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District takes funding case to Lansing

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools will get its chance in front of the state House Education Committee Wednesday to

plead its case for a \$750 per pupil increase in the state foundation grant, which could mean \$13 million a year to a financially challenged budget. The committee will hold hearings on House Bill 4828,

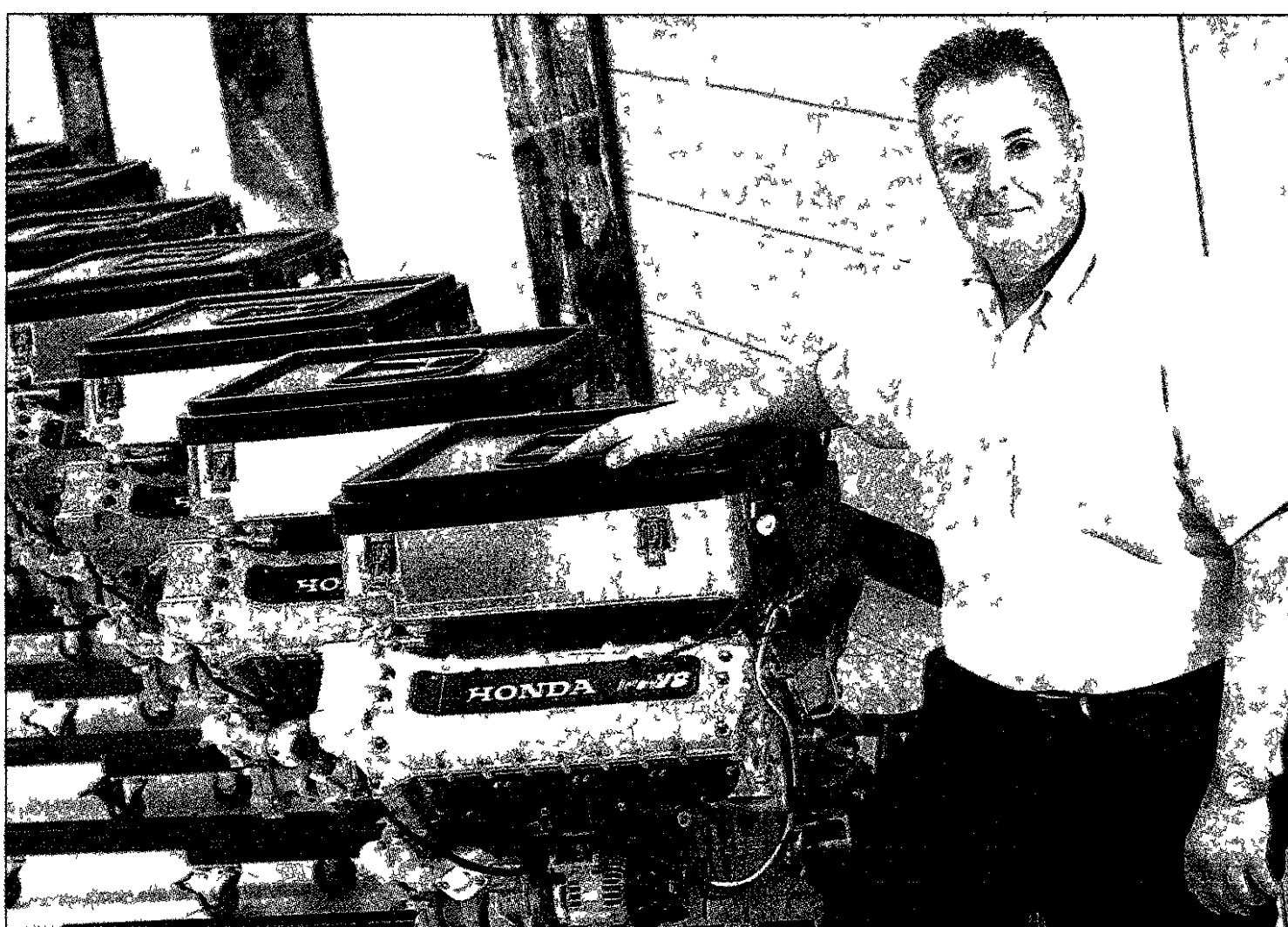
introduced last year by State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, which would increase per-pupil funding for school districts that are performing well and surrounded on three sides by school dis-

tricts receiving at least \$1,000 more per student. Administrators and school board members have long complained Plymouth-Canton shares the same labor market with surrounding districts for

substitute bus drivers, special education teachers and other hard-to-get employees, but with lower funding Plymouth-Canton currently receives \$7,200 per student, while Ann Arbor gets \$9,176, Livonia,

\$8,280, and Northville, \$8,225. "It's just not fair," LaJoy said of the current foundation grant structure. "The labor

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Dave Dixon of Canton, technical department manager at Ilmor Engineering in Plymouth, oversaw the building of 24 engines being used in the Indianapolis 500

Racers starting with Ilmor engines Plymouth firm 'engineers' victory at Indy

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

No doubt the folks who build engines at Ilmor Engineering Inc. in Plymouth are pulling for their favorites in today's Indianapolis 500. But unlike the legions of

racing fans whose favorite drivers won't cross the finish line first, staffers at Ilmor will have a hand in the winner no matter who draws the checkered flag. That's because for the first time since 1960 the engines in all 33 cars in the field will be

from one manufacturer: Honda. And Honda's partner in the endeavor, Ilmor Engineering, which has partnered with Honda for four years to build Indy car engines. "Because our expertise here in Plymouth is rebuilding,

we're doing the lion's share of the work," said Paul Ray, Ilmor's president. "The opportunity to have the entire field with engines that Ilmor contributed to really is a great achievement. It's only eclipsed

PLEASE SEE ENGINES, A5

Valve failure may have caused water main breaks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The failure of an underground pressure-reducing valve in the area of Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon Road could be one of the problems that led to four water main breaks Tuesday in Plymouth, forcing a one-day shutdown of 35th District Court and low water pressure for many residents.

City Manager Paul Sincock said a preliminary report by Hamelett Engineering suggested rebuilding the pressure valve in what is known as the south pressure zone. "It's a critical element of our distribution system," Sincock said. "It reduces the pressure coming from Detroit."

Sincock is quick to point out it could be difficult to pinpoint exact reasons for all four breaks, which he estimates will cost the city from \$50,000-\$75,000.

"There are a variety of potential factors and causes," Sincock said. "One of those is our old water infrastructure. We also have to investigate the water pressure coming into the system from Detroit, and what the pressure was outbound."

"It could be something as simple as a pebble in the distribution system that caused a valve to malfunction, which causes a significant increase in the water pressure," he said. "I don't think we'll find the cause, but may be contributing factors to the cause."

The breaks were located on Sheldon Road at Penniman, Ann Arbor Trail east of Bergreen, Cooldge at Burroughs and Plymouth Road east of Mill Street.

"There was so much water you could go boating on Plymouth Road," Sincock said.

City commissioners recently approved a 2-percent water and sewer rate increase, effective Oct. 1. Commissioner Ron Loiselle said water main breaks are one reason the city needs to pass along the city's increased water and sewer costs to residents, to help build the water and sewer fund for such emergencies.

"It makes me glad we passed along the Detroit rate increase," Loiselle said. "This is the kind of thing that is unexpected, and we have to be able to cover the repairs. It's what happens when you have a very old water infrastructure."

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Lockup raises \$45K for MDA campers

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Darryl Werner wishes he'd have had more personal time to put into raising money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's annual lockup fund-raiser Wednesday.

But Werner, a Wales, Mich., resident who works for Russell Filtration in Plymouth, has been pretty busy. His wife, Monique, gave birth to twin

sons Dylan and Troy three weeks ago.

Still, Werner managed to raise at least \$625 (he still has a couple of pledges pending) for MDA's lockup at E.G. Nicks in downtown Plymouth. That's enough, according to MDA officials, to send one muscular dystrophy patient to summer camp.

"I had fun with it," said Werner, who was among 90 people "locked up" at E.G. Nicks Wednesday. "I wish I'd

have had more time. My goal was to send at least one kid to camp. I'm happy I was able to do that, although I would have liked to do more."

Money raised in the local lockups is used specifically to send kids to summer camps, which are run in late June in Lexington and Lapeer. MDA patients between 6-21 years old are eligible for the camps, at no cost to their families. And that's made possible by

the success of the lockups. According to District Director Steve Nacarato, whose territory includes Wayne and Monroe counties and the Downriver area, MDA was hoping to match the \$40,000 raised in last year's event.

Wednesday's fund-raiser topped \$45,000, a similar event in March at Outback Steakhouse in Canton raised some \$33,000.

"We're 100-percent funded

by our events," said Nacarato, whose office services 10 patients in Plymouth and another 13 in Canton. "Without this event in this area, I wouldn't be able to support my patients."

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Bret Hoffman of Select Investors Mortgage gets locked up during the MDA Lockup event at E.G. Nicks in Plymouth.



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Nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Beautification Awards

For 10 years, the chamber has presented the awards to acknowledge businesses striving to make the community a more beautiful place to do business. Winners have included every type of business from small retail to corporate companies.

Nominations, which must be submitted in writing, are eligible in three exterior categories: Renovation, Landscaping and New Construction. Nominated businesses must be located in the city or township of Plymouth.

Deadline for nominations is July 10. E-mail, fax or mail nominations to chamber@plymouthmi.org, (734) 453-1724, or the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Rotary golf

The Plymouth Rotary A M Club sponsors its ninth-annual Golf Classic Tuesday, June 6, at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton.

Cost is \$165 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. The fee includes registration and breakfast at 8 a.m., 18-hole scramble and golf cart, lunch, a banquet dinner, awards and prizes.

Sponsorships are available, ranging from \$2,000 to be a major sponsor to \$200 to be a contest or hole sponsor. The

event includes a hole-in-one contest sponsored by Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, as well as longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests.

Checks should be made payable to The Rotary Club of Plymouth A M and mailed to P.O. Box 5384, Plymouth, MI 48170. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

Crafters wanted

Crafters needed for Delta Kappa Gamma's 20th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 21 at West Middle School in Plymouth.

The show will run from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., West Middle School is located at 44401 W Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI.

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

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 9-10. This year the craft show will be moving to the lawn of the historic Wilcox House located at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Street. Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$150 for the weekend.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouth-fallfestival.com or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony is offering a special on entertainment books as part of its annual fund-raiser.

Patrons who buy a 2007 Entertainment Book get a 2006 book for free. The books offer 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

The 2006 book can be picked up now at the Plymouth Symphony office, next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth, or call (734) 451-2112 or Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2007 Entertainment Book will be available in August.

The entertainment book offer is \$20, with all proceeds used to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton.

Family fun fest

Station 885 in Old Village hosts a "Family Fun Fest" starting at noon July 2.

The event will feature a barbecue, car cruise and classic car show, live bands and more. A portion of the proceeds go to benefit the Lions Foundation.

For more information, call (734) 459-0885.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet at noon Monday, June 19, at the Hill House at Greenmead in Livonia.

The meeting features the annual pot-luck picnic and auction. The program is plant and craft auction, bring white elephants.

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

Safety fair

USA Credit Union hosts its second-annual "Safety Town Family Fair" 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the credit union's Plymouth branch, 13000 Haggerty.

All are welcome to stop by and enjoy the free fair. The

Plymouth Police and Fire Departments will be on site, along with bike safety tips, car seat safety checks, a complete child identification program, tattoos for the kids and balloon hats for all to enjoy.

SpongeBob and Strawberry Shortcake will be onsite to entertain the kids and everyone gets an entry for the chance to win \$200 in free gas! There will also be door prizes, and the first 25 families get a \$25 AMC movie package.

For more information, call (734) 453-5440.

Lawn sale

The Plymouth branch of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association hosts a lawn sale 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at 1369 Park Place in Plymouth (two blocks south of Ann Arbor Trail and one block east of Sheldon).

The sale will feature lots of household and garden items, books, toys, crafts, houseplants and perennials. All proceeds will support the Plymouth Garden Club Scholarships awarded to local high school students.

Father's Day run

The Plymouth Family YMCA hosts its 27th-annual Father's Day Run Sunday, June 18, in downtown Plymouth.

This popular event has become a family tradition. All proceeds will be used to help support the Y's Strong Kids Scholarship Campaign. Awards go to the top three finishers in all age categories, overall male and female winner in each race and all kid participants.

All registered runners get a T-shirt.

Age groups and start times include Diaper Dash, 9 a.m. (0-12 months), Wee Walkers, 9 a.m. (12 months-2 years), Kid

Trot, 7:30 a.m. (3-4 years), Kid Jog, 7:45 a.m. (5-8 years), 1M walk/run, 8 a.m., 5k walk/run, 8:15 a.m., 10k walk/run, 8:45 a.m., and the unique 12th-annual Morse Dental Group MDG Triple (10.3 Miles).

Packet pick-up will be at the YMCA office, 248 Union, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17 and at 6:30 a.m. on race day.

Register online at www.gaultracemanager.com, or call the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904. Pictures by Dr. Andrew Rubenstein will be available at www.plymouthpictures.com.

Volunteers are needed for the run. All volunteers receive a free T-shirt and get to watch as over 1,300 people run through the streets of Plymouth. There are several volunteer opportunities available.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904 or plymouthymca@ymcametrodetroit.org by June 9.

Elderwise series

Elderwise, an affiliate of the Elderhostel Institute and the Lifelong Institute of Learning, hosts a Spring Program Series of classes.

Elderwise was initiated by representatives of Eastern Michigan University, in collaboration with a group of adults aged 50 or older, to develop a continuing education program designed to offer opportunities for in-depth learning experiences, camaraderie and a sense of community.

Elderwise is located in the Senior Health Building of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, 5361 McAuley in Ann Arbor.

For more information or a spring brochure, call Elderwise at (734) 572-2035.

Garden walk

The 11th-annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk takes place noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, rain or shine.

The walk, sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club, a branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, features gardens with a variety of water features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to individual gardens. The event includes complimentary refreshments, a raffle and perennial sale.

Trailwood Garden Club's projects include plantings in downtown Plymouth and at the new Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park, plantings and bird feeder at the Medilodge of Plymouth nursing facility, Plymouth Fall Festival Perennial Exchange, Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Michigan 4-H, Detroit Agricultural Network and other related activities.

Tickets cost \$7 pre-sale, \$8 the day of the walk. Tickets are available after June 1 from Garden Club members as well as Backyard Birds and Saxton's Garden Center, both in Plymouth. For more information, call Jeanne Hutko, (734) 459-5285.

Fall fest meeting

The next meeting for the 2006 Plymouth Fall Festival will be held at City Hall 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

Community groups interested in operating a food booth must be in attendance at all four of the meetings that will be held before the festival. Booth applications will be available at this meeting or online at www.plymouthfallfestival.com. Applications are due May 30. For more information, call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

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Mary Rowland with her son Sgt Landon Green who served a year in Iraq with the Army Reserves

Military mom fights to have flags flown at half-staff

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Mary Rowland is on her own little mini crusade. It is some thing important to her. She's just not sure why it doesn't seem to be important to every body else.

The Canton resident, whose son Landon Green was recently deployed for a year in Iraq, wished businesses and other buildings would lower their flags to half-staff when Michigan soldiers are killed in action, especially when Gov Jennifer Granholm issues an executive order to do so. Rowland realizes the governor only has the authority to order flags lowered at state buildings but she thinks it would just be respectful for others to follow suit.

Her ire was particularly piqued recently when Detroit rapper Proof died in a gun fight he instigated, but was lauded by so many in the community. Yet, when a Michigan soldier died about the same time, she noticed nearly nobody was flying their flags at half staff. So she began to make calls to some of the businesses. Unfortunately only one local business, LaSalle Bank at



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Canton resident Mary Rowland would like local businesses displaying American flags to comply when the governor calls for flying them at half staff

Ford and Sheldon, gave her a positive response.

"It makes me angry. Whether you are for or against the war, we have young men and women dying. It's too easy to forget we're in a war," she said.

According to Granholm spokeswoman Heidi Watson, since the war began, the governor has ordered flags lowered more than 50 times, representing the number of Michigan soldiers killed in battle. She acknowledged the governor doesn't have authority to force businesses to lower flags, but it is something she encourages.

In fact, the governor's Web site (<http://www.michigan.gov>) has a list service that sends out e-mails when the governor calls for flags to be flown at half staff. People who sign up for the service will be notified

two days in advance. Watson said more and more people are signing up, as are churches, schools and other organizations. In fact, Granholm has issued an executive order recognizing Memorial Day and ordering flags be flown at half-staff until noon on Monday, May 29.

Sometimes it's just a matter that businesses aren't even aware of what's going on," Watson said.

As for Rowland, who is active in the Michigan Military Moms, she will continue her crusade.

"I just ask they go down when the governor asks for them to go down," she said. "I feel like their deaths are devalued when we don't do this. Why can't we say we're sorry it happened and lower the flag? It's too easy."

Teens critical after post-prom crash

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

One of life's most memorable moments — high school prom night — ended up going horribly wrong for a 17-year-old Ladywood High School student and her 19-year-old companion.

The couple, both Livonia residents apparently traveling from prom, were both listed in critical condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti Friday after the car they were driving was hit by a Plymouth Township Police vehicle going through the intersection at N Territorial and Beck.

According to Plymouth Township Police Lt. Bob Antal, two police cars were responding to a domestic dispute call at the nearby Oak Haven trailer park shortly after midnight.

Neither car was using emergency lights or sirens. The first car, Antal said, made it through the intersection safely.

When the second vehicle, being driven by a four-year police veteran, proceeded through the intersection, it collided with the victims' vehicle, traveling northbound on Beck.

"After the impact, our officer got out of the car to check

on (the victims)," Antal said. "He tried to request MedFlight, but they couldn't land because of poor visibility."

The victims were taken by ambulance to St. Joseph. The officer was treated and released at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Antal said the preliminary investigation indicates the driver ran the red light at the intersection. He said it wasn't clear whether alcohol was involved. Neither victim was reportedly wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash.

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House bill would hike school funding

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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The Michigan House has approved a bill that will give Plymouth-Canton Community Schools a \$265-per-pupil increase, plus an additional \$80 per student in sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

House Bill 5789 increases statewide per-pupil funding by \$230, which is \$30 more per student than the increase previously mentioned in Lansing.

The measure also gives an additional \$35 to lower-funded districts, such as Plymouth-Canton, which currently receives \$7,200 per pupil.

The House-approved measure also directs \$30 million toward middle school math curriculums, which is an additional \$80 per student in sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, noted the bill also includes grants for districts to

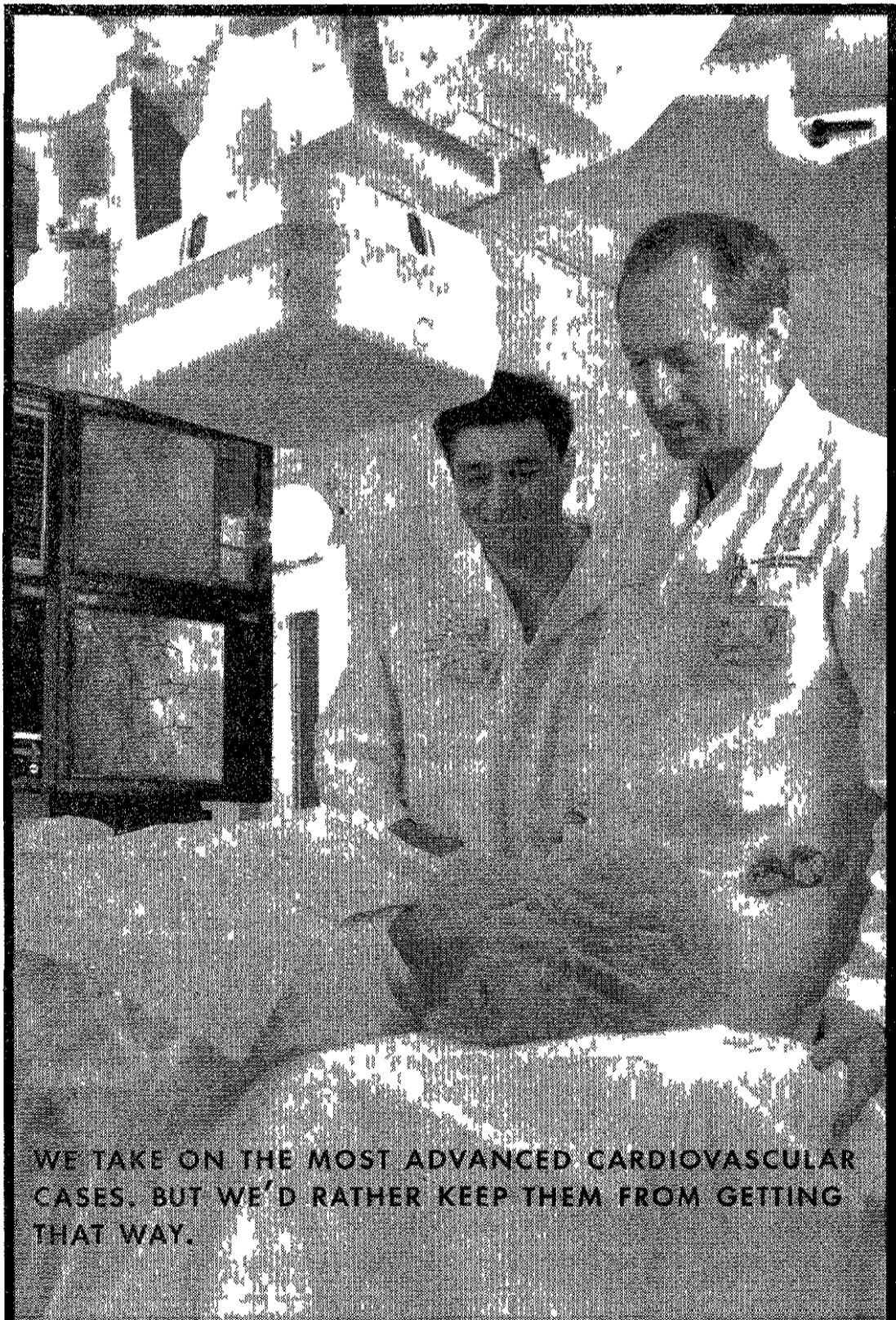
improve regional equality and encourage performance.

