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Program helps with impaired loved ones

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Lynda Kravitz, the admissions director at the MediLodge of Plymouth assisted living center on Ann Arbor Trail, has heard of it happening before.

"We've had people who've come here to live who - before coming here - have gotten into their cars and driven to Ohio and didn't know where they were," Kravitz said. "They run out of gas on the side of the road, the police stop them, and they don't know why they are there."

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll recognized the problem, and is resurrecting a long-ago plan to help family members and police officers deal with the situation.

"The most typical that comes to mind is Alzheimer's patients who can't tell you who they are," Carroll said. "If you don't have anything else to go on, it's difficult to get them back to where they belong."

Carroll, with the help of Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, has developed the Plymouth Community Safe Citizens Program. With the assistance of family members, police will put together a file containing a photo and contact information to be kept at police dispatch in case a loved one becomes disoriented or lost.

"We'll then have the information to identify the person and be able to contact a responsible party and return the loved one safely to their homes," Carroll said. "It's also a guide for officers on the street to help identify some of our more challenged individuals who may go out for a stroll."

"The program is strictly confidential, and we don't share the information with anyone, except other police departments if we're looking for someone," he said.

Tiderington said sometimes old ideas become new ideas, and this one is a good idea to resurrect.

"It's a dilemma when you come across an elderly resident who doesn't know where he lives or his phone number," Tiderington said. "At that point, there aren't too many options we have with what to do with that individual. Our officers then spend a great deal of time contacting hospitals and other jurisdictions to locate where the individual lives."

Kravitz, whose MediLodge facility has taken steps to minimize the chance of anyone walking out unnoticed, said Safe Citizens Program will be beneficial to many in the Plymouth community.

"Things like that do happen to the elderly, many of whom still live alone and are still driving," she said. "It's a very real issue."

Information on the free program is available at the city's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us or by contacting the Plymouth police department at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 210.

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JESSICA MCGOWAN

Raymond Eisbrenner of Plymouth (right) proved to have the best bouncing streak after more than 16 hours in the "Dribble for a Dodge" contest at Morehouse College in Atlanta. Eisbrenner out-bounced 25 other contestants, including Atlanta's Anthony Locke (left).

The way the ball bounces

Winner keeps truck, dishes off NCAA tickets

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

By his own admission, Raymond Eisbrenner of Plymouth didn't have much of a basketball career at Canton High School.

Eisbrenner, who graduated in 2004, played freshman and junior varsity hoops, but broke his wrist before his junior year and never made it back onto the court. Still Eisbrenner, now a junior at the University of Michigan, carries a passion for the sport.

So when his mom, Nancy Hart, read about the contest and told her son about it, he drove 11 hours from his Plymouth home to Atlanta, Ga., Monday to participate in the "Dribble for a Dodge" contest at Morehouse College. The idea: The player who dribbled the longest would win a new Dodge truck and two tickets to the championship game of the NCAA basketball tournament.

Operating on just four hours of sleep, Eisbrenner, who was

also a captain for the football and track teams at Canton, won the competition by dribbling for 16 hours, six minutes straight.

"I've always played basketball, so she figured I'd have a good shot at winning," said Eisbrenner, who is majoring in economics and minoring in statistics.

The contest was simple: Participants had to dribble a basketball without stopping. However, contest organizers didn't expect it to go so long, and eventually made up provisions to make it a little harder. For instance, at one point players had to dribble with their "off" hand and stand on one leg.

That's how Eisbrenner ended up beating Anthony Locke of Atlanta. The two were told to dribble with their "off" hands, put their "power" hands behind their backs and stand on one leg. When Locke's foot shifted, Eisbrenner was declared the winner of the new Dodge Ram 1500 and the NCAA tickets.

But when Eisbrenner saw his vanquished foe, he decided to split the prize, and gave Locke

the tickets.

"We had literally dribbled the difference of one dribble," Eisbrenner said. "After he lost, he got up and said 'congratulations.' He was a real class act, so I gave him the tickets. I got a truck out of it, so it's not like I didn't get anything."

Locke was surprised by the move.

"It was a great gesture," said Locke, who is from Los Angeles and hopes UCLA reaches the title game. "No one likes to lose (but) it was incredible competing against (Eisbrenner). If you lose, he's the kind of guy you want to see win."

After driving back from Atlanta in his new truck, Eisbrenner said the trip had been a good one.

"It was really hard," he said. "I got (to the competition) with four hours of sleep. I was already pretty tired to begin with, so it was a very tiring contest. But it was more than worth the trip."

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Flame-out?

Mayor optimistic about regional fire despite waning interest

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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It appears interest in a regional fire department among six local communities could be going up in smoke.

While Livonia and Plymouth continue to show substantial interest in regionalization - with the potential to improve fire and emergency medical services at a cost below current budget levels - Canton Township officials said they're out of discussions, Westland is balking at the cost for a feasibility study, Plymouth Township is in a wait-and-see mode and Northville Township has put its interest on hold while it looks for a new fire chief.

"If there's one thing I've learned through this whole process, it's not to get too high or too low, and keep on working," said Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, who has been in the forefront of regionalization. "It hasn't been easy all along. Until they tell me 'no,' I'll assume they're in."

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he believes residents are pleased with his community's full-service fire department, which includes advanced life support firefighters who also transport patients to hospitals.

"We're hard-pressed to see any benefit for Canton residents," Yack said of regionalization. "We have the best of the best, and Canton residents have gotten used to it. What we've tried to do is be as efficient as we can, spreading our three fire stations in a way to create maximum coverage in the community. Our response times are real strong."

"The Westland and Livonia models are much like ours," he added. "In order to save big money, you'd have to go to part-paid firefighters and a private ambulance service."

ANOTHER MEETING

Yack said he'd most likely have representatives at the group's March 26 meeting, but would not be willing to go further by spending money on a feasibility study by consultants Plante & Moran in Southfield. "Sooner or later we'll want out when they start charging admission," Yack said.

The Plante & Moran feasibility study is projected to cost \$100,000. If based on community population, Livonia would pay nearly \$30,000 as its share, while the city of Plymouth would contribute \$2,700. However, Dwyer has said he would propose each community pay the same, which would average the cost at \$16,667.

"The preliminary numbers were pretty high, in my estimation, for a study," said Mike Reddy, Westland fire chief. "We'll stay in the loop as long as we can, but money could force us out. We might be able to

PLEASE SEE FIRE STUDY, A6

Superintendents: Alter funding mechanism

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Education has become a big part of the discussion of where Michigan's future is headed.

However, local school superintendents believe those who make the rules in Lansing need to revamp the current system of funding education before changes can be made to accommodate students in the 21st century.

"Our leaders in Lansing, as it pertains to education, have been dismantling education for well over 10 years," said Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland superintendent.

"There have been cuts in educational programs, frozen foundation allowances from year to year, as well as other cuts in curriculum and educational programs for our children. We have to look at some very substantial changes to the way we address our educational challenges and needs, and how we are able to sustain those kinds of programs to meet the needs of the new Michigan, as well as the global economy."

Baracy was joined Thursday night by Plymouth-Canton Supt. Jim Ryan and Northville Supt. Leonard Rezmierski at an education forum hosted by newly elect-

ed state Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) at the Plymouth District Library.

"We can become a magnet for 21st century jobs for education and economic development," Corriveau said. "But it's going to take some guts and some belief."

However, Ryan has indicated he has little belief - at this time - state lawmakers can make changes in the inequities of the state's per-pupil foundation allowance, as well as reductions in health care and retirement costs, to make Michigan's schools competitive.

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Marc Corriveau addresses the crowd at one of his town hall-style meetings on education. Corriveau held a town hall Thursday at the Plymouth District Library.

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Local men create this generation's E.T. Read about the Last Mimzy in the next issue of Filter



Japan trip

Farrand Elementary teacher Isabel "Issy" Sand will spend part of her summer in Japan touring Japanese schools. The multiage program teacher was one of eight teachers from the metro Detroit area selected for the International Educators to Japan program by the Japanese Business Society of Detroit. Sand will visit Japan for two weeks June 23 to July 7.

Easter Bunny breakfast

E.G. Nick's hosts "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31.

Attendees will enjoy a full buffet breakfast (includes eggs, bacon and sausage), an Easter Egg hunt and an extra special visit from the Easter Bunny. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday), located at 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth, or at E.G. Nick's located at 500 Forest.

Ticket prices are \$8 for children and \$12 for adults; children 3 and younger admitted free. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

Contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce with any questions or for ticket information at (734) 453-1540.

Players are 'Footloose'

The Park Players present their production of "Footloose," based on the 1980s screen version starring Kevin Bacon, March 22-24 and March 30-31 with 8 p.m. performances in the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts inside Salem High School.

"Footloose" tells the story of city boy Ren McCormack who has to move to a small rural town in America where dancing is banned. Pandemonium strikes as Ren cuts loose and soon has the whole town on its feet.

