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# Commencement latest in line of firsts for initial Wildcat class

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

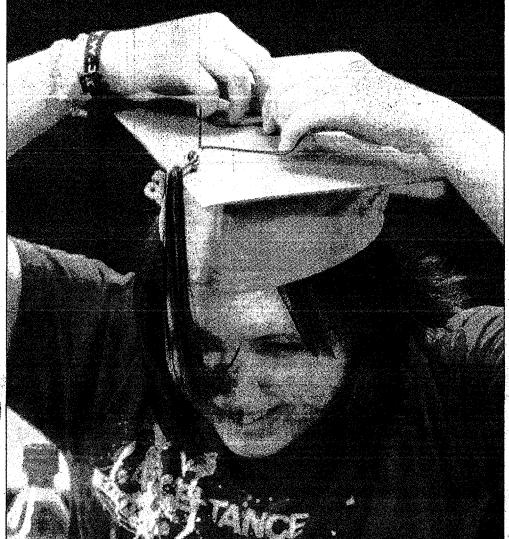
For the 419 graduates representing Canton High School and the 436 from Salem, graduation ceremonies today at Eastern Michigan University will be special as they close one chapter in their lives and begin another.

But, for the 414 graduates at Plymouth High School, today is another in four years of "firsts" for the Class of 2006, which is the first to don a cap and gown for the black-and-silver Wildcats.

Student Council President Yasaswi Paruchuri, 17, of Canton Township, has been active in the student-run group since Plymouth High School opened its doors in August 2002, and said, at times, it's been challenging to develop traditions that will hopefully carry-on forever. Traditions like school colors, mascot, song, varsity letter jacket, some of which were made when they were eighthgraders with then newly hired

There was this understood expectation that we would be good students and respectable citizen Paruchuri said. "And, I think we've accomplished that.

"At times it was hard in that we had to come up with everything by ourselves, since there weren't any traditions already in place," she said. "But, on the other hand, we



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PLEASE SEE FIRST CLASS, A6

Allie Hanes wants to know which side the tassel goes on.

# Students met opportunity, challenges head-on

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Four years ago, when Xiwen Wang first walked into the brand new Plymouth high school, everything was fresh. And anything was possible to the Canton freshman, in a new school, with a new beginning.

Wang lived up to the promise of the possibilities and this weekend will graduate with a 4.2391 gradepoint average — the highest in Plymouth High School's first graduating class.

Attending a brand new school has been good for Wang, she said, and good for her classmates.

"There were leadership positions and extracurricular opportunities that were available to us because we didn't have to compete with upperclassmen to get them," Wang said. "I think everyone in my class overall did a very good job serving as class

Austin McKinney, 17, also took full advantage of the opportunities that come with attending a new school.

"On the upside, you get to set all the traditions, especially with sports," said McKinney, who was a starting football player all four years he attended Plymouth High. "Whenever there were big decisions about rules or discipline or anything, our whole team would take a vote ... It is like leaving a legacy."

But there were challenges, too. "On the downside, you don't have anyone who's been there before to

give you advice," McKinney said. Wang found that graduating from a new school created some difficulty in getting interviews with college admissions officers, despite her outstanding grade point average, and the school district's excellent reputation.

"The only downside to going to a new school is that our school didn't have any previous history or a reputation with colleges and universities. In one case it was hard to get an interview with a college I wanted to attend," Wang said. "We tried to explain that Plymouth High School is part of the (Plymouth-Canton Educational) Park, but there was one university that wasn't interested in hearing about that."

Still, Wang didn't do badly at all when it came to being admitted to a good school; she will attend the University of Michigan this fall to

PLEASE SEE STUDENTS, A6



Tim Nadon holds an armload of honors cords.

# Consumers project closes city streets

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

A \$29 million Consumers Energy project to funnel natural gas to customers through an 11mile pipeline will force road closures that will affect drivers who pass through Plymouth along

Wilcox, Mill and Northville roads. According to information provided to city officials, Consumers Energy will close Mill from Starkweather to the Wilcox intersection, and then close Wilcox from North Mill to Hines Drive beginning this week.

The project comes at a tough time for Plymouth drivers, because of all the other road issues related to the reconstruction of M-14. For instance, Northville Road is already closed over M-14.

"It's going to be an issue

because of all of the other rerouting related to the M-14 project," city Manager Paul Sincock said. "There's a significant amount of traffic on Wilcox right now with all the other closures. Now they'll have to go around Wilcox Lake."

The closures are scheduled to start Monday, and could last an estimated 10 weeks.

The Consumers Energy project includes replacement and/or retirement of six miles of an existing 10-inch natural gas pipeline. Nearly half of the pipeline will be installed on rights of way and existing utility easements already owned by Consumers Energy.

Part of the project will be constructed alongside streets and roads in Northville and

PLEASE SEE STREETS, A5

# Dick Purtan brings his own humor, wit to 0&E

Radio legend and the metro area's all around funny man, Dick Purtan, brings his hometown humor and wit to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers starting Thursday.

Look for WOMC morning host Purtan and crew -Purtan's People, on the front of hometownLIFE.com in "Off the Air with Dick Purtan & Purtan's People."

"Dick Purtan is one of metro Detroit's funniest morning personalities and the O&E looks forward to featuring him along with his cast — Purtan's People - in our hometownLIFE.com section," said Susan Rosiek, executive editor.

For more than 40 years, Purtan has entertained his loyal following of listeners throughout Michigan, Ohio and Ontario with comedic commentary and topical wit. His cast of characters gives the show witty daily twists and turns, covering current events and public figures.

"Readers can expect the unexpected from one of Detroit's most colorful funny man," Rosiek said.

The proverbial funnyman had this say about his new column: "We're so excited about this we may have to sit down.

"It's must read radio. It will be music to your eyes," Purtan said. Purtan's wit is matched only by his commitment to commu-



\$1.8 million.

Salvation Army Radiothon has raised more than \$12 million for the Salvation Army's Bed & Bread program. This past February, the 16-hour radiothon brought in a record 2

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Purtan was inducted into the NAB Broadcasting Hall of Fame earlier this year in Las Vegas. He has collected many honors in his nearly four-decade career, including NAB Marconi Radio Award for "Major Market Personality of the Year," which he received in 1993. He has twice received the "Radio & Records Industry Achievement Award" as "Oldies Personality of the Year" and Billboard magazine has twice named him "Major Market Air Personality

of the Year." In September 2000, Purtan hosted the NAB Marconi Awards Dinner & Show in San Francisco, where WOMC-FM (104.3) picked up two Marconi Awards for "Major Market Station of the Year" and "Oldies Station of the Year."

In 2004, he was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame, located in Chicago.

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### Lincoln roundtable

Famed historian and author Frank O'Reilly is the scheduled guest speaker when the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table gets together 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. O'Reilly is the author of The

Fredericksburg Campaign: Winter War on the Rappahannock, hailed as the definitive study on the Battle of Fredericksburg. In addition, he has served for several vears as staff historian at the Fredericksburg/Spotsvylania National Miliary Park. O'Reilly is renowned as speaker, guide and authority on just about any Civil War subject.

The Plymouth Historical Museum at is located at 155 S. Main (at Church) in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited, admission is free. For more information call (734) 459-7324.

### Child ID kits

The Plymouth Community United Way will be providing Kinderprint Child Identification kits at their tent during Canton's Liberty Fest June 15-18.

The kits are being provided by the United Way free of charge to parents of young children. The easy-to-use child identification kit is designed to keep a photo, fingerprints, medical and dental records, DNA, and other information for emergencies. The kit also includes a United Way balloon as a thank you for the child.

For more information, call (734) 453-6879, Ext. 3.

### YMCA open house

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be having a camp open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

There will be lots of fun activities as well as a chance to meet the staff. Anyone who signs up for camp at the open house will have their registration fee waived.

For more information, contact the YMCA office at (734) 453-2904 or go to www.ymcadetroit.org.

### Chamber events

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the following upcoming events:

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■ Leadership Plymouth — A chance to for people from around the community to learn more about Plymouth, its government and its civic structure in a networking, teambuilding atmosphere.

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The chamber is accepting applicants for its next class, which begins with a retreat in October and continues with monthly meetings through

April. Cost is \$750 per person. ■ Sunrise Sale — 7-10 a.m. Saturday, June 17, participating stores will offer sales of 20-50 percent off. Plymouth's unique variety of shops and galleries will offer special discounts and bargains during the sale.

Shred day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24 - The event, open to the public, is designed to allow residents and businesses to get their documents shredded by the shred truck in the parking lot at New Liberty Bank, 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road, three blocks east of Sheldon. The event is sponsored by UBS Financial, Gem Financial and Maximum Financial, each located on Main in Plymouth.

■ Golf outing, 12:30 p.m. Monday, July 10 — Sponsored by major sponsor Victory Honda, the event is one of the chamber's largest fund-raisers. Cost is \$300 per golfer or \$1,000 for a VIP foursome (cost includes golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, dinner, cocktails and a tee sign).

For more information on any of these programs, call (734) 453-1540.

### Milliken signing

Michigan's longest-serving governor, William G. Milliken, will be signing copies of his biography, Michigan's Passionate Moderate, at the Plymouth Historical Museum 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, June 12. Author David Dempsey will also be present for the book

The public is invited to attend the event. Books will be available for purchase at the book signing. Milliken served as governor from 1969-1982. Milliken continues to actively advocate for the state, especially in regard to environmental issues.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located in down-

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town Plymouth at 155 S. Main. Further information may be obtained by calling (734) 455-8940 or State Rep. John Stewart, (517) 373-3816.

### Women's expo

Participants can learn new, fun ways to stay fit and healthy at a women's expo event noon-3 p.m. Saturday, July 8 at Jazzercise Fitness Center of Plymouth, 250 N. Main in Plymouth.

Students will meet Donna Gambino, author of "On a Roll @ Home, Home Exercises for Core Strength and Massage on the Foam Roller," learn new fitness techniques and enter to win health prizes, get health and fitness information from local, women-owned business vendors, tour the Jazzercise Fitness Center and enjoy fitness demonstrations, enter the chance to win great prizes in multiple drawings for health and beauty items and experience body fat testing, blood pressure screenings, and other activities.

Gambino is a licensed physical therapist, Pilates Instructor, author, and owner of Infinity Health, LLC. Gambino will be signing her new book, "On a Roll @ Home, Home Exercises for Core Strength and Massage on the Foam Roller" at the event while her students offer demonstrations on the newest, most intriguing tool in core strengthening.

Admission and parking are

### Youngest Artist Camp

Budding artists ages 5 to 8 have a chance to experience both performing and visual arts during a camp designed just for them at the Plymouth Community Arts Council June

Campers will create artwork such as masks or puppets to use in a short play presented to family and friends at the end of the week. Camp time is 9:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Thursday, and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday. The cost is \$70 for PCAC members, \$85 for non-members.

To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278 or come to the Arts Council at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

### Garden walk

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

Tickets are \$7 pre-sale and \$8 on the day of the walk. The Trailwood Garden Club, a

branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, is the sponsor. Tickets are available from Garden Club members as well as Backyard Birds and Saxton's Garden Center, both in Plymouth.

The gardens have a variety of water features as well as many ideas that you can adapt to your own garden. There will be 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.

For additional information, contact Jeanne Hutko at (734) 459-5285.

### Free investor seminar

Rose Lang and Marge Tack at Keller Williams Realty host a free investor seminar open to everyone 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road (next to Bally's), Suite

The seminar is designed to help novice investors as well as experienced investors to become a better investor. Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The first 20 people to register will receive a copy of Gary Keller's book, The Millionaire Real Estate Investor.

RSVP to Rose Lang at (734) 751-8129 or Marge Tack at (734) 718-4003.

### PCAC exhibits

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Work of the Hand - Clay and Fiber," a collaborative exhibit featuring Carolyn Dulin, clay artist and the Cross Borders Weavers Guild, through July 7.

The two art forms, clay and fiber, present a contrast as well as an interesting juxtaposition of form and texture. A major theme in the clay sculptures and wall pieces of Carolyn Dulin is the natural landscape and the forces that have shaped it creating layers of strata, folds and textures. Abstracted versions as well as geometric pieces are included in this exhibit.

Dulin, a Rochester resident, has won many awards for her work and is represented in galleries across the country.

Members of the Cross Borders Weavers Guild hail from Southeastern Michigan and Canada. The handweavers express their interest in the fiber arts in a number of ways. These include flat pieces such as scarves, shawls, throws, table runners and rugs; garments made from handwoven fabric; quilts and beaded jew-

The group presents their work this month at PCAC in conjunction with exhibits being held all over the state. They will serve to promote the textile arts and highlight Convergence, the biennial, international conference sponsored by the Handweavers Guild of America June 25-July 1 in Grand Rapids.

Hours for the exhibit are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278 for additional viewing times. The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

### Gift certificates

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is once again plugging its "Plymouth Gift Certificates," good at more than 50 stores and 25 Plymouth restaurants.

The certificates, which chamber officials said "make great gifts for teachers, coaches or anyone special," can be purchased in any denomination.

For more information, call (734) 459-2700 or visit the chamber at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

### Summer in service

The Plymouth Family YMCA YVC Summer in Service is a free program for youth entering the ninth-12th grades.

Youth must be able to commit to an entire two-week session. The sessions run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Parents/youth will be responsible for drop off and pick up at the Plymouth Family YMCA each day. Transportation to and from projects will be provided by the YMCA. The program is sponsored by the Wilcox Foundation.

The YVC will be working with agencies in the Plymouth area as well as surrounding areas. Projects include everything from working with kids to environmental work and fund-raising for local nonprofit organizations. Since the YMCA also believe in a healthy mix of work and play, the YVC will partake in a variety of recreation opportunities such as swimming and hiking. Summer In Service allows students to earn volunteer credit, gain job skills and create an

unforgettable experience. Session dates are July 10-July 21, July 24-Aug. 4, and

Aug. 7-Aug. 18. For more information or to register, call Jenny Roszel, Youth Volunteer Coordinator at (734) 453-2904.

### 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 com-

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.

### 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. to 4 p.m.; West Middle School is located at 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth,

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.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more info call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

### CORRECTION

Fred Shell, vice president of DTE Energy, was incorrectly identified in second reference as Fred Small in a story in Thursday's Observer.

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# Former dentist pleads guilty to tax evasion

Daniel Foote, formerly of Plymouth, pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count from a 1986 indictment charging him with three counts of tax evasion, U.S. Attorney Stephen Murphy announced.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Maurice Aouate, special agent-incharge of the Detroit field office of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation,

According to court records, Foote was a practicing dentist in Plymouth in 1974. He took a vow of poverty and transferred his business income into a bank account in the name of Life Science Church of Liberty Mission, which later became known as the Church of Liberty Mission, records show. Foote's living expenses were paid with funds drawn from the church's account.

In 1976, records show, Foote stopped filing federal tax returns.

tax returns.

Notwithstanding his vow of poverty, records show, in 1977 and 1978 Foote purchased real estate, securing

mortgages that reflected his annual income at \$100,000. According to IRS records, Foote failed to report more than \$179,000 in income from 1977-1979.

Murphy said Foote was considered a fugitive until he was arrested returning to the United States from Portugal in September.

"Our system depends on the voluntary compliance of citizens with our shared responsibility to pay taxes," Murphy said. "Prosecution of individuals who intentionally conceal income and evade taxes is a vital element in maintaining public confidence in our tax system."

Aouate, the IRS agent-incharge, said the IRS was committed to pursuing those who don't.

"It is the responsibility of

every taxpayer to file federal tax returns," Aouate said.
"IRS Criminal
Investigation is committed to aggressively pursuing those taxpayers who willfully fail to file their tax returns, even if, as in this case, it takes years."

# **Annual Liberty Fest offers family fun**

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

The 15th Annual Liberty
Fest kicks off Thursday with a
fund-raising golf outing. What
follows is four days of family
fun at Heritage Park.

Events at the park start at 5 p.m. June 15 with "Fun on the Farm Family Night." The evening will include the Barnyard Express Show at the amphitheater stage from 7:45 to 9 p.m. There will also be a petting farm and strolling characters such as chickens, pigs, ducks and rabbits. Cowboy Woody will be also be strolling around Heritage Park 7 - 9 p.m. The staff will be sporting cowboy hats and bandanas and attendees are encouraged to sport their western wear.

The movie "Chicken Little" will be shown at dusk in the Heritage Park amphitheater on Thursday night.

The popular Kids Zone, sponsored by Saint Joseph Mercy Health System will also be open on 6-10 p.m. Thursday. Kids Zone will include inflatable attractions, rides, games, interactive displays and attractions from the Saint Joseph Mercy Health



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Ashley Schwaegler of Canton had to hold back from eating the tin during the pie-eating contest at Liberty Fest last year. This year's event, sponsored by the *Observer*, will take place 7-7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Exploration Station. Kids can also learn first aid basics from Saint Joseph Mercy Health

System experts.
The festivities continue 5-10 p.m. Friday, June 16.

Each festival evening is highlighted with musical entertainment. Daytime events include rides for youngsters, juried arts and crafts, classic cars, stage entertainment, community organization booths, public safety displays . .

Food is a very big part of any festival. The Liberty Fest food presentations include the Canton Fire Fighters Charity Foundation annual spaghetti dinner, the Taste of Canton, hot dogs, cotton candy, elephant ears and the Lions Club pancake breakfast.

The big day at Liberty Fest is Saturday, June 17. Activities at Heritage Park start at 8 a.m. and end after dusk. The Liberty Fest parade will begin at 9 a.m., on Ford between Canton Center and Lilley. The parade includes bands, Shriner groups, horses, floats, unicycles

and clowns.

The end of the day Saturday is wrapped up by the fireworks display in Heritage Park. Tens of thousands of Cantonians and visitors will fill Heritage Park, area back yards, Pleasant Run Golf Club, and roads in

The festival winds down on Sunday, with activities running from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

the area to view this outstand-

ing aerial show.

Heritage Park is located behind the Canton Administration Building and Library, just west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Summit Parkway. There is no admission fee to the festival grounds, and the majority of activities are free of charge. Parking is available around Heritage Park, the Canton Administration Building, Canton Library, St. Joseph Mercy Health Care Facility and the Summit on the Park. A complete Liberty Fest schedule is available at www.canton-mi.org.

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# Pie contest a chance for folks to dive right in

For the 12th year in a row, kids will get ready, get set, and dive into pie. Face first.

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The Canton Observer will sponsor the 12th Annual Liberty Fest Pie Eating Contest Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. at Heritage Park.

"We usually get about 20 or 30 kids that participate," said *Canton Observer* Circulation Manager Troy Gibson. "The only rules are that they can't use their hands. They have one minute to eat as much pie as possible and they can't have

any help, even though - believe it or not - they try to get help."

Some of the kids participate because it's plain old fun, Gibson said. Others like to give it a try, in hopes of winning a prize. First prize will be a personal compact disc player. Other winners will

receive \$10 gift cards from Taco

Bell. And everyone receives a free dessert from McDonald's.

"The kids really enjoy that. Even after pie, they like it. It's just more sugar," Gibson said. The contest is open to children age 7-12.

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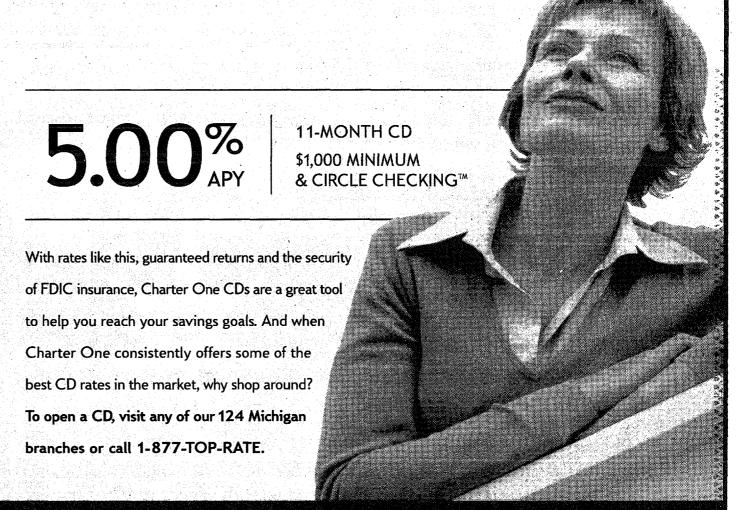






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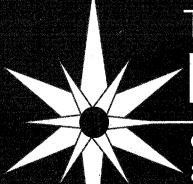
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Department of Transportation

project should shift to the east-

bound lanes in mid-July, with

the westbound ramp to Beck

Morosi said once the Beck

early October, work would shift

"When we open (M-14) to

traffic, hopefully mid-October,

traffic will go to its natural con-

figuration," Morosi said. "The

work on Sheldon will take us to

about Thanksgiving, then we'll

be out of there for the winter."

Northville Road over M-14,

traffic on Haggerty has been

the M-14 bridge, as it has on

July holiday, Morosi said.

In addition to the closure on

reduced to one lane each way at

Schoolcraft. Those are expected

to re-open around the Fourth of

bridge work is done, perhaps

to the bridge at Sheldon.

spokesman Rob Morosi, the

### STRFFTS

Plymouth townships, as well as the cities of Livonia and Plymouth. These road closures are part of what is known as the Northville to Newburgh Pipeline Project and construction is currently taking place along Five Mile Road west of Sheldon.

Construction of the pipeline is scheduled to be completed by September 2006.

### M-14 UPDATE

Meanwhile, there have been some openings and some closings as construction continues on the M-14 project. This week, Napier between North Territorial and Powell opened, while Ridge Road is closed where it crosses over M-14.

Eastbound traffic is still shut down, with traffic being maintained one lane in each direction on the westbound lanes. The eastbound M-14 exit to Beck is closed, as are the north and southbound ramps to M-14 from Beck.

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# Longtime resident steps in to save historic barn

BY KURT KUBAI STAFF WRITER

The Cady barn has been a fixture near Joy and McClumpha roads in Canton for nearly a century. But the wrecking ball was closing in. Plymouth-Canton Schools wants to build tennis courts where the old barn sits on the P-CEP campus. So the barn, which dates back to the early 20th century, must go.

But it won't be demolition crews taking the barn down after all. It will be a group of Amish craftsmen, who will dismantle the barn and move it to a site in Cherry Hill Village, where it will be reassembled and possibly used for future events celebrating the township's history.

Longtime Canton resident

Bob Boyer, who owns Boyer's Meat Processing, has come forward to save the historic barn. Not only did he find the Homer, Michigan-based Amish group that is going to move the barn considerably cheaper than original estimates, but he is also footing most of the \$75,000 bill himself.

Boyer said he is able to help because of the income he made from selling his property on the town's southwest side to developers. Boyer's interest in saving the barn dates back to when he used to haul livestock out of it years ago. He thinks it will be ideal in Cherry Hill Village near the Bartlett-Travis House for events like the annual Canton Lions Club corn roast,

which he also pays to put on.
"What am I going to do with
my money? I wanted to do this
for the community," said Boyer,

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lan Tran and Adam Marzinski provided a musical background for people on the tour.

who won't say how much of the cost he is covering, only that it is a majority of the total.

The news that the barn is going to be saved was met with great joy by a group of Salem High School students, who have studied the barn this semester. Teacher Darrin Silvester's Michigan history class even made a presentation about the barn's history on May 25, which was attended by more than 70 people according to Silvester.

Junior Joey Podrasky, 17, of Plymouth, was one of the students that made a presentation about the barn. The self-proclaimed "history nut" is happy the barn is being saved, but he only wishes it could stay on the P-CEP campus, where he said it belongs.