"Under the House bill, Plymouth-Canton would be able to apply for a \$250,000 grant," LaJoy said.

This grant, combined with the increase in per-pupil funding, will be great for our local students.

The measure now goes to the state Senate for consideration.

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Ingenuity helps local girls in World Robofest Championship

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A high-tech twist on an old-fashioned chore led three girls to success at the World Robofest Championship in Southfield earlier this month.

The girls - Jenni and Leanne Bonello of Canton, and Emily Finch of Plymouth - took third place in the junior division of the competition, hosted annually at Lawrence Tech University, for a candle-making robot with a candle burning warning device.

"Emily got the idea from going to Greenfield Village," said fourth-grader Leanne Bonello. "Dipping candles seemed really boring and repetitive." So they formed a team, which they called "Gurl Tech," and made a robot to do the work for them. They had to try a few times, revising and perfecting their design, before they came up with a machine that would build candles without lumps.

They entered the regional competition at their school, Canton Charter Academy, in April and won first place. From



Sisters Jenni (left) and Leanne Bonello (right) of Canton, and Emily Finch of Plymouth, students at Canton Charter Academy, recently took third place at the World Robofest Championship for their candle making robot.

regionals, they were off to compete in the World Robotics Competition May 13 at Lawrence Tech. The competition drew 68 teams from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, China and South Korea.

Gurl Tech took third place in the junior exhibition, and the girls brought a trophy back to

their school, as well as Mindstorm Robotics kits for Canton Charter Academy. Each of the three girls also won \$2,000 per year renewable college scholarships to attend Lawrence Technological University.

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Naoko and John Vena's Canton studio CLIX, is offering free sittings for military families with a loved one deployed overseas.

Portrait from the homefront

Studio sends troops photos from home

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

As a former Navy man, John Vena knows how hard it can be to be away from home during active duty service.

"It's tough. When you finally get to make a phone call home, your wife is in tears and the kids are sick and then the car breaks down. And you're in the field trying to do a job," Vena said.

So he and wife, Naoko Vena, of Plymouth Township, residents who earlier this month opened their new

Canton photo studio called CLIX, are trying to help families of servicemen and servicewomen who find themselves in the same position. Military families with a loved one deployed to active duty overseas can get a free portrait sitting. CLIX will ship two 8-by-10-inch photo sheets to any APO/FPO military address.

And while receiving a family portrait from home may be priceless to a soldier, the Venas, of Plymouth, said it's the least they can do to help lift the spirits of servicemen

who are far from home. "Everyone has a ribbon on their cars, and everyone wants to help. I hope all businesses will want to do something," Vena said. "It's not much, really. We won't go broke, and something like this won't make us rich, but it's just a little something we can do."

CLIX is located at 6511 Canton Center, in the Canton Crossing Shopping Center. For more information, call (734) 459-2500.

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MARY REBECCA GULLEKSON who lived at 42350 Cherry Hill Apt. 1023 Canton Wayne County Michigan 48187 died May 8 2006 Her date of birth was May 26 1926

This notice is given by the Kenneth L. Gullekson and Mary R. Gullekson Joint Living Trust Agreement dated June 22 1992 as amended

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert E. Gullekson Co Successor Trustee 3657 Riverside Drive Canton Michigan 48188 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice

Dated May 19 2006

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the installation of Windows Media and MPEG4 Broadcast Encoders for the new Thomas Workman Elementary School and West Middle School. Bid requirements are detailed in a Request For Bid (RFB # PC0603) document which will be available beginning May 22 2006 from the District's technology consultant Innovate 37558 Hills Tech Drive Farmington Hills MI 48331 or via email info@innovatetec.com. Sealed bids will be received at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center located at 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 no later than 2:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday May 31 2006 at which time they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to waive any bid irregularities, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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DISTRICT

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costs are the same, all other costs are the same, but the revenue is less. Hopefully, it will be a start at looking at regional equity.

Along with Plymouth-Canton, districts that would be in line for an increase include South Lyon, Dearborn Heights, L'Anse Area Schools, Madison Public Schools and Ewen-Trout Creek.

If the Education Committee, chaired by Brian Palmer, R-Romeo, moves the bill to the full House, it would need 56 votes to pass on to the Senate.

"We're going to talk a lot about the strengths of our district, and how we are efficient by self-funding our health

insurance, our energy management program and how well our students are achieving," said Judy Mardigan, school board vice president. "We'll also talk about our challenges. The long-term financial picture is difficult for our district, and about the very real funding inequities that exist between us and our surrounding neighbors."

Mardigan said the increased funding would have huge impact in the district.

"It would mean more interventions to impact student achievement, with more support in the classroom," she said. "It all translates into more opportunities for our students."

Along with Mardigan, those testifying will include Superintendent Jim Ryan and Assistant Superintendent for

Business Services Patricia Brand.

"We're always hopeful the legislators will see the good management here and help us with some of the financial challenges we've been put from the state's lack of funding," Ryan said.

A majority of the more than 500 school districts in the state are facing financial uncertainty, and Mardigan admits it will be a major challenge to get the Education Committee to give six school districts increased funding.

It's probably best called a long-shot, admitted Mardigan. "At least we're going to have our day in Lansing."

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Township hosts Rouge River event

Local residents interested in helping the environment get their chance when Plymouth Township hosts its third-annual Rouge Rescue event

The event takes place Saturday, June 3, in Plymouth Township Park, located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha. It starts with "native planting" at 9 a.m., and this year's event includes some family-oriented activities township officials hope will make the event enjoyable.

"We're hoping people will come early and help us plant some native shrubs and wildflowers around Tonquish Creek and near the pond," said Susan Vignoe, the township's solid waste and public service coordinator. "Then they can bring out the kids to enjoy the first-annual treasure hunt and other activities."

The "treasure hunt" starts at 11 a.m. for kids ages 3-12. Other activities for children include Plant A Seed, a coloring center and a tattoo station. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

Anyone who wishes to participate or who has questions about the event can call Vignoe at (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33.

New partnership

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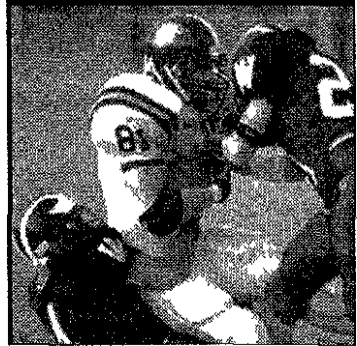
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Financial consultants Laura Scrol, Curt Whipple and Paul Durso are part of the new partnership New Liberty Bank and C Curtis Financial Group, which have formed the Investment & Insurance Center at New Liberty Bank.

LIKE NUMBERS? there are a pile of them in today's **SPORTS** section



ENGINES

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by Offenhauser, which is perhaps the greatest manufacturer in Indy history, so it puts us right in the history books and that's important."

Ilmor has an impressive history with the Indy 500. The company first got involved in 1986 and an Ilmor engine won the race for the first time in 1987. Since then, Ilmor has added another 10 titles, including four (2001, 2002,

2004, 2005) on the last five. Nine of the 33 engines were being built in Honda plants in California, the other 24 were built in Plymouth. Each engine takes more than 100 manhours to build, which means Ilmor engineers have been working more than six days a week the last six weeks. With parts coming in from all over the world, logistics have been the project's biggest problem. "It's a problem of logistics more than technical difficulties," said Dave Dixon of Canton, Ilmor's technical department manager. The

technical difficulties that arose were handled in the weeks prior to the actual building. You do durability tests, etc., to overcome them so you know what you're building is reliable. Logistically, it's a huge problem. The components come from the United Kingdom, we have U.S. source components, some Japanese source components," Dixon added, "so to have all suppliers be on time and have U.S. Customs be helpful is absolutely necessary. We had a few harrowing moments with just-in-time delivery."

Ray said the single-manufacturer circumstance is an unusual one, what with the number of manufacturers - Nissan, Oldsmobile, Ford, Mercedes, Porsche, Alpha-Romeo - that have been around, some since the 1960s. But the split a few years ago into separate CART and IRL factions left Indy racing with competing series. "There have been a lot of other manufacturers involved if you look back over the years," Ray said. "The last couple of years Toyota and GM have been involved (but) both quit last year. If you look at

the history of Indy car racing, manufacturers come and go. Dixon said the Ilmor people are happy an Ilmor engine will win the race, but each builder still wants his or her engine to be in the car that actually wins. "I guess we all have our personal favorites," Dixon said. "Working in this industry you develop a following for certain drivers. The gentlemen who do the final assembly for these engines want their car to take the checkered flag."

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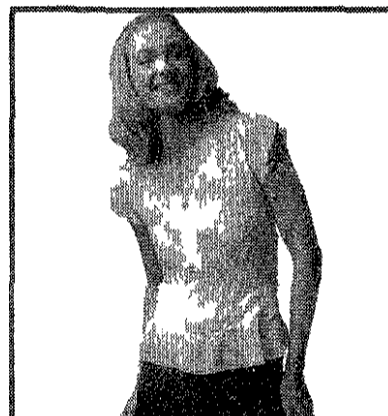
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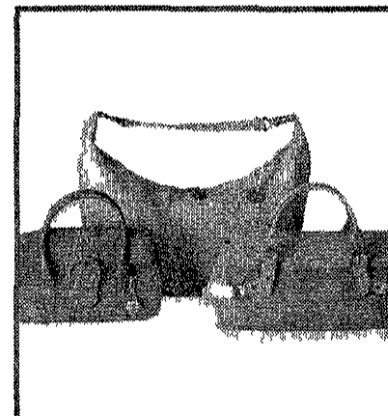
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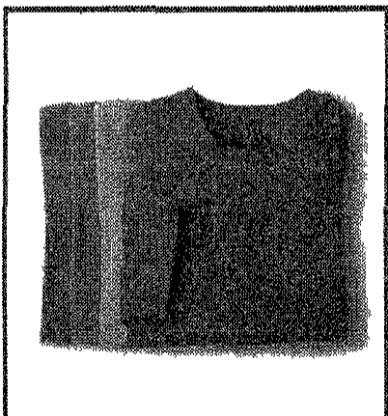
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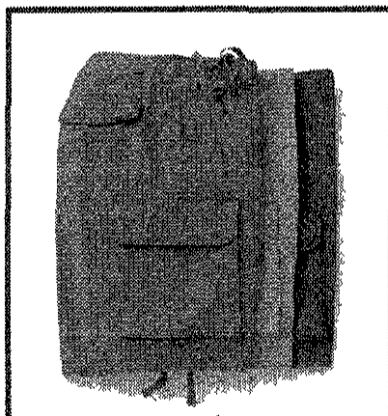
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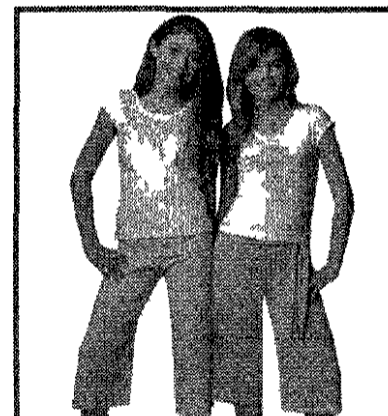
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Local mechanic's book can help motorists save on fuel costs

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Getting more miles out of a tank of gas has become a sort of passion for Michael Cox. As a mechanic, he often sees the mistakes drivers make, and what it costs them in terms of fuel efficiency, especially now that gas is hovering around the \$3 mark.

So he decided to write a book, *The 10% Solution*, to help motorists improve their gas mileage.

"I was just trying to wake people up," Cox said of the e-book, which is offered free on his business Web site. "Our driving habits are horrendous. Everyone's in a hurry to get somewhere."

Many car owners feel a sense of rage and helplessness as they spend more and more of their family budget to buy fuel, Cox said, adding that most drivers believe the situation is out of their hands and have no option but to pay the dictated price.

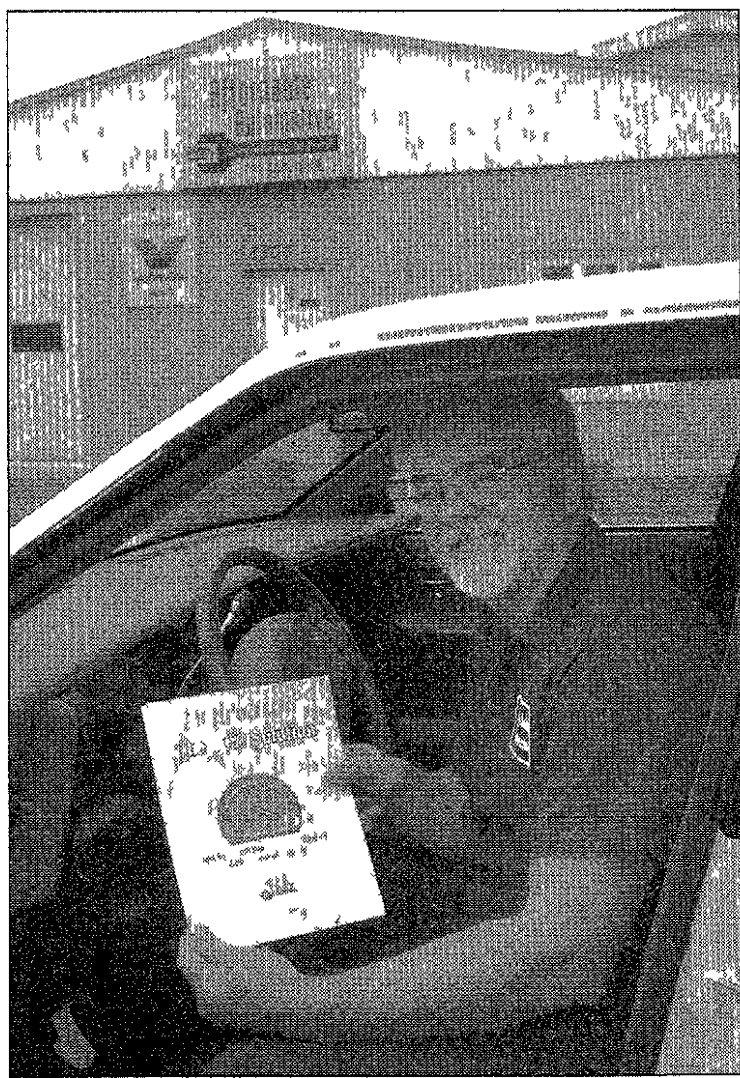
Truth of the matter, Cox said, is that they do have options, and if drivers are going to save any money, it's a result of their own behaviors.

"You can't control what insurance costs, or what gas costs, and you can't really control what repairs and maintenance cost. But you can really make a difference when it comes to getting better gas mileage," Cox said.

Most people have no clue what it costs to keep a car on the road, according to Cox, who said the average car owner pays more than 52 cents per mile, just to operate a car. They can cut at least part of that expense by combining trips and watching how they behave behind the wheel.

The number one mistake people make when they're driving is accelerating too fast and driving too fast, he said.

That's terrible for your mileage. It's also terrible for



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Canton mechanic Michael Cox's new e-book can tell you how to save some gas.

the environment and does nothing to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil, he added.

"We don't pay attention to the environment," Cox said.

"We're smart enough to use the Earth's treasures more carefully than we do now."

The other part of controlling costs associated with driving is maintenance, Cox said.

It's nearly impossible to budget for a major repair because it happens with no warning, he said. But maintenance is something that you

can predict, and will save you money in the long run.

Poor maintenance is also a safety issue, Cox added.

"Have you ever been broken down on the side of the road? It's not the safest thing to happen, not just for you but for the other drivers who could run into you."

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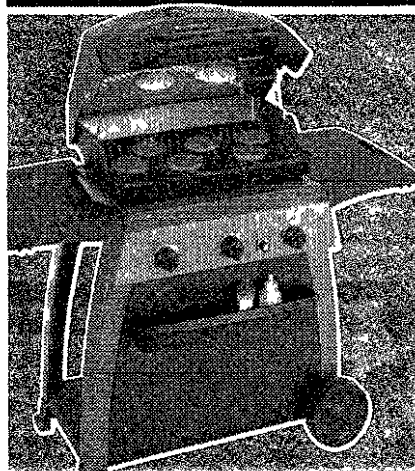
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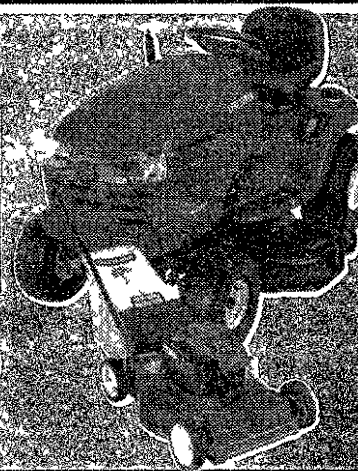
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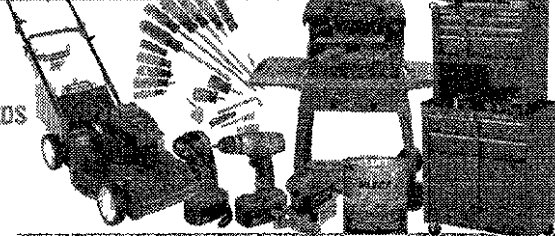
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Cowboy vigilantes, fear test 'immigrant nation' boast

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Goodbye to my Juan goodbye Rosalita
Adios mis amigos Jesus y Maria
You won't have your names when you ride the big air
plane
All they will call you will be deportees

- Woody Guthrie
Plane Wreck at Los Gatos (Deportee)

Woody Guthrie wrote the words to this song in 1948 after hearing a radio news report about a plane crash over Los Gatos Canyon in California. The plane was taking illegal immigrants back to Mexico



Hugh Gallagher

In those days, the big growers ran a nifty little scam. They'd hire illegals and then before they paid them their last wages, they called the immigration service to report on them. The illegals would be flown back to Mexico and have to run across the border again, only to sign on with the same land owner that just turned them in. Of course, nothing ever happened to the growers, except that they got rich and fat on migrant labor.

Meanwhile, the immigrants were likely to drown, freeze, dehydrate, get shot or die in a plane they never wanted to fly on.

The more things change
Woody's song wrestles with some of the same issues that have come up in the recent debates about immigrants. While he is obviously sympathetic to the migrant workers, he wonders about whether this is the best way we can grow our big orchards. As a lefty labor union supporter, Woody probably had concerns about job competition for legal residents as well, especially at a time when more citizens worked as farm laborers.

The debate over illegal immigration, particularly immigration from Mexico, has unearthed some real concerns about how porous our borders have become, about the dangerous smuggling of humans across the border, about the mistreatment of workers by employers and about the increase in crime in some border communities. But the debate has also unearthed a deep well of xenophobia, political opportunism and cowboy bravado.

The most reckless of these cowboys came to speak before a group of appreciative Birmingham Republican women recently. Chris Simcox is playing out a fantasy as leader of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, a group of vigilantes by anyone's definition. He claims that he was appalled by seeing scores of illegals at a southwestern national park shortly after Sept. 11. He "vowed" he'd do what the government wasn't doing.

The former teacher took a job as an assistant editor at the *Tombstone Tumbleweed* in Arizona, in the town of the Earps, Doc Holliday, the Clantons and the Gunfight at the OK Corral. Like John Wayne, he decided he'd round up a posse and go after these Mexican varmints.

His group is acting as a private police force, picking up suspected illegals, and they are armed *only* "for self-defense purposes." Yee-hah.

And he's concerned that they have an image of being Billy Bob Rednecks. Well, if it walks like a duck, talks like a duck.

He espouses sympathy for the illegals and disdain for their American employers and the government. But, more importantly, he is relishing his role as a radio talk show darling.

Simcox's grandiose ego trip (which was applauded by the Birmingham audience, who seemed to like his macho swagger) is just the most serious example of how the immigration issue post-9/11 has unearthed some serious political grandstanding.

We've had national and state legislation to make sure everyone understands that English is our language. We've had state legislation to withhold services from noncitizens, including those who pay taxes for those services. We've had a bill passed in the U.S. House making felons of illegal immigrants and, possibly, making it a crime to provide even humanitarian assistance to them. The bill also provides for the construction of a wall hundreds of miles long on the Mexican border (one Southfield man wondered, *seriously*, why they aren't building one along that Canadian border).

A Senate bill seems to provide the best balance of security and fairness on the issue. But the real question we have to ask is what this issue is doing to us as "a nation of immigrants" and whether the rhetoric and posturing needs to end.