Tickets are \$10 for all shows, all ages. Tickets can be pur-

chased 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the upper auditorium at Salem High School, or at the door one hour before curtain on performance nights.

Visit www.parkplayers.org or contact Kristen Quesada for more information by e-mail at quesadk@pccs.k12.mi.us or by calling (734) 582-6836.

Wrestlemania bowling

Bowldetroit.com has announced a partnership between WrestleMania 23, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Community Bowling Centers to bring the "Bowl with Bobby Lashley WrestleMania 23 Make A Wish Foundation Charity Bowling" event.

The Make a Wish Foundation is a participant in the WWE Circle of Champions program. This first bowling event revolving around WrestleMania 23 will be held Saturday, March 31, at Skore Lanes in Taylor.

The event runs 1-3:30 p.m. Skore Lanes is located at 22255 Ecorse in Taylor. It features a photo with Extreme Championship Wrestling champion Bobby Lashley; unlimited pizza and soda; more than two hours of bowling; door prizes; a silent auction; trophies and awards. Tickets begin at \$100.

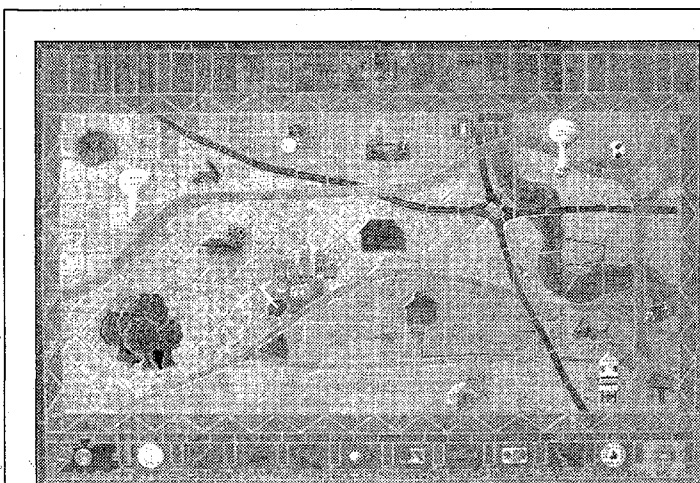
For more information, call (313) 291-6220.

Student Citizenship Scholarship

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce are accepting applications for the Student Citizenship Award scholarship.

Nominations from all employees, parents and friends of high school seniors from the Plymouth and Canton area will be accepted until 4 p.m. April 5. The \$500 scholarship is based on community service only. Grade point average does not play a role in the committee's decision.

The selection committee will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth, Salem,



Art dedication

Plymouth Township officials host a dedication 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, for the tile mural that has been installed in the new township hall. A gift from the Village Potters Guild, the Plymouth Community Arts Council and Pewabic Pottery, this 7- by 10.5-foot map of the township is made from clay tiles. The landmarks, roads, railroad tracks and a train are surrounded by textured and colored tiles to create a community art. More than 350 community members participated in the creation of the mural by making tiles or sponsoring the landmarks fashioned by guild members. More than 500 tiles are included. The dedication ceremony at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., is free and open to the public.

Starkweather and a non-PCCS high school for the award. The scholarship application, which is available at the Board of Education office, requires the student to give a one-paragraph description of what community service means to them, a one-page, bulleted list of the student's community service and a one-page testimonial by the person nominating the student for the award.

Inquires should be directed to the P-CCS Community Relations office at (734) 416-2757.

Second Stage

The Second Stage Players present *Into The WOODS* March 22-24 and March 29-31 at 8 p.m. at the DuBois Theatre in Canton High School.

Reserved-seating tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in person 2-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the DuBois Little Theatre, located steps away from the main entrance of Canton High School. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, or reserved over the

phone and picked up within three business days.

For more information, or to reserve tickets, please call (734) 416-7514.

Book signing

Award winning poet and photographer Cheryl A. Martin of Canton will be signing copies of her book, "Woman Reclining," Saturday, March 24 at Small Shops, located at 2361 S. Venoy in Westland.

She'll be autographing copies of her book, "Woman Reclining," and chapbooks, "Woman Reclining," "Feathers In Flight" and "Haiku for You," her children's workbook for practicing the art of Haiku. She'll have framed poetry and photographs for sale, as well as some business-card-size book marks to use.

The book signing, which runs 1-5 p.m., will be hosted by ASA Publishing Company.

Martin is the owner of Pero Inc., a full service writing, editing and publishing company. She can be reached at peroinc5@comcast.net.

<http://outskirtspress.com/womanreclining>, and at (734) 397-1626.

In addition, she has designed writing courses for leisure services through Canton Township. Presently she is instructing students on how to write children's stories, and will offer "Writing Your Life Story" beginning March 28. Register by calling (734) 394-5460.

Weekend workshops

The Plymouth Community Arts Council offers weekend art workshops for adults, taught by real experts from the field. The specialty art workshops are for those who are seriously interested in learning about an art form from professional artists. Instructors are of state and national fame. Class fees vary.

■ **Woodworking: Wooden Shaker Box Making** — This weekend workshop gives participants hands-on experience in making Shaker oval boxes. Intended both for new and experienced woodworkers alike. Each person receives an instruction booklet and makes a nesting set of five boxes in cherry.

The workshop is 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 23 and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24. Cost is \$150 per person for entire workshop, includes all supplies to make and take five wooden boxes.

■ **Sculptural Accordion Book-Making** — Through this class you will find your thoughts manifested in color while creating an accordion-stylebook and exploring texture-making with condensed watercolor.

The workshop is 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21. Cost is \$100 per person, plus some supply cost.

For more information visit the PCAC's Web site at www.plymoutharts.com or call (734) 416-4278.

Fitness guru speaks

A renowned pioneer in the health and fitness industry, Chris Johnson, will conduct a seminar called "Your Weight Loss and Health Solution" at the Plymouth Cultural Center 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20.

Event sponsor Larry Bird, owner of the Fit Zone for

Women in Canton called Johnson a fantastic speaker who will really get people motivated to get healthy, lose weight and eat better."

Johnson has more than two decades of experience in the gym, in grocery stores and as a competitive athlete. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Exercise Physiology from Michigan State University, and certifications from the American College of Sports Medicine, National Academy of Sports Medicine and the American Council on Exercise.

He is an adjunct professor in both the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Education at Michigan State University. He is the author of "Meal Patterning - Developing Healthy Nutritional Patterns for a Lifetime."

The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. Tickets cost \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets are available at Fit Zone for Women, 7225 N. Canton Center, (734) 927-9991; Plymouth Wellness Center, 908 Penniman, (734) 453-7090; and Gabriel's, 322 S. Main, (734) 455-8884.

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

Rummage sale

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its annual indoor rummage sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

For the first time, table space will be rented to individuals who wish to sell their own belongings. The cost is \$25 for an eight-foot table.

Anyone interested in renting a table can contact Cassie at 734-453-5464 or by e-mailing cassie_hull@usc.salvationarmy.org. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

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High-tech game plan bags \$15,000 grant for forensics teacher

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Salem High School forensics teacher Marcia Lizzio and her colleagues waited patiently for Principal Jerry Ostoin to begin his February staff meeting.

Ostoin was running late because he'd taken an important telephone call.

"He opened the meeting by announcing he was on the telephone with a representative from Best Buy and that I had just won a \$15,000 Teach Award," said Lizzio. "It was the first time I'd heard it, and I was floored. I didn't hear a word he said after that."

It was Lizzio's second grant from Best Buy. She received a \$2,500 award in November after competing with 8,000 other applications. Of the 1,300 schools nationwide which won a total of \$4 million in awards, Lizzio's was one of only 50 applications given an opportunity to apply for — and eventually winning — the

\$15,000 grant.

All that may look like small potatoes, as Lizzio's efforts have now resulted in Plymouth-Canton Schools competing with the 49 others for a \$250,000 district-wide grant, which will be announced this summer.

"The original \$2,500 was to support something in the classroom, and I bought a half-dozen digital cameras for students to use in class," Lizzio said. "With the \$15,000 I'm going to get equipment to support making CSI:Salem episodes. My kids will write the storylines and scripts, using legitimate science, and collaborate with Janet Sutherland's advanced video kids for filmmaking and editing of the 15-minute shorts."

Lizzio's high-tech plans for her forensics class are the kinds of things Best Buy looks for while donating more than \$13.5 million in Teach Awards since 2004.

"We firmly believe that tech-

nology can excite and engage students in the learning process, creating more valuable education experiences over time," said Paula Prah, vice president, public affairs, Best Buy. "The applications we receive year after year demonstrate that teachers and schools have such wonderful, technologically creative ideas, but needed funds aren't available. Best Buy Teach Awards help to bridge that gap by helping schools access the interactive technology to make learning fun."