"It's probably the best piece of history we've got in this area. It's better that it is being saved than if it were torn down, but it's kind of sad to see it leave," he said.

The only issues standing in the way of the barn's move now are the Amish group obtaining liability insurance, which the district is demanding, and who is going to cover the cost of making the barn handicap accessible and installing a fire sprinkler system if it is needed. Boyer said he will only cover the cost of moving and

reassembling the barn.
Township Supervisor Tom
Yack said the board of trustees
will most likely hold a special
meeting to discuss if the township should fund the additional costs needed to make the
barn a public building.

Regardless of what the board decides, Boyer said the barn will be moved and stored, sometime before the end of July, which is the deadline the district has set for it to be removed.

The one condition he has given the township is that the historic fire engine he paid to restore is stored in the barn once it is moved.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett, a member of the Historical District Commission that initially tried to raise the money to move the barn, said the community is fortunate to have a resident like Bob Boyer, who is involved with so many local groups and projects.



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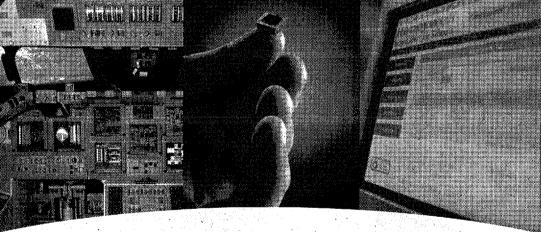
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# Space camp bonded Class of '06

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Tonight's Senior Class Party is truly a look back in time for the Class of 2006.

The theme, Space Odyssey, is a reminder of seven years ago, when a still-unknown benefactor picked up the \$2.5 million tab to send every fifth-grader in three school districts including Plymouth-Cantonto the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Titusville, Fla.

One of the parents reminded the committee this class' went to Space Camp, so we decided it would be a great tribute to this class as well as the donor, who we don't want to forget for doing a great thing by sending our kids to camp," said Connie Poremba of Canton, this year's Senior Party chairperson.

"The parents were probably more excited than the kids," said Poremba, whose daughter Allison, went on the trip, "Once we decided on the theme, it sparked plenty of good memories of that trip."

The first fifth-graders boarded a Southwest jetliner in the predawn hours March 7, 1999, for a

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week of activities at Space Camp. The other 13 elementaries followed in subsequent weeks.

"I remember, at first, how excited I was to take the trip," said Allison Poremba. "I didn't know what to expect, but I knew I was going to Florida with a bunch of my friends, and that was cool.

"I enjoyed it so much, that when I came back I wanted to be an astronaut," she said. "I liked how it wasn't just sitting and learning. We actually got to sit in a space ship, participate in a simulated launch of the space shuttle and saw the NASA Center. It was more hands-on than I expected."

Allison, who is part of this year's first graduating class at Plymouth High School, said students actually do remember the trip as a common bond among them.

"Surprisingly, we do talk about it very often, and we ask about what each other did at Space Camp," she said. "Everyone I talked to loved it."

Allison Poremba's dream of becoming an astronaut has since faded, deciding several years later to seek a business management career at Central

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Michigan University.

Connie Poremba said they expect about 750 graduates from all three high schools to attend tonight's party, which includes large inflatable games, caricature artists, a hypnotist and a casino area featuring card games. Prizes include computers, DVD players, televisions, as well as tickets to sporting events and amusement parks. Tonight's party is being held at Plymouth High School because of construction

"The kids just want to have one last hurrah with their friends," said Connie Poremba. "It gives them an opportunity to do that, and at the same time we're able to keep our kids safe for the night."

Tonight's Senior Party will be at Plymouth High School because of construction at Salem, where it's usually held. Tickets are \$40 at the door. Visitors get a sneak preview at 7 p.m., with students arriving between 9 p.m.-11 p.m. At 11 p.m., the doors are locked and students aren't allowed to go home until 3 a.m.

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had this whole blank slate and were allowed to do whatever we wanted. We didn't set a lot of traditions, but we wanted to make sure that what we did worked."

Some of those traditions now include the Homecoming competition of painting the windows at Plymouth, barbecues for the staff, community service projects and the senior class gift, which this year was the purchase of six hallway benches.

"We felt a little pressure because we knew we were the first class and had to prove to other people that we could get things accomplished," said Allie Hanes, 18, of Canton.

Hanes has been on the student council since her freshman year. And, for her, one of the marks of the Class of 2006 will be its service to the community.

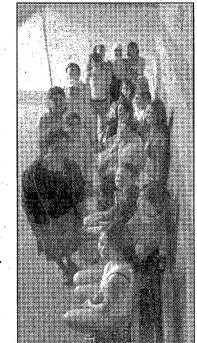
"We got to pick a family each year and raise money for them," said Hanes. "I'm just really proud of how well we did and how much money we raised. I hope they continue the project because it's a really great thing.

"We tried to help our school, but also the community," she said. "We're all a part of this community and live here, and

we want to give back to it." Senior advisor Tim Nadon, who teaches at Plymouth, said he's not surprised at how the students grabbed the chance to become involved in the Plymouth-Canton community.

'I think they decided they wanted to be known as a class that is about service," Nadon said. "Serving the school, serving the staff, students and community. About how they could make this school better for everybody."

"They had a blank canvass to



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The senior class gift is benches in the school stairwells.

write on in developing traditions, getting as many kids involved as possible, and they did a good job," he said. "Underclassmen are always saying they have big shoes to fill, and that tells me this year's seniors did things that were really important."

Nadon said that while it will be difficult to let go of this first graduating class, he's looking forward to seeing them come back as engineers, doctors and whatever it is they consider successful.

"I know they're going to do. amazing things, and I will enjoy watching them from the sidelines as it happens to them," Nadon said.

Bee, on the other hand, may have a much more difficult time. He was hired two years before Plymouth High School opened, and has been meeting with the Class of 2006 for five years. And, he openly admits that he's been preparing the past two years for this important, and

emotional, graduation.

"It's a bittersweet thing," Bee said. "I'm so pleased I know these kids. It's hard to let them go. It's like seeing your own kids go off. I will miss them.

"They've been leaders since day one," added Bee. "Usually students don't get into leadership roles until their junior year, but as freshmen they took control and didn't let go. This

is a very special group of kids." Bee said this year's seniors had to take a little heat from students at Canton and Salem because of some rules established at Plymouth that weren't the norm.

We did things a little differently in this building when it came to having food and drink, and the cafeteria rules, and some of the kids (from Canton and Salem) had problems doing it," Bee said. "But, our kids stood tall, and were courageous to stand up during those issues and followed it to the let-

ter. I give them a lot of credit. "Leadership brings opportunities and burdens, and they understood it and were ready to take on the challenges more than any class I've dealt with, he said. "I think they set the bar high, and their standards were excellent."

Paruchuri, who plans to attend the University of Michigan in the health science scholars program before someday working with Doctors Without Borders, said the experience of having so many "firsts" has been exciting.

"I've learned more than I ever could have expected in my four years," Paruchuri said. "I was so excited to be thrown into a leadership opportunity, without having to do the grunt work before you get there.

"Even though we didn't have to work for leadership positions, we had to work to become good leaders," she said.

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study business and economics, and she hopes to pursue a career in international trade.

Likewise, McKinney will attend the prestigious United States Air Force Academy, after also considering Michigan

State University and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

"I would like to serve my country, and it's a full scholarship, so I get to take the burden off my parents," said McKinney, the oldest of three children who are all collegebound. "And a degree from one of the service academies is very prestigious." He'll be a thirdwhen he graduates in the class of 2010 from the academy, and the first Plymouth High School student to attend the academy. After graduation, he will serve in the United States Air Force for five years, then will re-enter civilian life, where he hopes to work in the field engineering.

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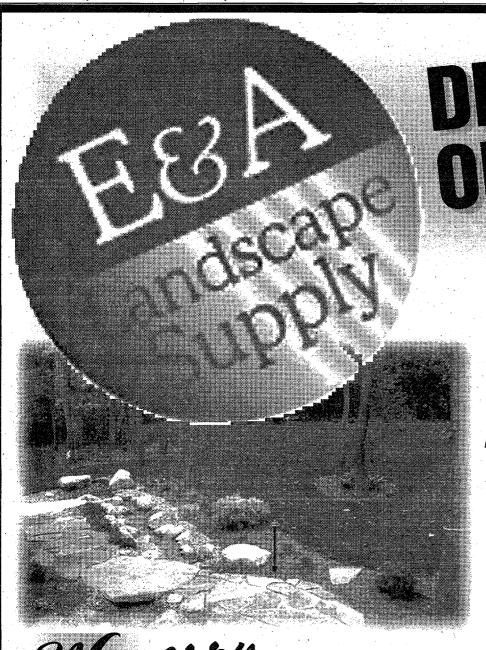
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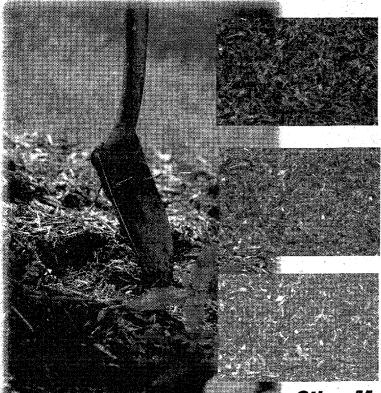
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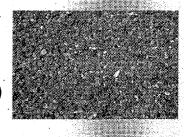
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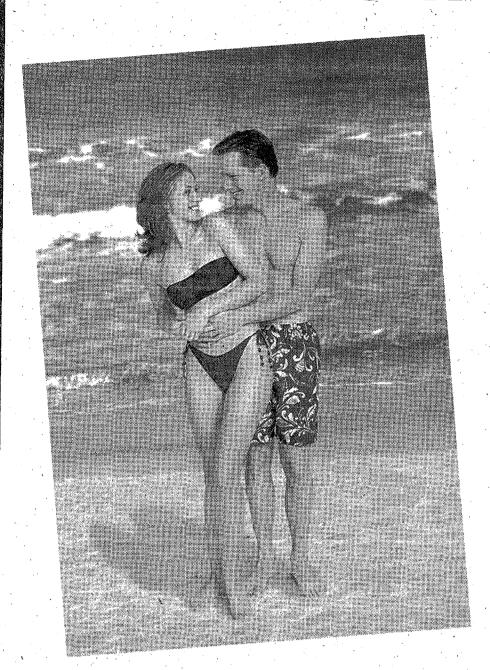
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BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

"Don't let this nice demeanor fool you. We really are grumpy."

That was the warning Grumpies leader Ray Dubin of Farmington Hills gave gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos during a recent chat.

DeVos accepted the Grumpies' invitation to visit the contingent of concerned citizens who often write letters to the editor and voice their opinions to local, state and federal officials. Members hail from Farmington Hills, Livonia, Birmingham and Franklin. Their meeting with DeVos

Civic Library on Wednesday. "We're all ordinary citizens, but together as a group, we hope to show that ordinary citizens can make a differ-

took place at the Livonia

ence," said Dubin. DeVos began with a history of his yearlong, statewide travels to every Michigan county and said, in a nutshell, why he is running for governor this fall.

"If Michigan was doing fine, I wouldn't be here," said DeVos.

The Grumpies asked questions related to various topics, but DeVos focused on the immediate concerns that prompted him to run for governor.

"Everybody in this state is concerned about jobs. Everybody is concerned about the economy and everybody is concerned about their kids staying here," said

DeVos said growing up in his family's business, Alticor Inc., formerly called Amway, afforded him the skills and the business know-how to turn Michigan's economy around. He said the marketplace for success is the world — and Michigan shouldn't cower away from global trade.

"Since the 1980s, I've been involved in business enterprise... which is a valuable skill for the people of Michigan," said DeVos.

Making tough decisions



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Invited by the local citizens group, The Grumpies, Michigan gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos introduces himself and the issues he is focusing on.

and turning things around, economically, is what DeVos said he is all about.

Getting to know DeVos - 'Grumpy' style

Farmington Hills Grumpy Patricia Alspach asked DeVos what tough decisions he would have to make as gover-

Michigan's single business

tax must go, said DeVos.
"The SBT is a bad tax," he said. "We need to get rid of it, but we have to replace at least a portion of it.

There are "structural issues" that must be handled within the state's budget, he added. Michigan must "unpack" the issues of Medicaid, public education and corrections, for example.

Grumpy Barry Wolk of Farmington Hills is a small business owner who said the SBT is "punitive" and "outrageously expensive" for small businesses to deal with. Wolk suggested the state eliminate the SBT and the income tax

and increase the sales tax. "That way, everyone pays a fair share," he said.

DeVos said he would focus on eliminating the SBT and replacing it with a tax that has "profit sensitivity."

Grumpy Ray Dubin asked DeVos how he "justifies discrimination" in the form of affirmative action.

DeVos said affirmative action is a result of a "more fundamental problem" with public education systems that are turning out students who are not prepared for college.

DeVos and his wife, Betsy, gave scholarships to low

income students who wanted to move out of low-achieving schools and attend private schools or neighboring school districts.

"I don't like where we are (with affirmative action), but it's not the time," said DeVos. "We need to deal with the

fundamental issues." He said he is an advocate of parental choice in education.

"I believe there should be a tapestry of educational options," he said.

Grumpy Steve Sutton, of Farmington Hills, asked DeVos's opinion of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

DeVos said it was once a vibrant and effective program, but he believes the current governor has taken it in a different direction. If he is elected governor, he said he plans to restructure it and turn it back to the governor's office.

"I would be the CEO of economic development for Michigan," he said.

DeVos, who is president of Alticor Inc., and considered to be one of the wealthiest. men in Michigan, said he is "offering his services" to the citizens of Michigan.

"It's not like I need the paycheck." he said, noting he has no further political aspirations. "My motive is to do a good job and leave.

"I've offered myself to serve this state and serve it well with all that I have.'

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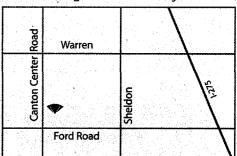
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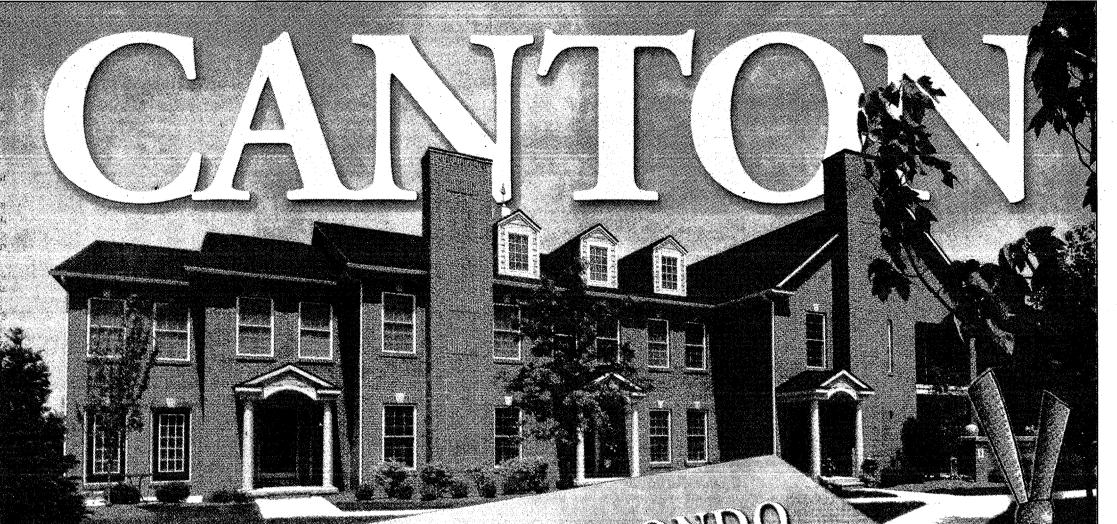
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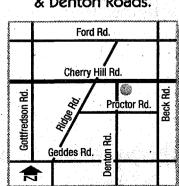
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# Pledge not to raise taxes makes poor public policy

obody likes paying taxes. The National Review recently cited George Harrison's Taxman as a great example of a conservative rock song (No. 2 behind the Who's Won't Get Fooled Again). Harrison was flush with lots and lots of cash for the first time in his life and didn't appreciate the Labour government of 1960s Britain taking so much of

his hard-earned rock superstar money. It's a good song, sardonically funny with an

appropriately droning beat. It was sure to hit a chord with many Brits who felt themselves sonal needs.

Gallagher

overburdened by taxes while unable to meet their own per-Of course, in the wave of

British rock success, many rockers became expatriates and took up Swiss citizenship, where the tax burden was less.

An organization called Americans for Tax Reform asks

candidates for office to sign a pledge "to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes." Any and all is pretty sweeping. They claim President Bush, 46 senators, 223 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, six governors, several other state administrators and 1,300 state legislators have signed the Pledge (their capital).

The president's father got in trouble with antitax conservatives by going back on his "read my lips" declaration to not raise taxes. He did work with Congress on a tax increase. Some economists credit that tax increase with finally pulling the country out of a recession.

Tax increases, tax cuts, government spending and private spending are all used to correct and adjust the nation's economic fortunes. John Kennedy was credited, even by conservatives, with stimulating the economy by pushing a tax cut through Congress in the early '60s. Reagan also pushed through a tax cut working with a Democratic Congress. It also stimulated the economy, but raised the deficit and the national debt to record figures.

The usual cliche is about spendthrift Democrats and frugal Republicans. The current reality, pledges aside, is that both parties have their particular constituencies. Both parties have their own special interest groups to whom they funnel money. At the federal level, earmarking for local projects is a time-honored (or dishonored) practice. Some of these projects, groups and ear-marked items are a good use of public money, others are a shameful misuse of public money (bridges to nowhere, programs that do nothing).

We currently have an escalating deficit, after a short period when the budget was in surplus (which was actually a mirage given the nation's

The problem with the Pledge is that it attempts to tie the hands of legislators on both the state and federal levels from doing the right thing, whatever it might be

debt load, but a move in the right direction). An increase in some domestic projects, a war on terror, a war in Iraq, a couple of seasons of intense weather and, some would say, an illadvised series of tax cuts have put us back into deficit. The economy has generally improved, though real wages have declined and some segments of the economy seem resistant to stimula-

The problem with the Pledge is that it attempts to tie the hands of legislators on both the state and federal levels from doing the right thing, whatever it might be. Sometimes it might be a tax cut, to stimulate both investment and spending. Sometimes it might mean a tax increase to pay for needed government programs, to cover social programs that even conservatives won't speak against, to adequately pay for a war (if that is deemed necessary) and to provide for the long-term care of those who fight that war or to pay to rebuild when a major devastation occurs like a hurricane or an earth-

By the standards of other countries, most Americans are not overburdened by taxes, but they certainly have an expectation that the money raised will be spent wisely. A pledge not to abuse the taxing power or misuse the revenues raised would be an honest pledge, but wouldn't satisfy the "no taxes, no, nay, never

The ATR sent around a list of those who have signed the Pledge. State Reps. Leon Drolet and Robert Gosselin are no surprise. They are pretty standard knee-jerk conservatives (to use a phrase often hurled at liberals). They don't seem to think too deeply about the consequences of public policy decisions.

What is troubling is that the ATR list also includes Attorney General Mike Cox, state Sen. Wayne Kuipers and several other Republicans who gain nothing by signing such a meaningless pledge except to put themselves among those who have aligned themselves with bad public

The ATR may be waiting to play "gotcha" on those who renege on their pledge, but wiser people will take the time to ask why, for what and for how long.

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### Addiction can be treated

I am writing in response to the series of articles on the recent opiate overdoses in Wayne County. The most troubling aspect of this story has been exemplified by the coverage there has been almost no mention of treat-

More than 600 scientific papers have concluded that treatment for drug addiction works. Relapse rates for addiction treatment are lower than treatment for asthma and hypertension, and equivalent to type 2 diabetes. Patient compliance rates for addiction treatment are better than patient compliance rates in the treatment of asthma and hypertension. Treatment is also cost effective. Studies by the RAND Corporation and UCLA both found that every \$1 spent on addiction treatment saves \$7 in other costs like medical, human service and criminal justice system

Unfortunately, there's a treatment shortage in Detroit and the rest of the metro area. Addicts seeking help are routinely provided with inadequate treatment. People who are homeless and have several complicating problems are offered treatment that is not intense enough, does not help them with basic shelter needs, and too short in duration.

The result is not unlike treating a bacterial infection with three days of antibiotics when the patient needs 10 days. Undertreated patients end up more sick than they were before treatment, they become more difficult to treat, the patient becomes more hopeless, and the community reaches the conclusion that treatment doesn't work and that these people are a waste of resources. In addition to all of this, untreated addiction destroys the lives of the addicts, does incalculable harm to families and children, and costs the community huge sums of money.

I am amazed and appalled that this crisis has not prompted a highly visible effort to offer treatment and the hope of recovery to opiate addicts in the community. There have been numerous mentions of education efforts in response to this spate of overdoses, but no push for treatment and recovery. Budgets are tight and treatment budgets have not been increased in more than 15 years in some communities, but we can't afford not to respond to this crisis in a meaningful way. Recovery is a reality. There are thousands of recovering people in the Detroit metro area, many of whom once seemed hopeless. Given the proper help and support, most addicted people will recover and start contributing to community life.

How many people will have to die before we increase treatment funding and pass addiction treatment parity legislation? If we are judged by the way we treat our neighbors, we will be judged harshly for the way we are treating our suffering addicted brothers and sisters.

**Jason Schwartz** 

### Simcox stepped to the plate

I was appalled to read Hugh Gallagher's attack on Chris Simcox.

I attended that meeting. I was utterly impressed that Chris was clear thinking, logical and finally an American who will stand up against a corrupt government that continues to refuse to take care of American citizens in favor of corporations, special interests, and Hispanic hate groups (LaRaza, Mecha). He has challenged an American president whose allegiance seems to be to Mexico, not the citizens of the United States. All he has asked is that our government enforce our laws. That is what I want, too.

I saw nothing of what you claimed to be: xenophobia, political opportunism and cowboy bravado. Chris simply wants to save his country from anarchy. He stepped up to the plate and did the job the president. wasn't willing to do-execute his oath of office by stopping an invasion of this court-

There are millions of Americans who have lost jobs to illegal immigrants. (Millions have also lost their jobs to legal immigrants, but that is another story). Last year, we spent \$87 billion dollars in benefits to illegals, including birthing their anchor babies. They have deteriorated the education of American citizens. At least 100 hospitals in the southwest have had to close because they could no longer absorb the cost of free care for illegals. Diseases, document fraud, theft of citizens' identities, and gang violence have increased with this invasion. Twenty-five percent of our jail space holds illegal aliens. They send \$20 billion back home to Mexico each year, yet force American taxpayers to flit the bill for their medical care. Does this sound fair?

Contrary to the president's opinion, Mexico is not our friend. They are using us as their welfare system. They have the responsibility to care for their citizens. Stop putting the blame for their plight on United States citizens. The blame falls directly on the shoulders of the Mexican

I think Chris Simcox should be given a medal and be recognized by Congress as a person who cares deeply about the United States and the rule of law. Your article painted such a horrible image of such a wonderful, patriotic American. I wish that you would have attended the meeting to see for yourself.

I'd suggest an apology to Chris. Thanks for listening to a fellow American - one that wants us to remain America.