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Whenever they died, fallen soldiers are still with us

The names The names
I've been doing some historical research lately, going through newspapers from the 1940s. My focus wasn't on World War II, but I kept getting pulled to it.

Every issue of the local newspaper included a weekly listing of those who were killed, wounded or missing in battle. Sometimes there were photos. Almost all were young men in dapper uniforms. Some look way too young to be carrying guns in battle.

But that's what war is all about. Death. Especially the death of the young and the innocent.

Every week there were headlines rattling off numbers, "8 killed," "16 die in Europe," "32 casualties this week."



Greg Kowalski

There would follow a list of names, noting where they had died: Europe, Iwo Jima, Italy, New Guinea, Guam. Some were shot down in bombers, but in most cases, the exact cause of death was not noted. Some would list family ties, like survivors, including their parents, wives and children.

There they were, a paragraph summing up a life that was over half a world away. You get an odd feeling looking at the picture of a soldier and reading about his death. What kind of person was he? What did he do before the war? And most importantly, 'What would he have done if he had lived?'

We'll never know the answer to that last question.

And we can only imagine the devastation caused by the death. In those days, the news of death was delivered by a telegram. It seems rather cold, but that message was received that way more than 291,000 times during the four years that the United States fought in World War II.

Looking back over the years, the our war casualties are staggering: 54,402 in World War I, 33,741 in Korea, 47,474 in Vietnam, 191,963 in the Civil War, 4,435 in the Revolutionary War, 2,260 in the War of 1812, 1,733 in the Mexican War, 385 in the Spanish American War, 147 in the Persian Gulf War.

And now 2,458 in Iraq. So far. (Please note, different sources give different casualty numbers, and no one can ever know exactly how many people died in any

war through direct combat and the effects of war.)
But every single one of those numbers was a person. Someone who had a family of some sort, had likes and dislikes, suffered hardships and had moments of joy. Each made a mark on the world in their own way whether they fought and died in 1776 or 2006.

Looking at those fragile, yellowed newspaper pages at the names and faces of soldiers who died more than 60 years ago they don't seem remotely distant. One photo reminded me startlingly of my father. I have a picture of him when he was in the service in World War II. He spent five years in the Army and hated every moment of it. But he served well in North Africa and Italy, so much so that the military wanted him to go to Germany after the war to be part of the command that oversaw the occupation.

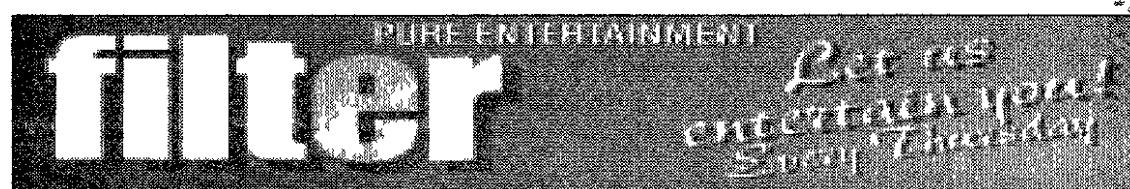
He would have none of it. He had a wife and son and wanted to come home. He did come home and went on to have a daughter and two more sons, including me.

How many others who fought in the war were denied the opportunity to have their own families? Who was never born because their father or mother died defending this country? Again, we'll never know. But we must never forget. That's what Memorial Day is all about. It isn't about raising the flag or firing guns in salute, although that certainly is an appropriate tribute.

Memorial Day is about people. The living, but especially the dead.

You can keep them alive by remembering them.

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State's economy will be main topic at Mackinac Conference

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Michigan's movers and shakers will gather on Mackinac Island for the Detroit Regional Chamber's annual power parlay, the Mackinac Policy Conference. Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will participate in a conference staple Friday, the Big Five (formerly Big Four) panel with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, Macomb County Commission Chair Nancy White and now Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis. "It's a way to interact with regional leaders - Brooks, the mayor, Nancy White - and business leaders," Ficano said. Ficano said businesses have approached him at past conferences about the county's efforts to promote alternative fuels, which has become a focus of the Ficano administration over the last year. He said the state's lagging economy and what to do about it will be



Ficano

the main topic of conversation at the island's Grand Hotel. The conference, May 31 to June 2, gives government and business leaders a chance to unwind with golf, tennis, running and hiking events while gathering to discuss top issues. Highlights include a forum with gubernatorial candidates Jennifer Granholm and Dick DeVos and programs on doing business in China, building an entrepreneurial environment, job creation and Michigan's economic future, competing in a "flat world," the auto industry, quality schools, health care and the 2006 elections. Richard Blouse, president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber, said this is the 26th year the event has been held on Mackinac Island. "But actually it began nearly 100 years ago and was held annually as stag cruise on the

Great Lakes," he said. Blouse said it's an opportunity to get a diversity of people, between 1,500 and 1,700 attendees annually, discussing a variety of issues. "We're teeing up on issues that may not be on the public radar yet," he said. This year's program will lead off with a presentation on trade with China by Jack Perkowski. "The idea is to bring in outside speakers that can spread some light and point us in new directions," he said. For Ficano it's a chance to promote economic growth. "The main topic will be jump starting the economy," Ficano said. "What will be required to get as much economic growth as possible?" He said participants will be especially interested in the

views of the gubernatorial candidates on the economy. "What people are looking for are economic growth ideas," he said. "What are the formulas or specifics that will bring economic growth to the state, not just platitudes but actual, direct ideas?" Ficano will be promoting several regional development ideas centered around two hot topics - development of and around Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport and development of alternative energy sources, particularly ethanol fuel. "The biggest asset for the

region is the airport and the aerotropolis," he said. A federally funded \$100 million engineering study for a light rail system between Ann Arbor and Detroit is nearing completion. "They'll probably set out five routes with the two most practical along I-94 and Michigan Avenue," Ficano said. "I think it's feasible - it's bookended by the University of Michigan and Wayne State University. The airport is a transportation asset and you're seeing development along the whole 94 corridor." Ficano said the long-delayed

Pinnacle Aeropark project was moving forward. He said the county is in discussions with two or three developers. "What sparked all this is alternative fuel," he said. "Not only with Michigan State, but companies are interested in coming in." The county has been working with Michigan State, which holds patents for the development of E-85 biodiesel, succinic acid and other alternative fuels. Ficano wants to create 20 gas stations by the end of this year to sell E-85 fuel, with another 20 by the end of next year.

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'Long' afternoon: 'Cats fall in 15-inning thriller

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Bridget Long's diary had plenty of thoughts in Wednesday's tension-filled Western Lakes Activities Association girls softball final. The Livonia Churchill senior pitcher turned in a Houdini-like performance, wiggling out of several situations before delivering the game-winning hit as the Chargers outlasted

PREP SOFTBALL

host Plymouth in 15 innings, 2-1. Plymouth outhit Churchill, 12-5, but couldn't capitalize on serious chances in the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th innings. "I tried to keep the ball moving, in-and-out, up-and-down," said Long, who had 10 strikeouts and walked four. "I just

went out and tried my hardest. It means a lot because we've worked hard all year to get to this." Churchill, 20-10 overall and a 3-1 loser to Plymouth earlier in the season, had trouble scoring or even putting runners on base against Wildcats hurler Claire Ostrowski, who struck out eight. Ostrowski was on cruise control during the middle innings, retiring 15 straight batters until

Amber Holod singled in the top of the ninth. Ironically, Ostrowski did not allow a walk, but hit two batters. One of those HBs, however, came back to haunt her. Churchill first baseman Cat Sidor, who homered over the right field fence in the opening inning, was hit by an Ostrowski pitch to start the top of the 15th. She advanced to second on Alecia Czapski's sacrifice

bunt and took third on passed ball. That set the stage for Long, who blooped a single to left field on a two-out, 3-2 count to bring home the go-ahead run. "I just tried to crowd the plate because I have trouble with inside pitches," Long said. "When I looked up and saw it drop, I got excited." Long got the first two outs in

PLEASE SEE THRILLER, B5

Sidelines

Girls hoop camps

The Salem and Canton girls basketball teams will be sponsoring two upcoming summer camps.

A camp for girls entering 7th, 8th and 9th grades in the fall of 2006 will be held June 19-23. Seventh-graders will attend the camp from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The time and site for the eighth- and ninth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

A camp for girls entering 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be held June 26-30. The camp for fourth-graders will be held from 12:45-2:45 p.m. at Pioneer Middle School. The time and site for the fifth- and sixth-graders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

The cost of both camps is \$70. For more information, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

Lady Warriors split

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team wrapped up its inaugural season earlier this week by edging Ann Arbor Pioneer, 5-4, one night after falling to Lansing Catholic Central/Waverly, 11-3.

Ashlie Fochione scored the game-winning goal with 40 seconds remaining in the win over Pioneer. She was assisted by Lauren Medley. Kate Spangler, Heather Duncan and Morgan Franke (two) also scored for the Warriors, who received excellent defensive efforts from Laura Burton, Sara Tidderington, Angel Lucas and goalie Samantha Weidendorf.

The Lady Warriors lost to Pioneer in the season-opener for both teams, 12-0, in April.

"The Lady Warriors' inaugural season could not have had a more perfect ending," said coach Dave Medley, referring to the victory over the Pioneers.

Scoring for PCS in the loss were Franke, Kristen Schwan and Medley.

CC camp

Detroit Catholic Central coach Tom Mach will be holding his 24th Annual Westside Football Camp (non-contact) for players in grades 5th through 9th at the school's new site in Novi on June 19-22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$165. Registration forms are available online at www.catholiccentral.net or by calling (313) 531-7251.

'Cat grid meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents of returning 2006 Plymouth High School football players and the parents of incoming freshmen players. The meeting is set for Tuesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. in the PHS cafeteria.

High 5's

Euro Stars Level 5 gymnasts capture state team title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Plymouth-based Euro Stars Level 5 girls gymnastics team wear blue-and-white uniforms, but their performance at the Michigan state meet earlier this month had a solid gold tint to it.

Sparked by individual state champions Brittany Ausland (vault), Taylor Reickhoff (vault and bars) and Gina Contardi (uneven bars), the Euro Stars accumulated 113.125 points and vaulted over the best competition Michigan had to offer May 6 and 7.

Also placing in the top five in their respective age divisions were Taryn McLaughlin, Madison Torok, Mikaela Pierce, Alex Kierns, Ade Jefferson, Caitlyn Webb and Kasey Winczkowski.

CHALLENGING SPORT

Peter Gueorguiev, who co-owns Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc. along with his wife Tania, said a lot of elements go into earning a state gymnastics title — no matter what the level of competition.

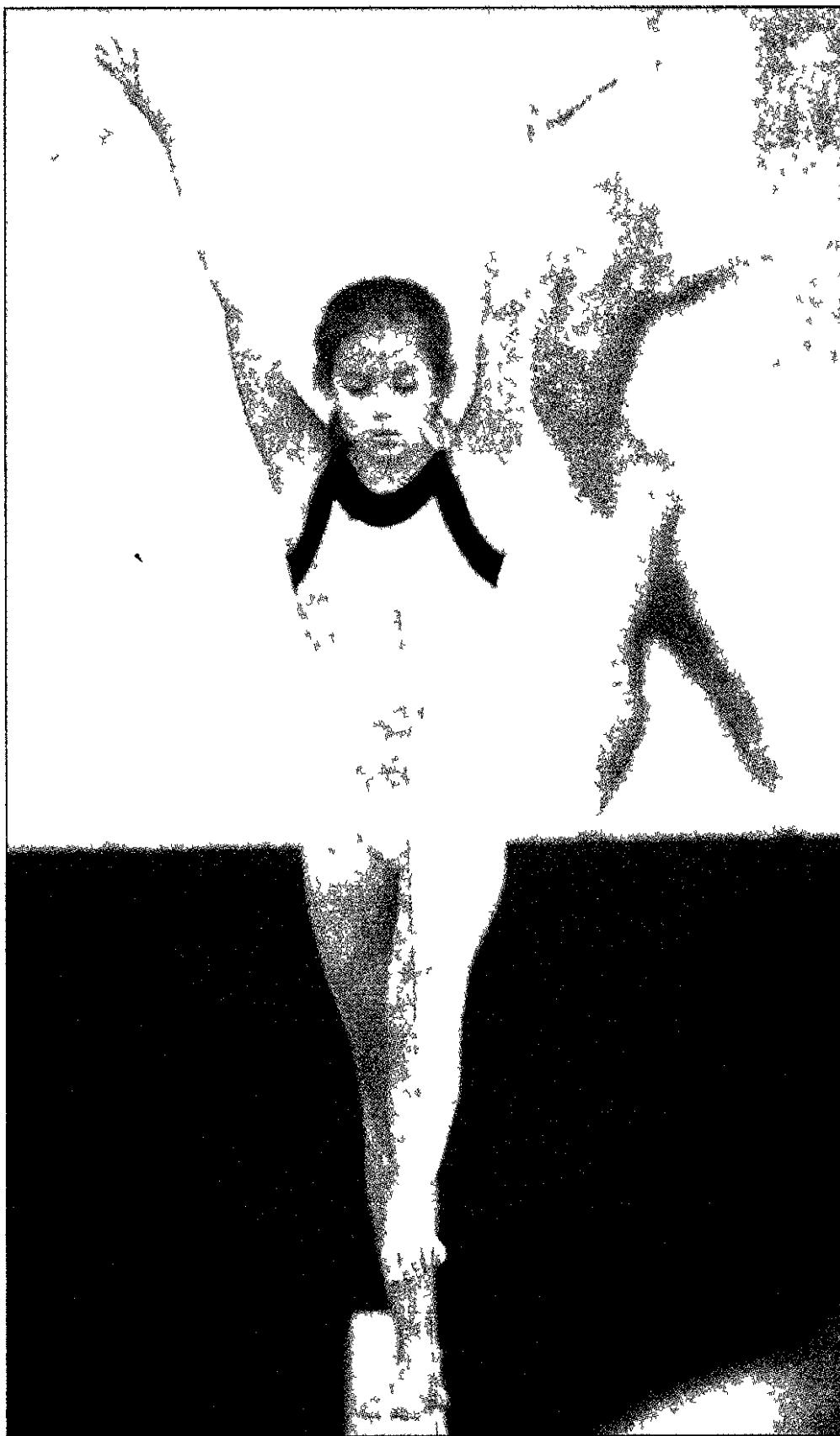
"It's a very difficult sport and it takes a lot of sacrifice and commitment from the kids," said Gueorguiev. "Our main goal is to provide fun and fitness for the athletes. They set their goals, then we try to help them reach those goals."

"A lot of the gymnasts are here training for three hours after school from Monday through Friday. It's not easy, but they enjoy it or they'd be out doing something else."

FROM THE BEGINNING

Many of the Euro Stars' Level 5

PLEASE SEE EURO STARS, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taylor Reickhoff practices her balance beam routine Monday afternoon at the Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc. facility in Plymouth. Reickhoff helped the Euro Stars Level 5 squad to a first-place finish in the state meet May 6 and 7.

Area set to host over 160 softball teams

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Approximately 160 girls fast-pitch softball teams will converge on Plymouth and Canton the weekend of June 16-18 for a pair of tournaments that will result in coveted berths to the USSSA and ASA World Series for the champions.

The PC Pride girls fast-pitch organization will host a 70-team USSSA tournament that will be played at Plymouth Township Park, Pioneer Middle School and the P-CEP complex in Canton. The event is the largest organization-run USSSA girls fast-pitch tournament in Michigan this year.

"It's grown beyond our expectations from when we first started hosting the tournament five years ago," said Pride spokesperson Denny Taylor. "It's at the point now where we have to turn teams away because we just don't have enough fields."

Taylor said the key to the tournament's success is the volunteer work put in by the Pride players' parents.

"Their giving of their time is what makes it successful," Taylor said. "They all understand what it takes to be a good host. They're out there at the fields on Friday morning at 8 a.m. setting up tents, concession stands and everything else."

The PC Pride organization is a sub-entity of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA). This year, the Pride will field nine teams in age groups U10 to U16.

Schedules for the tournament will be posted on the Pride's Web site — www.eteamz.com/pcpride — beginning June 10, Taylor said.

That same weekend, the Computware girls fast-pitch organization will host a 90-team ASA tournament at the Canton Sports Center complex, which is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

Little earns respect on and off the field

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The words left Canton baseball coach Scott Dickey's mouth about a half-second after he saw the ball leave Shawn Little's bat and rocket toward the right-center field gap during the bottom of the fifth inning of Tuesday afternoon's game against Plymouth.

"Get here, Shawn! Get here!" Dickey yelled from his third-base coaching box.

Most high school baseball players would have been satisfied with a stand-up double on the scorching line drive that was cut off by the Wildcats' right fielder just before it reached the fence some 340 feet away.

But the seemingly jet-propelled Little proved why he's anything but typical when he used his sprinter's speed to motor around the bases and meet Dickey at third base with a stand-up triple.

The electrifying play was just the latest example of what has made Little a two-sport force for the Chiefs' football and baseball programs the past four years.



Prep Profile

"Shawn is one of those athletes who is respected by his teammates, his coaches and his opponents because of the way he carries himself, both on and off the field," said Dickey. "He's not only a tremendous athlete, he's a tremendous leader and a class kid."

IMPRESSIVE NUMBERS

Little's statistics this season have mirrored his athletic ability. He had compiled a .433 batting average, 24 runs scored and 20 runs-batted-in prior to

Saturday's double-header at Novi Catholic Central. Little had also racked up a team-high nine steals (in 10 attempts) and a 6-2 pitching mark that helped him earn a spot on the 2006 WLAA All-Conference team.

While his numbers are impressive, it's the little things Little does that have earned him the admiration of his coaches and teammates.

"Shawn didn't start our game against Stevenson Wednesday," Dickey said. "In the first inning, a batter hit a foul ball into the woods. Well, the first players to get up and go look for the ball were Shawn and our other captain, Tark Khasawneh. A lot of times when there's a foul ball like that, the players on the bench will wait until somebody else gets up and chases it. But Shawn didn't hesitate. It was a small thing, but it showed what kind of a teammate Shawn is."

QUICK CONTRIBUTOR

Little's contributions to the Chiefs'

PLEASE SEE LITTLE, B5



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Shawn Little has been a two-sport standout for the Chiefs over the past four years. The strong-armed senior was recently voted onto the WLAA All-Conference baseball team as a pitcher. On the gridiron, he posted a 30-3 record in three seasons as the Chiefs' starting quarterback.

