he'll spend 10 months as an assistant English teacher for either elementary or high school students

Bishop, 24, was graduated from EMU April 30, with majors in German, linguistics and psychology

"This is fantastic for our German program. In the three years that EMU has participated, we've had some really terrific students go through the program," said Carla Damiano, assistant professor, foreign languages and bilingual studies. "I had the same Fulbright during my graduate year and it's extremely competitive. We are really proud of Jason."

Bishop will start his assistantship in early September with a weeklong orientation in Cologne. He then travels to Leipzig, in eastern Germany, where he will be



Jason Bishop earned a Fulbright Scholarship to Germany. He was graduated from Eastern Michigan University April 30.

assigned to a school

During his free time, he'll also have the opportunity to conduct research in linguistics and attend classes at the University of Leipzig. After he finishes teaching, Bishop plans on attending graduate school to specialize in linguistics

"I really want to encourage others, especially those studying a foreign language, to apply for this scholarship," said Bishop. "You don't need

a 4.0 GPA or to Harvard to be a good candidate for a Fulbright. I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity and plan to make the very best of my time in Germany."

To qualify for a Fulbright, candidates must first compete in a series of interviews. After being chosen for the second round, Bishop then had to send the committee a personal statement and a short essay, both in German

Olivet College

Heather Michalsen, a freshman from Plymouth, received the Dr. Wolfgang Mieder Foreign Language Scholarship at the annual Honors Convocation at Olivet College

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ATM suspects waive preliminary exam

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

The four downriver residents accused of faking an ATM holdup waived their preliminary examinations Thursday in 35th District Court in Plymouth. All four will appear in Wayne County Circuit Court May 19.

They were charged following a March 30 call to Canton 911, when a bank customer at the LaSalle Bank on Michigan Avenue heard someone inside an ATM machine. Police arrived and had to open the machine with the Jaws of Life, and found Jennifer Renee Rigley inside the machine. The River Rouge woman said she had been held up, bound by tape and locked inside the machine.

When Canton police and the FBI investigated, they began to suspect Rigley wasn't

a victim in the crime at all. Instead, they said she was the major conspirator in a scheme to rob the machine, which she was able to access because she worked for a company which services ATM machines.

Rigley, along with her husband, Eric James Rigley, were arrested, along with Lee James Madera and Eric Michael Ashley, all of River Rouge.

Ashley was charged with accessory after the fact and receiving and concealing stolen property, both five-year felonies. He pleaded not guilty and was released after paying 10 percent of a \$20,000 bond.

Police said Ashley held some of the \$170,000 stolen from the ATM. The Rigeleys and Madera were charged with embezzlement and larceny. Assistant prosecutor Luke Skywalker said only \$80,000

has been recovered. Madera and Rigeleys face up to 20 years in prison if convicted. Jennifer Rigley was also charged with filing a false police report.

Attorneys for Madera and the Rigeleys each asked for their clients' bond to be reduced to 10 percent surety, but the requests were denied or referred to pretrial services by Judge Michael Gerou. The Rigeleys have a 10-month-old baby, who is staying with relatives.

Skywalker said Madera is a flight risk because immediately after the robbery, he left the state and went to Ohio and possibly to Tennessee. He was arrested with \$26,000 in his possession. Skywalker said in court Madera also spent significant amounts of money drugs and call girls.

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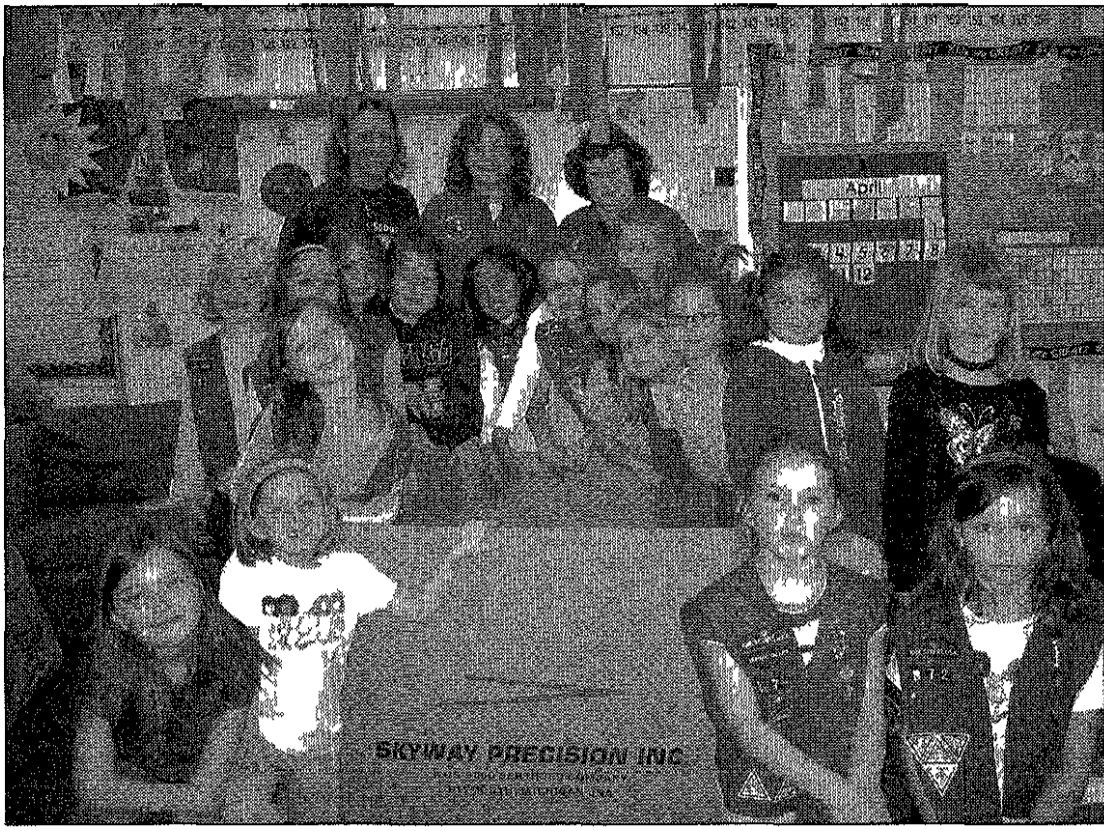
First-grade Girl Scout Brownie Troop 872 from Bird Elementary School collected craft supplies to ship to Grace Care Center Orphanage for girls in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka

The orphanage serves up to 100 girls and is operating in an area still reeling from the impact of the December 2004 tsunami and the threat of war

The troop's leaders first heard about the orphanage through its director, Diane McLaughlin, who has family in Plymouth. McLaughlin and other teachers at the orphanage wanted to give their girls a creative outlet, but they were limited in their efforts. Construction paper and certain other art supplies are not available in Sri Lanka.

When the girls in Brownie Troop 872 heard about these orphans, they enthusiastically wanted to help. They donated glitter, beads, stickers, glue, feathers, and paper to send to Sri Lanka, along with pictures and letters they wrote during one of their troop meetings. Troop leaders said they felt this project was a great way to show the Brownies how their actions "can bring smiles to the faces of girls on the other side of the world."

The service project's ship-



Brownies from Bird Elementary include (front, from left) Kenzie Jones, Sydney Graham, Jackie Bonnell and Isabel Ciampa, (second row, from left) Sydney West, Hannah Fanning, Emily LeBlanc, Reena Jankowski, Abigail Sexton, Haley Seymour, Erin Gniewek, Allison Lubin, Kate Doroba, Nina Joss, Emmie Fucinari, Brianna Seesholtz and Catherine Sandberg, and (back, from left) Troop leaders Angela Bonnell, Erica West and Laurie Seymour. Not pictured are Brownies Marissa McKarge and Monica Newton.

ping costs were donated by the troop's sponsor, Skyway Precision, Inc., a manufacturer of components for drive train and diesel engines located on Plymouth Road.

The Grace Care Center Orphanage is operated by VeAhavta (you shall love in Hebrew), a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing charitable assistance to low income, destitute and dis-

placed persons and to promoting peace, understanding and mutual respect among people of different religions through education. For more information, visit www.you-shall-love.org on the Web.

Police hope tickets help calm troubles at I-96/I-275 area

BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

Livonia police have increased patrols and ticket-writing around the construction-congested interchange of I-275 and I-96 in a bid to cool tempers and limit accidents.

The M-14 construction project in Plymouth has traffic on westbound I-96 pared to two lanes during the busy afternoon rush. Since work began in March, traffic on both sides of M-14 from I-275 to Napier have reduced the high-volume freeway to one lane.

This has tempted some motorists to make illegal lane changes by cruising up toward the front of the line and cutting off other motorists who are patiently waiting in traffic. Besides angering those well-mannered drivers, these improper lane changes have caused a number of accidents.

"We had seven accidents there in the first week, and that just slowed traffic even more," Livonia police Sgt.

Dave Studt said.

The department's traffic bureau has more patrol cars focused on the area, particularly during the afternoon rush, to catch violators and write tickets. With the increased police activity in the high-congestion area, Studt said he hopes more motorists take notice and take it easy.

"Since we increased our patrols there, we've written some tickets, but the number of accidents have dropped," Studt said. "Still, we will continue to have a presence in that area."

Livonia police has directed its Strategic Traffic Accident Reduction (STAR) detail to patrol the area. The detail essentially uses patrol officers who work overtime shifts to focus on high-traffic areas to enforce speeding and other traffic infractions. The STAR program was started in 2003 in an effort to reduce vehicle crashes at the city's six most-dangerous intersections.

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State House approves use of new license plate

The Michigan House of Representatives on Thursday approved a bill that would require Michigan drivers to have new, reflective license plates on their vehicles.

House Bill 5607, sponsored by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, requires the use of the new standard design plate by Jan. 1, 2008. LaJoy, chair of the House Transportation Committee, said the plates will increase revenue to the state without adding any additional fees to consumers.

"We could see approximately \$15 million in revenue for the state as a result of this legislation, and thanks to new technology, these plates are still going to be less expensive for consumers than the ones we have now," he said.

The new plate design will feature a one-color graphic reflective surface, unlike the current blue and white standard registration plates. The

design also will prevent people from making fraudulent license plate tags.

"It is estimated that in Michigan, there is a three percent non-compliance rate with registration requirements," said LaJoy. "That means there are a large number of people out there who have invalid vehicle registration or are trying to scam the system. These could easily be people who, for a very good reason, should not be on the road."

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Also this week, the House approved state funding that will pay for improvements to the intersection at Ford and Beck roads. The project will provide for better traffic flow, according to LaJoy.

"This is a much needed improvement that will help alleviate traffic congestion and make this intersection safer," he said.

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday June 5, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:

ALSAGER FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM LOCAL SHOPPING TO COMMUNITY SHOPPING FOR PARCEL NOS 054 01 0045 300 054 01 0048 300, 054 01 0165 002. Property is located south of Ford between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, June 1 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday May 17 2006

TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **Special Land Use Approval** for a car wash in a General Commercial District (C-2) on Tax ID R-78-014-99-0002-725 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No 99 Section 13 2 12. The property is located in the Shopping Center at the southwest corner of Five Mile Road and Sheldon Road, directly west of and adjacent to the existing Wendy's (15055 Sheldon Road) which fronts on Sheldon Road.

Application 1927.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R-78-014-99-0002-725

The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131 ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township 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 all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-453-3840 TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 special land use request as provided in Section 27 03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

ROSEY'S ROMPER ROOM ADDITION SPECIAL LAND USE

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A DAY CARE FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN SECTIONS 11 02B 6 AND 6 02E FOR PARCEL NOS 010 99 0027 001 AND 010 99 0027 002 (8116 CANTON CENTER N) Property is located south of Joy Road and east of Canton Center Road.

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will not be considered for Pet of the Month. However, these types of prints will be accepted for the smaller photos used throughout the calendar.

Any photo taken at a commercial studio must include a signed copyright release from the photographer. All entries that meet these requirements and are post-marked by June 15, will be included in the 2007 calendar.

Enter by mailing a photo of your companion animal (one photo per entry fee) with a \$20 check or money order to Michigan Humane Society 2007 Calendar, 26711 Northwestern Highway, Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034.

Clearly mark your name, address, daytime and evening phone numbers, and your animal's name on the back of the photo using a permanent felt-

tip marker. Do not use a ball-point pen, which may damage the photo.

An entry form can be downloaded from the Michigan Humane Society Web site at www.michiganhumane.org.

The 2007 wall calendars, which are not included with the entry fee, will be available for sale beginning in the fall at the three Michigan Humane Society shelters and veterinary medical centers, by calling (866) MHUMANE 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or online at www.michiganhumane.org.

Proceeds will support the many programs and services offered by the Michigan Humane Society, a private, non-profit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year.

Tiger fans again singing Artie's tune

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

With the Detroit Tigers off to their best start in ages, a Southfield musician anticipates another comeback.

Artie Fields is confident the team's winning ways will lead to a resurgence in *Go Get 'em Tigers*, the song he wrote for the 1968 World Champions and the team's battle cry for decades.

"I've already received a call from one radio station," Fields said last week as the Tigers flirted with first place in the Central Division of the American League. "And I expect others."

While fans are cautiously optimistic, Fields says interest in baseball seems to be the highest it's been in years.

His own interest in the Tigers goes back to his days at Fordson High School in Dearborn and Wayne State University where he studied music. When World War II

broke out, Fields went into the Navy and was assigned to the USS Lexington, the fabled aircraft carrier.

"Everything I've ever done has involved music," he said. Even in the Navy, he was rated as a musician. But his most important job was that of a radar operator.

Fields is writing a book about his experiences on the Lexington which was involved in some of the most historic battles in the Pacific.

After the war, Fields organized his own band and played some of the New York jazz clubs. When he returned to Detroit, he again formed a band and played the night spots. His favorite Detroit area gig was at the Bowery Night Club.

"It was a dump, he said, but it attracted the best musicians."

It was in the 1950s that Fields got interested in, and proficient at, writing adver-

tising jingles. He eventually founded his own production company, that he estimates has produced more than 9,000 demos or commercials.

Thus it was a natural, Fields said, referring to his being approached to write a song for the Tigers. "I had this music background, he said, 'and I was an avid baseball fan'."

He wrote the song toward the end of the 1967, when the Tigers were lost the pennant in the waning days of the season. The next year as the Tigers improved, his song caught on.

"It was on every radio station," he said, especially when the Tigers came back to win the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Although the lyrics are almost four decades old, Fields said they apply today - as the Tigers play good baseball, and fans respond

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Alternate roads beckon, during orange cone season

The sign says "4 minute delay" That seems reasonable Just past Gotfredson Road, traffic is funneled into one lane and shifted over into what used to be the left-hand westbound lane of M-14

Eastbound M-14 has been taken down to the earth and gravel base, from where it will be reconstructed into a brand new road Then the whole process will switch in the opposite direction

I didn't time my progress through the winding lane shift But the delay seemed longer than four minutes At Beck Road and at Sheldon Road, traffic merges into the single lane causing cars on M-14 to come to a stand still Construction trucks also move along the narrow corridor, moving from one job site to another Psychologically, it was much longer than four extra minutes

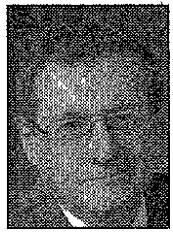
Coming back the other way is worse The Newburgh entrance onto I-96 is under normal circumstances a road engineers demented joke Ordinarily, people going way too fast are trying to move over to the right to get onto I-275, while cars coming onto the freeway from Newburgh are trying to move to the left (I have often imagined the designer of this fiasco parking on the Schoolcraft overpass and laughing at drivers trying to maneuver along his insane roadway)

But now this *happy* experience is made even more exciting with the backup from the road construction and everyone trying to squeeze down into one lane

Of course, some drivers just pretend that road construction isn't happening If they usually rocket along at 80 mph, a few earth movers, rollers and construction workers won't deter them until they absolutely have to stop At that point, they like to kiss the back bumper of the person ahead of them just to remind them how fast they'd go if they weren't hindered

I've gone back to the surface roads Ann Arbor Road is a pleasant drive, once you get past the commercial district in Plymouth Attractive suburban homes are followed by nurseries, farms and tiny Fram's Lake This time of year, trees are in blossom, the air is fresh And though I'm going slower, I seem to be moving faster Nobody seems eager to touch my back bumper or scoot around me to touch the bumper of the driver ahead

Orange cone season is a frustration to everyone Michigan roads always seem to be under



Hugh Gallagher

Despite the frustrations, we all know that roads need to be repaired. Every year they need patching. Every few years they need resurfacing. And every so often, they need to be rebuilt.

