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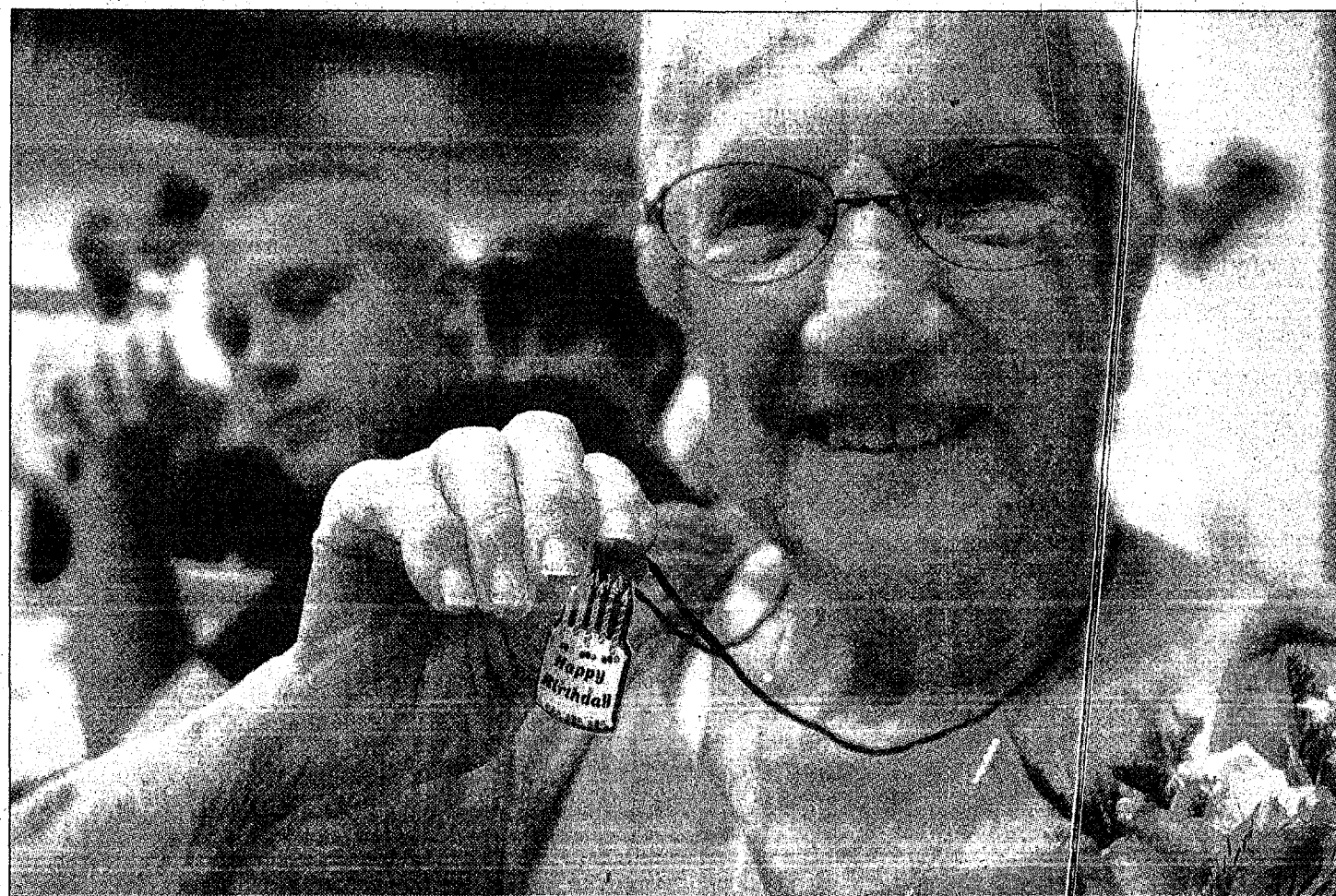
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Rhue Datcher celebrates her 100th birthday at Tonquish Creek with, among others, her great-grandson Cliff McClumpha.

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## Centennial splendor

### Tonquish woman celebrates 100th birthday

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

When Rhue Datcher was born, Teddy Roosevelt was president, eggs were 14 cents a dozen, the best meal in town was served at the Plymouth Hotel for a quarter and there were only 45 stars on the American flag.

In fact, life expectancy was only 47 years.

However, with the help of "good genes" from her great-grandfather who lived to be 102, Datcher celebrated her 100th birthday Monday at Tonquish Creek Manor.

Datcher shared the celebration with residents at Tonquish Creek, as well as her daughter, Rita McClumpha of Canton

Township and most of her four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

"I never thought I would live this long, but I come from a family on both sides with good genes," Datcher said. "When I was growing up, we didn't eat fast food, I didn't like beer and I never smoked cigarettes. But, I walk every day. It's my recreation and exercise."

It's not unusual to see Datcher - with her signature walker - striding from Tonquish Creek to downtown Plymouth to pick up her medicine at the drugstore or to attend a concert in Kellogg Park.

"She walks, and she really clips along," said Lois Larabee, 77. "She does her own grocery

shopping, her own laundry and cooking, and she sews. It's amazing."

And, says Larabee, don't try to pull anything over on Datcher while playing cards.

"She is very sharp," Larabee said. "She knows exactly what's going on in the game, and lets everyone know when they make a wrong move."

Datcher's grandchildren list spending two weeks every summer with their grandmother at Spider Lake, south of Traverse City, as some of their fondest memories.

"We'd go up there every summer to fish and go camping," said Hurd McClumpha, 50, of Lansing. "She's very self-reliant and fun to talk to. She has very definite opinions ...

they're all one-sided, especially when it comes to politics."

"I can remember going hunting for morels and making sure she got back," said granddaughter Amy Glenn of Novi. "She was always sure we were one way, when we actually were the other way."

Datcher was born in Hamilton, Ind., and moved to Milan, Mich., at age 4 when her family bought a restaurant. Datcher attended Northwestern High School and later a business school, after which she became a bookkeeper. Datcher lived in various parts of the country before settling back in Plymouth.

PLEASE SEE BIRTHDAY, A5

## Museum board fires Stewart

### Political drama costs candidate the job she'd held 17 years

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Historical



Stewart

Museum, an appointment she's held the past 17 years.

Stewart, who took a leave of absence June 1 from the \$25,000-a-year job to run for the 20th District House seat, recently came under fire for allegedly using the museum and its resources to promote her

campaign.

A group calling itself Citizens to Save the Museum, headed by former Plymouth Township police Chief Carl Berry, filed complaints with the Internal Revenue Service and Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land seeking investigations into alleged campaign violations by Stewart, as well as possible violations of the museum's non-profit status by the Plymouth Historical Society.

The Historical Society board passed several resolutions, including the one which called for terminating Stewart immediately.

"She is no longer the executive director," confirmed attorney

PLEASE SEE STEWART, A5



Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser (right) and election technician Sandra Groth try out the new voting machines being used for visually and hearing impaired voters.

## New machines make election debut

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Voting goes hi-tech in Plymouth and Plymouth Township for Tuesday's primary election, as the two communities will unveil a voting machine for the hearing and visually impaired.

The AutoMARK from Election Systems and Software has a touch screen monitor which can zoom in and out to display a large-size font, has a keypad with Braille characters, and headphones to hear automated ballot instructions, prompts and the names of candidates.

Plymouth Clerk Linda

Langmesser said during most elections, handicapped voters generally opt for an absentee ballot. However, the AutoMARK voting machine will make it easier for voters who need special help to vote at the polls.

"There are people who have civic pride who want to be at the precincts to exercise their right to vote on the equipment," Langmesser said. "Before, they either had to bring a family member, or two polls workers - one a Democrat and one a Republican - assisted them."

"Your ballot isn't really secret when you have two people

PLEASE SEE VOTING, A5

## Suspects shoot out Farrand windows

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township police want to question three youths in connection with the vandalism of nearly 80 windows at Farrand Elementary in Plymouth Township.

Detective Ryan Krebs said construction crews discovered windows were shot with a BB gun two days this week.

"The construction workers noticed one or two Monday morning when they got to the site," Krebs said. "They noticed the majority were shot out Thursday morning."

Some of the windows were recently installed as part of renovations at Farrand, paid

for with money from the 2004 bond issue approved by voters. Other work being done includes roofing, painting, carpeting and tile as well as air conditioning.

Krebs said he canvassed the neighborhood and spoke to a witness who saw three youths on Farrand property Sunday evening.

"Between 7-8 p.m., he observed three juveniles on the school property, with one of them in possession of a rifle-style BB gun," Krebs said. "The person with the gun wore a long, blue T-shirt, with the length of the T-shirt concealing the BB gun underneath it. The boy ... rode a BMX-style bike."

Krebs said the youths, including a second boy and a girl, ranged in age from 13 to 15.

"The (second) boy wore a baseball jersey-style shirt that had black stripes on it, and also rode a BMX-style bike," Krebs said. "We're not sure if the girl was involved, but we want to talk to all three subjects."

Krebs said anyone with information can call with an anonymous tip to his office at (734) 354-3245.

Plymouth-Canton Schools Director of Communications Frank Ruggirello said the damage is estimated at more than \$10,000. He said steps are being taken to have the

windows repaired before school begins Sept. 5.

"All of the windows were on the back side of the building," Ruggirello said. "We don't have any dollar estimates, but it certainly won't be cheap to replace them, though they are covered by insurance. We expect to open Farrand on time."

Ruggirello said there have been instances of vandalism at Farrand in the past. He also noted instances of graffiti at Hoben Elementary and Discovery Middle School, both in Canton Township.

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# Incumbent: 'Institutional knowledge' key in court race

Ron Lowe has an advantage he thinks is a key component in the race for his 35th District Court seat in Tuesday's primary election: His experience.

Lowe said his 12 years of institutional knowledge is important, and will become even more so when Chief Judge John MacDonald retires

in two years. Lowe, one of three candidates in Tuesday's election, took time to answer questions posed by the Observer:

**Q. How has the 35th District Court been impacted by the addition a few years ago of a third judge? Is the third judge still necessary?**

A. When I first took the bench the 35th had two judges and a caseload that often merited a third judge. The caseload was greater than what the Supreme Court Administrators Office (SCAO) recommended for two judges (roughly 30,000) but less than what would be necessary for a third judge (roughly 45,000).

The court had continuously updated its computers, processes and programs to facilitate and provide the most streamlined handling of the business of the court. All too often the courtroom had the appearance of what I called "production line justice."

Approximately four years ago a third judge was added, creating an environment where judges could take more time to hear a party or lawyer out, to ask another question, to explain their ruling or simply to answer a question.

**Q. How should the court balance rising costs with falling revenue?**

A. Almost from its creation the 35th has returned revenues in excess of its operating budget to the five communities we serve. For the first time that I can remember one community's revenues did not cover its share of the 2005 expenses for operating the court.

The year 2005 may just be an unusual one, or it may signal a trend that no one wants to see: a court that is funded by the communities. The court's administration needs to continue to diligently investigate all of the causes of this change in how the court funds its operation.

**Q. How effective are programs run by the court, particularly those affecting young people, and what would you do to improve them?**

A. Generally I believe the programs are effective. With that said I am never opposed to taking another look at any program the court has implemented to see how it can be improved upon or even whether it should be continued.

It was at the suggestion of the communities the 35th sought and obtained authority to handle juvenile matters, which I believe is very effective in addressing juvenile offenses that would otherwise be overwhelmed by if not lost in the Wayne County Juvenile Court. It was a suggestion by the public defenders office, working with the assistant Wayne County Prosecutor, that resulted in a sentencing "guideline" for domestic violence defendants. And it was my attendance at a conference, as well as conversations with other judges, that led to the creation of the 35th's "sobriety court" and the "teen court" as a tool for use by the courts juvenile probation officer when addressing juvenile offenders.

The 35th District Court was the first in the state to have its judges cross-assigned to act as Probate Court Judges on juvenile offenses committed in the courts jurisdiction. It is a win-win-win situation.

**Q. What are upcoming issues or areas of concern that could affect the 35th District Court?**

A. When it was determined that one of the communities would have to supplement the operation of the court for the

year 2005 with tax dollars, I embarked upon a search for an answer and discovered an immediate concern: As many as 35 types of tickets per the court's civil fines schedule currently collect an insufficient amount of money to cover the cost to the community to write that ticket.

As much as I believe that the punishment should reflect the crime I am not of the opinion that the fines and costs on civil infractions should be held below an amount sufficient to cover their costs. I have suggested to the court's administration that this be addressed.

In two years Chief Judge John MacDonald will retire and take with him his extensive years of institutional memory and experience. At that time the leadership of the court will fall to the other two judges and the new judge elected to fill Judge MacDonald's position. Whether the other two judges will have 14 and 6 years of experience to draw upon or only 6 and 2 will be determined by this election.

**Q. What can be done in the light of declining revenue and rising costs to make the court run more efficiently?**

A. Several months ago I found myself recommending, almost simultaneously to the court administrator making the same recommendation, that the court acquire a program that will merge with our current computer case handling system to facilitate follow up and collections on delinquent debt. The court has acquired that program. What remains is for the staff to be trained and the system implemented. Until it is implemented and fully operational it remains a step the court can take to become more efficient.

**Q. What makes you the best candidate for election to the 35th District Court?**

A. I am the only candidate in this race to have been rated "OUTSTANDING" (the highest possible rating) by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. I have 12 years of experience as District Court Judge. I strive to be fair, firm and consistent in all of my rulings. My experience on the bench as well as my community and professional involvement make me uniquely qualified.

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# Local lawyer thinks experience on both sides is his edge

Plymouth attorney Brian Stacey hopes his varied experience in criminal and civil cases can overcome name recognition and an incumbent candidate in Tuesday's primary election for the 35th District Court.

Stacey is among three candidates running for one seat; the top two will face a run-off in the November general election. Stacey took the time to answer questions posed by the Plymouth Observer:

**Q. How has the 35th District Court been impacted by the addition a few years ago of a third judge? Is the third judge still necessary?**

**A.** I believe the addition of a third judge has been a good thing. The court covers five densely populated municipalities which provide for a heavy caseload. With the new judgeship they are able to disperse the caseload giving the judges more time to deal with the parties on a more individual basis. Furthermore, the addition of Judge Gerou specifically has been a very good addition to the bench. Since I am in the courthouse almost every day I see first-hand how busy the individual judges and the first-floor clerks are, and I believe the third judgeship is still necessary.

**Q. How should the court balance rising costs with falling revenue?**  
**A.** One of the first things I would do is meet with the

police chiefs from the five municipalities regarding the feasibility of writing more tickets under local ordinance instead of state law. When tickets are written under state law the local communities have to share revenue with Wayne County.

Another thing I would look at would be assessing the cost of prosecution on individuals at the time of sentencing.

**Q. How effective are programs run by the court, particularly those affecting young people, and what would you do to improve them?**

**A.** I do not believe teen court is a good use of judicial time. It is my understanding the program only handles a few cases at the high school each half-day a judge is there. Whereas, during the same half-day a judge sitting at the courthouse

would handle 30-40 cases. I also believe a young person would appreciate the seriousness of their offense more by appearing in the courtroom instead of at the school.

**Q. What are upcoming issues or areas of concern that could affect the 35th District Court?**

**A.** One issue is that the court allows prosecutors and social workers to bring cell phones into the court, but not attorneys who are there for civil or criminal matters. Almost all other courts in the state allow attorneys to bring cell phones into the court because that is where attorneys work. It may seem petty but I believe it is disrespectful to a member of the bar and makes their ability to practice law more difficult.

**Q. What can be done in the light of declining revenue and rising costs to make the court run more efficiently?**

**A.** I would look into charging more cases under local ordinances and assessing the cost of prosecution on criminal defendants. Another aspect of the court I would change is the way defendants are provided court-appointed attorneys. The firm providing the court-appointed attorneys is doing a great job; however, almost anyone who asks for one gets one.

I would only enforce the Court, and therefore the municipalities, to carry the financial burden if there is a real possibility the defendant would go to jail, or the defendant signs an "affidavit of indigence" swearing they cannot afford an attorney and

they do not own any personal property they could sell to get the money to hire an attorney.

This may seem harsh but these are the only two times the Court is required to provide a Court appointed attorney.

**Q. What makes you the best candidate?**

**A.** I have been a Plymouth resident for over 35 years, a local business owner, job provider, and taxpayer. I have background in over 500 criminal jury trials and over 100 civil trials. I am well versed in the rules of evidence and courtroom procedures. I am the only candidate who would enforce the law as the legislature enacted it. I would not try to reach a conclusion based on my own moral compass.

# Northville candidate plays up experience as city attorney

Northville attorney James Plakas has been a prosecutor and a city attorney for 11 years, and he has represented clients as plaintiffs and defendants in civil and criminal matters.

Plakas figures that would give him insight into how decisions made at the 35th District Court level affect local municipalities, an edge he's hoping carries him to a win in Tuesday's primary, where he's one of three candidates running for one seat.

Plakas took the time to answer questions posed by the Plymouth Observer:

**Q. How has the 35th District Court been impacted by the addition a few years ago of a third judge? Is the third judge still necessary?**  
**A.** The Court, with the addition of the third Judge, has been able to effectively and efficiently process all cases filed within the five

communities it serves. Caseload, timely disposition, and the effective administration of justice are hallmarks of the Court operation.

Is the third Judge still necessary? This question requires serious analysis, and it would best be answered by the 35th District Court Management Council/Board and the Chief Judge. Every two years the Supreme Court State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) publishes "Judicial Resources Recommendations". It is my recollection that the last such SCAO report was issued in October 2005, and that a review of the report found that no change is contemplated/recommended at this time.

**Q. How should the court balance rising costs with falling revenue?**  
**A.** A candidate for judicial office has to think about the purpose of a court's existence. Is it to generate revenue or is it to dispense justice fairly, equitably and timely, and to meet all mandates required

by the State Constitution and all laws pertinent to the District Court operation?

The total costs necessary to provide a safe, respectful, efficient Court operation that meets or exceeds the mandates of the law and the Court Rules as well as all Supreme Court directives, along with meeting the needs of the communities it serves, is paramount. Recent trends toward improvements in data processing, communications and collections lead me to believe that under the leadership of Chief Judge John MacDonald, the 35th District Court is responding by providing a well run operation for the communities and the public it serves.

**Q. How effective are programs run by the Court, particularly those affecting young people and what would you do to improve them?**  
**A.** Programs in place appear to be meeting the requests of the communities. The work program/community service contingent, the juvenile case

processing division, the drug and sobriety court programs all appear to be meeting the needs of the communities and the individual's judicial orders.

**Q. What are upcoming issues or areas of concern that could affect the 35th District Court?**

**A.** I look at the court as a leader among courts in delivering justice to the

people it serves. One area that appears to call for reflection and study is how to effectively deal with the rise

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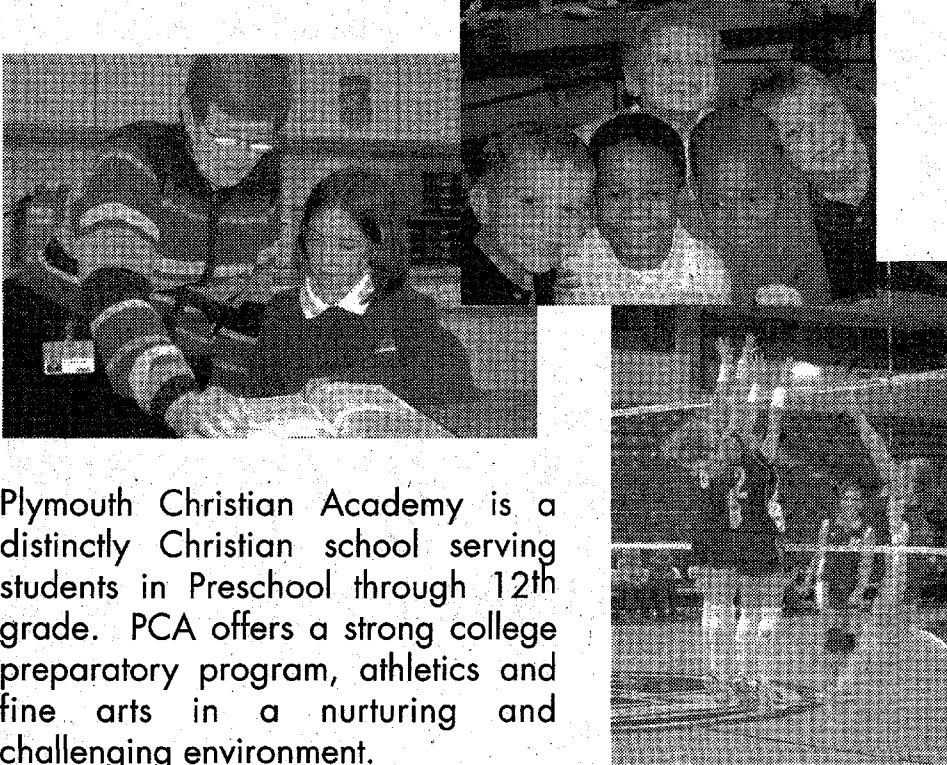
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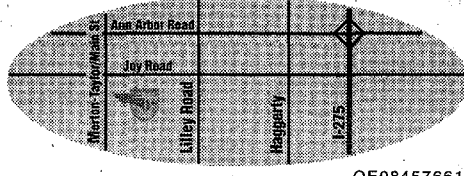


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in domestic violence case filings in a way that breaks the cycle of abuse and preserves the family unit if at all possible. Additionally, given the widespread building, development and growth throughout the communities, building and property maintenance codes must be reviewed and properly enforced.

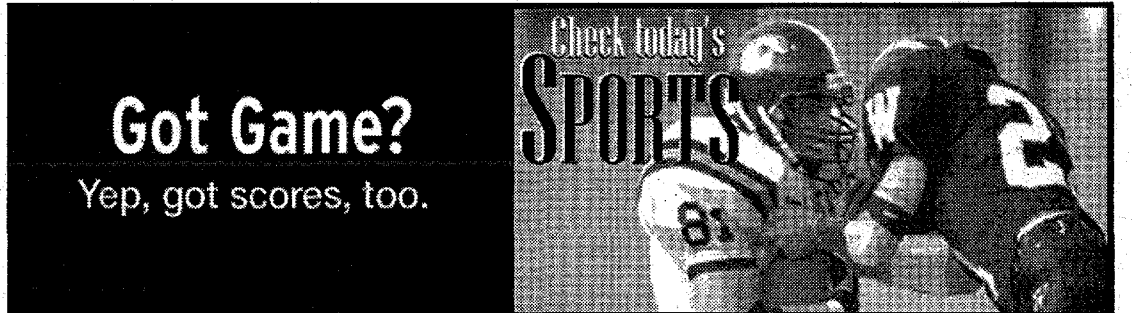
**Q. What can be done in the light of declining revenue and rising costs to make the court run more efficiently?**  
**A.** It is apparent the communities have supplied the court with a facility and base for a positive and effective

operation, and that they have given the Judges and the Management Council/Board the tools and funds necessary to operate one of the most dynamic District Courts in the county.

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**Q. What makes you the best candidate?**  
**A.** I have been an Assistant City Attorney and Prosecutor for the past 11 years. As an attorney I have also

represented countless clients as plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of civil and criminal matters. As a City Attorney, I understand the direct impact a District Court Judge's decisions can have upon a community. As a Prosecutor, I have seen, recognize and respect the difficulties and challenges our police officers face each and every day. As a general practitioner, I am aware of and understand the problems and obstacles that people face throughout a lifetime. My knowledge of the law and well-rounded background have subtly molded me to be tough but fair, level-headed, courteous, patient and understanding when it comes to the administration of justice.



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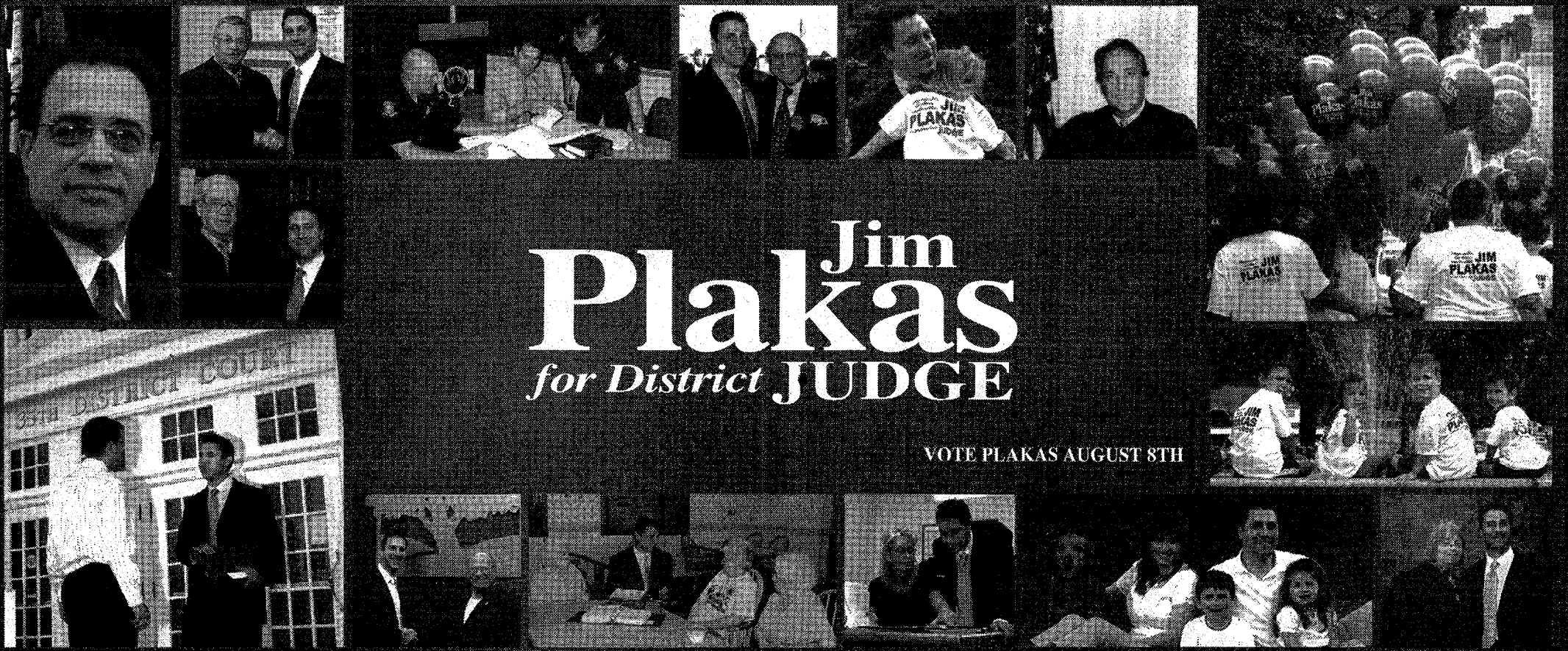
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**BIRTHDAY**

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Datcher married her first husband, Homer, in 1926 at the age of 20, a union which lasted 44 years before Homer died from cancer. Seven years later,

Datcher married John Gertzen. She was 72, he was 76. "I thought we'd have five years, but we had 13," Datcher said. "I guess I was a modern woman because I didn't change my name ... because it was already Datcher on my tombstone." Datcher remembers the

Great Depression. "I had a 5-year-old and tiny baby," she said. "That was something, a low point. Sometimes I don't get as discouraged about the country then as I do now." Of all the changes Datcher has seen over the past 100 years, one significantly stands out.