Plymouth-Canton Schools Chief Development Officer, Tom Sklut, is putting together a district-wide proposal for the top prize.

"We're putting together a picture for Best Buy on how we use technology to promote and motivate teaching in the visual and performing arts," said Sklut. "We would use the grant to encourage our music, art and classroom teachers to work together in using storytelling, illustrations and tech-

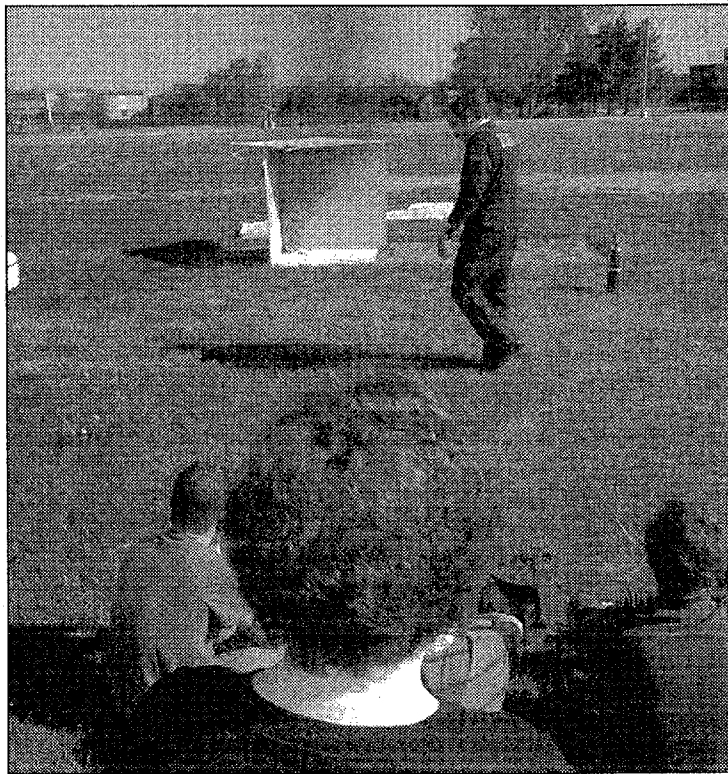
nology in making our curriculum accessible to more students in more ways.

"We decided to aim this technology opportunity at the arts and the classrooms because we know the arts are important to our parents and kids," he said.

Sklut said the highest corporate gift given to Plymouth-Canton Schools thus far is the more than \$20,000 from Bosch Corporation to support the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park robotics team.

After the grant is submitted at the end of the month, Lizzio said she's ready for a shopping spree at Best Buy.


"I have a \$10,000 and \$5,000 gift cards, and I plan to take a field trip to buy computers with film and video hardware, camcorders with hard drives, tripods, carrying cases and everything you need for filming and editing," Lizzio said.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Forensic Science teacher and CSI buff Marcia Lizzio watches Fire Marshall Frank Barrett burn a simulated room. Lizzio recently won a \$15,000 grant from Best Buy and is eligible for another grant for \$250,000.

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'She's our spirit'

Fund-raiser to help pay for stem cell transplant for young skater suffering from cancer

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

As her slender, French-manicured tipped fingers finish lacing up her white ice skates, Natalie Salazar flashes a wide grin and then heads to the ice at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena.

The bubbly 13-year-old has done this hundreds of times but as her parents watch her twirl in the middle of the rink, their smiles are tinged with sadness.

Natalie, whose chiffon periwinkle skirt sways with each of her graceful movements, was diagnosed with a form of cancer called neuroblastoma in September 2006.

"We used to watch stories on television about other families (with sick children) and have tried to put ourselves in their position but you can't," said Natalie's mother, Maria Salazar, as her voice quavered. "I can't imagine that my daughter might die. She's our spirit. When she is feeling good, I feel so alive but when she is sick, I feel so empty in my heart."

A self-described "girly girl" who loves the color pink, Natalie speaks with an intelligence beyond her years about blood cell counts, chemotherapy and bone density.

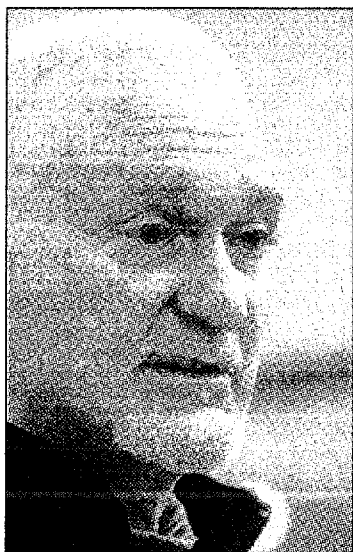
"Neuroblastoma usually only affects babies so my doctors were really surprised when I was diagnosed," she said. "I've probably had it since I was little."

The National Cancer Institute defines neuroblastoma as "a cancer that arises in immature nerve cells and affects mostly infants and children." The disease has four stages. The second and fourth stages are divided into two categories.

Natalie, who's in the fourth stage of the condition, is hoping to undergo a second round of cancer treatment that could include



Natalie Salazar, diagnosed last year with a form of cancer called neuroblastoma, laces up her skates before a skating session this week.



Natalie Salazar's coach, Gary Clark, watched Natalie during a skating session this week, something she hasn't been able to do as frequently since being diagnosed with cancer last September.

a stem cell transplant. Her mother and father, Sumorfin Salazar, are waiting to see if their insurance will cover the expenses.

Sumorfin, a longtime Ford Motor Co. engineer, recently took a buyout from the automaker and Maria is a stay-at-home mom.

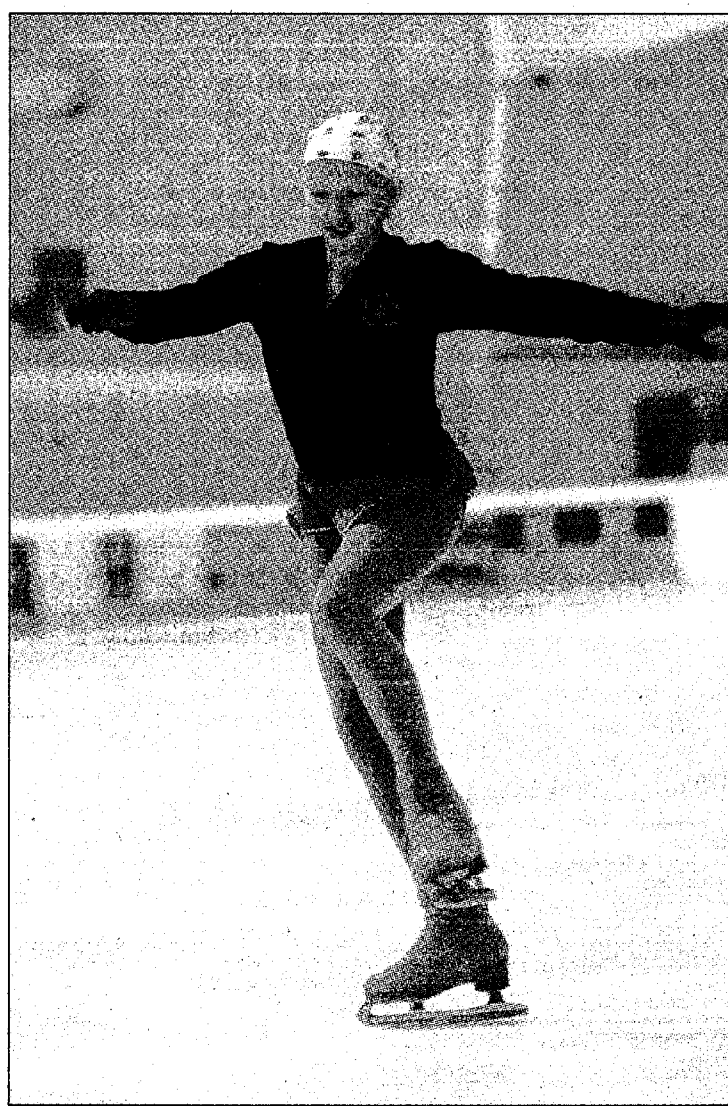
In efforts to help finance what could become a costly

BENEFIT FOR NATALIE

- When: 7 p.m. Friday, March 30
- Where: Arctic Edge Arena, 46615 Michigan Ave.
- Cost: Minimum \$10 donation
- The exhibition will feature the award-winning skaters: Tanith Belbin & Ben Agosto; Brooke Castile & Ben Okolski; Meryl Davis & Charlie White and Alissa Czisny
- For more information, call Nancy Fees at (248) 891-6256

procedure, the Arctic Figure Skating Club is having a fund-raiser for the honors student on March 30 at Arctic Edge. The event, which requires a minimum \$10 donation, will feature exhibitions by several accomplished skaters including Alissa Czisny, and Olympic silver medalists Ben Agosto and Tanith Belbin.