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Michigan's freeze-thaw winters aren't kind to concrete And some will tell you that Michigan's lenient weight laws have allowed too many heavy trucks on our roads, requiring more resurfacing and reconstruction than in other states But at a time when Michigan politicians are bending over backward to woo and please the business community, they are not about to alienate the trucking industry (and the customers they serve) with more stringent weight laws

Despite the frustrations, we all know that roads need to be repaired Every year they need patching Every few years they need resurfacing And every so often, they need to be rebuilt

We can find that alternate route that takes us away from the traffic, the noise, the impatience of other drivers (who aren't as level-headed as we are) We might find that we actually like the alternate route The trees, the lakes, the farm houses, the horses and cows, the new subdivisions, are a pleasant diversion They are especially nice at the end of a long day at work and far preferable to squeezing into that squalid mix on the highway

There is a serious matter, of course The signs remind that traffic fines are doubled in a construction zone The workers who put up with heat, rain, dirt, muck and gas fumes shouldn't have to put up with inattentive, rude or reckless drivers Too many construction workers are killed or injured on the job because of driver stupidity or rage (or any lethal combination)

In this metro area, where everyone depends on the freeways to get from one place to another, it is important that our roads are maintained Those orange cones are your tax dollars at work

Quite often the same people who rail most loudly about road construction delays are the same people who would rail if the roads were in disrepair

Take a deep breath, follow the signs or take the road less traveled

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Drastic action needed in 'single state recession'

As Michigan continues its single state recession (Louisiana excluded), members of both political parties are weighing in on how to fix our economic problems

Members from both parties, including seven members from the Democratic Party, recently voted for the near immediate repeal of the Single Business Tax before the governor's veto

Others have suggested that the government needs to step in and fix the economy by creating jobs through governmentally sponsored programs such as infrastructure projects Both theoretically make sense, however only one is practical

The leadership in Michigan readily forgets that Michigan has a balanced budget amendment, which does not allow the state government to create a budget deficit

Furthermore, because Michigan cannot create a budget deficit Michigan cannot increase government spending to levels necessary to fix the economy without increasing taxes to a level that in a sense would keep the status quo in unemployment The only outcome from such a tax increase would be a transfer of power from individuals and businesses to government, something no one desires

Some have suggested selling governmental assets or using the payout from the cigarette industry to fuel the economy Those options restrict the government to a short-term fix with no long-term solution If Michigan turns to the election year short-term fix

How can the leadership in Lansing fix the economy and create more jobs?

For starters, the legislature can re-pass a bill to cut the Single Business Tax (SBT) and the governor can sign it A recent poll by Lansing-based EPIC-MRA and the *Detroit News* (Bunkley, April 12, 2006) showed that only a few business owners in Michigan put the SBT on the top of their lists as the most annoying tax The direct target of the SBT is not small or medium sized businesses, but the large businesses, which pose a direct threat to the existing economic order

As the old saying went, what's good for GM, is good for America, thus, to create a tax, which helps GM and the others of the Big Three to survive in perpetuity and ward off all competition is good — not anymore



Brad Dizik

The citizens in Michigan need to understand that the SBT not only taxes businesses creating a disincentive for investment, but also helps fund the endless bureaucracy in Michigan, which creates enough buffer time for the government to pick who wins and who loses That practice must end

The citizens of Michigan need to come to a hard realization — they live in a new, smaller world, Michigan is in rapid decline, the Big Three are mortal, and to maintain the status quo is costly to the welfare of the citizenry and requires drastic action

As the system stands, Michigan probably could see gradual increases in jobs through the creation of small and medium sized businesses in Michigan, which should happen while the SBT is still in place However, the situation created requires not just a steady increase in small and medium businesses, but also an increase in the presence of large businesses in Michigan In order to see a cork plug up the unemployment problem, Michigan needs new large businesses to enter the market

By cutting the SBT, the leadership can begin to lure such large businesses to Michigan Michigan already possesses great value to businesses — U of M, MSU, and all the other great universities, the best-trained labor force in the world, and an already established manufacturing infrastructure

Michigan needs to create an economic incentive for large businesses to relocate to Michigan and not Indiana or Georgia, who are Michigan's true competitors The best way to accomplish this task is to cut the SBT, free the market and create an open field of opportunity

Finally, the citizens of Michigan should respect the governor's attempt to stick to ideology and restore the old order, which was so fruitful Unfortunately, we live in tough times and tough times call for good judgment and common sense leadership, which requires drastic action that may result in a change of the system

To cut the SBT is the first step in that change and truthfully the only option considering Michigan's rule structure In the end, such a bold move shall become hailed as a movement toward progression rather than the continuance of Michigan's single state recession

Brad Dizik is a Farmington Hills resident and a student at James Madison College at Michigan State University

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Mental Health Task Force agrees to move on Authority

At the first meeting of the Wayne County Commission's Task Force on Mental Health Thursday, commissioners agreed to move forward on creating an Authority to take over operations of the beleaguered Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

"The consensus of the Task Force is that an Authority would help resolve a lot of the issues plaguing the Agency," said Commissioner Phillip Cavanagh, D-Redford Township, who chairs the Task Force. "We will put forth a resolution, after hearing from the public, that will hopefully be supported by the entire Commission."

The Task Force, which was created by Commission Chairwoman Jewel Ware, will hold at three public hearings during May to hear input from citizens, mental health consumers and other interested parties about the structure of a possible Authority.

The hearings are scheduled for:

■ 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at The Samaritan Center (in the Lower Cafeteria), 5555 Conner St., Detroit, between I-94 and Warren, on the west side of Conner.

■ 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Livonia Civic Center, 33000 Civic

Center Drive, Livonia ■ 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, Barton MacFarlane Community Center (in the main meeting room), 8222 Joy Road, Detroit.

The Michigan State Legislature has previously sponsored legislation requiring the county's mental health agency to convert to an authority status. However, sponsors of the legislation, state Sens. Beverly Hammerstrom and Shirley Johnson, have informed the Commission that they prefer a local solution.

According to Cavanagh, the commission is studying how best to structure a Community Mental Health Authority to improve and manage the delivery of services to the mentally ill, the developmentally disabled, and those afflicted with substance abuse addictions.

"Wayne County is liable for severe sanctions from state and federal sources if we do not convert to an Authority," Cavanagh said. "So we need the public's input about how to structure the Authority to best serve our consumers."

The other members of the Task Force are Commissioners Alisha Bell, D-Detroit, Moe Blackwell, D-Detroit, Laura Cox, R-Livonia, and Bernard Parker, D-Detroit.

Public, private sectors join forces on security issues

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Security professionals in the public and private realms will put their heads together at a regional conference and discuss what they need to do to better safeguard private assets and the public health.

The American Society of Industrial Security will hold its 23rd Annual Update Conference May 17-18 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The keynote speaker, Michigan State Police Director Col. Tadarnal Sturdivant, will discuss the relationship between public and private security.

"I'm going to talk about what I call the four Cs: Collaboration, cooperation, communication and coordination, and why it's so important those exist between private and public security," Sturdivant said. "We need private companies to be on board and stay on board."

On 9/11, he said the very first responders, before even police

and fire officials, on the scene at the World Trade Center were private security officers. In any future disasters, manmade or otherwise, that will likely be the case again and there needs to be an operational relationship between those security officers and the government.

"Chemical plants are not government-owned," he said. "During the '03 blackout the (Downriver) Marathon plant couldn't burn off excess fuel. We had to coordinate with the plant and decide what to do if we needed to evacuate."

In the case of a disaster, he said there can't be two plans to protect the public. Even in cases where a company might be concerned about the integrity of proprietary information, there can't be secrets where public health and safety are concerned.

"What they do can't be private to us," Sturdivant said, adding '9/11 brought a new focus that private and public concerns have to work hand in glove. This has happened, but

it also has to improve."

The ASIS started during World War II as industrial operations had to conform to the security needs of a nation at war. Currently, there are 500 members in the Detroit area catering to the needs of corporate, state and private security concerns.

ASIS Detroit past chairman and Security Director for Comcast Cablevision's Midwest division Ron Hnilica said there's always been a drive to improve public/private security cooperation.

"There has to be more interaction between the two sectors," he said. "Eighty-five percent of the country's critical infrastructure is held by private concerns. In the case of a disaster, it will be the private security companies who will be the first responders."

Of course, he said, private security contractors' first concern is to their employers, but in the case of a full-scale disaster the rules on the ground change.

"When disaster strikes, it doesn't stop at the border of the facility," Hnilica said. "Police, fire and EMT have to be in the loop."

Since 9/11, he said, there has been a dramatic increase in information sharing between public and private security officers, but there's a lot of work yet to be done.

Wayne County Homeland Security Director James Buford will also be taking part in the ASIS conference. He said the same Community Emergency Response Training the department is offering to industry is also available for church groups, neighborhood block clubs and individual residents.

"CERT is for everyone," Buford said. "It's 20 hours of training that we'll mold to fit the time needs of whatever group wants to take it."

CERT training consists of basic first aid and CPR, search and rescue, terrorism awareness and basic emergency preparedness. The classes are free

Max Cleland scheduled to campaign for Trupiano

Democratic candidate for Congress in Michigan's 11th Congressional District, announced that Former U.S. Sen. Max Cleland will be coming to the 11th Congressional district

Wednesday, May 10, to support the campaign of Democratic candidate Tony Trupiano.

In the morning Cleland, a veteran of the war in Vietnam, will attend the grand opening

of the Wayne County Veterans Services Building in Detroit.

A town hall meeting will be held 2:30-4 p.m. at the Harris Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S Wayne Road in Westland. The meeting is

free and open to the public.

A private reception will be held 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Novi Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty Road, followed by a public reception 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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BRIAN WESTERHOLT

Plymouth Township native Charlie Haeger is pictured throwing one of his trademark knuckleballs during the Charlotte Knights' May 4 game against the Louisville Bats. The Redford Catholic Central graduate is off to a blazing start, racking up a 3-0 record and 0.68 earned-run average.

It's all in the knuckles

Haeger dazzles Triple-A hitters with his rare, hard-to-hit pitch

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Haeger's best pitch performs a lot like Muhammad Ali did in his prime.

The 22-year-old Plymouth Township native's knuckleball floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee.

As a result, Haeger, a 2001 graduate of Redford Catholic Central High School, is punching out Triple-A batters at an alarming rate for the Charlotte Knights, the defending World Series champion Chicago White Sox' top minor-league team.

Through Thursday, the 6-foot-1, 200-pound right-hander had compiled a record of 3-0 in six starts. He's allowed just three earned runs in 40 innings (0.68 earned-run average) while striking out 31.

Judging by the numbers, hitters have had about as much fun hacking away at Haeger's knuckler as they would swatting at a fluttering monarch with a rolled-up newspaper.

"The No. 1 reason I've been so successful this year is because the defense I have playing behind me has been outstanding," said Haeger, whose modesty parallels his mound success. "Our defense is one of the best in the league. Plus, I've been able to throw strikes and work ahead of the hitters."

Throwing strikes consistently with a knuckleball is quite a feat, considering even Haeger doesn't know where the ball is going to end up once it leaves his grip. Unlike the straight-forward fast-

THE HAEGER FILE

- **Name:** Charlie Haeger
- **Age:** 22
- **Home:** Plymouth Township
- **High school:** Redford Catholic Central (Class of 2001)
- **Career:** Starting pitcher for the Charlotte Knights, the Chicago White Sox Triple-A farm club.
- **Early success:** Over the first month of the 2006 season, Haeger has a 3-0 record and 0.68 earned-run average. He's given up just three earned runs in 40 innings over six starts.
- **Family ties:** Haeger's brother, Greg, is the head baseball coach at Madonna University.

ball, correctly thrown knuckleballs have minds of their own, moving wildly up and down, and in and out with little, if any, spin. "Sometimes, I can get it to go left or right, but most days I have no idea where it's going," admitted Haeger, who throws his knuckler 90 percent of the time. "On an exceptional day, I'm able to throw two of the first three pitches for strikes. I keep my arm slot the

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Sidelines

Sand volleyball

For the second-consecutive year, a pair of sand volleyball tournaments featuring area high school players will be held this summer in Northville. Teams from Plymouth, Saline, Ann Arbor, Carleton, Northville and Novi competed in the 2005 Summer Challenge, which drew 14 squads.

This year's Summer Challenge varsity events will be held Sunday, June 25, and Sunday, July 23. There will also be a Freshman/Sophomore Challenge on Saturday, July 22.

Details about the tournaments can be found at www.onlywins.com/SandVolleyball.

Cheer tryouts

The Wolverine All-Stars will be holding tryouts for the 2006-07 cheerleading season on Saturday, May 20, beginning at noon. A non-refundable \$25 tryout fee is due at the time of the tryouts and will be applied toward each cheerleader's team fees or the annual registration fee.

Private tryouts throughout the month of May can also be arranged.

This will be the first year that the Wolverine All-Stars will compete in the field of highly competitive cheerleading. The team will be coached by Pam St. John, who has coached at the University of Michigan for the past 23 years.

The Wolverine All-Star Cheer Gym is located at 3460 Ellsworth Road (between Carpenter and Platt roads) in Ann Arbor. To arrange a private tryout, or for more information, contact St. John at (734) 395-8496, or e-mail St. John at psjohn@umich.edu.

More information can also be found at www.wolverineallstar.com.

Warriors tie

The Plymouth-Canton Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team tied Ann Arbor Huron, 2-2, on Wednesday. Netting goals for the Warriors were Morgan Franke and Kristen Schwan.

PCS returns to action Thursday when it travels to Huron for a game set to begin at 6 p.m.

Volleyball camp

The Plymouth High School Volleyball Camp will be held July 24-26 in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The camp will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day. All female volleyball athletes in sixth through 10th grades are invited to attend.

The cost of the three-day camp is \$65. For more information, contact Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or kmccausland019@yahoo.com.

Local netters ready for showdown

The Salem and Plymouth boys tennis teams geared up for Monday's cross-campus showdown with key victories on Friday afternoon.

The Rocks maintained their unbeaten dual-meet record with an impressive 5-3 victory over Northville. Salem, which is now 8-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, seized control early by sweeping all four singles matches sophomore Lawrence Washington

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upended Peter Curran, 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1, Pete Bartlett downed Michael Baskins, 7-5, 6-0 at No. 2, Blake Foster handled Kevin Zhang, 6-3, 6-2 at No. 3, and Neil Bakshi swept Harry Zhang, 6-3, 6-2 at the fourth spot.

Foster and Bakshi improved to 14-0 with the victories while Washington is 13-1.

In doubles action, the No. 3 tandem of Kevin Stenman and Jake Burnstein was the only Salem duo to win, ousting the Mustangs' Austin Jenkins and Jason Raymond, 6-1, 6-1.

The Wildcats improved to 6-3 overall and in the WLAA on Friday with a 5-3 triumph over P-CEP neighbor Canton. Plymouth won 3-of-4 singles matches as No. 2 player Luc Lucaj defeated Anton Schouerte, 6-2, 6-0; No. 3 Dan Jeong swept Nathan Larimore, 6-0, 6-3, and Clint Korpalski downed Ryan Hollingsworth, 6-3, 6-0.

The Chiefs' lone singles victory came when Erik Szydlowski knocked off Don Zhang, 7-5, 6-4.

Farmington schools deny WLAA rumors

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Rumors of the Farmington schools returning to the Western Lakes Activities Association are greatly exaggerated, according to district athletic director Dennis Noe.

There is no deal with the WLAA, and Farmington Public Schools plans to remain a member of the Oakland Activities Association at this time, he said.

Farmington's three public high schools - Farmington, Harrison and North Farmington - changed leagues

in 2002, seeking greater parity in athletics.

Depending on the sport, OAA teams are divided into three or four divisions based on school enrollment and strength of program. Adjustments to the divisional alignments are made every two years, whereas, the WLAA has two six-team divisions that don't change.

The WLAA has extended an offer to the Farmington schools to return, but Noe said that was initiated by the WLAA as it looks to secure its future. Walled Lake's three schools

(and possibly Northville) are supposedly on the verge of going to the Kensington Valley Conference, and the WLAA wants to remain a 12-team league should that happen.

"The WLAA is looking at its options right now," Noe said. "We haven't agreed on anything. Right now we're in the OAA next year."

"A concern of ours is the budget. We have to work within a budget, and we have to be able to do that whatever league we're in. The budget has gotten the conversation started."

The rising cost of trans-

portation is the primary concern, he added. That has been an issue for a while, and the recent run-up in fuel prices has focused attention on it.

"We're looking at trimming things, and transportation is a big portion of the budget," Noe said. "You just have to look at gas prices. Transportation costs keep going up. That's mostly what our conversation centers around."

That conversation has been pretty much an internal discussion to this point, Noe said, although he did attend a

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Pressure brings out best in Rocks' Smith

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ashley Smith has established herself as one of the best all-around high school golfers in the state over the past four years.

THE BOOK ON SMITH

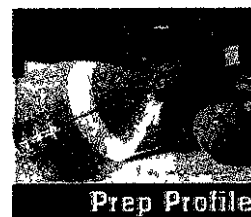
- **Name:** Ashley Smith
- **Age:** 18
- **School:** Salem
- **College:** Will attend Grand Valley State University beginning in the fall
- **Accomplishments:** Has finished in the individual Top 10 at the last two Division 1 state meets; has compiled a 5-0 record in sudden-death playoffs
- **Favorite three...**
- **Clubs in her golf bag:** 1. 5 iron; 2. sand wedge; 3 driver
- **Professional players:** 1. Annika Sorenstam, 2. Davis Love III, 3. Fred Couples.
- **Golf courses:** 1. Timber Trace, 2. The University of Michigan course

There are at least three scenarios you'd be advised to avoid on a golf course:

1. Getting caught six holes from the clubhouse during a quick-hitting thunderstorm,
2. Getting caught clicking your camera during Tiger Woods' backswing, and
3. Getting caught in a playoff with Salem senior captain Ashley Smith.