"Some of them I don't like ... when you call on the telephone and it says we value your call, but push this and push that," Datcher said. "I like to have somebody answer the phone and say 'Can I help you?' I want to talk to a human." Rita McClumpha, 73, said her mother "is a very deter-

mined person, very independent." The staff at Tonquish Creek Manor found that out early on, just before Datcher moved in five years ago at the age of 95. "When we were done with the paperwork, I told her I would call the van to take her back to her apartment," said

Annette Stutrud, tenant services director. "She told me 'I'll walk, it's not that far. I don't need a van.'" "We learned real quick not to tell Rhue what to do," said Stutrud. "She makes up her own mind."

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**STEWART**

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David Thoms of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, who represents the Historical Society board. "The vote was unanimous."

Thoms declined to go into further detail, noting a letter will be sent to museum supporters which will detail more information.

The Historical Society board also voted to form a search committee to find a new executive director. Historical Society President Sanford Burr is currently the interim executive director.

Stewart, who received word via a telephone call after the meeting, said of the museum board, "I don't blame them. They've been backed into a corner and felt they were at a point where they had no other recourse. I would do whatever I need to do to protect the museum."

Stewart called the allegations which resulted in her dismissal "dirty politics at its ultimate."

"This was all done with the intent to get me to withdraw from the race," Stewart said. "If I had backed down and given in to them ... At this point, it's truly a fight for what's right, and truly I'm taking the heat for that. I'm hoping people will see through this for what it is."

Among the grievances filed by Berry and unidentified members of Citizens to Save the Museum:

■ Stewart was allowed to use the mailing list of the Plymouth Historical Society to send a museum newsletter that announced and promoted her

candidacy. ■ Stewart's use of the Plymouth Historical Museum for her campaign, including June 12, at the same time a book signing was being held by former Gov. William Milliken.

■ Allowing Stewart to use the museum's nonprofit bulk rate mail permit.

■ Stewart's use of "the valuable name and goodwill of the Society" in her mailings and Web site.

Stewart, who is running in the Republican primary against four other candidates, said the allegations are baseless.

"I tried to keep the museum out of it as much as I could by taking my leave of absence," Stewart said. "I did use the museum's permit number, but I paid the same rate as everybody else. Anybody is allowed to rent the museum."

Thoms said the Historical Society board also voted Wednesday night to:

■ Establish a committee to review and revise the museum policies relative to the use of the public room, archive collection, photo copiers and other equipment, as well as other assets of the museum.

■ Establish, on an interim basis, a management committee of three board members to oversee day-to-day operations until a new executive director can be found.

■ Establish a committee to review a checks and balance system regarding actions of the interim executive management committee or future executive director.

"The committee will determine checks and balances so one person isn't able to give total permission and receive total

permission to do things," Thoms said.

Berry said it wasn't his intention to get Stewart fired.

"I just want to make sure the museum does the proper thing," Berry said. "I think they are taking the necessary steps, not only in relation to politics, but also in their policy, to stay out of the political fray in the future."

Historical Society board members have declined to comment until the letter is sent to museum members. However, on the condition of anonymity, one board member said it was a sad day.

"Beth is a good friend to everybody on the board, and the board regrets the place it was put and the action it had to take, upon the advice of the attorney to save the museum," said the board member. "Really, we had no other option."

Donna Keough, the exhibits coordinator at the museum, has been part of the museum the past 17 years, as long as Stewart.

"Things have gotten way out of proportion and there are people out to get her at all costs," Keough said. "They unfortunately picked on a person who has such integrity and intelligence. I don't feel anything she did was, in her mind, wrong."

Keough said the Plymouth Historical Museum will continue to do great things, despite the absence of Stewart.

"Beth has built a very strong base, and gathered people around her that have talent," Keough said. "We're all committed to what the museum represents, and will continue to keep it going."

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**VOTING**

FROM PAGE A1

helping," she said. "This will make voting confidential."

Voters in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be casting ballots for the 20th House District seat being vacated by Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township), who is term-limited after six years in office.

Seeking the Republican nomination are Mark Abbo, Northville Township; Don Schnettler, Plymouth Township; Beth Stewart, Plymouth Township; T. Cortez Spann, Wayne; and Jason Vorva, Plymouth.

On the Democratic side, the nominees are Marc Corriveau, Northville Township; Joe Hawver, Plymouth Township;

and Joanne Lamar, Plymouth.

In the primary, voters can cast ballots for only one party. The winners in Tuesday's primary will face each other in the November general election.

Voters in both communities will also cast ballots for 35th District Court judge.

Incumbent Ron Lowe, Canton Township, is being challenged by attorneys Jim Plakas, Jr. of Northville Township and Brian Stacey of Plymouth for the six-year term. The two candidates with the most votes will meet in the November general election.

Langmesser said in the Aug. 2004 primary only 13 percent of voters cast ballots. However, she's predicting 32 percent will either vote absentee or show up at the polls Tuesday.

"I think the interest in the governor's race, as well as the

local controversy (in the 20th House race) will add to the totals," Langmesser said.

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill is predicting a 50 percent voter turnout.

The voting polls on Tuesday are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Results will be posted Tuesday night on the Plymouth Observer Web site at

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**Plymouth After Dark**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its fifth-annual Plymouth After Dark entertainment event 7-11 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11, in downtown Plymouth. The event includes free tours of downtown in a limousine, entertainment, music on the street, horse-and-carriage rides and "paparazzi" welcoming "movie stars" at an all-star parade through Kellogg Park at 7 p.m. For more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

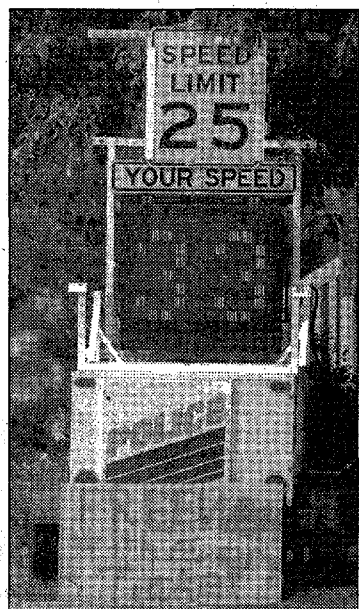
**Fashion show**

Bella Mia hosts its annual Fall Fashion Show at E.G. Nicks 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26. Cost for the event is \$23, which includes lunch, the fashion show and prizes. Tickets can be ordered with Visa or MasterCard by calling (734) 656-0057, or at Bella Mia, 535 Forest in downtown Plymouth. E.G. Nicks is located at 500 Forest. For more information, call (734) 656-0057.

**Pupcake sale**

Three Dog Bakery hosts its annual "Pupcake Day" Friday, Aug. 11, as a token of canine customer appreciation. The "pupcakes" will be given to all customers — two-, three- or four-legged. Last year's nationwide event saw some 20,000 pupcakes given away. PupCakes are fresh-baked on-site at each Three Dog Bakery location, produced with whole-wheat flour and hand decorated with a luscious honey-yogurt frosting that dogs find irresistible. They look like cupcakes for humans, except they contain no refined sugars, salt, chocolate, artificial coloring,

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**Silver lining**

Drivers traveling down Main Street who got caught by the Plymouth Police Department for speeding didn't necessarily get all bad news the other day. The folks at Main Street Car Wash added a consolation prize — a free car wash — for unfortunate motorists nabbed by the Plymouth Police Department. No figures were available on how many washes were earned.

or preservatives.

Three Dog Bakery is located at 550 Forest in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-WOOF.

**School supplies**

The Plymouth Salvation Army is conducting its annual "school supply drive."

Included among the items they're looking for are notebook paper, pocket folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils and back packs.

The Plymouth Salvation Army, which covers Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville, is located on Main, just south of Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

**Band car wash**

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosts its annual "PCMB Car Wash-A-Thon" Saturday, August 12 at the Canton High School parking lot. The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between one-half cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1,000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

"The Car Wash-A-Thon" is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year," said Mark Stamper, president of the 2006 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the kids with participation fees to be in the band, including uniforms, instruction, and the cost to attend band camp in August. The car wash itself is fun for the kids and parents alike."

Canton High School is located at 8415 Canton Center Road. The rain date for this year's Car Wash-A-Thon is August 19.

**Restaurant crawl**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its seventh annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Eight participating Old Village restaurants — Station 885, Plymouth Crossing, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Grecian Café, The Caboose, Cassel's and Crawford's Kitchen — will provide samplings of their specialties. Free horse-and-carriage rides will be available for ticket-holders.

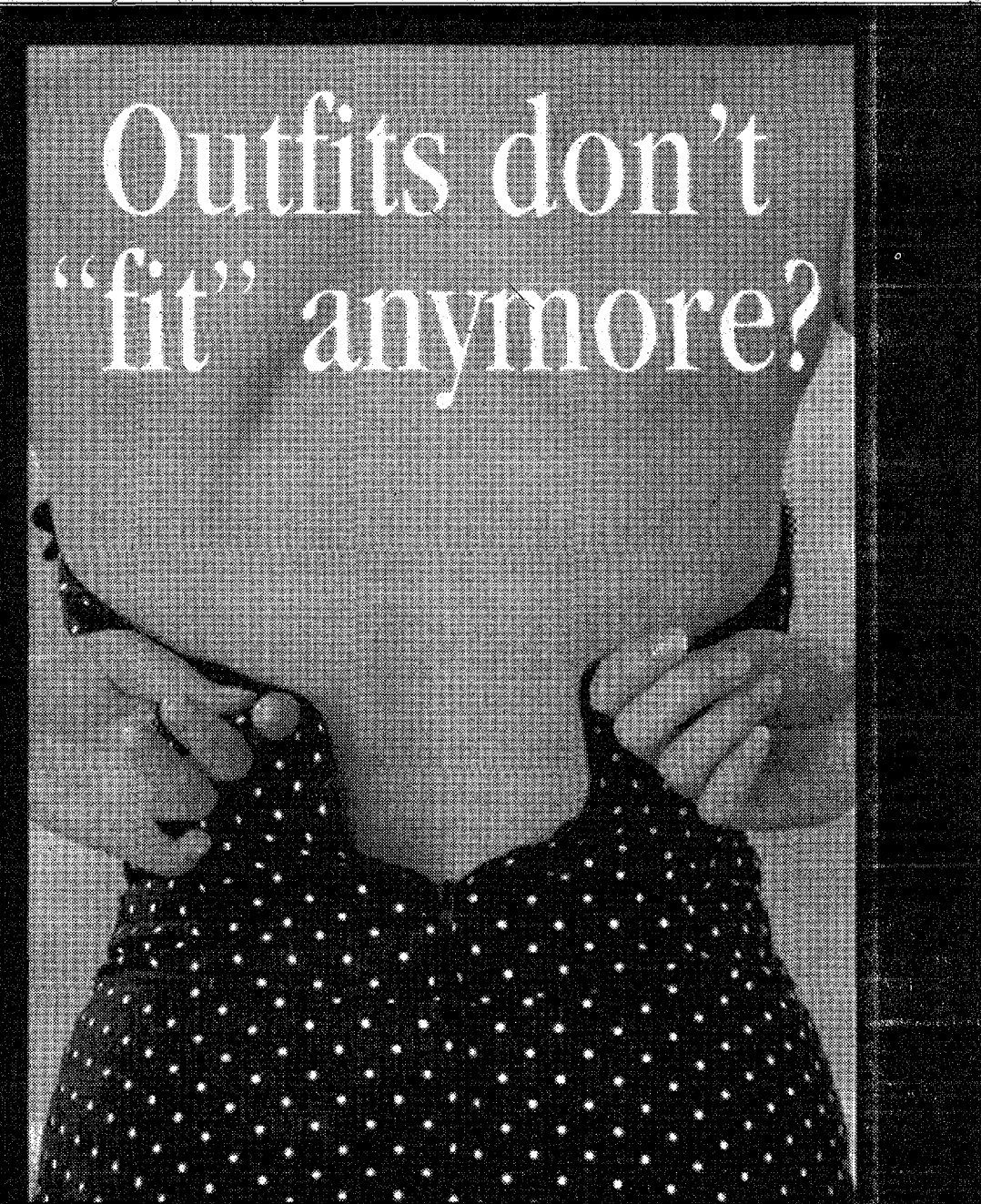
Tickets may be purchased now at Plymouth Crossing, Plymouth Fish & Seafood, Station 885 and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail. The cost is \$15 per person; children 12 and under are \$5. Tickets can be purchased by phone using Visa, MasterCard or Discover through the Chamber office only, (734) 453-1540.

**Literacy volunteers**

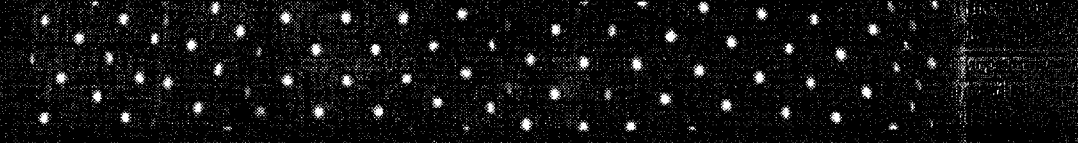
The Community Literacy Council is looking for volunteer tutors in the Plymouth-Canton area to help adults improve their reading, writing and speaking skills. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required.

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**Yack at it again**

Tom Yack, supposed Republican, is at it again, throwing his support behind a long-time liberal Democrat supporter.

Apparently, Yack is not content with controlling the township board, the Downtown Development Authority, the Planning Commission and a number of other committees in Canton. He now wants to exercise his control over the judiciary by supporting 35th District Judge hopeful and Westland City Attorney Jim Plakas.

Why did Yack choose not to support the seasoned and respected incumbent Judge Ron Lowe? Could it be because Judge Lowe has consistently shown impartialness (i.e. not one of Yack's puppets) as evidenced by his ruling that helped to save the Big Boy statue and left Yack and company with egg on their faces?

Or is it Judge Lowe's ability to help neighbors settle disputes without making the populace bow down to "city hall?" Or is it because Yack wants Canton to become another Westland? One thing that Yack and Plakas have in common is their mutual love for big government, big political donations and big developers.

A vote for Plakas would be a vote for Yack and his developer buddies at the citizen's expense. I'll pass on that. I'll stick with Judge Lowe.

**Bob Walls**  
Canton

**Applaud Stewart**

Although I have found the dialogue regarding Beth Stewart's campaign mailings both interesting and humorous, it is time to get back to the real issues and identify who will best represent our district in Lansing.

I applaud the *Observer* for their endorsement of Mrs. Stewart and echo their belief she will be the best representative for our district. Beth has been an extremely positive force in promoting our community, in her role as director of the museum, in her membership in other his-

torical societies, and in her promotion and participation in many civic organizations and events.

If everything I read is correct, then Beth Stewart correctly handled the use of the bulk mailing permit by first obtaining permission from the permit owner and in paying the commercial rate for the copies and mailings. Also, I believe the meeting room is available for rental by any of the candidates at the same rate paid by the Stewart campaign.

If there is any issue here it is with the museum administrative process, not with Mrs. Stewart's candidacy or qualifications. Having said that, I would applaud Beth for making frugal use of the extremely limited campaign contributions.

This "frugal" attitude is exactly the type of fiscal responsibility I want in my state representative.

Pursuing those types of cost-saving opportunities in Lansing could go a long way toward reducing the cost of government, reducing our tax burden, encouraging new businesses to locate in Michigan and improving the support of public schools.

As for Carl Berry and his mythical "Citizens to Save the Museum," I am a member of many organizations and I can actually name names of the members. I am a long-time member of the Plymouth Historical Society and I have never been informed the museum needed "saving."

In fact, no one has contacted me regarding the need for any action by the Society. As a matter of fact, I don't recall ever seeing Carl Berry at any of the meetings. As for who is really behind it, I know Carl is "old school," but I thought we got rid of these Republican campaign tactics when we got rid of Richard Nixon.

**Donald Bain**  
Plymouth Township

**Supports Stewart**

I support Beth Stewart for state representative for so many positive reasons. She is the hardest-working, multi-tasking, honest, reliable person I have ever met. I have worked with Beth at many

levels of government (state, county, local) and the work product she has provided has greatly influenced the quality of life in our state, county and especially in our local community.

What we want from politicians today, are strong ethics that prevent them from being influenced by money from PAC's or lobbyists! We want someone we can call on to help us resolve problems through the bureaucratic maze.

I admire Beth so much that it is difficult to put my thoughts into words. I was in Lansing for 14 years. I don't have much respect for many of the new legislators who have gone to Lansing to do as little work as possible. They go to feed their egos. I want to support someone who will work hard for the people she represents and for the state of Michigan.

These are difficult times for Michigan. We need to send people to Lansing with special talents who can turn around this economy so that programs like education, tax cuts, higher education, roads and so on can be fully funded.

Beth Stewart is the only candidate that can get the job done.

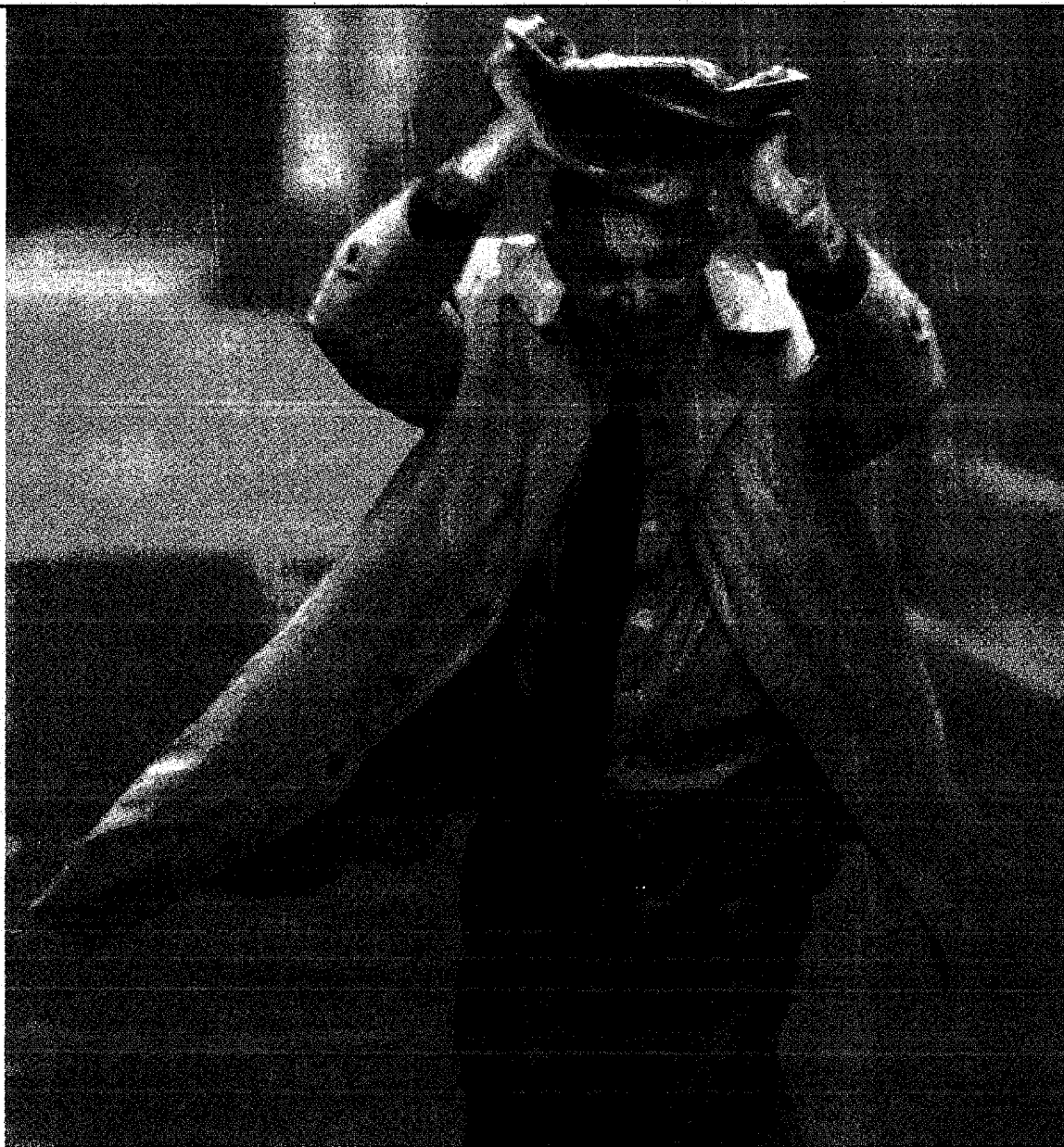
**Lyn Bankes**  
executive director, Phoenix Mill Women's Museum

**Needs a clue**

Our state faces severe unemployment, a crisis in education, and crucial questions about the Small Business Tax. But Mark Abbo, a candidate for state representative, has identified the most important change he would bring to Michigan: Bringing back "chain gangs for violent criminals in our prisons." I am not making this up - that's the sole issue raised in his recent campaign literature, that we should force criminals to "break big rocks into small ones."

We cannot afford to elect a representative who is so estranged from the real issues facing this state. Vote for somebody who has a clue about what's important to the people of this district.

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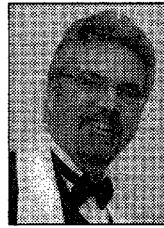


## We recommend these picks in Tuesday's primary elections

Here's a final look at the candidates we endorse in Tuesday's primary elections, and the reasons why:

### 35th District Court

We believe incumbent Judge Ron Lowe should be voters' choice to retain his seat on the 35th District Court. Lowe has handled more than 40,000 civil and criminal cases in his 12 years on the 35th District Court. Before that, he spent 12 years in private practice, including time as the attorney for the City of Plymouth.



Lowe

A resident of the district since 1968, Lowe has been instrumental in creating some of the 35th District Court's most effective programs, such as the sobriety court and teen court. The sobriety court focuses on substance abuse of certain qualifying offenders charged with drunken driving. The teen court, a tool used by the court's juvenile probation officer, is a partnership with Plymouth High School (and being renewed this year with the Northville High School) wherein students taking the practical law class are taught about the juvenile justice system, sentencing alternatives and when they would be appropriate, and how to fill the role of teen juror.

He's active in the community and either currently serves or has served on the boards of most of the major legal associations. His re-election would continue an institutional memory that will be severely hampered in two years when long-serving chief Judge John MacDonald retires.

### 20th House District

We recommend Beth Stewart in the Republican race and Marc Corriveau in the Democratic primary.

Stewart is a strong community activist, serving for some 17 years as executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum and in the Plymouth A.M. Rotary, where she is the president-elect. She is a strong supporter of public education, having worked with local educators to write grants to bring federal dollars into the district. She called education her top priority, and hopes to continue the fight waged by her husband. She also favors elimination of the single-business tax.

We think Stewart's moderate Republican views fit well in a district that seems to respond to them, judging by their turnout for a William Milliken book signing and their choice of Stewart's equally moderate husband, John, in three different elections. Stewart is our choice in the Republican pri-

mary.

Among the Democrats, we think Corriveau is the most ready to hit the ground running in Lansing. He cut his teeth in the 2004 election and ran an honorable campaign.

Corriveau said education is his top priority, and he'd tweak Proposal A to level out the funding problems, if that's what constituents wanted. He supports making prescription drugs more affordable, particularly to seniors. He also favors elimination of the single-business tax, though not before finding a replacement for its revenues, suggesting perhaps extending the sales tax to more than just goods.

### County Commission, District 11

Canton's Loren Bennett, 55, is the best choice to represent a diverse district that includes developed communities like Canton, Belleville and the city of Wayne, as well as the more rural townships of Sumpter and Van Buren.

Bennett's long political career includes eight years on the Canton Township Board of Trustees, six years as the township's clerk and eight years as a state senator. That experience will serve him well as a member of the county commission.

We recommend Loren Bennett in the Republican primary. He has the governmental experience, knowledge and skills to work with other commissioners to get things done. He best represents the interests of the people living in the 11th District.

### U.S. Senate

In the Republican primary for the United States Senate, we endorse the nomination of Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard to challenge incumbent Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow in November.



Bouchard

Bouchard offers a broad range of experience as a police officer, city council member, state legislator and, since 1999, sheriff of Michigan's second largest county. He has been emphasizing his expertise on homeland security issues. He has a strong conservative background balanced with a reputation as a state legislator who was able to work with Democrats across on the aisle.

We believe he will offer voters a strong, thoughtful contest between two seasoned legislators with definite but not acrimonious differences on the important issues facing the U.S. Senate.

### Responding to allegations

Elsewhere in this newspaper, I presume it will have been reported that the Plymouth Historical Museum terminated my employment as its executive director. I know it was a wrenching decision for many board members. I have enjoyed the support of the board throughout my 17 years as director and have been fortunate to enjoy the support of a large network of dedicated volunteers, as well.

I understand and accept the decision to terminate my employment, which decision was made on the advice of its legal counsel. It was, I believe, a pre-emptive move to derail a possible investigation of the museum relative to the allegations made against me by the so-called "Citizens to Save the Museum."

This group, whose only known member is Carl Berry, has filed a complaint with the IRS, who oversees the activities of nonprofits. The museum must protect its tax-exempt status and to do so must establish it does not provide support to political candidates.

I would not do anything to jeopardize the ability of the museum to continue to be a major cultural and educational resource in our community. I have given my professional life to the museum. I want my professional legacy to include that I helped to grow a museum to serve the community in perpetuity. By terminating my employment, the PHM board will likely avoid an investigation of the allegations.

I would note that Mr. Berry supports another candidate. I would further note that not only is Mr. Berry not a member of the Plymouth Historical Society, his support for other community institutions and initiatives has apparently gone undetected.

Last week, in this newspaper, I refuted the allegations that I improperly used my relationship with PHM for political gain, both before and during my leave of absence. I accept responsibility for failing to more thoroughly examine and consider the ramifications

### LETTERS

of my use of the museum's bulk mail permit (for which I received the museum's permission and paid the appropriate and required amount of postage) and for scheduling a campaign event at the museum (for which I paid the appropriate and required amount of rent) that followed the museum's Milliken event.

The decision to schedule the campaign event was mine and mine alone. The decision to use the bulk mail permit number was also mine and was based upon advice I received from a local postal official. With hindsight, I should have steered clear of anything that could have been construed to imply the museum's support for my candidacy.