**Peggy Robichaud** 



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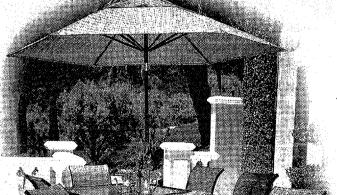
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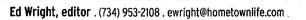
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Allison Schmitt, a junior-to-be at Canton, earned a berth recently on the prestigious USA Junior Swim Team. Schmitt finished 7th in the 200-meter freestyle Friday at the Charlotte Ultra-Swim in Charlotte, N.C.

# Fearless factor

### Canton's Schmitt unfazed by Olympics-caliber competition

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Allison Schmitt has made a splash on the national junior swimming scene recently thanks to her tireless work ethic, boundless talent and classic swimmer's build.

But it's a valuable intangible trait that could lead the just-turned-16 Canton High School sophomore to future Olympics glory.

"Allison has a great kick and she's long and lean, which is the perfect body type for swimmers," said Dan Ohm, a coach

for the nationally acclaimed Wolverine Swim Club, of which Schmitt is a member. "But the thing that makes her really good is that she's fearless. No matter who she's racing against, she's never scared, never intimidated. A couple of weeks ago, Allison was swimming against Olympic gold medalists in a grand prix meet, but it was no big deal to her. She steps up regardless of the competition.

"Fear is what holds a lot of great athletes down, but it doesn't seem to affect Allison at all."

On May 20 and 21, Schmitt earned a

coveted roster spot on the USA National Junior team when she placed in the top 16 in four events at the Eric Namesnik Memorial Grand Prix, which was held at the University of Michigan. Schmitt's feat was extra-impressive considering it came against several Olympic and collegiate swimmers, including freestyler Natalie Coughlin, who earned gold at the 2004 Athens games.

"Natalie Coughlin came up to me in the ready room before the 200-yard freestyle and congratulated me on my

PLEASE SEE SCHMITT, B2

# P-CEP ADS agree to 1-year deal

The job status of the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park athletic directors is no longer in limbo after the athletic directors' union and the Plymouth Canton Board of Education negotiated a one-year contract that will run through the end of the 2007 school

Under the terms of the agreement, the annual salaries of athletic directors Sue Heinzman (Canton), Terry Sawchuk (Plymouth) and Tom Willette (Salem) will be reduced by

The three athletic directors received layoff notices in March, at which time the board was seeking to reduce each of their salaries by \$10,000 in the wake of significant cuts in state funding.

The agreement was officially announced at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

"Both sides have successfully negotiated and approved the agreement, so the athletic directors have been recalled," said Dr. Jim Ryan, superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton school district. "I'm grateful that the athletic directors' union was willing to negotiate and that the athletic directors stepped up and said

Ryan emphasized that the unsettling situation involving the AD's that has hovered over the P-CEP's athletic programs the past several months was ignited by budgetary issues - not the employees' job per-

"The members of the board never doubted that these people do great work and put in long hours," Ryan said. "The board has been concerned about how much money the athletic directors made and how much they could potentially make in the

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### **Wrestling camp**

The 4th Annual Canton Wrestling Camp will be held June 26-29 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Canton High School gym nasium. The cost of the camp, which if for young sters between the ages of 8 and 18 years old, is

\$50. Registration forms for the camp can be found at www.chiefswrestling.com; For more information, contact Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph at

(734) 582-6885. The camp will focus on fundamental techniques and feature live wrestling. The Chiefs' coaching staff will serve as the primary clinicians with assistance from the Heidelberg College staff.

### **Bottle drive**

The Canton High School girls swim team will be having a bottle drive on Saturday, June 24. Members of the team will be out in the Plymouth/Canton community collecting cans and bottles that can be returned for deposit. If you would like to make a donation and

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Among the activities planned for the open house (5-8 p.m.) include an engine build demonstration, Roush Performance vehicles and parts displays, the **Roush Mobile** Dynamometer, race car simulator and Rock's Gang live band. Food will be provided by J.R.'s Filling Station.

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There will also be door prizes including a book giveaway, Roush memorabilia and a drawing for a pair of Michigan International Speedway Grandstand seat tickets for the 3M Performance 400 on Sunday, June 18. For more information, call (734) 779-7279.

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# Ex-Canton coach Young takes over reins of Glenn hoop team

BY BRAD EMONS

Westland John Glenn has hired a new varsity boys basketball coach with a proven and winning track record.

Dan Young, who spent the past six seasons as an assistant at Detroit Catholic Central High School, was named Friday to replace Joel Lloyd, who stepped down in late March after going 63-63 in six years.

Prior to his stint at CC, Young coached the Canton High varsity six seasons (1994-2000), going 87-49 with three Western Lakes Activities Association and two Class A district titles.

The Canton High grad also coached one season at Brighton High School (1993-94) where he guided the Bulldogs to 13-8 record and a Kensington Valley Conference championship.

We're pleased to get a coach with the character and the experience of Dan Young," Glenn athletic director Brian Swinehart said. "His work ethic, knowledge of the game, and commitment to running a class program should be a perfect fit for the student-athletes at John Glenn."

The 38-year-old Young, a physical education instructor a Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth, believes the Glenn job is the right fit at this stage of his career.

We got a lot of work to do, but if we work, then we'll have a chance to win games," Young said. "There's a lot of potential. Glenn has always had a lot of good players. I'm ready to put in the time. I'm ready to go."

Young was Rick Coratti's assistant at CC, but Coratti resigned in May after going 170-94 in 12 seasons.

"Being an assistant at CC was awesome, I enjoyed my time there, but now I'm ready to go (at Glenn) and put in more

'We got a lot of work to do, but if we work, then we'll have a chance to win games. There's a lot of potential. Glenn has always had a lot of good players...' Dan Young

new Westland John Glenn varsity boys basketball coach

time," Young said. "My kids (ages 9 and 6) are going to school full-time, it was close to my house (in Plymouth), and Brian Swinehart is a basketball person, a coach I met while he was at North Farmington."

Young said he had a meeting with the Glenn players after school on Friday.

"We'll start to work next week," he said. "It's a great job. This summer we're trying to play two weekends at Wayne State. We'll also set up some scrimmages and start working guys out individually in the mornings."

Young is a graduate of Central Michigan University where he served as a graduate assistant under Charlie Coles (now at Miami of Ohio).

He also spent two seasons as a part-time assistant at Western Michigan University under coach Bob Donewald as the Broncos reached the NIT in 1991-92, going 21-9, followed by a 17-12 season in 1992-93.

Young said that former CMU player Mark Anderson, who coached the Glenn JV team, will be retained on his staff. Meanwhile, Young's coaching philoso-

phy involves two basic principles. I want to emphasize defense and sharing the ball," he said. "We'll see what happens. But it's proven that if you share the ball and play good defense, you'll become a good team.



**BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER** 

Longtime Plymouth Christian Academy athletic director Doug Taylor is leaving the post next week for a similar position in Fredericksburg, Va.

### PCA's Taylor takes fond memories to new post soccer program and the construc-

STAFF WRITER

Doug Taylor's days as the athletic director at Plymouth Christian Academy are dwindling, but the popular administrator's legacy at the private Canton-based school won't soon be forgotten.

Following a successful nine-year tenure as Plymouth Christian's AD, Taylor has accepted a similar post at Fredericksburg Christian, which is located in Fredericksburg, Va.

Among Taylor's several noteworthy achievements at PCA were overseeing the addition of a girls

tion of new baseball, softball and soccer fields.

"The thing I'll remember the most from this job are the great relationships I developed with the students, the staff and the administrators," said Taylor, whose new school has nearly twice as many students as PCA. "I was here at a great time. We were able to expand the facilities so that the spring and fall sports teams didn't have to play their games off-campus, which was the case when I first arrived here.

PLEASE SEE TAYLOR, B5

## Stevenson's Shaw claims best track coach honor

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BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Scott Shaw has put boys track and field back on the map at

Livonia Stevenson High School. The third-year coach guided the Spartans to their first regional title since 1973 and their first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association crown. Stevenson established three

school records in the process including the Division I state championship quartet of Nana Adomako, Kevin Murawski, Brian Chandler and Pat Clasgens in the 4 x 100-meter relay (42.5).

The same foursome also broke a 30-year-old mark in the  $4 \times 200$ relay (1:29.0), while Adomako eclipsed his own mark in the 100 dash (10.67).

The Spartans also ended rival Churchill's nine-year stranglehold of Livonia City Meet championships and finished runner-up to Canton by a mere point in the Observerland Relays.

"We had a pretty well-rounded team," said Shaw, who earned Observerland Coach of the Year honors. "Even though we had some veteran seniors, our young kids were decent, too. They're already running times our seniors ran as freshmen."

Shaw's biggest surprise came at the Canton regional were the Spartans ran away with the title by nearly 30 points.

"We did not going into the

« regional with the idea of winning it," Shaw said. "We just wanted to qualify as many kids as we could for 'state."

The 39-year-old Shaw relies on four assistants to manage his 90member squad including throws coach Tim Gabel, distance coaches Eric Mink and Michael White, along with pole vault coach Susan Jaden.

"I have confidence in the other coaches, I don't tell them what workouts to run, I put that in their hands," he said. "It's exciting and it's worth it to see all the work they

Shaw played football, basketball and ran track at Laingsburg High School before moving to Albion College where he threw the javelin.

The 1989 Albion grad has been a part of the Livonia Public Schools for 12 years. He coached at Frost Middle School before spending four years as an assistant boys track coach at Stevenson.

The 39-year-old Shaw teaches physical education at Stevenson with an emphasis on strength and conditioning classes. The new fieldhouse weight room and fitness center have helped elevate his program in more ways than one. And in the fall, Shaw serves as Gabel's varsity assistant in foot-

So needless to say, he's heavily involved in the success of Stevenson athletics.

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times," said Schmitt. "That was pretty exciting. I was surprised she knew who I was."

Schmitt then went out and matched Coughlin stroke for stroke in a preliminary heat, losing to the Olympian by less than a second.

In January, Schmitt and her USA National Junior team teammates will compete in the Junior Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in Maui, Hawaii. That competition could be the next springboard in what is shaping up as a golden amateur swimming career.

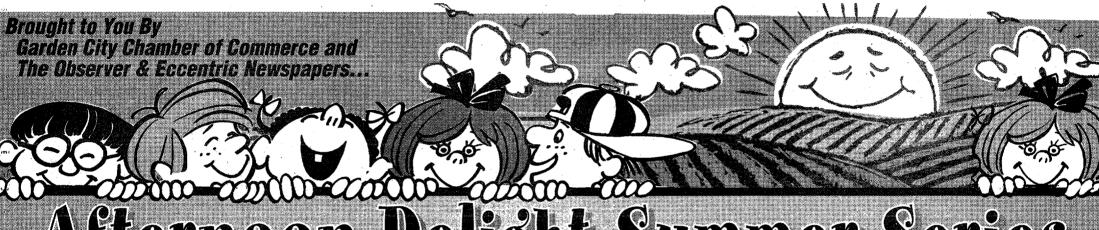
Like everyone who is serious about swimming, competing in the Olympics is a dream of mine," said Schmitt, who earned a pair of second-place finishes at the Division 1 swim meet for Canton in 2005. "The timing is good for me because the Beijing Olympics will be held the summer after my senior year in high school and the London Olympics will be held the summer after my senior year in college. The cycle is perfect."

Ohm said Schmitt's progress has mirrored that of another one of his successful swimmers, Ann Arbor native Kara Lynn Joyce, who competed for the United States in the 2004 Summer Olympics.

They have a lot of the same attributes and the same kind of positive attitude," Ohm said. "I don't want to put any undue pressure on Allison as far as the Olympics goes, but when you look at her times in the 200 and consider she has two more years to drop those times, she definitely has a good opportunity."

Schmitt turned in a stellar effort at Friday's Charlotte Ultra-Swim in Charlotte, N.C., when she placed seventh in a starstudded 200 freestyle race that was won by world champion Katie Hoff.

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# All-Observer boys track team

**FIRST-TEAM SELECTIONS** FIELD EVENTS

Ryan Jonik, Sr., Canton (shot put): The senior went out with a bang, saving his best throw - 50 feet, 8.5 inches - for the season-ending Ann Arbor Meet of Champions. Jonik placed sixth at the Division I Regional meet and was the Western Lakes Activities Association conference champion with a throw of 48-10.5. Jonik, who was a key member of the Chiefs' Division 1 state runner-up football team, will attend Wayne State University, where he will major in pre-med and continue his

"Ryan was a great senior leader for us and he showed great improvement late in the season," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "He figured it all out toward the end of the season and really came on. I only wish we had more meets left. He threw 50-8 and I think he had better throws in him."

Steve Paye, Jr., Canton (discus): The junior placed first at the Division 1 Regional meet with a 155-6 effort. He then went on to finish sixth at the D1 state meet. Pave also the WLAA discus champion and was honored by his teammates and coaches by being elected as a captain for the 2007 season.

A versatile athlete, Paye also competes in the high jump, shot put and 200-meter dash. An academic All-State honoree (3.5 grade-point average), Paye was a key member of the Chiefs'

District championship basketball team. "Steve was one of our lead-by-example guys this season," said Richardson. "He competed in four events every meet and he did them all well. We're looking for great things from him next year, too.

Eric Thornton, Jr., Canton (high jump): The junior shined in his first year of high school track and field, jumping 6-5 at the WLAA conference meet in May. The effort earned him a league title in the event. Thornton placed second at the Division 1 Regional meet and qualified for the DI state meet, where he placed fourth with a leap of 6-4. Thornton is also a hurdler for the Chiefs and joined Paye as a member of the school's success-

ful hoop team. "Eric was new to the team this year, but he learned very quickly," said Richardson. "His best event is the high jump, but he can also hurdle and sprint. Next year we're expecting great

D.J. Coleman, Sr., Plymouth (long jump): The senior was a multifaceted performer for the Wildcats this spring, consistently earning points in the sprints and the long jump. Coleman was Observerland's top long-jumper, leaping 21-4. He also earned top-10 Observerland finishes in the 100-meter dash (tie for fifth in 10.9), 200-meter dash (tie for fifth in 22.6) and as a member of the Wildcats' 400- and 800-meter dash contingents.

Ryan Santa, Sr., Liv. Churchill (pole vault): The senior wound up third in the Division I state meet (14-1) after winning the title as a junior (15-0).

Santa was also regional and WLAA champion, as well as River Rats Relays, West Bloomfield Relays and Observerland Relays (team) champion.

Santa, leaning toward Eastern Michigan University, holds the Churchill school record at 15-1.5 and is a three-time WLAA and regional champ.

"Ryan has been a model student-athlete in our track and field program," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "His hard work ethic is emulated by every athlete in our program. He is a student of the pole vault as he reads everything that he can on the subject. He was our captain in '06 and led by example and in character.

"Rvan has handled all of his success as a consummate gentleman. When we needed a high hurdler, Ryan stepped in and mastered the event inside of a week. He also ran the 100 and 200 dashes, and a leg in our 4 x 100 relay."

**RUNNING EVENTS** Steve Brown, Sr., Redford Union (110 hurdles): The only four-year varsity winner on Redford Union's boys track and field team had another outstanding season. He set school records in the 300 hurdles (39.5) and as part of the 400-meter relay team (43.81 at the state meet preliminaries) as well as garnering con-

ference honors in the 110 high hurdles (a personal-best 14.8) and on two relay units. Brown placed second at the Division I regional with a mark of 14.76 in the 110 hurdles. That enabled him to qualify for the state meet, where he placed fifth in the semifinal round.

His coach, Tom Kessel, said Brown's talent and will to succeed enabled him to be the team's backbone, supplying positive examples to his teammates. Brown and senior Jared Owens were the team's co-MVPs.

"I could place Steve in any event I wanted and I knew we'd be competitive if not win it," Kessel explained. "He's an extremely strong and confident young guy, which he proved at the regional. He's going to be missed.

Brown is leaning toward playing football and running track at Ohio Wesleyan.

Paul Rosin, Sr., Luth. Westland (300 hurdles): The senior figured prominently this season for the Division IV regional and Metro Conference champions.

Rosin wound up fifth in the state meet in the 300 hurdles with a personal-best time of 40.11.

In the regional held at Webberville, Rosin captured the 110 hurdles in a season-best 14.8 and added another first in the 300 hurdles (41.2). He also helped Lutheran Westland's 800 relay team qualify for the state meet with a runner-up finish in the regional. He was also MITCA team champion, and never finished worse than third in the 300 hurdles two years running other than the state meet. Rosin was also Metro Conference champion in both the 110 and 300 hurdles, and a member of the Warriors' first-place 800 relay quartet.

"Paul is an athlete with the most wins and most points on our team this year," Lutheran Westland coach Mike Unger said. "He's one of the hardest workers on the team. He was unselfish and ran the events he was asked to run for the benefit of the team. He improved his IM time by almost two seconds from

last year. Nana Adomako, Sr., Liv. Stevenson (100): The senior enjoyed a satisfying year as he captured the Division I regional with a school-record time of 10.67.

The state qualifier also took the WLAA title, tying the conference mark with a clocking of 10.8 after winning the same races as a junior. He was also runner-up at the Observerland meet and captured the Livonia City Meet.

The four-year varsity letter winner served as team co-cap-

"Nana has been a productive team member for Stevenson since his freshman year," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "He is the fastest sprinter in school history. He has a good work ethic and has improved throughout his career. He will be greatly missed in the Stevenson track program."

Jared Owens, Sr., Redford Union (200): After excelling over at Redford Thurston, Owens transferred to RU for his senior year and he immediately made a major impact on the Panthers' fortunes. Owens and senior Steve Brown were the team's co-

"He came in and did a fantastic job," said RU head coach Tom Kessel. "He's an extremely strong-willed guy with high confidence in himself and his abilities and he should. He felt

whatever race he was in he had a good chance of winning it." Right from the start he made his presence felt. He won the 100-meter dash at the Observerland Relays, for a second year in a row, finishing with a season-best time of 10.7 seconds. At the Division I regional, he finished first in the 200 dash, with a personal best of 22.14, and placed second in the 100 (10.74).

Owens then capped his year at the Division I state meet, where he helped set a school record in the 400-meter relaalong with Steve Brown, DeQuan Williams and Rico Walker

Kessel said Owens will run track at the college level, although the destination hasn't yet been determined. "He'll make a college coach happy.

David St. Amant, Jr., Liv. Churchill (400): The junior earned an eighth-place finish in the 400 at the Division I state meet (50.21) after going an area-best 49.8 en route to a first-place finish in the Western Lakes meet.

St. Amant was also Livonia City and River Rat Relays champion in the 400, as well as a member Churchill's first-place league champion 4 x 400 relay team. He also helped the

Chargers to a fifth-place finish in the 1,600 relay at state meet. "David takes his track and field training very seriously, and it shows in his performances," Austin said. "He is a fierce competitor, often chasing down the competition in the last 100 meters of a race. He is an outstanding athlete competing from the 200 up to the 800. David runs a leg of our 800, 1,600 and 3,200

St. Amant is also a starter on Churchill's varsity soccer team. "I love David's attitude, he's a consummate team guy," Austin

said. "His running form is textbook and his ability is limitless."  $\cdot$ Brandon Grysko, Soph., Liv. Churchill (800): The sophomore earned a seventh-place finish in the Division I state meet in the 1,600 with a school-record time of 4:21.96.

He was also regional runner-up in the 1,600 and 800. He recorded the area's second-best time in the 800 (1:59.5).

Grysko won both the 800 and 1,600 at the Livonia City Meet and earned All-Division honors in the WLAA.

"Brandon is the consummate team player," Austin said. "He puts personal accolades aside for team success as we often run him in three to four events each meet.

"He's a ferocious competitor who wants to win each time out. He's very athletic competing from the 400 up to the 3,200 run. He is everything Charger track and field stands for - tough-

Grysko also earned first-team All-Area honors last year in the 800 and is two-time All-Area selection in cross country.

minded and competitive."

Matt Rzepka, Jr., Liv. Stevenson (1,600): The junior ran his best time of the season in the Division I state meet, placing sixth with a clocking of 4:21.84. In the WLAA meet, Rzepka dropped down to run the 800 where he posted a first-place time of 1:57.73, best in the area.

He was also regional champion and captured Observerland in the 1,600 for the second straight season.

"Matt is a very coachable runner," Shaw said of the three-year varsity letter winner. "He's still learning how to run a strategic race. He dropped his personal best at the state meet by almost 10 seconds.

We're looking forward to a great season from him next year." Timothy Howse, Sr., Liv. Churchill (3,200): The senior was the Division I regional champ in the 3,200 and recorded the area's best time with a clocking of 9:50.4.

Howse, bound for Hillsdale College, wound up 12th in the Division I state meet and was also on Churchill's first-place 4 x 1,600 relay team at Observerland. He was also runner-up in the 3,200 in the WLAA and third in the 1,600.

"Timothy is a natural leader, he led our team by example and inspiration in 2006," Austin said of the three-time Livonia City champ. "He overcame a leg injury in the first three weeks of the season to finish 12th at the state meet.

"Timothy ran on our 3,200 relay team and tripled in the 1.600 run to finish with the third fastest time in the area (4:34.0). He's as serious about his faith as he is about running. He hails from an outstanding running family." **RELAY EVENTS** 

Stevenson, 400 (Nana Adomako, Sr.; Kevin Murawski, Jr.; Brian Chandler, Sr.; Pat Clasgens, Sr.): This Division I state championship quartet set both school (42.5) and WLAA meet (42.8) records. They also ran the fastest time for all divisions at the state meet (42.76). This foursome went undefeated in dual meets, as well as taking firsts at the Livonia City Meet, Observerland and regionals. This was a great accomplishment for these guys," Shaw said.

"Our goal before the season was to stay healthy and have our eye on the school record, which was set in 1974 (43.5). We were close most of the year, hitting 43.6 and 43.7 a number of times. At the regional meet we finally broke it by an entire second. "I think we were all surprised by that. This group has been

working together for three years, so it's exciting to see all the hard work finally pay off and end some of the frustration." Stevenson, 800 (Nana Adomako, Sr.; Kevin Murawski, Jr.; Brian Chandler, Sr.; Pat Clasgens, Sr.): This quartet broke the WLAA meet record with a time of 1:28.94 after placing first at the regional in 1:29.14. They also placed first at the Livonia City

meet and fifth at Observerland. "This relay was an unexpected surprise," Shaw said. "We struggled early in the year with hand-offs and conditioning. Our previous-best time going into the regionals was 1:31.4. When we ran 1:29.14 and won the event, the kids were very excited. It

set us up for running a great 4 x 100 race. "At the conference meet I was happy to see us better our Stevenson's previous school record was 1:30.2 set in 1978. Churchill, 1,600 (Andrew LaBerge, Jr.; David St. Amant, Jr.; Billy

Gutowski, Soph.; Jacob McDonald, Jr.): The quartet of underclass men finished fifth in the Division I state meet with a time of 3:24.19. They also took the regional and added a third in the Western Lakes meet. These guys are a special group of athletes who work very

hard on their individual events and take great pride in their relay performances," Austin said. "They work extra on exchanges. They don't like it when we try to move someone else in our their relay. Each guy has great closing ability in the 400. They now have the school record in their sight. The best part . . . they all come back next season." Stevenson, 3,200 (Dan Wilson, Sr.; Justin Black, Sr.; Mike Gibbons,

Soph.; Matt Rzepka, Jr.): Once his relay team was solidified, they took off placing second in the WLAA meet (8:14.5) and third at the Division I regional (8:22.71). We have had a number of guys moving in-and-out of this

relay all season," Shaw said. "Jeff Holycross was involved most of the year, but was injured going into the conference meet where we ran the best time of the season.

"This group has worked hard all year. It was nice to see them save the best when we needed it the most."