During her three-plus years on the Rocks' varsity golf team, Smith has won all five sudden-death tournament matches she's played in, the latest coming Monday afternoon when she cap-

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Prep Profile

THE WEEK AHEAD

PCA scores early and often in 10-7 victory

<p>PREP BASEBALL Monday, May 8 Canton at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 PCA at Inter City Baptist 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 Canton at W.L. Northern 4 p.m. Plymouth at Livonia Churchill 4 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Salem 4 p.m. Thursday, May 11 Livonia Franklin at Canton 4 p.m. B Ham Roeper at PCA 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 12 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m. Salem at Westland John Glenn 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13 Plymouth at Gibraltar Carlson Invitational 10 a.m. PCA at Lutheran Westland noon PREP SOFTBALL Monday, May 8 Wayne Memorial at Canton 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth 4 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central 4 p.m. Oakland Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 Salem vs Canton at Massey Field 7 p.m. PCA at Macomb Christian 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 W.L. Northern at Canton 4 p.m. Livonia Churchill at Plymouth 4 p.m. Salem at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m. Thursday, May 11 Livonia Franklin at Canton 4 p.m. PCA at Bethesda Christian 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 12 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 4 p.m. Westland John Glenn at Salem 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13 Canton Classic Invitational 9 a.m. BOYS TRACK & FIELD Thursday, May 11 Canton at Northville 5:30 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 3:45 p.m. Livonia Stevenson at Salem 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 Canton at Troy Athens Invitational 9:30 a.m. Salem at Jackson NW Invite 9 a.m. GIRLS TRACK & FIELD</p>	<p>Thursday, May 11 Northville at Canton 3:30 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 3:45 p.m. Salem at Livonia Stevenson 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 Canton at Troy Athens Invitational 9:30 a.m. Plymouth at Mercy Invitational 9:30 a.m. Salem at Jackson NW Invite 9 a.m. BOYS TENNIS Monday, May 8 Canton at Livonia Stevenson 4 p.m. Plymouth at Salem 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 Canton at Salem 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13 WLAA Conference Meet at Livonia Stevenson 7 a.m. GIRLS SOCCER Monday, May 8 Canton at W.L. Northern 7 p.m. Northville at Plymouth 7 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Salem 7 p.m. Oakland Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 Zoe Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 Plymouth at Canton 7 p.m. Salem at Northville 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11 Southfield Christian at PCA 4:30 p.m. GIRLS GOLF Monday, May 8 W.L. Northern at Canton 3 p.m. Plymouth at Northville 3 p.m. Salem at Wayne Memorial 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 Canton at Plymouth 3 p.m. Northville at Salem 3 p.m. Thursday, May 11 Salem at Plymouth 3 p.m. Friday, May 12 Livonia Stevenson at Canton 3 p.m. BOYS LACROSSE Tuesday, May 9 Royal Oak Kimball at PCS 8 p.m. UNITED SOCCER LEAGUE W LEAGUE Friday, May 13 Mich Hawks vs Hamilton Avalanche at Stevenson High School 7:30 p.m. TBA - time to be announced</p>
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Plymouth Christian Academy jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead then held on to knock off Taylor Baptist Park, 10-7, Thursday afternoon in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game played at PCA's Stafford Field. Junior southpaw pitcher Matt Saagman (2-2) earned the win after yielding four earned and striking out 10 over the first five innings. Sophomore Trevor Zinn notched the save after pitching the final two frames. Charles Cane swung a hot bat for the Eagles, going 2-for-3 with four RBI. Cane got the Eagles rolling in the first with a two-out, two-run double. He delivered again in the fourth with another two-run hit. Mitch Geracz, who finished 2-for-3 with three RBI, contributed an RBI single in the Eagles' productive first inning. Ryan Barber, Saagman and Devyn Govan also had two hits each for the winners, who improved to 2-4 overall and 1-4 in the division. "I was pleased with the fact that we only struck out twice the entire game," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston. "We struck out 16 times against Southfield Christian last week, so improving when it comes to hitting the

PREP BASEBALL
 PCA outthit the Wildcats, 13-8. The Eagles struggled defensively, committing five errors. **CANTON 4-7, W.L. WESTERN 5-4:** On Friday, junior left-handed pitcher Kyle Gring scattered six hits over 6 2/3 innings to help the Chiefs earn a split in a key Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division twinbill at Canton. Gring yielded three earned runs and two walks before giving way to Justin Latin, who earned a save by getting the final out. Canton is now 10-8 overall, 6-3 in the WLAA and 4-2 in the Western Division. Offensively, the Chiefs were paced by senior catcher Tark Khasawneh (2-for-2, two RBI) and junior Corey Lewis, who went 2-for-3 with a pair of two-out run-producing hits. Canton led 4-2 after one inning before adding single runs in the third, fifth and sixth. Western talked a pair of runs in the seventh. Others contributing to the Chiefs' winning cause were Shawn Little (3-for-4), Justin Latin (1-for-3), Ben Vaughn

(double) and Brad Barath (1-for-3). In the opener, Western's Ryan Warwick and Nick Kenney made outstanding defensive plays to preserve the one-run victory. Playing third base, Warwick speared a line shot off the bat of Gring that would have knocked in one and possibly two runs with one out in the seventh. Kenney, the Warriors' left fielder, made a diving catch of a Gring liner to prevent two more runs from crossing the plate in the fifth. Dennis Rosbury earned the win for Western while Little took the loss. Latin (solo home run), Little (2-for-3, three RBI) and Barath (1-for-3) swung hot bats for the Chiefs. Canton coach Scott Dickey praised the defensive effort of senior first baseman Shawn Ruman, who made run-saving plays in both games. **PLYMOUTH 5, LIVONIA STEVENSON 1:** On Wednesday, T.J. Downey threw a complete-game seven-hitter to lead the Wildcats to a WLAA cross-over victory over the visiting Spartans. Downey struck out three and did not yield a walk. "This game just goes to show you what a difference it makes when you don't give teams free passes," said Plymouth coach

Chuck Adams. "T.J. Downey had great command of his pitches — fastball, curve, change-up — and his defense made the plays behind him. "Hopefully, this is the kind of outing where our other pitchers can feed off this and it will rub off." Freshman Ronnie Goble paced the Wildcats' offense, accounting for three of his team's five hits. Clayton Pack contributed a pair of hits and Chad Casey drilled a home run for the Spartans. "We played small-ball today," said Adams. "Three of our five hits were bunt singles." Plymouth talked one run in the second, three in the fourth and one in the sixth. Stevenson's only run came in the fifth. **W.L. CENTRAL 15, CANTON 3:** On Wednesday, the Chiefs trailed just 4-3 after three innings before succumbing under the weight of 10 fielding errors. "Caleb Lerner took the loss, but I thought he threw extremely well, as did Brad Barath," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "You're not going to win any games when you commit 10 errors." Tark Khasawneh, Kyle Gring and Jon Puskar had run-producing hits for the Chiefs.

Payne-led Chiefs blank W.L. Central

On Wednesday, Canton sophomore pitcher Hillary Payne blanked the host Vikings, 4-0, to improve her record to 6-1. She also excelled at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double. Alyssia Johnson also swung a hot bat for the winners, recording a pair of hits and an RBI. The Chiefs improved to 11-1 overall and 7-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. **PLYMOUTH 6, STEVENSON 3:** On Wednesday, a five-run fourth inning carried the Wildcats (11-3) past Livonia Stevenson (8-5) in a WLAA crossover

PREP SOFTBALL
 Winning pitcher Claire Ostrowski gave up nine hits, walked none and struck out six. Stevenson starter Jame Johnson, who gave up six earned runs on six hits, went the first 4 1/3 innings before giving way to Laura Deacon, who kept the Wildcats off the board. Rachel Juco went 3-for-4 and scored twice for Plymouth. Lauren Stemberger added two hits. Lauren Brueck and Danielle Smith each went 2 for 4 for the Spartans.

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 same all the time, but I change the velocity anywhere from 63 (miles per hour) to 75." Haeger acquired the pitch during his glory days with the Shamrocks between 1999 and 2001. "Along with pitching, I played first and third at C.C., so a lot of times when I'd get loose in between innings, I'd play around with the knuckleball," he said. "After a while, I started using it as my primary pitch." Like the batters who have to face his less-than-speedy pitches, Haeger has relied on patience on his road to the Majors. A sub-1.00 ERA would have earned most pitchers a promotion to the big leagues by now, but not in the White Sox organization, which is stocked with one of the most talented

pitching staffs in the American League. Our big league team has an unbelievable pitching staff, so I just have to be patient and wait for my time to come," said Haeger. "I'm happy for the guys up there. Hopefully, I keep pitching well and eventually I'll get a chance — if not here, then somewhere else. "I had a bad spring training — probably the worst one I've ever had — so I knew I was going to get sent down. But I pitched well my first start in the minors and I've been throwing well ever since. Once Haeger gets the call to the White Sox' big-league club, the Majors knuckleball club will swell to two. The only current big-leaguer who throws one is



Charlie Haeger

Boston's Tim Wakefield. "I haven't talked to (Wakefield) yet, but I'd like to," said Haeger. "Our pitching coach, Juan Nieves, is working on it. He knows some people in the Boston organization, so he's trying to set up a phone call. I think it would be great to talk to Tim because we have a lot in common pitching-wise." Haeger said minor-league life can be draining, but he's not complaining. "It can be a whirlwind sometimes," he said. "Before our last road trip, I got home from a game at about 11:30 (p.m.), slept for three hours and then had to catch a plane the next morning at 5:30 (a.m.). Then we had another game that night." His schedule is so chaotic, Haeger is rarely in one place very long. Kind of like his knuckleball.

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SALEM 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
 May 3 at Salem
 No 1 singles: Laurence Washington (S) defeated Kevin Erdmann 6 1 6 0 No. 2. Pete Bartlett (S) def. Dan Miller 6 3 6 3 No. 3. Blake Foster (S) def. Andrew Hermatz 6 0 6 0 No. 4. Neil Bakshi (S) def. C.J. Cooney 6 0 6 1.
 No 1 doubles: Dave Geick/Pavel Kargol (S) def. Jake Fyfe/Justin Koshorek 6 0 6 1 No. 2. Alex Poe/Cam Loftus (S) def. John Mayfield/Nick Gotts 6 2 6 0 No. 3. Dave Benson/Tyler Jeleniewski (S) def. Mick Hicks/Tommy Pattenaude 6 3 4 6 6 1 No. 4. Jorge Carmelo/Josh Barnett (WM) def. Parth Pater/Dustin Maynes 1 6 7 6 7 5.
 Dual meet records: Salem 7 0 WLAA Wayne 1 6 overall 0 7 WLAA.
PLYMOUTH 7 WAYNE MEMORIAL 1
 May 1 at Wayne
 No 1 singles: Don Zhang (P) defeated Kevin Erdmann 6 1 3 6 2 No. 2. Luc Lucaj (P) def. Danny Miller 6 4 6 3 No. 3. Dan Jeong (P) def. Andrew Hermatz 6 2 6 1 No. 4. Ryan Reynolds (P) def. Clint Korpalski 6 1 6 1.
 No 1 doubles: Dave Snyder/Brett Kavulich (P) def. Justin Koshorek/Jake Fyfe 6 0 6 0 No. 2. Brad Yergenson/Erik Korpalski (P) def. C.J. Cooney/Aaron Koshorek 6 0 6 0 No. 3. Purnesh Bhavsar/Ryan Kolesar (P) def. Tommy Pattenaude 6 3 4 6 6 1 No. 4. Nick Girmont/Anastas Manettas (WM) def. John Mayfield/Stephen D'Annunzio 6 4 6 3.
 Dual meet records: Plymouth 5 2 WLAA Wayne 17 overall 0 6 WLAA.

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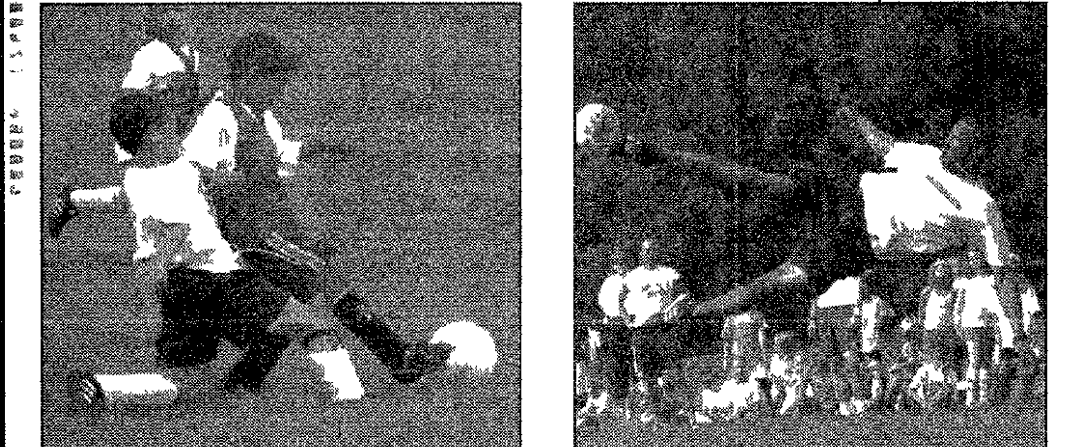
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 meeting last month at the invitation of WLAA administrators. "They're wondering what their league will look like down the road," Noe said. "We were the first they looked at, because we were there once. Noe didn't say which schools, but others that might be interested in changing leagues were represented at the meeting, he said. There have been no formal discussions with central office personnel and school principals in Farmington, according to Noe, adding that will occur in the near future. Noe said he's had informal talks about the budget and the invitation from the WLAA and nothing beyond that," he said. "We'll have to respond to the WLAA — if we're interested or not. We'll have some discussions in the next month, and we'll know better if we're going to pursue the WLAA option or let the matter drop." Noe said the issue hasn't progressed to the point of seeking the opinions of the Farmington coaches yet. "We want to have the first discussion with the principals," he said. "It's their programs in their buildings. If we were to move in one direction or the other, we would certainly have a discussion with the coaches and building people." While a majority of coaches like the party of the OAA, it's well known many are not happy with the travel time involved in busing to sites in eastern and northern Oakland County.

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SMITH

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 tured medalist honors at the highly competitive Brighton Invitational by draining a birdie putt on the first extra hole
 What's the secret to her playoff success?
 "I try to relax and play it one shot at a time," she said "It seems like a lot of the girls I've been in playoffs with think too much during the playoff They think they have to birdie the first hole to stay in it, so they put too much pressure on themselves and try too hard. Of the five playoffs I've won, I've only had one birdie"

EARLY CONTRIBUTOR

While Smith's playoff victories are impressive, they only fill up one chapter in what has been a best-selling high school golf career for Smith She's a four-year varsity letter-winner and two-time Division 1 state qualifier As a sophomore, she placed ninth at the state meet For an encore last season, she finished fifth

"Ashley has meant a lot to our program ever since she came in her freshman year," said Salem coach Rick Wilson "She stepped right in the rotation as a freshman and has been solid ever since"

"Ashley has improved in every aspect of her game each year She hits the ball a long way — she's probably about 250 off the tee — and her short game is very strong too"

Wilson has worked with few golfers over the years who have the mental approach to the game that Smith possesses

"Ashley is one of the most focused players I've ever coached," said Wilson Her course-management skills are great, too Every time I see her take a shot, it seems like she chooses the right club

"There are only a handful of girls who can win the (Division 1) state title this year, and Ashley is one of them If her game is on that day and the conditions are right, she has a legitimate chance

BROTHER'S GUIDANCE

Smith was introduced to the game by her older brother, Jay who enjoyed a stellar prep career at Salem before moving on to play at Schoolcraft College

"I was probably 11 or 12 when we first went out in our back yard and started hitting balls," Smith remembered "Our back yard is about three acres, so we could hit it about 100 yards Golf kind of came easy to me which made me like it even more"

Smith, who will play college golf at Grand Valley State University beginning in the fall, won the first event she entered — a nine-hole tournament at one of the area's Metropark courses — as an 11-year-old "It was neat winning that first one — even though there were only three other girls in it," she said, smiling

While golf doesn't totally consume Smith's life, she does commit several hours a week to honing her swing She works with pro golfer Paul Hasse on a regular basis and works in the pro shop at Salem Hills Golf Course

"We don't make many changes in my swing now, Smith said "Once in a while he'll have me go back and do some drills, but he said the swing I have now is the one I'll probably have until I get a lot older"

"This winter, I changed from an interlocking grip to an overlapping one and I switched clubs The hardest adjustment with the new clubs was getting my yardages right"

REACHABLE GOAL

Despite all the success Smith has attained at an early age, she's yet to accomplish her No 1 goal

"It would mean a lot if I could win a state title," said Smith, who carries a solid 3.3 grade-point average It was my goal last year, too, and I finished fifth I was only one shot back after the first day, but I had a couple of rough holes the second day

"Winning a state championship would be a great way to finish out my high school career"

With Smith's track record, if the state tournament comes down to a playoff, and she's in it, you'd be wise not to bet against her

Plymouth tops Western, 101-36

Plymouth placed first in 15-of-17 events Thursday afternoon and man-handled Walled Lake Western 101-36

"We did everything pretty convincingly," said Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell "Western didn't seem to have the numbers we do Our sprinters ran exceptionally well and we won all the relays"