I ask for your continued support for the Plymouth Historical Museum, its board of directors and its dedicated volunteers. And please view Mr. Berry's form of community initiative for what it is.

**Beth Stewart**  
Plymouth Township

### Admires Stewart

Normally, as a religious leader in the community, I do not comment on local politics. The very essence of a democracy is that we are free to express our varied opinions and I know within the 1,300 members of First Presbyterian Church-Plymouth we value all opinions.

However, the attack on the integrity of Beth Stewart in your newspaper needs to be addressed. We here at the church respect and admire her enthusiasm and her commitment to Plymouth. I have known her for 12 years and she approaches life with grace and dignity. She has done a remarkable job for the museum and given up the prospect of a healthy corporate career to serve the community and the church.

I would encourage you in your reporting to be balanced and to invite her political opponents to share their vision for revitalizing Michigan. From their approach it would appear that they are bereft of ideas.

Let the debate continue but let it happen around issues and not the gutter politics which

others seek.

**Rev. Dr. James Skimins**  
senior pastor  
First Presbyterian Church

### Supports Lamar

I am writing to recommend consideration of a vote for Joanne Lamar for state representative.

With the many issues facing our area and the State of Michigan, Joanne brings a unique background to positively address them. Her deep background in health care and education would bring a much needed perspective to key issues in these areas. However, these are not her greatest strengths for addressing economic and other issues.

Those strengths are her fearlessness and energy to address tough issues. I've known Joanne for almost 10 years and have seen her demonstrate this over and over again. She persistently asks the tough questions and makes the tough decisions needed.

Please take the time to vote in the Aug. 8 primary election and consider a vote for Joanne Lamar for State Representative.

**John Jackson**  
Plymouth Township

### Enthusiastic support

I write in enthusiastic support of the candidacy of Beth Stewart for the Republican nomination for State Representative in the 20th District. She has long been active in issues of education, the environment, small business, as well as a leader in local community projects, including the Plymouth Historical Museum. As an outstanding contributor to her community she would bring the same kind of energy and commitment to the whole 20th District and to the State of Michigan.

I wholeheartedly endorse Beth Stewart for the Republican nomination as State Representative in the 20th District. I believe she will make an outstanding contribution to the District and to the State of Michigan.

**William G. Milliken**  
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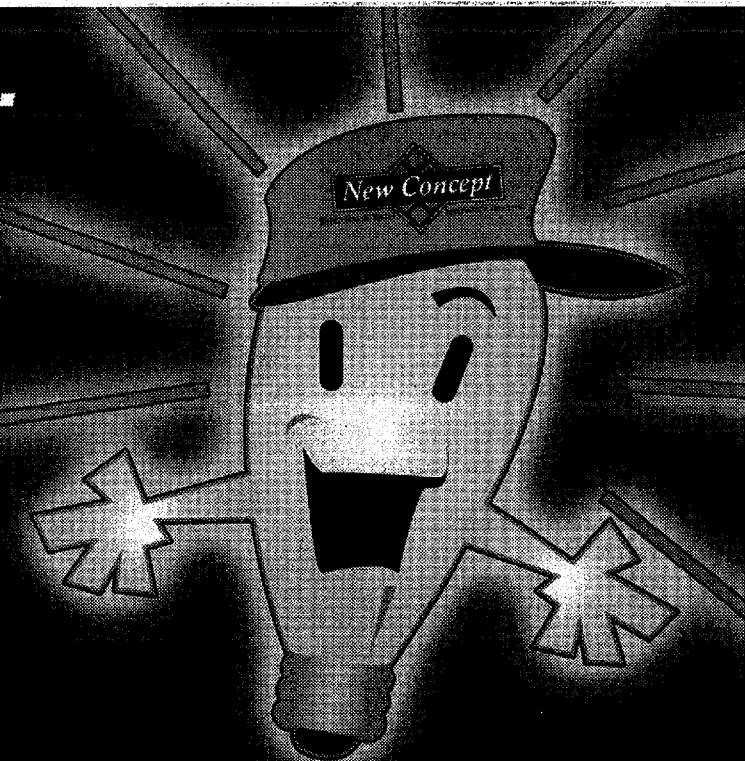
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# Tigers Trivia: Area woman put the growl in 1968 radio commercial

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

Like hundreds or a thousand or more times before, she walked into the recording studio and took her place at the microphone.

It was a morning in 1968 on a day and date she can't recall. To her, just another workday. A producer had called her to perform on a radio commercial for a local advertiser. He told her that he liked her voice, calling it warm and intimate, sultry and legally seductive.

She looked at the script, saying the words quietly to herself, and then asked the producer what kind of reading he was looking for.

**Gates Brown.**  
"I had started out in acting in junior high," Paula Tucker said. "I tried out for the juvenile lead on the television show *General Electric Theater* but I lost out to a girl named Helene. I ended up as her understudy."

"I was a better actress but she was thin. I was a little on the chunky side."

Born Paula Jackson in Detroit, in a year she refuses to reveal, Tucker said she began acting in local professional theaters while still a teenager. But she was torn between the doggedly demanding life of an actress and the gratifying service work of a dog doctor.

**Mickey Lolich, Norm Cash.**  
"I tried out for plays and television shows and did some acting and also worked for a veterinarian after school. I cleaned kennels and assisted with operations, but when I got to college I didn't like the biology."

"I went to Wayne State, did shows at the Bonstelle Theatre. Wayne didn't have a theater department then, it had a speech department."

"At the Bonstelle, I was acting and building scenery and painting and doing lighting."

**Bill Freehan, Joe Sparma, Pat Dobson.**

Her backstage work developed into expertise that in turn led her to frequently step behind the scenes of the camera.

After being pressed to fill in for an absent script supervisor on an industrial film project, Tucker let her production work begin to take precedence over acting. Eventually, she received credentials and membership as an assistant director, then as a director, from the Directors Guild of America, the professional group that represents most of those who make the movies, TV shows, and commercials that we see.

**Dick McAuliffe, Al Kaline, Dick Tracewski, Don Wert.**

Over the years as a freelance director — and as a producer, the person who assembles the elements of a project and oversees its work — Tucker would have her name on films as well as commercials for Chevrolet, Lincoln Mercury, Quaker Oats, Betty Crocker, Hickok, Maxwell House, and Pillsbury, among many others. And, oh yes, a fellow named Hubert Humphrey.

"I was production manager on a documentary done for Vice President Humphrey when he ran for president. Traveled on the press planes, arranged for interviews."

"I even had a plane come back for my crew when we just missed getting there before take-off. I got a Christmas card from him and his wife."

**Willie Horton, Tom Matchick, Ray Oyler, Wayne Comer.**

Since 1970 (oh, she let that date slip out) she's been mar-

ried to Bill Tucker, a professional bowler and pro shop owner. They live in Huntington Woods.

Two years before, on that forgotten date in 1968, she went into that studio "just to do a job." It was just a job, she said.

"If I'd been eager for recognition, I'd have stayed in front of the camera. Voice-over work is mostly anonymous. But my family and friends knew what I did that day."

"It doesn't bother me that all these years I've remained the unknown voice on a radio announcement that now seems to be going on forever. It matters to me that I was pleased with the performance I gave that morning."

**Eddie Mathews, Jim Price, Mickey Stanley.**

"I did what I was asked to do. I never like to leave a session until I'm sure it's my best work."

The work that Tucker was asked to do that morning in 1968 was to speak four words and make a sound.

The four words became the rousing cheer of the 1968 Detroit Tigers, all the way through their four-games-to-three defeat of the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series.

The four words Tucker spoke that morning remain the call that links Tigers fans together season after season, forever

restoring spirits on the team's worst days and intensifying the sunshine on its best.

The four words Tucker spoke that morning:

"Go get 'em, Tiger!"

And then what did she do? Yep. She growled. She said the four words and then she growled a growl that continues four decades later to evoke the crack of Detroit bats against balls, the perfume of fresh-cut grass, and an unyielding belief in the vision of victory.

It's a tiger growl that might echo endlessly at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull. Just ask the Tigers who played there.

**John Hiller, Jon Warden, Fred Lasher, Roy Face, Jim Rooker.**



Paula Tucker gave Tigers their famous growl.

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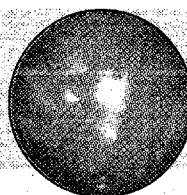
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There's no stopping this bus as members of Dynamic Boxing Club of Westland pose in front of their new mode of transportation.

## Riding in style

### Dynamic Boxing Club makes noise in K.C. with new bus

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

To go the distance, Chuck Phillips believes his Dynamic Boxing Club in Westland should have all the amenities.

So the gym owner decided his team of boxers needed some reliable transportation traveling to tournaments. He went out and purchased a used 1983 Chevrolet school bus, which was recently reconditioned.

"We were fortunate to get it, we got it two months ago at the Wheat & Rye (restaurant)," said Phillips, who opened the club 16 months ago located on 28212 Warren Road. "We painted it and fixed it up. We whitewashed it and put our logo on it. It looks pretty good and it runs well.

"It's especially nice for local events because we can pile all the kids in it."

The bus, along with two vans, transported Dynamic Boxing Club members on the 800-mile trek last week to the Kansas City (Mo.) International Convention

Center for the Ringside Boxing National Championships, the world's largest amateur competition drawing competitors from as far away as Ireland.

"We've gotten a lot of positive comments from the people here about it," said Dynamic trainer and manager Paul Soucy of Livonia, who was accompanied by coaches Gary Stewart and Ferdell Pitts on the trip. "We're really appreciative of what Chuck Phillips has done for our club."

Action began Wednesday with two sessions each day. There were six rings going simultaneously with about 300 bouts per day.

Dynamic sent a contingent of 13 boxers to KC, including the 67-year-old Soucy, who was defending his 2005 Ringside title belt in the 165-pound class final Saturday against William C. Case, also 67, of Springfield, Mo.

They are the two oldest competitors in the field.

Also earning a spot in Saturday's final was super-heavyweight Dan Smith of

Garden City, who won his first bout with a decision over Hector Baca of Dodge City, Kan.

Livonian Cody Hay, 15, also reached the 185-pound (heavyweight) title match with an unanimous decision Friday over Havier Oras of Garden City, Kan.

On Friday, Dynamic's 5-foot-9 super-heavyweight Juan Goode (Detroit) gave away 11 inches as 6-8 Tim Washington of Toledo, Ohio, earned the decision. Goode opened Wednesday with a technical knockout over Richard Coor.

In the 141-pound class, Willie Prince (Detroit) lost a controversial decision Thursday to Daybon Gress of Maryland. Prince opened the tourney Wednesday with a unanimous decision over Terry Butterbaugh.

"It's a well-run tourney and most of the decisions have been fair with a few exceptions," Soucy said.

Also going 1-1 for Dynamic in the 141-

PLEASE SEE BOXING CLUB, B6

## Heartfelt

### Yzerman takes stage at Celani Golf Outing to benefit St. Mary's

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

After 22 star-studded seasons in NHL, Steve Yzerman is beginning a new chapter in his life.



Yzerman

The recently retired Red Wings center remains active in the community as he will be the guest speaker for the 29th annual Hearts of Livonia Ben Celani Golf Outing on Wednesday, Aug. 16, at Burton Manor.

Proceeds will benefit the new cancer center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Because of a commitment to the Canadian Olympic Team, Yzerman was unable to attend last year's Hearts of Livonia outing. But Wings General Manager Ken Holland ably pinch-hit for the 19-year Wings captain as he followed a long line of illustrious past banquet speakers including Scotty Bowman, Bo Schembechler, Bobby Orr, Gordie Howe and Bill Gadsby.

Yzerman, a native of Cranbrook, British Columbia, played 22 years and logged 1,514 regular season games in the NHL, scoring 692 goals and adding 1,063 assists. He was a member of three Stanley Cup championship teams and logged 196 playoff games, scoring 70 goals and adding 115 assists.

He also won a gold medal with the Canadian Olympic Team at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games.

Dinner-only tickets at \$125 remain available for the event, which also includes a cocktail reception starting at 4:30 p.m. followed by an auction from 4:30-5:45 p.m.

University of Michigan football and Detroit Lion radio analyst Jim Brandstatter returns as master of ceremonies for the dinner and awards program, which begins at 6 p.m.

Although the field has filled up at both Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses, a few spots remain available for the 18-hole, four-person scramble at Idyl Wyld. (Carts are provided and soft spikes required.)

Registration begins at 10 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Both golf and a banquet ticket are included

PLEASE SEE YZERMAN, B6

## Sidelines

### Hawks sign 6

Henry Ford Community College women's softball coach Michaelene Ruhl announced the signing of six players including two-time first-team All-Observer pitcher Bridget Long, along with three players from Canton High including pitcher Season Barnes, and Tiffany and Chelsea Quiroz.

Ruhl also signed Barbara Copeland of Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Wyandotte Roosevelt's Lindsey Clark.

### MU adds assistants

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham announced he has added two assistant coaches for the 2006 season including former Oakland University head coach Ed Tolentino and MU all-time assists leader Ashley Frost.

Tolentino, who served as an assistant last season at the University of Michigan, replaces long-time assistant Tim DeBeliso, who retired following 12 seasons.

Tolentino also served as an assistant at Michigan State and Eastern Michigan University, while most recently training the Premier Volleyball Organization where he coached the 18-and-under team to the Nationals.

Frost, meanwhile, is a four-year MU letterwinner who led the Crusaders to the 2005 NAIA Final Four and earned first-team All-America honors.

### Junior golf divots

Among the second-place finishers in the Meijer Junior Players Tour event (No. 26) July 31 at Beach Grove, Ontario included Garden City's Nick Walker (Boys 15-19), who shot an 82; Plymouth's Brendan Muir (Boys 13-14), 80; and Canton's Glenn Plot (Boys 8-9), 48 (for nine holes).

In the Top 50 Junior Tour event (No. 10) Aug. 2 at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion, Garden City's finished fifth in the Boys 16-and-up division with a 76. Teammate Travis Dodson shot an 82.

Josh Proben (Livonia) shot a 72 Thursday to finish tied for second in the Kensington Metropark Junior Championship. He also qualified for the Top 50 Junior Tour state championship Monday at Flushing Valley Country Club.

Meanwhile, his 12-year-old twin brothers Ben and Nick Frost, both whom will be seventh-graders at Frost Middle School, finished fourth and sixth, respectively, with 49 and 56 on July 18 at the Willow Metropark Junior Tourney.

## Fitness meet produces 7 gold medals

Fifteen athletes representing the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation came away with awards in the 48th annual 2005 Detroit Metropolitan Area Youth Fitness Meet held July 20 at Kensington Metropark.

Nineteen different communities, including two districts from the City of Detroit, were represented in the finals, which consisted of dashes (50, 60 and 75 yards), softball throw, standing long jump, running long jump, agility run, shuttle relay and chinning.

Boys and girls competed in the following age classifications: Class A, 13-14; Class B, 11-12; Class C, 9-10; and Class D, 7-8.

Among Livonia's contingent of 31 which captured first places included: Alex Ryktarsyk, chinning (Class B); Matthew Freed, chinning (Class C); Lauren Larson, running long jump (Class D); Robert Freed, standing long jump (Class A); Tasha McKinley, standing long jump (Class C); Chelsea Williams, softball throw (Class A); and Mairi VanDyke, 50 dash (Class C).

Second places went to Livonia's Sheila McKinley, agility run (Class C); Melani Kieling, chinning (Class B); Michael Brzezinski, running long jump (Class B); Maxwell Montini, running long jump (Class C).

Among the third place finishers for Livonia: Matthew Mangulabnan, standing long jump (Class B); Paige Ackman, softball throw (Class D); Justin VanDyke, 50 dash (Class C); and Michel Mestdagh, 50 dash (Class D).

## Rams win final Johnstown tuneup

The 20-and-under Michigan Rams, scheduled to begin play Monday in the All-American Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa., improved to 26-11-1 overall with a 7-6 exhibition victory Wednesday night over host Troy Jet Box at Fraser High School.

The Rams, runner-up in the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League to the 22-and-under Michigan Bulls, finished exhibition play at 2-0-1.

Scott Cain (Grand Valley State) went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles for the Rams, who rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh inning

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to earn the victory over the unlimited-age Stan Musial Division team.

Cain delivered the game-winning RBI, scoring Ryan Shay, who went 4-for-4 with three runs scored.

Mike Sacha added two hits for the winners, while Matt Nickels, Eric Vojtkofsky, Andrew Stafford and Billy Anderson each knocking in runs.

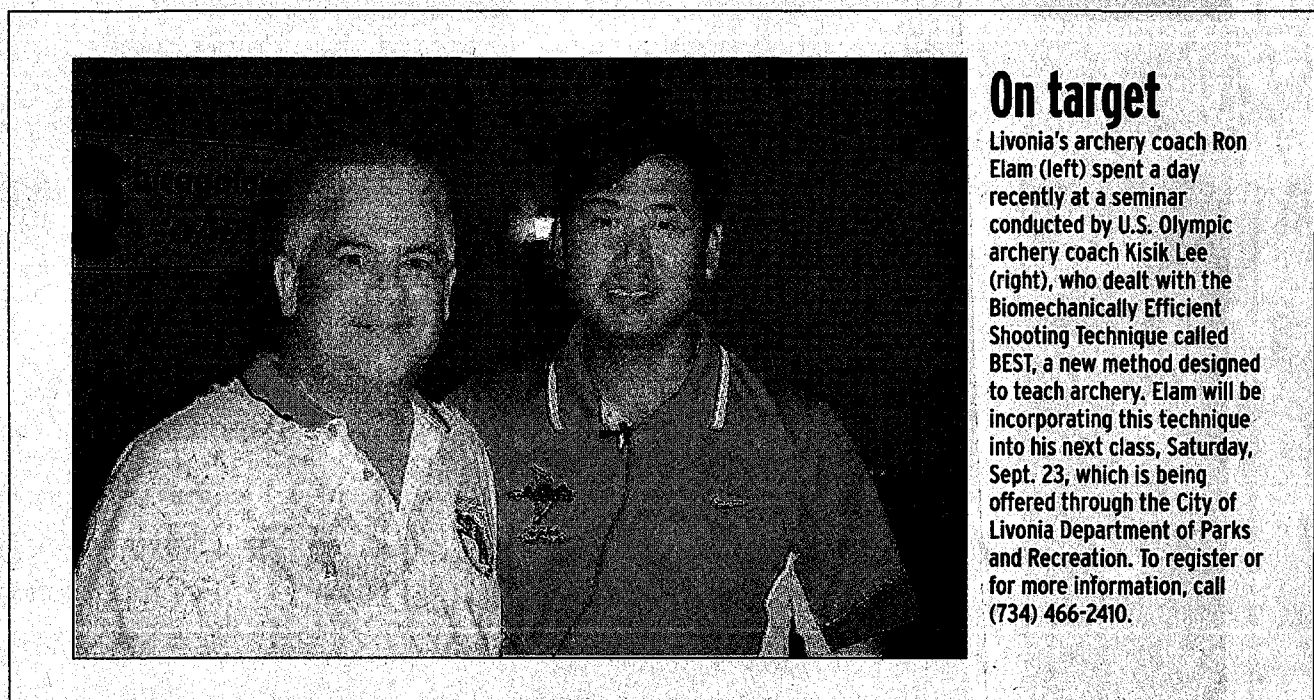
Winning pitcher Bobby Henderson pitched two scoreless innings in relief. The Eastern Michigan University lefty did not allow a hit, while striking out one and walking

two.

Paul Gergies was the losing pitcher in relief of starter Keith Perez for Jet Box (32-8). He gave up five runs on seven hits in two innings.

Ron Kochan went 3-for-4 with two runs scored for Jet Box. Mike Miller and Mark Abro collected two RBI each, while Don Wachowski went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

The 18-member Rams, who reached the final four in last year's double-elimination AAABA Tournament, returned eight players off last year's squad and a veteran coaching staff led by Rick Berryman, Harv Weingarden and Mike Taylor.



### On target

Livonia's archery coach Ron Elam (left) spent a day recently at a seminar conducted by U.S. Olympic archery coach Kisik Lee (right), who dealt with the Biomechanically Efficient Shooting Technique called BEST, a new method designed to teach archery. Elam will be incorporating this technique into his next class, Saturday, Sept. 23, which is being offered through the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation. To register or for more information, call (734) 466-2410.





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With a first team like Jenny, how could the Blue Team go wrong in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League JV All-Star game played July 29 at Madonna University Park. Jenny Kelley (Livonia Ladywood) and Jenny Kankowski (Livonia Franklin) shared MVP honors for the Blue, who earned a 13-3 triumph over. Members of the Blue team, coached by Ladywood's Bob Lulek and Patty Kolinski, included Sarah Stempin, Julie Bushart, Janie Bauer, Courtney LaValley, Gina Sykes, Jordan Searcy and Kelley, all of Ladywood; Alex Gortat, Sam McAtee, Chelsea Williams and Kankowski, Franklin; Ilene Tausch and Danielle Louisa, both of North Farmington. The Blue team consisted of players from Walled Lake Western, Livonia Churchill and Farmington Hills Harrison. The Livonia Sharks captured the league championship with an 18-0 record as Stempin earned MVP honors.

**Michigan Independent Athletic Conference seeks 12th school**

BY DAN STICKRADT  
STAFF WRITER

The long-standing Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, comprised of several area parochial and private schools, is seeking to expand its borders.

Founded in 1978, the league could add at least one new member school this year and could see further expansion in upcoming years.

"We're definitely looking for a 12th school right now," said Ed Mehlberg, league president and longtime athletic director at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. "We have been in contact with some schools already."

The MIAC, which sponsors 12 league sports (six for each gender), is currently split into two divisions, red and blue, based on enrollment and strength in a particular sport. Sports sponsored by the league include soccer, basketball, cross country, track, baseball and golf for boys, while for girls there is basketball, soccer, cross country, track, volleyball and softball. A couple of the current members also field football teams.

The current members include Oakland Christian (enrollment 199), Birmingham Roeper (185), Southfield Christian (278), Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (74), Allen Park Inter-City Baptist (116), Plymouth Christian (177), Novi Franklin Road Christian (82), Canton Agape Christian (85), Taylor Baptist Park (71), Warren Macomb Christian (89) and Parkway Christian (186).

Since its inception 28 years ago, the league has had 19 different members.

Roseville Calvary Baptist, Warren Baptist Christian, Clawson Christian and Troy Zion Christian were all members during the 1980s, but each closed its doors during that decade. Dearborn Heights Fairlane Christian was also a member until it closed in 2001.

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett and Lutheran High Westland all left in the early 1990s to join the Metro Conference.

The vacancy in the two-division league, which is made up of eight Christian schools, one Baptist school, one Lutheran school and one private school, occurred when two members, Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian and Warren Zoe Christian, merged this summer and will operate on Bethesda's campus as Sterling Heights

Parkway Christian.

"With those two schools merging, it allows us to bring in at least one new school," Mehlberg said. "Personally, I would love to see us bring in a few more, which would give us even more credibility and be larger, kind of like the OAA. But not everyone in the league is supporting that. We'll see what happens."

"We're a bunch of small schools," continued Mehlberg, noting that all members are Class D schools with the exception of one Class C school. "But as a whole, we have some very competitive teams in a lot of sports and some schools have won state championships over the years."

The MIAC has sent letters to a handful of small parochial and private schools around the Detroit area, the league doesn't allow for charter or public schools to become members, and has received an official application from one school - Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Calvary, which has 77 high school students, competed as an independent this past school year after departing from the Fundamental Baptist Athletic Conference in 2005.

The MIAC has also been in contact with Detroit Urban Lutheran (103 students), Saline Washtenaw Christian (50), Taylor Light & Life Christian (85), Waterford Mt. Zion Christian (60) and Auburn Hills Greater Life Academy (86), among others, and will consider other applicants.

Light and Life and Urban Lutheran are both members of the Catholic High School League, even though they are not Catholic high schools. Mt. Zion and Greater Life are independents, while Washtenaw Christian is currently in the Mid-South Conference.

The league will consider all options before its next athletic directors/principals meeting this November.

"We'll go with 11 schools for now," Mehlberg said. "If one of these schools fits, as to what we are looking for, they might become members by the spring sports season or next school year."

Liggett officials have also stressed some interest in coming back to the MIAC down the road if the league had enough schools with football teams, according to Mehlberg.

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The Mary Angela Run committee is preparing for its fourth annual event to benefit Angela Hospice of Livonia. The run takes place at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The event offers a 5-kilometer run, 10K run, and 1-mile fitness walk. A children's race, is also scheduled.

"We had a great turn out last year and with the support of the extended Angela Hospice family, we're hoping to have another great event this year," said race coordinator Dan Jess.

Last year's event raised \$40,000 to support Angela Hospice programs for termi-

nally patients and their families. Now in its fourth year, the event was first conceived as a way to honor the memory of 24-year-old Mary Angela DiGiovanni who was involved in a fatal car accident in January of 2003. DiGiovanni was a University of Michigan Public Health student with a desire to improve health care and help people in need.

What began as an event planned with love by DiGiovanni's friends and family has expanded to an annual event with community-wide appeal. The 2005 event saw nearly 1,000 attendees.

"We're grateful to the DiGiovanni and Jess families who have put so much time

and effort into making this a wonderful event to benefit Angela Hospice," said Sister Giovanni, Angela Hospice president and CEO. "It is a wonderful tribute to Mary Angela and a blessing to all of the patients who benefit from hospice care."

The registration fee is \$20, or \$50 for a Mary's Angel sponsorship, which includes a special Mary's Angel T-shirt and recognition on event signage. Participants may register in advance or the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m.

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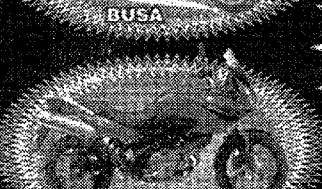
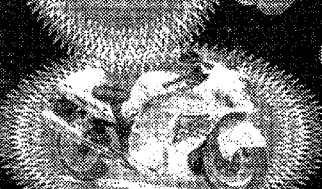
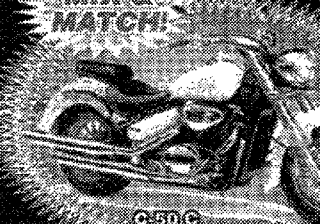
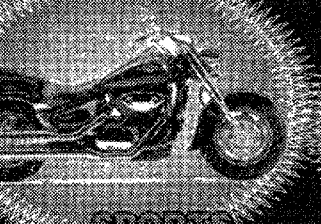
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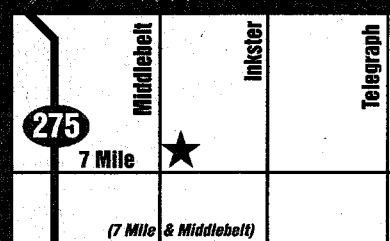
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The Schoolcraft College women's cross country team is seeking runners with scholarships available for the 2006 season.