Field-event stars lead Chargers to 2nd WLAA girls track crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 24 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS 1 Livonia Churchill 152 points 2 Northville 100 3 Livonia Stevenson 90 4 Salem 64 5 Livonia Franklin 60 6 Plymouth 47 7 Canton 36 8 Walled Lake Northern 36 9 Westland John Glenn 35 10 Walled Lake Western 32 11 Walled Lake Central 12 12 Wayne Memorial 2

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put 1 Kyndra Abron (LC) 39 feet 5 inches 2 Jenna Hudry (LF) 38 2 3 Robyn Whalen (LF) 36 6 4 Lauren Krupsky (LC) 36 1 5 Kailee Hobbins (LC) 32 1 6 Anita Foss (N) 31 9 7 Andrea Poudexter (WM) 31 8 8 Becca Bartek (LS) 31 1

Discus 1 Abron (LC) 118 11 2 Krupsky (LC) 110 0 3 Whalen (LF) 110 4 4 Correen Weber (WLN) 103 8 5 Hobbins (LC) 101 9 6 Kara Prena (WLC) 100 7 7 Hudry (LF) 98 5 8 Colette Fodera (LS) 90 6

High jump 1 Alyssa Supplee (LF) 5 5 2 Brittany Petty (P) 5 3 3 Brianna Jenkins (N) 5 2 4 Izabella Paszkowska (Canton) 5 1 5 Jessica Novakowski (WLN) 5 1 6 (tie) Kara Piorokowski (LS) and Meghan Liwinski (LS) 4 9 each 8 Meghan Matheny (Canton) 4 9

Long jump 1 Stephanie Okolo (P) 16 10 2 Megan Wilson (LF) 16 8 3 Ashley Parker (WJG) 16 1 4 Chanel Payne (WJG) 15 11 5 Brittany McKinney (Canton) 15 3 6 Dana Eldred (Salem) 15 3 7 Allie Plisko (LS) 14 11 8 Paige Stuart (N) 14 11

Pole vault 1 Novakowski (WLN) 10 4 2 Allie Vranjak (S) 9 8 3 Eren Ural (LC) 9 2 4 Jackie Demers (LC) 9 2 5 Julie Foucher (N) 9 2 6 Amy Reynolds (N) 8 8 7 Katie Hale (P) 8 8 8 Kelly Tapella (LF) 8 8

100-meter hurdles 1 Diane Burek (LS) 15 43 2 Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 15 49 3 O Malley King (N) 15 98 4 Brittany Gentile (LS) 16 07 5 Casey Lynett (LF) 16 29 6 Kara Oshanski (N) 16 31 7 Tauri Rothermel (LC) 16 51 8 Ekred (Salem) 17 22

300 hurdles 1 Lockhart (Salem) 46 35 2 Rothermel (LC) 48 07 3 Lynett (LF) 48 61 4 K Campbell (WLC) 49 13 5 Mallory Lukas (LC) 49 89 6 Natalie Jedruszko (LC) 50 07 7 Burek (LS) 50 08 8 Oshanski (N) 50 31

100 dash 1 Lache Wilkins (LC) 12 47 2 Okolo (P) 12 74 3 Payne (WJG) 12 87 4 Carly Zetlin (WLN) 12 97 5 Lockhart (Salem) 13 09 6 Mandi Coppola (LC) 13 13 7 Emily Krecheit (N) 13 37 8 Oshua Lewis (Canton) 13 44

200 1 Parker (WJG) 26 43 2 Marielle Kulling (LS) 26 6 3 Coppola (LC) 26 9 4 Krecheit (N) 27 13 5 Wilson (LF) 27 32 6 Wilkins (LC) 27 55 7 Toria Davis (Canton) 28 09 8 Lewis (Canton) 28 83

400-1 Bryn Smetana (N) 59 45 2 Daniella Drury (N) 1 00 0 3 Allison Janjua (Salem) 1 00 9 4 Novakowski (WLN) 1 02 99 5 Denee Meier (LS) 1 02 71 6 Windsor Nell (WLN) 1 02 79 7 Nicole Thornsberry (LC) 1 03 59 8 Caitlin Heaney (Salem) 1 03 79

800-1 Lauren Quaintance (WLN) 2 16 39 2 Lisa Arrowsmith (LS) 2 18 5 3 Janda (Salem) 2 26 03 4 Ashley Fiohr (N) 2 27 05 5 Kelli Barowski (Canton) 2 27 06 6 Rebecca Rehberg (LS) 2 27 95 7 Sarah Thomas (Canton) 2 28 83 8 Gretchen Warner (N) 2 29 94

1,600-1 Kristen Frey (LS) 5 10 88 2 Kylene Cieslak (LC) 5 12 0 3 Rachel McFarlane (LC) 5 16 68 4 Lindsay Hagan (N) 5 19 53 5 Cassandra Adamson (WLN) 5 23 92 6 Becky McCormack (Canton) 5 29 51 7 Rachel Wessel (WLN) 5 33 89 8 Jessica Lupinacci (WLN) 5 35 88

3 200 1 Cieslak (LC) 11 21 04 2 McFarlane (LC) 11 38 15 3 Hannah Cavichio (Salem) 11 39 22 4 Hagan (N) 11 44 97 5 Frey (LS) 11 49 49 6 Megan Meceratini (LC) 11 58 13 7 McCormack (Canton) 12 00 32 8 Pam Bhullar (P) 12 04 94

400 relay 1 Plymouth (Jill Morton Julie Hersey Janet Hanchett Okolo) 5 11 2 Northville 5 12 5 3 Stevenson 5 15 4 Salem 5 16 5 John Glenn 5 17 6 Churchill 5 19 7 Canton 5 19 8 WLN Western 5 21

800 relay 1 Churchill (Thornsberry Coppola Alicia Fedrigo Wilkins) 1 46 88 2 Northville 1 47 18 3 Plymouth 1 47 92 4 Stevenson 1 48 69 5 John Glenn 1 48 71 6 Canton 1 50 59 7 Salem 1 51 17 8 WLN Western 1 53 46

1,600 relay 1 WLN Northern (Sarah Starrs Nell Quaintance Adamson) 4 07 91 2 Northville 4 08 66 3 Stevenson 4 11 2 4 Churchill 4 12 69 5 Salem 4 23 95 6 WLN Western 4 24 15 7 Franklin 4 29 9 8 Canton 4 31 76

3 200 relay 1 Stevenson (Rehberg Frey Amber Cicala Arrowsmith) 9 38 7 2 Northville 9 43 44 3 Churchill 9 50 51 4 Canton 9 59 21 5 WLN Northern 10 23 88 6 Franklin 10 34 23 7 Plymouth 10 48 27

Livonia Churchill's heavy-metal specialists helped turn Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association league meet into a 'field day for the Chargers'

With shot-putters/discus throwers Kyndra Abron, Lauren Krupsky and Kailee Hobbins serving as the catalysts, Churchill went to great lengths to capture its second consecutive WLAA league meet title at the Plymouth Canton Educational Park's varsity stadium

The Chargers chalked up 152 points to cruise past runner-up Northville, which finished with 100 The top half of the standings were filled out by Livonia Stevenson (90), Salem (64), Livonia Franklin (60) and Plymouth (47)

Churchill's throwers alone earned 41 points — a higher total than six entire teams

'Our throwers definitely set the tone for us today, said Churchill coach Keith McDonald "They stepped up and had a great day, and then we rolled from there

'We talked about what we had to do before the meet, just like we did at the Regionals last week, and then they went out and did it We had a lot of great P R s today and three of our hurdlers finished in the top six in the 300'

Abron, a sophomore, won gold in the shot put (39 feet, 5 inches) and the discus (118-11), and teammates Krupsky and Hobbins weren't far behind

'Winning the league meet is right up there with winning the Regional meet,' said McDonald 'Hopefully our performance will carry over to the state meet next week'

Churchill also received first-place efforts from sprinter Lache Wilkins, who won the 100-meter dash in 12 47, distance runner Kylene Cieslak, who took the 3,200-meter run in 11 21 04, and its 800-meter relay squad (Nicole Thornsberry, Mandi Coppola, Alicia Fedrigo and Wilkins), whose time of 1 46 68 nipped the second-place Mustangs by 50

Stevenson, which finished second to the cross-town Chargers at last week's Division 1 Regional meet, offset a sputtering start in the field events by winning three of the first five running events The Spartans 3,200-meter relay team of Rebecca Rehberg, Kristen Frey, Amber Cicala and Lisa Arrowsmith got things going by winning its race in 9 38 57 Diane Burek followed with a victory in the 100-meter hurdle (15 43) and Frey broke the tape first in the 1,600-meter run (5 10 88) two events later

Senior Brittany Lockhart was Salems brightest star, taking top honors in the 300-meter low hurdles (46 35) while finishing second to Burek in the highs (15 49)

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 24 at Canton

TEAM STANDINGS 1 Livonia Stevenson 129 points 2 Canton 119 3 Plymouth 91 4 Livonia Churchill 84 5 5 Northville 55 50 6 Westland John Glenn 46 7 Livonia Franklin 40 5 8 WLN Central 34 9 WLN Northern 28 5 10 (tie) WLN Western and Salem 12 12 Wayne Memorial 11

FINAL RESULTS

Shot put 1 Ryan Jonik (Canton) 48 feet 10 inches 2 Bryan Henley (WJG) 47 8 3 Greg Copeland (WJG) 47 7 5 4 Geoff Leskie (LS) 47 15 5 Jonathon Robinson (LC) 46 11 6 Adam Gorring (WM) 46 11 7 Joe Zujaj (Canton) 45 17 5 8 Shaun Bailey (P) 42 8 5

Discus 1 Steve Paye (Canton) 150 6 2 Henley (WJG) 143 9 3 Mike Demson (WLC) 138 6 4 Kris Bolterud (LF) 138 5 5 Leskie (LS) 136 8 6 Gerald Lou (P) 134 6 7 Copeland (WJG) 128 10 8 Austin Hassen (WM) 123 7

High jump 1 Eric Thornton (Canton) 6 5 2 Mitchell White (LS) 6 5 3 Cam Scharchburg (P) 6 1 4 Jacob McDonald (LC) 6 0 5 (tie) Ryan Sheridan (WLN) and Brad Birdsall (N) 5 11 7 (tie) Marlon McFall (LC) and Dan Chynoweth (LF) 5 9 each

Long jump 1 D J Coleman (P) 20 8 5 2 Myles White (LS) 20 5 3 Josh Butler (Canton) 20 4 5 4 Alante Whiting (WJG) 20 4 5 5 Dave Simor (LS) 20 15 6 Rico Tyus (P) 20 1 7 Deontae Mack (WLN) 20 0 25 8 Alex Kassel (WLN) 19 11

Pole vault 1 Ryan Santa (LC) 13 10 2 Mike Yassay (N) 13 2 3 Ryan Langdon (Canton) 12 10 4 Ben Ambrose (P) 12 10 5 Dennis Tullio (LF) 12 6 6 Nate Sherwood (N) 11 20 2 Nate Gholston (P) 15 42 3 Whiting (WJG) 15 46 4 Alan Culbertson (LF) 15 86 5 Brian Carter (WLN) 15 99 6 Baze Efremov (Salem) 16 37 7 Mark Zehner (LC) 16 55 8 Myles White (LS) 16 78

300 hurdles 1 Corcoran (N) 40 92 2 Myles White (LS) 41 44 3 Tim Belcher (Canton) 41 86 4 Efremov (S) 41 98 5 Carter (WLN) 42 0 6 Ryan Flaherty (LC) 42 29 7 Gholston (P) 42 29 8 Culbertson (LF) 42 62

100 dash 1 Nana Adomako (LS) 10 77 2 Coleman (P) 10 97 3 Eric Piwowar (Canton) 11 03 4 Larry Dawkins (WJG) 11 15 5 LaBroderick Caldwell (P) 11 20 6 Brian Chandler (LS) 11 58 7 Pat Clagens (LS) 11 60 8 Ian Thornton (WJG) 11 70

200 dash 1 Chandler (LS) 22 43 2 Piwowar (Canton) 22 44 3 Dalton Waiser (Canton) 22 96 4 Adomako (LS) 23 23 5 Tyus (P) 23 27 6 William Gutowski (LC) 23 33 7 Andrew LaBerge (LC) 23 35 8 Kassel (WLN) 23 83

400 dash 1 David St Amant (LC) 49 8 2 Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 49 95 3 Andrew Rossow (Canton) 50 87 4 Dan Cragel (LS) 51 48 5 Andrew Manuel (C) 51 7 6 Curtis Jackson (WJG) 51 78 7 Derek Buskey (LS) 51 90 8 Ryan Zuhke (LS) 52 23

800 run 1 Matt Rzepka (LS) 1 57 73 2 Sean Dillon (P) 1 59 82 3 Jarrell Leggs (WLC) 2 01 25 4 Nick Kolbow (N) 2 02 87 5 Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton) 2 03 71 6 Mike Gibbons (LS) 2 04 07 7 Brandon Grysko (LC) 2 04 08 8 Kyle Wallath (P) 2 05 19

1 600 run 1 Sean Maxwell (WLC) 4 28 30 2 Jensen Turnbull (N) 4 28 86 3 Timothy Howse (LC) 4 33 95 4 Grysko (LC) 4 34 89 5 Dan Wilson (LS) 4 35 01 6 Todd Bowmar (WLN) 4 37 26 7 Mihkej Maves (WLN) 4 37 48 8 Mike Kracatovich (LF) 4 43 90

3 200 run 1 Tony Sanfillipo (WLC) 9 51 74 2 Howse (LC) 9 55 30 3 Anthony Scaparo (P) 10 04 44 4 Dan Wilson (LS) 10 08 37 5 Kracatovich (LF) 10 09 74 6 Bowmar (WLN) 10 13 78 7 Patrick Slavens (P) 10 16 70 8 Ryan Jara (WLN) 10 19 19

400 relay 1 Stevenson (Adomako Kevin Murawski Clagens Chandler) 42 74 2 Plymouth 43 55 3 Franklin 44 93 4 Churchill 45 00 5 Salem 45 47 6 WLN Northern 45 49 7 Canton 45 53 8 WLN Western 45 85

800 relay 1 Stevenson (Adomako Murawski Clagens Chandler) 1 28 94 2 Canton 1 30 05 3 Churchill 1 32 19 4 Franklin 1 32 37 5 Plymouth 1 33 01 6 Wayne Memorial 1 34 30 7 John Glenn 1 34 39 8 WLN Northern 1 35 32

1 600 relay 1 Canton (Rossow Whitlock Manuel Azizi) 3 25 16 2 WLN Northern 3 28 24 3 Churchill 3 29 67 4 Franklin 3 31 79 5 Wayne Memorial 3 32 06 6 Stevenson 3 32 78 7 WLN Central 3 35 5 8 Northville 3 36 28

3 200 relay 1 Northville (Habb Khan Ian Boyar Nick Kolbow Turnbull) 8 11 06 2 Stevenson 8 14 5 3 Canton 8 14 8 4 Plymouth 8 17 23 5 Churchill 8 17 6 6 Franklin 8 33 98 7 WLN Northern 8 49 43 8 WLN Western 8 59 06

Local teams fare well in WLAA boys meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

While millions of Americans watched the season finale of the hit TV series 'Lost' Wednesday night, the Livonia Stevenson boys track team starred in the final segment of its two-week mini-series called 'Won

Five nights after capturing a Division 1 Regional title, the Spartans raced to the school's first Western Lakes Activities Association league meet crown by compiling 129 points — 10 more than runner-up Canton — in the 12-team competition held at the P-CEP varsity stadium

Plymouth finished third with 91 points, followed by Livonia Churchill (84 5), Northville (55 5) and Westland John Glenn (46)

'We looked at the Regional meet as an opportunity for the kids to qualify for the state meet, but tonight's win was all about the team,' said Stevenson coach Scott Shaw "It's always nice when you can win a team championship like we did tonight The fact that it's the first time Stevenson has won the league meet makes it even more special"

The Spartans' 400- and 800-meter relay foursomes set WLAA league meet records with times of 42 74 and 1 28 94, respectively The 400 unit consisted of Nana Adomako, Kevin Murawski, Pat Clagens and Brian Chandler while the 800 team was made up of Dan Wilson, Justin Black, Mike Gibbons and Matt Rzepka Stevenson's 400-meter relay contingent has recorded the lowest time of any team in the state as of Wednesday

Rzepka drew praise from Shaw after shaking off an injury to win the 800 in 1 57 73

Also earning first-place medals for the Spartans were Adomako (10 77 in the 100) and Brian Chandler (22 43 in the 200)

Canton coach Bob Richardson shuffled his line-up slightly following the Regional meet in order to give the Spartans a run for their money The strategy worked as the Chiefs trailed by just one point with five events left

'I thought things went extremely well for us,' said Richardson "We juggled our line-up around a little and the kids responded with some of their best times of the year Overall, this was probably our best meet of the season'

Richardson was especially pleased with the effort of senior shot-putter Ryan Jonik, who heaved the 12-pound medal sphere a career-best distance of 48 feet, 10 inches — over two feet further than his previous best attempt

'Jonik helped set the tone for our entire team,' said Richardson "He just exploded on that throw He really showed what he's made of

Others garnering firsts for the Chiefs were high-jumper Eric Thornton (6-5), discus thrower Steve Paye (150-6) and their 1,600-meter relay foursome of Andrew Rossow, Phaltiel Whitlock, Andrew Manuel and Cyrus Azizi, who turned in a season-best performance of 3 25 16

Plymouth more than doubled its 2005 WLAA league meet point total thanks to D J Coleman's gold-medal effort in the long jump (20-8 5) and loads of depth in just about every other event

'To score 91 points and only win one event shows that we had a pretty solid performance,' said first-year Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell I'm happy with finishing third, although we obviously always strive to do better I'm very proud of the guys and I'm excited for the future We have a very good foundation thanks to the hard work the kids have put in

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5	7/10-14	Walled Lake	WLN Northern HS	9:30-12:00	\$139
6	7/17-21	Canton	Independence Park	9:30-12:00	\$139
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BOYS TRACK TIMES

BEST BOYS TRACK LISTING	Eric Piwowar (Canton) 10.7
SHOT PUT	Brian Chandler (Stevenson) 10.9
Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 49.9	D.J. Coleman (Plymouth) 10.9
Greg Copeland (John Glenn) 48.11	Brandon Pratt (John Glenn) 11.0
Ryan Jonik (Canton) 48.10.5	Donnie Carson (Cville) 11.1
Matt Shilek (Redford Union) 48.8	Pat Claggen (Stevenson) 11.1
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 47.8	Darius Williams (Franklin) 11.1
Jon Robinson (Churchill) 46.11	James Young (Garden City) 11.1
Adam Goring (Wayne) 46.11	200
Joe Zugaj (Canton) 45.2	Jared Owens (Redford Union) 22.2
Shaun Bailey (Plymouth) 45.1	Brian Chandler (Stevenson) 22.5
James Refenes (Luth Westland) 44.9	Eric Piwowar (Canton) 22.5
DISCUS	Jon Stewart (Cville) 22.6
Steve Payne (Canton) 155.6	D.J. Coleman (Plymouth) 22.6
Gerald Lou (Plymouth) 146.10	Rico Tyus (Plymouth) 22.6
Kris Bolterud (Franklin) 145.3	Curtis Simpson (Wayne) 22.9
Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 144.5	Dalton Waiser (Canton) 22.9
Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 142.11	Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 23.0
James Refenes (Luth Westland) 139.3	Cole Kelly (Franklin) 23.1
Joe Zugaj (Canton) 138.5	400
Robert Pennywit (Redford Union) 136.11	David St. Amant (Churchill) 49.8
Jon Robinson (Churchill) 135.6	Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 50.0
Adam Love (Garden City) 130.0	Jon Stewart (Cville) 50.8
HIGH JUMP	Andy Rossow (Canton) 50.9
Eric Thornton (Canton) 6.5	Dan Cragel (Stevenson) 51.5
Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6.3	Andrew Manuel (Canton) 51.7
Andy Rossow (Canton) 6.2	Derek Buskey (Stevenson) 51.9
Chuck Elstone (Churchill) 6.1	Curtis Jackson (John Glenn) 51.9
Cam Scharchburg (Plymouth) 6.1	Jared Owens (Redford Union) 52.2
Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 6.1	Sean Hartley (Franklin) 52.2
Ian Thornton (John Glenn) 6.0	800
Dan Chynoweth (Franklin) 5.11	Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 157.73
Marlon McFall (Churchill) 5.10	Sean Dillon (Plymouth) 159.9
Pat York (Stevenson) 5.10	Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 200.2
Alante Whiting (John Glenn) 5.10	Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 200.5
Justin Floyd (Redford Union) 5.10	Phaltiel Whitlock (Canton) 201.1
Frederick Watts (Churchill) 5.10	Kevin Lewis (Wayne) 202.8
Jace Bearden (Salem) 5.10	Kyle Wallath (Plymouth) 202.9
John Robertson (Wayne) 5.10	Mike Gibbons (Stevenson) 204.1
Steve Payne (Canton) 5.10	Mike Wood (Franklin) 206.0
DeQuan Williams (Redford Union) 5.10	Dan Wilson (Stevenson) 206.7
LONG JUMP	1600
D.J. Coleman (Plymouth) 21.4	Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 432.7
Myles White (Stevenson) 21.2	Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 433.0
Josh Butler (Canton) 21.0.5	Timothy Howse (Churchill) 434.0
Alante Whiting (John Glenn) 20.10.5	Dan Wilson (Stevenson) 435.1
DeQuan Williams (Redford Union) 20.10	Sean Dillon (Plymouth) 438.7
Labroderick Caldwell (Plymouth) 20.9	Brian Chambers (Garden City) 440.0
Chuck Elstone (Churchill) 20.8	Jimmy Walsh (Salem) 441.2
Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 20.6	Eric Zech (Canton) 441.7
Darius Williams (Franklin) 20.4	Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 442.2
Dave Simor (Stevenson) 20.1.5	Mike Krcatovich (Franklin) 443.9
POLE VAULT	3,200
Ryan Santa (Churchill) 14.0	Timothy Howse (Churchill) 950.4
Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 13.0	Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 959.2
Ryan Langdon (Canton) 12.10	Dan Wilson (Stevenson) 959.2
Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 12.10	Dan Kapadia (Salem) 1000.0
Andrew Cutshall (Stevenson) 12.6	Jimmy Walsh (Salem) 1004.4
Joe Pond (Stevenson) 12.6	Mike Krcatovich (Franklin) 1006.2
Dennis Tullio (Franklin) 12.6	Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 1016.7
Brandon Larsen (Garden City) 12.0	Duncan Spitz (Canton) 1020.9
Nate Sherwood (Plymouth) 12.0	Dave McIntyre (Stevenson) 1021.4
Joseph Abela Tesner (Churchill) 11.10	Timothy Howse (Canton) 1026.1
110 HURDLES	400 RELAY
Steven Brown (Redford Union) 14.8	Livonia Stevenson 42.5
Paul Rosin (Luth Westland) 14.8	Plymouth 43.6
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 15.2	Redford Union 44.0
Alante Whiting (John Glenn) 15.2	Livonia Franklin 44.6
Baze Efremov (Salem) 15.3	Canton 44.7
Alan Culbertson (Franklin) 15.4	800 RELAY
Spencer Tobin (Plymouth) 15.7	Livonia Stevenson 129.0
Andre Bell (Franklin) 15.9	Canton 129.9
Rico Walker (Redford Union) 16.0	Plymouth 131.1
Brandon Larsen (Garden City) 16.1	Livonia Franklin 131.9
300 METER HURDLES	Livonia Churchill 132.2
Steven Brown (Redford Union) 39.5	1600 RELAY
Paul Rosin (Luth Westland) 41.2	Canton 325.2
Myles White (Stevenson) 41.5	Livonia Churchill 327.0
Cyrus Azizi (Canton) 41.6	Redford Union 327.2
Tim Belcher (Canton) 41.8	Livonia Franklin 331.8
Alan Culbertson (Franklin) 41.8	Wayne Memorial 332.1
Nate Gholston (Plymouth) 41.9	3200 RELAY
Baze Efremov (Salem) 42.0	Canton 814.8
Ryan Flaharty (Churchill) 42.3	Plymouth 817.2
Andy LaBerge (Churchill) 42.4	Livonia Churchill 817.6
100 DASH	Livonia Stevenson 822.8
Nana Adomako (Stevenson) 10.7	Livonia Franklin 832.4
Jared Owens (Redford Union) 10.7	



Members of the Euro Stars Level 5 gymnastics team display the banner they earned at the Michigan state meet held May 6 and 7. The team trains five days a week at the Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc facility located on General Drive in Plymouth.