Senior D J Coleman took gold in both the 100 and 200-meter dashes, winning in 10.9 and 22.6, respectively Junior Nate Gholston captured first in both hurdles events, winning the 110-meter highs by over two seconds

CANTON 115, WAYNE 22 The Chiefs were sparked by outstanding efforts from junior hurdler Pete Boucher, who won the 110-meter highs and 300 lows, and freshmen distance runners Duncan Spitz, Greg Reed and Kyle Clinton who swept the 3,200-meter run

Junior long jumper Josh Butler (21-0.5) and junior shot-putter Steve Paye (150-4) were among Chiefs who turned in personal best efforts Thursday

"We scaled back most of our kids and only had them run in a couple of events, said Canton coach Bob Richardson "Even though we had a lot of back-ups running, we just out-manned them"

**PLYMOUTH 101
 W L WESTERN 36**

Thursday at Western

Discus 1 Gerald Lou (P) 126.6 5 2 Schonshack (WLW) 109.4 5 3 Loe (WLW) 107.7 5
 Shot put 1 Shaun Bailey (P) 43.8 2 Jared Panyan (P) 40.5 3 Sam Richards (P) 37.0 5
 High jump 1 Cam Scharchburg (P) 6.2 2 Austin Barnett (P) 5.10 3 Bowmar (WLW) 5.10
 Long jump 1 Kassel (WLW) 19.10 2 Rico Tyus (P) 19.875 3 Mack (WLW) 19.7
 Pole vault 1 Ben Ambrose (P) 11.0 2 Doyle (WLW) 11.0 3 Nate Sherwood (P) 10.6
 3,200-meter relay 1 Plymouth (Kyle Wallath Justin Huey Anthony Scaparo Sean Dillon) 9:00 2 Western 9:02
 110 hurdles 1 Nate Gholston (P) 15.0 2 Kroff (WLW) 17.5 3 Skorey (WLW) 18.3
 100 dash 1 D J Coleman (P) 10.9 2 LaBroderick Caldwell (P) 11.2 3 Kassel (WLW) 11.2
 800 relay 1 Plymouth (Nate Gholston LaBroderick Caldwell Josh Le Duc Rico Tyus) 1:35.0 2 Western 1:37.1
 1,600 run 1 Sean Dillon (P) 4:48.5 2 Anthony Scaparo (P) 4:50.8 3 Bowmar (WLW) 4:55.6
 400 relay 1 Plymouth (Connor McKinney Nate Gholston LaBroderick Caldwell Rico Tyus) 4:58.2 W L Western 4:56.2
 400 dash 1 Josh Le Duc (P) 55.0 2 Monette (WLW) 55.1 3 Solomon (WLW) 59.1
 300 hurdles 1 Nate Gholston (P) 46.0 2 Cam Scharchburg (P) 47.3 3 Kroff (WLW) 49.1
 800 run 1 Cheadle (WLW) 2:12.6 2 Justin Huey (P) 2:13.7 3 Bowmar (WLW) 2:19.0
 200 dash 1 D J Coleman (P) 22.6 2 Rico Tyus (P) 23.2 3 Doe (WLW) 23.7
 3,200 run 1 Patrick Slavens (P) 10:57.0 2 Mahakian (WLW) 11:07.3 Rhodes (WLW) 11:07.5
 1,600 relay 1 Plymouth (Kyle Wallath Anthony Scaparo Justin

BOYS TRACK

Huey Sean Dillon)
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS 3 1 overall 3 1 WLAA Western Division

**CANTON 115
 WAYNE MEMORIAL 22**
 Thursday at Canton

Discus 1 Steve Paye (C) 150.4 2 Joe Zugaj (C) 138.5 3 Ryan Jonik (C) 122.5
 Shot put 1 Wardell Fuqua (C) 43.75 2 Ryan Jonik (C) 43.2 50 3 Joe Zugaj (C) 42.10 25
 High jump 1 Eric Thornton (C) 5.10 2 Andy Rossow (C) 5.10 3 Kyle Thomsson (WM) 5.8
 Long jump 1 Josh Butler (C) 21.0 5 2 Adam Somers (C) 19.0 5 3 Okemdi Oparaake (C) 18.8 5
 Pole vault 1 Rob Lindman (C) 11.2 2 Ryan Langdon (C) 11.2 3 Chris Jahoda (C) 9.2
 3,200-meter relay 1 Canton (Josh Hurst Scott Reidsma Ryan Dugan Phaltiel Whitlock) 12:29.9
 110 high hurdles 1 Pete Boucher (C) 18.2 2 Eric Thornton (C) 18.6 3 Josh Etim (C) 18.7
 100 dash 1 Dalton Waiser (C) 11.2 2 Steadman Frye (WM) 11.5 3 Evido Edwards (WM) 11.7
 800 relay 1 Canton (Andy Rossow Dalton Waiser Ocie Lewis Cyrus Azizi) 1:36.1 2 Wayne 1:37.5
 1,600 run 1 Charles Wolfe (C) 4:57.0 2 Josh Hurst (C) 5:00.0 3 Jeremy Molner (C) 5:00.05
 400 relay 1 Canton (Dalton Waiser Josh Butler Ocie Lewis Cyrus Azizi) 4:61.2 Wayne 4:74.4
 400 dash 1 Andy Rossow (C) 53.9 2 Mike Grayer (WM) 54.4 3 Andrew Manuel (C) 55.5
 300 hurdles 1 Pete Boucher (C) 45.0 2 Sherif Hassamen (C) 45.1 3 Renaldo Powell (WM) 45.5
 800 run 1 Kevin Lewis (WM) 2:02.8 2 Phaltiel Whitlock (C) 2:04.7 3 Charles Wolfe (C) 2:16.2
 200 dash 1 Cyrus Azizi (C) 23.3 2 Curtis Simpson (WM) 23.9 3 Andy Rossow (C) 24.9
 3,200 run 1 Duncan Spitz (C) 10:58.3 2 Greg Reed (C) 11:03.3 Kyle Clinton (C) 11:06.4
 1,600 relay 1 Wayne (Kevin Lewis Mike Grayer Curtis Simpson Antwan Calloway) 3:42.6 2 Canton (Phaltiel Whitlock Josh Butler Brian Rakovitis Kangmin Hur) 3:46.2
CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS Overall 5 1 WLAA Western Division 3 1

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 91
 SALEM 45**

May 4 at John Glenn

Shot put Greg Copeland (WJG) 47 feet 1 inch discus Bryan Henley (WJG) 140.2 high jump Ian Thornton (WJG) 6.0 long jump Alante Whiting (WJG) 19.9 pole vault J P Truesdell (S) 11.0 110-meter hurdles Whiting (WJG) 16.51 300 hurdles Baze Efremov (S) 42.93 100 dash Brandon Pratt (WJG) 10.93 200 Thornton (WJG) 24.3 400 Curtis Jackson (WJG) 53.1 800 Alex Lumley (S) 2:16.8 1,600 Jimmy Walsh (S) 4:54.6 3,200 Dan Kapadia (S) 10:28.0 400 relay John Glenn (Tim Stephens DeAngelo Boston George Easter Thornton) 4:62 800 relay John Glenn (Jackson Stephens Boston Pratt) 1:37.45 1,600 relay John Glenn (Jackson Adam Sonak Jim Wood Ivan Thomas) 3:47.0 3,200 relay Salem 8:58.3
 Glenn 2nds Jackson long jump (19.3 5) Whiting high jump (5.10) 300 hurdles (43.82) Henley shot put (45.3) Copeland discus (118.0) Shola Olojo 110 hurdles (17.48) Thornton 100 (11.4) Sonak 400 (55.18) Boston 200 (24.42) 3rds. Easter long jump (17.3) 200 (24.8) Shawn Anthony high jump (5.8) 300 hurdles (46.5) Zach Bozigan shot put (37.10 5) discus (114.8) Boston 100 (11.43) Ricardo Donald 400 (55.47)
 Glenn's dual meet record 1.3 overall 1.3 WLAA Lakes Division

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

**W L WESTERN 69
 PLYMOUTH 68**

Thursday at Western

Discus 1 Reba Berman (WLW) 79.7 2 Laura Schultz (P) 77.3 3 Vicki Fryer (WLW) 70.11
 Shot put 1 Carly Zettlen (WLW) 28.4 2 D McLeay (P) 26.4 3 Teresa Trasan (WLW) 23.1
 Long jump 1 Stephanie Okolo (P) 16.2 7 2 Christien Guyton (P) 15.4 5 3 Jill Morton (P) 15.2 75
 High jump 1 Brittany Petty (P) 5.2 2 Jess Novakowski (WLW) 5.0 3 Shaakira Haywood (P) 4.10
 Pole vault 1 Jess Novakowski (WLW) 9.4 2 Katie Hale (P) 8.2 3 Kyle Hale (WLW) 7.2
 3,200-meter relay 1 W L Western 10:42 23 2 Plymouth 10:54.6
 100 hurdles 1 Christien Guyton (P) 17.41 2 5 Ray (WLW) 18.05 3 Lauren Longyear (WLW) 18.9
 100 dash 1 Carly Zettlen (WLW) 12.83 2 Stephanie Okolo (P) 12.99 3 Tanya Neftah (WLW) 13.09
 800 run 1 Plymouth (Jill Morton Brittany Petty Whitney Askew Stephanie Okolo) 1:55.22 2 Western 1:56.53
 1,600 run 1 Rachel Wessel (WLW) 5:39.78 2 Pam Bhullar (P) 5:40.66, 3 Lindsay Doherty (WLW) 5:40.68
 400 relay 1 Western 54.38 2 Plymouth 54.84
 400 dash 1 Jess Novakowski (WLW) 1:03.97 2 Janet Hanchett (P), 1:06.77 3 Carolina Guinaraes (WLW) 1:08.66
 300 hurdles 1 Christien Guyton (P) 52.96 2 Alyssa Calcaterra (P) 55.26 3 5 Ray (WLW) 56.19
 800 run 1 Jackie Beeler (P) 2:34.84 2 Ana Kotov (WLW) 2:40.43 3 Sarah Sherwood (P) 2:42.64
 200 dash 1 Stephanie Okolo (P) 27.44 2 Carly Zettlen (WLW) 28.31 3 Janet Hanchett (P) 29.69
 3,200 run 1 Pam Bhullar (P) 12:18.15 2 Jessica Lutinnacci (WLW) 12:33.38 3 Lindsay Doherty (WLW) 12:56.32
 1,600 relay 1 Western 4:26.83 2 Plymouth 4:33.54
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS. Overall 2 3 WLAA Western Division 2 2

**CANTON 81
 WAYNE MEMORIAL 55**

Thursday at Wayne

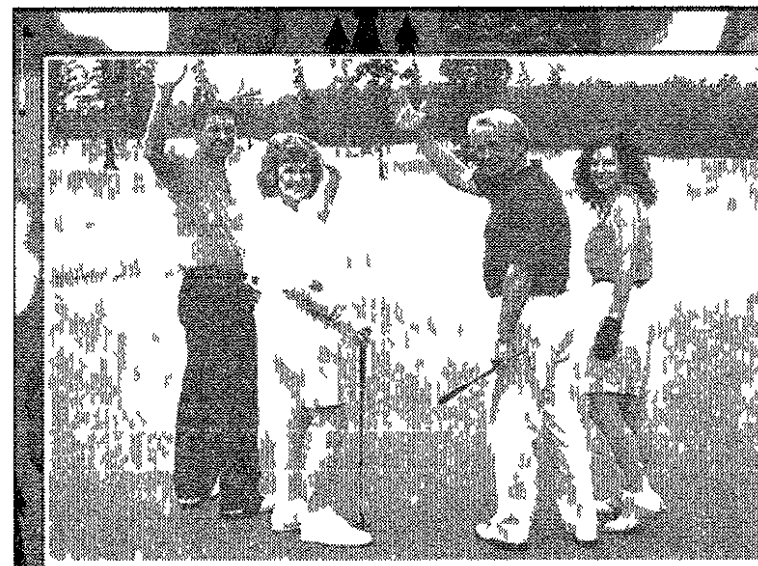
Discus 1 Kathy Hansen (WM) 98.10 2 Alyssa Scallera (C) 83.8 3 Ashley McClellan (C) 79.11
 Shot put 1 Andrea Poindexter (WM) 28.9 2 Kathy Hansen (WM) 27.8 3 Ashley McClellan (C) 26.11
 Long jump 1 Nastassia Goines (WM) 14.35 2 Brittany McKinney (C) 12.875 3 Anthalyce Bonner (WM) 12.8 5
 High jump 1 Izabela Paszkowska (C) 4.4 2 Megan Metheny (C) 4.1 3 Natalie Sitko (C) 4.1
 Pole vault 1 Heather Daniels (WM) 7.8 2 Krystal Nichols (WM) 6.8
 3,200-meter relay 1 Canton (Jennifer Thomas Paula Schubatus Becki McCormack Kelli Bargowski) 10:40 2 Wayne 13:32
 100 hurdles 1 Beth Pruitt (C) 18.5 2 Izabela Paszkowska (C) 18.53 3 Nastassia Gomes (WM) 19.50

100 dash 1 Toria Davis (C) 13.24 2 Chevonne May (WM) 14.24 3 Megan Metheny (C) 14.8
 800 relay 1 Wayne 1:53.50 2 Canton 1:57.1,600 run 1 Rachel Stoney (C), 6:16.0 2 Krystal Nichols (WM) 6:20.3 Lisa Clinton (C), 6:22
 400 relay 1 Canton (Brittany McKinney, Toria Davis Carrie Hause Megan Howard) 56.12 2 Wayne 51.12
 400 dash 1 Kelli Bargowski (C) 1:09.2 Becky McCormack (C) 1:10.3 Trisha Evans (WM), 1:12.0
 300 hurdles 1 Izabela Paszkowska (C) 53.0, 2 Megan Howard (C), 55.47 3 Lauren Howard (C) 58.47
 800 run 1 Paula Schubatus (C) 2:45.0 2 Kristin Ward (C) 2:57.0, 3 Melissa Smith (WM), 2:58.5
 200 dash 1 Nastassia Goines (WM) 28.06 2 Toria Davis (C) 28.50 3 Denique Pace (WM), 29.50
 3,200 run 1 Ana Jimenez (C) 14.06, 2 Brittany Dempsey (C) 14.08 3 Kathryn Trudeau (WM) 15.14 50
 1,600 relay 1 Canton (Carrie Hause, Kristin Ward Jennifer Thomas Kelli Bargowski) 3:47, 2 Wayne 4:40

**SALEM 76
 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 61**

Thursday at Salem

Discus 1 Shantel Davenport (JG), 82.7, 2 Ashley White (S) 75.6 5 3 Kelsey Lincoln (S), 67.3
 Shot put 1 Shantel Davenport (JG) 27.1 2 Stacey Richardson (JG) 25.2 3 Samantha Oliver (S) 24.2 5
 Long jump 1 Dana Eldred (S) 15.6 5 2 Chanel Payne (JG), 15.4 5 3 Ashley Parker (JG) 14.11 5
 High jump 1 Mya Hall (JG) 4-7 2 Kija Colts (JG) 4-3 3 Jewell (JG) 4-1
 Pole vault 1 Allie Vramak (S) 10.0 2 Jamie Melias (JG) 6.6 3 Alexa Van Vleet (S) 6-0
 3,200-meter relay 1 Salem (Linda Ling Hannah Cavichio Marisa Carpinelli Allison Janda) 11:24 2 John Glenn 12:06.5
 100 hurdles 1 Dana Eldred (S) 16.7 2 Katrina Cope (S) 18.2 3 Adrienne Cerceno (S) 18.8
 100 dash 1 Chanel Payne (JG) 13.2 2 Ashley Montgomery (JG) 13.3, 3 Trinea Vojcek (S), 13.7
 800 relay 1 John Glenn 1:51.0 2 Salem 1:56.1
 1,600 run 1 Hannah Cavichio (S) 5:51.6 2 Marisa Carpinelli (S) 5:57.5 3 Stacey Richardson (JG) 6:01.7
 400 relay 1 John Glenn 54.0 2 Salem 54.3 400 dash 1 Allison Janda (S), 1:03.5 2 Caitlin Heaney (S) 1:05.5 3 Wright (JG), 1:08.0
 300 hurdles 1 Dana Eldred (S) 54.2 2 Kija Colts (JG) 55.9 3 Katrina Cope (S) 56.9
 800 run 1 Allison Janda (S) 2:43.2 Marisa Carpinelli (S) 2:47.3 Kelly Determen (S) 2:54
 200 dash 1 Ashley Parker (JG) 27.4, 2 Caitlin Heaney (S) 29.1 3 Jamie Melias (JG) 29.4
 3,200 run 1 Hannah Cavichio (S) 12:30.7 2 Stacey Richardson (JG) 13.45 2 3 Sarah Kosteva (S) 14.37
 1,600 relay 1 Salem (Dana Eldred Linda Ling Lauren Olson Allison Janda) 4:30.2, 2 John Glenn 4:52.9
SALEM'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS Overall 5 1, WLAA Lakes Division 3 1



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Madonna softball squad set for regional

Madonna University's softball team is gearing up for this week's NAIA Region VIII tournament (May 9-10), with the Crusaders slated to face Bethel College at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Indiana Wesleyan.

The Crusaders, the No. 3-seeded team from the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, carry a 32-13 record into the regional, following a doubleheader loss Tuesday at Saginaw Valley State.