Justin Black Stevenson



Mike Gibbons Stevenson

**2006 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS TRACK & FIELD TEAMS** FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1. Ryan Jonik, Sr., Canton; 2. Geoff Leskie, Sr., Livonia Stevenson; 3. Greg Copeland, Sr., Westland John Glenn.
Discus: 1. Steve Paye, Jr., Canton; 2. Gerald Lou, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Kris Bollerud, Sr., Livonia Franklin. High jump: 1. Eric Thornton, Jr., Canton; 2. Mitchell White, Soph.,

Stevenson; 3. Cam Scharchburg, Sr., Plymouth. Long jump: 1. D.J. Coleman, Sr., Plymouth; 2. Myles White, Soph, Stevenson; 3. Josh Butler, Jr., Canton. Pole vault: 1. Ryan Santa, Sr., Livonia Churchill; 2. Ryan Langdon, Jr., Canton; 3. Mike Sylvester, Jr., Franklin.
RUNNING EVENTS

110-meter hurdles: 1. Steve Brown, Sr., Redford Union; 2. Rico Walker, Jr., Redford Union; 3. Nate Gholston, Jr., Plymouth. 300 hurdles: 1. Paul Rosin, Sr., Lutheran Westland; 2. Tim Belcher, Soph., Canton; 3. Alan Culbertson, Sr., Franklin. 100 dash: 1. Nana Adomako, Sr., Stevenson; 2. Eric Piwowar, Soph., Canton; 3. (tie) Larry Dawkins, Soph., John Glenn; Darius

Williams, Sr., Franklin. 200: 1. Jared Owens, Sr., Redford Union; 2. Brian Chandler, Sr., Stevenson; 3. John Stewart, Jr., Livonia Clarenceville. 400: 1. David St. Amant, Jr., Churchill; 2. Cyrus Azizi, Sr., Canton:

3. Andy Rossow, Sr., Canton. 800: 1. Brandon Grysko, Soph., Churchill; 2. Sean Dillon, Sr., Plymouth; 3. Phaltiel Whitlock, Sr., Canton. ,600: 1. Matt Rzepka, Jr., Stevenson; 2. Dan Wilson, Sr.,

Stevenson; 3. Spencer Lyle, Fr., Lutheran Westland. 3,200: 1. Timothy Howse, Sr., Churchill; 2. Anthony Scaparo, Jr., Plymouth; 3. Dan Kapadia, Sr., Salem. **RELAY EVENTS** 400: 1. Stevenson (Nana Adomako, Sr.; Kevin Murawski, Jr.; Pat

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Soph.; Dalton Walser, Soph.; Andy Rossow, Sr.; Cyrus Azizi, Sr.; 3. Plymouth (Rico Tyus, Soph.; Josh LeDuc, Sr.; La'Broderick Caldwell, Jr.; D.J. Coleman, Sr.). 1,600: 1. Churchill (Andrew LaBerge, Jr.; David St. Amant, Jr.; Billy Gutowski, Soph.; Jacob McDonald, Jr.); 2. Canton (Andy-

Rossow, Sr.; Phaltiel Whitlock, Sr.; Andrew Manuel, Jr.; Cyrus. Azizi, Sr.); 3. Redford Union (Dezmond Latham, Jr.; Jared Owens, Sr.; Rico Walker, Jr.; Steve Brown, Sr.). 3,200: 1. Stevenson (Dan Wilson, Sr.; Justin Black, Sr.; Mike-

Gibbons, Soph.; Matt Rzepka, Jr.); 2. Canton (Eric Zech, Jr.; Scott Zech, Fr.; Phaltiel Whitlock, Sr.; Cyrus Azizi, Sr.); 3. Plymouth (Kyle Wallath, ; Justin Huey, Soph.; Anthony Scaparo, Jr.; Sean Dillon, Sr.).

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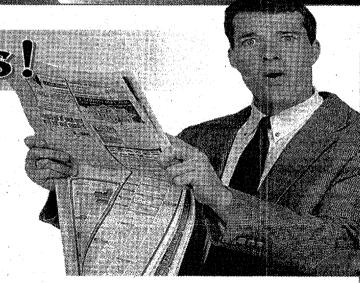










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Former Plymouth Whalers Justin Williams (foreground) and Chad LaRose (59) teamed up for the Carolina Hurricanes' fourth goal in Monday night's Stanley Cup Finals Game 1 victory over Edmonton. Williams scored the goal and was assisted by LaRose.

# Ex-Whalers take NHL playoffs by storm

One of the fun aspects of following the Ontario Hockey League is watching players grow into effective National Hockey League players.

If you are a fan of the Plymouth Whalers, you're having a blast watching ex-Whalers Justin Williams and Chad LaRose play key roles on a team that's just a couple of wins away from claiming the Stanley Cup.

Although Williams, who played for the Whalers from 1998-2000, and LaRose (00-03) didn't play together in Plymouth — LaRose made his Plymouth debut Jan. 5, 2000 — they teamed up in a big way Monday night on Williams' short-handed goal in the Carolina Hurricanes' 5-4 victory over Edmonton in Game 1 of

the Stanley Cup Finals.

Williams' goal gave Carolina its first lead of the game, 4-3, and set the stage for Rod Brind'Amour's winner with 31 seconds remaining.

"When I got into the clear I

"When I got into the clear I was thinking, 'Don't force the shot," Williams was quoted on www.nhl.com. "Wait for (Edmonton goalie Dwayne Roloson) to make the first move."

While there's no doubt
Brind'Amour is giving a Steve
Yzerman-like performance in
the playoffs and rates an excellent chance to win the Conn
Smythe Trophy, he took time to
praise Williams, who usually
skates with Brind'Amour on
the right wing. Williams has
six goals and 11 assists through
20 playoff games and is second

to Brind'Amour among Hurricane forwards in average ice time with 21.42 minutes per game.

Williams, who was drafted in the first round of the 2000 NHL Entry Draft by Philadelphia, is playing now the way he did in 1999-00 for Plymouth when he led the Whalers in scoring with 37 goals and 46 assists in 68 games. He also led the OHL in scoring during the playoffs that season with 30 points.

Williams was slated to return to Plymouth for the 2000-01 season, but he burst onto the NHL scene and made the Flyers' roster. After two season in Philly, Williams was acquired by Carolina in 2003-04 for defenseman Danny Markov.

### **TAYLOR**

FROM PAGE B1

"It was a difficult decision to leave because this is such a great school and a great community. But it was a good move professionally for me. It will offer me new and different challenges."

Marilyn Meell, Plymouth Christian's head of schools,

said Taylor will be missed.
"Doug did an exceptional job
of leading us in developing a
wide variety of sports programs here," Meell said. "He
worked very well with the athletes and the coaches, and he

provided great leadership."
As the head coach of PCA's boys basketball program,
Taylor led the Eagles to unprecedented success during the 1998-99 and 1999-00 seasons when they advanced to the Class D Regional finals

before getting ousted by Lenawee Christian.

"Those were the glory days,"
Taylor said. "That was such a
great group of kids, both talent
wise and off the court. I still
keep in touch with all those
kids, like I do all my former
players."

Six years after Taylor helped get the girls soccer program off the ground, the Eagles earned a spot in the Division 4 state rankings this season under the tutelage of coach Bob Lorion.

"Doug was a great guy to have as an athletic director," said Lorion, whose team finished 14-1-1 this past season. "Any time we needed something, he was there for us. If I didn't know the answer to something, I'd go to Doug. If he didn't know the answer — which wasn't often — he'd find out from somebody else."

Taylor earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Cedarville (Oh.)

University and a master's in athletic administration from Wayne State University.

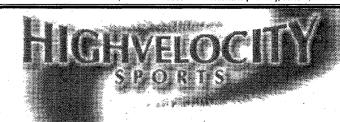
His first teaching and coaching positions were at Taylor
Baptist Park from 1993-95. He
then moved on to a position as
an at-risk advisor at Downriver
High School in Gibraltar from
1995-97. During that time,
Taylor also coached boys and
girls basketball at Gibraltar
Carlson High School.

"My wife taught math at Plymouth Christian, which is how I found out about the athletic director job there in 1997," Taylor said. "Dr. Butler, who was the principal at the time, called me and asked me to apply for the job."

Taylor and his wife, Kelly, have two children: Mya, 7; and Derric, 3.

Meell said interviews are currently ongoing to select Taylor's successor.

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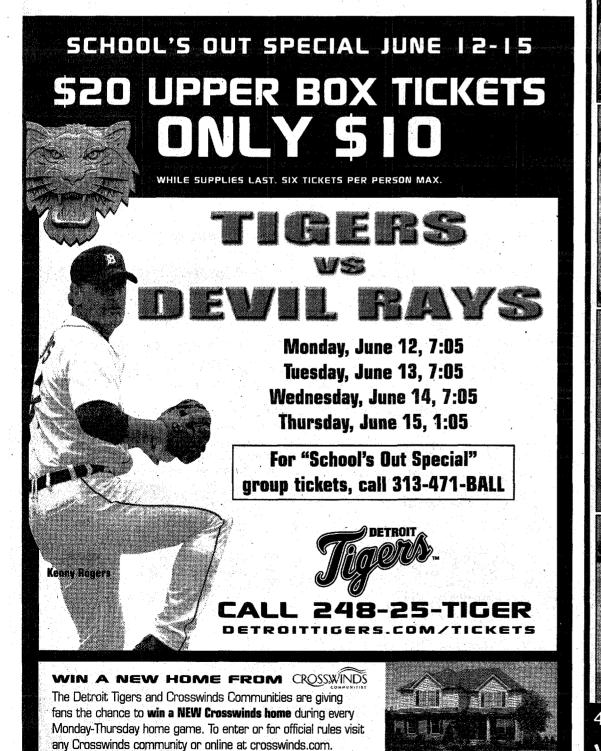
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# Vojtkofsky's heroics lift Rams

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Eric Vojtkofsky's lateinning heroics carried the Michigan Rams to a 3-2 win over the Michigan Monarchs in a Livonia Michigan Collegiate League game played Friday night at Ford

After leading off the sixth with a double, the 6-2, 235pound Spring Arbor University freshman scored the tying run on a wild pitch and came through with a two-out RBI single to left scoring Matt Nickels from second base for the gamewinner. The Detroit Catholic Central High grad went 3for-4 on the night, while Scott Cain (Grand Valley State) and Ryan Shay (Bowling Green) each added two hits for the Rams, now 3-

3 in the league play. Mike Moczydlowsky and Mike Sepesy collected the only hits for the Monarchs, who slipped to 1-5.

Winning pitcher Steve Karchefske, a right-hander from Wabash Valley (Ill.) Community College, went all seven innings. The Dearborn Divine Child grad allowed just two hits, walked four and struck out four. Both runs were unearned as the Monarchs took advantage of two Rams errors in the second inning.

The Monarchs used four pitchers with reliever Andy Paulun, who went two-thirds of an inning, suffering the

BULLS 5, RAMS 3: Age and experience prevailed Wednesday as the 22-andunder Michigan Bulls turned back the 20-and-under Michigan Rams in Collegiate League action at Ford Field.

Livonia Stevenson High grad and Central Michigan University catcher Brian Campbell led the Bulls' offensive attack, going 2-for-3 with four RBI.

Campbell's three-run double in the second inning scored Kevin Zerbo, and ex-Rams Nick Thurman and Ryan Heath for a 3-1 lead.

Zerbo, the Farmington Hills Harrison High grad, went 2-for-3 with two runs scored.

The Rams battled back to tie the score at 3-all on an RBI single by Mike Sacha after Scott Cain led off with a

In the sixth, Zerbo doubled and raced home on a Rams infield error off a bunt by

Aaron Powell. Eric Lawrence was the winning pitcher in relief. He went the final two innings,

allowing just one hit. Losing pitcher Ryan Mosher gave up two runs, both unearned, in two innings. He allowed three hits and struck out four.

Earlier in the week, Rams coach Rick Berryman collected his 500th win as a high school and collegiate league coach in a 7-6 win over Park Athletic.

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# New Metro Detroit USBC headquarters open

The new headquarters for the Metro Detroit USBC Association is now open for business and ready to serve the 90,000 bowlers from the former Greater Detroit Bowling Association, Detroit Women's



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Association, Pontiac Women's Bowling Association and the majority of former Detroit YABA Youth bowlers, all of which have merged into a single organization as of May 1.

Bowling

After 37 years in St. Clair Shores, the decision was made to move to a more centrally-located building in Lathrup Village.

This was in no way an easy move because it involved office equipment, computer systems, filing cabinets (full of past records), supplies, office furniture and a coffee maker.

Through the blood, sweat and tears of the office staff and executive director Mark Martin, the moving process went smoothly. The process took nine hours with the moving van.

The new office is a perfectly suited facility. It also puts the Metro Detroit USBC in a more advantageous situation because it occupies the same building as the Bowling Proprietors Association of Michigan.

Since both organizations work toward the common good – the sport of bowling – the move should work out very well in the long run.

Sandy Hansell Associates is the only other occupant of the building, and that real estate business deals mostly with the buying and selling of bowling centers throughout the coun-

The location of the new headquarters, 28200 Southfield Road, is just threequarters of a mile north of I-696 (11 Mile Road).



Among staff members of the new Metro Detroit U.S. Bowling Congress office headquarters in Lathrup Village include: (front row, from left) Sally Marks, Debra Melisko; Cheryl Brow; (back row, from left) Michelle Skurya, Pam Kidd, Kathy Huffer, Florence Cracchiolo, Mark Martin and Holly Crown.

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It's also close in proximity to Telegraph Road, which is convenient to west siders, into the Pontiac area, or toward downnriver. It's also handy to the Southfield Freeway, which connects to just about the entire interstate system.

All of the office staff from St. Clair Shores have opted to stay with the association even though they are all east side residents and have a longer daily commute, but the advantage is that they retain the experienced staff which knows the system and all the proce-

"This was a good move," Martin said. "It will be more convenient for a greater number of members. It will be like one-stop shopping for the leagues because all service and operations will be right here."

Plenty of work remains to be done. There are plenty of boxes to unload and sort out before putting it in an organized manner.

Once this task is completed, bowlers should stop in, say hello and get acquainted with the new digs in Lathrup

The Metro Detroit branch is the USBC's largest in the coun-

■ The Metro Detroit USBC is seeking for a few good men (or women) who are bowling enthusiasts and want to get on the cutting edge of the local bowling scene.

Right now there are several openings for house representative, who will work closely with the association's board of directors to provide a direct liaison between between the leagues in the assigned bowling center and the association.

House representatives shall become thoroughly familiar with the USBC rulebook, as well as attending annual and committee meetings, which pertain to the activities.

Reps will also make some award presentations to league bowlers and assist in the promotion of the game of bowling.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of their enthusiasm for the sport of bowling

and ability to communicate

well with others.

House representatives will be given training sessions by the USBC. They will also be able to work with league secretaries on completing membership forms and award applications when needed.

These positions are open to men or women, any age, who can present themselves in a professional manner.

For more information about the Metro Detroit USBC Association, call (248) 443-

Strike Against Hunger is what it's all about in the fundraiser for St. Christine Christian Service, set for Saturday, June 17 Woodland Lanes, 33775 Plymouth Road in Livonia. The event starts with dinner

at 6 p.m. followed by three games of no-tap bowling (including three bonus strikes) at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$20 per bowler, which includes dinner, shoe rental and bowling. Dinner only, which includes

pasta, salad and dessert, is \$10. For more information, call David Brauer at (313) 535-

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**Tornados sweep through Cup** 

The Plymouth Lady Tornados U10 girls soccer team captured the Yellow Division at the Canton Cup soccer tournament May 27-28 in Canton. The Tornados went 4-0 and yielded just one goal. Pictured (front row from left) are Madison Borensik, Sarah Trapp, Bridget Kerwin, (second row from left) Rachel Sulkowski, Mackenzie Tulloch, Alissa Amell, Faith Goodwin, Madison Kielty, Carly Engel, Caitlyn Turk, Colleen Coleman and (back row) coach Dave Kielty.

# SC's Davis answers opportunity's knock

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Opportunity is knocking in a big way for a big guy.

Schoolcraft College star James Davis will be taking his 7-0, 300-pound frame to Texas, where he has an excellent chance of quickly making a name for himself.

Davis is one of six players recently inked by Lamar University's new coach, Steve Roccaforte.

The former Ocelot, who averaged 21.2 points and 12.2 rebounds per contest last season, opted to become a Cardinal despite overtures by Arizona, Minnesota, Wyoming, Gonzaga and UNLV universities.

The coach said Davis is capable of posting similar numbers in the Southland Conference. "He's a big guy with a high skill level"

To do that, he'll have to come to Lamar in top physical condition and be prepared to battle it out with tough teams such as Tulsa, Louisiana Tech and Brigham Young University.

"All five jobs are open and that's what I told those guys I recruited," Roccaforte said. "They all think they have a good opportunity to play. All come in with good credentials. I'm a first-year coach and these are my first guys to bring in."

In addition to Davis, a native of Minneapolis, the Cardinals signed junior college players Darren Hopkins (Panola College), Stephen Musa (Redlands Community College) and prep stars Coy Custer, Shane Mahoney and Franklin Reed.

Roccaforte – an assistant coach the past three seasons under Billy Tubbs – needed an infusion of talent to offset the loss of several key players, including Southland Conference scoring champion Alan Daniels.

"We lost our top four post players, our top five of seven players and our leading scorer," Roccaforte continued. "We needed to get some good players (to restock)."

Roccaforte recruited the Class of 2006 while still an assistant to Tubbs at the Beaumont, Tex. school. When Tubbs took on the sole position of athletics director, Roccaforte became head coach. According to the new coach, 6-6 wing guard Daniels is getting attention from National Basketball Association scouts.

That also is the eventual goal of Davis.

"If he could do anything he wanted, he'd go in the (NBA) draft," Roccaforte said. "His family talked to NBA people and thought it would be the best thing for him to go to a D1 school... The knock on him is he's never been in great condition."

Whether that label was justified or not, Davis earned first-team National Junior College Athletic Association All-America and first-team All-Region 12 honors for his outstanding play for Schoolcraft in 2005-06 as the Ocelots finished 23-4.

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	U10Blue	PAUL COOMBS	6/15	6:00 PM	6/16	6:00 PM	
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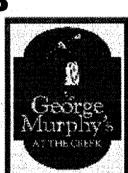
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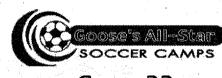
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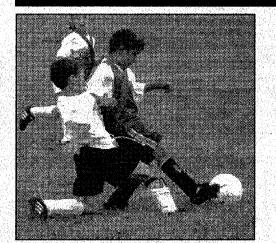


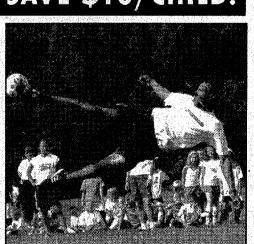
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### **AAGR GRID CAMP**

The Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Champions Football Camp will be held June 26 and 27 for boys entering 5th through 8th grades in the fall. The camp will be directed by Gabriel Richard head coach Ed Maloney, his staff and former University of Michigan standout Ron Simpkins

Along with assisting with area camps, Simpkins is the director of the Wayne State Volunteers, Administrators and Coaches Program, which focuses on the development of coaches, administrators and volunteers who work with young athletes in the Detroit area.

The camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. The cost is \$50. All participants will learn skills for all positions and the basic fundamentals of the

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.fgrhsaa.org.

### YMCA HOOP

The Plymouth Family YMCA will be hosting a basketball camp the week of July 24-28. The camp, which will be run by a former collegiate basketball player and current high school coach, will help players become familiar with the ball and develop a love for the game. The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon for 6- to 8-year-olds and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for kids between the ages of 9 and 11. For more information, contact the YMCA office (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

### **BASEBALL CAMP**

The Canton Chiefs summer baseball camp still has openings. The camp, which is for

kids aged 7 and up, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 19-23 at the Canton varsity baseball field.

The cost of the camp is \$100. Registration forms for the camp can be obtained at the Web site www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com or by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144.

### **GIRLS HOOP CAMPS**

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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 sixthgraders will be 1-3 p.m. at Canton High School.

The cost of both camps is

The coaching staffs for both camps will consist of Salem's Fred Thomann, Bill Mair and Julie Nicastri; and Canton's Brian Samulski, Scott Samulski and Jimmy Reddy. Players from both programs will serve as camp counselors.

For more information, contact Community Education at (734) 416-2937.

### **SOCCER CAMPS**

Detroit's newest professional soccer team, the Detroit

Ignition, is taking over the popular Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, which were started four years ago by former professional goalkeeper Bryan "Goose" Finnerty.

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

The locations of the local camps are as follows:

- June 26-30 Independence Park in Canton;
- July 10-14 Pioneer Park in Farmington;
- July 17-21 Independence Park in Canton; and
- Aug. 7-11 Plymouth Lake

Soccer Park in Plymouth. Each camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The \$139 fee includes a free ball and T-shirt. To register, visit www.Goose22.com

### **VELOCITY CAMPS**

Velocity Sports Performance, which is located on Michigan Avenue in Canton, will be offering several camps this summer that will be geared toward making athletes faster, stronger, more powerful and more explo-

The summer schedule includes:

Speed and Agility Camp -Session 1 will be held June 26-29 and Session 2 will be held July 31 to Aug. 3. Among other things, campers will learn proper running form and mechanics. Each of the four sessions will

last two hours.

Football Speed and Agility Camp - Session 1 will be held July 10-13 and Session 2 will run from July 17-20. The four two-hour sessions, which are for athletes 14 years old and up, will go from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Junior Football Speed and Agility Camp - This four-day camp, available to athletes between the ages of 8 and 13, will run from July 24-27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on the camps, visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

### YMCA SPORTS PROGRAMS

The Plymouth Family YMCA is currently accepting registrations for its spring soccer program. Programs are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteers, referees and anyone else needing more information should call the YMCA at (734) 453-2904.

Other upcoming YMCA programs include:

Summer baseball ---Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one

and all participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, which costs \$15.

game per week. The cost is \$68

Summer softball – Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 8 and 11 years old. All leagues are machine pitch. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There will be one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports

reversible jersey for \$15.

Summer flag football — Leagues are forming for children between the ages of 6 and 11 years old. Practices begin the week of June 26 with games starting on Saturday, July 8. There is one practice and one game per week. The cost is \$68 and all participants must purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for \$15.

For more information on the summer youth sports leagues, call (734) 453-2904.

### SAND VOLLEYBALL

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

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

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

### YOUTH GOLF

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

More than 35,000 youngster throughout the country are expected to compete in the

DC&P. Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

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

### TOP 50 GOLF

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

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

Registration is now open for local boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Interested students and parents can visit www.Top50jrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900 for more information.

Among the southeastern Michigan events is a stop at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth on

June 22-23. Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole

tournament. The top 40 players at each

qualifier play in the tournament The top 10 finishers at each tournament are exempt into the

following tournament and they will play for free, The 2006 tour kicks off June 15-16 at Bay Pointe Country

Club in West Bloomfield.

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# ESSON ON G

Michelle Wie is a phenomenon. She has tremendous potential. But isn't potential one way of saying you haven't done anything yet? At age 13 she was already one of the longest drivers on the LPGA Tour. She has played in men's events several times now with moderate success. She made one cut in an overseas men's event but has yet to do so on the PGA Tour. Now at age 16, the 6'0" 150 pound young lady has turned pro. However, her success in the amateur events has yet to transcend to success as

She has yet to win an event as a professional. To be fair, she has contended on the LPGA Tour but has failed to close it out when near the lead on the final day. She again has failed to qualify for the men's US Open.