For more information, call coach Sonny Gavoor at (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5607.

**RU boys golf tryouts**

Tryouts for the Redford Union High boys golf team will be at 7 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 at Glenhurst, which is located on Six Mile, just east of Beech Daly.

For more information, call Steve Fitzpatrick at (248) 894-4096.

**Churchill fall tryouts**

Livonia Churchill High School has announced its fall practice and tryout schedule for the following sports on Monday Aug. 14:

Boys cross country - 9 a.m. at Cass Benton Park (call coach John McGreevy at 734-744-2650);

Girls cross country - 9 a.m. at Cass Benton Park (call coach Sue Tatro at 734-744-2650);

Girls basketball - 8 a.m. at the Churchill gym (call coach Keith McDonald at 7340744-2650);

Girls tennis - 9 a.m. at the Churchill tennis courts (call coach Denise Berg at 734-744-2650);

Boys soccer - 8 a.m. at the Churchill track (call coach Reid Friedrichs at 734-744-2650);

Girls swimming and diving - 8 a.m. at the Churchill pool (call coach Aaron Reider at 734-744-2650).

Other tryouts dates for the following sports include:  
Football: 7:30 p.m. Monday,

Aug. 7 at the high school (call coach John Filiatraut at 734-744-2650);

Boys golf, 9:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 at Whispering Willows (call coach Paul Worley at 248-476-4493).

**Franklin fall tryouts**

Livonia Franklin High School has announced its fall practice and tryout schedule for athletics including:

Football (freshman, JV, varsity) - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday, Aug. 7, at the Franklin field.

Boys golf - noon, Thursday-Friday, Aug. 10-11 at Idyl Wyld Golf Course (\$11.50 per day, 18 holes);

Boys and girls cross country - 9-11 a.m. and 3-4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14 at the Franklin track;

Boys soccer - 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14 at Franklin field;

Girls tennis - 8-10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14 at the tennis courts (wear appropriate clothing, bring a racket and water);

Girls basketball (freshman, JV and varsity) - 6-8:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14 at the Franklin fieldhouse;

Girls swimming - 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21 at the Franklin pool.

Players must have a physical prior to being allowed to try out or participate on any high school team. Physical forms are available at the Franklin business office.

For more information, call Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye at (734) 744-2655, Ext. 47117.

**LHA needs coaches**

The Livonia Hockey Association is seeking coaches for its Midget B divisions (play-

ers in birth years 1990-91) in the Little Caesars Hockey League.

For more information, or to obtain an application, call the LHA office at (734) 422-5172.

**Baseball tryouts**

The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, in conjunction with the Livonia Baseball and Softball Association, will stage tryouts for the 2007 season for the following age groups Saturday, Aug. 12 at Bicentennial Park (field No. 8):

Under-14: 9-11 a.m.; under-13: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; under-12: 1-2 p.m.; under-11: 3-5 p.m.; under-10: 5-7 p.m. Ages are determined as of May 1, 2007 for next season.

Tryouts are for players committed to preparing themselves for high school baseball.

Arrive 30 minutes prior to registration and for warm-up. (A makeup date in case of rain is Sunday, Aug. 13.)

For more information, contact Dennis Russ at mi-blue@sbcglobal.net; or visit <http://eteamz.active.com/livonia/travelbaseball>.

Tryouts for the 2007 under-14 Motor City Chiefs travel baseball team will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 and 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at UAW Field, located at 48055 Michigan Avenue, just west of Beck Road.

The Chiefs are seeking tournament quality players to compete in the Kensington Valley Baseball-Softball Association Elite League.

If you cannot make the scheduled times, and to confirm tryouts, send an e-mail to [Mayer22@aol.com](mailto:Mayer22@aol.com).

Tryouts for the under-11 Motor City Chiefs travel baseball team will be at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at UAW Field, located at 48055 Michigan Avenue, just west of Beck Road.

The Chiefs are seeking quality players for a high caliber team. If you are unable to make these tryout times, or have any questions, e-mail Ken Gaffney at [kgaffney8@yahoo.com](mailto:kgaffney8@yahoo.com).

Tryouts for the 2007 Vipers, an 11-and-under Plymouth-Canton travel baseball team, will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 at Plymouth Township Park (field No. 2), which is located off Ann Arbor Trail (between McClumpha and Beck roads).

Eligible players must be 12 years-old by Aug. 20, 2007.

For more information, contact Tony Boucher at (734) 454-4992 and [tboucher14@yahoo.com](mailto:tboucher14@yahoo.com); or Don Clark at (734) 455-1224 and [arg8@aol.com](mailto:arg8@aol.com).

Tryouts for the 2007 Farmington Hills Yankees, a newly formed 11-year-old travel baseball team which will compete in league play and tournaments, will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Farmington's Shiawassee Park.

Pre-registration is required and alternate tryout dates can be established.

For more information, call Jim Ertzin or Jeff Tomski at (248) 474-8315.

**Fall youth baseball**

The Livonia Baseball and Softball Association and Livonia Travel Baseball are seeking players 12 or younger (on Aug. 20, 2006) for a 12-and-under team to play ball baseball.

The season runs Aug. 19 through Oct. 15. Games will be doubleheaders

each Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, e-mail Dennis Russ at [mi-blue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mi-blue@sbcglobal.net).

The registration deadline for Greater Canton Youth Baseball-Softball Association fall baseball (ages 4-18) is Aug. 15.

Forms are available and may be dropped off the Canton Softball Center or at Summit on the Park.

For more information, call the GCYSA hotline at (734) 394-5489 or (734) 394-5358.

You can also visit [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org).

Games begins the first week of September and conclude in October.

**WYAA football**

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has opening for its Comets and Meteors varsity football teams (ages 12-14) who weigh between 100 and 165 pounds.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to

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For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640.

**WYAA Meteors cheer**

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has spots open for its Meteor cheerleading squads for girls ages 8-14.

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For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640; or visit [www.westlandmeteors.org](http://www.westlandmeteors.org).

**MU alumnae game**

The Madonna University women's softball team will stage its annual alumnae game at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at MU University Field.

All interested players should contact head coach Al White at 734-432-5783; or [awhite@madonna.edu](mailto:awhite@madonna.edu) for more information.

**The New U12 Michigan Dragons**

The newly formed U12 Michigan Dragons Baseball Team will be having tryouts for the 2007 Season at **Don Massey Field in Plymouth Sunday, August 20th Noon to 3 p.m.**

The Dragons will play approximately a 50 game season competing in the Kensington Valley Baseball Association including 6-7 tournaments and a week long tournament at Cooperstown Dreams Park. Previous travel baseball experience is preferred. All players must turn 13 after May 1, 2007 to be eligible. If you plan on attending or need further information, please contact: **Patrick Malzone at 248-478-7794**



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**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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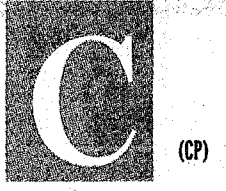
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## Nixon still teaching 30 years later

**W**hen I was a young girl my mom was always on the war path about my so-called character development.

"What is that?" I wondered out loud. Words like ethics and self-respect flowed easily from her mouth but, at the age of 5, all of this talk just went right over my head. It wouldn't be long before she got her chance to show me exactly what she was talking about.

The early 1970s offered up some confusing and challenging times for America. Recovery from the racially charged riots of the late 1960s was on the mind of many. Forced school busing would soon hold the nation captive. But, the summer of 1974 would take Americans to a place many would never want to see again.

In 1968, Richard Milhous Nixon became America's 37th President after he defeated Hubert Humphrey in an extremely close race, and from all accounts it seemed that by this time politics had already made Nixon a bitter and suspicious man.

America would not learn the full extent of Nixon's bitter, mistrustful and vengeful nature until it was too late, but for now the 1968 victory was his to revel in.

I was barely a toddler in 1968, but my mom told me later on I was already poised to take on the world. All toddlers are in that state, I figured.

Nixon got a second victory in 1972 when he won re-election as President of the United States, this time in a landslide against Democrat George McGovern. This time, however, the glow of victory would soon dim.

By the time the five burglars broke into the Democratic National Committee offices inside the Watergate complex in June of 1972, I was 6 years old and if television news reports did not keep me abreast of the action, Mom sure did.

Mom was particularly interested as time went on with three individuals who roamed the halls of the Nixon White House. Nixon's Attorney General, Elliot Richardson, and his Deputy Attorney General, William French Smith, who would soon find themselves faced with a life-changing dilemma.

As it became more and more evident that Nixon's lies were beginning to catch up with him, Nixon set out to eliminate a key figure he knew would not stop his dogged pursuit and that was Watergate Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox, the third hero in my mother's eyes.

When my mom discovered that Richardson and Ruckelshaus refused Nixon's orders to fire Cox and resigned instead, self-respect really became her battle cry. She began to explain to me that I should never let anyone on God's green Earth intimidate me into doing something I know in my heart is wrong. She wanted me to follow their lead, she said.

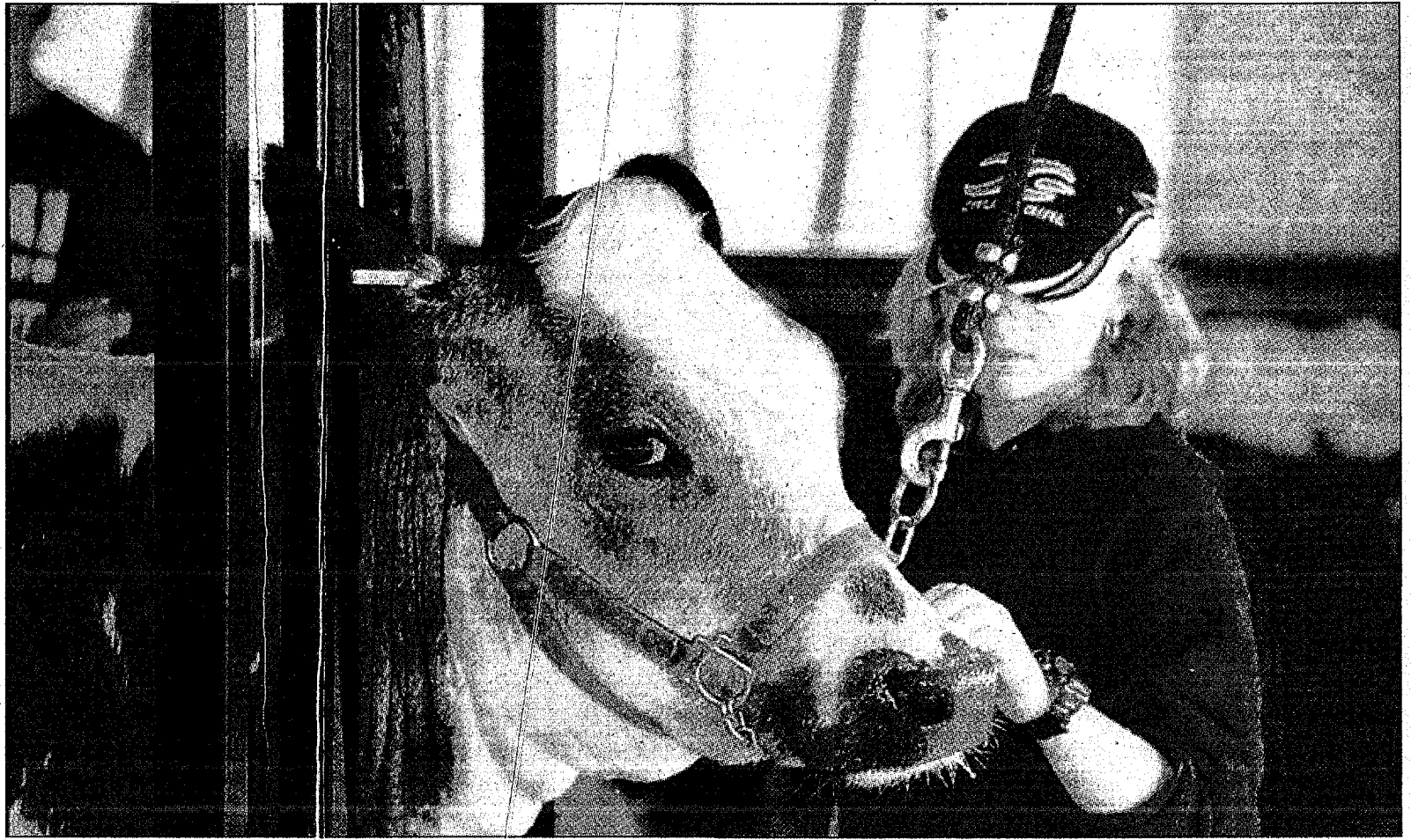
Every day as individuals we are faced with choices, some difficult, some easy, but every day after the previous day we have to wake up and look in the mirror. I began to see what my mother was talking about as I got older and have been able to pretty much stay on course. Have I been hated because I stand my ground? Yes. Have some labeled me a troublemaker for standing up for the common man and trying to do what's right? Of, course.

But, one thing keeps me going — something I heard Nixon say himself in an interview. Nixon wanted to relay to the American people what he had learned over the years and that was — If you allow the hatred of your enemies to get the better of you then your enemies win. Nixon knew this, but he still let suspicion, bitterness, hatred and vengeance cloud his judgment.

So, as the 32nd anniversary of Nixon's pitiful and disgraceful departure from the political landscape passes, I am allowing myself to learn the lesson that he is still teaching, and that is with God's help, never to do what he did.

I hope my fellow Americans are learning that lesson as well.

**Bobbie Jones** is a Belleville resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at workhard36@aol.com



Petting the animals is one of the favorite activities of children at the fair.

## Family fun

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
 STAFF WRITER

Tom Koppin agrees it is unusual to feature alligators at the Wayne County Fair in Belleville. For the last 60 years families have come to the fairgrounds expecting to see cows, sheep and rabbits as well as the biggest and best produce around.

The Wayne County Fair board has no intention of altering the agricultural format of the fair which runs Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 8-12. Although Koppin is now fair board president, he began volunteering 20-years ago because his three children were raising and exhibiting livestock at the fair through 4-H. In fact, Koppin says his children's interest in animals led to their career choices as adults. Daughter Kelly Schalte is a technician at Canton Center Animal Hospital and son Paul is studying to be a veterinarian. Livestock will always be the heart of the fair, but the board wants to offer a variety of new family fun like rock climbing in addition to the popular pony rides, mini-modified tractor pull and demolition derby.

"We have a couple of new things this year," said Koppin of Canton. "We'd like people to come out and see what we're all about."

"To a certain extent the fair has become somewhat smaller due to the fact we have less agriculture in Wayne County than 20 years ago, but we're always getting new volun-



This is the last year Stefanie Toms is able to exhibit her rabbits in the youth category at the fair.

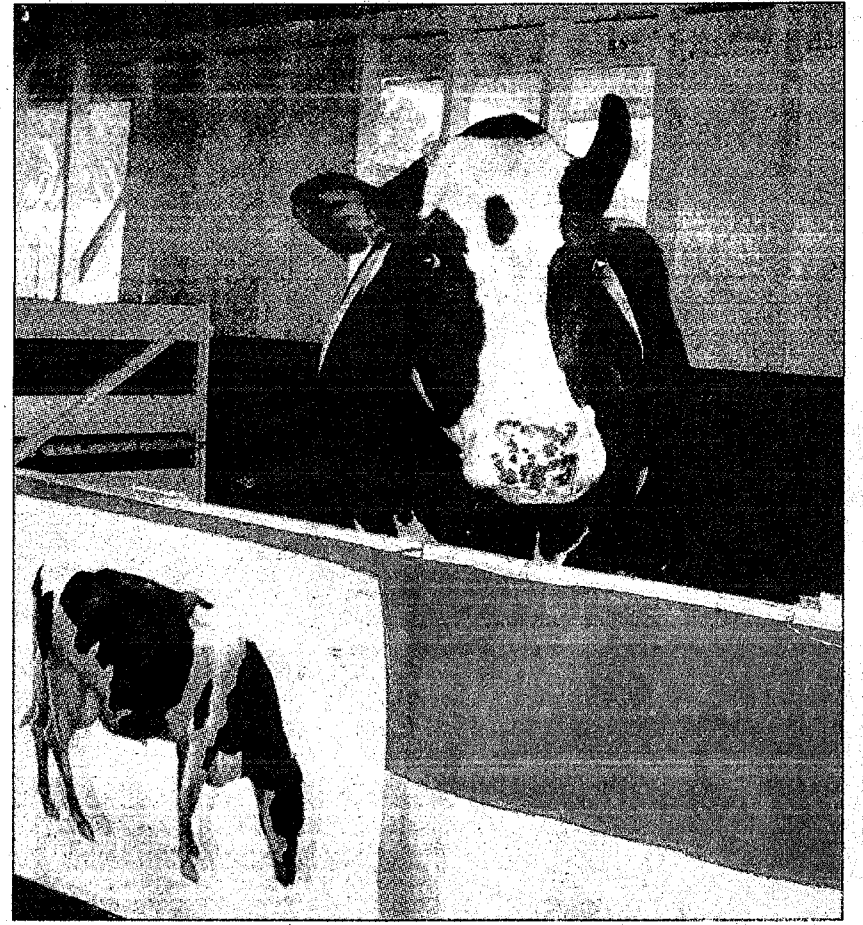
teers who help keep the enthusiasm for the fair."

Karen Slebodnik had loads of fun thinking up new activities this year. For \$5 visitors can purchase one of the blocks for Cow Bingo then wait for the cow to relieve itself on their number to win as much as \$60.

Kids of all ages will enjoy blowing bubbles in a corral set up just for this free event.

Sleobodnik could go on and on about every aspect of the fair including the entertainment. A version of American Idol is sure to

## Wayne County Fair celebrates 60 years with new attractions



This cow isn't the only star attraction at the Wayne County Fair. Visitors can support the 60-year-old fair by playing Cow Bingo, a new game to raise funds for the event.

attract contestants as well as audiences at 7 p.m. every evening. The winner will perform at the Michigan State Fair.

For those who would rather watch than participate, the Redford Unicycle Club rides into the show

ring 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday. The Sobek Alligator Show offers plenty of thrills at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

PLEASE SEE FAIR, C3

## Tea drinkers imbibe for pleasure and health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
 STAFF WRITER

Colleen Cannon is surprised that people are drinking tea in the hot weather, but then there's so many blends of black, green, red, and herbal to try at TranquiliTea, her new shop in Plymouth.

Tea is hot whether it's loose whole leaf sold by the ounce at Cannon's new shop, or bagged for medicinal purposes at Better Health in Plymouth.

On a nearly 100-degree day last week, it was cool inside both locations. At TranquiliTea, Cannon was serving up hot cups of Sweet Sin Rooibos, a red tea from South Africa. The garnet color sparkled in the white cup. Drinking tea is a sensual experience that stimulates the eye and palate as well as the sense of smell.

"Several of the blends are good for iced teas. Anything with fruit is

wonderful," said Cannon, a Livonia resident who left a corporate office in Farmington Hills to open her tea shop after visiting a similar business in Tennessee.

TranquiliTea literally offers a brew for every taste bud. From the moment a customer walks in the door, aromas tease the nose with black currants, cinnamon, lavender, and lemon myrtle. Cannon constantly taste tests new blends to add to the 70 she already carries from China, Sri Lanka, and around the world.

Sniff jars in front of each canister allow budding tea drinkers to select according to their noses.

Connoisseurs have no problem choosing from a traditional like Lapsang Souchong, an ancient tea from China made from leaves dried over smoking pine fires, or a non-traditional like Paris, a blend of currant, caramel and bergamot.



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Better Health manager Bobbie Henrie offers a selection of herbal teas at the store in Plymouth.

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#### MUSIC IN THE AIR

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority; concerts are 7 p.m. Fridays in Kellogg Park:

- 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 Dittilies
- 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:

- Aug. 9 - Gemini
- Aug. 16 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 23 - Matt Watroba

### CLASS REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print it, without charge, announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48170.

#### 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 Mildred Baker if you can provide information.

##### Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Embassy Suites, 850 Tower Drive, Troy. Cost \$45. Send checks to Janice Broquet Pope, 8222 Coral Creek Loop, Hudson, Fla. Call (727) 868-8222 or e-mail jpopel14.tam-pabay.com.

##### Birmingham High School

##### Class of 1956

Oct. 20-22, Kingsley Inn, Birmingham. For more information, contact Barbara Sweeney Drisko (248) 644-8797 or bar-baradrisko@hotmail.com.

##### Bishop Borgess High School

##### Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, Fifth Avenue Ballroom and Billiards (second floor), 25750 Novi Road in Novi. You must reserve a spot in advance, contact reunion committee at bb76reunion@yahoo.com for ticket information and details.

##### Class of 1987

20-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007 at the Livonia Marriott. For more information, email borgess87@hotmail.com.

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

##### Clarenceville High School

##### Class of 1956

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Sept. 29 - football game and party; Sept. 30 - banquet at Vladimir's 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) 466-9939.

##### Plymouth High School

##### Class of 1956

50th Class reunion. 1 p.m. to sundown Saturday, Sept. 9. Hoping for full participation. For information, call Linda

(Lent) Oldford (734) 476-2947 or ljol-ford@sbcglobal.net or Linda (Minock) Roose (734) 453-8301.

##### All Classes 1917-1970

Class of 1956 Sponsoring reunion of all faculty, staff and students. Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For information, call Sande Cutler, (734) 668-4073, or alisande@umich.edu or Shirley (Andrews) Bell, (248) 446-1266, or ssbell8993@yahoo.com

##### Class of 1965-66

40-year reunion 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 9, 2006, Plymouth Elks Lodge, 41700 Ann Arbor Road. Contact for '65 class members Jay Reynolds at (248) 645-9671 or jreynolds@comcast.net; for '66 class members Lynn Keil at (734) 972-8104 or LynnKeil@sbcglobal.net.

##### Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem

##### Class of 1986

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

##### Class of 1996

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

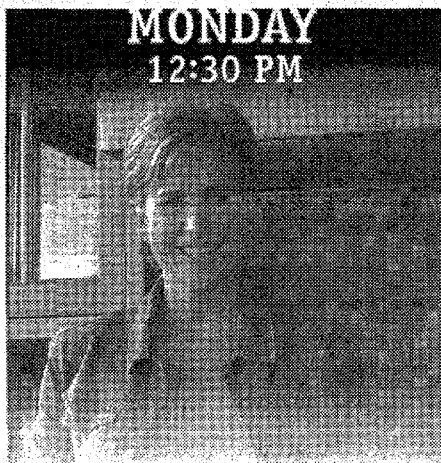
##### Plymouth Salem

##### Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion. 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, at Rose's Restaurant, Cherry Hill and Canton Center Road, No charge. For information, contact Barbara Yockey at (586) 726-9255 or byockey@aol.com.

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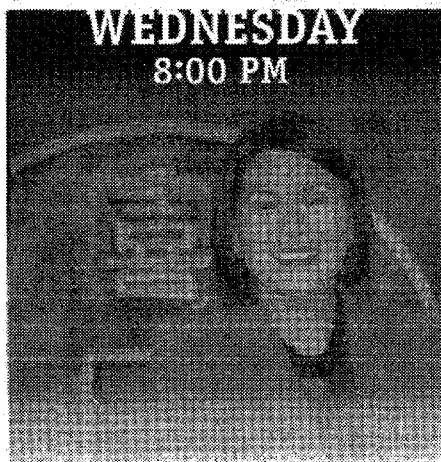
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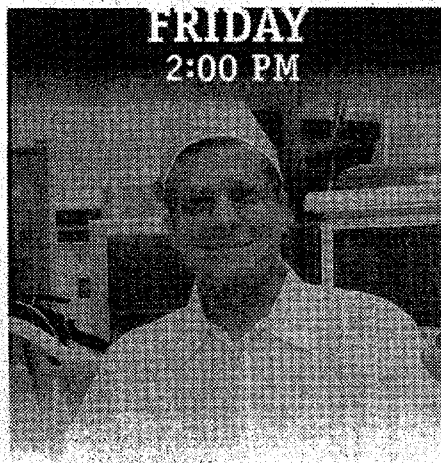
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**TEA**

FROM PAGE C1

Cannon recommends some of her best sellers for drinking cold. Iced Cherry Tea blends black, green and dried fruits. For those who can't drink caffeine, she offers Grandma's Fruit Garden with dried apples, black currant, strawberry and raspberry pieces, and strawberry leaves.

One side of the shop features primarily black teas, the other wall green teas. Depending on a person's tolerance for caffeine, they can select the amount of stimulant right for them. Someone watching their diet might want to treat their sweet tooth to the calorie-free Decaffeinated Chocolate Truffle while a college student who wants to cram for exams all night would drink Buddha Boost with guarana for energy. Each ounce of tea makes 6-10 cups.

Cannon is a wealth of information not only about preparation and steeping times, but the history of tea. It was 2737 B.C. when Shen Nung, an emperor in China, accidentally dropped leaves into a pot of boiling water. By 1650, the Dutch were involved with trading throughout the Western world and brought the drink to America.

**THE EXPERIENCE**

Cannon began drinking tea in her teens when the female members of her family celebrated special occasions with a pot of the beverage. She stocks traditional as well as contemporary pots for brewing along with cups and mugs, strainers, and tea bags. Infusers allow



Colleen Cannon sells 70 types of whole leaf loose tea, teapots and accessories at TranquiliTea in Plymouth.

any pot to brew tea quickly and easily. "My grandmother had us over for tea after church," Cannon said. "There is this sharing that goes on. Tea makes you want to sit down and relax. It does give you a good sense that people describe as relaxed energy."

**HEALTH BENEFITS**

Bobbie Henrie's been drinking tea since she was a kid. Over the last 11 years in retail, she's watched the popularity of tea increase for a number of reasons.

"There tends to be trends. It's grown with all the talk about the health benefits of drinking black for cholesterol, green tea for antioxidants and cancer fighting, and the more people read and get educated, the more we sell," said Henrie, a Canton resident who manages Better Health in Plymouth. "Tea is the most benign way of introducing someone to alternatives (for health)."

"Originally tea came in as an alternative to coffee that tastes good. People weren't concerned about health benefits. Today we sell a lot of green tea."

Better Health offers a full array of herbal teas including horsetail (Equisetum Arvense) which contains silica and is not only good for hair, skin and nails but helps remove lead from the body.

Menopausal women buy black cohosh and red clover while pregnant moms drink ginger tea to curb their nausea. Other customers drink tea for pleasure.

Chai tea sells better in wintertime as an alternative to hot cocoa or coffee. In summer for iced tea, Henrie likes to experiment by mixing Alvia spearmint with Celestial Seasonings Caffeine Free Herbal or Lemon Zinger.

"People view tea as a comfort food," Henrie said. "It's not difficult to make, and you're not investing a lot of money."

In addition to selling loose whole leaf tea, TranquiliTea offers several brewed selections to go at 580-3 Forest. For more information, call (734) 459-9686.