In the opener, MU starting pitcher Erin Brockert was knocked out in the opening inning, giving up five earned runs, and the Crusaders couldn't recover, losing 6-1. Saginaw Valley (22-30) broke a tie with a run in the eighth inning to win the nightcap, 6-5. Collecting two hits each for Madonna in the second game were senior Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial), sophomore Heather Richardson (Canton) and freshman Mary Kate Setta.

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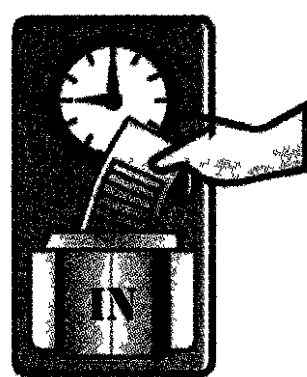
- SHOT PUT**
 Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 38.3
 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 35.10.5
 Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 34.10
 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 34.7
 Kailee Hobbs (Churchill) 31.10.5
 Bridget Malloy (Ladywood) 31.7.5
 Lauren Brown (Franklin) 31.3
 Rebecca Bartek (Stevenson) 30.4.75
 Kristen Becker (Garden City) 29.10
 Kelley Rogers (RU) 28.5
- DISCUS**
 Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 110.3
 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 108.8
 Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 108.6
 Kailee Hobbs (Churchill) 104.0
 Kathy Hansen (Wayne) 98.10
 Colette Fodera (Stevenson) 95.4
 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 92.7
 Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 92.3
 Ashley McClellan (Canton) 92.0
 Alana Baker (Garden City) 91.11
- HIGH JUMP**
 Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5.2
 Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5.2
 Meghan Lwienski (Stevenson) 5.0
 Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 4.11
 Jackie Grubeck (Churchill) 4.10
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4.10
 Kara Piorkowski (Stevenson) 4.10
 Alex Serowkey (Ladywood) 4.10
 Ashley Sawyer (Franklin) 4.9
 Shaakira Haywood (Plymouth) 4.9
 Megan Metheny (Canton) 4.9
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4.9
- LONG JUMP**
 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 16.7
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 16.5.5
 Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 16.4.25
 Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth) 16.1.50
 Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 16.0.50
 Dana Eldred (Salem) 15.6.5
 Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 15-5.9
 Allie Plisko (Stevenson) 15.4.5
 Luz Buttery (Churchill) 15.0
 Jackie Grubeck (Churchill) 14.11
- POLE VAULT**
 Allie Vranjak (Salem) 10.0
 Maria Winkler (Stevenson) 9.4
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 9.2
 Jackie Demers (Churchill) 8.8
 Eren Ural (Churchill) 8.8
 Meghan Powers (Franklin) 8.2
 Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 7.8
 Katie Hale (Plymouth) 7.8
 Heather Daniels (Wayne) 7.8
 Jade Rowley (Franklin) 7.2
- 100-METER HURDLES**
 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 15.2
 Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 15.2
 Diana Burek (Stevenson) 15.9
 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 16.4
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16.6
 Dana Eldred (Salem) 16.7
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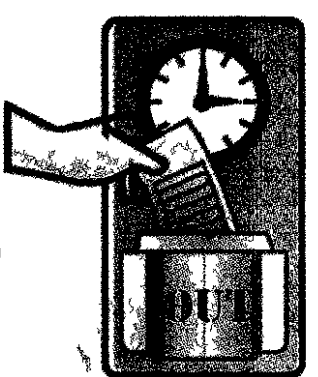
Thurston's Taleece Jackson

- Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 17.2
 Stephanie Misco (Ladywood) 17.2
 Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill) 17.5
- 300 HURDLES**
 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 45.6
 Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 46.1
 Diane Burek (Stevenson) 49.3
 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 49.5
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 49.5
 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 50.7
 Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 51.1
 Natalie Jedruszko (Churchill) 51.3
 Dana Eldred (Salem) 51.7
 Kristen Oltersdorf (Stevenson) 51.7
- 100 DASH**
 Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 12.5
 Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 12.7
 Stephanie Okolo (Plymouth) 12.8
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 12.8
 Lache Wilkins (Churchill) 12.8
 Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 13.0
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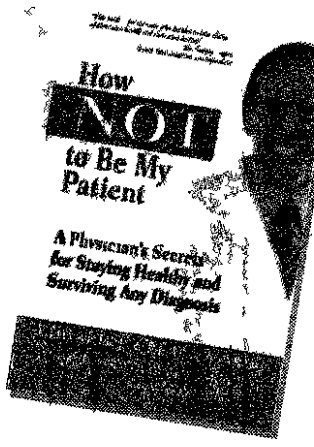
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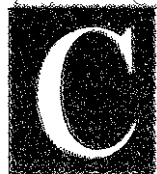
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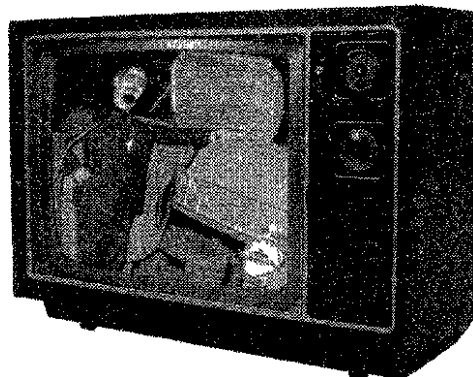
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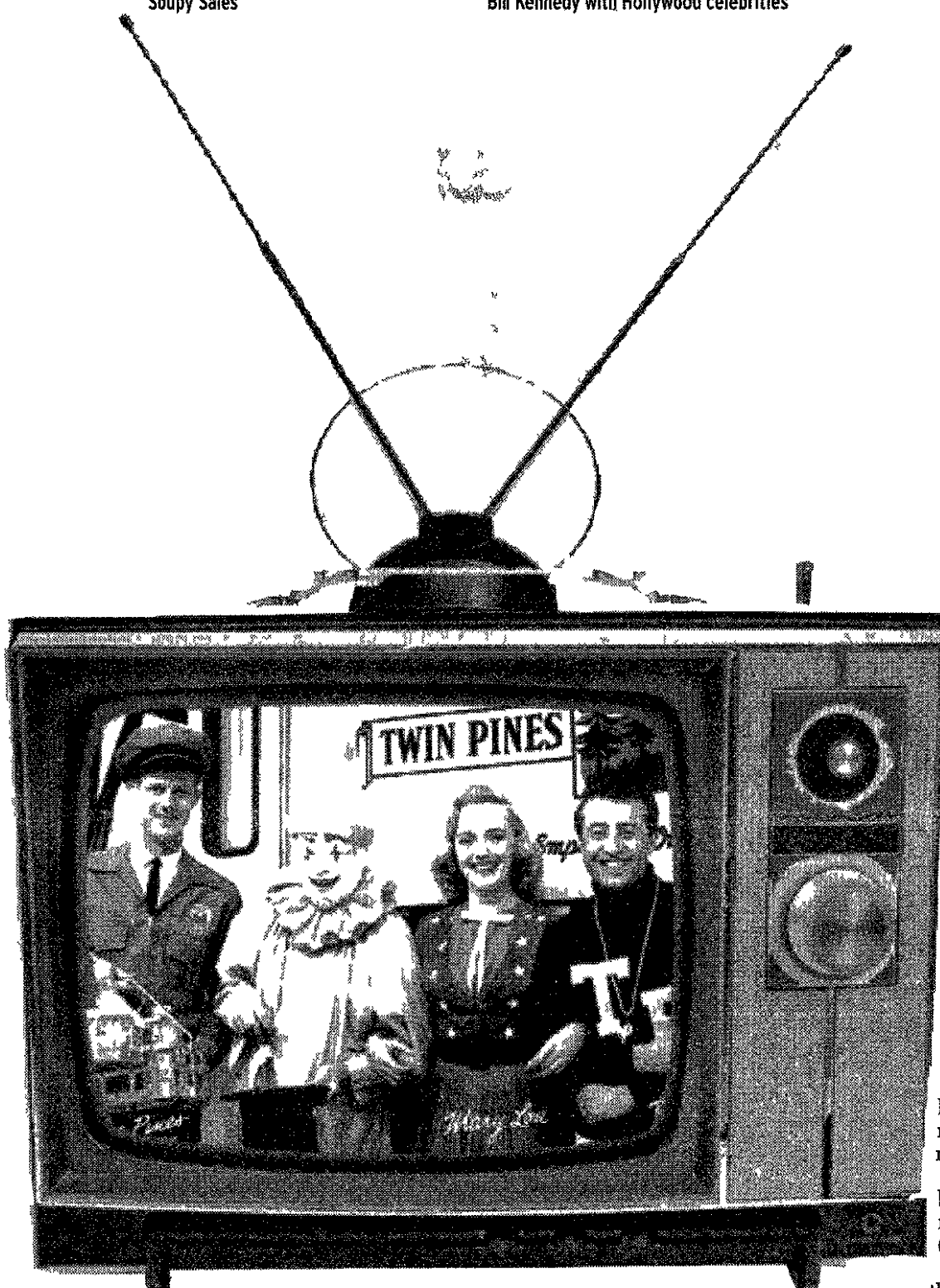
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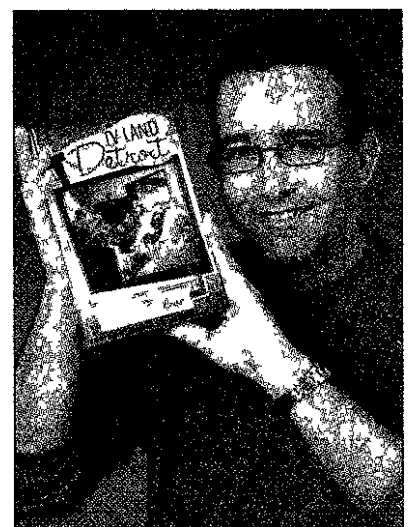
Milky the Clown and guests

TV Land

Writer brings back the golden days of Soupy, Milky and Sir Graves

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

In the 1950s, it seemed that every kid in metro Detroit hurried home to have lunch with Soupy Sales. With a crushed top hat, a casual black sweater and a giant polkadot bowtie that became a propeller into fun with the magic word "Contact," Soupy was Detroit's Pied Piper No. 1. But once upon a time, Soupy was one of many homegrown children's TV personalities. Local television production wasn't limited to news programs and sports but included kids shows, dance parties, hosted movies, talk shows, travel shows and more. Livonia writer Gordon Castelnero brings back those golden days of Detroit television in his new book *TV Land Detroit* (University of Michigan Press, \$22.95). "I thought those local shows were more than just something people watched every day, they were part of the city's history that I



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Author Gordon Castelnero with his book on Detroit television

think hasn't been spotlighted too much," he said. "I thought it would be cool to put together a book that people could thumb through at their leisure and relive the moment whether it was their childhood or their adolescence, these shows were part of their life."

Castelnero, 40, grew up in Livonia and graduated from Churchill High School. He has a broadcasting background as a former producer at WNIC radio and now works at Technicolor in Livonia. This is his first book.

He begins in the early days of local television, before he was born. While he writes about the Lady of Charm from the 1940s, he says the golden age was 1953 to 1985.

He chose 1953 as the start date because

PLEASE SEE TV LAND, C2

Bringing out best in kids

Why are some kids shy? Is it because of low self esteem? A lack of social skills? Are shy kids trapped in a role they don't know how to escape from or just fine the way they are, preferring one-on-one relationships over socializing with groups?

Any one or more of these reasons can make it challenging for kids to participate in social interactions. Regardless of why, there are things you can do to help develop your children's abilities and bring out their best.

1. See things from your child's point of view. Kids appreciate having their feelings acknowledged and then become more receptive to seeing other points of view. Notice their feelings and put them into words, "Sometimes it's

hard to know what to say, or "Sometimes it can feel scary to raise your hand in class."

Suppose your child goes on a field trip to the farm. She is asked to be one of the farmer's helpers. She says 'no' and then later cries because she wishes she had said "yes." How do you put her feelings into words? "You sound so disappointed. You wish you had said 'yes' when he called on you."

Pity and pushing are two unhelpful responses that will intensify shy behavior. Children who are pitied feel pitiful and less capable of changing their behavior.

2. Focus on what your child is capable of, instead of what seems to be lacking. Replace, "Don't be so shy," with "When you are ready, feel free to join the group." I've asked feedback from hundreds of parents who used to be shy

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George Nicholson, board member of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter, and WNBA Detroit Shock forward Swin Cash present Melissa Shelton with the Michigan Heroes Award at The Palace in Auburn Hills.

Plymouth woman is selected as Michigan hero

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Melissa Shelton is nearly as happy about winning the Michigan Heroes Award, as she is about possibly becoming an aunt in the near future. The 26-year-old Plymouth woman is the reason her sister-in-law, Stacy Shelton, is strong enough to go through childbirth. On Nov. 9, Melissa donated one of her kidneys to Stacy at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

On April 19, the NBA's Detroit Pistons, WNBA Detroit Shock and the American Red Cross recognized Melissa's unselfishness by presenting her with its Michigan Heroes Award prior to the Pistons game against the

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that was the year that Milton Supman (AKA Soupy Sales) arrived at WXYZ in Detroit and introduced a generation of kids to Blacktooth, White Fang, Pookie and Willie the Worm

Soupy's was the first show that transcended all audiences. Even though it was primarily a children's show, you had teenagers and adults watching. And even today Soupy Sales is the biggest star to come out of Detroit television," Castelnero said.

The writer was too young to remember Soupy in Detroit and others from those early years, so he did extensive interviews with the personalities, backstage producers and crew, family members and fans to create detailed portraits of these faded stars and their programs.

"I wanted to be able to write these as if I had sat down and watched them myself," Castelnero said.

Before mass syndication, network cartoons, old reruns of network shows and infomercials became more profitable and squeezed out local programming. WXYZ, WJBK, WWJ (now WDIV), CKLW and, later, WKBD produced a variety of fun, silly, informative and very local programming.

CHILDREN'S SHOWS

Castelnero begins his survey with the children's show hosts - Capt Jolly, Poopdeck Paul, Jingles, Wixie, Sagebrush Shorty, Johnny Ganger, and the clowns, Milky, Rucky, Bozo and Oopsy.

Johnny Ganger handled the afternoon children's shift as the host of Three Stooges shorts.

Johnny's show was very physical, Castelnero said. "He did a lot of physical schtick. He was also good at doing voices. He would have these voices coming out of nowhere. He would tape record voices and leave holes in the tape so that he could talk to the tape."

Milky the Clown, who said the magic words "Twin Pines" because he was sponsored by Twin Pines Dairy, was played over its long 17-year run by two magicians - Clare Cummings

and Karrell Fox. Fox, a young professional magician, was scheduled to play the part in 1950 when he was drafted into military service. He recommended Cummings to be his replacement while he was away in service.

"Even though he was guaranteed that he could take over the role when he got out, he saw that his friend Clare Cummings, who he recommended for it, was having so much fun that he couldn't take it away from Clare. They did switch in 1964 when Clare was looking to retire," Castelnero said.

After the show ended in 1967, both magicians continued to appear as Milky. You can tell them apart by the gap in Clare Cummings' teeth.

"We've lost the personalization of television," Castelnero said. "These were our stars and we didn't have to share them with anybody else. As a child you could actually aspire to meet them because they came to your schools and were at places you were familiar with like Edgewater Park or Bob-Lo Local festivals."

Children could attend the shows and sit in galleries and the hosts would visit them when they were sick in local hospitals.

"There really was an Oopsy the Clown, a Sir Graves Ghastly, a Captain Jolly," Castelnero said. Sir Graves was a particular favorite of Castelnero.

"Lawson Deming, I have a particular fondness for him," he said. "He wasn't in good health when I interviewed him in August of 2004 and I was told he had good days and bad days. Luckily I got him on a good day."

He wanted to hear Deming do Sir Graves comically sinister laugh "NEEEYAAHHH." And even though the showman was confined to a wheelchair and using oxygen, he made a brave attempt.

"It was a touching moment. It shows he was a true showman. I was touched by that. When I shook his hand I said long live Sir Graves Ghastly and he would look at me with that Sir Graves look," Castelnero said, arching his eyebrow in Sir Graves' style.

AT THE MOVIES

Sir Graves and the Ghoul

hosted monster movies. Rita Bell hosted a daily morning movie show that featured prize giveaways. But the most famous local movie host was Bill Kennedy.

Kennedy parlayed a B-movie acting career into the role of his lifetime, as Detroit's movie maven for 30 years. Castelnero said he could relate to Kennedy's life as he had also gone to California to attend Cal State Long Beach with the idea of being a casting director before returning to Detroit.

"He had a lot of stories to tell from his own experiences. One thing I learned about Bill was that he liked to be off the cuff. He gave the appearance that he just knew everything about movies, but he really didn't. He researched everything thoroughly," Castelnero said.

He said it was a special treat to visit Kennedy's widow Suzy in Palm Beach, Fla., and browse through his extensive library of movie books.

Kennedy often played host to visiting Hollywood celebrities setting a pattern for a number of different kinds of local talk shows.

Lou Gordon did a hard-hitting political show, famous for getting presidential candidate George Romney to say he'd been "braun-washed" on a visit to Vietnam. Gordon's style is mirrored today by cable news commentators like Bill O'Reilly and Chris Matthews.