"We've been waiting to see what else we could do to help," said Nancy Fees, vice



Natalie Salazar laced up her skates and spent some time on the ice, something she hasn't been able to do much since becoming ill.

president of the skating club. "This has been a total community effort."

Natalie, an ice skater since age 3, is a member of the skating club and used to practice five to six times a week. Since her diagnosis, she's only taken to the ice a handful of times.

"It hurt a lot when they told me I couldn't skate," Natalie said. "I love it so much."

Her parents proudly reference a poster board of photographs that show a beaming Natalie in various skating costumes with waves of auburn hair falling past her shoulders.

"She's wonderful," Sumorfin said while glancing at his daughter. "She's the best."

Natalie, who attends the church and school of St. Anselm Parish in Dearborn Heights, received her confirmation Thursday.

The Salazars, who have a 23-year-old son, said they are hopeful their youngest child will survive the cancer that has spread to many of her bones.

"We have faith in God that she is going to survive," Maria said. "She brings to us happiness everyday."

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DEATHS

A

Keith Alan Alleman
Alleman, 38, of New Albany, Ohio, died March 12.

C

Jennie Louise Conway
Conway, 76, formerly of Rochester, died March 12.

H

Michael J. Healey
Healey, 42, formerly of Clarkston, died March 14.

J

Debra Kay Justice
Justice, 42, died March 9.

L

Floyd Lasser
Lasser, 77, formerly of Birmingham, died March 5.

Dave Little
Little, 57, of Canton, died March 9.

Dorothy Skelly (nee Jurke) Loomis
Loomis, 68, formerly of Livonia, died March 6.

P

Elsie Pauline (Tolonen) Precobb
Precobb, of Chattanooga, Tenn., died Feb. 26.

S

James E. "Jim" Scharmen
Scharmen, 58, of Traverse City, died March 10.

T

Edward Tarwacki
Tarwacki, 89, of Wyandotte, died March 12.

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in Passages on page C4.

FUNDING

FROM PAGE A1

"How do we make a budget if we have to adopt it by June 30, but we never know if we're going to get an increase or a cut, well past that time?" Ryan asked. "Right now, we're just making our best guess."

"If the two-cent increase in sales tax isn't playing well in the state, what's that cutting-edge thing that's going to put Michigan in front?" he said. "The representative (Corriveau) said nobody is proposing that right now. We're stuck in the Democrat-Republican concepts."

Pauline Koulouberis, principal of Walker-Winter Elementary school in Canton — which is in the Wayne-Westland school district — said the way schools are funded has to be changed — in a big way.

"The competition from China and India is huge, but I don't think people really understand the magnitude of that," Koulouberis said. "The infrastructure of the way education is funded hasn't been working, and our districts are suffering. Something has to change, but it can't be the little things that keep going on."

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WILD HOGS (PG-13) 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:25, 9:35 **FRI/SAT LS 11:45**
ZODIAC (R) 12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 12:00, 4:30, 6:55
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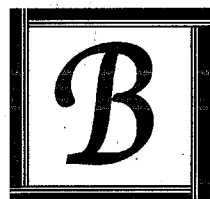
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1921 to 1935...Up To.....	\$ 50...	\$ 5,000

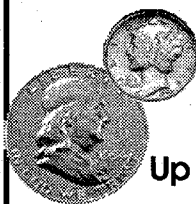
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DeMattia names development manager

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Campbell leads the real estate development efforts for DeMattia's historic preservation of the Willys Overland Lofts building located in Detroit. The project entails renovating the 144,000-square-foot facility for its adaptive reuse to 75 condominiums and first-floor commercial space.

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Pro-tech Award

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tomers support and satisfaction.

"Providing excellent service has become increasingly important in our industry. Konica Minolta is committed to assuring the highest performance standards across our organization," said James Ingrassia, Vice President, Solutions Support and Development. "The Pro-Tech Service Award represents Konica Minolta's gold standard for service competence and proficiency. There is no higher honor for a Konica Minolta dealer and Xerographic Solutions should be very proud of its achievement."

A 3-time Pro-Tech Service Award winner, Xerographic Solutions, headed by James Fedewa, is dedicated to delivering professional, reliable service and maximum performance for Konica

Minolta's award-winning bizhub products. To attain the Pro-Tech standard, each element of Xerographic Solutions operation was evaluated and measured, including its management skills, inventory control systems, technical expertise, dispatch systems and customer satisfaction ratings.

"The Pro-Tech Service Award is a mark of distinction that we are proud to showcase," said Fedewa, the firm's president. "It symbolizes our commitment to offering the best business practices and the best in service. It certifies to our customer base that we have the skills, people and systems to keep their Konica Minolta equipment operating at the highest level of productivity. It shows to our customer that they can depend on us."

FIRE STUDY

FROM PAGE A1

stay if there was some grant money available.

"To me, it doesn't warrant that amount of money to get something down on paper," he added. "I'd rather spend money on something more solid in place. We'll have to get more in-depth with the discussion and see where we stand at the next meeting."

SOME IN FAVOR

Dwyer has an ally in Pete Kunst, Livonia's director of public safety, who said the money for a feasibility study would be well-spent.

"I've read the proposal, and I'm very impressed with it," Kunst said of the Plante & Moran document. "I liked the fact they didn't focus on one solution, but are open-minded to a variety of different types of consolidation, like cooperation on training and a purchasing consortium."

"The dollar figure doesn't scare me," he added. "That's a call the mayor (Jack Engebretson) will make with me and the finance director. But, in his State of the City address, the mayor addressed that issue and affirmed he is involved in cooperative efforts and further talks. The mayor wants to continue with the discussion."

The major part of the feasibility study, if approved by the communities, will include the selection of a governance plan, development of an operational model, preparation of a financial model and creation of a presentation package.

SURVEY SAYS

The results, according to the report, would also identify potential advantages and disadvantages of consolidation for each community, potential

options for service consolidation and the benefits of each option.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said two representatives from the township board will attend the March 26 meeting, but admitted they were in a wait-and-see mode.

"We are hopeful that we already provide services at the lowest cost we can for our residents," Reaume said. "We'll have to project our future costs to evaluate it. We'll wait to see what other communities have to say."

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider has been in the forefront of regionalization, but said his community will have to take a back seat for a while.

"We've had a series of organizational changes that have caused us some capacity issues within our fire department," Snider said, referring to recent events which have left him without a fire chief. "It concerns me to make decisions without a fire professional. So we're probably going to take a back seat for three or four months and hold these talks in abeyance."

"I think the cost was reasonable," he added. "The one thing I thought was appropriate was that everyone should split the cost evenly because everyone has the same vested interest in the outcome."

Dwyer, who has been working diligently to find a way to trim his city's \$1.2 million annual payment to Plymouth Township for fire and emergency medical services, remained optimistic.

"If people didn't see dollar savings down the road, this many people still wouldn't be interested in the discussion," Dwyer said. "Everything we've seen shows it's possible to get the same or better service for a cheaper price. That's how Plymouth has been able to weather the (budget) storm, by finding cheaper ways of doing what we do."

@ THE LIBRARY

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth, offers the following programs in March:

■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, March 19, 7 p.m. — This discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website: <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, March 20, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience nor advance registration is required. Attend either meeting or both.

■ **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS**, Monday, March 19, 7 p.m. — Want to know more about the spring sky? Plan now to attend this lively exchange of thoughts with local astronomy expert, Mike Best. All are welcome — ages 6 to 106. For more information contact 734-459-BEST or

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■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *Prep* by Curtis Sittenfeld. 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

■ **LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP** — There will be no Garden Group meeting in March. Start planning your 2007 garden at the next meeting to be held on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m.

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. — Kick off a new project or keep after your current one. Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

■ **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS/PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**, Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. — For nearly 10 years, the Arts Council has offered exceptional

presentations about the DIA's permanent collections and special exhibits. Register by calling the Library's Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, March 28, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. 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 Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** — Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0750, ext 240 to enroll or go to plymouthlibrary.org and complete the homebound delivery service registration.

Youth programs

■ **TEEN KNIT/CROCHET CLUB**, Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m. — All learners and experienced needlecrafters are welcome. Adult volunteers will teach newcomers. Supplies provided for community service projects — or bring your own project to work on.

■ **D.I.Y. @ THE LIBRARY**, Monday, March 19, 3:30 p.m. — Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants — Bring an old pair of jeans to make a jean pocket purse. We'll supply ribbons, buttons and decorations. All supplies provided. Registration required — space is limited. Call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4.

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WHAT IT'LL COST

Here's what a feasibility study into the idea of regionalized fire service will cost potential communities, broken down evenly by community or by population:

Community	Population	Cost by Community	Cost by Population
Canton	85,500	\$16,667	\$25,437
Plymouth	9,020	\$16,667	\$2,684
Plymouth Twp	27,800	\$16,667	\$8,271
Northville Twp	26,700	\$16,667	\$7,944
Livonia	100,500	\$16,667	\$29,900
Westland	86,600	\$16,667	\$25,765

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City sets dates for solid waste events

City of Plymouth officials are using the city's Web site to help inform residents of important information pertaining to, among other things, the city's solid waste and recycling programs.