Taryn McLaughlin displays her advanced skills on the uneven bars during a practice session Monday afternoon at Euro Stars Gymnastics Inc in Plymouth.

EURO STARS

FROM PAGE B1

Gymnasts have been training with Georguev since he opened his facility six years ago. Interest in the sport has accelerated faster than a perfectly executed cartwheel, making it necessary for Georguev to expand his 8,500-square-foot training center later this summer. "We have 350 students right now and there is a waiting list of athletes who want to get in," said Georguev, a former standout on the Bulgarian Olympic team. "We are going

to expand our facility later this summer so that more gymnasts can train here."

Georguev stressed that he and his staff emphasize the importance of academics to all of the gymnasts who train at his facility.

"Probably 99 percent of the kids here are straight A students, but if they are struggling at school, we tell them to stop gymnastics for a little while and concentrate on getting their grades up. We check their report cards after every semester to make sure they are doing well in school. That is always the first priority here."

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Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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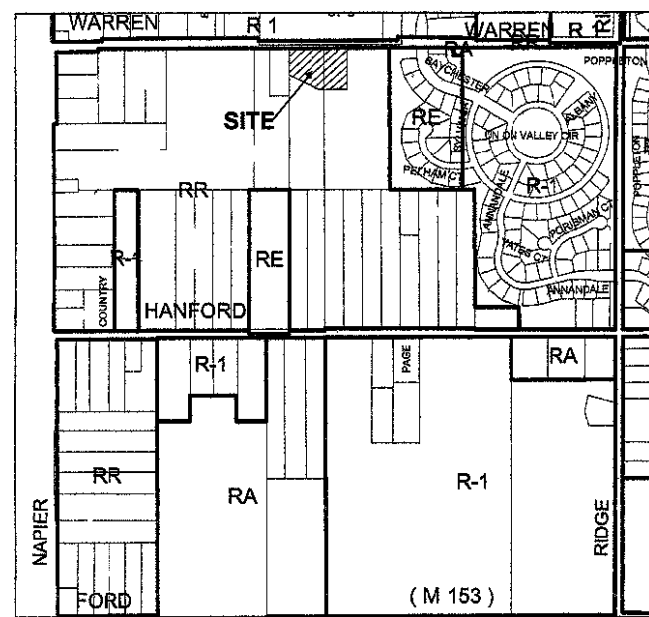
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**PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday June 19 2006 in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

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



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday June 15 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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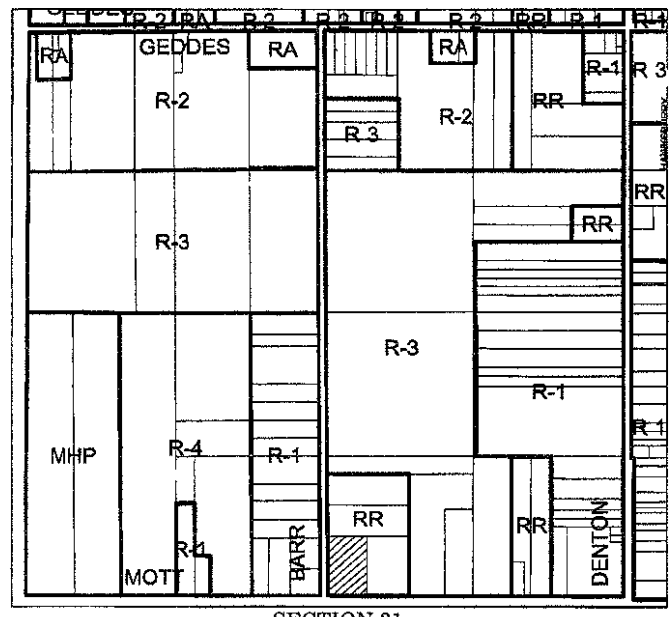
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CHOPRA REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 124 99 0003 003 (5701 BARR ROAD) FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL Property is located at the northeast corner of Barr and Mott Roads



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Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (06-1)

Consider Canton Township initiated amendment to the following articles:

Section 27 07 - Conditional Rezoning

Create a new section which implements the provisions of Public Act No 577 of 2004 relative to enabling the consideration of conditional zoning amendment applications

Section 27 04 - Planned Development District

Amend to add more specific guidelines for the definite benefit criteria. Amend the definitions and criteria for Planned Developments which results in a creation of a minor Planned Development

Section 5B - Forest Preservation and Tree Clearing

Create a new section which moves the existing forest preservation guidelines in Sections 94 31 through Section 94 36 from the Code to Appendix A - Zoning. The change also amends the criteria for review of tree removal permits

Article 5 - Stormwater Pond Landscaping

Amend Section 5 02 Subsection 1 amending the landscaping requirements for storm water detention basins and incorporating detention basin planting guidelines by reference

Amend Section 5 04 Changing the method of measuring the size of shade trees

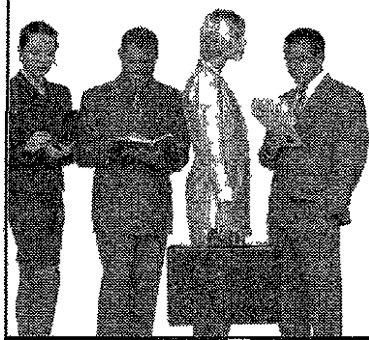
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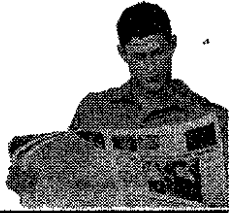
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THRILLER

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the bottom of the 15th on a strikeout followed by a good defensive play and throw to first by shortstop Jordan Kerr
But the Wildcats would not go away easily as Melissa Butzow singled, stole second and took third on Danielle Bondy's infield single
But Long buckled down again, getting Rachel Juco to end the game on a groundout to second
"Bridget's a competitor, Plymouth coach Val Canfield said "She did a good job and kept us off balance. She pitched especially well with runners in scoring position."
Plymouth shortstop Kim Kidonowski went 4-for-7 in the loss. She doubled home Madison Dresser with a game-tying run all the way back in the third inning. The Wildcats then had runners on second and third and were threatening to break the game open with two outs, only to have Long come through with a strikeout to end the threat.
"We put ourselves in position to win, but nobody came

through to make it happen," Canfield said. "Things would have been different with runners in scoring position and no outs. We left people on base. Even though we had 12 hits, we really pressured ourselves at the plate. I think we were pressing with runners on and we usually don't do that."
The loss dropped Plymouth, the Western Division champion, to 22-7-1 overall.
It was a heartbreaker, it's an emotional loss, Canfield said. "Offensively we were solid. We averaged 12 to 15 hits per game. Our defense was unbelievable. They scored that run on a hit-by-a-pitch."
Churchill, the Lakes Division champion, improved to 20-10 with the win. But the Chargers had been stumbling of late, losing three of its last four games.
I tried everything from being supportive, to angry," Churchill coach Carrie Korican said of the extra-inning affair. Finally I said to them, 'I've had enough. It's up to you guys.'
"You can talk about it, but then you run out of ideas. You try to motivate them, but they have to do it themselves."

Long and the Chargers drew back on their experience from a year ago when they defeated Farmington Hills Mercy for the Division I district title, 2-1, in 14 innings.
"I had flashbacks to the Mercy game," Korican said. "We've had a lot of close games, a lot of experience in those situations. You have to give them their due because we beat a very good hitting team (Plymouth). They're a very good team."
It was fitting that Long was the last to board the Churchill bus and holding the WLAA trophy. She got a nice round of applause from her teammates.
"Bridget is resourceful and pretty smart," Korican said. "She got us out of a ton of jams. She's makes some mistakes, but I can't tell you how many games she's gotten us out of jams, and we have a pretty darn good infield defense."
And now what's next for Plymouth?
Canfield said there is no time to dwell on the loss entering district play.
"I think we'll come back stronger than ever," she said.

Spartans' quick start stymies Chiefs

Talk about getting shot out of a cannon
Livonia Stevenson exploded for 10 first-inning runs on 10 hits en route to a 10-3 baseball victory over visiting Canton in a meeting of second-place divisional finishers in the Western Lakes Activities Association.
Luke Knochel led the Stevenson assault by going 3-for-4 with a double. Clayton Pack added two hits and one RBI as the Spartans improved to 16-12 overall.
Nick Plinka and Kyle Thom each added a hit and two RBI, while Tony Pounders, Chad Casey, Matt Loney and Larry Klemczak chipped in with one hit and one RBI apiece.
Winning pitcher Ben Schroeder, a senior, went all seven innings. He faced 27 batters, allowing eight hits and one walk. He struck out six.
Caleb Lerner took the loss for the Chiefs. He was relieved in the first by Kyle Gring, who pitched two-hit ball over the

PREP BASEBALL

worked four innings, allowing three runs on four hits and two walks.
Harvey went 3-for-3 with a double, triple and three RBI. Ryan Valle added two doubles and scored two runs.
FRANKLIN 6, SALEM 1: Pitcher Drew Thompson earned his second straight win Wednesday as Livonia Franklin (9-21) downed the host Rocks (7-23) in a Western Lakes crossover. Thompson worked the first 5 2/3 innings, allowing one run on five hits and three walks. He struck out four before giving way to reliever Dave Leins, who went the final 1 1/3 innings. Leins struck out two and allowed one hit.
Leins also went 2-for-4 with an RBI and run scored. Andrew Hayme contributed a two-run single, while Ryan Alderman had a hit and scored a run on a Salem error.
Bill Leddy went 3-for-4 with a run scored for Salem. Sam Ott went 2-for-3

final 5 1/3 innings.
Keith Campbell went 2-for-3 and scored two runs, while Brian Brubaker went 2-for-3 with a double and RBI. Ryan Neu contributed an RBI double for the Chiefs (17-11).
JOHN GLENN 12, PLYMOUTH 11: In a WLAA crossover Wednesday, host Westland John Glenn (11-14) pulled out of the victory in the bottom of the seventh against the Wildcats (11-17). Jeff Gergen went 2-for-4 and scored the game-winning run for the Rockets, while Jerry Smith went 2-for-4, including a double, three runs and three RBI. Chris Kangas also added two hits. Winning pitcher Robert Fraser went the final 2 1/3 innings, allowing one run on three hits. He struck out three and walked one.
Losing pitcher Alex Harvey

Anthony, Payne too much for Stevenson

Pitchers Sarah Anthony and Hilary Payne combined on a four-hitter Wednesday to lead host Canton to a 2-0 WLAA crossover win over Livonia Stevenson (16-11) in a battle of second-place divisional teams.
Anthony walked two, struck out four and allowed three hits over the first five innings. Payne gave up one hit and one walk while fanning two over the final two innings to pick up the save.
Losing pitcher Jamie

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Johnson went all seven innings, allowing two earned runs on three hits. She struck out two and did not allow a walk.
Amanda Alpert went 2-for-3 for the Spartans.
Lauren Delapaz doubled and scored a run for Canton.
HURON VALLEY 10, PCA 0. Amanda Gruenewald pitched a no-hitter and Sarah Schaffer

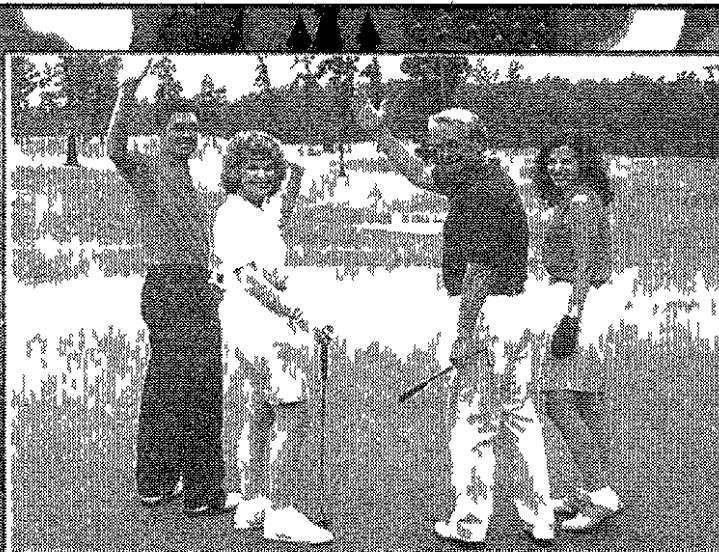
went 3-for-4 with two RBI as Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (12-2, 10-0) clinched a share of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title with a victory over host Plymouth Christian.
Gruenewald struck out nine and walked three in the five-inning mercy.
Emily Helwig added two hits in three trips to the plate, including a two-run triple. Katie Kipfmiller went 2-for-2 and scored a run.

LITTLE

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baseball program began his freshman season when he was named the team's Opening Day third baseman. The ninth-grader was anything but overwhelmed hitting .320 for the WLAA champion Chiefs.
I was a little surprised when I made varsity my freshman season, but I was excited too, Little said. "My teammates treated me great, even though I was just a freshman. They made me feel comfortable."
Little's sophomore season was over almost before it began. The hard-throwing right-hander was sidelined for the season after suffering an elbow injury while pitching in the Chiefs' opener.
"I couldn't even pick up my back pack at school without my arm hurting," Little remembered. "The doctors said the bones in my elbow were rubbing together when I threw. I had successful surgery and I was ready for football a few months later."
When the fully recovered Little returned to the diamond for his junior season, he had a whole new appreciation for baseball.
"Sitting out the whole year made me realize how much I liked the sport and what it meant to me," he said. "I actually learned a lot, too, by sitting and watching the games from the bench."
Little's gridiron accomplishments approached legendary status during his three seasons as the Chiefs' starting quarterback. With Little engineering Canton's juggernaut of an offense, the Chiefs went 30-3. The only setbacks were against Catholic Central in the third round of the 2003 Division 1 playoffs, Nov. in the second round of the 2004 post-season and Rockford in last year's Division 1 state championship game in Ford Field.
"That was an unbelievable feeling walking out onto Ford Field for the first time," Little said. "It's something I'll never forget. I still think about that game just about every day and what we could have done differently to win."
Little, who started playing football in the fifth grade, said he will have mixed emotions when the 2006 season rolls around in August. "I'll probably be a little sad at first because it will be the first time I haven't played in a long time," he said. "But at the same time, I definitely won't miss the two-a-day practices, running around in 95-degree weather for five hours."

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My best friend and I are in a fight, but we've been best friends for so long ... what do I do?

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If this friendship is important to you, make it a priority to talk to your friend. If you're not sure what caused the fight, find out why your friend is mad at you. Many times, communication problems cause major fights. Maybe you thought your friend said one thing, when your friend really said something else. Or, maybe when you said something, your friend took it the wrong way. My best advice is to talk to your friend. Let your friend know that your friendship is important to you. Offer to hear your friend's point of view, and agree to come to a compromise. If your friend is really angry and won't talk to you, find out if your school has a Peer Mediation program and ask her to go with you. If your school doesn't have a Peer Mediation program, ask your counselor or a teacher you both are comfortable with if they can help. If this friendship means something to you, don't give up!

Teen Talk

Monica Fulton

I just recently got into a relationship with a guy, and he's really sweet and all, but I don't like him in that way. I don't know how to tell him. Please help me!

Heartbreaker in Garden City

Breaking up with someone is a very hard thing to do. But, as hard as it is, you need to tell this guy how you really feel about him. It's not fair to him or to you to keep him in the dark.

Let him know that you think he's a really sweet guy and very nice. Make sure to tell him that he deserves someone who really cares about him, but that you're not the person he deserves and that you don't have strong feelings for him. It's important to be kind, it's not his fault you feel the way you do. This is a very difficult conversation to have! But don't ignore the situation or start a fight that ends in a huge blow-up, with each of you breaking up with the other. By being kind and respectful of his feelings for you, you might be lucky enough to keep a friendship with him.

If someone is threatening your life and you've already told the police but nothing has changed, what do I do?

Nervous in Westland

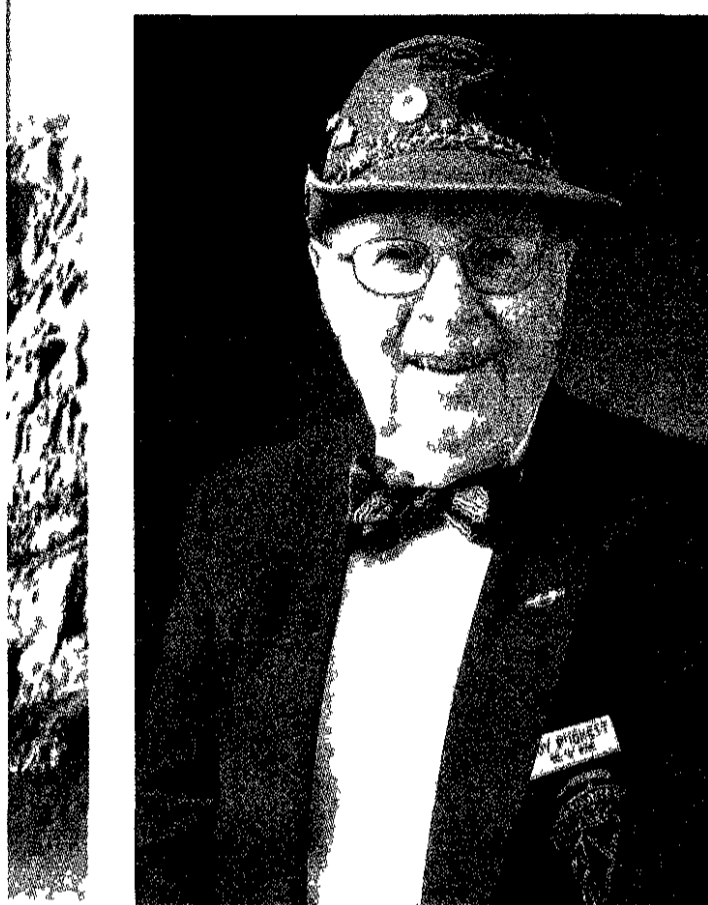
Keep reporting the incidents to the adults in your life! And continue to file official reports with the police department. The police cannot take action on a threat, but you (or your parents) can file a Personal Protection Order (PPO) that prohibits the person threatening you from having contact with you. A PPO is an order issued by the court and it can protect you from harassment by another person. If the person violates the PPO, it's a crime the person can be arrested for. To file a PPO, gather all police reports you've made and have your parent take you to the county clerk's office located in downtown Detroit.

You can ask for a "do it yourself" personal protection order packet and complete all the forms yourself, you don't necessarily need an attorney. The person is notified by the court of the terms of the PPO. If the person violates the terms, you can call the police. Show the responding officer the PPO and the documentation of how the person violated it, hopefully the person will leave you alone after receiving the PPO. Whatever you do, DON'T stop telling adults what is happening!

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

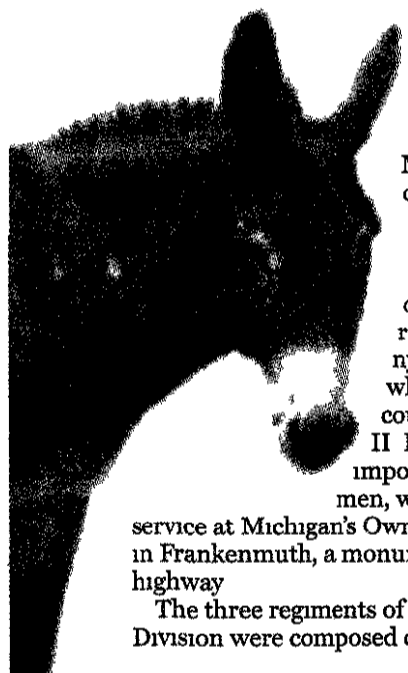
Rugged regiments

Memorial highway honors 10th Mountain Division



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WWII veteran Roy Puckett sporting a hat worn by Italian ski troops



service at Michigan's Own Military Museum in Frankenmuth, a monument or memorial highway. The three regiments of the 10th Mountain Division were composed of an elite group of

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Memorial Day is a solemn time for Roy Puckett. On Monday, the 82-year-old Livonia man and fellow veterans from the 10th Mountain Division of the U.S. Army reunite for a ceremony to remember those who died serving their country in World War II. Puckett believes it's important to honor these men, whether it's with a

soldiers trained in skiing and mountain climbing. They were instrumental in defeating the Germans in the rugged terrain of the Apennine Mountains in Italy. Puckett says few people recognize their contributions and that's why he contacted state Sen. Laura Toy's office to have a portion of U.S. 24 (Telegraph Road) designated as the 10th Mountain Division Memorial Highway.

The legislation was signed into law in late January. The roadway, which runs through Wayne County, pays tribute not only to veterans, but those currently serving in the mountains of Afghanistan. Disbanded after World War II, the division was reactivated in 1985 as the 10th Mountain Division Light Infantry to resolve conflicts and fight terrorists like Osama bin Laden around the world. "Other states have memorial highways in honor of the 10th," Puckett said. "I think it's important to have a memorial to the people who did so much for their country so it will always be there. There is a monument in Italy erected to the division. We lost 10 percent of

our men in Italy. Fort Drum, where the 10th is based, has a monument in New York, and there's a monument in Colorado at 10,000 feet."