"Lou Gordon pioneered a lot that you see in the news today. Lou liked to play Gotcha and he would trap you with your own words," Castelnero said.

A kinder and gentler talk show was hosted by John Kelly and Marilyn Turner. The married couple brought their jousting, jesting relationship into their popular WXYZ morning program.

Some of the other people Castelnero profiles are the dance show hosts Robin Seymour, Joel Sebastian, Lee Alan and Nat Morris, psychologist Sonya Friedman (a forerunner to Dr. Phil), travel host George Pierrot (famous for nodding off on-air), outdoorsmen Mort Neff and Jerry Chiapetta, and At the Zoo's Sonny Eliot.

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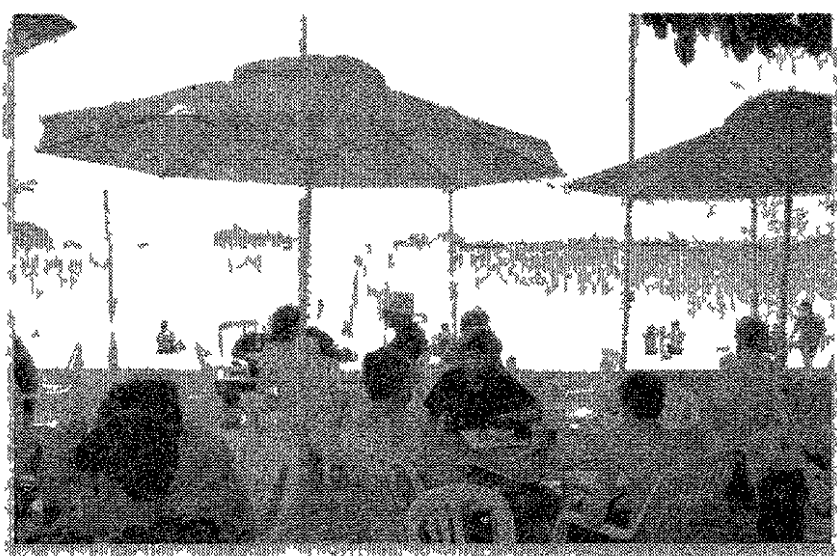
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children themselves. They all agree that it was unhelpful and intensified shyness when they were told the following statements: "You are too shy," "Why are you always so quiet?" or "You would have more friends if you'd speak up."

When you label kids "shy" they tend to become even more shy. Another unhelpful thing to say is "Leave the poor kid alone, you know he's shy." A

comment like this cements shyness into a child's view of himself, and makes it harder than ever to break free.

I have personal experience with this one.

For a while, I was shy. I enjoyed watching the other kids in class joking and socializing as if I were watching a television show. It didn't occur to me to join in. I wouldn't know what to say! One day, before class started, I had positioned my seat so I could watch the antics of two boys next to me. To my shock, one

said to the other, Marilyn can't take her eyes off of you. She must be in love with you!

I was so embarrassed. I turned myself to the front of the classroom, praying that no one else would add to my humiliation.

The other boy said, "Look at her, she can't even talk. She's the shyest girl in school." Ouch! At that time, I just didn't know how to socialize with anyone other than my few close friends. Being called the shyest girl in school, made it even harder for me to stretch

myself.

3. Let your children answer for themselves. That's a lot easier said than done. If a neighbor asks your child a question, and he hides behind your legs instead of answering, it's so much easier to just answer for him, or make excuses, such as, "Bryan is four years old now. He's just a little shy or he'd tell you himself." Such a comment sends a strong message to your child showing you do not see him as capable of answering for himself.

4. Consider your child's preferences.

Some kids get energized by being with a lot of people, others don't.

5. Allow for transition time. Sometimes kids are not shy but are slow to transition into new situations. When a kid is pushed to join in before she's ready, it backfires, and creates more resistance.

6. Use playtime to improve social skills. Kids love to pretend and play. During play, lessons are learned without pressure. When kids pretend, they can be any way they want. Play games where your child gets to

be the leader, the team builder, or the time keeper.

Instead of pointing out your kid's shy behavior, notice when they display outgoing behavior during playtime. Kids respond well to a parent's positive focus, and begin seeing in themselves what you notice in them.

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Washington Wizards

"It was exciting," said Melissa Shelton, who grew up in Canton and now works as a medical biller at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "We all went to the game, all of my brothers."

"I'd do it again (donate a kidney). Stacy is such a big part of my life and my family. The doctors said they (Stacy and Melissa's brother Dan) could start trying (to have a baby) one year from the transplant. It's so exciting. They wanted this bad and it hasn't been an option."

Stacy Shelton has undergone dozens of kidney surgeries since doctors discovered a birth defect at age 5. Her right kidney was removed at age 12. After receiving Melissa's kidney, doctors removed Stacy's remaining native kidney in December. Since the transplant was successful, she won't have to return to the hospital every three months for surgery to replace a stent which kept her native kidney functioning at 16 percent. Instead, the 29-year-old Redford woman is working out at the gym four times a week in addition to returning full time to her secretarial position at Edward Rose & Sons in Southfield.

"The past year of my life has been so amazing," said Stacy Shelton. "I have known my whole life that someday I would need a kidney transplant. Now the transplant is over and Melissa and I are doing so well. Every time I see her, I just think to myself how she saved my life and gave my husband and I a possible chance to some day have a family of our own. I know there's no way to thank Melissa for what she has done for me. I just hope she knows how thankful I am and I love her so much."

Karen and Tom Shelton have always been proud of their children, but now especially of Melissa.

"I just couldn't believe it. She has this beautiful plaque she brought home for us," said Karen Shelton of Canton. "She did such a good thing and gave of herself. We were both very proud of her."

Dennis Sampier is just delighted that the Pistons, Shock and American Red Cross could recognize Melissa. This is the second season the groups have honored heroic acts with an on court presentation.

"The idea is to recognize hometown heroes throughout the state as well as to create awareness about cause," said Sampier, director of community relations/Pistons-Palace Foundation. "One of the reasons Melissa was chosen is April is National Organ Donor Awareness Month."

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The American Red Cross is pleased to partner with the Pistons, Shock and Palace to present the awards, said Jan Shmshock, chief development office for the southeastern Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross. For the last 10 years, the Red Cross has recognized individuals with its own Heroes Award.

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ANNIVERSARY



Agnews are golden
John and Cheri (Ritter) Agnew of Englewood, Fla., celebrated their 50th anniversary May 5, 2006
The couple was married May 5, 1956 at St John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, and lived in the area for 42 years before retiring and moving to Florida. John Agnew is a retired tool maker, while Cheri retired from the Auto Club of Michigan. The couple has four children: Scott Agnew of Kentucky, Lori Evans and Kathy Senevey of Florida and Doug Agnew of Ann Arbor.
The Agnews now enjoy playing golf, Bingo and cards. They celebrated the occasion with dinner with friends and family in Venice, Fla.

WEDDING

Bertin-Juopperi
Heather Renee Juopperi and Brian Patrick Bertin were married April 6, at the Chapel in the Clouds, Las Vegas, Nevada. Pastor Nathan Ward officiated.

The bride is the daughter of John and Mary Jane Juopperi of Redford. She graduated Ladywood High School in 1994. She works as a receptionist for an oral surgeon in Livonia.

The groom is the son of Bill and Fran Bertin of White Lake. He graduated St. Mary's of Orchard Lake in 1996. He works on irrigation tech for an apartment community in Novi.

Attendants were Miranda Masell (maid of honor) of Highland, Matt Paul (best man) of San Bruno, CA, and Chris Zawadzki (groomsman) of Washington, DC.

The couple spent a week vacationing in Las Vegas.



They received guests at a celebration at Sandtraps on 5 in Livonia in late April. Another family celebration is planned for June. They are residing in Novi.

ENGAGEMENTS

Carlson-Dew

Jeff and Renee Carlson of Jennison, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter Abby Lee Carlson of Ann Arbor, to Ryan James Dew of Canton.

The groom-elect is the son of Rick and Carolyn Dew of Canton. He is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in business, finance. He is currently a law student at Michigan State University College of Law.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Jennison High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in psychology. She is a



dental student at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.
An Aug. 5 wedding is planned in Grand Rapids.

Weymouth-Cantalini

Don and Carol Weymouth of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter Kelly Shauna Weymouth of Garden City to Anthony Joseph Cantalini of Shelby Township.

The groom-elect is the son of Dennis and Joyce Catalini of Shelby Township. He is a 1992 graduate of LaSalle High School. He is currently working as an account executive at First Franklin Financial.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School. She is currently working as a hair stylist at Studio One Salon and Day Spa.

A June 10 wedding is planned for Shrine of the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church in Royal Oak. A reception will follow at the Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield. The couple will honeymoon in the Bahamas.



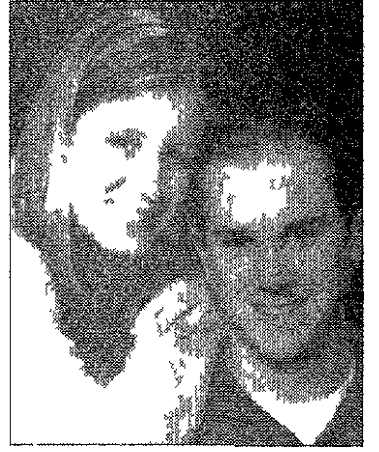
in Royal Oak. A reception will follow at the Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield. The couple will honeymoon in the Bahamas.

Lajza-Hollandsworth

John and Janet Lajza of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Ann Lajza of Livonia to Eric David Hollandsworth of Livonia.

The groom-elect is the son of Dave and Nancy Hollandsworth of Livonia. He is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School. He is a 2006 graduate of Walsh College with a bachelor of arts degree in finance.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Stevenson High School. She is a 2005 graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.
An Aug. 11 wedding is planned at St. Johns in Plymouth. A reception will be held at the Polo Fields Country Club in Ann Arbor. The couple will honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta.



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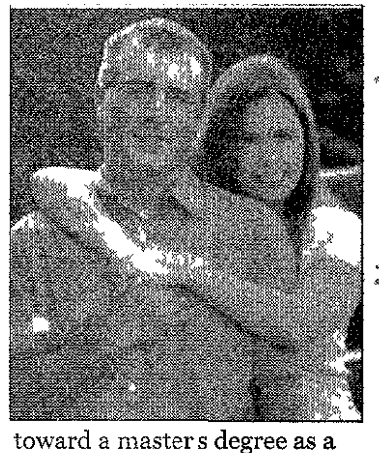
Pund-King

Janet and David Pund of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter Kyle Stephanie Pund, to Eric Dean King, the son of Richard and Diane Frost of Freeland, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Salem High School, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Indiana State University. She works as a family therapist at Kids Hope United in St. Charles, Ill.

She will be attended by her sister, Karri Pund, as Maid of Honor, bridesmaids Christina Kraus and Jennifer Zelazny and flower girl Brittany King, the groom's cousin.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Bay City John Glenn High School, got a bachelor's degree in medicine from Michigan State University and is currently a student at Midwestern University in Downers Grove, Ill., working



toward a master's degree as a physician's assistant. He will be attended by Best Man Clifton Miskov, groomsmen Josh Marsh and Jason Wirth, his brother and ring bearer Joshua Frost and ushers Keith and Kory Pund, brothers of the bride.

A May 28, 2006 wedding is planned at the Michigan State University Alumni Memorial Chapel with Judge David Jordan officiating. A reception to follow at Eagle Eye Golf Course.

Smith-Klassa

Carl Schreffler of Herndon, Pa., announces the engagement of his daughter Trina Ann Smith of Livonia to Michael Kenneth Klassa of Livonia.

The groom-elect is the son of Kenneth and Donna Klassa of Livonia. He has a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a CFP from the College of Financial Planning. He is the owner of Klass & Associates Financial Planning.

The bride-to-be has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Hawaii and a master's in business administration from Western Kentucky University. A wedding is planned for



July 16 while on an east coast cruise. A reception will be held at Historic Greenmead in Livonia Aug. 19. The couple will make their home in Livonia.



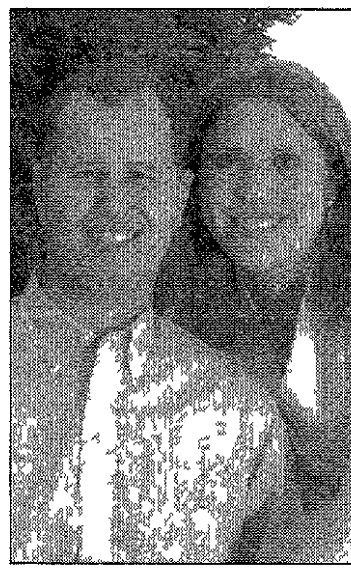
Tochman-Hoff

Dennis and Debbie Tochman of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Kay Tochman, to Ryan Christopher Hoff of Livonia, the son of Gary and Marsha Hoff of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and earned a bachelor's degree in merchandising management from Michigan State University in 2003. She is currently a training and communication manager for the Hertz Corporation.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and earned an associate's degree in automotive technology from Henry Ford Community College in 1996. He is currently a student at Madonna University in Livonia, working toward a degree in accounting. He also works at Detroit Diesel Engineering.

An Oct. 6, 2006 wedding is planned at the Inn at St. Johns following a honeymoon to Curacao. The couple will make their home in Livonia.



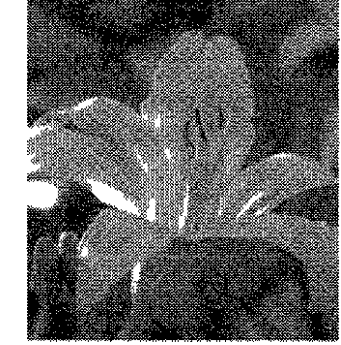
Compton-Joseph

Tom and Rosa Compton of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Carla Anne, to Paul Joseph, son of Stephen and Elizabeth Talbot of Clarkston.

Carla is a 2001 graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. She graduated Cum Laude from Albion College in December 2004 with a bachelor of arts in speech communication. She became a member of Kappa Delta sorority during her time at Albion. Carla is an account coordinator for the Red, White & Bold team at J. Walter Thomson Advertising Firm of Detroit.

Paul is a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School. He graduated Cum Laude from Albion College in May 2002 with a bachelor of arts in philosophy. While at Albion he became a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternal organization. Paul is currently the vice president of operations at Source HR in Clarkston.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 7, 2006 at St. John's Chapel in Plymouth, Michigan. The couple will honeymoon in Jamaica and will reside in Livonia.



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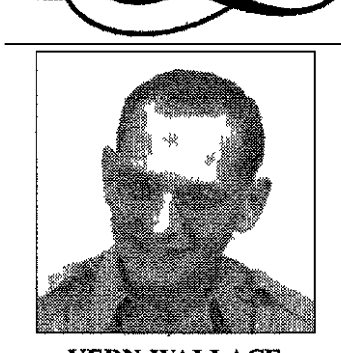
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BARBARA J. (NUSSMEIER) COPELAND

Age 57 died May 4, 2006 at Rawlins House Pendleton after an extended illness. She was born May 25, 1948 in Syracuse, New York and was a resident of this area since 1986. Barbara was a graduate of Columbus North High School. She was a member of the American Legion. She was employed for five years in the clerical department in GMAC. She is survived by her three children, Michelle & husband Matthew Hash of Rochester, Michigan; David & wife Lori Corey of Lutz, Pennsylvania; and Christina & husband Janson Cagley of Anderson. Five siblings: Peggy & husband Jim Voelz of Columbus; Nancy & husband Mike Armuth of Columbus; Robert & wife Katie Nussmeier of Texas; Elizabeth & husband John Kestler of Columbus; and Patricia & husband Kent Burns of Carmel. Six grandchildren, Michael Hash, Mark Hash, Katie Corey, Kelli Corey, Erica Corey and Addison Cagley and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Phyllis (Paape) Nussmeier, her adopted father, Robert Nussmeier and her father Joel E. Knapp. Cremation will take place with a graveside service at a later date at Garland Brook Cemetery in Columbus, Indiana. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.
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MAYME D. LaPALM

Age 87 May 5, 2006 Beloved wife of the late Lyle Dear mother of Sandra Janice (Lawrence) Woodhouse Dear grandmother of Lawrence J. (Julie) Woodhouse Denise M. (Patrick) Harkness and Tina M. (Terry) Poster Great grandmother of Ryan Woodhouse Sarah Cooper Haley Woodhouse Joshua Cooper Devin Poster and Dylan Poster Brothers Roy and Maynard sisters Mary Josephine Margaret Dorothy and Betty Funeral Service Wednesday 11am at the RG & GR Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd Livonia Visitation Tuesday, 4-9pm Please sign the online guestbook at www.rgrharris.com



VERN WALLACE SCHILAWSKE

April 19, 2006, of Tucson, AZ (formerly of Plymouth). Born September 3, 1915, in Detroit the eldest child of Emil and Theresa Schilawske. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was a superb athlete captaining the varsity hockey team and playing varsity baseball at Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh, PA. As a graduate Lithographer he worked in several cities around the country and eventually joined the U.S. Army in 1942. Assigned to the 442nd Infantry he proudly served in the only Nisei battalion in World War II. He returned to Detroit married Helen Nicols in 1948, and, in 1952, bought what became University Litho Printers in Ypsilanti. He was a driving force in establishing the Plymouth Hockey Association sponsoring and coaching Bantam teams and he contributed time and energy to the Boy Scouts and his church. After retirement in 1975 he and Helen relocated to the Southwest where he was active in Kiwanis church and many other volunteer programs. He loved to play golf and was an avid gardener who raised incomparable orchids. He is survived by his two children Darlene (Schilawske) Paul of Tucson, AZ and Mark Schilawske of Commerce Township, MI.