Better Health is at 4427 W. Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon. Call (734) 455-1440.

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**FAIR**

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"We'll have horse shows all week long with kids competing who raised their own horses. We have 90 horses entered already," said Sledobnik, a Wayne resident who serves on the fair board.

"Tuesday night is the pony pull with weighted sleds. Wednesday is a motorcycle show put on by Metro Motorsport in Canton. There's all kinds of little things going on all over."

While some of the activities like foam dancing on a floor of bubbles is free, the money raised from rock climbing, voting for the cutest baby and pet photos, or attending the pancake dinner (7 p.m. Saturday) goes to the fair which costs between \$50,000 to \$60,000 to produce. Visitors also have an opportunity to support the event by purchasing a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of three, three-foot bears carved by a chainsaw artist.

Car and motorcycle enthusiasts can do their part by showing their street machine, muscle car, antique/classic, sports car, motorcycle, or truck Saturday, Aug. 12. Registration is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$10. Call (734) 635-1828 or (734) 697-7002.

"The fair is in bad shape financially," said Sledobnik. "We need community help, donations. Attendance has been low the last three years. One year we had rain and three years ago the blackout. It really put us in the hole. This year we're having inflatables for fun, no carnival for the first time in 60-years."

Sledobnik and Koppin would like to see the tradition

of celebrating agriculture in the county continue. Sledobnik began volunteering with the fair about 25 years after exhibiting baked goods and sewing. She won a trophy and gold ribbon and earned a spot in the state fair where she took second place for her chocolate chip cookies.

"I like organizing the fair to make it open for the public so they can have a nice time and something families can enjoy together," said Sledobnik. "And we want to make it affordable for the family to come."

Wayne County Fair admission is \$2 a car from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. From 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday the cost is \$5 per person for ages 8 and up, \$7 per person Friday-Saturday. Children under age 8 are \$2. The fair runs 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 8-12.

For more information about cutest pet contest, call (734) 697-3963 or (734) 635-1828. Photos are to be turned in at Community Arts Building, Wayne County Fairgrounds 3-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7. Voting

ends 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12.

The Wayne County Fairground is on Quirk Road, west of Belleville Road (Canton Center Road north of Michigan Ave.). Take the 190 exit off of the I-94 Service Drive.

"People often confuse it with the Michigan State Fair in Detroit," said Sledobnik. "A lot of people don't know there's a county fair."

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ANNIVERSARIES

Owings 40th anniversary

Dale and Charlene Owings of Livonia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands.

The Owings were married June 11, 1966, in Cincinnati.

Joining them on their cruise were their children and their spouses: Kevin Owings of Canton, Kimberly and Keith Sandum of Virginia and Keith Joanne Owings.



Coughlins celebrate 25

Michael and Rebecca Coughlin celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 7.

The Coughlins were married Aug. 7, 1981 at the Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village. The Canton residents are planning a second honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii, later this year. Maui was the site of their original honeymoon 25 years ago.

Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin has headed adult services at the Canton Public Library for 26 years, and Michael Coughlin sells cars at Michigan Car Mart in Detroit. Michael Coughlin is an avid sports fan and the couple shares a love of golf and enjoys getting out on the links together.



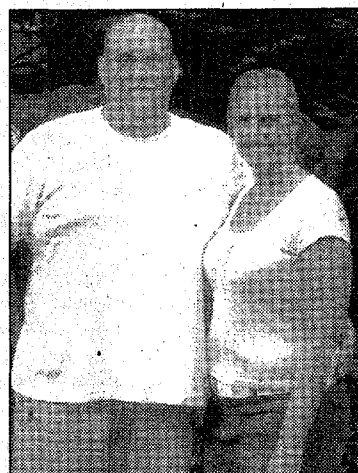
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Krisher-Schwantes

Charles and Suzanne Krisher of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Lynn Krisher of Waterford, to Thane Nathan Schwantes of Waterford.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1999 graduate of Schoolcraft College in applied science-culinary arts. She is employed as a licensed title examiner in Livonia.

The prospective groom is the son of Kenneth and Judith Schwantes of Watertown, Wis. He is a 1997 graduate of Watertown High School. An Oct. 28 wedding is



planned for Redford Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

Newstead-DuQuet

SPC Shane M. DuQuet, formerly of Novi, will wed Kelly L. Newstead of Livonia.

The couple have planned a local Sept. 2 wedding. After the wedding the couple will be relocating to Fort Bragg, N.C., where Shane is stationed.

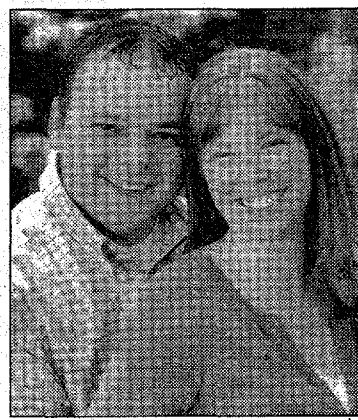


Loschiavo-Middleton

James and Loschiavo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann Loschiavo of Livonia to Nicholas Keith Middleton of Livonia.

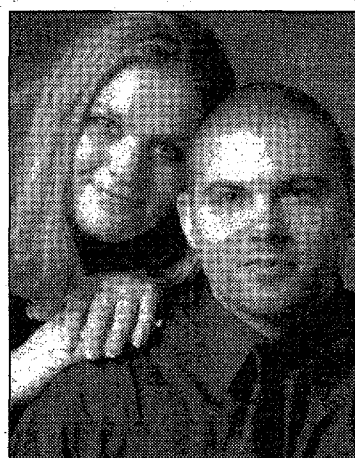
The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She is employed as a financial analyst in Southfield.

The prospective groom is the son of William and Barbara Middleton of Ortonville. He is a 1995 graduate of Lake Orion High School and a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in



mechanical engineering. He is employed as an automotive design engineer in Ann Arbor.

An Aug. 19 wedding is planned for First United Methodist Church of Farmington.



Clark-Fuller

Mary and Scott Bazinet of Jackson and Robert Clark of Wisconsin announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn M. Clark of Sterling Heights, to Anthony S. Fuller of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jackson Lumen Christi High School and is employed with General Growth Properties.

The prospective groom is the son of Scott and Jeanne Fuller of Livonia. He is a graduate of Catholic Central High School and Lawrence Technological University. He is employed at Eaton Corporation as an electrical engineer.

A summer 2006 wedding is planned at St. John's Catholic Church in Jackson.

Grima-Catner

Jennifer Grima and Eric Catner were married March 24 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford Township.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas and Ethel Grima of Woodhaven. Ethel Grima attended her daughter as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were friends Joan Broses of Taylor, Debra Kubitsky of South Lyon, Kelly Orr of Traverse City and Lisa Barrett of Southgate. The bridegroom's daughter, Alexandra Adams of Southgate, was a junior bridesmaid.

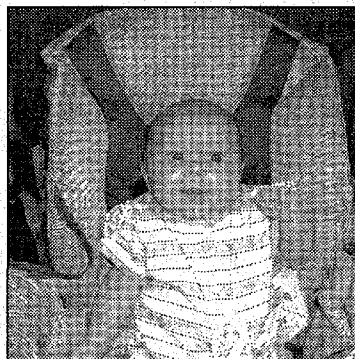
The bridegroom is the son of Theresa Catner of Livonia. He was attended by best man Robert Pelletier of Livonia. Groomsmen were Anthony Catner of South Lyon; the bride's brother, Michael Grima of Woodhaven; and friends, Timothy Case of South Lyon, Michael Donnelly of Livonia and Michael Calabrese of New Boston.



A reception was held at Arnaldo's Banquet Center in Riverview. The couple spent their honeymoon in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The bride is a police officer with the Taylor Police Department. The bridegroom is a detective with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department.

NEW VOICES

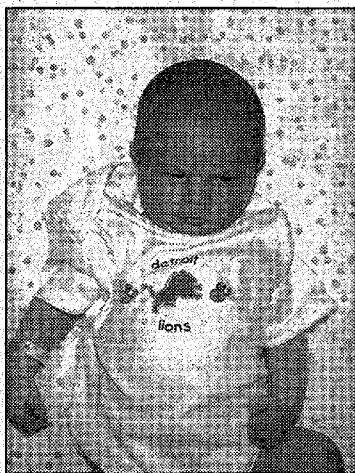


Kylie Jane Benedict

Craig and Laura Benedict of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Kylie Jane Benedict, on May 13 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

She weighed six pounds and five ounces and was 19 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Dean and Pam Benedict and Cindy and Alfred Ciantar both of Canton.



Andrew Michael Caprara

Michael and Jennifer Caprara of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Andrew Michael Caprara, June 26, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

He has an older brother, Thomas Caprara.

His grandparents are Thom and Regina Caprara of Livonia and Frank and Judy Fike of Ann Arbor.

His great-grandmother is Mary Pitlanish of Centerline.



Hunt-Loewe

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hunt of Traverse City announce the engagement of their daughter Leslie Ann Hunt to Scott David Loewe of Plymouth.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of St. Francis High School in Traverse City and a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in advertising. She is employed with Eview 360 design firm in Farmington Hills.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Loewe of Plymouth. He is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University with bachelor's degree in engineering and marketing. He is employed by Smith & Nephew Orthopedics as a medical device representative.

An Aug. 12 wedding is planned in Traverse City. The couple will make their home in West Bloomfield.

Cole-Coats

Allison Elizabeth Coats and Todd Andrew Cole were married on May 6, 2006 at Kirk in the Hills followed by a reception at Orchard Lake Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Betsy and Peter Coats of Birmingham. Allison graduated from Cornerstone University and is a pharmaceutical rep for Forest Labs.

The groom is the son of Laurie and Jim Cole of Livonia. Todd graduated from Calvin College and is employed by Sciele Pharmaceuticals.

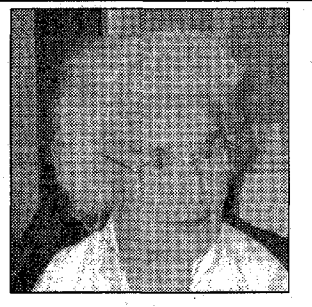
The newlyweds took a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas and are making their home in Plymouth.



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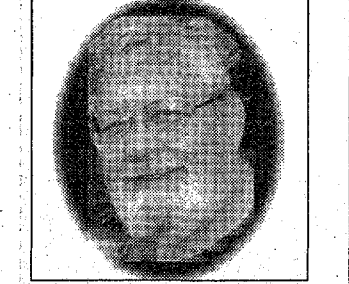
HERBERT C. ASHCRAFT

August 3, 2006. Age 87. Beloved husband of Martha. Dear father of Herbert Curtis Ashcraft, Jr., Gary (Joan), and William Dale Ashcraft (Laurie). Brother of Mary Gibson, Gódie Huber, and Delphia Ashcraft. Also survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Sunday, 12 noon, until funeral service, 2:00pm. Additional services and burial in Camden, Ohio. Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com



JANET C. GASS

87, passed away peacefully on July 17, 2006, in Virginia Beach, VA, surrounded by her loving family. She was born August 13, 1918, to Dr. and Mrs. Albert S. Crawford in Kuling, China, where her father was an instructor at Yale University Medical School. Janet was an accomplished woman who attended the University of Michigan and contributed to the WWII effort as a Ford Motor Company employee in Dearborn. She was the widow of Rev. Dr. Kenneth H. Gass, former Rector of St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, and they had shared their lives in various Episcopal parishes in Ohio, Minnesota, and Michigan. Janet's giving nature extended beyond her parish families to her community, where she served as a volunteer in elementary schools, public libraries, museums, hospitals, and Meals on Wheels. Her zest for learning continually was spurred on by her love of travel and meeting fascinating people. Some of her trips included summer vacations in Wyoming, journeys to England, living in Belgium and Germany with her family, returning to China 75 years after she had left there, and her final overseas travel - to Spain with her immediate family for New Years 2002. She is survived by her daughter Patricia Braidwood and son-in-law Douglas of Virginia Beach; grandchildren Robb Braidwood and his wife Ashley of Alexandria, VA, and Kirsteen Lankford and her husband Tom of Virginia Beach; and the loves of Janet's life - her two great-grandsons, Curren Lankford and Samuel Braidwood. She also is survived by her brother, David Crawford of Sun City Center, Florida; sisters Katie Foss and Margaret Crawford of Houston, Texas, and Betty Chamberlin of Sterling Heights, Michigan; and 11 nieces and nephews and their families. A memorial service and interment will take place at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham on August 12th at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Episcopal Relief & Development (http://www.er-d.org) or The Nature Conservancy (http://www.nature.org). The family wishes to thank the staff of Seaside Health Center at Atlantic Shores, Virginia Beach, for their kindness and loving care of Janet over the past two and a half years.



CARL J. AUSTERMILLER

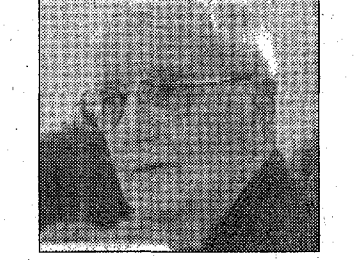
Age 67, of Farmington Hills. August 2, 2006. Beloved husband of Sylvia for over 42 years. Loving father of Heidi (Ken) Weiss and Rebecca AusterMiller. Cherished grandfather of Haley and Hannah Weiss. Dear brother-in-law to Robert Kryvicky and Cynthia Clararant. Also survived by his nephews James and Andrew. Funeral Service Monday 1 p.m. at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Avenue, Downtown Farmington (1 block West of Farmington Road). Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Oakland Community College Scholarship Fund, 2480 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

JOSEPH CARR DUCKWORTH

Age 87, of Audubon, PA (formerly of Livonia and Canton, MI), August 2, 2006. Born February 26, 1919, in Philadelphia, PA. Survived by his beloved wife, Wanda (nee Roskowski) and his devoted children, W. Joseph (Loretta) of Berwyn, PA; Susan Marlotte of Ann Arbor, MI; and Dr. Kenneth (Dr. Mary McCarthy) of Boston, MA. Missed by his loving grandchildren, Jason (Angela) Duckworth, Christopher (Jessicah) Duckworth, Sheara (Erik) Graber, David (Nicole) Ginsburg, Robert (Caitlin) Marlotte, Lauren E. Marlotte, Megan, Clare, and Kathryn Duckworth. He leaves behind six great grandchildren, Amanda, Lucy, Talitha and Cana Duckworth; and Ethan and Alexander Graber. He is also survived by his loving sister-in-law, Helen Cook. Services were held Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wayne, PA. Arrangements by the Donohue Funeral Home, Newton Square, PA. Memorial contributions to The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Colonial Place Three, 2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22201-3042 would be appreciated. Interment will be private.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends



LOUIS J. NORMAN

Age 91, longtime resident of Plymouth, passed away August 2, 2006. Owner of LJ Excavating company. Also worked at the Ford Newburg Manufacturing plant in the 1930's and 40's. Served on the Plymouth Township board for 18 years and also a volunteer at the Plymouth Twp. Fire Department. Life member of the Plymouth Historical Society. Enjoyed fishing, hunting, and especially woodworking. Enjoyed spending time at his home in Barbeau, MI. Mr. Norman was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth. Survived by his children, David and Marilyn (William) Norgrove. Grandchildren David (Amie) Norgrove, Lorie (Jeff) Burrell, Joshua Norman, and Zachary Norman. Great-grandchild, Blaine Burrell. Sister Ruth (Joe) Hitt and Brother Robert (Jo). Sister-in-law Marie Norman. Services were held Saturday at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth.

RUSSELL STEELE STRICKLAND

Age 89, a retired Detroit businessman who lived in Pinehurst, N.C., died August 2 in Pinehurst following a stroke on July 25. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 5, at the Village Chapel in Pinehurst with Chaplain Larry Ellis officiating. A service will be held at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit, Michigan on Tuesday, August 8, 10 a.m. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Marcia Connell Strickland; two sons, Paul Kent Strickland (and his wife Elise Backinger) of Taos New Mexico and John Connell Strickland (and his wife, Cynthia Strickland) of Pinehurst; one daughter, Sheridan Strickland (and her husband, Michael Thomas) of Washington, D.C.; and two grandchildren, Christopher and Amanda Strickland. Memorial contributions may be made to The Duke University Medical Center, Department of Urology - "Cured" Organization or to the Village Chapel Foundation, c/o the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, NC.

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■ **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES** — Check out the latest developments on the Library's renovation project by going to [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and clicking on the Building Blog. Current project updates and photos will take you behind the scenes.

■ **YOUR POETRY GROUP**, Sunday, Aug. 13, 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](mailto:donhewlett@aol.com)

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Personal History* by Katherine Graham. 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 e-mail [spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org](mailto:spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Aug. 17, 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.

■ **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP**, Monday, Aug. 21, 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 [starmikebest@comcast.net](mailto:starmikebest@comcast.net)

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, Aug. 23, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler. 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](mailto:dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org)

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, Aug. 28, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group

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■ **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Friday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — The week leading up to Labor Day will find local hospitals with depleted blood inventory. Plan now to give — donors can safely give blood every 56 days. Sign up in the Library lobby. Walk-ins welcome too. For more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 217.

**Youth Programs**

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, Aug. 19, 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 Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. (no Saturday Baby Play this month) — 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. Registration is not required for Baby Play.

**Teen Program**

■ **SUMMER READING WRAPUP ICE CREAM SOCIAL**, Monday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m. — Enjoy ice cream concoctions and wait in suspense as the Summer Reading grand prize drawing takes place. One lucky participant will win a \$100 gift certificate to Twelve Oaks Mall.

■ **BOOKS & ICE CREAM**, Tuesday, Aug. 15, 3 p.m. — Read *Silent to the Bone* by E.L. Konigsburg. Thirteen-year-old Branwell is wrongly accused of injuring his little sister and loses his power of speech. His friend Connor is the only one who can help him. Register at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

**Computer training**

The Plymouth District Library offers a wide variety of

free computer classes — and is creating new classes all the time. Plymouth residency in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township is required for class participants. Registration is made through the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD**, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 7 p.m. — Students will learn how to open, close, modify, save and print a basic Word document. The class covers basic features of this software program only. Students must be comfortable keyboarding and using a mouse prior to taking this class. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **INTERMEDIATE MS WORD** (new class), Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m. — In this class students will learn how to adjust a layout using

Page Setup, use auto correct, insert dates and symbols, work with two Word documents at the same time, and more. All class participants must be able to type on the keyboard and be comfortable with using basic MS Word functions.

■ **ADVANCED MS WORD** (new class), Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m. — Expand your Word capabilities as you learn how to insert bullets and numbering, alphabetize, use tables, insert symbols and more. All class participants must be able to type on the keyboard and must be comfortable with using basic MS Word functions.

■ **LABELS IN MS WORD**, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m. — Learn to create an address book, mail merge and make labels using MS Word. Participants must be familiar with basic MS Word functions to take this class.

**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 patrons. Books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or online at [www.plymouthlibrary.org](http://www.plymouthlibrary.org)

1. "Marley and Me," John Grogan
2. "Conservatives Without Conscience," John W. Dean
3. "The One Percent Doctrine," Ron Suskind
4. "The World is Flat," Thomas L. Friedman
5. "Godless," Ann Coulter

- NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**
1. "Just Like Me," Marjorie Newman
  2. "Luck," Jean George
  3. "Once Upon a Tide," Tony Mitton
  4. "My Pop Pop and Me," Irene Smalls
  5. "The Night is Singing," Jacqueline Davies

- FICTION**
1. "Phantom," Terry Goodkind
  2. "Angels Fall," Nora Roberts
  3. "Twelve Sharp," Janet Evanovich
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Jamie, in this case slow and steady really does win the race! Your best step is a gradual return to action. Start with walking and jogging, then move to slow jogging and running. After that, you can try going back to running for speed or endurance.



### Peter's Principles

Most runners really aren't interested in walking, but it doesn't cause the trauma of running and will give your body the time it needs to heal. If running causes discomfort, run less frequently and for shorter distances. Don't increase the intensity of your workout more than 10 percent per week. Also, don't walk or run more than four days a week during the first two weeks. Finally, try to wait at least three months before trying a marathon-style run.

**Carl from Westland has heard that men can suffer the symptoms of menopause and e-mails for more information.**

Carl, research shows that men suffer from hormone fluctuations that trigger the signs of menopause too! With men, the changes in testosterone levels are more gradual so they tend to be less noticeable. Also, testosterone levels in men tend to drop the most during times of stress, so try taking it easy.

Men should get in at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise per day. In addition, a proper diet is a key factor to staying healthy. Men usually gain weight around the waist and fat cells in the abdomen have been shown to lower testosterone levels. So try to cut down on your intakes of sugar and fatty meats because they can also help prevent the signs of male menopause.

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

## Bariatric surgery changes lives dramatically

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

For the first six years of his daughter's life, Larry Keenmon could only lie in bed after coming home from work. His job as produce buyer for Mike's Marketplace in Livonia wasn't draining his energy. It was the 414 pounds on his 5-foot, 11-inch frame. Today, Keenmon is able to play soccer and bicycle with 7-year-old Cam, thanks to gastric bypass surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia on Jan. 16. Since then he's lost 185 pounds, no longer uses a C-pap machine for sleep apnea, and takes one pill a day for high blood pressure instead of two. Prior to surgery he took seven medications including an anti-inflammatory for knee and leg pain that prevented him from walking less than a block in his Canton neighborhood.

"I walk all the time now and never get tired anymore," said Keenmon, 44. "It's about quality of life. I had been overweight since high school, and every year it kept getting worse. I tried other (medical weight loss) programs including drinking nothing but liquid shakes for 130 days. I lost 120 pounds and gained back about 150."

Bariatric surgery is changing lives, but it is a serious step that should be taken only if all other methods of weight loss have failed. The surgery isn't for everyone since the procedures, for the most part, are permanent and require drastic lifestyle changes. Candidates need to be at least 100 pounds overweight with a BMI (body mass index) of greater than 35 to 40 depending on medical conditions.

## Permanent weight loss



Larry Keenmon is now able to play soccer with his 7-year-old daughter, Cam. He has lost 185 pounds since his gastric bypass surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital on Jan. 16.

Many morbidly obese people have serious health problems so benefits from the surgery usually outweigh the risk. Gastric bypass and lap band, the two most available forms of minimally invasive bariatric surgery, do carry risks such as infection, hernias, bleeding, leakage and blockage at connections, blood clots, and death. Both surgeries reduce the size of the stomach and intake of nutrients necessary for health. Keenmon vomits whenever he eats too much. On the other hand, morbid obesity leads to cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol, degenerative joint disease, and a shorter life span.

Dr. Tallal Zeni, who directs the minimally invasive and bariatric surgery program at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, primarily performs Roux-

en-Y gastric bypass where a small pouch is created for the stomach before a large portion of the stomach and duodenum are bypassed. Although several hospital programs in the area offer lap band surgery, Zeni does not, saying the lap band is "a foreign body that can erode into the stomach and patients can have problems if it slips." Other surgeons regularly use the procedure, especially on women who are planning to become pregnant and need to expand their intake of food.

"For people who are morbidly obese it's not just (done for) weight loss but the gastric bypass surgery cures other diseases, diabetes in 84 percent of patients," said Zeni who completed a fellowship in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery at



Shelly Salazar before gastric bypass surgery at St. Mary Mercy Hospital on Sept. 26. The 50-year-old woman was the first patient in the bariatric program.

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At an asthma camp, participants will learn about what asthma really is, review personal triggers, medications, risk factors and self-management while participating in interactive games and hands-on projects (for second- through fifth-grade students with asthma) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 14-18. Cost is \$175. Call (734) 398-7518. Camps are all located in the Health Exploration Station, an interactive health education center, where kids can see real germs grow, crawl through a giant intestinal tract, and learn about body systems.

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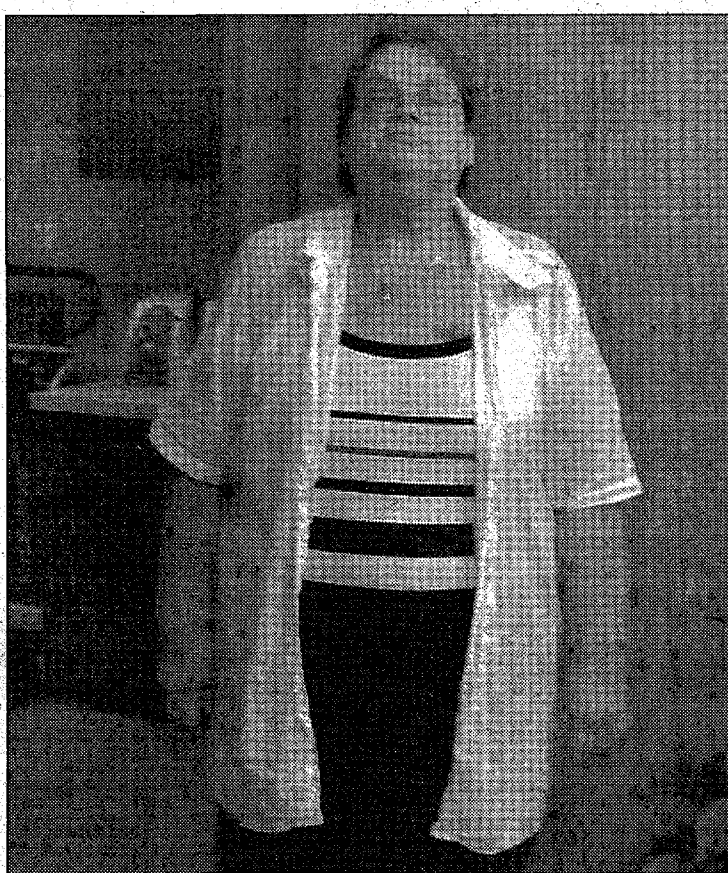
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Evanston Northwestern Healthcare. "I had one female patient who was injecting 275 units of insulin a day. After, she's on 0 units."

Irasema Contreras says her gastric bypass surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit in February 2004 saved her life. Two years earlier, the 29-year old Livonia woman, then 367 pounds, fell down several stairs at home and required reconstructive surgery on her face. Physicians refused to do surgery when her blood pressure became dangerously high due to her weight. Like Kenmon, Contreras dieted throughout her life. After the gastric surgery she was able to throw away all of her blood pressure medications including diuretics. Today, she is a loan analyst for Quicken Loans in Livonia.

"It changed my life so dramatically," said Contreras, who went from a size 32 to size 16. "It was very difficult the first 1-1/2 months. I can eat about 6 ounces of food at one sitting now, but in the beginning only 1 ounce. I can eat just about whatever I want, but I'm now lactose intolerant from the surgery and can't eat sugar. It makes my stomach hurt or upsets it. I'd tell people if they were considering the surgery, think about it, because it's a life-changing experience, but it's so worth it."