Some of the 10th Division's most grueling training occurred at Camp Hale in Colorado. Puckett was only 18 when he was drafted into the infantry. Entrance to the 10th Mountain Division required three letters of recommendation. Puckett was one of 250 men accepted from Michigan.

"The division was comprised of skilled people who could ski, those experienced in mountaineering," Puckett said. "They were looking for anyone who had contact with mules for where jeeps couldn't go and wanted people used to cold climates. I was from Michigan."

"We trained in Colorado at 10,000 feet. It was pretty cold during winter maneuvers when the temperature dipped to 30 degrees below zero."

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Bark in the Park gives dogs a chance to cheer Tigers

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Bark in the Park 2006 probably won't top the first time Mari Mills attended a Detroit Tigers ballgame with her dog Crystal. In 2004 the Redford woman not only took in the game with her pet by her side, but threw out the first pitch after winning a drawing.

This year 250 doggie ticket packages are available in the Pooch Pavilion in the left field stands for the game starting at 7:05 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, and can be purchased from the Detroit Tigers. Mills along with other canine owners also have the opportunity to win tickets for the Tigers game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Comerica Park. All they have to do is spell as many animal names (species, breeds and common names) as possible from the sentence "I love baseball and pets." The deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, June 2. Entries can be dropped off at any metro-area Pet Supplies "Plus" store, e-mailed to pspcorp@petsuppliesplus.com,

Joe Fucini says it's not unusual for pet owners to take their dogs with them wherever they go.

or mailed to The Michigan Humane Society, Bark in the Park Contest, 26711 Northwestern Highway, Suite 175, Southfield, MI 48034.

Money raised from specially designated merchandise at the Pooch Pavilion and a silent auction of autographed sports memorabilia will go to the Humane Society to aid in its animal rescue efforts.

A section of the park will offer free water for the dogs and a pet potty area complete with fire hydrants.

"It was awesome because she (Crystal) watched the game," said Mills, 26. "I thought she was going to jump on the field but she didn't."

Joe Fucini says it's not unusual for pet owners to take their dogs with them wherever they go. In addition to the annual baseball game, Mills takes Crystal to the



Mari Mills of Redford attended Bark in the Park with her nephew Sebastian, niece Taylor and dog Crystal in 2004 at Comerica Park

beach and on shopping trips to Pet Supplies "Plus."

"This is the fourth annual and over the years it's gotten more popular," said Fucini, a West Bloomfield dog owner. Fucini Productions has done marketing for Pet Supplies "Plus" since 1993. "People don't look at you crazy anymore when you talk about dogs going to a baseball game."

"It's a great event. We're for pet lovers and a special

breed of pet lovers. At the game there's everything from Chihuahuas to Great Danes and we've never had an incident. It gives pet owners a chance to do something with their pets. They have an unforgettable experience with their dogs."

Pet Supplies "Plus" in Canton and Livonia are two of the stores giving away eight doggie ticket packages for an owner and one pet on a first come, first served basis

starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 3, with the purchase of a 37-1/2 pound bag or larger of Purina ONE or Pro Plan dog food. Canton store manager Ted Linden has gone to Bark in the Park for the last three years. In 2005, he brought along his wife Erica and daughter Eva, who's now 19 months old.

"It's a nice family event," said Linden. "She (Eva) loves it between the ball game, the dogs and the park. It's an event our customers look forward to. The tickets go really quickly."

For more information, call the Michigan Humane Society at (248) 799-7400.

For official contest rules, send e-mail to pspcorp@petsuppliesplus.com

Entries must include your name and phone number or e-mail address.

Each of the 20 letters in "I love baseball and pets" can be used no more than one time when spelling an animal. However, the letters can be used over again for each new animal.

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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.

Hogs for cats, dogs
Motor City Harley Davidson presents the sixth annual HOGS for Cats and Dogs benefit for the Michigan Humane Society 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Motor City Harley Davidson, 34900 Grand River in Farmington Hills. An early bird breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. Breakfast and refreshments through out the day provided by Gus O'Connor's Public House. An observation run departing from Motor City Harley Davidson is open to all and starts at 10:00 a.m. Last bike in by 3:00 p.m. For more information call the dealership at 248-473-7433. Registration \$10 or \$5 with donation of a wish list item.

Career networking
Franchise specialist Mark Cory, owner and operator of the FranNet Detroit office, speaks at the OLCG Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth. Admission to the talk is free. The public and persons who are out of work, re-energizing a job search, expecting layoffs or are looking for a new opportunity or for a first job are invited. For information

call Ed Walton (734) 634-2245 or the church office (734) 453-0326.

Charity golf
A summer days worth of fun never helped so many which is just what golfers at the fourth annual Michigan Tournament of Charities will do when they play at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with the 18 hole shotgun start at 10:30 a.m. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. This distinguished golf tournament concludes with a banquet and live and silent auctions. Everyone is encouraged to join the evening festivities which kicks off at 4 p.m. To register for this event please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org or call 734-662-5999 extension 120. Registration can also be done through the Michigan Tournament of Charities Web site: www.mtcgolf.org and indicate supporting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

Diabetes support
The Diabetes Support Group at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia hosts a presentation, Diabetes and Neuropathy Pain Management, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, in the hospital's auditorium. Guest speaker is Timothy Wright, M.D., Pain Management, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. There is no charge for the meeting and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 5 Mile and Levan in Livonia. For more information call (734) 655-8961.

Republican women meet
The monthly meeting of the Suburban Republican Women's Club takes place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Pic A Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile in Livonia. Speakers will be state Sen. Laura Toy, state Rep. John Pastor and Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox. There is a \$15 charge for the dinner which includes lasagna, salad, dessert and beverage. Visitors and guests are welcome. For reservations call (248) 320-5473.

Food choices
St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on how to make colorful food choices to improve your health while increasing your energy and improving your mood, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 31, at the Northville Senior Center. Speaker is Registered Dietitian Katie Dooley of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. The presentation is free but registration is required. To register call the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main at (248) 349-4140.

Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. June 1, with guest speaker Tom Zielke, Jr. talking about "Preserving the Cemeteries in Marion Township." There is a help session at 6 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River in Howell. The public is invited. For details call Margaret Bowland (810) 227-7745.

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

Creative writing workshop
The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3-4:15 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 email Shelby at president@michiganhorror.com.

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.

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.

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

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

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.
The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. by calling (734) 455-6620.

MOPS meet
MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May for moms and their

children, newborn-kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information call Crystal Johnson (734) 459-1861.

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

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

DAR
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

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

American Legion
Beasley Zalesny Post #12 meets at the 100 F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club
Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site: mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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CONCERTS

MUSIC IN THE AIR

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority concerts 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
- June 23 - Sarah Lenore Band
- June 30 - Mass Transit R&B and groove band
- July 7 - No show due to Art in the Park

- July 14 - TBD
- July 21 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings swing, jazz and blues
- July 28 - Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop
- Aug 4 - Retrospect Band, modern hits new to the lineup
- Aug 11 - Rodeo Drive modern country and radio hits, new to the lineup
- Aug 18 - Fifty Amp Fuse (formerly the Crackerjack Band)
- Aug 25 - Steve King and the Ditties
- Sept 1 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Park concert

series for kids, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, New Liberty Bank and McCully Educational Resource Center, concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park

- June 21 - Beverly Meyer, "The Music Lady"
- June 28 - Guy Louis Chautauqua Express
- July 5 - Jeremy Kittle
- July 12 - Josh White Jr
- July 19 - Jan Krist
- July 26 - Hometown Kids Concert featuring Phoenix, PCAC's Plymouth Uptown Players and more
- Aug 2 - elmoThumm
- Aug 9 - Gemini
- Aug 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug 23 - Matt Watroba

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 "Beach Road," James Patterson
- 2 "Two Little Girls in Blue," Mary Higgins Clark

LIBRARY PICKS

- 3 Mother A Cradle To Hold Me, Maya Angelou
- 4 "Digging to America," Anne Tyler
- 5 "I Say a Little Prayer," E Lynn Harris

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Marley and Me," John Grogan
- 2 "Mayflower," Nathaniel Philbrick
- 3 "Game of Shadows," Mark Farnaru-Wada
- 4 "Possible Side Effects," Augusten Burroughs

5 "Burnt Toast," Teri Hatcher

PARENTS' CHOICE NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 Rabbit Ears, Amber Stewart
- 2 "Overboard!" Sarah Weeks
- 3 "The Wishing Ball," Ehsa Kleven
- 4 "Teeny Weeny Bop," Margaret MacDonald
- 5 "Last Day Blues, Julie Danneberg

SINGLES

bers \$6/non members

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Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m.
Drop in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School 4200 Quarton Road west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6.
In the park Farmington Hills anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk Heritage Park Farmington Road between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2

Singles Connection Party

7 p.m. Wednesday June 7 and 21. For more information and registration go to www.MetropolitanSinglesConnection.com

Red, White & Blue Party and Dance

8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday June 30
Pinewood Country Club 8600 PGA Drive Walled Lake Admission \$15. For directions call (248) 669-9800

Camping Trip

Mears State Park Pentwater June 9-11
\$55 Pre trip meeting 7:30 p.m.
Monday June 5 Drakeshire Lanes

35000 Grand River east of Drake Road Farmington Hills

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at 40000 Six Mile Road the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville

Sunday Fellowship

Meet at 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Coffee doughnuts conversation and Christ are always present. For more information call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

- Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101
- Praying Together 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church
- Men's Bible Study - 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult Ministries office

REGIMENTS

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The history of the 10th begins in December 1941, when it was started as a regiment in Washington state. Puckett and the rest of the 87th Regiment first went to Kiska in the Aleutian Islands in August 1942, but the Japanese had already left so they spent the next six months building roads before returning to Colorado, where the division was formed. After three to four months of training in Colorado, they left for two additional months of marching with packs in Texas. By January 1945, they were in northern Italy. Puckett earned a Bronze Star as a platoon runner carrying messages under artillery fire.

"It was kind of scary. There was a lot of fighting going on, Puckett said. "We were working on getting the Germans out of Italy. Some fellows still don't like to talk about it. Your buddies were getting blown up in front of you."

Nearly 1,000 soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division

died, more than 4,000 were wounded, among them former Sen. Robert Dole. Puckett returned home to eventually teach business at Bishop Borgess High School, Schoolcraft College and Henry Ford Community College until retiring in 1986. In 1988, he went back to Italy, where he was surprised to see all of the fox holes which had been dug during the war.

"When we returned to northern Italy, the Italians were appreciative," said Puckett, who returned to Italy again in 2000. "Each village tried to outdo the other giving us food, entertaining us. The division has been back 10 times. We have about 20 chapters (of the National Association, an organization of 10th veterans) all over the country, two in Michigan for the upper and lower peninsulas. We have a national reunion every three years, the next in 2007 in Denver."

Puckett hopes by then the signs will be up designating the memorial highway in Michigan. Toy says it's important for the 10th Mountain Division to be remembered. "As chair of the Senate

Veterans Affairs Committee, whenever we're able to recognize and honor our state's veterans, it's of the utmost importance after all the freedoms they have fought for all of us," said Toy who represents the western Wayne County communities of Garden City, Livonia, Redford, and Westland. "So I was pleased when Mr. Puckett brought this idea forward, and as the committee learned more about the 10th Mountain Division, we saw there was clearly an amazing story and history there as well."

Critical to the U.S. in World War II, the 10th Mountain Division today continues to play a vital role hunting down Al Qaeda terrorists in the mountains of Afghanistan.

Designating this portion of U.S. 24 (Telegraph Road) will help to remind everyone of these soldiers' sacrifice and ongoing role in defending our freedom. It will also serve to honor for Mr. Puckett and other veterans who have risked and sometimes given their life to protect us and our way of life.

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MISC. SINGLES

Moon-dusters

Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road Livonia Admission guest/\$6 associates/\$5.50 members/\$5. Dress Ladies date style clothes gentlemen jackets and ties for more information call Joe Castrodale (248) 968-5197

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REUNIONS

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 classmates. Representatives are needed for several classes and addresses are being collected of alumni. Contact Chairperson Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

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

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

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

Class of 1956

A 50 year reunion 5:11-30 p.m. Friday Sept 8 at Doubletree Hotel Novi \$78 per person \$83 after Aug 18. For reservations call (248)348 5000.

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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.

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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 Altwies (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.

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.

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July 29 at George Murphy's on the Creek Seven Mile Livonia \$30 per person. Contact fhs1976reunion30year@yahoo.com or http://home.comcast.net/~thelev76.

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Class of 1969
Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363 5679 or e-mail Kaynilitu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge@Kivington@nu.core.com.

Gamma Kappa Chi Fraternity

70th Reunion
Wayne State University fraternity founded in 1936 70th Anniversary noon to 5 p.m. Saturday Aug 27 at the Glen Oaks County Club on 13 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. Call Al Halper at (248)682 4986 or Harvey Miller at (248)626 4144. Deadline for registration fee is June 8.

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Call (800) 677 7800 visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail info@taylorreunions.com.

Livonia Bentley

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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 Churchill

Class of 1974
Planning a 50th birthday party for July 22 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. Contact Paul Schmidt at (734)255 3100 ext 245.

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 Kaynilitu@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@sbcbglobal.net or (734) 718 3211 or Keri Gutekunst Sins at kerisins0130@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.divincinet.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

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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

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Twenty year class reunion 6 p.m. Saturday Sept 30 at the Italian American Club Livonia \$65 per person \$115 couple dinner open bar DJ band dancing. Contact cantonsalem@yahoo.com.

Class of 1996

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

Post Intermediate

Class of 1950
Post Intermediate School in Detroit class of 1950 will hold a reunion Aug 19. For details call Jim Hamon at (313)532 2608 or Jack Mastan at (734)891 4889.

Redford Union

Class of 1961
A 45 year reunion is planned for July 21 2006 at the Italian American Banquet Center 39200 Five Mile Road Livonia. Contact Ann (Schnitzhofer) Brighton at (734) 513 7499 or email rui96reunion@yahoo.com.

Rochester Adams

Class of 1986
Rochester Adams High School is planning a 20 year reunion Aug 11-13 2006. Log on to www.ahsreunion1986.com for all the details.

Roseville High School

Class of 1956
A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information call Shirley at (586)677 2709. Alice at (586)792 7757 or email alijune1939@scbglobal.net or thehermans2002@comcast.net.

Southeastern (Detroit)

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

Beverly at (586) 566 6775.

Southfield High School

Class 1986
A 20 year reunion is planned for Aug 11-13 2006 Friday Aug 11 a reunion kickoff at 6 30 p.m. at the Westin Hotel Southfield Saturday Aug 12 from 6 30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Tapestry Banquet Facility 24580 Evergreen Road Southfield \$65/person \$75/person after July 10 Sunday Aug 13 A family picnic at the Southfield Civic Center. Contact Lisa Rader (rader3333@aol.com) OR Paul Bernstein (paulboy@comcast.net).

Class of 1976

A 30 year reunion is planned for Aug 5 2006 at The Skyline Club (Town Center) in Southfield. For more information contact www.shs1976.com OR Brian Wolf (248) 545 6739.

Southfield-Lathrup

Class of 1976
A 30 year reunion 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday June 24 Radisson Kingsley Hotel Bloomfield Hills. Cost \$80 each \$150 per couple. RSVP by May 24. For information e-mail the reunion committee at SL76Reunion@comcast.net. Or go to the official web site for all classes at Southfield.Lathrup www.slshs.net.

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Class of 1941

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All-Class Sock Hop

The Class of 1966 of St. Mary of Redford will host an all class sock hop on Saturday Sept 30 at the old St. Mary of Redford gymnasium. All alumni are invited. Begins with a 4 p.m. Mass then tours of the school. Dinner beverage music at \$19.66 per person (minimum donation) with checks payable to David D DiPonio 29606 Puritan Livonia MI 48154. Contact Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@wadetrin.com or at (313) 363 6153.

Class of 1976

A 30 year reunion is planned for Saturday Aug 5 2006 at Sandtraps Banquet Center (located at the Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia). Approximately \$30/person. Contact Ann Lopus Ferrari (734) 953 1043 (email apferrari@sbcbglobal.net) OR Dennis DiPonio at (734) 591 0184.

Troy-Athens

Class of 1986
A 20 year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. on Saturday Aug 19 2006 at the Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac. For more information log on to www.athensreunion86.com OR email to athensreunion86@gmail.com OR Mary (Coralino) Emanuele (248) 651 8118.

Utica High School

Class of 1981
A 25th reunion is being planned for the fall of 2006. Please send updated address information and inquire to Todd Richter (trichter26@comcast.net).

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CLAUDETE KRUMM
Age 71 of Plymouth, MI formerly of Minneapolis, Minnesota Passed away, Thursday, May 25, 2006 beloved wife of the late Harry Loving mother of Thomas (Michele) and Ernie (Bethann Gyorko) Loving grandmother of Darren, Jeffrey, Alyce Jack, and Patricia Two brothers Robert and Dennis also survive Mrs Krumm was a retired elementary school teacher in Plymouth She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister and was kind and caring and extremely generous with her time to many people through out her life Visitation will be Tuesday, May 30, from 1-9pm at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 S Main, Plymouth, and on Wed, May 30, from 9:30 AM until service time of 10 AM at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street, Plymouth

LEAH S. MORTON
Age 98, of Wawa PA, formerly of Drexel Hill, PA & Rochester, MI Leah attended Rochester High School, MI and also graduated from Michigan Normal School aka Eastern Michigan College of Ypsilanti MI She was a school teacher in Byron MI, substitute Home Economics teacher in the Upper Darby Twp (Pennsylvania) School System She was a member of Drexel Hill United Methodist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Huldah Chapter 212 of Byron, MI Preceded in death by her husband Harry E. Morton, Sr. D. father, Arthur W. Spencer mother, Lena Brown Spencer She is survived by her sons David H. Morton, Lafayette Hill PA and Roger S. Morton, Arlington VA and 2 grandchildren Funeral service will be held Wednesday May 31, 2006 at 1:00 pm at Sheldon Cemetery 5 Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI Interment Sheldon Cemetery, Canton MI In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Blind and Visually Impaired 100 West 15th Street Chester PA 19013

HELEN GIACOBACCI
Age 91, of Farmington Hills May 21, 2006 Beloved wife of the late Anthony Loving mother of Dianne Giacobazzi and Anthony (Helen) Giacobazzi Cherished grandmother of six and great-grandmother of seven Dear sister of Glen (Mary Lou) Nelson Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association Arrangements entrusted to Thayer Rock Funeral Home Farmington

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Age 87 passed away May 7, 2006 Beloved father and grandfather of son Dan and wife Jamie and granddaughters Kelly and Emily Born in 1918 he lived in Birmingham most of his life, moving to Centennial, Colorado in 1992 Robert attended Birmingham High School and the University of Notre Dame served in the U.S. Army in World War II was discharged in 1945, and that same year married his wife Jean, who passed away earlier this year Services and interment will be held at the White Chapel Memorial Cemetery Chapel at 11:00 am on Saturday June 3, 2006 Memorial contributions may be made to local chapters of the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society

MARY ALICE LEYH
May 24, 2006, age 73 of Bingham Farms Beloved wife of George Dear mother of Timothy G (Joan) and Kristin A Pursel (Thomas) Grandmother of Jackie Melissa, Molly Nick Pursel and Kirstin Kyle and Katrina Leyh Sister of Jeanne Fisher Funeral Mass Monday May 29th 11:00am at Church of St. Owen 6869 Franklin Rd Bloomfield Hills Visitation begins at Church 10:30am Memorial tributes to the American Cancer Society For information call A J Desmond & Sons 248 549 0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS





Vogt-Marshall
Charles and Carol Vogt of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter Cheryl Ann Vogt of San Diego, Calif, to John Scott Marshall of San Diego, son of Emmott and JoAnn Fisher of Tacoma, Wash, and the late William Marshall
The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Thurston High School and attended Schoolcraft College She is employed at LBA Realty in property management
The prospective groom is a graduate of San Diego State University and is employed as a field engineer with San Diego Gas and Electric.
A summer 2006 wedding is planned in San Diego

Jeffrey-Zelenka
John and Elizabeth Jeffrey of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Elizabeth Jeffrey to Jeremiah Joseph Zelenka, son of Thomas and Wendy Zelenka of Garden City
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lighthouse Christian Academy in Seminole, Fla She is a nursing student at Schoolcraft College She is employed at the Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse in Westland
The prospective groom is a graduate of Garden City High School He is employed as the manager at Ram's Horn Restaurant in Westland
A July wedding is planned at the North Ridge Church in Plymouth, followed by a reception at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland The couple will honeymoon in Las Vegas and make their home in Garden City

Mason-Bonine
Stacey Renee Mason, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gray F Mason, of Canton and Daniel MacDonald Bonine, son of Mary Anne Bonine, of Galesburg, Mich, and the late Alan K. Bonine announce their upcoming wedding
The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in elementary education She currently teaches first grade at Forest Elementary in Farmington
The groom-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Galesburg-Agusta High School, a 2002 graduate of Michigan State University and a recent graduate of the University of Michigan Dental school
A mid-June ceremony is planned at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton, followed by a reception at Kensington Court in Ann Arbor
The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii
They will reside in Denver, CO while Dan completes a one year Dental Residency at the VA Hospital there Stacey is currently interviewing for a teaching position in Denver