She gets untold media and public adulation because of her young age, physical attributes and skill. Yet many are willing to call her a lock to be

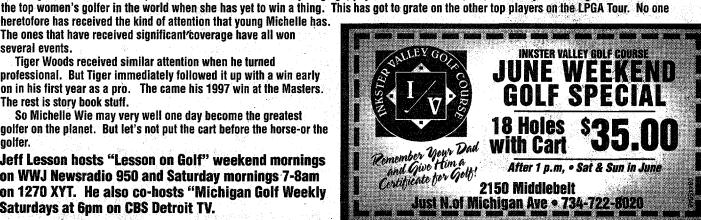
a professional. I am not just talking about the PGA Tour events she has played in, but the LPGA as well.

heretofore has received the kind of attention that young Michelle has. The ones that have received significant coverage have all won several events.

Tiger Woods received similar attention when he turned professional. But Tiger immediately followed it up with a win early on in his first year as a pro. The came his 1997 win at the Masters. The rest is story book stuff.

So Michelle Wie may very well one day become the greatest golfer on the planet. But let's not put the cart before the horse-or the

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.



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# HOMETOWN

## **IKEA** appeals to nesting instinct

Brad Kadrich, editor . (734) 459-2700 . bkadrich@hometownlife.com

I'm ignoring the fact Canton has one of the lowest crime rates in western Wayne County. I'm forgetting all about its responsive police force and fire department. The sad truth is that Canton is no longer safe, at least not

It's not that I'm afraid I'll be mugged in Canton. If I come home with no money, it'll be all my fault. It's not a stranger in the bushes I'm afraid

It's IKEA.

I'm not the only person who thinks the opening of the Swedish furniture store is a big deal. Girlfriends, my family, my co-workers - they're all



Marshall

just as geeked as I am. But I'm in a special kind of Hell for two reasons: I'm getting married this summer, and I'm in the throes of remodeling our home.

Either one of these activities will bring out the "nesting" instinct in any woman (and quite a few men). But the

two at the same time are enough to turn this bride-to-be into a starryeyed, salivating IKEA freak.

And my fiancé, Alex, is terrified. He's afraid that one day, probably before the end of June, I'll come home with a trunkload of IKEA goodies and no money in my checking account. He told me about his fear one day last week, and I wasn't as sympathetic as I could have been. "But baby," I said, batting my eye-

lashes. "There are things we need." "Stop," he replied, not even looking

away from the sinkful of dishes he was washing. I tried to appeal to his inner chef (we're both foodies and love our kitchen gadgets).

"We need cutting boards and some serving platters."

"I said stop."

"But babyyyyy, we need ..." He stopped washing dishes, turned to me and put his hands on my shoulders, looked me in the eye and said, "You are not allowed to speak any-

more." He doesn't understand.

He doesn't get the nesting instinct, and he doesn't understand when I walked through the archway into the cavernous area known as the "marketplace" at IKEA, where all the shiny new French press coffee pots, and stainless steel pots, and colanders in every color live, I do believe I heard angels sing.

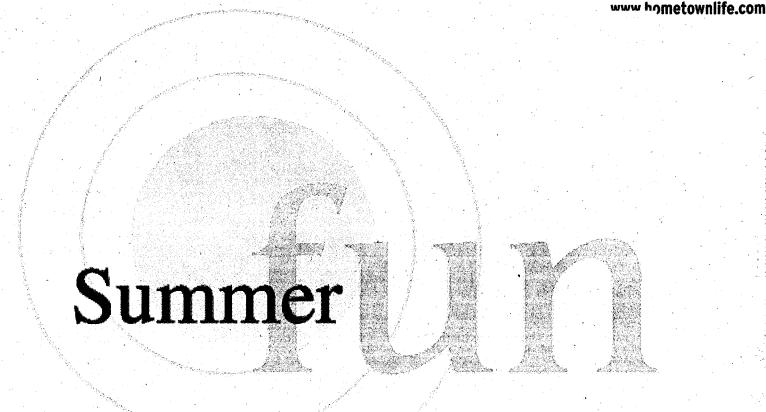
But he only has to worry about me for about a month - maybe two because I do believe that I, along with other folks who live and shop in this area every week of every year, will probably visit IKEA only slightly more often than visitors from Lansing or Traverse City. Because after the glitter fades, and it is pretty nice glitter, we'll shop where we've always shopped.

I mean, do I want to contend with the 2 million other shoppers who will go to IKEA Canton every year, every time I need dish towels or ice cube trays? Not really, just the same way that I only go to Cabela's in Dundee about once a year or less, but when I need a regular old cooler, some fishing line or a camp stove I go to the nearest, most convenient store (with a parking lot smaller than a city block and fewer crowds).

Once a month or so, I have a power lunch with a bunch of women, and while we'll probably go for some meatballs and herring at IKEA once or twice, truth is we'll keep our habit of meeting at Palermo or Baileys or Max & Erma's or any one of the other great Canton restaurants we enjoy. And we'll do it because we happen to like them. A lot.

For now I'll do my best to either stay away from IKEA, or at least take a shopping list of things I really need. But I figure that by the time I'm preparing for my honeymoon, the romance - the IKEA romance, that is — will be gone.

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# Camps appeal to kids with dreams

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Margaret Martin has stars in her eyes. It's summer camp time again and organizers like Martin have been busy dreaming up new ways for kids to have fun once school is out.

Martin, program supervisor at the Bailey Recreation Center in Westland, is especially excited about a rock star camp 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18. Cost is \$187. Drummers, vocalists and keyboard players need not bring

instruments, guitarists must.
"I'm thrilled," said Martin. "I

think it's going to be really cool. "It's for grades five to eight who at least have some basic familiarity with playing their instrument. They break them into band groups. For one week kids work at developing songs and then have a recital."

Whether kids dream of being a rock star or a pro athlete, camps in the area have programmed a variety of activities. Martin is especially proud of the low prices

charged in Westland this summer. Costs range from \$65 to \$180. Kelley's Camp is new and costs only \$70 per student for five days of fun from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 31, to Friday, Aug. 4 (ages 6-12). Kids enjoy arts and crafts, activities, games, sporting events, indoor gym time, and swimming (an additional \$3 per day).

'We try to make it financially reasonable," said Martin. Madonna University Lyric Theatre Program is looking for

aspiring actors and actresses (grades seven to nine) who want to learn all about musical theater in a workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June  $2\hat{6}$ -30, on campus in Livonia. Cost is \$375. Kids perform for family and friends 7 p.m. June 30. Call (734) 432-5715 or send

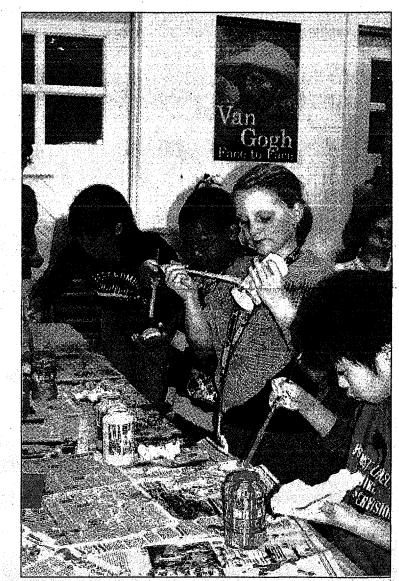
bwiltsie@madonna.edu. Bailey Recreation Center, Westland Parks & Recreation, 36651 Ford Road, begins camps for soccer, volleyball, drama, for age 6 and up, June 19. Call (734) 722-7620.

**Rockers Soccer along** with the Border Stars Professional Outdoor Team conduct a camp July 17-21 (ages 4-14); Hoop Stars Basketball June 19-23 and Aug. 7-11 (ages 7-15). New is a half-day drama camp with Shoe String Theatre Company (ages 6-12) June 19-

> Dance camps run July 11-14 (ages 7-12, call (734) 261-3744), and Aug. 7-11 (ages 6-12, call (734) 604-2580).

Once kids know how to perform, a camp put on by Farmington Hills Cultural **Arts Division** takes them to

Henry Bahrou teaches a guitar camp for aspiring musicians ages 7 through adult at the Plymouth Community Arts The Next Stage (www.thenextstage.us) at the



Kids always have fun in Barbara Cicchelli Weisenburg's classes. In the Art Explorers Camps, presented by the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division, they'll learn about myths and legends from countries around the world.

Farmington Players Barn Theatre July 31 to Aug. 4, for ages 10-13, 14-17, and 18 and up. The summer kicks off with Youth Theater Camps, directed by Sky's the Limit, for grades four to nine 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 19-30 or Aug. 7-18, and grades one to three July 17-21 or July 24-28. Children learn to dance, act, mime, and improvise. At the end of camp, all perform a live

show. Call (248) 473-1857.

"I'm excited about all of the camps, but the big new camp The Next Stage, is by a group of professional performers and recording artists," said Rachel Timlin, summer camps programmer. "They'll be teaching performers how to be more confident on stage and all the different aspects of being on

PLEASE SEE CAMPS, C2

# If God can fix this body, more power to Him

appealed to me when Dave

Varga, our Livonia editor,

presented it to his favorite

reasons the program

chubby guy.

**TOTAL PERSON** 

Dawn Cheetam of Westland has lifestyle goals similar to mine: She wants to lose some weight, learn to manage her time better and find ways to reduce the stress in her life.

Council June 26-30.

That's why we're both in the new Body by God program at the Livonia YMCA, a lifestyle enhancement program being run by Livonia chiropractor Dr. C.J. Trupp.

She may be having more success than me early in the six-week program. Cheetam is in Hawaii today, walking a 13.1-mile half-marathon to benefit the American Heart Association, while I'm hop-



**Brad** Kadrich

ing to make it around the block before watching the Tigers on television.

I needed to try and get myself into shape a little bit," Cheetam told me at our Thursday inspirational gathering at the Y. "I needed the stress management and the time management part. That's always been a problem for me." Me, too. That's one of the

Body by God, as explained by Trupp, isn't a diet plan or a health plan. To Trupp and, he hopes, to the program's initial participants, it's a "change your

life" program designed to

work on the total person. For his part, Trupp is excited about the prospect "By the end, I know we'll have changed some lives," he said.

PLEASE SEE EXERCISE. C3



Jennifer Trupp measures Brad Kadrich's bicep. Kadrich, editor of the Plymouth Observer, is trying out the Body by God program at the Livonia YMCA.

stage. There will be a stylist working on stage image and at the end they're going to record a music video of their performance. It's good for bands and singers, and helpful for anyone to give public talks but it's more geared toward music."

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Timlin could go on and on about the offerings in Farmington Hills this summer. A Photo Adventure Camp for ages 4-12 (July 11-14) will be taught by S. Kay Young who exhibited her work at the Detroit Institute of Arts several years ago.

"They'll take walks through the park learning photography," said Timlin. "During the storytelling camp they'll learn the art of storytelling and songs (June 19-23) and at the end of the week perform for friends and family (cost is \$90 residents, \$95 nonresidents).

Art Explorers Camps with Barbara Cicchelli Weisenburg investigates myths and legends from different countries in mediums including painting, ceramics and sculpture during four camps for five days each June 20, June 26, Aug. 7, and Aug. 14 (ages 5-12), cost is \$85. Young Rembrandts learn drawing techniques, how to draw monster faces, spaceships and aliens, zoo animals, and cartoons in July (\$50 to \$66).

"Everyone always has fun in the stable studio in Heritage Park," said Timlin. "It's an old converted horse stable turned into a class-

Camp Mirage is on a five-acre park at the Oasis Golf Center, 39500 Five Mile, Plymouth Township. Call (734) 420-4655 or visit www.campmirage.com. Camps (ages 7-13) run 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday beginning week of June 19. Before and after care program available. The camp's 25 programs include street hockey, flag football, girl power, horseback riding, fashion art, and basketball. Amateur detectives might want to look into the CSI camps (\$125) held throughout the summer.

"It's a forensic science camp that they do observation and problem solving,' said Cara

'Everyone always has fun in the stable studio in Heritage Park. It's an old converted horse stable turned into a classroom.'

**Rachel Timlin** summer camps programmer

Grant, camp director. "They learn fingerprinting and handwriting analysis. We recreate a different crime scene each day so they can find out whodunit."

In addition to crime solving, kids can take a wilderness adventure that includes camping and canoeing, or build a remote control car, or learn about cheerleading and backyard sports like volleyball and cricket. Costs range from \$80 to \$190. The after camp program is \$5 per hour per child.

"We're also offering a northern Michigan adventure camp Aug. 21-25," said Gray. "It's a weeklong camp in Traverse City on Lake Arbutus. It's the perfect way to introduce kids to going away to camp. They travel with counselors and friends they've made all summer. It's like they're going away but not going by themselves."

The cost is \$495. Livonia Community Recreation Center, Hubbard and Five Mile, is offering a water experience closer to home. Call (734) 466-2900. Camp Swoosh (ages 6-11) is held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday and begins the week of June 19 and continues to the week of Aug. 21. Cost is \$150 member, \$175 resident, \$200 nonresident. Extended care available. For more information, visit

"It's a different theme each week with daily activities including swimming, sliding down the water slide, indoor and outdoor sports, rock climbing, relay races and obstacle courses, and craft projects," said Ann Cox, center

www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

The new Camp Mini-Swoosh is for ages 3-5, 9 a.m. to noon, and begins June 26 and continues to Aug. 21.

"Our summer pass (\$137 resident family, \$52 for residents ages 4-18) includes discounts on Camp Swoosh and we have a special deal this year if you are a pass holder you can pay an additional \$5 per member and have unlimited access to our outdoor pools

"We have a ton of different camps going on a preschool Carnival of Science camp (ages 3-5) June 19-21; The Garden for ages 3-5, July 17-21; Radical Robots for ages 10-15 to learn about the science of robotics June 26-

Other camps focus on rockets and the physics of rocket flight July 10-14, ages 7-12; build a robot Aug. 7-11, ages 7-12, and sports including soccer, volleyball, fast pitch softball, and basketball.

Canton Leisure Services offers camps and classes for a variety of interests as well, from a social skills camp for girls June 19-23 (ages 6-14); to a youth archery camp Aug. 7-10 (ages 9-18); multi sports camps for baseball and basketball July 17-21 and Aug. 21-25 (ages 7-14); drama camps July 24-28 and Aug. 7-11 (ages 5-15) and Summer Stock July 5-21 (ages 9-18) run by Ever After Productions in the Village Theater. A June 26-30 art camp gives preschoolers ages 3-6 the opportunity to explore a variety of mediums. Eight-week Camp Canton (ages 6-11) runs 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 26 to Aug. 21. Highlights are field trips to Rolling Hills Water Park, the Detroit Zoo and the Cosi Science Center. A Middle School Camp (ages 11 to 15 years, 11 months) runs weekly from June 26 to Aug. 14 and includes laser tag and trips to the Cranbrook Science Museum and

Camp Able is a therapeutic camp for children and youths ages 8-15 with disabilities for eight weeks beginning Monday, June 26, and ending Friday, Aug. 18. The field trips, games and arts and crafts are tailored for children with emotional and physical impairments. Costs range from \$34 to \$48 per day. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.canton-mi.org, click on Leisure Services.

St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station in Canton is helping kids (second to fifth grade) to breathe easier at its Asthma Camp 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18. Cost is \$175, includes peak flow meter and an asthma action plan. Days will be spent doing hands-on projects, dissections and activities. Kids learn what asthma "really" is and review personal triggers, medications, risk factors, and self-management, includes nutritious snacks. Call (734) 398-7518.

Budding scientists (second to fourth grades) learn about the human body and health during the Amazing Me Camp 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 10-14.

Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College,

18600 Haggerty, Livonia, offers two-week enrichment classes for grades one-nine in art, science, computers, drama, and the human body beginning July 10 (\$113). Talented and Gifted Classes also available. Call (734) 462-

Of special interest are classes on designing Web pages and a detective school for special investigation. Students learn about DNA technology, computer forensics and proper techniques for photographing evidence.

Andy Lang, recreation superintendent for Farmington Hills Special Services, is especially looking forward to the girls empowerment camps. Special Services begin a variety of camps for football, gymnastics, lacrosse, inline hockey, skateboarding, dance, art, and technology June 19. Costs range from \$60 for lacrosse to \$250 for skateboarding. Call (248)

We have a skateboarding camp, a weeklong, for ages 5 and up, at Heritage Park,' said Lang. "Something new we're offering is the girls empowerment series at Fire Station No. 3."

The girls camps include topics such as how to have fabulous friends, socials skills and back to school confidence. Basketball, football, multi-sports, soccer, gymnastics, lacrosse, and volleyball remain popular year after year.

"These are staples that the community has enjoyed over the years," Lang said.

D & M Studios, 8691 Lilley, Canton, returns with its popular art camps which continue to the week of Aug. 14 (ages 3-16). Prices range from \$84 to \$148. Call (734) 453-3710 or visit www.dmartstudio.com.

The year's theme is Under the Sea. Kids will make their own fish tanks and clay fish. New this year is a 5-8 p.m. camp for kids whose parents work schedules conflict with day hours.

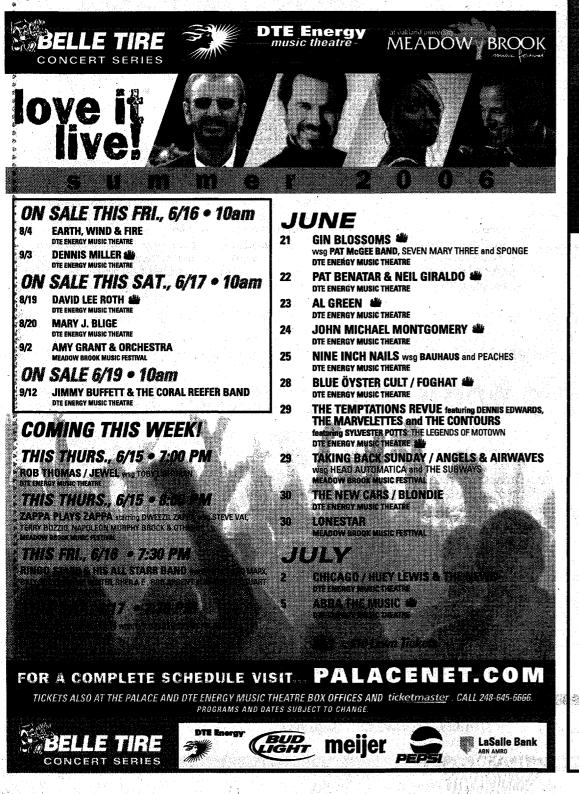
Detroit Red Wings once again offers its youth hockey camp for ages 7-14 Aug. 7-9 and Aug. 11-13, with assistant coaches Paul MacLean and Todd McLellan, and goaltending coach Jim Bedard. Cost is \$229 skaters, \$199 goalies. To register, call (313) 396-7575 or visit www.detroitredwings.com.

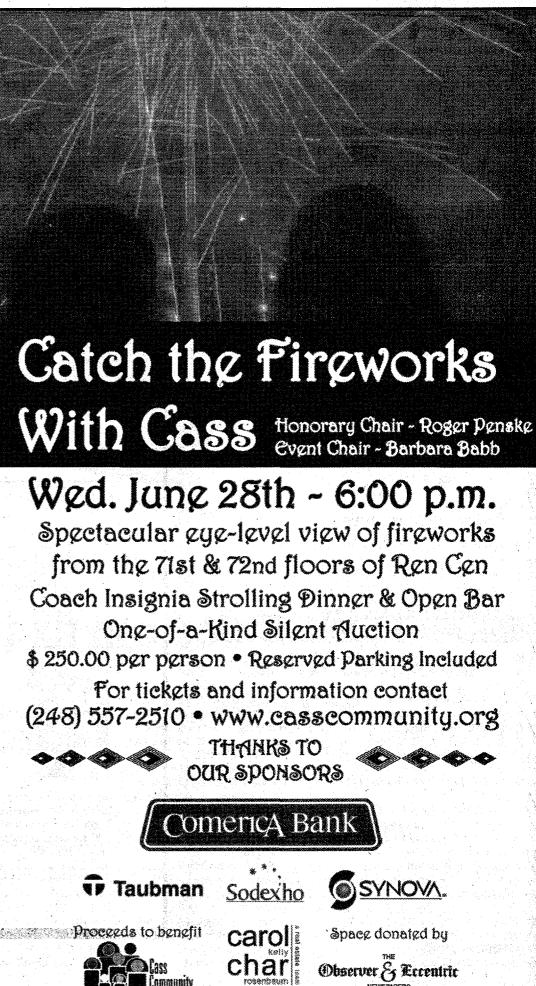
The Youngest Artist Camp takes place June 20-23 for ages 5-8 to experience the performing and visual arts at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 416-4278. Campers create masks and puppets to use in a short play on Friday. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday-Thursday, until 1:30 p.m. Friday. Cost is \$70 members, \$85 nonmembers.

Instructor Henry Bahrou teaches guitar basics during a camp 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30, for ages 7 to adult. Guitars will be available for rent.

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### **EXERCISE**

Body by God was developed by Dr. Ben Lerner, an author and doctor who has served as the team doctor to the U.S. Olympic team. His program, brought to Michigan by Trupp, who calls Lerner his "mentor," following the "Extreme Makeover God's Way" manual, is a 40-day exercise aimed at making changes that allow partici-

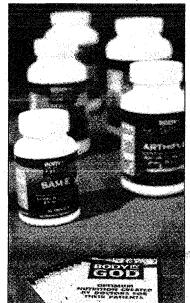
pants to live a better life. It uses "food by God" (more natural foods like grains, fruits and veggies) vs. "food by man" (processed foods like my personal favorite, the fabled Wendy's double). It uses time-management techniques like "putting yellow lines" (similar to those "do not cross" lines on a highway) around parts of your schedule that don't allow anything to interfere with schedule highlights such as, well, taking part in Body by God.

God appears a lot in the literature, and in Trupp's talks, but the religious aspect implied in the title manifests itself subtly. A natural cynic, I expected to get slammed in the head by it, but that hasn't happened.

The pairing of Trupp and the Livonia YMCA seems like a natural. He sits on the Y's board of directors. The Y's mission is in part Christianbased.

### CHANGING LIVES

"(Trupp's) mission in his office is to change people's lives, not just from a physi-



The Body By God program offers supplements.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

who manages to get his point

across without preaching it.

The initial response was

excellent, though by the sec-

ond week through, there were

fewer people at the meetings.

While a major part of the pro-

gram focuses on time man-

agement, one person called

Trupp Thursday to tell him

Trupp takes that stuff in

stride, because he knows

change doesn't happen

like (for me, it's Tim

the meeting.

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anything."

she "didn't have time" to make

He doesn't necessarily want

you to give up the stuff you

Horton's), but figures adding

something new (fruit, vegeta-

It's about decisions, and

Trupp is quite fond of saying

"It's better to make one good

rather than be zero-and-zero,

"I'm very excited," Trupp

said. "It'll be neat to see what

because then you're not trying

choice and 100 bad ones,

bles) a little at a time is a

Dr. C.J. Trupp tells participants about the program at the Livonia YMCA.

cian's standpoint," said Jamie Stepanian-Bennett, director of marketing and membership for the YMCA. "He wants to make a difference in people's lives. It's a partnership between a local physician dedicated to changing people's lives and the YMCA. which believes in the same things."

No one's kidding anyone: The YMCA also likes the idea of some 100 people walking through its doors. Since the opening of the Livonia Recreation Center, the perception of the YMCA has slipped some. But the Y offers pretty much anything you want: gymnastics, martial arts, a boatload of tennis courts and other amenities to go with the standard ellipticals, treadmills and pool. (NOTE: one nice thing: free child care).