Dr. Arthur Carlin's bariatric surgery patients frequently tell him they love him, give him a hug and kiss, and tell him he's changed their life. It's not difficult to understand why. Some of his patients have lost a total of 1,000 pounds on diets over the years. Their physicians have told them they're going to die if they don't lose weight.

At Henry Ford Hospital Bariatric Surgery Center in Detroit, Carlin, a Troy resident, and Dr. Jeffrey Genaw perform 95 percent of the gastric procedures, bypass and adjustable gastric band, laproscopically. Since spring of 2002 they've done 1,000 surgeries between them. At Henry Ford Hospital, like at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, patients must attend a 4-hour educational seminar on behav-



Shelly Salazar has lost 117 pounds since her gastric bypass surgery on Sept. 26.

ioral modification and nutrition.

"The 30-day mortality and early significant complications decrease with the band, but they don't get as much weight loss and there's less elimination of medical problems like diabetes," said Carlin, who learned laproscopic surgery as part of residency training.

Open gastric bypass, which was first performed in 1967, is rarely done anymore as the surgery increases recovery times and the possibility of complications because of the large incision. With laproscopic, there is less risk in terms of infections, hernias and patients have far less pain. The hospital stay is usually two days with 2-4 weeks of recovery, but some bypass patients have gone back to work in one week.

"The laproscopic approach has made it safer and easier on patients," Carlin said. "The most common complications are nutritional. We have them take multivitamins, calcium with vitamin D, and consume adequate protein. This operation is not the end-all, be-all just a tool

to help you lose weight."

Dr. Kevin Krause cautions those thinking about the surgery to do their research before selecting a physician. Since 2001, he's done more than 1,000 surgeries at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Beaumont offers laproscopic gastric procedures at the Troy hospital also.

"With both gastric bypass or lap band the vast majority of patients do well," said Krause, who did a fellowship in laproscopy. "Yes, I have had mortalities. There's risk, although relatively low. They want to make sure that they're getting surgery at a high-volume center, make sure they have training in laproscopy."

"In regard to risk, sometimes that scares people. People have to realize maintaining their current health also carries risk. People have a much greater risk of dying in five years than those who have had surgery. Those who have the surgery increase their chances of living to be old and healthier."

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**MEDICAL**

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**Stress reduction workshop**

With Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C. 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. Call (734) 455-4444.

**Divorce support**

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, group discussion, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions 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.

**Elder law tips**

7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8961.

**Meningitis vaccinations**

Parents, be sure your student is immunized for bacterial meningitis. The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan will be administering meningitis vaccinations noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Advance registration is required by calling (248) 349-1144. Cost is \$105 payable by cash or check. Consent forms can be downloaded at www.vna.org and will be available the day of the clinic. Vaccinations are also available at VNA's Oak Park office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The office is at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. Walk-ins welcome, advance registration is preferred. Call (248) 967-8755 for more information.

**Wellness seminar**  
The Five Keys to Wellness with Dr. Michael Brackney, D.C. 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, learn how to eat, drink and sleep to reach your optimal levels of health, at 8524 Canton Center Road, Canton. No charge. Call (734) 455-4444.

**Water aerobics classes**

For moms and senior citizens, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan (HAP), continues through August noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at Sheldon Pool, 3123 Van Court, Livonia, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen. No charge

For registration information, call (313) 664-8420.

**UPCOMING**

**Common pediatric conditions**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in classroom I of the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Features Dr. Harvey Leo talking about asthma and how life threatening food allergies pose a significant issue for both adults and children. Dr. Scott Moore discusses ear infections and their causes and treatment options. Pediatric neurologist Dr. Brian Woodruff focuses on childhood headaches and seizures, symptoms and diagnosis, and treatment options. Pre-registration required. Visit www.jmrcyhealth.org or call (734) 712-5800.

**ONGOING**

**Hospice volunteers**  
Avalon Hospice, a nonprofit Medicare certified hospice program in Oakland County, needs volunteers, training in your area is available evening and daytime. Each of five training sessions last two-three hours and can be conducted one-on-one with our trainer to meet the demands of your schedule. For more information, call Brian at (248) 320-0106.

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**AROUND TOWN**

**Alzheimer's walk**

The Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's disease takes place Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak. It marks the 15th-annual Memory Walk to benefit the metro Detroit Region of the Greater Michigan chapter. Nearly 4,000 people are expected to participate in this year's 2k fun walk to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register for the walk or to make a donation, contact the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter at www.alzgm.org or call (248) 351-0280.

**Sibling harmony**

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for big sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center of St. Mary Mercy Hospital will offer a Sibling Tour 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19, in Classroom 1. There is a \$10 fee per family. Pre-registration is required by calling (734) 655-1159. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 34675 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia.

**Flea market**

The Livonia Historical Society hosts a Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10, at Greenmead Historical Park and Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia. Food and refreshments will be available, and the village will be open for tours noon to 3 p.m. For

more information, call (248) 477-7375.

**Golf outing**

The Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan holds its fourth-annual Movement for Life Golf Invitational Monday, Aug. 21 at the University of Michigan Golf Course. Registration starts at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start scheduled for 10:30 a.m. The day's festivities include 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast and lunch, followed by dinner and a live auction and raffle. The cost for the day is \$200 per golfer. Pre-registration is required by calling Jim McIntyre, (734) 615-4272.

**Art/craft festival**

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club hosts its 23rd-annual Art & Craft Festival 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 at the AAACC, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue in Ann Arbor. There will be 50 juried exhibitors from Michigan in attendance. Admission is \$3, children 12 and under are admitted free (no strollers). For information, contact Penny O'Malley, (734) 429-8137 or e-mail pennyomalley@aol.com

**Tournament of charities**

The fourth-annual Michigan Tournament of Charities golf event to benefit children and families in southeastern Michigan takes place at the State Course of the Year, Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth Aug. 28. Registration and breakfast begin at 9 a.m. with the 18-hole shotgun at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the tournament is

\$1,200 and includes four rounds of golf for a four person team, four sets of thank you gifts, four pairs of Nike golf shoes and four seats at the banquet at the end of the day. Arbor Hospice & Home Care joins Open Door Ministry, Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, For the Kids Foundation, Joy of Jesus, Band of Angels, Children's Therapy Fund and Promise Village: Home for Children in benefiting from the generosity of MTOC and participants of the golf tournament. To register for this event, please contact Arbor Hospice & Home Care at www.arborhospice.org, email laren@arborhospice.org, or call 734-662-5999, Ext. 120. You can also register at www.mtcogolf.org and indicate your support of Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

**Movies in the park**

Wayne County Parks and Recreation announced the schedule of movies for its popular Movies in the Park series, sponsored in cooperation with Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Redford, Trenton, Livonia and Westland Parks and Recreation departments. The schedule: Friday, Aug. 11, "March of the Penguins," Canfield Community Center in Dearborn Heights; Friday, Aug. 18, "Racing Stripes," in Elizabeth Park in Trenton. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

**Charity golf**

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

porting Arbor Hospice & Home Care.

**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.

**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**

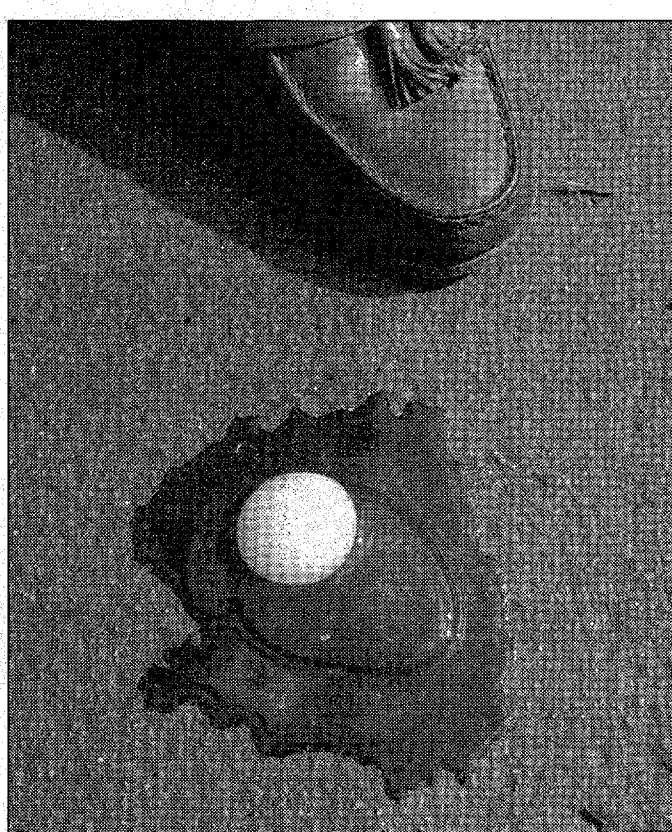
New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the 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.newhope-center.net.

**CLUBS**

**Rotary A.M.**

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

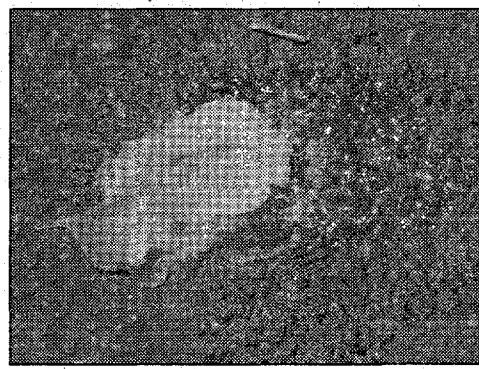
**Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue**  
The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association



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**Not hot enough to ...**

The Plymouth Observer staff played Mythbusters late Tuesday afternoon, attempting to fry an egg on the hot asphalt parking lot behind the Observer office. It didn't work. The second photo is the same egg, dried, not fried, nearly 24 hours later. The loafer belongs to local raconteur and bon vivant Fred Hill, who stopped to observe the experiment.



will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley, (734) 462-1768

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

**Moms Club**  
Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

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

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

**CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.  
CANTON, MI 48188**

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at Public Auction August 8, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI. 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1997	GMC	YUKON	P/U	3MARM1480RR809460
1998	PONTIAC	GR. AM	4 DR	1G2NE52T0WM522290
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1993	JEEP	CHEEROKEE	4 DR	1J4FJ68SXP626951
1990	TOYOTA	COROLLA	4 DR	JT2AE94A2L3332983
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1995	FORD	F-150	P/U	1FTEF15N5SLA37108
1993	MERCURY	TRACER	4 DR	3MAEM10J4PR636383
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**PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR August meeting Tuesday, August 15, 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 the following:

Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary  
Plymouth District Library  
223 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
734-453-0750  
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**Plymouth Twp PD  
734-453-3869  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given that on 08/11/06 at 10:00 a.m. at Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

1992	FORD	ECONOLINE	1FDEE14Y2NHB06595
1988	LINCOLN	CONTINENTAL	1LNBM82F6JY699016
1983	FORD	F250	1FTHX25L9DKA54680
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1994	FORD	ASPIRE	KNJLT05H3R6141560
1994	SATURN		1G8ZK557XRZ156084

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 394-5260

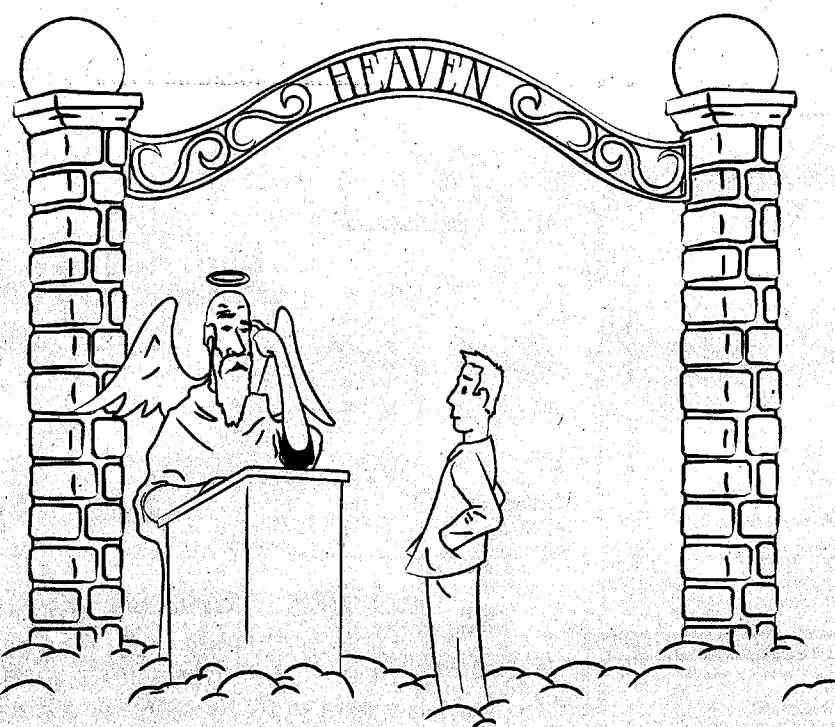
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**STORAGE USA**

Notice is hereby given that on (August 21st 2006), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA an Extra Space Company, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

ALAN RAY BROWN	D153 10x20	Elect grinder, shop vac, large craftsman's tool box, Big Daddy gun cabinet
DANIEL LATOWSKI	E181 10x10	Moose head, Antlers, Marlin Fish, Golf clubs, Snow blower, Ect
ROD O DAVIS	E186 10x10	House Painting Equipment
KAREN GRADY	I324 10x15	Tool box, 8' ladder, elect saw, refrigerator, furniture
HESTER BARKSDALE	I316 10x15	Misc. Household goods & Collectibles
DIANE BROWN	K396 10x20	Display cabinets, H units, Settee, Misc store equipment

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**BARNEY: THE ORIGINAL PARTY ANIMALS (PG)** 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 FRI/SAT 11:00  
**ANT BULLY (PG)** 11:20, 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20  
**MIAMI VICE (R)** 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00  
**JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13)** 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 FRI/SAT 11:30  
**MONSTER HOUSE (PG)** 11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10 FRI/SAT 11:10  
**LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13)** 9:20 FRI/SAT 11:40  
**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13)** 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30



# Exchange students cross borders, cultures on stays with local families

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Jose Mangune gives new meaning to the idea of an extended family. As an area representative for ASSE International Student Exchange Programs, the Livonia man's family now extends across the globe. Like the host families he finds across Michigan, Mangune opens his own home to exchange students from all over the world. "That is really part of the program," he said. "Not only do the students become part of your family, their family (does too)." Mangune said ASSE was created as an exchange program between the U.S. and Sweden, but has grown into a nonprofit organization that includes 40 countries. Mangune is always seeking host families to participate in the yearlong exchange, as well as shorter-term programs through ASSE. For families like the Iadipaolos of Livonia, it's already a rewarding experience. Patrick Iadipaolo signed his

family up to host for the first time this year. They have welcomed a Japanese student named Mayumi Uesawa into their home. "We thought this was a great way to introduce a global society to our children," he said. Iadipaolo, a father of two teenagers, said the exchange program would be a good way to teach his own children about the similarities and differences of other cultures. The language barrier was among the first obstacles they experienced, but like the other ASSE students, Mayumi is enrolled in an intensive four-week program to improve her English skills. "I'm hooked," said Iadipaolo last week. "One day I hope my kids will get involved." Mangune said Michigan provides a great location for the program. "It's one of the best places for students to come," he said. "There is diversity, the setting, all four seasons, the beauty of the north, the hustle and bustle of (Detroit)." George Yang, a student from Taiwan, said he enjoyed a recent trip to a car factory in "Motown." He said he saw Ford

Field, the Detroit River and Canada. For Yosuke Kunimune of Japan, the program offers a chance to "discover another country." Carolyn Bernard, who traveled from France, added to that sentiment. She said she's learning "a new way of life." Having visited the U.S. before, she called it "awesome" and she was eager to return. "We are happy to be here," she said. Like Carolyn, Santos DeLuna of Mexico is staying in Pontiac with a host family. "I'm very happy," he said. "It's very good weather." Santos said he hopes to learn all about American traditions. When it comes to their American hosts, the students quickly become a new member of the family. David and Virginia Wasson of Garden City have hosted

teens from places like Spain and Japan, as have Rob and Kathy Bartshe of Livonia and Nina Harris and her mother, Sally, who live in Garden City. Kathy Bartshe said they got involved to "expose our family to different cultures." Mangune said he's hoping to find more families willing to participate. He currently has students in need of host families for a Cultural Enrichment Program, which involves a four to 10-week stay. All it takes is enough money and space in your home to accommodate a student, and an interest in learning more about another culture. Host families can meet with an ASSE representative and will be asked for character references from employers, clergy or social or civic organizations. Students interested in participating must be 15 to 18



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Patrick Iadipaolo of Livonia and his family are hosting Mayumi Uesawa, 18, of Japan. years old and show high academic standing and good citizenship. For information, call (734) 522-5273.

## PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION OF THIS MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VACATING OF ALLEY CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday August 21, 2006 at 7:00 pm at **KIWANIS PARK at the corner of Auburn and Junction Streets**, concerning the question of whether or not the following portion of an alley is to be vacated.

(In the case of inclement weather the Public Hearing will be held in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan)

**DESCRIPTION:**  
A portion of a 15 foot wide public alley, extending 114 ft from the west R.O.W. line of N. Harvey Street, between Church Street and William Street, adjacent to:

Lots 13, 14, 15, Kate E. Allen's Addition to Park Place, L.19 P.45, W.C.R. also known as addresses 854, 834 and 808 Church Street, City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan and Lot 168, Kate E. Allen's Addition to Plymouth Village, L.22 P.54 W.C.R. also known as address 173 N. Harvey Street, City of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

All interested parties will be given ample opportunity to participate in the hearing and, at the close of said hearing, comments and suggestions of these citizens participating will be considered by the City Commission prior to rendering its decision.

For questions concerning this Public Hearing contact the Building Department at (734) 453-1234 ext. 232.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC  
CITY CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator  
201 S. Main Street  
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 203

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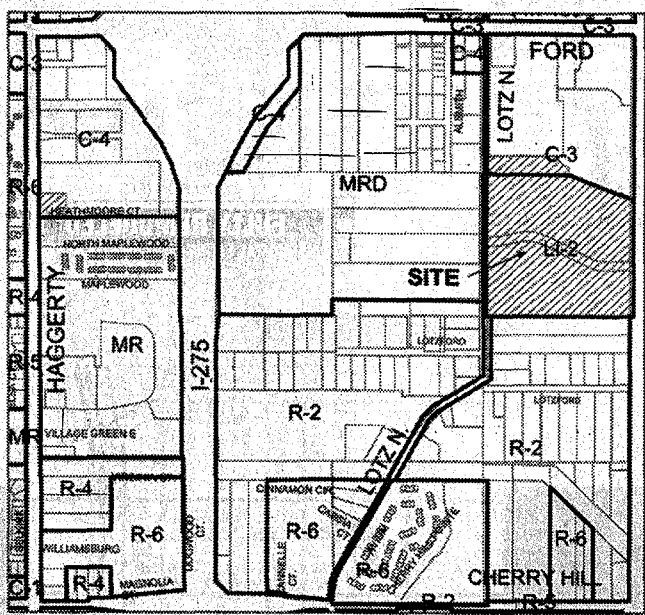
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, August 21, 2006, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

**WELLINGTON WILLOWS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 049 99 0001 712, 049 99 0001 713, 049 99 0001 714 AND PART OF 049 99 0001 711 (39535 FORD RD).** Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Lotz Road. (First Public Hearing.)



SECTION 13

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 17, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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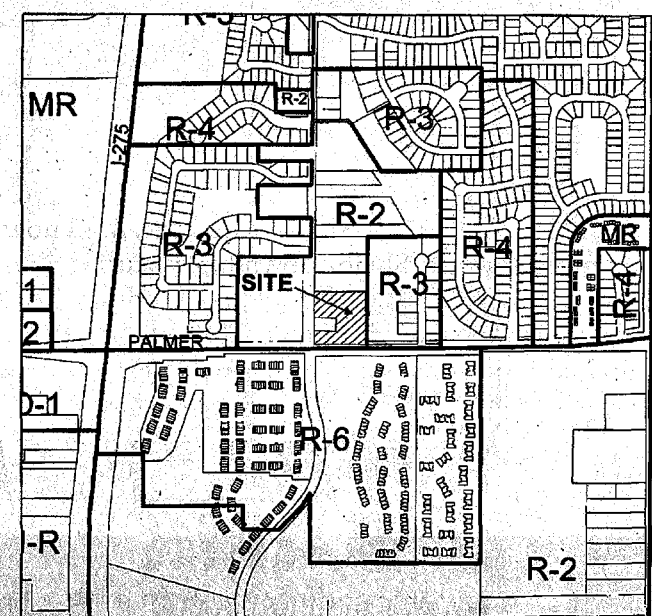
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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**CODRAY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 096 99 0009 701 (1753 LOTZ) FROM R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.** Property is located on the northeast corner of Palmer and Lotz Roads.



Codray Property Rezoning 096-RZ-062

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, August 3, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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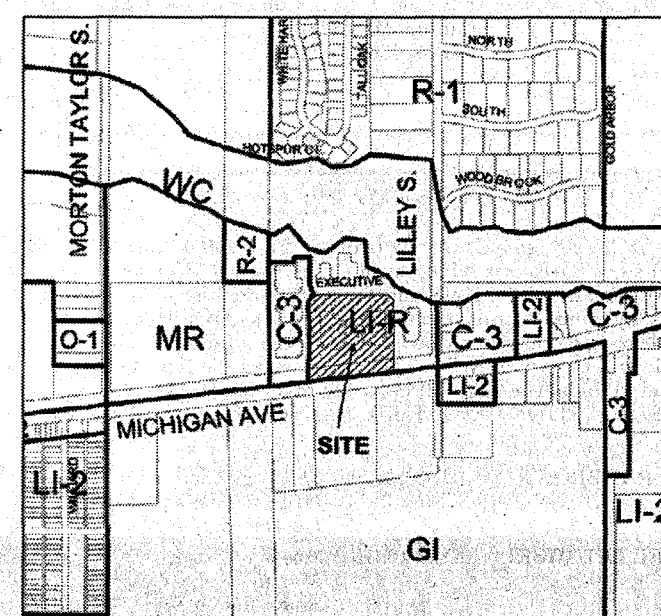
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**SINGH EXECUTIVE PARK REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO. 138 02 0000 000 (EXECUTIVE DRIVE) FROM LI-R, LIGHT-INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH TO C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL.** Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Lilley Road. +



Singh Executive Park Rezoning 138-RZ-056

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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 pm, Monday, August 28, 2006. The bid opening will be at 2:00 pm, Monday, August 28, 2006 for the following:

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Plymouth City Hall  
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Linda J. Langmesser, CMC  
City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR A 12 YEAR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR AVL POWERTRAIN ENGINEERING, INC. TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from AVL Powertrain Engineering, Inc., for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemptions for a facility, including the cost of new machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures to be purchased and installed within the leased facility located at 46097 Commerce Center Drive, Plymouth Technology Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

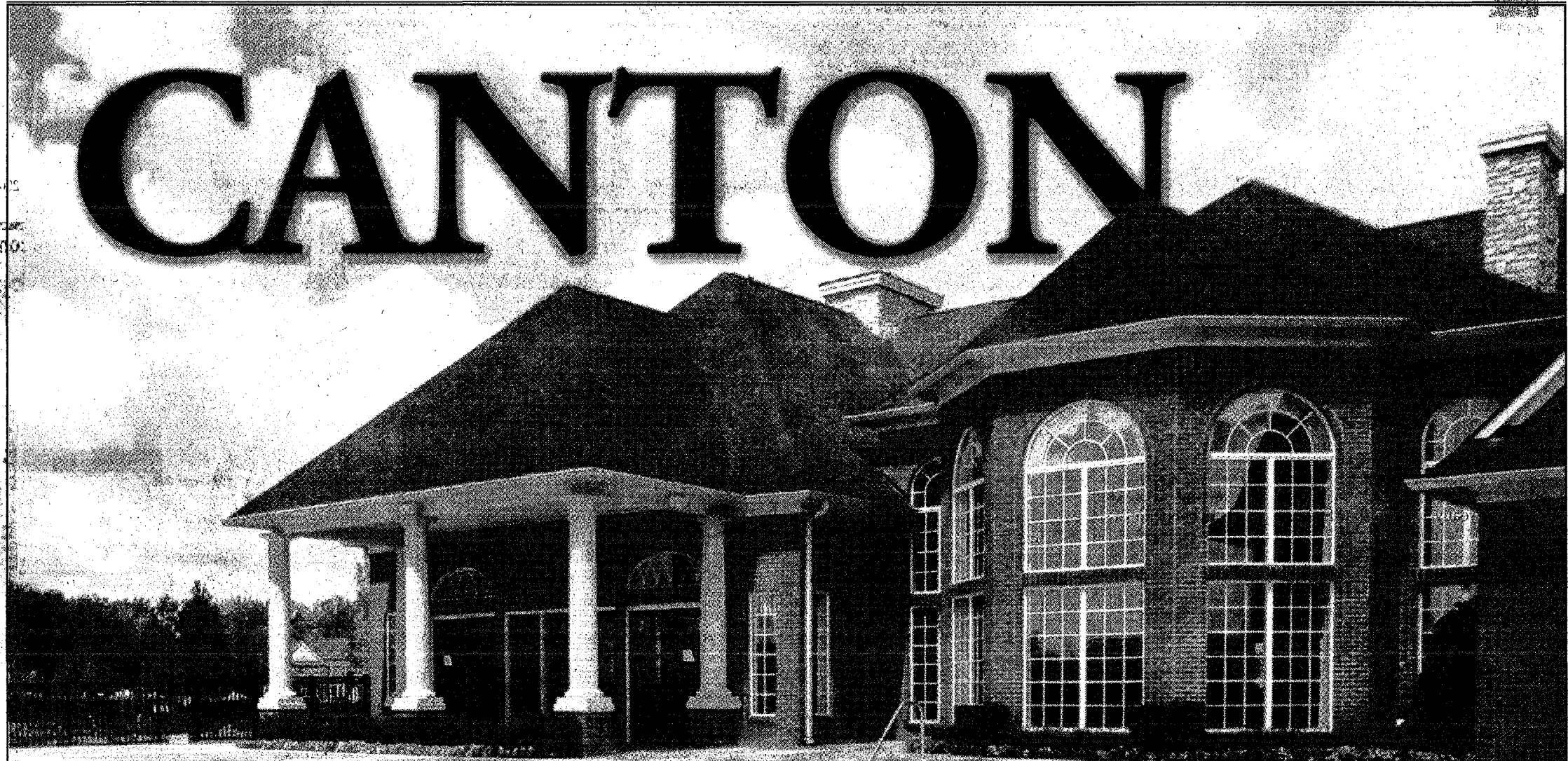
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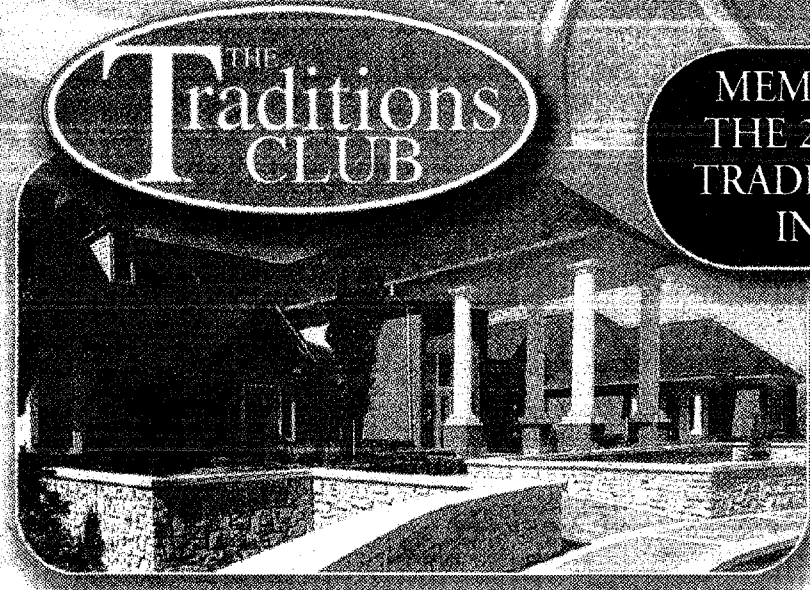
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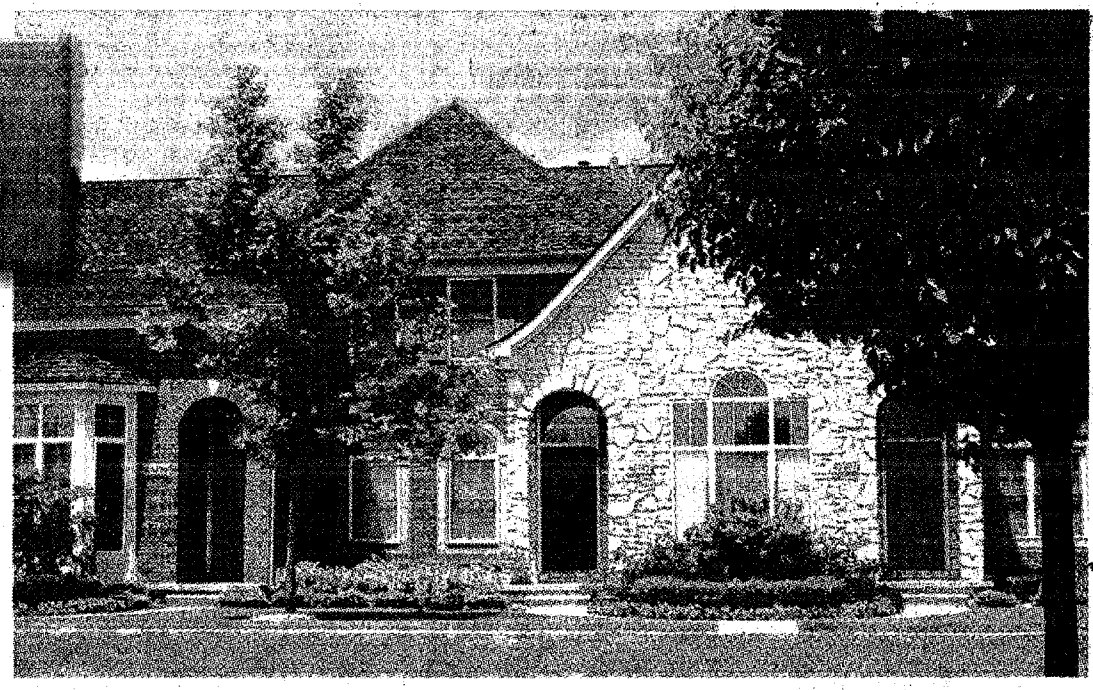