ROBERT JOHN GILFERT

Age 85, of Westwood, MA died May 1, 2006 at the Clark House in Westwood, MA. He was born in Teaneck, NJ October 11, 1920, son of the late Charles J. and Emily (Kuell) Gilfert. He has lived in Massachusetts since 1992, previously living in Birmingham, Michigan for 25 years. During WWII Mr. Gilfert served his country as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He is a graduate of Amherst College. Mr. Gilfert worked as an Advertising Executive for Time Inc. with Life Magazine and Sports Illustrated. He was a member of the Detroit Advertising Association, Orchard Lake Country Club, Bald Peak Colony Club and was an avid golfer. Survivors include his wife, Hope (Brigden) Gilfert of Westwood and a son and daughter in law Roger and Vicki Gilfert of Bedford, NH, a daughter and son in law Kiela and Ralph June of Pomfret, CT, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Graveside services will be 12:00 PM Saturday May 6, 2006 at the Lakeview Cemetery in Wolfeboro, NH. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the National Alzheimer's Association, The Baker Gagne Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Wolfeboro in charge of the arrangements.

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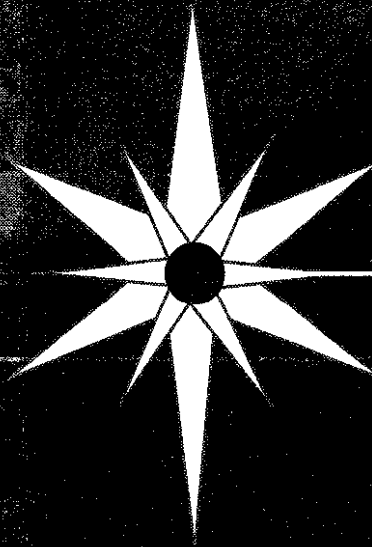
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Power of pets

Mayo Clinic oncologist tells how not to become his patient

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr Edward Creagan's voice cracks while telling the story of his cat's death last February. The Mayo Clinic oncologist was in Las Vegas with his wife, Peggy, when they received the dreaded 6 a.m. call that Reggie was found dead in the den. The Creagans cut short their trip and flew back to Rochester, Minn.

The loss confirmed Creagan's belief that "getting a pet is one of the easiest and most rewarding ways of living a longer, healthier life." Creagan devotes several pages to the healing power of pets in his book *How Not to Be My Patient: A Physician's Secrets for Staying Healthy and Surviving Any Diagnosis*. At age 62, Creagan follows his own healthy living prescription for running, weight training, eating right and spending time with Peggy and his two golden retrievers. He talks about the book at the fifth annual Winston Canine Cancer Foundation dinner and auctions Friday, May 19, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

The Foundation, established by Mindy Richards and her husband, Paul Dunbar, of Birmingham, raises money to treat Leader and PAWS with a Cause dogs with cancer, and fund research of the disease. The foundation's mission is to share those findings so humans can be helped as well. Dr. Steve Withrow, a DVM at Colorado State University, has already perfected a technique on canines to save limbs from bone cancer. It is now used to save the limbs of children and adults.

"It (Reggie's death) made us realize the fragility of life and the role that these little creatures play in our souls," said Creagan, a cancer specialist for more than 30 years. Creagan got his first dog, a boxer named Rusty, in grammar school. As a young boy in New Jersey, Creagan learned early on to care about animals, including the horses his father bet on as a professional handicapper. Creagan lists the benefits of loving animals of all sizes in the book. Just petting a cat or dog can lower blood pressure, decrease stress and even reduce blood flow in



Dr. Edward Creagan believes it's important for his health to spend time with wife Peggy and their furry friends. Pictured here are their two golden retrievers, Brinkley and Jessie, and their late cat Reggie.

pain areas when his "pet prescription" is followed. He says, most experts recommend walking about 200 minutes a week, which is good for dogs and owners.

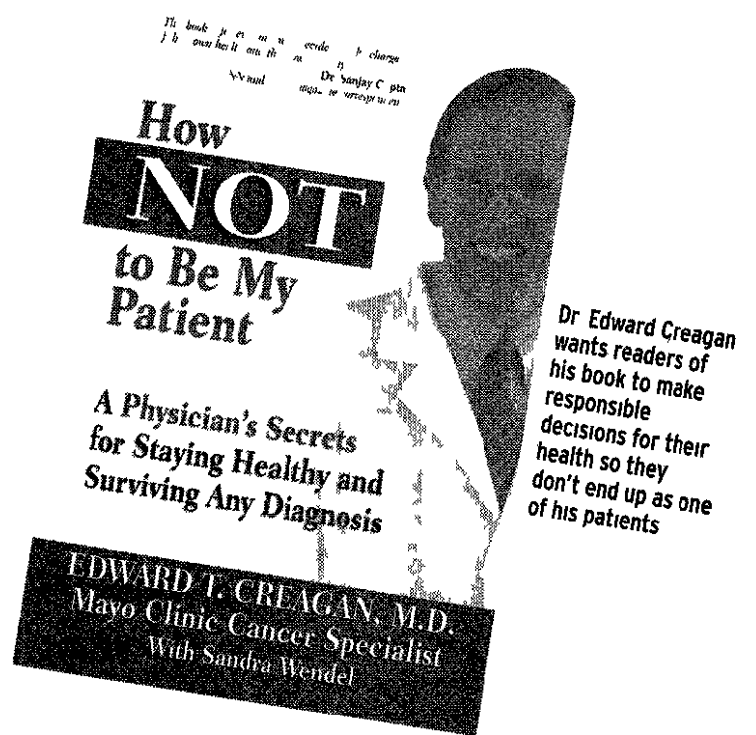
"For patients to come to Mayo with a diagnosis of cancer is an emotionally charged encounter," said Creagan, an M.D. and professor at the Mayo Clinic Medical School. "By coincidence, patients would begin to talk about their pets. I started to write the name of the pet in their medical record. On their next visit I would ask how they're doing and every one starts to smile and laugh."

Humor is one of the topics Creagan covers in the book, along with the importance of health screenings and supportive relationships, how to talk so your doctor will listen, what to do when diagnosed with an illness, the psychology of survival, the mind-body connection, alternative and complementary medicine, spirituality and supplements. Creagan wrote the book with Sandra Wendel, a consumer health information journalist and senior project editor for eMedicine.com. She runs the consumer health news service at www.health-headlines.com, where Creagan lists his eight commandments for living long enough to cash in your 401(k).

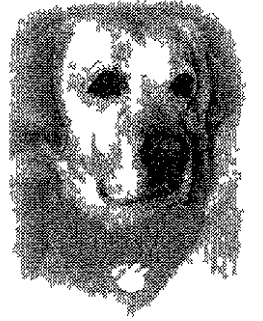
"There's very firm evidence that at least one-third of cancers are related to lifestyle options and choices such as smoking, excessive sun exposure, inactivity leading to weight gain, a low-fiber, high-red meat diet," Creagan said.

The concept for the book was for us to be empowered to make responsible decisions for our health and well-being so patients could better understand their role in health and wellness. Whenever I deal with financial advisers or mechanics, I'm uncomfortable because I don't know the landscape or vocabulary. I'm a visitor in an alien country. Patients are very much in an alien country where the stakes are very high."

When Winston was diagnosed with lymphoma, Mindy Richards thought her knowledge of medicine would make it easier to find treatment for her and husband Paul Dunbar's beautiful



Labrador retriever Winston received part of his treatment from Michigan State University, but died about 90 days after diagnosis in August 2001 at age 9. "I thought we would have access to the same sort of resources, diagnostics, but didn't," said Richards, a former CEO for the Oakwood Health System. "We started asking ourselves if it does exist in the country, where is it? That led to the foundation."



Winston

"Winston had a positive impact on our lives every day. When we sensed he was terminally ill, the frustrations were just like with a human family member. When you lose them, there's grief. It was a natural evolution almost instantaneously to take the experience we had with him and turn it into something positive."

Richards says the good news is that cancer is no longer a death sentence. Cures now exist for certain types of the disease. One Leader Dog for the Blind in Pennsylvania is doing very well after having a lump removed from his paw and radiation.

"We started to pay for diagnosis and treatment of cancer for all dogs, but narrowed it down to service dogs because of a lack of funding," Richards said. "With more funding we could include others."

The Winston Canine Cancer Foundation fund-raiser takes place 7-11 p.m. Friday, May 19. Tickets are available by calling (248) 388-9450. For more information, visit www.winstonccf.com.

Creagan's book, *How Not To Be My Patient*, is published by Health Communications (HCI) and available at all book stores, www.amazon.com and www.hownottobemypatient.com.

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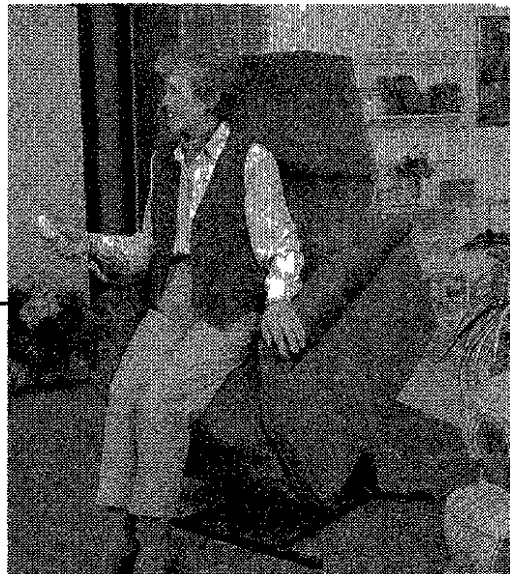
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Hotline records frustrations with Part D coverage

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Florence Adams was spending about \$1100 a year on prescriptions prior to signing up for the new Medicare prescription drug coverage Part D. Her daughter Cheryl Magalski says now she expects it to cost the 84-year-old Livonia woman about \$1000 more a year for her six drugs. The coverage was supposed to save seniors money on medications.

Magalski is one of the people who vented their frustrations on the Medicare Hotline set up by the Mental Health Association in Southfield.

"Out of pocket costs are too high," said Magalski. "Prior to Part D we were getting several drugs through companies either free of charge or a \$15 co-charge. That was a lot of paperwork but worth it. With Part D it's \$65 a month for the co-pay, three months of drugs now cost \$327 for a total of \$2088, \$1308 for drugs and \$780 for premiums."

"The government needs to get themselves in this problem to see how this works, or give us their health care program. This is going to hurt a lot of people."

Besides increasing her mother's costs, Magalski was frustrated by the process of applying for coverage.

"It's difficult to understand, to get information," said Magalski, a registered nurse for Angela Hospice in Livonia. Although her mother lives independently, Magalski is responsible for her bills and medication so she began to research Part D last fall thinking it would help cut her mother's costs. When Magalski grew frustrated, she turned the project over to her brother who talked to pharmacists and went online for information.

Magalski discovered they weren't alone in their struggle. As a hospice nurse she would visit patients who were just as confused.

Mark Reinstein noted the growing problems and decided in February to create a hotline for those enrolled in the coverage program or trying to find out information about it. He expects to receive an increasing number of calls as the May 15 deadline for application approaches.

The good news is not everyone

is locked into a plan. Low income and dual eligible (Medicare/Medicaid) can switch every month, others can change coverage at certain intervals, according to Reinstein. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.medicare.gov.

To express your thoughts, good or bad, call the MHA hotline at 1-866-779-1359 toll free 12:30-4 p.m. Wednesdays or 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays. At other times leave a voice message with name and phone number and your call will be returned. Or send e-mail to partdmha@aol.com.

"The mission is to catalog this through the end of the year," said Reinstein, president and CEO of the Mental Health Association in Michigan, a nonprofit advocacy group.

"We'd like to amass information on a couple hundred people and turn that over to Congress. So far, there's been a lot of confusion. The common wisdom has been for months that it may be confusing but if they get in it, it will save money. We're seeing that's not holding up. A number of people were in some sort of assistance program previously. If you got into Medicare Part D you're assistance ceased. Now with co-pays and premiums a number of them are paying more."

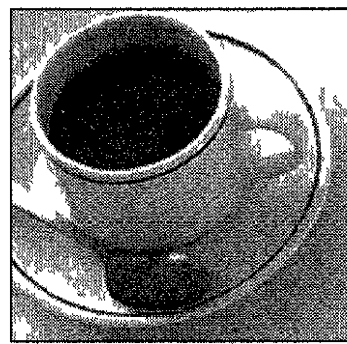
Sally Tarte "hardly ever" takes medications so her costs are definitely higher since signing up for AARP's (American Association of Retired Persons) \$26 a month premium for prescription coverage. She says, the increase "hurts because you can't do things with your grandchildren."

"It's very difficult at first because there are so many plans out there to choose from which I think is wrong," said Tarte, 66 of Old Redford. "I think that confuses a lot of seniors especially those who have loss of memory. They should have been made simpler because of the age group. Tarte didn't have the ability to go online so she signed up based on information she received in the mail or on television."

For help in applying for coverage, call the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program at 1-800-803-7174 or visit www.mymmap.org.

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Coffee cuts blood flow in workout



Sharon from Romeo drinks a lot of coffee often before working out. She e-mails asking if a pre-workout cup of Joe is a good idea.

Sharon, you're right to be concerned. Just two cups of coffee can limit the amount of blood flow to the heart during a workout and that's not good. A group of young coffee drinkers abstained from their favorite pick-me-up for 36 hours. Researchers then used high-tech scanners to measure blood flow before and after their workout on a stationary bike. The first time the riders were caffeine-free. They then took tablets containing as much caffeine as two cups of coffee and repeated the exercise. The new scans showed reduced blood flow to the heart once the caffeine had been consumed. You need that extra blood flow to provide oxygen to the heart during a workout, so it's



Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

probably a good idea to lay off the coffee.

Bill from Center Line has been hearing for years that fish is brain food. He e-mails asking for the real lowdown.

Bill, when it comes to cognitive ability, a diet rich in fish is the real deal. In fact, it can even help protect brain function as we age. The latest research shows you can dramatically reduce memory lapse and intellectual decline with a diet rich in fish. A study of more than 3,000 test subjects 65 and older showed some startling results. Subjects eating fish once or more a week had a 10- to 13-percent slower rate of cognitive decline than those not eating fish. And just about any kind of seafood will do the trick, including fresh water fish and shellfish. This is one nutritional study you should fall for, hook, line and sinker!

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 TV (Channel 4) and WWJ AM (950). Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MAY

CHADD meeting

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder) will be meeting on Monday, May 8 at Way Elementary School on West Long Lake Road east of Telegraph. Bloomfield Hills. The Parent group will have Dr. Arthur Robin, noted author, psychologist and AD/HD expert speaking on Surviving with your AD/HD Adolescent. The Adult group will have Deb Stanley, MA, a professional organizer and author speaking on Eight Organizational Strategies to make Life Manageable. Registration opens at 7 p.m. meeting is 7:30-9 p.m. Free to CHADD members. \$5 donation for non-members. Call (248) 988-6716.

Symposium

On Peri-Operative Medical Management for physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at Schoolcraft College, VistaTech Center 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Registration required by May 8. Call (734) 655-2360. Presented by St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Reconnect with food

For individuals interested in exploring issues related to food, body image and emotions with Beverly Price, registered dietitian and yoga teacher and exercise physiologist includes yoga, mindfulness training, body image work, art and music therapy discussion groups 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Friday, May 12 at Center for Creative Living, Royal Oak. For more information call (248) 390-4150 or visit www.prazamana.org.

Health screenings

Oakwood Community Health in cooperation with Life Line Screening is offering to test for a blocked carotid artery, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis for a nominal fee. Registration required 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 at First Baptist Church of Canton, 44500 Cherry Hill. Call (800) 543-WELL or visit www.oakwood.org.

Divorce support

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 group discussion atorney Patricia Kasody Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis. An attorney from the firm Woll & Woll 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.

Children's mental health

Symposium is a public meeting focused on the need for cross collaborations to better serve children with mental health needs 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 12 at 20651 West Warren, Dearborn Heights. No charge. Call (313) 224-0930 or send e-mail to cmarcini@co.wayne.mi.us. Sponsored by Philip Cavanagh, Wayne County Commissioner hosted by Vista Maria, a community for girls who have faced abuse and neglect.

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 about incorporating signing into everyday life 2:4 p.m. Sunday, 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 rhh4962@aol.com.