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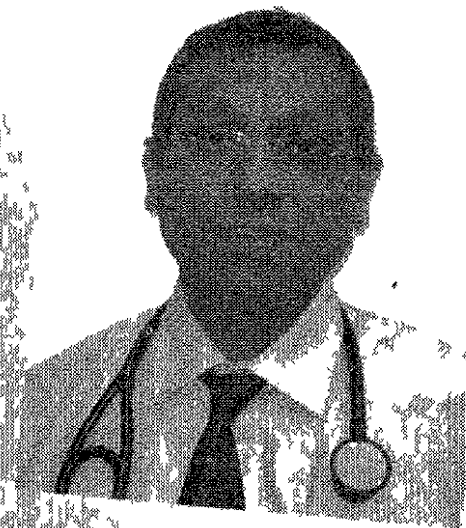
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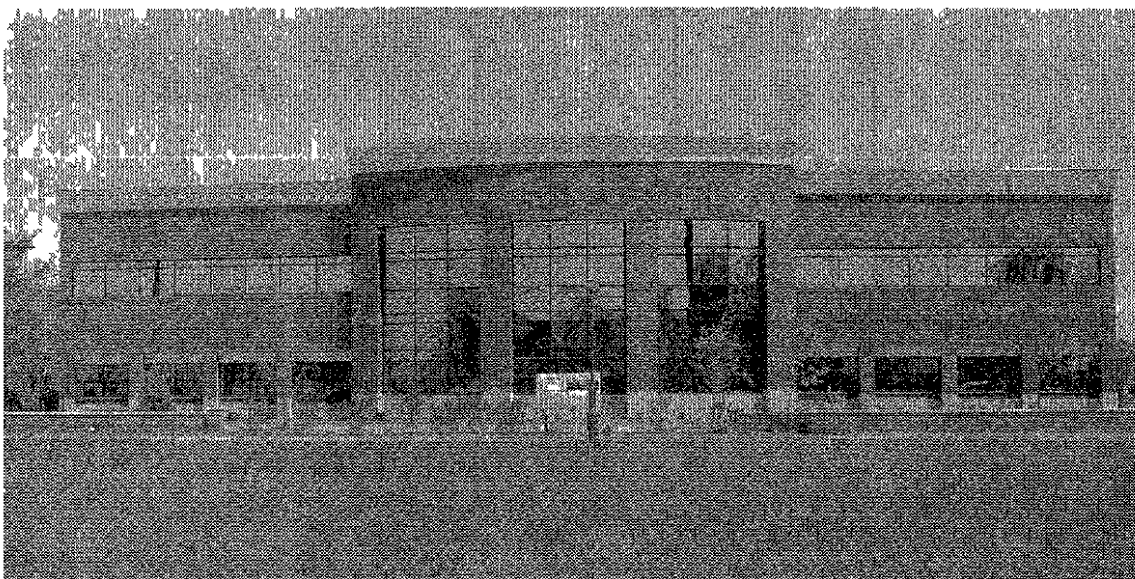
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Healing art

Tai chi's gentle movements help MS patients

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Ken Fink recommends tai chi to multiple sclerosis patients not just because he's a physician. The West Bloomfield man has lived with the disease since 1975 and knows that practicing the healing art slows down the crippling effects of MS in his hands. From his wheelchair, Fink gracefully follows the lead of tai chi instructor Sally Rich. He has been taking classes in the Achievement Center at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Southfield since January. Here, participants find the gentle movements improve balance problems, spasticity, fatigue and weakness caused by MS, an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system.

Rich, a Bloomfield Hills resident, travels once a year to China to study Eastern healing arts such as tai chi and qigong (chee gong). It is thought

tai chi, an ancient exercise and martial art, enhances energy and reduces stress.

'SERENITY'

"It gives me serenity. I've noticed more fluid motions in my arms and working in a group tends to be helpful. We're harnessing our energy together," said Fink, an osteopath who practiced family medicine in Farmington until 1996. He also participates in exercise classes at the Achievement Center.

"I've noticed benefits in balance and coordination."

Jim Willemsen, 45, of Royal Oak, Walter Maile, 60, of Oakland Township and Brenda Thomas, 61, of Detroit all agree tai chi has helped their MS as well. Each has suffered with the neurological disease for more than 20 years. Deena Lisak, a certified nurse at the Detroit Medical Center, has seen the improvement in participants first hand.

"Jim has bad tremors and no concentration," said Lisak, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "It's helping him coordinate movements and concentrate."

Maile said he's been coming to classes for about three weeks and was having problems with general clumsiness.

"All of a sudden I became aware of where my hands are," Maile said. "I hold things in my hands and drop them."

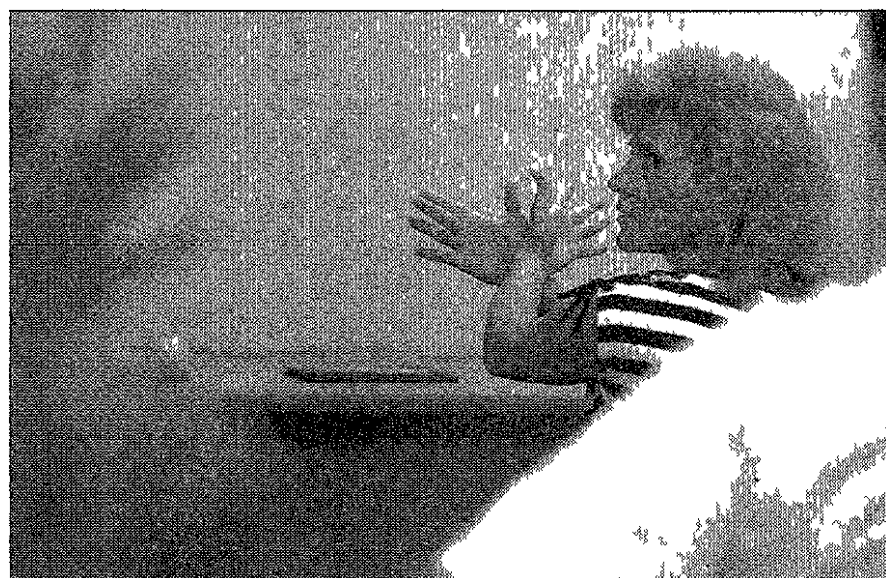
Thomas has been attending the classes for several months and definitely feels better.

"It loosens up your muscles," said Thomas. "You think you're not going to remember patterns but do over time. It relaxes you. You become more centered so you're not as distracted by your pain. I have back pain and it seems to help that."

Rich begins the class with warm-up exercises before leading them through a set of movements. She teaches classes several times a week at the Taoist Tai Chi Center in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills in addition to filling in for instructor Janice Crowe at the MS Society on occasion. The warm-ups help participants to strengthen their fingers so they don't atrophy and curl in.

"When we started to do a set there was a little bit of apprehension, but they've already learned the first third of 108 movements," said Rich who volunteers her time. "You have to maintain what you have and possibly expand it. A lot of them are eager to try anything at this point."

Although Dr. Gregory VanStavern is unfamiliar with tai chi, the Harper University Hospital neurologist says exercise, aerobics in particular, can benefit MS patients. VanStavern specializes in treating MS patients at the Wayne State University MS clinic which has seen more than 3,000 peo-



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Instructor and director of the Taoist Tai Chi Center in Livonia Sally Rich leads MS patients in tai chi exercises at the Southfield-based National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter.

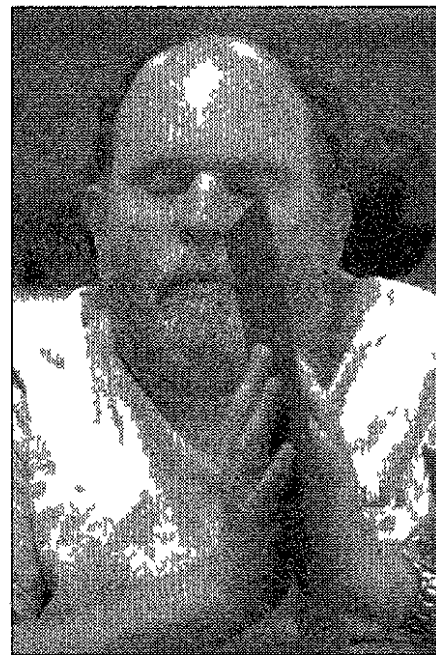
ple. One of his frequent prescriptions is exercise.

"For patients with spasticity, which not every patient has, muscles become tense and a lot tighter," said VanStavern, an assistant professor of neurology and ophthalmology at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Exercise helps muscle tone, gives a broader range of motion, more endurance and stamina. It improves balance, coordination.

VanStavern says, many MS patients suffer from depression as well. Although the experts are out as to whether it's part of the disease or caused by the disease, exercise helps to reduce stress, improves mood and regulates sleep patterns.

"I recommend any sort of aerobic exercise where you're getting your heart rate up for 20 to 30 minutes, swimming, low impact like tai chi," said VanStavern of Royal Oak. "It's not like they have to run a marathon, just get the heart rate up."

Aerobics was one of the first activities Stephanie Amman scheduled when the Achievement Center opened at the MS Society two years ago. Tai chi classes were added at the beginning of the year. The goal of the center is to encourage people with MS or



Dr. Ken Fink concentrates on his tai chi warmup exercise.

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Heart scan contest

EBT Heart and Body Imaging is giving away five free heart scans for Father's Day. Entrants should write in 100 words or less why they think their father should have a scan. Preventive imaging is designed to detect disease at an earlier, more treatable stage. The letters will be reviewed and those that meet contest requirements will be placed in a drawing with the winners selected on June 15. Send letters postmarked by June 9 to EBT Heart and Body Imaging, 26400 W 12 Mile, Suite 114, Southfield, MI 48034. Attention: Father's Day Heart Scan.

UPCOMING

Sharing & Caring

Newly diagnosed breast cancer support. Small group discussion for those diagnosed within the past year. 7 p.m. Thursday, June 1, in the first floor classroom at the Beaumont Cancer Center, 3577 W 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring

offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. Call (248) 551-8585 for more information.

Northland Pacers Walk Around the World

Endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports in conjunction with Providence Hospital begins June 2 with free noncompetitive walking and fitness program. Includes health screening beginning at 8 a.m. Friday, June 2, in the Food Court at Northland Center, Southfield. Each registered walker receives a passport to record their progress and a T-shirt. A healthy breakfast will be served and a speaker will address health issues and encourage participation. Walkers turn in their mileage logs each week. The mall then updates a world map that shows the progress. Pacers are making in their journey. It takes 24,901.55 miles to circle the globe. One lap through the center is equivalent to one mile. For more information call (248) 569-6272 or visit www.shopatnorthland.com. The Northland Pacers walking program was begun in 1985.

Liver update

A patient-centered education conference that discusses several issues related to liver disease. Topics include Hepatitis A and B, vaccinations in chronic liver disease, and new treatment strategies in Hepatitis C. 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 3, at the Livonia Marriott at Laurel Park Place, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. No charge. Seating limited. Reservations encouraged.

Call (248) 489-5400 or visit www.liverfoundation.org/michigan

Open house

Cancer Survivors Celebration noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the South Lobby followed by Cancer Center Groundbreaking at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. No charge. At the Open House, community members and their families can enjoy food refreshments, interactive activities such as face painting, Teddy Bear Clinic, Child ID and Fingerprinting, a moonwalk, clowns and more. Special events include health screenings and Ask the Doctor. Community rescue teams from Livonia Fire and Rescue and Livonia Police Department and K-9 Unit, MedFlight Helicopter, Huron Valley Ambulance, Wayne County Sheriff Motorcycles will be on hand. Musical entertainment by Sunset Boulevard Band. For more information call (734) 655-1592 or visit www.stmarymercy.org

Support group

CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder) will be meeting 7:30-9 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Way Elementary School on W Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills. Registration opens at 7 p.m. The speaker for the parent group will be Ira Giovinsky, PhD, presenting on Bipolar Disorder and ADHD. In addition, there will be an informal support group for adults and separate group for significant others of ADHD adults. All meetings are free to CHADD members. \$5 donation for

non-members. Call (248) 988-6716

Teens using drugs workshops

Part two, 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, part one provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified. Part one is repeated every first Tuesday of the month. October to June, part two repeats the second Tuesday of the month. October to June, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. No charge and open to public. Parents, teens and people who work with teens are all welcome. For information call (734) 973-7892. Send e-mail to jessa@med.umich.edu or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org

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Menopause and sleep apnea

A presentation on the signs, detection and treatment for sleep apnea with Registered Sleep Technologist Scott Woik and tour the St. Mary Mercy Sleep Center. 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge but registration requested. Call (734) 655-1100

Choose gym that's just right for you

Gene from Garden City e-mails asking for tips on joining the right gym

Gene, before making a long-term commitment to a gym membership, you should ask yourself several important questions. For instance, what are your goals? Do you want to decrease body fat, build muscle, or maybe just make a new set of friends? Next, do you have the time to commit? Take a look at your schedule and then figure out the time it will take to get to the gym for regular workouts.

It's a good idea to choose a gym that's within eight miles of your home. Any farther and you could start making excuses for skipping workouts. And finally, is the gym's clientele compatible with your lifestyle? Answering these questions will put you on track for choosing the gym that's right for you.

Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Jackie from Taylor e-mails for tips on keeping her bones healthy

Jackie, here's a simple test that might help you get the healthy bones you're after.

- True or False - Menopause is when women should start worrying about osteoporosis? False! Building and maintaining healthy bones is a lifetime proposition.
- True or False - Both men and women get osteoporosis? True! But it is true that men lose bone density more slowly than women.
- True or False - All women over the age of 65 need drug therapy to prevent the loss of bone density? False! Not everyone needs drugs to avoid the disease.

Some factors can make you more prone to getting osteoporosis. They include smoking, heavy drinking, and not getting enough calcium in your diet. Talk to your doctor for more tips on how to avoid osteoporosis and loss of bone density.

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

TAI CHI

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mobility

"I noticed that since they first started I don't see tremors as much," said Ammani, a behavior specialist with Jewish Vocational Services which contracts with the society to run the center. "They're able to catch on to the moves. It doesn't take as long to catch on and they can stretch a little bit fur-

ther."

In addition to tai chi, strength training is offered every other week, aerobics and yoga the other

Tai chi follows every week at 2 p.m. James Oldham, Fink's caretaker, goes through the movements with the class. He says tai chi has helped him as much as Fink.

"I've seen improvement in his flexibility and fingers," said Oldham. "We have one thing in common - relaxation. You concen-

trate and it really calms you. When you do it, it brings me right down."

The Achievement Center is open 1-4 p.m. Thursdays at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, and offers activities, arts and crafts, guests speakers, and support. Drop-in sessions are \$20 each, or sign up for 12 weeks for \$15 each session. Scholarships available on a sliding income scale. For more

information, call the Achievement Center at (800) 243-5767, Ext. 231

For information about the Taoist Tai Chi Center, a nonprofit with classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills, call (248) 332-1281, (734) 591-3530, or visit www.taotachi.org

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EXERCISE AS MEDICATION

Readers of this column know the controversies of therapeutic regimens in fibromyalgia. The drugs used include almost every antidepressant and anxiety drug marketed. A key chemical considered a muscle relaxant finds itself on a list used to treat fibromyalgia. Drug fads and phases constantly change, however, one aspect of therapy has never lost its importance: exercise.

If you developed a heart condition, you would want a medicine every day, including weekends, holidays and days when you arose early to catch a morning flight. For patients with fibromyalgia, the same holds true.

When you approach age 60, you should bring yourself to the same state of mind that exercise is not something done two or three times a week, but daily, since exercise is a vital medication.

When you were younger, you could keep fit even if you skipped workouts on weekends. Conversely, you could exercise to extremes on Saturday and Sunday and do nothing during the week and still keep both your weight and heart rate down.

When you start aging, you can't depend on the resiliency of your muscles to keep you fit by itself. Instead, you should look at activity as the best medication possible for your body, and it needs to be done everyday. Moreover, as you age, you should workout longer and harder as it takes greater effort to achieve the same state of stamina, strength and reserve.

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CollegeGrad.com names top 500 entry level employers

(PRWEB) — As the class of 2006 prepares for graduation, CollegeGrad.com, the No. 1 entry level job site, announces the Top 500 Entry Level Employers for 2006. The list represents more than 160,000 jobs for the class of 2006, with a 7.8-percent increase in hiring over 2005. The list of employers is available online at www.CollegeGrad.com/topemployers and includes links to the home page, careers page and college page for each employer.

Among the Top 500 Entry Level Employers, 65 percent are planning to hire more college grads in 2006 than in 2005, 15 percent will hire the same and 20 percent will be hiring fewer. "It's exciting to see the positive hiring trend continue for the Class of 2006," said Brian Krueger, president of CollegeGrad.com. "For the third consecutive year, we are seeing employers increasing their entry level hiring. This means higher demand for college students and a more robust entry level job market."

Employers recruiting the Class of 2006 are excited about the new talent entering the job market. "It's an exciting time to be a graduating college student," said Rachel Koenig, national manager of recruiting for Consolidated Graphics. "Entry-level hiring is the strongest I've seen since September 11 and many companies, including Consolidated Graphics, are eagerly recruiting these talented, new hires to join their workforce."



Top majors being hired this year include marketing, business management and accounting. Graduates with computer science and communication degrees are also being highly sought after.

Recruiters are noticing this year's graduating class is more well-rounded compared with previous years' students. Stephanie Jax, manager of college relations at Ecolab, noticed many changes in the competition on campus, and in the student demographics. The changes in the students have all been positive, Jax said. "The students that I met on campus this fall were more well-rounded, and better pre-

pared for the job search." As employers sing the praises of college graduates, they are also finding it more competitive to hire exceptional college grads. Dan Black, campus recruiting leader for Ernst & Young explains, "Because of the increased competition for talent, accounting professionals have the opportunity to seek out the best working environment for them and we believe that it's

here at Ernst & Young." Maureen Crawford Hentz, diversity recruiter for Osram Sylvania, adds, "We are working harder to land our top candidates, as most are also being pursued by other companies. We have to highlight all of our company's best features."

Campus career centers have noticed the significant hiring increase. North Carolina State's campus career fairs are bursting at the seams with employers, and opportunities for internships, co-ops and jobs abound," says Carol Schroeder, director of the Career Center at North Carolina State University.

Others are having similar experiences, receiving a greater number of requests for information sessions than ever before, and selling out job fairs months in advance.

The CollegeGrad.com survey results name Enterprise Rent-A-Car as the No. 1 Entry Level Employer for the fourth year in a row, with 7,000 projected entry level hires for 2006. "In the midst of an improving job market, Enterprise continues to hire the best and the brightest college graduates for our management training program," said Marie Artim, assistant vice president of recruiting at Enterprise Rent-A-Car. "Hiring quality candidates with strong leadership skills is a priority, as these are the future leaders who will guide the continued growth and success of our company."

In addition to Enterprise Rent-A-Car, CollegeGrad.com details the hiring plans for more than 500 top entry

level employers. While many on the list are household names such as Lockheed Martin, KPMG, and Coca-Cola, there are also many lesser-known employers such as Grimco, Teradyne and Three Springs. But large or small, they are all actively seeking to hire college grads.

Top majors being hired this year include marketing, business, management and accounting. Graduates with computer science and communication degrees are also being highly sought after. Many companies hire a wide variety of majors. "It's not just the business and engineering students who have all of the luck," Koenig said. "We seek students with degrees in liberal arts, humanities, communications and, of course, printing."

Career centers remind students that in order to be ready for their job search, they need to start the process early. "The work of carefully researching employment options, analyzing what you have to offer an employer, and preparing to talk about it must be done by each job seeker," Schroeder said. "And it doesn't matter if hiring is going full blast or nearly at a standstill — the more you prepare, the better the result!"

The survey information was gathered while compiling the list of more than 500 Top Entry Level Employers for 2006. More information on the survey results along with the list of Top Entry Level Employers are posted at www.CollegeGrad.com.



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Let the sun shine in: Warming up to the idea of solar energy

(NAPS)—There's good news for those who claim there's nothing new under the sun when it comes to saving on ever-increasing energy bills. Experts say new benefits and an unstable oil supply are making solar energy systems a practical reality for a growing number of homeowners.