City officials will be mailing out informational flyers related to upcoming events and important dates, with complete information now available on the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us under the City News section of the Home Page.

The city starts its regular compost pick-up April 2. Residents are advised to hold compost bags and bins until that week, when regular pick-ups will begin on normal solid waste collection days.

Saturday, April 28, 2007 -

Plymouth Community Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is set for Saturday, April 28. The event takes place at Compuware Arena and is a cooperative service between the City of Plymouth Municipal Services Department and the Township of Plymouth Department of Public Services.

The event is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is only open to city or township residents who can provide identification. A complete list of acceptable materials and other information about this Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day can be found on the city's Web site.

This year the annual Spring Clean event in the City will be broken down into three differ-

ent days, based on trash collection day.

■ Residents whose trash day is on Mondays get their Spring Clean Day Saturday, April 28.

■ Residents whose trash day is on Tuesdays get their Spring Clean Day Saturday, May 5.

■ Residents whose trash day is on Wednesdays get their Spring Clean Day Saturday, May 12.

Complete rules and regulations related to Spring Clean Up can be found on the city's Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us and click on City News on the home page.

Questions regarding these projects should be directed to Chris Porman at the City of Plymouth Solid Waste Information Center at (734) 455-1392.

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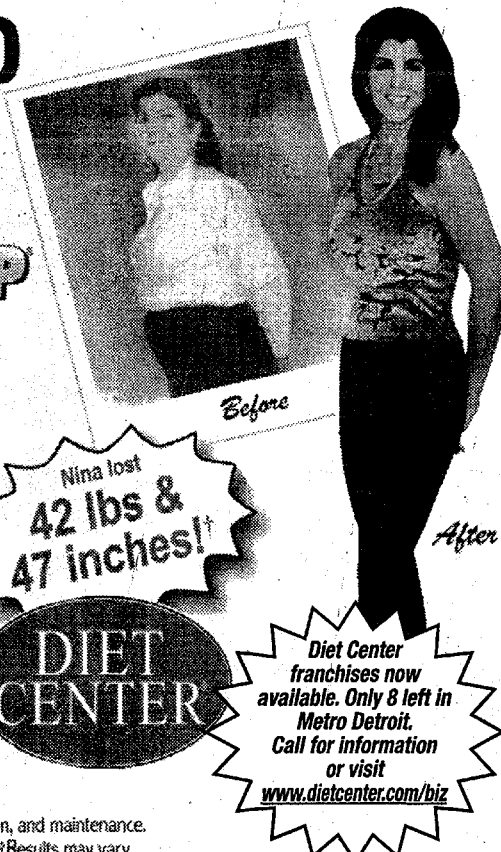
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New Web site connects kids to the world of manufacturing

With the click of a mouse, young people can get a behind-the-scenes look into the significance and fascination of manufacturing. The Web site, Manufacturing is Cool (www.manufacturingiscool.com), was re-created by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation with the goal of inspiring pre-teens and teens to pursue careers in engineering and manufacturing.

"If we are going to inspire enough young people to pursue

careers in engineering in the coming decades, we have to show our kids how fascinating math and science can be," said Glen Pearson, president of the SME Education Foundation. "With this Web site, we're showing kids all the cool things they could do if they pursue a career in manufacturing."

Manufacturing is Cool provides an inside look at how kid favorites – such as snacks, fashion, cars and cell phones – are designed and produced by engineers. It also features video

clips of peers creating radio-controlled air planes and building computers at the Science, Technology & Engineering Preview Summer (STEPS) programs. Additional site features include Moving Mechanical, which takes students behind the wheel, and Favorite Fashionista, which takes them to the world of cosmetics and apparel design. The activities and resources available will continue to evolve as new information is posted to the site.

Parents, teachers and students also

can use the Manufacturing Is Cool Web site as a resource for information on the Foundation, such as its available grants and scholarships. The site contains links to information on STEPS programs, which are now offered in 14 states with more than 50 total programs. There are also links to helpful directions on engineering programs at the college level and as well as other interesting and fun manufacturing Web sites.

The Manufacturing Is Cool Web site is part of the foundation's larger

initiative to address the shortage of skilled manufacturing workers. If left unchecked, this deficit will critically affect America's manufacturers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The foundation's youth outreach programs inspire students' interest in engineering and technology at the middle and high school age. This helps motivate students to take the advanced-level math and science courses during high school that are prerequisites for pursuing engineering degrees.

Schoolcraft Multicultural Fair set for March 28

Get ready for a trip around the world at the sixth annual Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair on Wednesday, March 28. The fair continues from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the DiPonio Room in the VisTaTech Center, and will feature exhibits from various countries, samples of indigenous foods and entertainment.

The fair is free, and community members are invited to join the 2,000 expected visitors.

New this year is a large display showing wedding traditions from around the world that was prepared by an English as a Second Language class. For \$10, visitors also can buy a cookbook of international recipes, gathered from the Schoolcraft community and printed by the International Institute.

Among the two dozen cultural displays are exhibits from Brazil, Canada, Eritrea, France, India, Iraq, Ireland, Korea, Lebanon, the Philippines, Romania, Poland, Spain, Sri Lanka, Venezuela, Syria and Russia. The displays are the work of students, faculty, staff, family and members of the community.

The entertainment begins at 10:45 a.m. with international songs from the kindergarten class at the Children's Center. At 11, Tahitian dancers take the stage, and at noon, the Marcus Garvey Drum and Dance Ensemble will perform. The group is made of high school students from the Marcus Garvey Academy and other Detroit area schools. They perform exciting music in the African drumming tradition.

Also on tap is Ta'amullat, a folkloric dance group performing pieces from North Africa, the Near East and Central Asia. Schoolcraft students will perform Native American flute music and traditional Indian dances, and a group called Tinikling will demonstrate Philippine dancing with bamboo sticks. Henna painting will be available at the Indian display.

The Multicultural Fair is cosponsored by the International Institute, Student Activities and Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society.

Cookbook reflects multiculturalism

You can't know the soul of a region unless you know its food. Therefore, it makes perfect sense that the Schoolcraft College International Institute, whose goal is to help the college community better appreciate world cultures, would publish an international cookbook.

The book, called simply "Cookbook," but with the word cookbook in many different languages, was created from the favorite ethnic dishes of the college's students, faculty and staff. It will be available for sale at the Multicultural Fair March 28 for \$10. This could be the perfect gift for Mother's Day or the new bride.

"We wanted to create a project that involved the entire Schoolcraft community," said Elzbieta Rybicka, English instructor and editor of Cookbook.

The book is divided into food categories – appetizers, soups, entrees, side dishes, cookies, desserts and drinks. There are more than 80 recipes in the 110-page volume, and countries represented include India, Poland, Taiwan, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, Japan and Indonesia.

You can reserve a copy of Recipes by calling Rybicka at ext. 5685 or at recipes@schoolcraft.edu.