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causes an interruption to the nerve system. When healthy nerve flow is interfered with or 'trapped,' the body's chemistry goes out of balance and normal body function is jeopardized. By removing the nerve interference, the intelligence of your body is allowed to automatically rebalance body chemistry and to generate extraordinary healing capabilities. Amazingly, stress most often attacks the spine, creating misalignment and then affecting the nerve system (a condition known as

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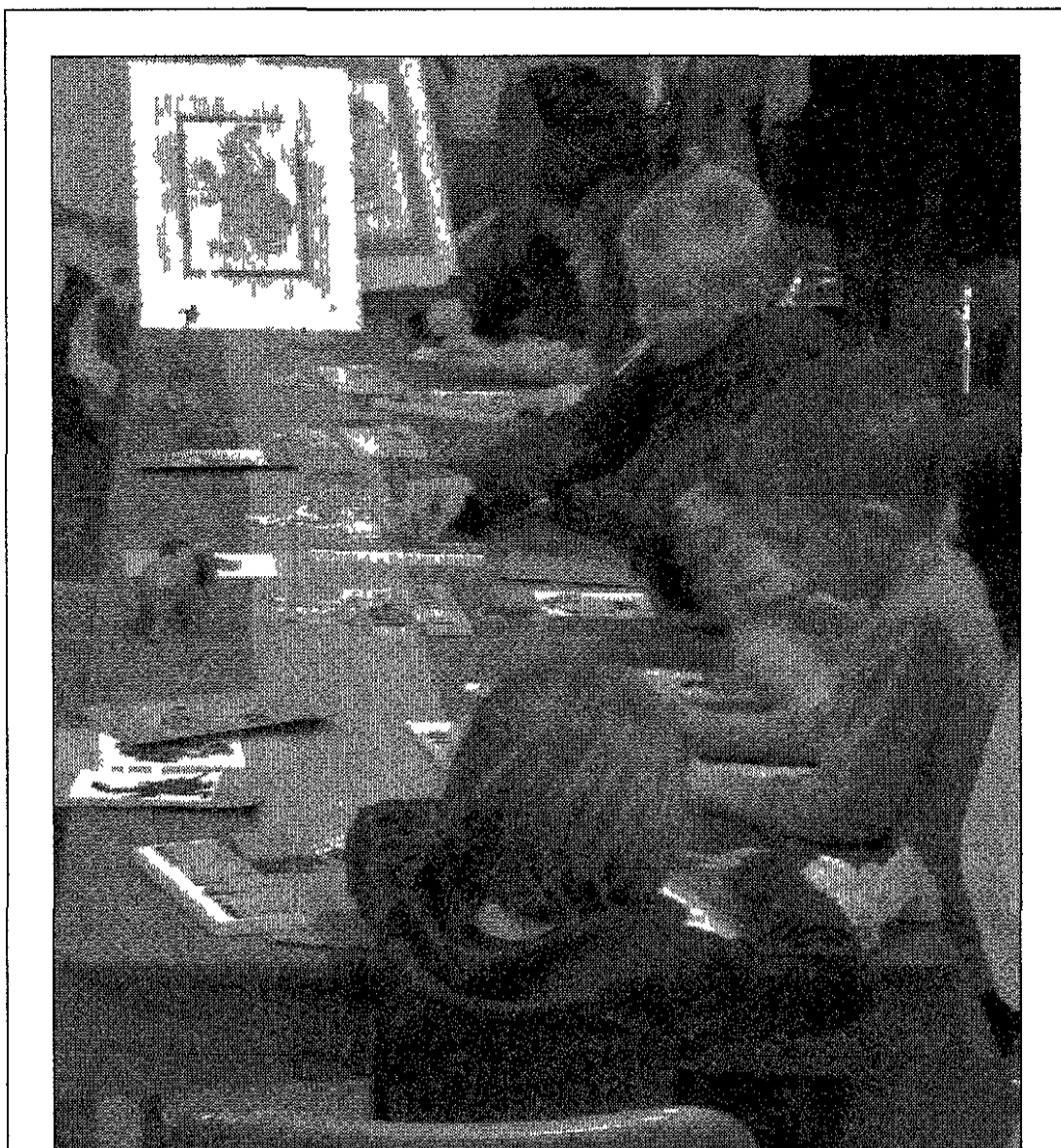
AROUND TOWN

MHS program
The Michigan Humane Society's Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland is offering spay or neutering of cats and vaccinations for \$20 for families with financial difficulties through May 31. The center is at 900 Newburgh Road south of Ford Road. People must provide proof of financial need such as documentation from government funded programs at the time of their appointment. The proof can include the Family Independence Program, state disability assistance, food assistance, WIC program and Medicaid. To make an appointment call (734) 722-1415.

Diabetes self-management
The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital Livonia hosts a presentation Diabetes Self Management Rewards and Pitfalls 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday May 10 in the hospital's auditorium. The speaker is Dan Diepenhorst, MSW, Michigan Department of Community Health. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary's Mercy Hospital is located at 36745 Five Mile in Livonia. For more information call (734) 655-8961. Visit St. Mary's Mercy Hospital's Web site at www.stmarmercy.org.

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. Fashion presented by Cold Water Creek of Laurel Park Place in Livonia.

St. Mary's classes
St. Mary's Mercy Hospital in Livonia is sponsoring a presentation titled Menopause and Sleep Apnea Detection and Treatment 7-9 p.m. Wednesday June 7. Speaker will be registered sleep technologist Scott G. Work, RPSGT, EMT-P, Sleep Center Coordinator, St. Mary's Mercy Hospital. There is no charge but registration is requested. For more information or to register visit www.stmarymercy.org on the Web or call (734) 655-1100.
St. Mary's 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



Big top

Students at Hulsing Elementary School in Canton discovered recently it's possible to get an entire school "under the big top." It happened when the school displayed art work with a circus theme from every student in the building. The students got to exercise the right sides of their brains by centers set up to draw, paint and do an assortment of activities.

the hospital grounds at 5 Mile and Levan. On the same day St. Mary's Mercy hosts its annual Cancer Survivors Celebration as well as the ground breaking for the hospital's new cancer center with a reception and speaker noon-1 p.m. in the hospital's South Lobby.
Book fair
The 28th annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday May 14 in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State St. There is a \$5 admission charge which benefits the William L. Clements

Library of the University of Michigan. More than 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest offer fine used, rare and out of print books, maps, photographs and prints for sale. For more information contact Jay Platt in care of the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, by e-mail at jplatt@provide.net or by phone at (734) 995-1891.
Creative writing workshop
The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet? 3-4:45 p.m.

Saturday, June 24 in the community room of the Madison Heights Fire Department headquarters, 31313 Brush Madison Heights. Author Diane Burton offers tips for developing memorable characters which the reader will either root for or hiss at. Admission is \$25 for Michigan Horror Writers members, \$30 for pre-registered attendees, \$35 for registration after June 3 and \$40 for walk-ins. Attendees should submit a sample of their writing with their registration. For more information or to register e-mail Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com.

Soup/salad luncheon
The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup and Salad Luncheon 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday May 12 in the Parish Activity Center on Third Street in Trenton. The \$7 cost includes choice of

soups, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event features two 50/50 drawings and door prizes. Carry out orders are available. For advance tickets or more information call Helen at (734) 671-1020.

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

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

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

Summer Internships
Want to gain valuable knowledge through internship experience while being immersed in a vibrant creative setting? If so, the Ann Arbor Art Center is the place for you. Applications are now being accepted for internships during summer 2006 at the Ann Arbor Art Center. Internships include positions in Education, Exhibitions, the Gallery Shop, marketing, graphic design, special events development and operations. All internships at the Ann Arbor Art Center are unpaid. Additional detailed descriptions of all internships available can be found at www.annarborartcenter.org. To apply for an internship, forward all resumes to info@annarborartcenter.org with Internship in the subject heading. Alternatively, mail a resume and cover letter to Marsha Chamberlin at the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 West Liberty, Ann Arbor 48104 or fax it to 734-994-3610.

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 "Blue Shoes & Happiness," Alexander McCall Smith
- 3 "Dark Harbor," Stuart Woods
- 4 "Gone," Jonathan Kellerman
- 5 "The Tenth Circle," Jodi Picoult

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Marley and Me," John Grogan
- 2 "Game of Shadows," Mark Fainaru-Wada
- 3 "American Theocracy," Kevin Phillips
- 4 "The Jesus Papers," Michael Baigent
- 5 "Gospel of Judas," Edited by Rodolph Kasser

PARENTS' CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 "Little Quack's New Friend," Lauren Thompson
- 2 "Dinosaur, Dinosaur," Kevin Lewis
- 3 "Nuts," Paul Gerritsen
- 4 "Claire and the Unicorn-Happy Ever After," B.G. Hennessey
- 5 "Mommy, Carry Me Please!" Jane Cabrera

MUSIC IN THE AIR

The Music in the Air concerts, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority, are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park.
■ June 2 - Redhill, a modern Motown/rock-and-roll band new to the lineup but they were a hit at the Fall Festival.
■ June 9 - Global Village, soul R&B funk.
■ June 16 - Double Cross Band, blues and soul new to the lineup.

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.
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NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purposes of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing capital improvements in the City consisting of improvements to the City Hall and the Cultural Center and the acquisition and installation of computer operating systems for various city departments.
Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.
SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS
THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations.
RIGHT OF REFERENDUM
THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.
THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517 Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

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NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
City of Plymouth County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "City") held on the 1st day of May, 2006, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

PRESENT: Members _____

ABSENT: Members _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member _____ and supported by Member _____:

WHEREAS, the City intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring, constructing, and installing certain capital improvement items (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City intends, at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the City for the Projects prior to issuance of the bonds.

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

REUNIONS

Andover High School Jills

The Jills of Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills are celebrating 50 years. A reunion is planned for Memorial Day Weekend Friday May 26 a reception will be held at Pine Lake Country Club. On Saturday May 27 the attending Jills will rehearse 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Andover Auditorium. An afterglow reception will follow. For more information contact Dorothe Patterson at (248) 737-8407 or at jills50th@comcast.net.

Belleville High School

All Class Reunion for Belleville High School 3 p.m. Saturday Sept 16 at the Belleville High School Cafeteria. For information contact Mildred Baker Chairperson 139 Clarence St. Belleville MI 48111 (734) 699-5231. Plans are in the works for the 7th Annual Alumni

Banquet for Belleville High School. Committee members are planning for a tour of the high school social time and a dinner. Representatives from classes in the 1930s and on are arranging for alumni to return to their high school to reacquaint themselves with former class mates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1986

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

Cass Tech High School

Class of 1955-57

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

Central High

Class of 1946

A 60 year reunion is planned for June 4 2006 at Glen Oaks Country Club. Both January and June classmates will celebrate over dinner and dancing. January grads contact Al Weiss (248)

737-9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851-6625. June grads contact Barbara Keidan (248) 646-7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932-5177.

Claireville High School

Class of 1956

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

Denby High School

Class of 1956

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

Detroit Chadsey

Class of 1956

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

Detroit Cody

Class of 1976

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

Detroit Cooley

Class of 1966

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

Detroit Henry Ford

Class of 1966

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

Detroit Mackenzie

Classes Jan June and Summer 1956

A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept 16 2006 at the Novi Sheraton. For more information call Harold Kappen at (734) 261-0325 or okappen@earthlink.net.

Detroit Salesian High School

Class of 1956

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

Detroit St Theresa

Class of 1956

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

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.

Edsel Ford High School

A 50th anniversary will be held over the next year with a series of special events. Final activity will be a Black and White Ball on Saturday May 20 2006. About the activities www.geocities.com/edsel50th. To contact the committee email edsel50@gmail.com.

Epiphany Grade School

Class of 1966

A 40 year reunion is in the planning stages for the summer of 2006. Contact Dorothy at (248) 477-9478 or dzsnyder@hotmail.com.

Ferndale High School

Class of 1975/1976

A 30 year reunion is planned for Saturday Aug 12 2006 at the Troy Somerset Inn 2601 West Big Beaver Road between I 75 and Coolidge Road. For information and to register sign in at www.fhs7576.org. Discount if you register before Feb 15. Cost is \$65/person or \$120/couple. Forward payment ASAP to FHS 75 76 Reunion PO Box 20274 Ferndale MI 48220.

Class of 1966

A 40 year reunion is planned for Saturday July 29 2006 at the Sheraton Detroit Novi 21111 Haggerty Road (I 275 at Eight Mile Road) Novi. To register send check for \$75 per person to Ferndale High School 1966 Class Reunion C/O Joan Rockett Horner 951 W Oakridge Ferndale 48220.

Franklin High School

Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail Kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klvngston@nu.com.

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Class of 1991

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Livonia Bentley

Class of 1956

A 50 year class reunion is planned for Friday July 14 and Saturday July 15 at the Hilton Gardens of Plymouth. For more information contact Sandy (Mensch) Curtis at (248) 426-7464 or Josie (Bonfante) Esper at (248) 777-1648.

Livonia 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 Kerri 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

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion on Aug 9-13 2006 in Milwaukee. Wis. Headquarters Hotel Hyatt Regency Milwaukee. Anyone who served in was attached to or served in support of The Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed on Sept 16 1942 is eligible and cordially invited to attend. For membership and reunion information contact Sgt. Major Bill Krueger USMC Ret. (703) 451-3844 or 7622 Highland St. Springfield VA 22150-3931 or www.calltrap.com.

North Farmington

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@gbso.net for more information. Still seeking Class of 1966 members.

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.pcept1996.myevent.com.

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Ministries office
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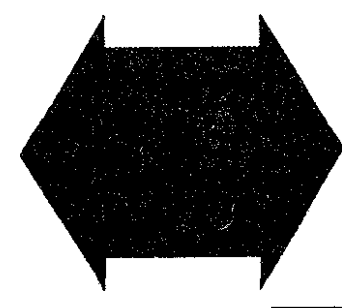
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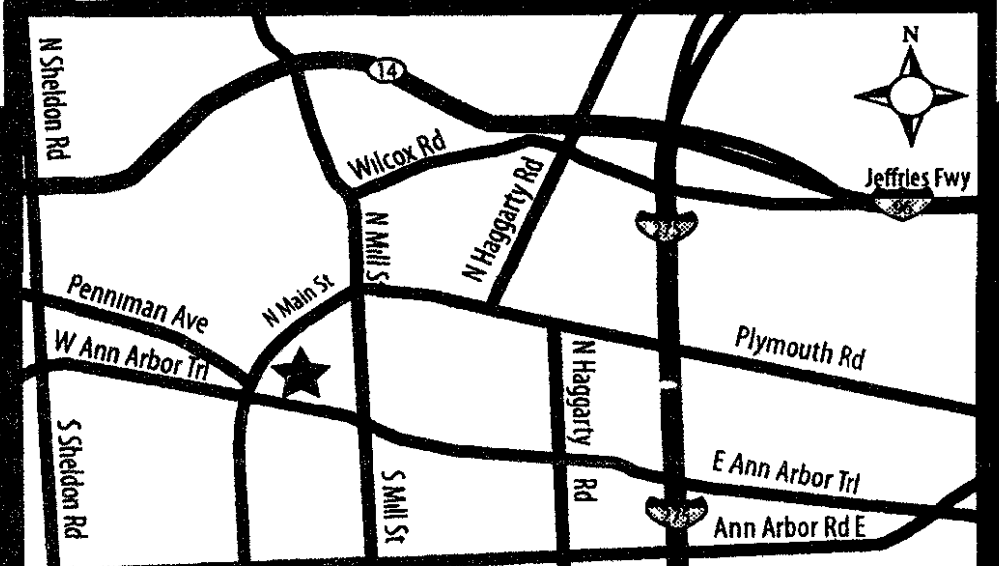
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The 20-voice mixed chorus

includes singers from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. Directed by Henry Naasko and accompanied by Bill Gramzow, the Finnish-American Singers perform a wide variety of entertaining music including Finnish traditional and folk, excerpts from favorite American musicals, popular tunes from the early 20th Century to present, and other world music. Selections from Mozart will also be performed in honor of the composer's 250-year birthday.

The singers perform on their new risers which were purchased with money raised from pasty sales, donations, and a \$1500 grant from the Finlandia Foundation National. Since the chorus has many seniors it is a comfort to sing on risers which are wide enough to hold chairs. On concert days they decorate the hall, bring food for the afterglow, rehearse, perform, and then clean up. The singers are part of the Finnish Center Association in Farmington Hills.



The Finnish-American Singers of Michigan perform May 21 on their new risers at the Finnish Cultural Center in Farmington Hills.

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For the past 50 years, the YWCA Western Wayne Co. has provided support to women and girls and their families so they can realize the full potential of their lives. The YWCA is dedicated to improving the quality of life of its members through community organization, crisis intervention, physical well-being, and recreation.

Donations from the Mother's Day cards will help the YWCA to create more programs to help women and their families. Approximately 1000 families benefit from the programs and services offered by the YWCA, and there are more who need help everyday.

For more information or to purchase a card, call (313) 561-4110, ext. 20.

Travel with the Finnish-American Singers

Sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses are needed for the Finnish-American Singers of Michigan. This year the Singers' season begins with the annual Spring Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Finnish Cultural Center, in Farmington Hills. We are also in need of singers to participate in a series of invited performances at the annual Finn Grand Fest 2006 from July 20-27 to Astoria, Oregon and Naselle, Washington. This is a beautiful area on the Columbia River with opportunities for sightseeing.

The 25-voice mixed chorus includes singers from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. Directed by Henry Naasko and accompanied by Bill Gramzow, the Finnish-American Singers perform a wide variety of entertaining musical selections including several Finnish pieces, favorite American classics and world music. Auditions for choral participation or knowledge of the Finnish language are not required.

The Finnish Cultural Center is at 35200 W. Eight Mile, between Gill and Newburgh. For more information about the chorus and its concert trips, call chorus president Ilene Yanke at (248) 887-3538.



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