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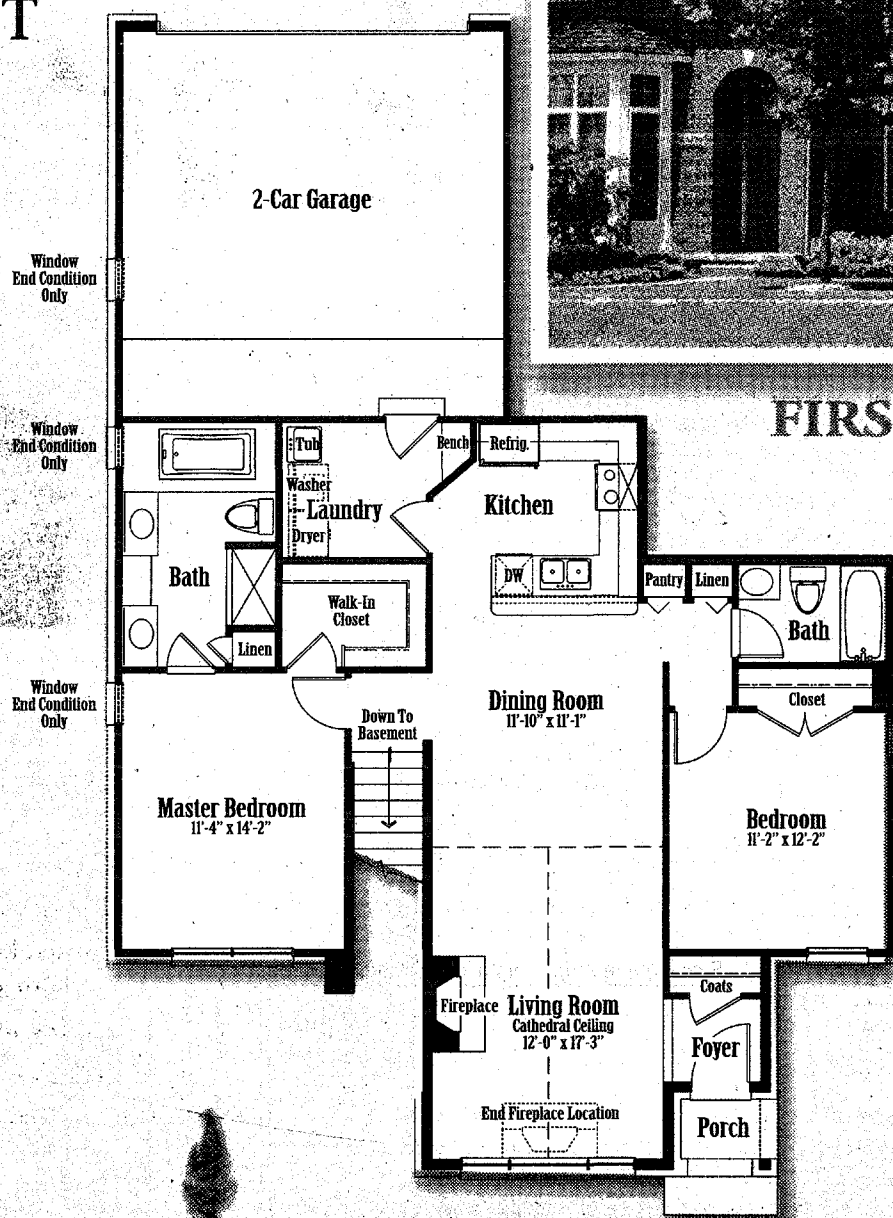
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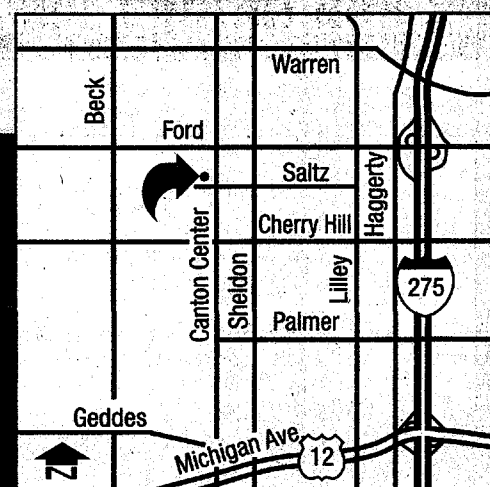
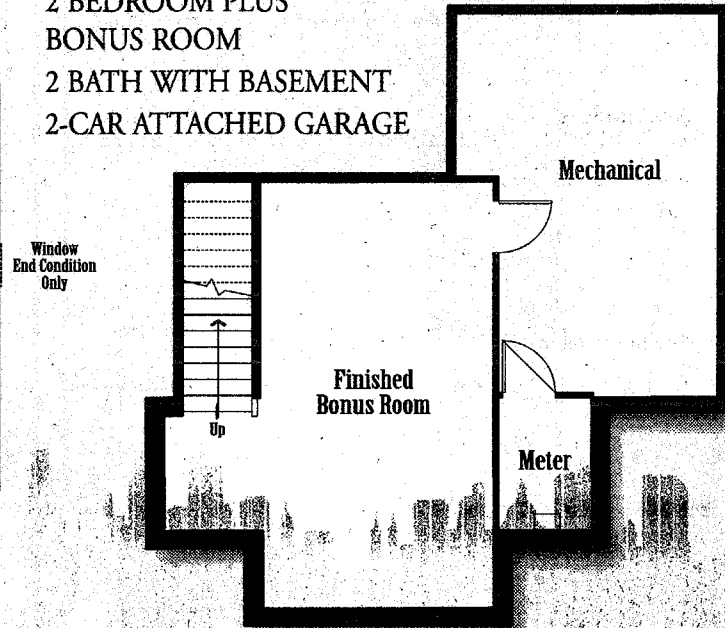
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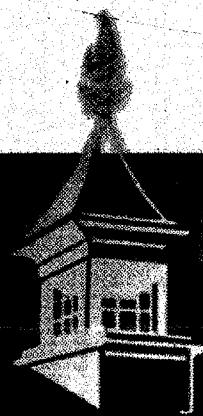
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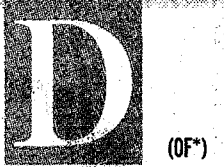
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## Focus:HOPE engineering students get hands-on experience

BY JULIE BROWN  
 STAFF WRITER

Focus:HOPE has been training people for jobs for a number of years. In 1993, it opened the Center for Advanced Technologies, an extension of machinist training that had been offered for about 10 years.

"It was really a vision that Father (William) Cunningham had," said Focus:HOPE spokeswoman Kathy Moran. Focus:HOPE was founded by priest Cunningham and Eleanor Josaitis in the wake of the 1967 Detroit riots.

The Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT) educates engineers through a collaboration with industry and university partners. Students start in the machinist program, Moran said, and move on to the advanced program.

Students work full time on real manufacturing contracts while pursuing

their engineering degrees. They earn approximately \$20,000 per year and don't pay tuition for college course work. The program receives funding from the National Science Foundation.

The degrees are:

- associate degree in Manufacturing Engineering through Lawrence Technological University
- bachelor of science in Manufacturing Engineering degree through University of Detroit Mercy
- bachelor of science in Engineering Technology degree through Wayne State University

Focus:HOPE had contracts with industry, Moran said, allowing students to earn a decent living while taking classes. This year, the move has been away from most manufacturing at the Oakman Boulevard site with students working in industry.

"They're doing things like working on quality control," Moran said.

Wayne State is the lead partner. Other academic partners are Michigan State University and Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Industry partners include Cincinnati Machine, DaimlerChrysler, Detroit Diesel, Electronic Data Systems, Ford Motor, General Motors, and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Together, the partners are called the Greenfield Coalition for New Manufacturing Education.

Joanna Woods, manager for CAT education, is pleased with employment opportunities, noting nearly all are employed and keep their jobs. Also, students begin to realize they're college material.

"Now they recognize that they are more than capable of earning a degree also," Woods said. Students must complete the Machinist Training Institute or

measure math, communication, technical and computer literacy skills

- Have a personal interview
- Pass a drug screening test.

Moran points with pride to starting salaries of \$55,000.

"Some of them are moving out of state," she said. "Honda has hired a couple of our graduates."

There are about 130 students in the CAT program and 290 in machinist training at a given time. Oct. 18, all programs will be highlighted at an open house to feature a tour.

"They'll get a feel for all of our different programs," Woods said. Information is available online at [www.focushope.edu](http://www.focushope.edu) or by calling the admissions office at (313) 494-4300.



## Engineering graduate shares her success story, faces a bright future

Itayemi Kinni-Olusanyin will move to Indiana this summer to take her first full-time job as a manufacturing engineer for Cummings Diesel. It will be a much shorter journey than the one she made seven years ago when she moved from Nigeria to Detroit and switched from pursuing a career in the arts to one in the sciences.

In 1999, alone after the death

of her mother and pregnant, Kinni-Olusanyin moved from Nigeria to Detroit to live with her grandmother and raise her unborn son. She expected to continue her pursuit of a career in the performing arts - until she learned about opportunities at Focus:HOPE.

Once enrolled in the Machinist Training Institute, she found she loved math and

working with her hands. "That's the part I enjoyed the most," she said of learning how to operate lathes, mills, grinders and CNC machines. "It is the foundation for my technical expertise. Once I found I could do that, I thought why not go on to become an engineer?"

She brushed up her math skills in the First Step and Fast Track programs, then complet-

ed the MTI curriculum, graduating first in her class. Then she headed to the Center for Advanced Technologies to study engineering. While studying engineering she was tapped to participate in Six Sigma training offered through Ford Motor Co. Throughout her six years at Focus:HOPE, her son was enrolled at the Center for Children.

She has had the chance to solve real engineering problems using her black belt training. "I like that fact that you use Six Sigma tools to problem solve," she said. "It's something you can always use to evaluate performance, to see how a company is performing, and improve on its performance. It has been a beneficial tool to both parties; you and to them. It has acclimated me to the way engineers think."

"I'm pretty excited," she said. "Now I have more choices in life. This experience gave me confidence ... now I can see a brighter future for myself and my son. I also give thanks to my grandmother, Ethelyn E. Femster, for helping me through it all."

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Full Time Tanker Truck Driver. Must have a commercial license with tank & hazardous material endorsements. CDL A, X & T. Hauling petroleum products and liquid industrial waste throughout 5-state area. Some overnight will be required. Most weekends off. BENEFITS. include medical, dental, life, and optical insurance, paid vacation and 401K. Fax resume to: 734-266-6400 or email resume to: lshaw@generalalloy.com

**TRUCK MECHANIC WELDER FABRICATOR**  
Heavy truck exp. necessary. Tools req. Dayshift. Call for interview 248-446-4533.

**WAREHOUSE POSITION**  
Full time. Shipping experience a must. Knowledge of UPS-Worldship & Fed Ex a must \$9-\$10/hr. depending on exp. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. Email Resume to: bmeahan@idhardware.com or Fax: 734-591-3981

**WELDER:** Experienced tig, welder needed. For stainless food service equipment shop. Fulltime w/benefits. Livonia area. Call: 248-476-4502

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A QUALITY POSITION  
Sorting in Canton and Milford areas. Must have own transportation. Drug testing required. Exp. a plus. \$9 per hr. Send resume online or fax johnbarron.1999@yahoo.com 586-468-1854

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Day & night shift. Will train. Janitorial, carpet clean., tile install exp. a plus. Pay on exp. Fax resume 248-474-2367

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Canton/Plymouth area Automotive Supplier has immediate openings for Assembly Operators. We are Looking for those with a good work history and good attendance. We will train. Pay \$10/hr after 90 days and there is an excellent benefit package. Please fax your resume to: 734-451-9713.

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**TEACHER**  
Rewarding Teacher opening At-Ed program in Farmdale. Secondary certification req. (math or English preferred). Computer lab environment using NOVANET & GED interactive software. Previous exp. working with at-risk youth a plus. Hours: Mon. - Thur., 9:30am-3:30pm. Send resume to: alt-ed@wskills.com Fax 810-227-1344. EOE

**TEACHER'S ASSISTANT**  
Mon, Wed & Fri. 9-3. For Preschool in Westland. Call Samantha: (734) 525-5672

**TELEMARKETERS**  
For local insurance agency. Will provide script & professional working environment. Hourly pay plus bonuses. Email: billhar@allstate.com

**Tree Care Personnel Needed**  
Spray Applicators, \$13 & up depending on experience. Tree Trimmers & Ground Personnel, \$9 to \$17+ depending on experience. Must have a valid driver's license with a good record. Excellent benefit package available. Call Mountain Top Tree Service, Northville, 248-349-1870

**TRUCK DRIVER**  
Oakland County Design/Build company is seeking a part time administrative assistant. Candidate must have excellent customer service, communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and be able to multi-task in a fast paced environment Experience with Microsoft Office XP, including Word and Excel is required. Please fax resume and salary requirements to 248-559-2301

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-Part Time**  
For fast paced Financial Co. Requires strong phone skills, proficient at MS Office and all other clerical functions. Please E-mail resume: koierce@usts.biz or fax 248-356-4707

**ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER** Full time at Bloomfield Hills Auto Dealer. Exp req. Good pay & benefits. Fax resume 248-644-7444

**Church Secretary**  
Plymouth. Fulltime position with benefits. Requiring excellent organizational & phone skills. Windows environment. Quark & Shelby programs desirable. Exp preferred. Send resumes to dean@ptumc.org

**CLERICAL**  
Job available in our Westland office doing clerical & some computer work. Full-time, Mon-Fri., 9-5pm. Apply at: 987 Manufacturers Dr., Westland. For directions call: (734) 728-4572

**CLERICAL WORK**  
10 hour min work week. \$250-\$500 p/wk average. Will train. No exp required. Simple refund research needs internet. Call ERS for interview. 1-866-311-0701

**FILE CLERK**  
Fulltime position available for file clerk in Northville law firm. Duties include answering phone, copy projects, filing, light typing, general office assistance, and some deliveries. Please fax resume or letter of interest to 248-380-3434

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Licensed to work approximately 20 hrs/wk. Doing administrative work, showing houses, etc. Must be available weekends. Fast paced, high production office with opportunity for more hrs. if desired. Email confidential resume, cover letter & references to: adminast05@comcast.net

**Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Established & successful Farmington Hills based commercial real estate sales office in need of a full time, motivated, organized, energetic, hard-working, self-directed employee. The qualified candidate will have an excellent telephone presence, ability to multi-task, good knowledge of MS Word, Quick Books, Excel, ability to learn quickly and be able to type about 75 WPM. Must be able to start in a month or so. \$33,000 & benefits available. This is a confidential opening at this time. Please send resume to: pebcollc@yahoo.com.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Exec. computer, phone & people skills required. General office & special projects. Flexible - 24 hrs/week. Fax resume to: C. Curtis Financial 734-844-1410 or Email: joel@curtisfinancial.com

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
For award winning health program. Good organizational and computer skills required. \$12 college degree, \$10.50 otherwise. Farmington. Fax resume: 888-330-4331 or Email caringdental@yahoo.com

**OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
Experienced, part time for small East Detroit nursing home. Includes typing, billing etc. Call Mike 248-737-4105

**OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
Part-Time 3 days per week. Word Perfect. Livonia area. Fax resume: (734) 762-0707

**LEGAL SECRETARY**  
With Experience. Part Time. Call 248-354-2500

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**OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
Part Time, 20-25 hrs/week. Looking for individual to work for Credit Enhancement Co. located in Southfield, MI. Must have knowledge of credit repair and be a self-motivator with excellent grammar skills. Please fax resume to: S & J Consulting Services 248-557-6215 or Call 248-557-6211.

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Are you energetic, motivated (people person)? This position offers a great opportunity for the right person to join our very busy W. Bloomfield dental practice. We pride ourselves on team work, excellence and a warm caring approach toward our patients. Willing to train. Please call for interview 248-624-0008.

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Exp., friendly, motivated person needed to join our periodontal team. Full-Time. Farmington Hills. Karen: (248) 851-1034

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Experienced.  
Call 734-941-0343

**DENTAL ASSISTANT:** Full-Time position for small practice in Northville. Some exp. preferred. Includes some evs. & Sats. Call Linda: 248-349-6085

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Novi office. Full-time. No Friday's or weekends. Exp. Fax resume: 248-477-8501

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Part time for Livonia specialist office. No evenings or Saturdays. Experienced & flexibility with schedule preferred. Competitive pay. Call 734-522-7313

**DENTAL ASSISTANT** Part-Time needed for our friendly Livonia office. Chairside dental exp. is necessary. Please fax resume and salary requirements to: (734) 421-5221 or email to: middlebelt@scgloab.net

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Westland office needs part or full time, exp. assistant. Call: 734-425-9130, fax 425-7675

**DENTAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**  
\$30-\$35,000 per year  
3.5 day work week  
Our Farmington Practice is seeking a self-starter with strong communication skills and at least 5 yrs. dental front desk experience, preferably with Practice Works software. Responsible for all front desk duties including scheduling, collections & insurance processing. Please call 248-477-1500, fax your resume to 248-477-1509, or email it to: liz.zds@ad.com

**DENTAL HYGIENIST**  
Canton office. Tuesday's only. Fax resume to 734-459-5069 or call 734-459-4960

**Dental Receptionist/Insurance Biller**  
Rochester Hills. FT position available for a friendly, motivated individual. Dental office exp & familiarity with insurance billing req'd. Send resume to rchillsdentist@hotmail.com

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**ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT**  
General orthodontic office looking for another assistant parttime. Exp necessary. Fax resume to: (248) 360-7879

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**BILLER**  
Exp with PC/Direct electronic claims. Follow up. 4 days ophthalmology. Fax resume to 248-433-0812

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**CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT**  
Permanent part time mornings. Mon-Sat. front & back office responsibilities. Willing to train. Must have good clerical skills & a strong work ethic. 27527 Joy Rd., 1/2 block W of Inkster Rd. 734-522-5501

**CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Novi practice needs exp'd Medical Assistant for direct patient care, X-ray, EKG, PFT, etc. Medical assisting exp is req. X-ray exp preferred. If you are patient oriented, a team player with clinical exp & excellent communication skills. Send your resume in confidence to:  
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Experienced only, pay commensurate with exp. Resume a2derm@aol.com or fax: 734-996-8767

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**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
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Small family like nursing home in West Bloomfield hiring experienced 8 or 12 hr. shift Full time & Contingent RNs/LPNs. Excellent benefits. Call Heidi Good @ 248-360-4443 or Fax 248-360-5765

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Nationally recognized private oncology practice in SE MI seeking experienced Registered Nurse for part time/full time position. Applicant should have prior outpatient clinical experience in oncology that includes calculating dosages, starting IVs, administering chemo therapy treatments. OCN preferred. Must have excellent communication & interpersonal skills. Competitive salary & benefits that include profit sharing & 401k. Please submit resume with cover letter to: Human Resources, 3577 W. 13 Mile Road, Suite 404, Royal Oak, MI 48073 or Fax resume to 248-551-6910

**Patient Care Coordinator**  
For Wellness Center, strong computer, organization, and communication skills. Fax resume: 734-453-9992

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PT/FT needed for busy outpatient Physical/Occupational Therapy practice in Livonia. Immediate opening. Exp not necessary. Will train. Very friendly atmosphere. Please fax resume to 248-888-0071

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**RN / LPN-Triage**  
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Contractual - for Flu Shots, October & November 2006. Full or Part-Time, Mon-Fri. Wayne/Washtenaw Counties. \$20.00 per hour. Must have recent experience, reliable transportation, current Michigan license, malpractice insurance and two references. Health Matters Education & Training, P.O. 87276, Canton, MI 48187

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**Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5080**

**ASSISTANT COOK**  
Retirement community in Westland is seeking a full time Assistant Cook. Applicant must be experienced in Food Service. Must have experience working with seniors and willing to work night and weekend hours. Please submit resumes to: (734) 454-7513

**Banquet Servers, Bartender & Dishwashers**  
Part-Time, weekends. Seniors Welcome. Plymouth Manor. Call Nick: (734) 455-3501

**BARTENDER**  
Part time nights. Call 313-535-6841 Ask for Frank or Tina

**BARTENDERS, SERVERS & HOSTS**  
Exp preferred. Ground Round Grill & Bar, 17050 S Laurel Park, 734-462-1735

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## Remodeling boom puts spotlight on realistic laminates

(NAPSI)—According to the National Association of Home Builders, a record \$238 billion will be spent on home remodeling in the U.S. this year — and more than \$8 billion on new flooring alone.

"Installing new floors is one of the best investments people can make to their homes," said Fred Miller, managing director of the Home Improvement Research Institute, which recently conducted a study that revealed 25 percent of homeowners plan to replace floors as a way of increasing their home's value. To maximize the return on their investments, more consumers look to laminates.

Laminate flooring is the fastest-growing segment of the flooring market. No surprise, considering its appealing combination of cost, performance and maintenance benefits.

### MINIMUM INVESTMENT, MAXIMUM RETURN

"Laminate flooring is a quick, easy and relatively inexpensive way to dramatically transform the look of a home—thereby increasing its perceived value," said Don Cybalski, design director for Pergo, the inventor and leading manufacturer of laminate flooring.

Compared with spending \$4-\$6 and up for a square foot of solid wood, top-grade laminates typically run between \$2-\$4 per square foot.

### FAUX OR NO?

Today's laminates look and feel more like the real thing. Consumers routinely mistake

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Don Cybalski  
Pergo design director

laminates for higher-priced wood, ceramic or stone alternatives. Beyond the popular oak and maple varieties, laminates are available in rich wood looks like mahogany, walnut and cherry, as well as in classic tile designs including granite, marble and ivory.

"Among the hottest looks right now are exotic woods that draw their influences from Asia, Africa and the Pacific Islands," said Cybalski. "Laminates make it possible to enjoy the beauty of these rare and even endangered woods—such as jatoba, merbau and teak—without actually removing them from their natural environments, something that has become increasingly important to today's environmentally conscious consumers."

For a truly traditional wood look, laminate flooring is now available in narrow

widths with varying lengths that create a sense of realistic randomness. Offerings like Pergo's Vintage Home Traditional Strip or Select Traditional Strip collections feature special texturing technology that replicates the feel of hardwood and simulates natural wood grains.

### PEAK PERFORMANCE

Laminates offer durability and ease of maintenance far superior to any other flooring option. They won't wear through, stain or fade over time and never need waxing, polishing or refinishing.

"Solid wood can fade, dent and show scratches. It also requires sanding and refinishing to retain its appearance," said Cybalski. "Vinyl tends to yellow and tear and comes apart at the seams. Ceramic is hard on back and ankles, difficult to clean and is prone to cracks and chips."

### QUICK AND EASY INSTALLATION

Unlike many home renovations, installing laminate flooring is a relatively quick and painless process. Most floors can be installed over a weekend and put directly on top of existing flooring (except carpet), eliminating the need for lengthy surface preparation.