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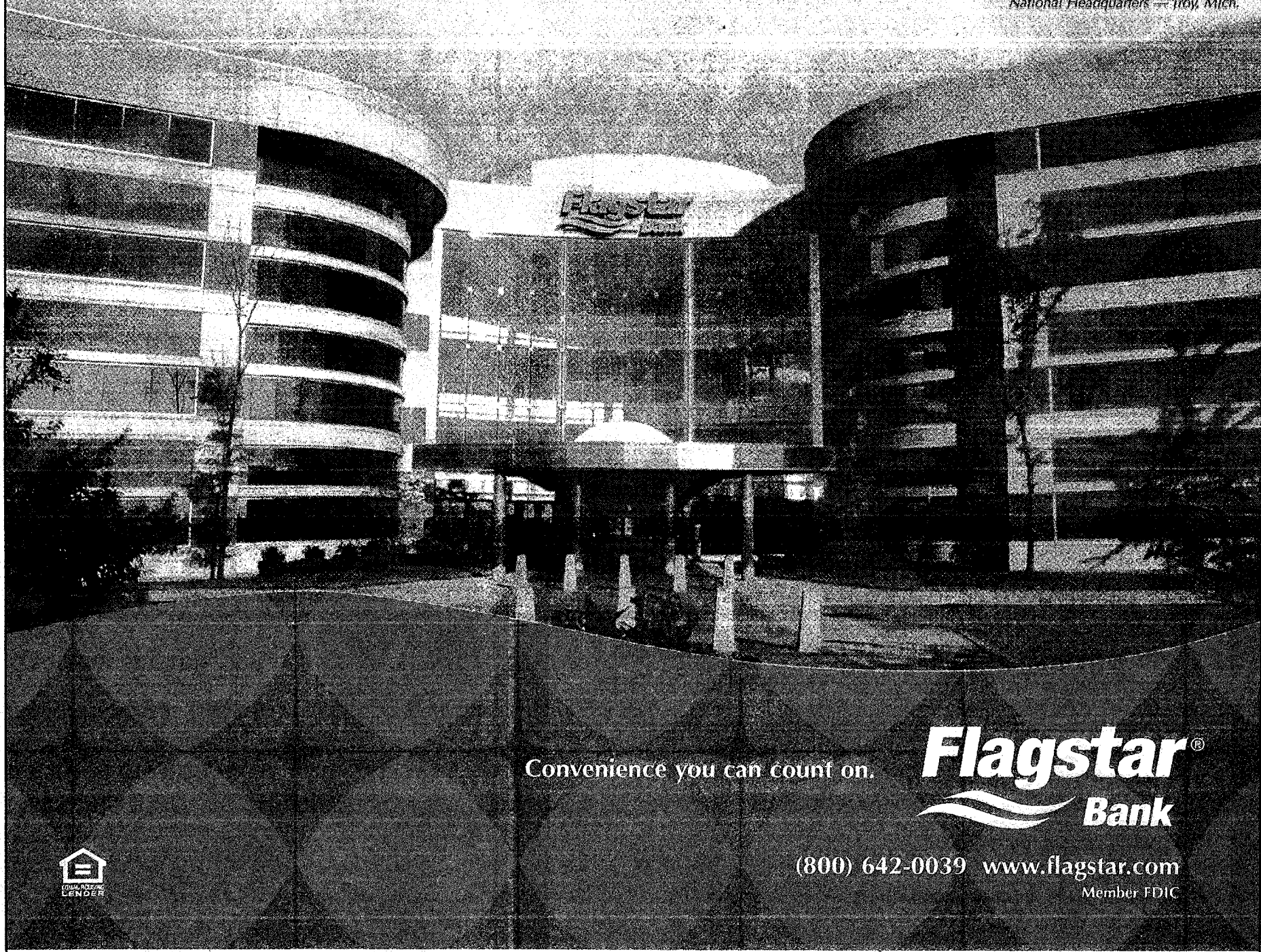
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The recent Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble, organized by the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Boosters, drew an estimated 1,200 people and raised more than \$10,000.

Craft show raises more than \$10K

The recent Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble at Canton High School drew some 1,200 people and raised more than \$10,000 to help defray the \$500,000 operational costs of the Plymouth-Canton band programs.

Now the band programs are going to say thanks with a free performance of the two Winter Guard units and the Winter Drumline. The performance takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

More than 95 artisans and crafters displayed their work at the juried ensemble while visitors throughout the southeast Michigan area attended. The Coffee Beanery Café, located in Plymouth Township, served up a catered lunch of fresh sandwiches, wraps, coffee and soup for the crowd. Live entertainment of stu-

dent musicians was featured throughout the day in the main exhibit area. Also, video footage was displayed showcasing the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. The volunteer parent group known as the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters orchestrated the fund-raising event.

The Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble is held annually the second week of March, usually when the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band begins recruiting for the summer/fall season. Incoming eighth-graders, their parents, and interested musicians and color guard performers are encouraged to attend a March 21 informational meeting at the Plymouth High School band room at 7:15 p.m. to learn more about the 2007 marching band program.

For more information, visit www.pcepbands.net.

Kiwanis hands out 1,400 dictionaries

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club recently distributed more than 1,400 dictionaries to all third-grade students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, continuing a program that saw a similar number distributed during the 2005-2006 school year.

The club selected the dictionary project as one that would have the broadest affect on youngsters. The dictionary is the student's to keep and use throughout the school year and beyond.

Kiwanis members believe reading and reading comprehension are key elements in a child's development and hope by encouraging an interest on the part of students they spend time reading and writing to develop those skills for the future.



Tracy Tashman's third-graders at Dodson Elementary School were among the recipients of some 1,400 dictionaries provided by the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club. Dan Carr (standing, right) is Dodson's principal.

According to Linda Cunningham, President of the Kiwanis Club, "We enjoy providing the dictionaries to all the students, and with commu-

nity support, we will continue this worthwhile project to improve literacy for everyone," Kiwanis president Linda Cunningham said. "Our dic-

tionary distribution was one of the largest single projects of its kind in the State."

In addition to standard definitions, the book also includes, among other things, biographies of the U.S. Presidents, the Declaration of Independence and the Planets.

In this day and age of video games and text messaging, it is rewarding to see how the children respond to their dictionary.

"The excitement in the classrooms when the books are distributed is amazing, and then listening and talking to the students about their new gift is very rewarding," Cunningham said.

Club members have received numerous cards and letters from the students and their parents expressing their appreciation.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Sciencepalooza

The Sciencepalooza science street fair gears up for FUN-tastic Physics at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum April 7-8. Sciencepalooza is held the first weekend of every month at the Museum and explores a specific topic in a fun and festive environment with in-depth hands-on experiments, activities, special guests and demonstrations. Twenty different hands-on activities developed and presented by the Society of Physics students will be on display in conjunction with the FOCUS labs, a UM research laboratory. The Blake Lilly prize, a national award that recognizes outstanding community outreach and physics education, was awarded to the UM student group after last year's Sciencepalooza. The Museum will host hands-on activities and interactive projects exploring many different aspects of physics. Unveil the mystery of magnets, explore gravity and simply have fun with simple machines. This event is free with regular Museum admission, and will take place Saturday, April 7, 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 8, noon-5 p.m. For more information visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

Democrats meet

"Iraq for Sale ... The War Profiteers," a documentary on the waste and fraud in military spending on the war in Iraq, will be sponsored by the 11th Congressional District Democrats at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at the Quality Inn, 30375 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Melanie Goldberg, immigration attorney and member of the Coordinating Council of Detroit Area Peace With Justice Network, will discuss the topic and lead a question-and-answer session following the film. For more information, call (248) 624-4753.

Women remembering Women

A "Women Remembering Women" evening tea is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Best Western Hotel Laurel Park Suites, 16999 S. Laurel Park Drive, in Livonia. The evening is designed for women who have lost mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts, friends or other special women in their lives. The evening includes tea and desserts, a special speaker, educational materials and a special gift. Cost is free. RSVP requested by May 7, but not required. To RSVP or for more information, call (800) 770-9859 and ask for Diana or Sherri.

Golf league

The Livonia Women's Golf League is hoping to expand with 18-hole women golfers. The league plays at Whispering Willows Golf Course on Newburgh just south of 8 Mile Thursday mornings teeing off at 8 a.m. beginning May 3. Cost is \$25 per week, which includes golf and a cart. Non-residents are encouraged to join. For more information, call Kathy, (248) 476-3991.

Tables and Tea

The Ann Arbor Women's Club hosts its 17th-annual "Tables and Tea" event displaying elegant, sometimes whimsical tables settings designed by club members and local retailers. The event is set for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Ave. in Ann Arbor. Tickets are available at the City Club, John Leidy Shops, Georgetown Gifts, Kitchenport and Quinn's Essentials. For more information, call Winifred Schweiger, (734) 434-8521.

Hospice care help sought

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's (VNA) hospice program needs volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life. Volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family or work as office support. A free 18-hour training program is provided; the next training session is April 14, 21 and 28 from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VNA headquarters, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org

Register for St. Genevieve School
St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum, full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

Prostate screening

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a prostate screening and Men's Health Day 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Men can receive a prostate screening, learn about medical and health information and more. Prostate screening Day consists of a blood test for Prostate Specific Antigen, total cholesterol and HDL, a prostate exam by a physician and a blood pressure check. Hospital officials suggest men 40 and older get checked. A \$10 donation to the new St. Mary Mercy Cancer Center is optional. Appointments fill quickly. To register, call (734) 655-8963. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile (at Levan) in Livonia.

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Funding, roadwork needed to restore black neighborhoods

attended the taping of "Bridging the Racial Divide" on the campus of Madonna University. No new ground seems to have been broken and the discussion petered out quickly. It seems as though Livonia and Detroit's futures are joined at the hip.

However, I was able to talk to several people that commented on the article I wrote calling for white people to recognize the suffering slavery is still causing many generations after abolition.

One gentleman asked: "Why do they think it was my fault? I was not even born then." But I would ask: "Wouldn't you, if you were driving your car, and you came upon someone lying in the road obviously having been hit and injured, stop and help them in any way you could?" Would any of us say: "I didn't hit him, why is it my responsibility to help?"

I also talked to my very dear friend and neighbor who will be 90 years old this year. She moved to Detroit in the late '30s just before the war. She got married after the war and she and her husband built a house in Livonia in 1949 which she still lives in. She told me how difficult it was to find decent housing in the city back then.