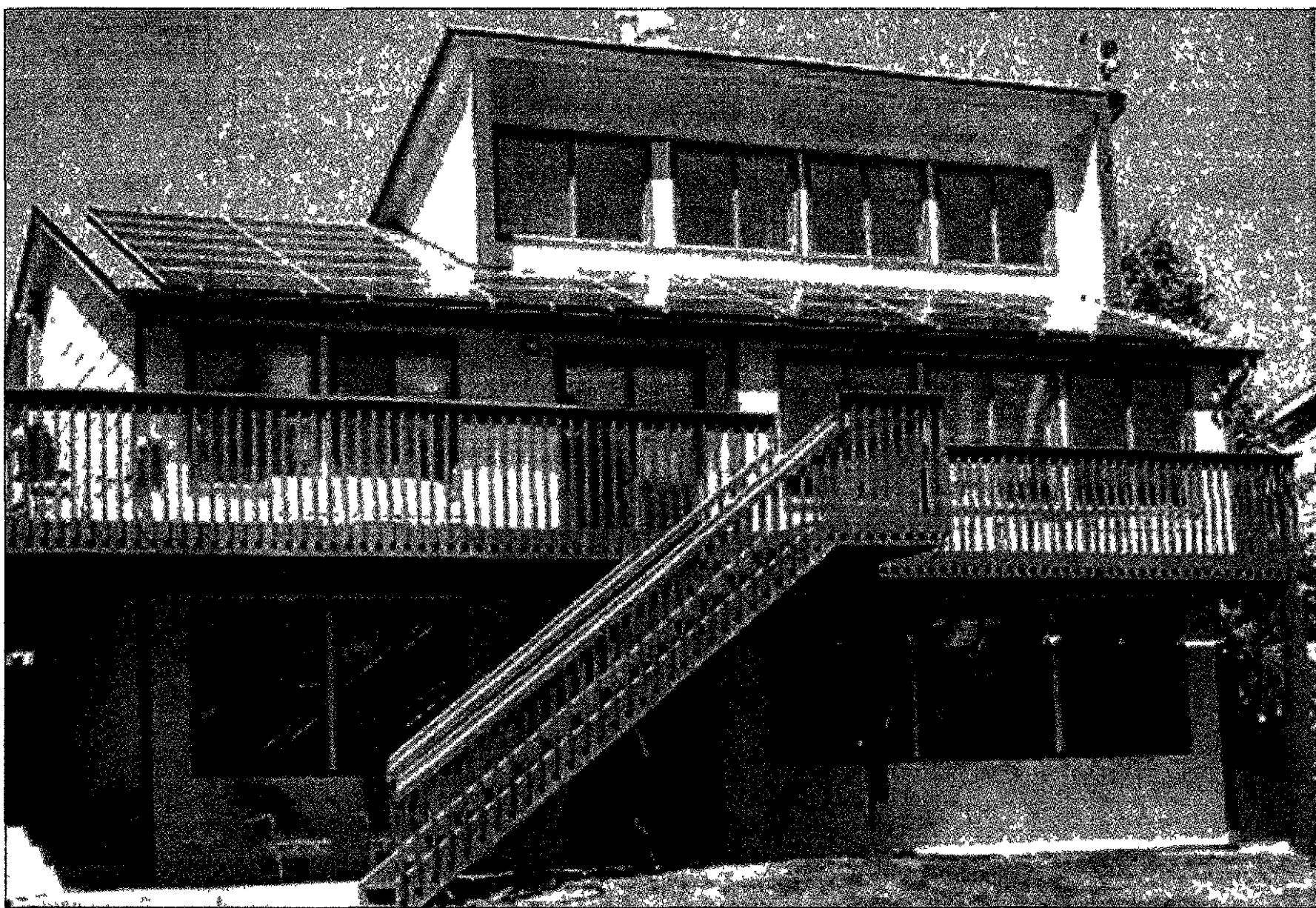
With rising energy prices and concerns for the environment and about national security, homeowners are looking at solar energy options. A new federal tax credit, plus some state and local incentives, encourages adopting solar systems.

The government offers a tax credit for 30 percent of the cost of a solar electric or solar water heating system. There is no cap for business owners, homeowners receive a maximum \$2,000 credit for each system installed.

These credits make solar energy systems a feasible solution for hot water heating and electricity production for many building owners. Many homeowners already benefit from solar heating for their pools and spas without government incentives.

"As awareness grows, along with summer air-conditioning bills, we expect thousands more to consider their solar options," said Brad Collins, executive director of the American Solar Energy Society. "With continued rising energy costs, consumer interest in clean, renewable energy from secure U.S. energy sources, and federal tax incentives, we believe more homeowners and business owners will look for sustainable alternatives," he added.

In most states, another advantage of solar electric systems (also called photovoltaic or PV) is the option to send excess energy back to your local utility grid. For example, if you are a residential customer, your system may generate more electricity than you need during the day when your family is away at work and at school. Net metering allows you to send this excess electricity to the



This home's solar energy system was designed to minimize energy bills for the homeowner.

grid, spinning your meter backwards, and reducing or offsetting the electricity you use at other times.

Today, solar energy equipment is high quality and reliable, it is backed by warranties from large, reputable firms and installed by experienced

contractors. There are also many resources to learn more about solar energy.

FindSolar.com is a great starting place to learn more about solar energy and to assess the options for your own particular home or build-

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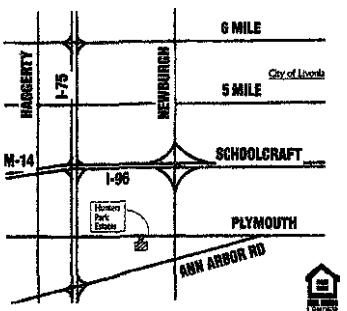
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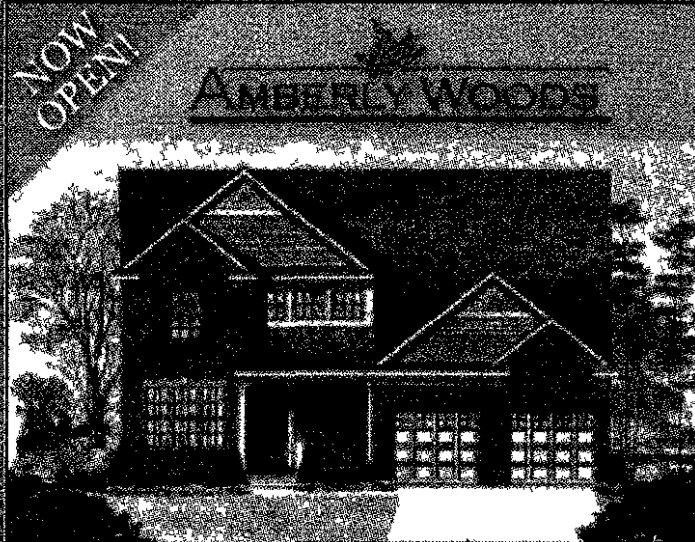
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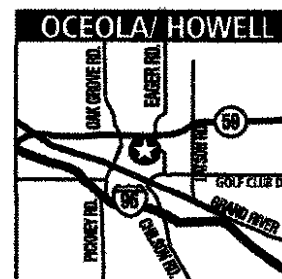
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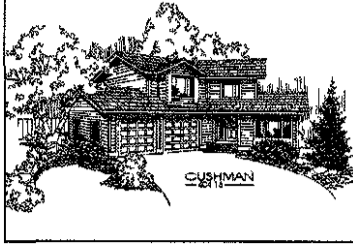
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In the center of the spacious kitchen is a work island/eating bar combination, which adds to the already generous counter space. The kitchen has both a broom closet and a pantry. A large utility room is adjacent to the eating nook, which allows for dealing with the laundry



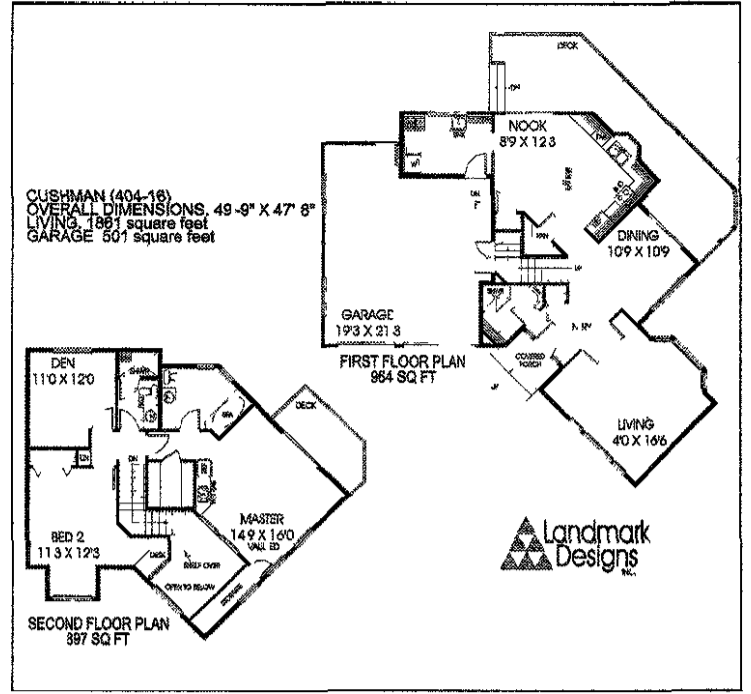
while working at other tasks in the kitchen.

Bright and open to the second floor, the entryway seems larger than it really is. Plants will flourish on top of the entry closet, bathed in light from a window at the top of the stairs.

Upstairs, there is a den, master suite and second bedroom.

Like the room below, the master suite is set at an angle. It has a large walk-in closet, wet bar and a private deck.

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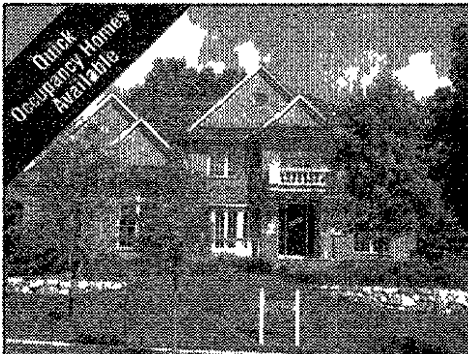
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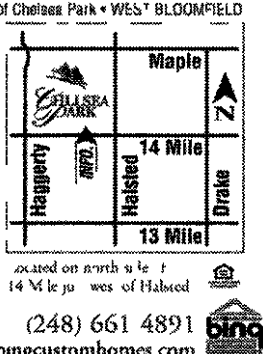


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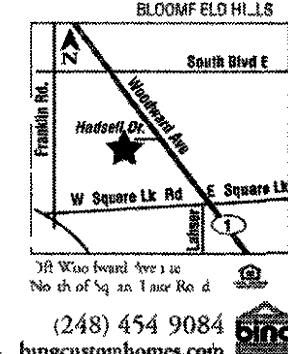
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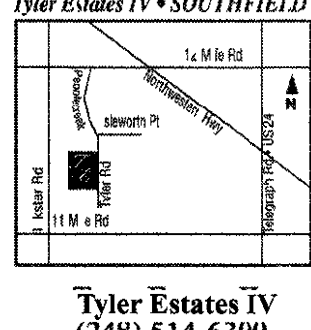
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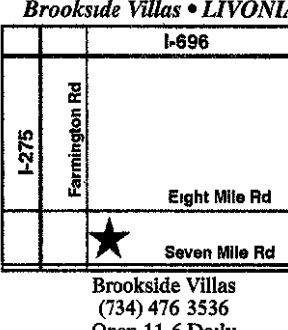
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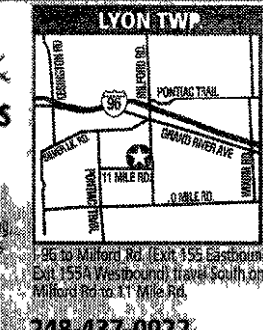
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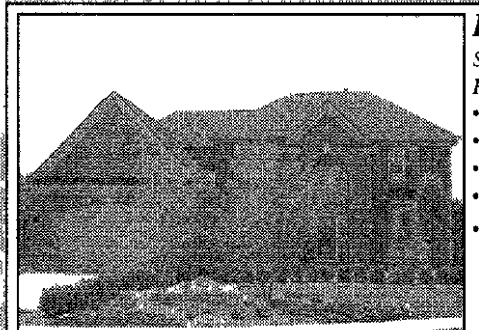
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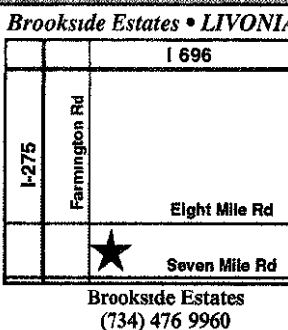
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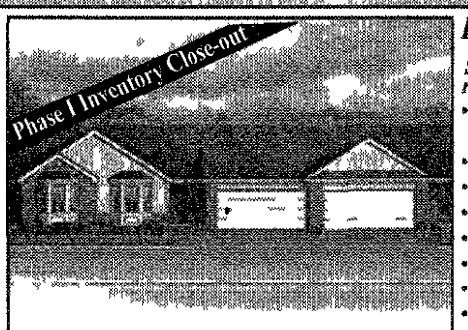
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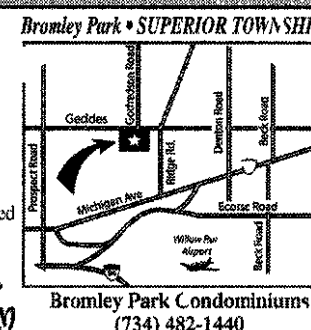
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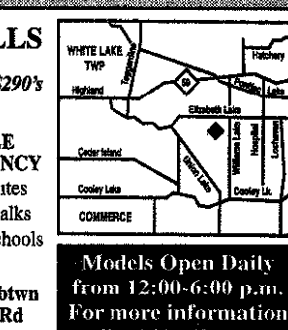
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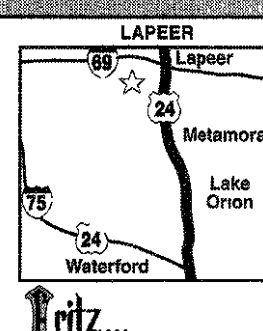
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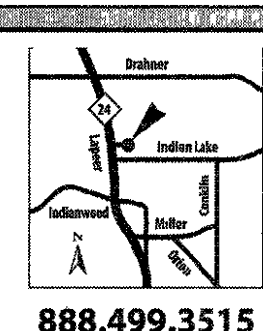
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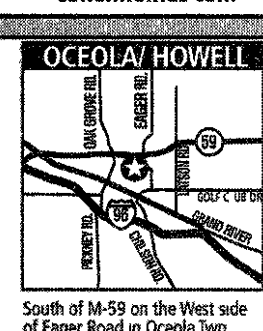
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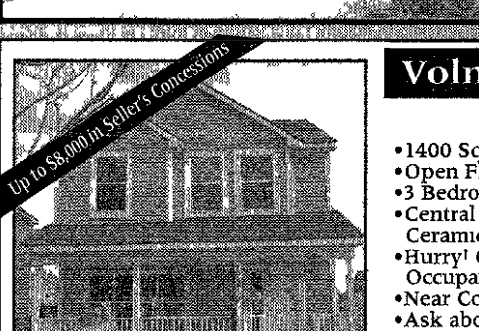
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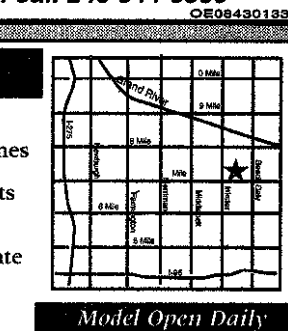


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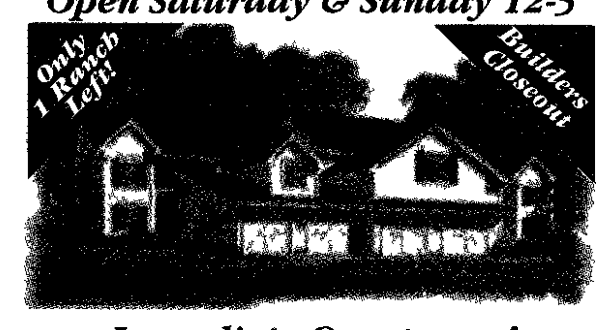
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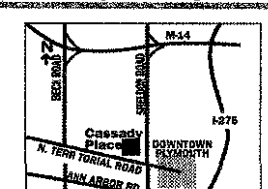
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There's a lot to like about the new Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4

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I hate to be the one to break this to you, but gasoline prices have skyrocketed over the past several months and show little sign of dropping any time soon.

I had that thought in my mind the entire time I spent with the 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4. Not that there isn't a lot to like about it - there is - but this is one of in a class of vehicles where you have to think to yourself, "do I really need a 4x4 that's rated for off-road driving?" A few years ago, you could afford to buy something like this for city driving on the off-chance you might need it off-road someday, but with gas prices what they are, and will be, I might have second thoughts.

This edition of the Jeep Grand Cherokee averaged less than 15 mpg for me in a week of driving, and some of that was on the freeway. Not to mention that my Jeep didn't even have the biggest engine available for it - the 5.7 liter HEMI V-8 engine. The standard engine in the Grand Cherokee Limited is a 4.7 liter V-8 engine rated at 235 horsepower (176 kW) at 4,500 rpm and 305 lb-ft of torque at 3,600 rpm. It's mated with a five-speed automatic transmission, a Tow/Haul switch (includes 3.73 axle ratio), and heavy-duty (hybrid) engine cooling. While you won't win Daytona with this acceleration, the power is adequate for normal driving situations.

The Limited 4x4 features what Jeep calls a Quadra-Drive II system. It combines the full-time transfer case with Electronic Limited Slip Differentials (ELSD) to detect tire slip and distribute engine torque to the tires with traction. For normal driving situations, you won't even notice it.

One of the areas where the Grand Cherokee Limited does excel is in how it rides. Considering it

is a 4x4, the ride is fairly smooth and surprisingly quiet. The front suspension system is a short/long independent (SLA) system with coil springs, gas-charged, twin-tube coil over shock absorbers, upper and lower control arms and stabilizer bar. The rear suspension features a live axle, link coil with track bar, gas-charged twin tube shock absorbers, and stabilizer bar. It smoothes out the bumps pretty well and the cabin is fairly quiet, even with the 17" all-terrain tires.

Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard and the Jeep handles well. Turning and maneuvering is fairly easy for a 4x4, the turning circle is tight enough not to require a lot of stopping and starting when trying to ease into a parking spot. Anti-lock brakes are standard and are very good.

The Grand Cherokee has always been an attractive package, it's not so big as to be intimidating, but it's big enough to give you plenty of room for people and cargo. The classic Jeep grille is still there, plus, as mentioned above, the Grand Cherokee comes with a 17" all-terrain tires. Also included are fog lamps, automatic heated, folded, power mirrors, full-size spare tire and roof side rails. There are auxiliary power outlets around the vehicle and plenty of storage areas, too. You can add tow hooks, seven- and four-pin wiring harness, and power sunroof.

Inside, the Grand Cherokee is roomy and comfortable with some nice standard features. The standard leather eight-way adjustable power seats are comfortable and give you a good driving position. There's plenty of head- and legroom, and the



2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4 Type: special purpose. Where built: Detroit. EPA: 15/20. Base price: \$36,005. Price as tested: \$38,060.

rear seats are 60/40 fold-down seats to give you more cargo room in the back.

Standard features include dual-zone air-conditioning, cruise control, power locks, tilt steering column with a leather-wrapped steering wheel, security system, universal garage door opener, and power adjustable pedals. There's a driver's information system included, as well - it's how I tracked my average gas mileage. The Grand Cherokee Limited also comes with a tire pressure monitor and side-curtain airbags.

The standard audio system is very good, it's an AM/FM head unit with six-disc in-dash CD with MP3 capability, and Boston Acoustics six-speaker premium sound system with 276-watt digital amplifier. There is an auxiliary input for your portable mp3 player, but you have to supply the cord. You can add Sirius satellite radio as an option.

The 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4 starts at about \$36,000. Add the tow hooks, wiring harness, supplemental side air bags, and satellite radio and you're at about \$38,000, certainly in the ballpark for a luxury 4x4.

The question, though, is the same - do you need a 4x4 in the first place? If you decide you do, the Grand Cherokee Limited 4x4 would make a good choice. It's a nice combination of performance, comfort and features. Just be prepared when you hit the gas station - because it's going to hit you.

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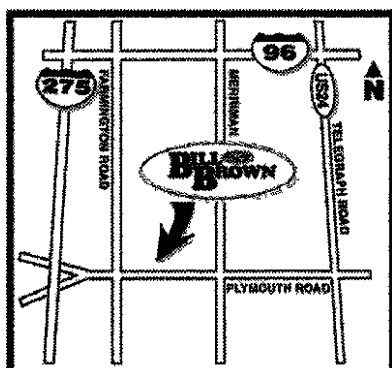
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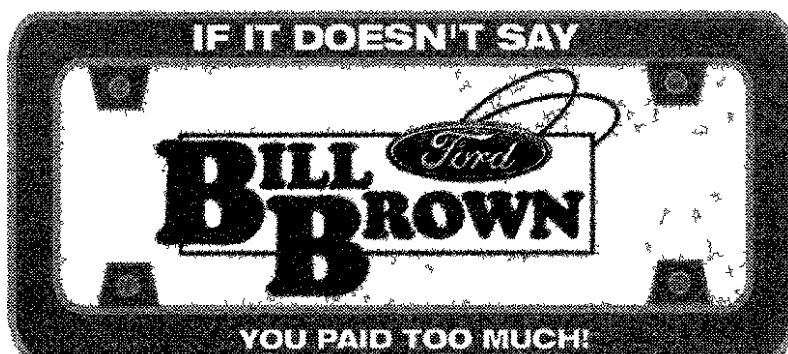
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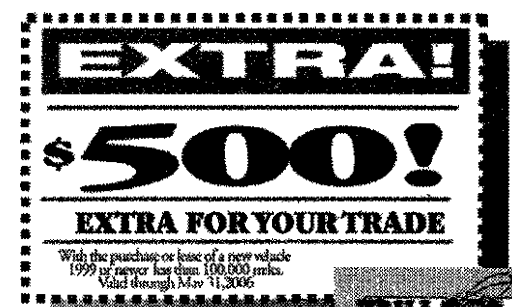
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