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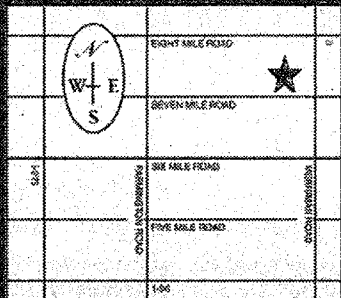


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City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	48609 Antique Rd	\$457,000	Livonia	121 Maudlin St	\$98,000	Westland	20491 Wakenden	\$110,000
	7229 Burgundy St	\$248,000		41852 Park Ridge Rd	\$205,000		9070 Winston	\$130,000
	50556 Colchester Ct	\$316,000		24877 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$608,000		19700 Woodworth	\$118,000
	44596 Fenwick Dr	\$348,000		1127 S Lake Dr	\$82,000			
	937 Foothill Rd	\$270,000		24987 Samoset Ct	\$463,000		31550 Alpena Ct	\$90,000
	4369 Forest Bridge Dr	\$58,000		43269 Sandstone Dr	\$315,000		31629 Antrim Ct	\$100,000
	4371 Hunters Cir	\$150,000		30980 Tanglewood Dr	\$222,000		794 Autumn Ridge Dr	\$288,000
	50346 Jackson Ln	\$65,000		40421 Village Wood Rd	\$260,000		39365 Avondale St	\$164,000
	47893 Jake Ln	\$485,000		41775 Webster Ct	\$210,000		2804 Batavia Ct	\$33,000
	2359 Knollwood Dr	\$188,000		24762 White Plains Dr	\$305,000		1565 Berkshire St	\$126,000
	2377 Knollwood Dr	\$163,000					8225 Bristol St	\$50,000
	2413 Knollwood Dr	\$175,000					33165 Chief Ln	\$167,000
	49456 Lansdowne St	\$360,000					6566 Chirrewa St	\$170,000
	39603 Michigan Ave	\$430,000					37435 Colonial Dr	\$131,000
	6821 New Providence Way	\$108,000					6981 Deerhurst Dr	\$175,000
	1615 Orchard Dr	\$120,000					8173 Donna St	\$148,000
	49592 Potomac Rd	\$316,000					1930 Dunn Ct	\$165,000
	2090 Preserve Cir W	\$206,000					31481 Fairchild St	\$64,000
	42301 Proctor Rd	\$245,000					31481 Fairchild St	\$121,000
	340 Roosevelt St	\$174,000					35468 Farragut St	\$135,000
	41673 Singh Dr	\$327,000					38575 Lawrence St	\$157,000
	402 Sylvan Dr	\$503,000					30407 Lonnie Blvd	\$138,000
	42125 Tonquish Ct	\$227,000					29008 Manchester St	\$85,000
	42238 Trent Dr	\$313,000					32618 Montmorency St	\$74,000
	44020 Vassar St	\$280,000					5943 N Harvey St	\$131,000
	43419 W Arbor Way Dr	\$128,000					7401 N Wildwood St	\$150,000
	5867 Wedgewood Rd	\$145,000					38560 Northampton St	\$160,000
	44476 Windmill Dr	\$234,000					32007 Otsego St	\$113,000
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Farmington	23748 Beacon St	\$154,000					7370 Perrinsville Ct	\$191,000
							33024 Sandra Ln	\$164,000
							1589 Shoemaker Dr	\$114,000
							31810 Tuscola Ct	\$34,000
							33716 Yuma St	\$140,000

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Buying a home

A Free Homebuyer's Class will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, 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. A home inspector will attend. They cover all aspects of buy-

ing a home in every price range. Attendees are both first-time buyers 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 - not the seller; how to get seller's concessions to help cover your costs; how to decide on a good offering price; what are all the papers involved in writing an offer, etc.

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Career Seminars

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, at the Livonia Office located at 36642 Five Mile in Livonia. There will also be a seminar offered at its Plymouth office located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100 in Plymouth at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. Find out all you need to know about costs, compensation, training, and pre-license requirements. RSVP: (734) 459-4700, Plymouth: (734) 266-9000, Livonia.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ With Bloomfield Hills Community Education a 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license examination, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Aug. 15, 17, 22, 24, at Andover High School, Room 133, 4200 Andover Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$190 plus \$20 for the textbook and sample questions. Pre-register by Aug. 11, (248) 433-0885.

■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license examination, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday, Aug. 26-27, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and building tradespeople. Cost is \$205, including manual, sample questions and test application. A \$25 deposit is needed by Aug. 24 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register during business hours, or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com.

■ In cooperation with Henry Ford Community College an eight-hour seminar, Basement Remodeling, 6-10 p.m.

Monday/Wednesday, Aug. 28 and 30, at the Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The seminar is designed to help people make better use of basement space. The instructor will explain space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials and the basics of construction. He will also discuss structural aspects of adding a home theater as well as working with subcontractors and finishing techniques. Cost is \$95 for residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials, or \$104 for nonresidents plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration with payment by Aug. 24 to Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

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# Wrenches, with a twist, and pliers with grip

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We were pleased when we opened the mail recently and discovered that someone had sent us a sample of a new ratchet-style box wrench.

We were a little disappointed, though, when we thought that the package only contained two wrenches, not a full set.

But it wasn't a partial set at all. The two wrenches constituted a full eight-piece set of box wrenches.

Each of the two-box wrench ends is shaped into two sizes (two ends on each wrench, two sizes on each end, four sizes per wrench). Two wrenches - eight sizes.

Each end of each wrench boasts a reversible ratchet and a 5-degree ratchet lock. This means that the tool can be operated in a very tight space.

The tool is called the QuadBox. For more information on this product, go to [www.gearwrench.com/](http://www.gearwrench.com/).

When a major plumbing job arises, there is always the chance that a pipe wrench will be needed. But, for the smaller jobs, we like to use adjustable pliers.

We recently discovered that there is an adjustable pliers that is made specifically for use with round stock like plumbing pipe.

What makes this puppy different is its "V-shaped jaws." The curvature gives the jaw more contact surface on round or curved stock, resulting in a better grip with less force you need to exert.

We strongly recommend using adjustable pliers instead of a pipe wrench for most plumbing finish work. You can "feel" the pressure being exerted more readily with pliers. Over-tightening a connection is still possible, but less likely when using pliers.

For more information on V-jaw pliers, go to [www.channel-lock.com/](http://www.channel-lock.com/).

Locking pliers have a screw at the end of the handle that adjusts the size of the bite so that various things can be securely gripped - regardless of thickness or diameter.

Unfortunately, it sometimes takes two or three tries to properly adjust the tool to the task at hand.

Someone just invented a pair of "self-adjusting" locking pliers. There is no adjusting screw at the end of the handle because the tool automatically adapts to whatever size item you want to hold on to.

The tool is named Lock Jaw. For more information, go to

[www.lockjawpliers.com](http://www.lockjawpliers.com).

There are non-tool innovations that are equally as much fun to discover and work with. Here's one if you're planning a kitchen or bath remodel.

The little valves under the sink that are used to turn the water off to the faucet are called angle stops.

The problem with these is that it takes forever to shut them off, and once turned off, they usually leak.

Replacing them is heartache because the kind that work with copper have compression fittings and there isn't anything good about that kind of connection. They leak, they are almost impossible to replace and they are a pain to install.

We are used to placing a container beneath the angle stops that we have to work on to catch the drips that almost always occur.

Now, someone has designed a brand-new style of angle stop with a quick shut-off feature. This particular valve can be completely replaced with a flick of your wrist.

It comes with its own special piece of copper pipe (which has to be soldered into the line). In combination, the valve and the pipe marry via the push of a latch - and reversing the process for removal is just as quick and easy.

By the way, we don't think there would be value in using this valve unless you were doing new construction or a remodel. It isn't something made for retrofit installation.

The product is called SureConnect.

For more on this valve, go to [www.brasscraft.com/](http://www.brasscraft.com/).

And that's all there is to it. For more home improvement tips and information, visit the Careys' Web site at [www.onthehouse.com](http://www.onthehouse.com), or call their listener hotline at (800) 737-2474.

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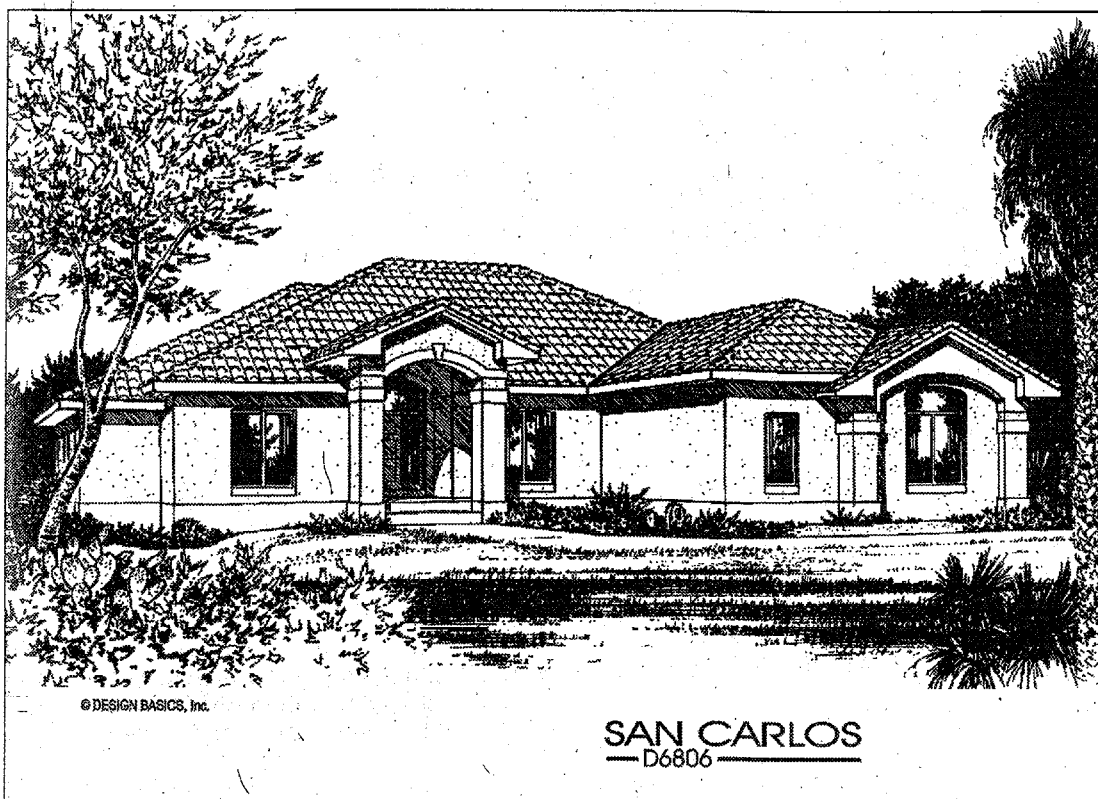
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Many associations have started using the Southwestern styles in their groupings of homes. This style of home lends itself to the earth tones and shades that blend and match. The tile roofs now come in a greater number of colors, all adding character and quality to the look of the homes.

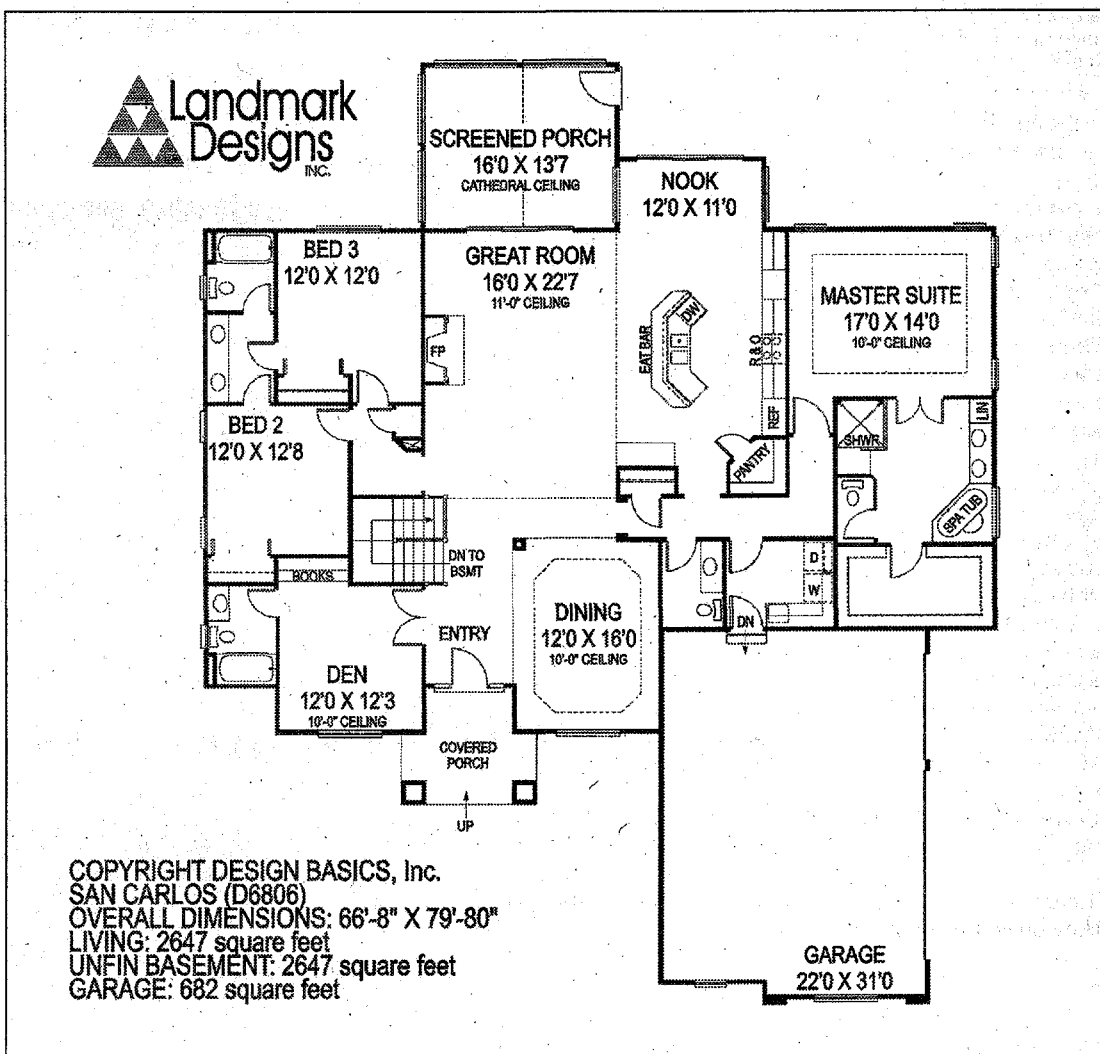
Such a design is the San Carlos (D6806). It has two gabled areas, one over a window and one as the front entrance.

The San Carlos has 2,647 square feet, with the center of the home being an open great room. The three-car garage has a side entrance. The many angles to this home provide a unique look that invites one to explore inside.

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Through the entry finds the great room in front, a formal dining room to the right, and a den to the left. The den has 10-foot ceilings, bookshelves hidden back in the corner, and lovely French doors. The dining room has coffered 10-foot ceilings and large windows. This room is separated from the kitchen and can be used a formal dining area when

friends are being entertained. The great room has tall 11-foot ceilings, a fireplace on the left side, and a huge kitchen/nook on the right. Through the back is a screened porch with cathedral ceilings. This is such a wonderful place to sit on those warm evenings, sharing a meal with the family or entertaining friends.



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SAN CARLOS (D6806)  
OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 66'-8" X 79'-80"  
LIVING: 2647 square feet  
UNFIN BASEMENT: 2647 square feet  
GARAGE: 682 square feet

The elongated nook and kitchen is open and provides an abundance of counter space and cabinets. There is a corner pantry, along with a center island that is divided with an eating bar on one side and a sink and dishwasher on the other. The nook, lined with windows, is bathed with light for early risers.

Two bedrooms are found on the left side of the home with a shared bath containing dual sinks and a tub. The linen closet

is located in the hall, accessible to both rooms. The stairs to the basement is also located in this area.

The master suite is on the opposite side of the home, nestled down the entire side. The master bath is large with an enormous walk-in closet at the end. It has an oversized shower, corner spa tub, dual sinks, and a linen closet. A half-bath and the utility room are located just outside the suite.

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# Put on thinking cap when it's time to sell home

I am going to sell my house. What are some things I should avoid so I can get the house sold for the most money?

Some sellers do make some costly mistakes when trying to get their house sold. Here are some common areas to avoid:

■ Expecting your house is going to sell based on what you need, rather than what the market dictates. Once you put your house on the market, treat it as if it's a commodity. It doesn't matter that you owe \$145,000 and have a \$3,000 equity loan. Yes, it does make a difference to you. However, it will not sell based on that information.

It's not your needs that determines the ultimate price, the purchase price will be based on what buyers are willing to pay for it. This is a big problem in today's Michigan real estate market. Housing prices have gone down. Sellers are often unwilling to adjust their price to what the market dictates. As a result, houses are taking a very long time to sell. At the end they do sell if the price is



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based on the current market. How is price determined? It's based on what recent similar houses in the same area sold for, as well as what current homes are listed for. Remember, that the buyers' real estate agent will give them this information, and they will have it before placing an offer. ■ Getting emotionally involved in negotiating a sale. There is a tendency that if some sellers get a very low offer, that they may see red and not counter the offer. Many buyers see the negotiating process as a game and purposely give very low offers to see what they can get away with. I don't agree with this tactic. It only makes the whole process harder. Just like buyers have agents to supply them with the current market

Buying a home is an emotional experience. If buyers see a dirty cluttered house, even though the buyers could clean the clutter, they will get negative emotional vibes, and not even consider buying the house. Many repairs cost very little money to make, but could end up saving you thousands of dollars in the sale.

information, most sellers have Realtors that give them this information, as well.

■ Not thinking through the process. How much money do you need to pay off your mortgage and pay the expenses of selling your house? Do you need to sell before you buy? How much money will it cost to prepare your house for sale? These are all important questions to ask yourself before you start the process. Think through the process and plan for each step. If you need to still own the current house you may want to consider selling first. That way you will be able to avoid paying two mortgages. In this slower market, it's harder to sell, so selling first becomes

even more important.

■ Neglecting making minor repairs and cleaning up the house. Buying a home is an emotional experience. If buyers see a dirty cluttered house, even though the buyers could clean the clutter, they will get negative emotional vibes, and not even consider buying the house. Many repairs cost very little money to make, but could end up saving you thousands of dollars in the sale.

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# You're not stuck with stippled ceilings

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

From Doug of Winchester, Va.: "I live in a house that has stippled ceilings throughout. This was put on several years ago to hide imperfections. Is there a way to get rid of this texture so I can have smooth ceilings?"

Yes, you can have smooth ceilings again. The stippling effect is simply paint applied with a special stipple roller. If the paint used was latex, you can wet the paint and then scrape away.

If the paint used was oil-based, it will be slightly more difficult.

First, do a wash of the ceiling with synthetic TSP. Once dry, do a light sanding with 80-grit paper on a sanding pole. Finally, you can "float out" the surface with drywall joint compound.

Use a wide joint compound knife to spread thin layers of the compound into the voids on the ceiling to make a smooth surface. You may need to apply more than one layer.

Keep in mind that you will need to wait for the first coat to completely dry before adding other coats. Sanding each coat is also recommended.

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1 Intuitions  
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11 "Anyone home?" (hyph.)  
13 Brunch favorite  
14 Psyche part  
15 Bro or sis  
16 Road show org.  
17 Yak  
18 Pen point  
20 Brain parts  
22 Nautilus locale  
23 Pesky bug  
25 - de cologne  
26 Klutz's cry  
27 They often clash  
29 At great oost  
31 Noon on a sundial  
33 Do some tape editing  
34 Removes a renter  
37 Royal decree  
40 Zen question  
41 PC monitor  
43 Evened the score  
45 Drama section

**DOWN**  
1 Competing for  
2 An antiseptic  
3 Derek or Jackson  
4 Codgers' queries  
5 Gardener's need  
6 Sloppy kiss  
7 Caricoc's home  
8 New car option  
9 Rough, as water  
10 Border state  
12 Clarinet kin  
13 Lined up  
19 Purse

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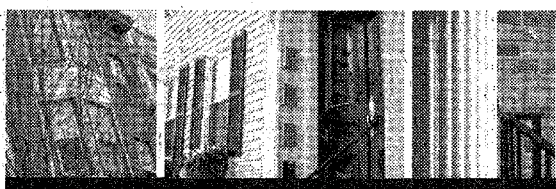
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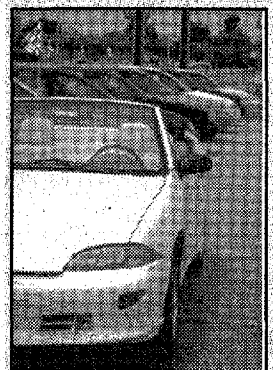
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## Mercury aims for young buyers with Milan Premier

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### CAReport



By Dave Menard  
Avanti NewsFeatures

Well, what do we make of the 2006 Mercury Milan? Mercury is pitching the mid-size Milan as a car for so-called Generation X customers, a car that it hopes takes some of the stodginess out of the Mercury name.

After all, when think of Mercury, don't you picture Grandma's head just barely visible above the steering wheel of her Grand Marquis?

To its credit, Mercury knows it has this image problem, and by introducing new models like the Milan, hopes to bring in younger car buyers. With four doors, above-average styling, decent power and a reasonable price point, those hopes may not be unreasonable.

Now that we know what the Milan is supposed to accomplish, let's take a look at how close it comes. We'll start with what I think is actually the strongest Milan feature — its styling. In an era of look-alike sedans dotting driveways across America, the Milan Premier looks a little different.

The trademark Mercury waterfall grille is here and the car's lines are excellent. The headlights wrap around the front fenders, and the grille and front fascia trim sport a satin finish. In the back, the Milan features LED taillamps, and the Milan Premier comes with twin exhaust tips. 17-inch, 14-spoke machined aluminum wheels are standard and they're sharp. Power heated outside mirrors are standard on the Premier, and you can add a package that will give you fog lamps.

Inside, the Milan features a choice of two styles — mahogany wood or satin metallic. The stain metallic finish of the test car's interior is attractive without being overbearing, and is definitely not your grandma's Mercury.

The instrument panel is uncluttered, with simple, easy-to-read, round analog gauges. There's a message center in the center of the instrument panel which displays the trip computer data, including miles-to-empty and trip odometers.

The center console features two cupholders and a storage area. Cruise control, manually-controlled air conditioning (automatic climate control is an option), power windows, and a tilt steering column are standard, and you can get a package that will give you a leather-wrapped steering wheel with redundant audio controls.

The leather seats (standard on the Premier) are comfortable and provide good support. They can be



2006 Mercury Milan Premier. Vehicle class: Mid-size car. Power: V6 engine. Mileage: 21 city / 29 highway. Where built: Hermosillo, Mexico. Base price: \$22,845. Price as tested: \$25,495.

heated, as an option. The driver's seat is a power-adjustable seat; the passenger's seat adjusts manually. The rear seats are 60/40 split seats and fold down to give you more cargo room. The trunk itself, by the way, is already fairly roomy.

Speaking of room, another of the Milan's strong points is the amount of passenger room it has. Folks in the back seat have plenty of room, and getting in and out of the rear seating areas is no problem. Up front, it's the same story. No problem with leg or head room.

The standard audio system on the Milan Premier is an AM/FM/six disc CD system and it sounds great. I'd like to be able to manually tune my stations, instead of relying on the scan and seek buttons, but you can't do that with this system. You can upgrade to what Mercury calls an audiophile system which will give you eight speakers instead of six.

Looking at the specs, the Milan Premier's powertrain should be very good, but I'd describe it better as competent. The specs say the standard 3.0-liter 24-valve DOHC V6 in the Premier is rated at 221 horsepower and 205 lb.-ft. of torque (the entry-level Milan comes with a 2.3-liter four-cylinder).

It's mated with a six-speed automatic that does shift smoothly and at nice shift points. So what's the problem? I just didn't get that kick when I hit the accelerator to pass on city streets. It does a bit better on the highway; passing in the 50+ mph range was noticeably quicker than in the 30-50 mph range. Of course, I could be expecting too much from what is supposed to be a family-type

sedan. In normal driving, the Milan performs competently enough, and at 21/29 mpg on regular fuel, you get decent mileage for a V6.

The Milan handles and rides pretty well. The front suspension system is a short- and long-arm front suspension that features double ball-joint lower control arms and coil-over shocks. The multi-link rear suspension performs like a double-wishbone setup. The cabin is quiet and the ride is fairly smooth.

Traction control is available as an option. The Milan comes with power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering. The car is easy to maneuver and park and the four-wheel anti-lock brakes are excellent.

The Milan Premier comes with dual-stage front air bags, a side-impact protection system, and an anti theft system. Side air curtains are optional.

The 2006 Mercury Milan Premier starts at a little under \$23,000, and that will get you a pretty well-equipped car; leather seats, manual A/C, cruise, the V6 engine, power driver's seat, CD audio with six speakers, and anti-lock brakes are all included at that price. Add the automatic climate control, upgraded audio system, fog lamps, leather-wrapped steering wheel with audio and speed controls, heated seats, traction control, and side curtain airbags and you're still under \$26,000.

Will it be enough to get younger buyers in the showrooms? Time will tell, but Mercury is making a good stab at it with the Milan Premier.

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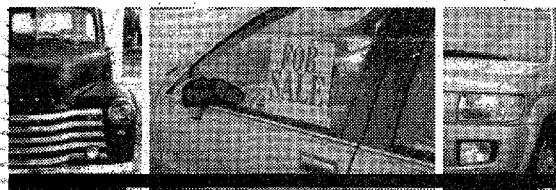
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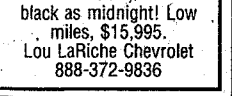
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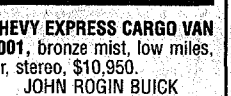
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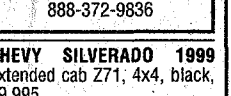
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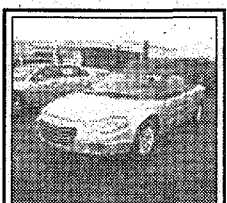
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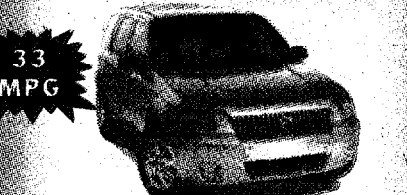
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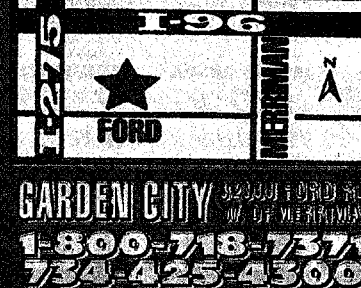
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