There was just no room for all the people coming to work in the plants and factories producing war materiel. Every ethnic group had a section or neighborhood they felt was their social, cultural and economic center. The blacks that migrated from the South had the "Black Bottom and Paradise Valley" neighborhoods. These areas ran along what are now I-75 and the downtown spur I-375.

My neighbor told me about the freeway building boom and "urban renewal" that started in the 1950s. I-75 and I-375 wiped out the black ethnic neighborhoods Black Bottom and Paradise Valley. This destroyed the economic center and much of the housing for working blacks in Detroit. But the real problem came after; there was just no place for these people to go. They were scattered across the city and forced to cram many families into old houses.

There were just not enough houses to go around and bitter competition for decent housing ensued between whites and blacks. The small businesses did not survive either. My friend feels that this single event, freeway construction that destroyed blacks' homes and businesses, was the root cause of the '67 riots and a wound that has not healed to this day.

Looking at the map of the city of Detroit one can imagine what it must have been like to see thousands and thousands of homes and businesses demolished to dig these wide and deep ditches. No wonder we have such a sprawl problem and no coherent transit here in the metro area. People were uprooted and forced to build new houses anywhere they could. It must have been especial-

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ly bad for blacks considering the racial tensions at the time. The acres and acres of freeways, service drives and high-speed ramps have consumed, cut up the city horribly, and left her to bleed to death.

These events should fill us with hope. Maybe now that we have identified and named the problem we can look at possible solutions:

Remove and fill in I-375. Build back Paradise Valley and Black Bottom with walkable commerce and housing. With the advent of improved transit on the horizon we can be rid of this gouge in the urban landscape.

Paradise Valley and Black Bottom should be considered economic empowerment zones. Long term tax relief and seed money for business start-ups and housing should be provided.

Remake the Fisher/Chrysler intersection into a high speed through road eliminating the need to exit from one freeway to the other. This may take up somewhat more space but the area to the northwest of the intersection is not viable now.

Raise Jefferson Avenue where it goes under Cobo Hall back to street level. Jefferson would then be open to the sky like all the other streets downtown. Cobo Hall foot traffic can go under Jefferson with the use of pedestrian conveyor belts. This would remove the blockage to development along the Detroit River on Jefferson and Fort Streets.

Raise the Lodge M-10 freeway from under Cobo Hall to street level. Build a new surface level intersection and street from Jefferson out past the casinos. This should be a wide boulevard with plenty of space for high-rise housing, pedestrians, small retail and professional offices.

Real economic and cultural damage was done to black society in Detroit by freeway construction and we can fix this. The region will be stabilized when people can stay in their homes, get to work on efficient transit, send their children to good neighborhood schools, and their children and grandchildren will return to these neighborhoods for generations to come.

Frank Kalinski is a Livonia resident.



Frank Kalinski

Hateful rhetoric won't help ease tensions in Middle East

De-meaning Arabs is becoming a national sport with powerful individuals spouting hateful rhetoric in the press and on national TV.

Thomas Friedman's quote about the Iraqis and the casualties of war was that "If they loved their children as much as they hate us." Imus in the Morning's solution to the Middle East was to drop a nuclear bomb on Mecca, Jeddah and "send a message to Mohamed." And let's not forget Glen Beck's memorable quote "Muslim Americans are apathetic to terrorism."

These words coupled with President Bush's State of the Union Address about how we must fight radical Islam are becoming our anthem for going and continuing the war in Iraq and the dehumanization of an entire Arab-Muslim world.

I'm amazed with the characters explaining Arabs and Muslims to us. No wonder the general public is confused about the Middle East and they are just as confused about our intentions.

In this age of the Internet, these words of hate, simple and willful ignorance not only reaches across the United States but also is downloaded and used as evidence of malicious intentions toward the Middle East. This ignorance and hate toward Muslims and Arabs is not only directed at people in the Middle East. It is becoming the acceptable norm for anyone who is of Arab descent or connected to Islam.

As soon as Congressman Keith Ellis, formerly of Detroit and of Muslim descent, was elected congressman from Minnesota, the same ignorant voices questioned his allegiance to the United States. And now, God forbid, we have Barack "HUSSEIN" Obama running for president. He will now have to defend himself for going to a Muslim school at age 6. One vocal voice on the radio asked where his loyalties would be when we are fighting the war of our lives against Islam.

I wish I could say these are isolated voices and they don't harm the people in the Middle East or us, but harmful rhetoric is harmful to all of us. We do not select our ancestry, but rather are borne into it. What we are and how we conduct ourselves is what defines us.

In the last few years the fanatical and ignorant voices on all sides are influencing not only our thinking but our conduct. We begin with hateful words, then proceed to harmful and vengeful actions. The U.S. has been robbed of its security and we in turn are robbing them of their stability and lives.

We are being spoon fed with fear and Islamophobic garbage and they are being fed with the bitter pill of occupation and colonialism and the results are deadly for both of us.

In weaker moments, I worry that it is too late to bridge the gap between our two societies. Then I look at my family and friends and see Arabs, Jews, Christians, Muslims, Republicans, Democrats, black and white, old, young, immigrants and natives and find hope for a future that embraces peace and harmony for all.

They espouse this belief because they chose knowledge over stereotypes. They accept diversity over ethnocentrism and have the belief that we all are equal regardless of what continent we live in and as such we all deserve to live.

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush asked us to give the war one more chance. It's been four years and I say four years is enough. The blazing guns and powerful force escalated the killing of both sides. We need to stop before we ignite the rest of the region. Stopping however, is not sufficient. We need to examine our conduct and begin to listen, understand and treat the people in that region just like we want to be treated, with dignity and respect. We can embrace the notion of: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." It is after all the ultimate norm of high morality in our culture. We can begin to implement this by stopping the hate rhetoric in the media.

Instead of stereotyping the Middle East and relying on unreliable sources for information about it, why don't we acquire true knowledge of the region and its people. We can begin by learning about the numerous past and current colonialist powers that worked for several generations against the natives in the region.

Instead of demonizing the whole population, we need to learn something about their language and culture. One would think after years of entanglement with the Middle East, we would know the Arabic language just to have the upper hand. As of today, less than 500 people know some Arabic in our intelligent community. What is even more frightening is several members of Congress cannot name half the countries in the Arab League and some don't even know where they are located on a map.

Knowledge and understanding provides limitless possibilities of transforming the Middle East and the world. The choice is ours to make, build generations of enemies with war or build peace, democracy and security.

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Rick Bloom

My husband took an early retirement package and received no buyout money, but he can roll over his 401(k) into an IRA. Should he do so and how should he allocate his funds?

Your husband should directly transfer his 401(k) plan into an IRA. By directly transferring the money he can establish a portfolio that fits your individual situation. When you leave money in the company's 401(k) plan, you are subject to the company's rules and the company's investment options. By directly transferring your money into an IRA, you virtually have an unlimited amount of investment options.

The first issue you need to consider is where you transfer the money. My recommendation is Charles Schwab, Vanguard or TD Waterhouse. At all three companies you can establish a portfolio using a wide variety of investment alternatives. If you choose to use mutual funds, which I think you should, each of these companies offers a wide range of commission-free, low cost mutual funds. In addition, each one of these companies has excellent Web sites to help you establish an investment strategy.

Investors who are closing retirement accounts need to be cautious that they do not fall prey to the financial salespeople who have one agenda and that is to separate you from your hard-earned money.

In choosing how you should invest this money, it is difficult to do without knowing your indi-

vidual goals and objectives. My philosophy is that people should not invest based upon their age, but rather what they are trying to achieve as an investor. In other words, do you need growth from your portfolio or are you investing for current income? If you mail me your goals and objectives, I can then recommend a portfolio for you. All the investments I would recommend would be commission-free.

Many people are taking buyouts and early retirement packages. If you're in that situation, this adage applies, "buyers beware." There are many flim-flam and scam artists that are preying on individuals and that is why it is important that before your rush out and invest your money, that you take your time to make sure that you make the right decision for yourself. Always be aware of potential conflicts of interest and rely on independent information. Don't be afraid to get a second opinion.

I am a new employee at Henry Ford Hospital. Their 403(b) plan only offers Fidelity Freedom Funds or an option to go with Met Life. I contribute the max with catch up as I'm over 50 years of age. I'm looking at retirement in approximately five

years. I consider myself moderately aggressive and would like to know your recommendations. I also have 403(b) money with two previous hospitals. Do you recommend I transfer these to my own individual IRA and if so, are there any tax consequences?

I recommend you transfer the money into an IRA. By directly transferring the money from the 403(b) into the IRA, there are no tax consequences. The money will continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis. The major benefit is that you now have more investment alternatives that are available to you.

In today's world, to be a successful investor you need to increase the number of asset classes in which you invest. A perfect example is the international area. In the past, investors had limited options in this area and for most people the only options were to invest in large company international funds.