Stepanian-Bennett hopes programs like Body by God help get the word out about

"You never know how these things are going to turn out until you try them, but we'd like to do one of these every year," he said. "We're trying to separate ourselves. We do things a little differently and we're proud of what we do."

Body by God comes with a few perks: A copy of the manual, access to the YMCA's equipment and programs. There's a Web site where participants can go to hear directly from Lerner, the program's creator, who likewise doesn't smack you in the head with his religion. He's an engaging, humorous speaker

people take from it." Some are taking more than others, for now. One couple has five daughters, and they've made quite a few changes. Another woman is two weeks into the program and admitted Thursday she hasn't yet started exercising.

The idea of the program is to better your life 1 percent a day, and to be 40 percent better at the end of the program. But regardless of where these folks are in their development, they're all better off than they were two weeks ago, because they're there.

'The hardest thing for anyone, whether it's a program like this or just working out at the Y," Stepanian-Bennett said, "is walking through the

The reasons don't matter. I admit I got into it mostly for the story; others had their own reasons. Two weeks into it, with eight pounds and three inches around the middle gone, now that we're through the door, anything seems possible.

**Brad Kadrich** is community editor of the Plymouth Observer. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

## Speaker will focus on area shadow towns

Author Gene Scott presents an audiovisual show based on his new history book, Michigan Shadow Towns, 7 p.m. Friday, June 16, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth. The event, sponsored by the West Suburban Stamp Club, is free to the public.

For more information, call (248) 546-1282 or (734) 523-7844.

Michigan Shadow Towns is a compilation of the histories of 128 small towns in 64 counties which have survived near-ghost town status. It is one of Michigan's Notable Books of 2006. The 45-minute show will include shadow towns of southeastern Michigan.

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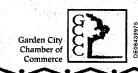
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# A jazzy way to dine with dad

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 11, 2006

If your dad loves jazz, there's no better way to spend Father's Day then at a gourmet brunch with music by the Johnny Trudell Quintet. The event kicks off at noon Sunday, June 18, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

The buffet is served from noon until 1 p.m. and the music continues to 3 p.m. Joining Trudell on trumpet will be Cliff Monear, piano; Dan Jordan, bass; Bob Harsen, drums, and Gene Parker, vibes.

Tickets are \$25, and proceeds go to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival which will be held on Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College. The free event features hundreds of Michigan musicians. 2006 festival shirts will be available at

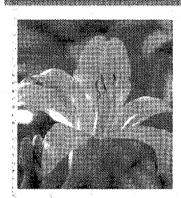


Johnny Trudell performs with his Quintet at a Father's Day Brunch in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.

the brunch along with a schedule of performers.

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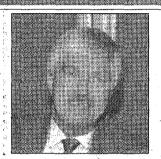
(248) 474-2720 or (734) 459-2454. No tickets will be sold at the door.



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### THOMAS EDWARD BUTTERFIELD

Age 59, of Canton, passed away June 7, 2006. Mr. Butterfield was an Industrial Sales Rep for 29 years for the Essex Corp. in Fort Wayne, IN. He moved to Canton in 1981 from Harvard, IL. He is a graduate of Northern Illinois University, earning a BS in Business. He is a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton; also a member of the Plymouth/ Canton Vietnam Veterans . He was an avid boater, loved to fish, travel, and he enjoyed music. He was a true Chicago Cubs fan. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Christine; his daughters, Jessica Butterfield, Julia Butterfield. Grandfather of Reese Retherford; brothers Bob and David (Kate). Brother- in- law of David (Nancy) Clark, and son- in- law of Don and Betty Clark. Dear uncle of Courtney, Gretchen, Casey, Justin, Nathan, and Galen. Also survived by cousins John Rossmiller, (Gerianne), and Corey Stohlquist. Preceded in death by his parents, Hector and Ruth, and sister, Nancy Butterfield. Funeral service Monday, 11:00am, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Rd. (just south of Warren Rd.), Canton. Visitation Sunday, 2pm-9pm, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main,, Plymouth, and at the church on Monday, 10:30am until time of service. Memorials to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter, Inc., 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076-3911 View obituary and share memories at

### www.schrader-howell.com CELESTE JUNE COOK

Age 89, of Plymouth, passed away June 8, 2006. Mrs. Cook came to Plymouth in 1938 from Chicago, IL. She was a homemaker, and also a volunteer at the Plymouth Library for over 20 years. She was a member of the Plymouth Women's Auxiliary. Also a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Survived by her loving children, John, David (Pamela), and Donna Marshall; grandchildren, Matthew, Tyler, Casey, and Rachelle. Great grandmother of Noah. Sister of Valerie (William) Saxton and Louie Kolin. Sister-in-law of Vera Kolin. Preceded in death by her husband, Earl, and by her son, Richard. Memorial service will be held Thursday, 11:00am, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth. Family will receive friends at 10:00am until time of service. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 9451 South Main, Plymouth 48170; or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter,1421 E.12 Mile Rd., Bldg A, Lymphoma Madison Heights, MI 48071.

### JUDITH ANN WARNER

Passed away on March 27, 2006 in Ocala, Florida. She is survived by her Victor Rouse; parents, Robert and Mildred Warner; sisters, Diane Kurgan, Sue (Ken) Shuman, Peggy (Jules) Fiani, Colette (Tom) (Jules) Fiani, Colette (Tom Trevarthan; brothers, Gary (Barb Warner and Carl (Debbie) Warner. A memorial service will be held at 7PM on June 15, 2006 at St. Damien Catholic Church, 30055 Joy Road, Westland, in the Parrish Center.

> May You Comfort in Family Friends



CATHERINE WALSH DEISINGER

Was born in Dexter on 10/10/10. She began teaching in Dexter one-room schoolhouses at age 18. In 1940 she married Frank X. Deisinger and raised five children, Linda (Yakonich), Frank, Richard, Louis and Jerry. She returned to teaching again in the late 60's at St. Valentine's School in Redford Township and retired in 1979 Mrs. Deisinger died on June 7, 2006 at age 95. She was buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Dexter.



COLLEEN G. MACDONALD

Age 50, died June 8, 2006. Beloved wife of David. Dear mother of Mary. Danny, Scott, and Michael. Loving sis-Captain Bill Whalen, Licensed Master. Mark (Beth) Whalen, Captain Dan (Karen) Whalen, USN and the late Terese Cruickshank. Also survived by many loving family members. Family will receive friends Sunday 2-8pm and Monday 2-8pm with Scripture Service Monday 7pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, instate 10am until the time of Service at 10:30am at St. Edith Catholic Church. 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Family appreciates memorials to Macdonald Educational Colleen Memorial Fund, c/o National City Bank, 41652 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan, 48187.



**NELLIE SHELTON** 

Age 90, of Farmington, formerly of Detroit. Died unexpectedly May 19, 2006 at Botsford Hospital, Beloved wife of the late Frank. Loving mother of Carol Giacobbi (the late Marvin Potter), Patricia Shelton, Nancy Shelton of Orlando, FL; Michael (Janet) Shelton of Parkville, MO, the late Charles Shelton and the late Peggy Dusman (Richard), Cherished of Ellen, Ann, Paul, Melinda, Samuel, Jessica, Kelsey, Sarah, Haley, Cheryl Ann, Linda and Laurie. Greatgrandmother of ten. Dear sister-in-law of Helen Dingo. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.heeney-sundquist.com. Memorial Mass Friday, June 23rd, 11a.m. at St. Maurice Catholic Church, 32765 Lyndon Ave., Livonia. Because Nellie was an avid reader and visited the library regularly, in lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Farmington Community Library, 23500 Liberty St., Farmington, MI 48335.





GERTRUDE "KITTY" PERKINS DAVENPORT Of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan died in

a hospital in Apt, France on May 27th. She was 76. The apparent cause of death was heart failure. Mrs. Davenport had been on her annual visit to Provence, France with her husband, William. Mrs. Davenport was born in Wilkes-Barre, was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania in 1930. She graduated from the Wilkes-Barre Day School in 1947 and from Smith College in 1951. While attending Smith, she studied for one year in Paris. Mrs. Davenport had a great passion for, and knowledge of, oriental rugs. She had an oriental rug business in Auburn Hills, Michigan where she also owned real estate. She formerly owned Professional Rug Cleaners in Pontiac, Michigan. She was an avid and skilled gardener and was a member of two garden clubs the Junior League Garden Club and Les Jardinières. She was often seen digging in the gardens of Brookside School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, which still bloom with perennials and wild flowers that she planted. Mrs. Davenport was a former member of the Board of Governors of Brookside School, which all three of her children attended. She was a member of the Junior League of Birmingham, Michigan and the Village Club of Birmingham. She was also a member of the Chicago Club of Charlevoix, Michigan, where she spent her sum-mers. In addition to her husband William, Mrs. Davenport is survived by her three Children: Kirk and Nina, of New York City, and Timothy, of New Canaan, Connecticut; her identical twin sister, Margaret Skallerup, of Washington, DC; and six grandchildren (Lydia, Addison, Alexander, Eliza, Jackson and Lucas). A memorial service is being planned for Mrs Davenport in September. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Cranbrook School Brookside (P.O. Box 801 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303) in her memory.



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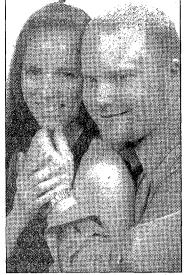
### Hwozik-Greene

James and Catharine Hwozdik of Livonia and David and Martha Greene of Garden City announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter and son in July.

Lisa Marie Hwozdik is a 1995 graduate of Franklin High School and 1998 graduate of Schoolcraft College in liberal arts, medical assistance and medical transcription.

Brian Arthur Greene is a 1998 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2006 graduate of ITT Tech with an associate's degree in computer and electronics engineering and is continuing for a master's degree.

The ceremony will take place at St. Aidan's Catholic Church



in Livonia with a reception to

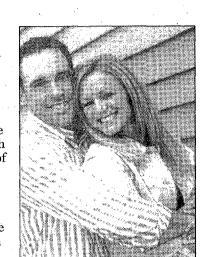
### **Umlauf-Gough** son of Sherri and Bill Schultz of

Mark and Debbie Umlauf of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter Kristine to Bryon Gough of Brooklyn, Mich.

The prospective groom is the son of Dave and Velinda Gough of Brooklyn. He is a graduate of Central High School in Brooklyn and is a journeyman in construction with Cunningham Construction.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn and Hope College. She is employed as a sales rep in international and commercial sales with Full Spectrum Solutions.

An Oct. 28 wedding is planned for Living Word Church in Plymouth. A recep-



tion will follow at Lyon Oaks Golf and Country Club in Wixom. The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii. They are building a home in Napoleon, Mich.

### **NEW VOICES**



**Owen Michael Pinta** 

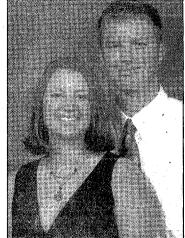
Chris and Stephanie Pinta of Livonia proudly announce the birth of their son, Owen Michael on April 11, 2006. was born at Providence Hospital in Southfield, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces. He joins his big brother Brennen. The proud grandparents are Mike Slack of Livonia, Nancy and Win Collins of Howell, and Tom and Theresa Pinta of Hamburg.

### Barr-O'Rourke Joyce and Ken Kapelanski of

Garden City and Dan and Laura Barr of Plymouth announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Angela Barr, to Steven O'Rourke of Steven is the son of Tom and

Lynn O'Rourke of Fowler. He is a graduate of Fowler High School and Central Michigan University with a degree in preventative and rehabilitative services. He is employed at the University Club of MSU.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Garden City High School and Central Michigan University with a degree in elementary education.



A June 24 wedding is planned at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Fowler.

### **Utter-Rea**

Lawrence and Carolyn Utter of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Utter, to Michael Rea of Ferndale. Michael is the son of Kathy Rea of Troy and Marshall Rea of

The couple will marry at Mercy Chapel in Farmington Hills,

# Calling all kids to amateur radio day

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Mathew Breton and the rest of the members of the Garden City Amateur Radio Club want kids to learn about their hobby so they're hosting a day especially for youth 2-8 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the Maplewood Center in Garden City.

Kids may stop in during this time to use radios to make contacts around the world. Breton, a Westland resident, became interested two years ago in the hobby which used to be called ham radio.

'I'm an electrical engineer and had a little lab at home and had been playing around and had known about ham radio for a couple of years, said Breton. "You sit down at a radio or computer to hook via the Internet and can start talking to people around the

world. You can reach areas the computer can't reach. People don't realize 90 percent of the world doesn't have Internet

Amateur radio is more than a hobby, though. Operators work with Emergency Preparedness Teams for different cities and townships whenever telephone or Internet systems go down. After Hurricane Katrina, hundreds of operators went into the area to help with communications. Since the early 20th century, amateur radio has been a way of maintaining contact with isolated areas.

"Amateur radio has expanded since just radios," said Breton. "We're heavily involved with computers. Over the years, its grown to about 580,000 amateur radio operators. People think it's dying with the Internet but it's not."

The National Association for

Amateur Radio started Kid's Day to attract youths all over the U.S to ensure its future. Breton is delighted that his wife, Kim, and daughter Brittany, 8, will probably stop in for the event. Both are starting to show interest in amateur radio and Brittany is picking up Morse code.

"Through amateur radio I've made a lot of contacts in Canada and Sweden, talked to Eastern Europe, South America, islands in the Pacific," said Breton. "I'm learning about people. Worldwide, it seems to be a friendly bunch of people. Over radio there's no race or politics. All biases are wiped away. It allows a certain type of freedom you might not get face to face."

For more information, call (734) 728-3371 or send e-mail to ab8vj@wideopenwest.com.

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### United Way database links people to volunteer activities

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United Way for Southeastern Michigan's George W. Romney Volunteer Center connects individuals with organizations that need volunteers throughout the Detroit metro area through Volunteer Solutions, the center's online search program,Individuals can search the database by activity, such as working with youth or feeding the hungry, or by zip code to locate a volunteer project close to home.

The program was launched in 2002. So far this year, more have been connected through the Web site to more than 180 nonprofit agencies in need of volunteers. Nonprofits can also register volunteer opportunities at no cost with Volunteer Solutions.

The Volunteer Center additionally coordinates Days of Caring. The special day-long projects are for groups such as schools, corporations, faithbased organizations, neighbors and friends to work together to make a difference in their communities. The center has worked with schools including West Bloomfield High School; and companies such as

DaimlerChrysler, Ford Motor Co., General Motors, McKesson and Marshall Fields.

The Volunteer Center also partners with Accounting Aid Society, Detroit Executive Service Corps and Lawrence Technical Institute to conduct BoardWALK, a series of workshops on nonprofit board leadership. And, its Southeast Michigan Corporate Volunteer Council promotes corporate volunteerism.

To learn more, contact United Way at (313) 226-9430 or log on to www.uwsem.org and click on "Get Involved."

## Do report abuse of children

I am not a nosy neighbor nor do I believe that I am a perfect parent. I point this out because of the situation that I am in. You see, I have a neighbor that is possibly abusive toward her children. She is a single parent and I can understand how difficult this must be for her but I cannot excuse the things that I have seen and heard. Firstly, her children are always dirty and outside for hours at a time and she never checks up on them. Secondly, she curses and screams at them whenever she is angry, which seems to be often. Finally, I have seen her hitting her children with objects, such as belts or spatulas, or pulling their hair. Granted, her children do seem to be "out of control" but I can't help but feel that this treatment is part of the reason for their behavior.

So, here's my problem: Several of our other neighbors have seen and heard these things as well but we cannot seem to come up with the appropriate thing to do about it. Some of us feel that we should call the police but are afraid that this would only make the situation worse. My sister suggested that I call protective services but warned me that if they determine that the house is OK that the person who reported it could face criminal charges. So none of us feels confident in calling. We all agree that something needs to be done. But what? Can you help us? Name and address withheld by request.

rom the situation that you describe, it seems pretty clear that an intervention is necessary. A home that is in constant chaos results in problems for the family as well as the community. I applaud the concern that you and your neighbors are showing for these children but I also understand some of your concerns about getting involved.

The first obstacle that you face is contacting the appropriate agency. In this case, you are unsure if it is a police matter or an issue for child protective services. The answer is that either agency can be contacted. The police will either send a unit out to the home or refer the matter to protective services themselves. Protective services, on the other hand, will take information over the phone and are required to make a visit to the home. To protect yourself, you can remain anonymous or make a group effort to contact either agency.

The second concern centers on the

common belief that you can get into trouble if your report cannot be supported by the officer or case worker that visits the home. This fear is unfounded. If you make



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contact out of genuine concern and "good faith" you are immune from criminal or civil liability. The only people that need to worry about legal

repercussions are those individuals that are intentionally

making a false report to cause problems for the individual or family involved.

Similarly, individuals that are mandated to report, such as teachers, physicians, nurses, etc. that fail to do so, can be held responsible for their failure to act on the child's behalf. It seems clear that neither of these circumstances apply to you and should not dissuade your decision to report. Finally, it is very difficult to overcome the strong sense of "minding our own business" that often prevents us from taking action in situations like the one that you describe. In general, people want to avoid as much trouble as possible. We do not want to look foolish or cause matters to worsen. So we wait for someone else to take action. This is a phenomena called "diffusion of responsibility" and its results can be disastrous. So once again, I applaud your decision to act in what you see as the best interest of these children.

It is not always easy to discern what is abusive and what is not, in fact experts often struggle with this distinction as well. If you know of a situation or if you have questions or concerns please contact the Parent Help Line at (800) 942-4357 or Wayne County Child Protective Services at (313) 396-0300. The phone call can be quick, painless, and result in some critical help to a child or family that needs it.

Terry Wilamowski is a therapist specializing in the treatment of children, adolescents and families at Heron Ridge Associates in Plymouth. Questions and comments can be sent to terrywilamowski@yahoo.com.

### 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: quest/\$6, associ-

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

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8 p.m. to 1 a.m. June 16, Livonia Holiday Inn. Call (734)464-1300 for direc-

### SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

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

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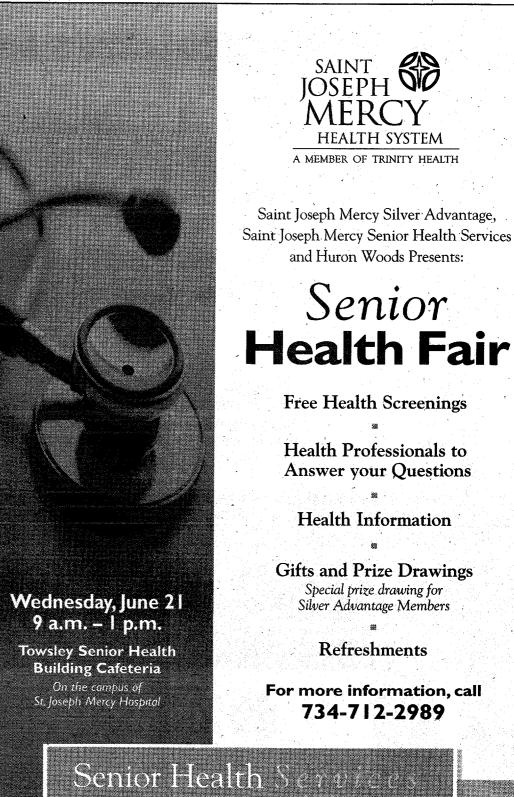
A Sock Hop, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, June 16, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago, Redford, Cost \$15, includes refreshments. Call Diane K. at (734) 261-5716 for information.

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# State of the art

Hospital brings technology out of the kitchen and into OR

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Until Master Chef Kevin Gawronski sliced into the leg of lamb, he was unsure if the Beaumont surgeons grasped the significance of the large, flat screens used for teaching culinary arts students at Schoolcraft College. Then the up-close images flashed on the manual dexterity with which Gawronski wields a knife after 34 years in the kitchen. If a camera could capture such tightly controlled movements, the technology might help a surgeon in training learn a procedure before stepping into one of the hospital's 65 operating rooms. The physicians made note of the educational experience, later designing the technology into the Marcia and Eugene Applebaum Surgical Training Center that opened recently at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Traditionally, surgeons train on live patients, unlike student





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More than two-dozen Latin American physicians attended a workshop in the surgical skills lab at the new Surgical Learning Center at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. To the left is a flat screen similar to ones used to teach culinary students at Schoolcraft College.

chefs who learn on dead flesh. The \$4.5 million center enables residents and experienced physicians to not only practice on cadavers and simulated humans, but observe procedures, thus increasing patient safety.

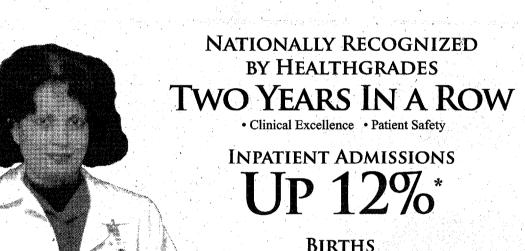
"We wanted to create an environment for learning," said Christine Zambricki, Beaumont's chief nurse executive and a Bloomfield Hills resident. "We're committed to teaching. We felt there was a good reason why they needed a teaching space for better patient care."

When Dr. Charles Shanley arrived at the teaching hospital in 2001, there was already talk of creating the educational center. For the last five years, an area in the lower level served as such on a small scale, so when the hospital's South Tower opened in fall 2004, an unused 5,500-square-foot space became the center of a vision held by Zambricki and the surgeons on staff. Marcia and Eugene Applebaum of Bloomfield Hills helped to make the

dream a reality with the donation of \$2.5 million.

Visits to the universities of Toronto and Pittsburgh, the Cleveland Clinic and Schoolcraft College led to the design by the Harley Ellis Devereaux architectural firm in Southfield. The Barton Malow Co., a general contractor in Southfield, managed implementation and designed the technology, as it had for the award-winning culinary arts program housed in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Along with a 10-table lab where surgeons hone their skills, the center offers two mock operating rooms, workstations for minimally invasive surgical training, a da Vinci robot for even less invasive procedures and a high-tech classroom linked with audio and visual to the hospital's operating rooms. A two-way communication system allows for distance learning and interaction with physicians around the

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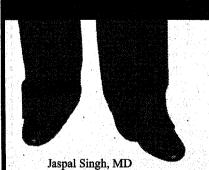
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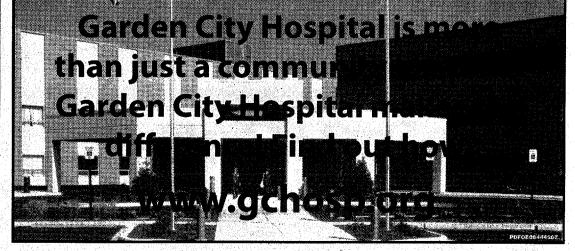
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world. "We did a lot of upfront research to take the best of all," said Shanley, vice president of surgical services and chairman of the department of surgery.

"The way we do things in the OR has evolved over the years with robotics and minimally invasive procedures. Many of the errors that occur are the result of communication. Team training allows us to anticipate. We might be able to cut down on errors. It's a commitment to safety and quality."

The mock operating rooms bring together residents, nurses and anesthesiologists, who usually train separately. A control room outside of one of the mock ORs allows the educator to simulate situations ranging from a rise in blood pressure to a total power outage.

Technology makes it possible to film the performance of participants, who then review it in a debriefing room.

"It allows teams to be exposed to surgical technique," said nurse anesthesiologist William Lees, who teaches every other week in the center. "Situations might only happen one in 250 to one in 500,000 times, so they can learn to intervene when it does. Until then, they don't know how they'll perform together."

Archie Lytle believes technology is changing the way surgeons and chefs are taught. The two aren't as different as one might think.

"There are a lot of similarities," said Lytle, technology director for Barton Malow. "They're both focusing on small, tightly controlled manual tasks. They use a lot of the same skills.

"We wanted to provide an opportunity for real world skill and learning, very hands on. There's a dummy simulator. During surgery a patient can crash, go into cardiac arrest. The staff has to react and bring the patient back to life. The issues are created artificially, so if they come back in real life they know how to react. We wanted to create the problems before they do become prob-

Gawronski may not deal with

The contractors (Barton Mallow) wanted them (the surgeons) to see what we were doing because as an education environment, we started to film a lot of what we do and they wanted to show what we had done with the technology," said Gawronski, a senior instructor in the culinary arts department and a West Bloomfield resident.

"We wanted to capture as much of the show and tell environment and put it on DVD so students could review it as much as possible to capture it. Traditionally, they would read about it and then we'd show them and expect them to do it. They see the CD up front, so it's being reinforced as I'm going through the actual visual demonstration. We found when it gets technical, we need to reinforce it."

Already surgeons from around the world have been taking advantage of the center and its technology. On June 2, more than two dozen physicians from Latin America operated on the spines of cadaver torsos in the Surgical Learning Center. Zambricki's goal is to have the educational area in operation 24/7. Shanley hopes to open it up to health professionals and other areas of the community. From June 19-23. juniors and seniors from Oakland schools will attend a week-long camp where staff will teach everything from basic life support to starting IVs. The possibilities seem endless.

"We're gathering research partners at Wayne State University and Western Michigan University, and working on a project with Johns Hopkins on communication during surgery to find out if there are ways through training to prevent things from happening," said Shanley, who with Zambricki recently applied for a National Institutes of Health grant. "This a very unique research platform. We're uniquely positioned to make a contribution. It's an entirely different approach to educa-

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# life and death issues on a daily basis, but the skills he teaches are necessary to chefs surviving in the culinary field. Limit dairy intake later in life in the culinary field.



Peter's **Principles** 

Peter Nielsen

Mike from Farmington Hills is a big milk drinker. He e-mails asking about the possible health concerns.

Mike, it may be possible to get too much of a good thing. According to research out of Harvard, men drinking two or more servings of milk per day are more than 30 percent more likely to develop prostate cancer. The study tracked 2,100 men through the 1980s and 1990s. Researchers think the calcium content in the milk may help promote prostate cancer. They also believe milk may reduce a certain type of

Vitamin D in the body that protects the prostate. Another study shows that taking calcium supplements may increase the risk of prostate cancer by up to 70 percent. The studies seem to show that overall, limiting the intake of dairy

products becomes healthier as we age. 47-year old Lori from Ann Arbor has osteoarthritis and wants to know what exercises she can do to help her severe pain.

Lori, unfortunately 40 million Americans who suffer from osteoarthritis don't exercise because of pain and stiffness in their joints. But what they don't realize is that exercise is actually the

best medicine! Researchers have found that Tai Chi, the gentlest form of martial arts training, offers excellent range of motion to people with this condition. It has been shown that 10 minutes or longer of aerobic activity, such as walking, swimming or cycling,

can definitely help reduce pain and improve a person's range of motion (you should, however, avoid bouncing or high-impact exercise). It really is important to exercise on a daily basis. Just take it slowly and carefully. Remember, your health and wellbeing is a long-term project!

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



### **MEDICAL DATEBOOK**

**Cancer survivors class** Crittenton Hospital Medical Center in conjunction with the Karmanos Cancer Institute hosts a class 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, in the auditorium near the main lobby entrance. Speaker is Veronica Schimp, MD, gynecological oncologist at Karmanos. To register, call (800) 527-6266 or visit www.kar-

Unlocking health workshop

With guest lecturer Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C., learn five keys to wellness, how to eat, drink, exercise and sleep correctly. discussion on how the mind and body function together 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. To register, call (734) 455-4444. For more information, call (734) 655-2980.

Divorce support

7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, group discussion, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis; an attorney from the firm Woll & Woll will be available 5-7 p.m. the third Monday of each month (anyone interested may sign in beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day), a certified financial planner from Center for Financial Planning is available 5-7 p.m. (sign in begins 4:30 p.m.) on first Monday of each month, at Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Anniversary celebration

In honor of the Alzheimer's Association's 25 years of service a luncheon and awards program will be held June 14, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Tickets are \$25. Call (800) 272-3900.

Natural solutions workshop

For arthritis and osteoporosis, with speaker Dr. William Karl, DC 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at Livonia Civic Center Library. No charge. RSVP (734) 425-8588.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is hosting a casual pasta benefit dinner 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, in the hospital's auditorium to

benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk. Cynthia Aks, DO, Medical Director and Breast Specialist, St. Mary Mercy Comprehensive Breast Center, will be answering questions about breast cancer awareness and treatments, "Ask the Doctor" about risk factors, screenings, new treatment modalities and new diagnostic technologies. Public is welcome. Fee is \$20. To reserve your seat, call (734) 655-8950. The hospital is at 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia.

Sharing & Caring

Coping strategies: Mary Plotz, LMSW, director, Cancer Resource Centers, William Beaumont Hospital, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 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 andd friends. Call (248) 551-8585 for more information.

Golf benefit

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Golf Classic, an 18-hole scramble featuring two shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 16, at Cattails Golf Club,

South Lyon. Proceeds will help build a state-of-the-art cancer center at the hospital. Cost for individual par golf package is \$200.

Shot party

The Visiting Nurse Association partners with the Detroit Zoo to offer a double shot of vaccine protection to school-age children 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, at the main entrance of the zoo in Royal Oak, Children, ages 15 and older, can get immunized against bacterial meningitis and/or receive the new tetanus booster that offers

increased protection against whooping cough, known medically as pertussis. Meningitis shot cost is \$105; Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis combined booster \$50. For more information, call (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

Northland Pacers Walk Around the World

Endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports, in conjunction with Providence Hospital began June 2, with free noncompetitive walking and fitness program, at Northland Center, Southfield. Each registered walker receives a passport to record their progress, and a T-shirt. Walkers turn in their mileage logs each week. The mall then updates a world map that show 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.

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### **AROUND TOWN**

### Fibromyalgia workshop

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Jan Krist, along with percussionist Alan Finkbeiner and guest guitarist Jim Bizer will be performing at The Ark, 316 N. Main in Ann Arbor, on Thursday, June 29. The show begins at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

### African Children's Choir

The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir is returning to Michigan for a concert Friday, June 16 at St. Paul American Lutheran Church in Dearborn. The Choir will be performing concerts throughout the state before traveling to the United Kingdom in July. There is no admission charge for the concerts. A freewill offering is taken at the performance to support the African Children's Choir education, care and relief and development programs. For more information on the African Children's Choir and an overview its programs and projects, visit www.africanchildrenschoir.com or email info@africanchildrenschoir.com

trish Genealogical Society The Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan presents a program on "Beginning Genealogy" with Richard M. Doherty, president of the society, 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2068 Michigan Avenue in Detroit. Fenced-in parking is available. The lecture will cover What is Genealogy, how to get started, basic forms, sources of genealogy information, key research tools and final hints. For more information, call (248) 879-

Homebuyers' workshop Ross Mortgage hosts a live on-line Bomebuyers Workshop 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, to discuss the ins and outs of financing your next fome. Register on-line at www.rossmortgage.com. The workshop is free. For more information, call (248) 547-

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Northville garden walk The Country Garden Club of Northville is inviting everyone to attend their annual garden walk, featuring five gardens in Northville, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. After seeing the flowers, visitors are invited to stop by Mill Race Village, where Cady Inn will be transformed into "The Potting Shed" where complimentary home-made sweets and lemonade will be served. Tickets in advance (\$10) are available and may be purchased after June 12 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. For more information, call (734) 591-0360.

Alzheimer's anniversary This year the Alzheimer's Association celebrates 25 years of service to Michigan residents with a luncheon and awards program at noon June 14 at the VisTaTech center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. The program will feature recognition of special people and features keynote speaker Orien Reed, a television and radio consumer reporter and volunteer for the Alzheimer's Association. Tickets are \$25, and the public is invited. For tickets or more information, visit the Web site at www.alzgmc.org or call (800) 272-

Zoo shot party On Tuesday, June 20, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan and the Detroit Zoo team up to offer "One Zoo of a Shot Party," fora convenient place to get children ages 15 and older immunized against bacterial meningitis and/or receive the new tetanus booster that offers increased protection against whooping cough, known medically as pertussis. The program is open to students age 15, high school seniors and college freshmen living in dorms. The meningitis shot costs \$105; the tetanus shot is \$50. The event takes place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the main entrance to the Detroit Zoo; parking is free for those being immunized. For more information, visit www.vna.org or call (248) 967-8755.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS **Plymouth District Library**

Summer school

The Plymouth District Library is seeking sealed bids to provide and install low voltage wiring for a renovation project. There is a non-mandatory pre-bid meeting on June 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. and the bids are due on June 26, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Contact Ms. Geri Nassar at 248-737-9437 or gmnassar@comcast.net for a copy of the bid package.

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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 website, www.mtocgolf.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" 7-8:30 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. Creative writing workshop The Michigan Horror Writers presents its Spring 2006 writing workshop, "Revealing Character or What's in Your (Hero's) Wallet?" 3:45-6:15 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@michigan-

### horror.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.

### **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 734994-3610.

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.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS **NOTICE TO BIDDERS** 

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 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 smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

### Moms Club

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

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 ancesters who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further informa-

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 112 meets at the 1.0.0.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**

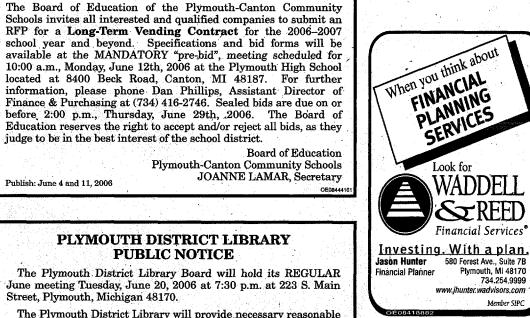
Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

### 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 informa-

### 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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### **PUBLIC NOTICE** The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

June meeting Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-0750 X217

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PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF PLYMOUTH LIONS PARK (BURROUGHS & FAIRGROUND) PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN **JUNE 19, 2006** 7:00 P.M. **LWCF GRANT APPLICATION** 

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth City Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 19, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. to take comments regarding the submittal of a LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) Grant Application for improvements at Massey Field. It is the City's intention to apply for grant assistance for the construction of a permanent restroom facility as well as a shade structure over the bleachers at Massey Field.

Physically challenged persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City offices at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting. Linda Langmesser

City Clerk

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The following programs are being offered at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, during June:

YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, June 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Roundtable readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Don Hewlett. (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

**IDENTITY THEFT DETECTION AND PREVEN-**TION, Monday, June 12, 10 a.m. - Senior Fraud **Investigator Deborah Swimmer** of LaSalle Bank Midwest will discuss scams, red flags, prevention and reporting mechanisms. Question and answer session will follow presentation. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

WOK AND ROLL, Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m. – Guest chef Ming Louie will lead participants in how to fill, roll and cook vegetarian egg rolls in the traditional Chinese manner. All supplies provided – just bring your appetite. Registration limited to 50 adults - call the Reader's Advisory Desk today at (734)

453-0750, Ext. 4. **WANDER THE WEB** FOR THE HEALTH OF YOUR CHILDREN, Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. — While the children are attending the Summer Reading Program Kick-off, parents are invited to hear registered dieticians, Deborah Silverman and Monica Lowe. Ms. Silverman and Ms. Lowe will provide tips on how to get children to eat healthy foods and to motivate them to be physically active. Free tickets to this event may be obtained at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

**ASTRONOMY DISCUS-**SION GROUP, Monday, June 19, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact 734-459-BEST or starmike best@comcast.net

**■ CONTEMPORARY** BOOKS DISCUSSION. Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m. Members of this book discussion group are invited to read Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or email spatterson@plymouthli-

brary.org ■ BROWN BAG BOOK DIS-CUSSION, Wednesday, June 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read Shadow Divers by Robert Kurson. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453-0750,or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org

■ GREAT BOOKS — This discussion group does not meeting during the summer months, details of the fall meeting schedule can be found in the next Library newsletter or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website http://www.greatbooks.org/-

**■ LIBRARY GARDEN** GROUP, Thursday, June 22, 7 p.m. — This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and how the current gardening season is progressing. Gardeners at all skill levels are invited - no registration is required.

BLOGS, PODCASTS, WIKIS and RSS - What are you talking about? Wednesday, June 28, 7 p.m. — You don't have to be a techie to enjoy this program with Electronic Resource Librarian, Kathy Petlewski. Ms. Petlewski will discuss these new technologies in a way that non-geeks can understand. Registration is required for this free program call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4

### **Youth Programs**

■ The Library announces its popular summer reading program - Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales - Books, reading, prizes

### **@ THE LIBRARY**

and fun! Starting on Monday, June 19th, all children are encouraged to come to the Library, sign up for the program and start reading. This program is designed for students aged 6 -12. It has been developed to promote a love of books and libraries, encourage summer reading, and help maintain reading skills. A visit to the Library once each week will help reach these goals. A wide variety of programs are planned throughout the summer. Check the Youth section of our homepage - plymouthlibrary.org for events all summer long.

**SUMMER READING** KICK-OFF PROGRAM -THE COMEDY OF SPOON MAN, Tuesday, June 27, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. — Laugh along with the wacky comedy of The Spoon Man. Pick up free tickets for this program beginning June 19 at the Reader's Advisory Desk.

LAP SIT STORYTIME, Monday, June 12, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required – call on or after June 5 - (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

BABY PLAY, Monday, June 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, July 1, 10 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. This month, there will be no Saturday repeat program as it is the 4th of July holiday weekend. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

### Teen Program

■ Teen Summer Reading

COME AS YOU ARE, June 12-Aug. 7 — Sign up begins on June 12. Participants are

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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

> Marilyn Massengill, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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encouraged to read, attend cool programs and win prizes. Just a few easy steps:

- Get a Reading Log - Read 4 books of your choice (3 graphic novels = 1 book) - Starting June 21, turn in

reading log for a chance at prizes - Turn in 2 logs & get a \$5 Barnes & Nobles gift certificate - Turn in 3 logs & win a pair

of movie tickets Grand Prize: \$100 Gift Certificate to Twelve Oaks Mall

For more details, come on in to the Library or go to the teen Web page at plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm

THE MYSTERY OF THE PHAROAH'S CURSE, Monday, June 19, 5:30 p.m. - Kick off the Teen Summer Reading Program by solving the mystery of prom queen Amanda, who is found at the foot of the stairs, injured and unconscious. Pizza, pop and DDR follow the mystery fun. Registration is required; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. Sign up early for parts in the mystery.

BOOKS & ICE CREAM, Tuesday, June 20, 3 p.m. -Read Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson. Sixteen-yearold Matilda Cook is alone in 1793 Philadelphia as she faces the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic. Register at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

**■ SUMMER CRAFT PRO-**

GRAM, Wednesday, June 21, 3 p.m. — Make a dream catcher. All supplies provided for this free program, but registration is

required. Call (734) 453-0750, Go to the Teen Zone webplymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm and check out what's in store

### Computer training

for July.

■ LISTEN UP! Learn how to download audiobooks, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m. -Learn how to access over 1,000 unabridged audiobooks through the Library's homepage, plymouthlibrary.org. Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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For more information on any library programs, please contact Susan Stoney, Plymouth District Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

### **LIBRARY PICKS**

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

### **FICTION**

1. "At Risk," Patricia Cornwell 2. "Beach Road," James Patterson

3. "Dead Watch," John Sanford 4. "Hard Way," Lee Child

5. "Two Little Girls in Blue," Mary Higgins Clark

### **NON-FICTION**

1. "Marley and Me," John Grogan

2. "Wisdom of Our Fathers," Tim Russert

3. "Mayflower," Nathaniel

Philbrick

4. "Burnt Toast," Teri Hatcher 5. "Game of Shadows," Mark Fainaru-Wada

### **PARENTS' CHOICE**

### **CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**

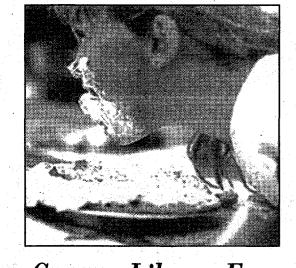
1. "Zany Zoo," William Wise 2. "Hillside Lullaby," Hope Vestergaard

3. "Don't Let the Pigeon Stay

Up Late," Mo Willems 4. "Hit the Ball, Duck," Jez

Alborough 5. "Silly Suzy Goose," Petr Horacek





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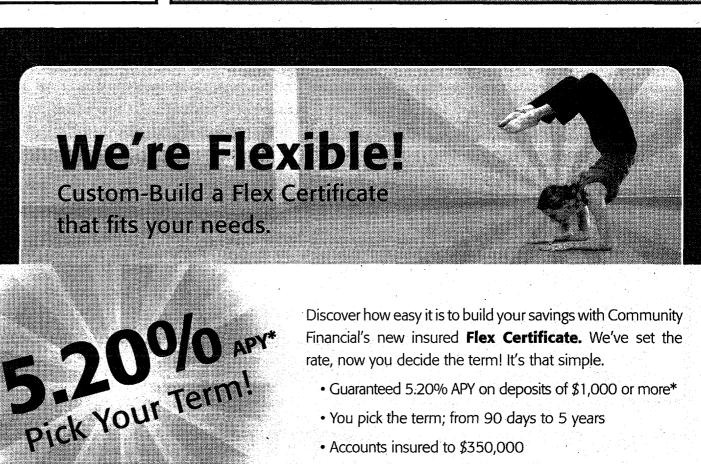
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### **CONCERT SCHEDULE**

### **MUSIC IN THE AIR** July 28 - Westrin and Mowry, acoustic rock and pop

Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the **Downtown Development** Authority; concerts are 7 p.m.

Fridays in Kellogg Park: June 16 - Double Cross Band, blues and soul, new to the lineup

Here's the schedule for the

- June 23 Sarah Lenore
- 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

### 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 Dittlies
- 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 Ladv"
- 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

### REUNIONS

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

### REUNIONS

### Belleville High School All Class Reunion for Belleville High School, 3-8 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, so contact Chairperson Mildred Baker if you can provide informa-

### Berkley High School Class of 1971

A 35-year reunion. 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 37529 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, \$65 per person, spouses/guests welcome. Reservations due by June 15. Register and updates at www.berkleyalumni.org.

### 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 Schanfrankek (248) 543-6353. Joann Ellison Armistead (248) 533-9525, Susan Wilmot Hitchcock at hitchcocksw@hotmail.com.

### Clarenceville High School

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

### **Cherry Hill High School** Class of 1986

A 20-year reunion. Last graduating class, welcomes other classes, Friday, Sept. 15, at Double Tree Hotel, Romulus, For more information, contact Lisa (Brown)Graham at CHHS1986@hotmail.com or (734)9939.

### **Denby High School** Class of 1956

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

### Class of 1956

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

Class of 1957 A 50th reunion is being planned for the summer of 2007. Looking for January, June and Sumer '57 graduates. If interested in

attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates,

### contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989)366-9288. **Detroit Cody** Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for Sept. 30, 2006, at Summit at the Park in Canton. \$60. Make check payable to Cody '76 Reunion and send to Laurene Craig, 6736 Elizabeth, Garden City 48135. Contact Pat (Pletzke) Wauford at

Swaulor@aol.com; OR Laurene (Zywica) Craig at (734) 536-3195 OR Harry Werwinski at bognutz@yahoo.com or (313) 274-7763.

### 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.

Class of 1961 Picnic at Kensington Metro Park, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 12. Contact Connie at (734)425-7094 or Rita at (248)348-7437 or Rita@fissiontech.com.

### **Detroit Cooley** Class of 1966

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

### **Detroit Henry Ford** Class of 1966

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

### **Detroit Mackenzie**

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

### Detroit Salesian High School Class of 1956

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

### 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. Fordson High School

### Class of 1976

July 29 at George Murphy's on the Creek, 7 mile, Livonia, \$30 per person, Contact: fhs1976reunion30year@yahoo.com or http://home.comcast.net/~thelev76

### Franklin High School

### Class of 1969 Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy

Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com. Livonia Bentley

### Class of 1956

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

### Livonia Chuchill 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.

### Class of 1971 to Class of 2006

Alumni Summer Bash, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Waterford Bend Park, Six Mile and Northville roads. No fee, donations accepted. Proceeds go to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, contact Chris (Don) Nicholson, (734)658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728-0393 or Gayle@ChuchillAlumni.com.

### 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: Kayninilu@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 Ikronk@sbcglobal.net or (734) 718-3211, or Keri Gutekunst-Sims at

### 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@vahoo.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 Burton Lane. Livonia 48154. For more information email dlindenm@hotmail.com.

### Marine Reunion

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

### North Farmington Class of 1966

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 High School Class of 1956

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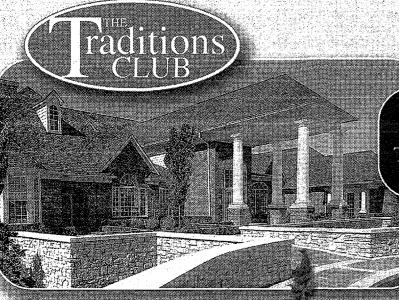
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# Understanding schizophrenics

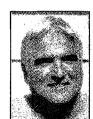
chizophrenia is a major mental illness which is said to affect one out of 100 people in the world's population.

People who suffer from schizophrenia have a psychosis, a severe difficulty distinguishing between what is real and what is unreal. There are several associated symptoms typically present which cause marked social and occupational dysfunction. Symptoms involve a range of problems in thinking, feeling, behaving, and communicating. Delusions and hallucinations are hallmark signs of the disorder.

A delusion is an erroneous belief which involves misinterpreting the words and actions of others. In these, the individual believes he or she is being tormented, followed, tricked, spied on, etc.

Hallucinations are erroneous perceptions through the senses. The most common are auditory in which the person hears voices, outside their own thoughts, which often command them to perform certain actions or degrade them with remarks that they are ugly, stupid, etc. Problematic language and communication can occur in which the individual's speech is illogical, very loosely connected. Or conversely, language can be impoverished and the individual will withdraw interest in expressing him or herself.

The common onset of schizophrenia is from late adolescence until mid 30s. However, no one is immune from the disorder and given enough extreme stress, anyone can develop mild, moderate, or severe symptoms. The



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disorder does tend to be chronic.

The common subtype of schizophrenia is the paranoid type. The individual is grossly suspicious of others, unable to trust, fearful, and holding on strongly to beliefs that he or she is in danger. In this condition, the schizophrenic's dilemma is "a life of terror."

Life expectancy for a person with schizophrenia is less than a healthy person due to the high rate of suicide (10 percent) and the higher health risk from lifestyles of poor medical care, and homelessness.

A misconception is that people with schizophrenia have "split personalities." Actually, this is an entirely different category of mental illness and is relatively rare.

Interestingly, we all "hallucinate" at night when we sleep. Our remembered dreams are voices and visions not too unlike those of a schizophrenic hallucination. The difference, however, is that in schizophrenia the dream-like activity of the mind occurs while one is awake. Imagine trying to live like that.

There is no single or wellunderstood cause of schizophrenia. Biological versus psychological theories continue, with more evidence supporting a biological cause in the past two decades. Similarly there is no single "cure" yet for this disorder. Newer medications are being developed which have lesser side effects than older medications and crude electric shock treatment.

These are allowing people with schizophrenia to leave hospitals and have more community reentry. Medication treatment dampens and in some situations controls the outward symptoms of schizophrenia but underlying problems certainly persist. There are also non-medication, psychotherapeutic treatments available from mental health practitioners.

Family support and understanding for an individual with schizophrenia goes a long way in improving the prognosis and degree of humane functioning in community reentry which would be possible for one stricken with schizophrenia.

Too often, individuals with this mental illness become alienated from families, disregarded by society, and are left homeless with a greatly shortened life expectancy. As more family awareness grows, so will community awareness. Earlier interventions can be made and, as a society, more tolerance can come from understanding.

Resources: The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (703) 524-7600; Rose Hill Psychiatric Center in Holly, Michigan (248) 634-5530.

Len McCulloch is a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and Board Certified in Trauma. He is consulting Director of Psychological Services at Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc. in Farmington Hills. He can be reached at (248) 474-2763.

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# **Employers look for career 'fit' in new hires**

(PRWEB) — The interview is more than a time to determine if the candidate is a potential fit for the current position, according to a recent poll of employers and recruiters by

http://CareerExposure.com. An overwhelming majority of respondents stated they are looking for a career fit — someone who can step in and contribute to the organization immediately, while at the same time offering a potential for longterm development.

"Today's employers are looking for more than the 'basics' in their interviews," said JillXan Donnelly, president of the Career Exposure Network. "Although a candidate's skill set, experience and education are very important, employers need to feel their potential new hires want to do more than merely collect a paycheck. Recruiters tell us they are looking for new recruits to step in and contribute immediately.'

To determine career fit in potential hires, employers report the essential qualifications for a successful candidate are education, experience and professionalism. The candidates must also be goal-oriented, hard working and flexible to adapt to ever-changing business needs.

Over 65 percent of respondents to the poll stated they interview anywhere from five to 10 candidates for each position they are looking to fill. And almost 30 per-



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cent of respondents interview more than 10 candidates.

Employers who responded to the survey offered their advice to candidates looking to stand out in the pack of prospective hires. Their top four tips include:

Be prepared. Make sure you visit the company's Web site and have thoroughly read through the job description, and be ready to show how your experience and skill set makes

■ Be enthusiastic. Show a genuine interest by preparing and asking questions about the company and the position at hand, and take notes during the interview.

Be professional. Your resumes should be as crisp and clean as your suit. Take a second to collect your thoughts before answering a question to ensure your response is eloquent and to the point.

it's time to race out of the building and wait by the phone. Take the time to shake your interviewer's hand and thank him or her for the opportunity to meet. Be sure to follow up with a thank you — either by e-mail or written note — to reaffirm your interest in the opportunity.

Additional resources can be found at http://CareerExposure.com, http://CareerWomen.com. http://DiversitySearch.com, and

### If you get paid, your work is not done

(NAPSI) — If you are one of the 156 million workers in America who gets a paycheck, it may pay to take part in a new online payroll survey. The "Getting Paid In America" survey, sponsored by the American Payroll Association, gives America's workers more than just a chance to win a free paycheck and a trip to Las Vegas. It also gives them a chance to weigh in on important payroll issues that affect everyone who receives a paycheck.

Challenges presented by an increasingly competitive global economy are forcing corporate America to look at new technologies and processes designed to improve the efficiency of payroll processing.

However, these new technologies raise many questions - such as how will personal information stored in company databases be secured? Or how will companies failsafe disaster recovery plans to ensure that employees get paid even in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster?

The free online survey is open to all U.S. workers. It takes only minutes to complete and poses simple but important questions on payroll-related issues that ultimately help the payroll industry address the issues that affect how America's employees are paid.

Last year, more than 29,900 workers responded to the survey. The online survey is conducted as part of the annual National Payroll Week. To view or take the survey, or learn more about National Payroll Week, visit www.nationalpayrollweek.com. The survey will continue through Sept. 8.



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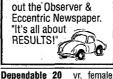
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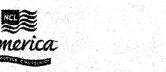
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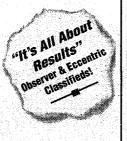
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18858 Heather Ridge, S/off 7 Mile, W/Ridge 675,000 Steeplechas ub - New Construction Bedroom, 3.5 Baths ivate Lot. 248-935-1533 RE/MAX Classic

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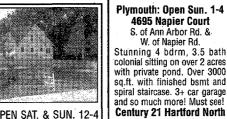
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# Southfield gets another new condo development

BY JOE BAUMAN STAFF WRITER

Michigan's sagging economy has done little to put the breaks on new residential development in the area, as evidence by another condominium community planned for Southfield.

Ground is expected to be broken next month for the 10 Ten Development, billed as an upscale residential loft and penthouse community being constructed by Nolan Realty Investments.

When completed, the project will consist of one, two and three bedroom loft/penthouse condos featuring a concierge service, a clubhouse featuring a zero-edge pool, 24-hour monitored video security, exercise facility, nature trails and a second floor home

On-site retail shopping and restaurants will round out the development, located on 10 Mile Road west of the Lodge Freeway and directly across from Lawrence Technological University. Pre-construction pricing starts at just under \$210,000, with loft units starting at 900 square feet up to penthouses at more than 2,200 square feet.

"10 Ten is located minutes from everything and embodies a location that is alive with possibilities," said company principal Bill Bowman. "From a Pistons game at the Palace to the Detroit Institute of the Arts to Somerset Mall and the airport, the central location blends proximity to metropolitan hot spots with cutting edge innovation and beautifully constructed lofts and penthouses."

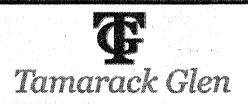
Bowman said the fact the development is minutes from Northwestern Highway, the Southfield Freeway, and I-696 makes it an ideal location for those wanting access to downtown Detroit while maintaining a suburban address and setting.

For more information on the project, visit the 10 Ten model office at 20473 10 Mile Road, call (248) 304-1010 or visit the company Web site at www.10tenliving.com



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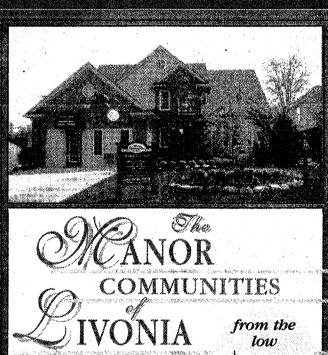
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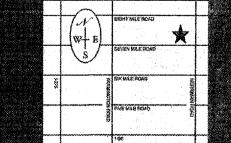
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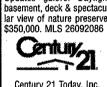
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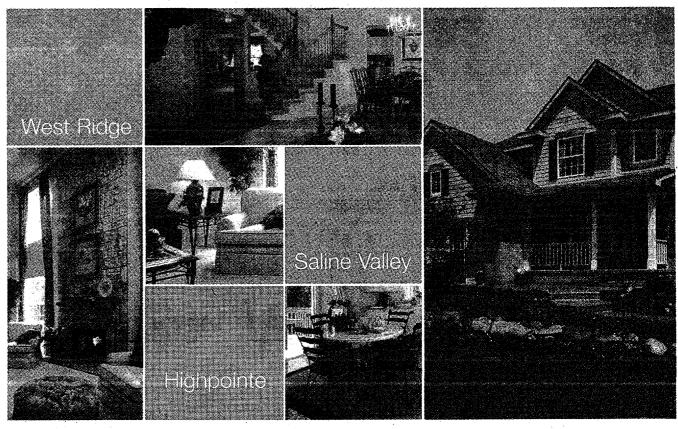
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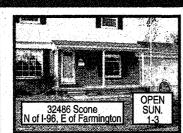


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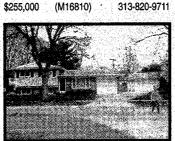


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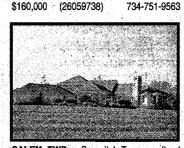


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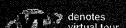
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Keller Williams Realty will be hosting Career Seminars 6:30 p.m. June 15 and 10 a.m. June 22 in Plymouth. The Plymouth office is located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, Plymouth, MI 48170. Participants will learn all they need to know about costs, compensation, training, and prelicense requirements. RSVP for Plymouth: (734) 459-4700, RSVP for Livonia: (734) 266-9000.

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"Tony and Pat are tremendous examples of Most Referred real estate professionals," said Glenn Davies, president of Most Referred. He praised them for integrity, market knowledge and customer service. The designation recognizes the top three most referred real estate agents in a market.

#### Watters joins RE/MAX

Matt Watters has joined the RE/MAX 100 real estate office. He has been in real estate for three years and is a Quality Service Certified agent, said broker/owner Crystal

Watters comes to RE/MAX from Real Estate One. RE/MAX is at 8800 Commerce Road in Commerce and

serves the surrounding communities. "RE/MAX is where all the top agents are at," Watters said. "I wanted

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Brian Yaldoo of RE/MAX Classic in Farmington Hills was awarded the highest level of service achievement in the real estate industry, Quality Service Certified Platinum. The award is in recognition of earning 100 percent client service satisfaction in 2005, as measured by Leading Research Corp.

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#### Homebuyer Class

There will be a free Homebuyer Class 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Fidelity National Title at Six Mile and I-275. It is put on by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. There will be a home inspector present. It will cover all aspects of buying a home in every price range and in any city. Attendees are both first-time and

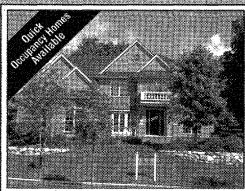
experienced buyers. It will cover why it is important to be pre-approved and what that entails; what kinds of mortgages are available and to whom; how to avoid a "lemon" and have the house inspected professionally; have a buyer's agent working only for you; how to get seller's concessions to help cover your costs; how to decide on a good offer price; what are all the papers involved in writing an offer etc. Call for reservations (24 hours) at (734) 420-9600 or e-mail at: info@rfirestoneteam.com.

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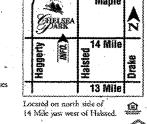




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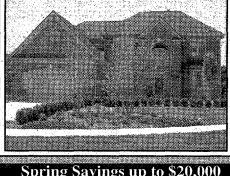
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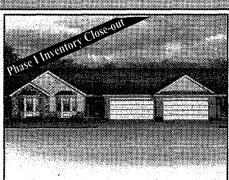
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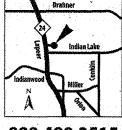


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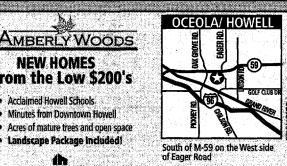
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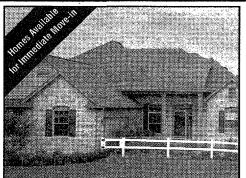
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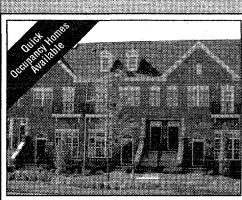
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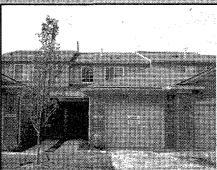
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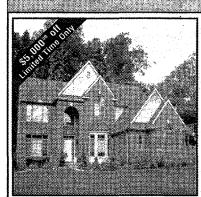
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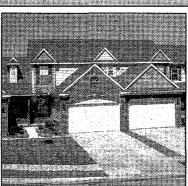
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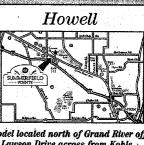


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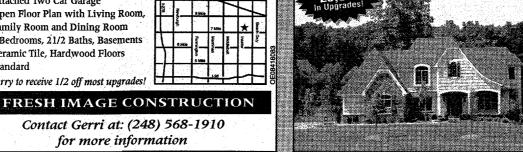
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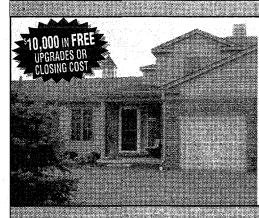






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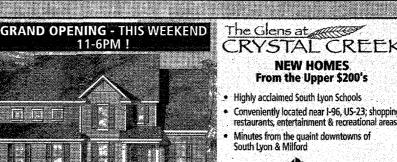


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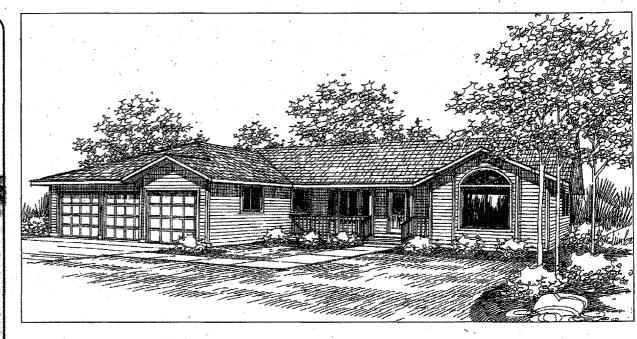
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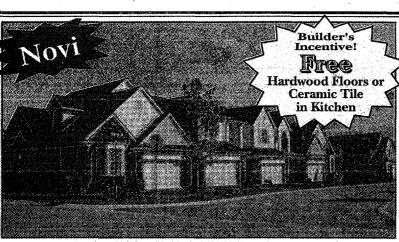
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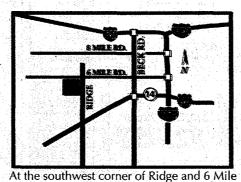


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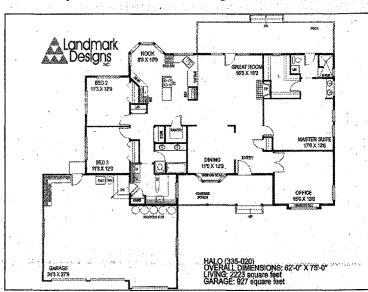


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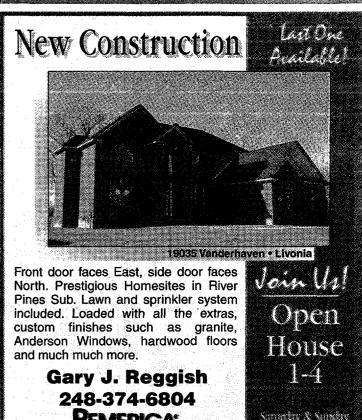
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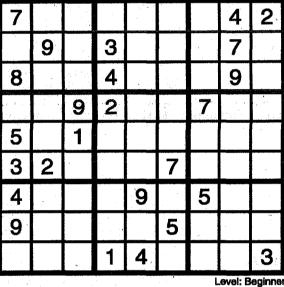
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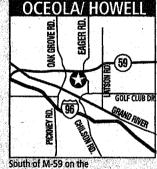


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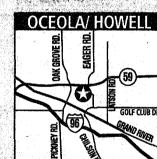
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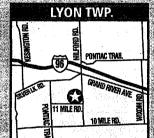
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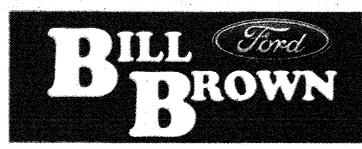
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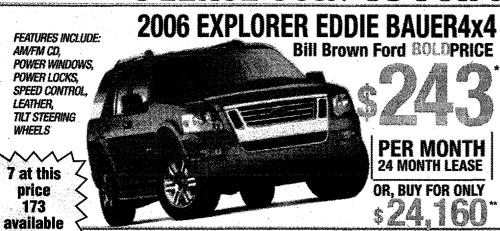
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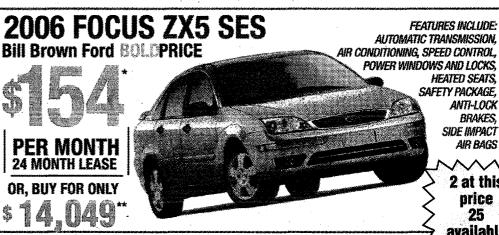


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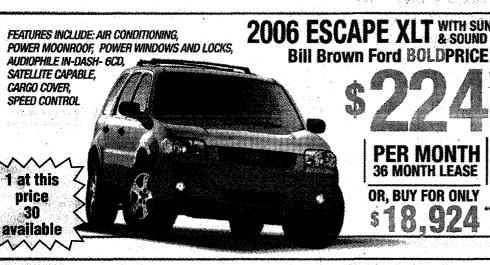
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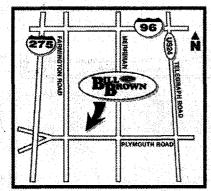




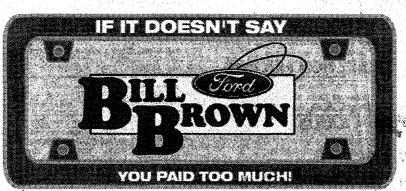
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# 2006 Jeep Commander Limited 4x4 Is Innovative, And Affordable

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## CAReport



By Dave Menard

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When you have an iconic nameplate like Jeep, it s got to be tough to design new models. You need new models to stay up to date, but buyers have an expectation of what they re going to see when they go looking for a Jeep.

What to do? What Jeep has decided to do is to introduce a new model for 2006 that keeps the look and feel of a Jeep, but

adds some feature combinations not before offered in a Jeep. The result is the 2006 Jeep Commander, which comes in two trim lines —the base Commander and the upper-level Limited.

When you see the Commander, you can definitely see its lineage. It's all Jeep, from the seven-slot grille and trapezoidal wheel openings, to the round headlamps, the steep windshield and rear end.

The Limited comes with chrome grille, bodyside molding and roof rail crossbars; premium fender flares; rear exterior assist handles; fog lamps; rain-sensitive windshield wipers, adjustable roof rail crossbars, and 17-inch cast-aluminum wheels. The roof is stepped, which allows the second and third-row

seats (the third-row seats are a first for a Jeep) to be set theater style, with each row a little higher than the one in front of it for

There is another interesting feature that s standard on the Limited—second-row skylights positioned directly behind the sunroof. It makes the rear seating area seem more spacious, but it does some with sunshades to block out the light you don t want. It s a nice feature that more SUVs should look at.

The Commander Limited comes with a 4.7-liter SOHC V8 engine rated at 235 hp and 305 lb.-ft. of torque (the base Commander comes with a V6).

Considering the weight of the Commander and the fact that power has to go to all four wheels, you might want the extra

power of the optional 5.7-liter HEMI V8." That one s got almost 100 more horses and 70 more lb.-ft. of torque. It gets the Commander moving quickly, but, of course there is a price to everything.

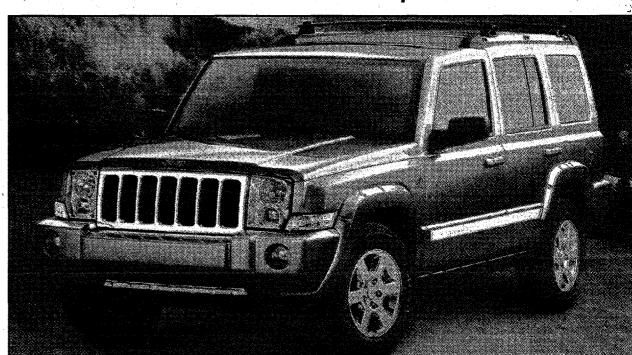
In addition to the extra \$1495 the bigger engine will cost you at purchase, you ll pay at the pump, too.

Although rated at 14/18 mpg, the Commander's own internal computer show me I got less than 14 miles-per-gallon in the week I drove it -and I did some highway driving. You can tow 6500 lbs with the 4.7-liter V8, 7200 lbs with the

larger engine. Whichever of the V8s you choose, you ll get the same

transmission. It s a five-speed automatic that also allows you to shift manually, if you want to.

Jeep has given the Commander Limited its Quadra-Trac II



2006 Jeep Commander Limited 4x4. Vehicle class: Special purpose. Where built: Detroit. Mileage: 14 city / 18 highway. Base price: \$38,205. Price as tested: \$44,370.

four-wheel drive system. It incorporates a transfer case that provides full-time active four-wheel drive. When wheel slippage is detected, up to 100 percent of the available torque is routed to the axle with the most traction.

It also includes electronic shift with a low-range gear and neutral for towing behind another vehicle.

Like sports referees, a good transmission is one you really don t notice. This one almost fits that description.

Most of the time the shift points are smooth, but you do feel a lurch every now and then, particularly if you re a hard accelerator.

An off-road group is available on Commander that includes a stamped-steel transfer case skid plate that mounts to the transmission crossmember and a fuel tank skid plate that provides off-road protection to the transfer case.

I m not usually one who cares for the feel of a 4x4 on city streets; the ride is usually rough and noisy.

The Commander Limited, however, gives you a pretty decent ride. The front suspension is a short-long arm system, while the rear suspension is a five-link solid axle system and it works pretty

Don't get me wrong -you re not going to mistake this for a luxury-car ride, but for a 4x4, the road smoothes out pretty well.

The power rack-and-pinion steering makes the Commander fairly easy to handle, and the four-wheel ABS brakes are excellent. Inside, the Commander Limited comes with a nice selection of

In addition to the sunroof and skylights mentioned above, you also get dual-zone air conditioning, cruise control, power

windows and locks, and a rear sensor to help with parking. The Limited comes with heated, power leather seats that adjust

eight ways for the driver and four for the passenger; the seats are comfortable and provide good support and the pedals are power-

There's plenty of room, too. The second- and third-row seats can be folded down for more cargo space, and the third-row seats. have grocery hooks on their backs.

The standard audio system in the Limited is a Boston Acoustics AM/FM/six-disc CD system with six speakers and 276

watts of power, and it s excellent. An integrated Sirius satellite radio system with a year of service is also part of the package. You can also add an integrated GPS

navigation system and a rear seat DVD system. The audio system can also be controlled via the controls mounted on the leather-wrapped steering wheel.

The Commander comes with the standard front-passenger airbags, and also has side curtain airbags for all three rows, electronic stability program, knee bolsters, and a theft-deterrent

The 2006 Commander Limited starts at a little over \$38,000 Add the rear entertainment system, off-road group, larger engine, navigation system, and the aluminum wheels and you re at about \$44,000.

So what to make of Jeep's latest all-new model?

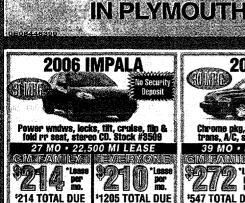
If you re looking for something that can go off-road with ease, yet still handle city traffic, and you re already a Jeep fan, and don't mind the gas mileage that goes with it, you might want to take a look at the Commander Limited. It does, by the way, also come in

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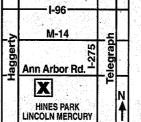
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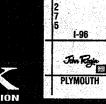
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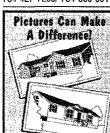
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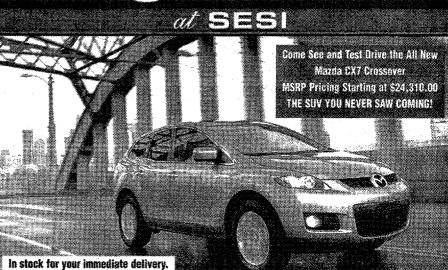
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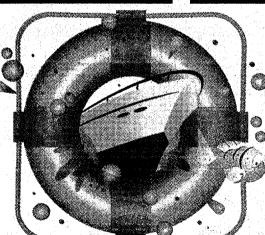
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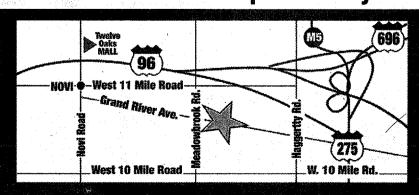
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