In today's world, the options have been expanded to include small company international and emerging markets. My belief is that it is important for all investors to add these asset classes into their portfolios. By expanding the number of asset classes, it allows investors to reduce their risk and at the same time maximize returns. Unfortunately, most retirement plans do not offer small company international or emerging markets in their portfolio and therefore, when you have the opportunity to transfer your money into an

IRA you can expand your portfolio by adding these asset classes into the mix.

As to new money, your two options are Met Life or the Fidelity Freedom Funds. The Fidelity Freedom Fund is basically a fund of funds. These funds are managed based upon your retirement year. The closer you are to retirement, the more fixed-income investments would be in the portfolio. I believe an investor should not invest based only upon when they will retire. To me, the key is to invest based upon your individual situation.

For example, if you are going to retire in five years but you will not need income from your portfolio for 10 or 15 years, to me, you should still be a long-term growth investor. On the other hand, even if you are going to retire in five years but you need income today, then, you should be investing in an income mode. If you choose to use one of the Fidelity Freedom Funds, you should make the determination of when you would need income in retirement. If you do not need income for many years, then you should select one of the long-term funds.

With regards to Met Life, the key is to examine the investment options and the costs involved. Met Life offers many different programs with many different cost structures. If you are offered one of the low-cost Met Life Plans, then probably that would be the alternative to choose. The benefit is that you would have more control of your money to select the different investment options. On the other hand, if you have one of the high-cost plans where you are paying more than 2 percent in administrative fees, one of the Fidelity Freedom Funds is the way to go.

Unfortunately, in many retirement plans it is difficult to determine fees. However, it is worth the effort. When you consider the cost of the funds, the mortality charges (if any) and the administrative fees, it is very difficult for an investor to make money.

I recognize it is difficult to examine fees, if you e-mail me a copy of your plan, I'd be more than happy to tell you whether it is one of the high-cost plans or low-cost plans.

I know I am obsessed with fees. My reason is very simple and that is that fees do matter. Every independent survey I've read always reaches the same conclusion and that is high fees equal low returns to an investor. My goal as an investment adviser is to maximize returns.

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Ignition 14, Blast 7



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Detroit Ignition forward Mike Apple (7) beats Baltimore goalie Sagu with a high, scorching shot with 5:23 left in the first half of Friday night's 14-7 victory over the Blast. Apple's goal gave the Ignition a 7-0 lead.

GREEN DAY

Ignition wear St. Pat's jerseys, wear out defending champions

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Throughout his illustrious professional soccer career, Detroit Ignition defenseman Dreo Callahan has performed a crowd-pleasing series of backflips after each of his goals.

On Friday night against Baltimore, Callahan was flippin' good. The Brighton resident found the net twice

in the first period — the latter a three-point blast from just outside the arc — to ignite the Ignition's 14-7 victory over the Blast in a pivotal Major Indoor Soccer League game played before a sold-out crowd at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The normally red-clad Ignition made a fashion statement when it

PLEASE SEE IGNITION, B4



Detroit's Kyt Selaidopoulos (left) and Jamar Beasley celebrate Selaidopoulos's third-quarter goal Friday night against Baltimore.

Boyd makes the most of limited role

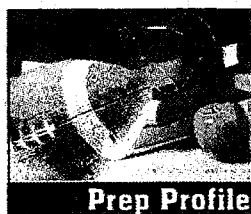
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you judged Nick Boyd's worth to Plymouth's basketball team this past season simply by his statistics, you'd be greatly deceived.

In sharp contrast to the playing time he received (less than five minutes per contest) and the numbers he put up, Boyd's contributions were plentiful thanks to an uplifting attitude and always-play-hard work ethic.

To gauge the senior forward's contributions to the Wildcats, you'd have to look beyond the scorebook and attend one of the team's practices, where he supplied incredible energy and an invaluable spark.

"Nick is a great kid," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "He's a great student and he busted his tail every day in practice and when he got an opportunity to get into the games."



Prep Profile

"Sure, Nick would have liked to get some more minutes for us, but he didn't sulk just because he didn't play a lot. He played hard all the time and was a great influence on the rest of the kids on the team."

SUDDEN IMPACT

Despite the limited minutes he played, Boyd still managed to make an impact on the Wildcats' fortunes in a few games this season.

In a Western Lakes Activities Association consolation-bracket game against Livonia Franklin in late-February, he scored a basket during a rare first-quarter stint that seemed to ignite a Wildcats' run that eventually led to a victory.

"The way I looked at it was that even though I didn't get a lot of playing time, I was still a key player because it takes an entire team to win games," said Boyd. "I tried to be someone who got everyone involved at practice by working hard and making sure everybody was communicating."

LATE BLOOMER

Boyd played volleyball in middle school, but didn't touch a basketball in an organized game until his freshman year at Plymouth.

"My older brother (21-year-old Terrance) was a good basketball player and he used to kick my butt when we played on the driveway," Boyd said, smiling. "But I learned to love the sport by playing against him. I tried out for the team my freshman year at Plymouth and

PLEASE SEE BOYD, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Despite limited playing time, senior Nick Boyd made a major contribution to the Plymouth basketball team this past season.

Sidelines

Madonna hitters win, 3-2

The Madonna University baseball team finished up a successful spring trip to Florida with a 3-2 win over Fisher (Mass.) Saturday, behind the pitching of senior righthander Josh Regits.

The Lake Orion product earned his first victory as a Crusader, pitching 6 2/3 innings and fanning a career high nine.

Senior reliever Mike Hand (North Farmington) closed out the win, which improved MU's record to 8-5. It was his first collegiate save.

Madonna scored three runs in the first three innings after an RBI double by senior outfielder

The Crusaders will now wait until 1 p.m. Tuesday to play their home-opening doubleheader, against Indiana Wesleyan at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia.

Tony Luttmann (Farmington) in the first inning, an RBI single by sophomore infielder Ryan Morrow in the second inning and an RBI sacrifice fly by senior outfielder Manny Alvarado (Southfield) in the third, which proved to be the winning run.

The Falcons (2-1) plated two runs in the seventh inning to chase MU starter Regits from the game before Hand came on to secure the win.

The Crusaders will now wait until 1 p.m. Tuesday to play their home-opening doubleheader, against Indiana Wesleyan at Ilitch Ballpark in Livonia.

Saturday's twinbill with Malone College was postponed due to inclement weather. No makeup date was announced.

Ilitch Ballpark is located adjacent to Livonia Ladywood High School, off Newburgh Road between 1-96 and Five Mile Road.

Hoop honors

Canton seniors Becci Houdek and Ja'nee Morton were recently honored by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan for their accomplishments this past fall.

Houdek, who earned an athletic scholarship from Ferris State University, was named to the 2006-07 BCAM girls Class A All-State 3rd team as well as the association's Academic All-State team. She was also selected to play in the BCAM Class A/B All-Star Game in early August.

Morton was named to the 2006-07 BCAM's Class A All-State honorable mention team after excelling for the Chiefs' the past two seasons.

Hockey honors

Two members of the Plymouth High School boys hockey team received Division 2 All-State honors recently.

Defenseman Jason O'Guinn was named to the D2 All-State second team after leading the Wildcats in scoring this past season. Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets received honorable mention recognition after leading the Wildcats to a 14-8-2 record and WLA Western Division title.

Wings alumni

The Detroit Red Wings alumni team will take the ice against the Oakland County Public Safety All-Stars today at 4:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The Oakland County team will be made up of police officers, fire fighters and employees of radio station WRIF.

There will also be a dinner reception with the former Red Wings after the game for a cost of \$15 per ticket, however, space is limited.

For more information, call (248) 592-2309.

Hoop tryouts

The Northwestern Rocks AAU boys basketball teams will be holding tryouts at 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 29, at Novi Catholic Central High School in Wixom. Tryouts will be held for three age levels: 14-and-under, 16-and-under and 16-and-over.

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Three cheers for the Extreme

The Michigan Extreme Superstars competitive cheer team was crowned class, division and grand champion of its class at the UCA Motorcity Showdown Feb. 24. The Extreme has placed either first or second in all seven competitions it has competed in this season. Pictured are coach Danielle Rickman, Lindsey Macco, Katelyn Sakkinen, Jessica Hasty, Chloe Lawrie, Brook Enciso, Kristin Crowley, Lauren Schizowski, Payton Hall, Hayley Justin, Kelsey Atwater, Deshara Cabay, Katrina Williams, Hailey Barnes, Madison Bruns, Katie Manley, Holly Atkinson, Macayla Lynch and Morgan Pistolesi.

Coach eager for new-look Crusaders to take the field

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Al White doesn't mind tossing out superlatives when discussing his 2007 Madonna University softball team.

The ninth-year head coach insists the current squad is the most-talented and hard-working group he's had the privilege to lead. And even with the graduation of star pitcher Erin Brockert (21-10, 1.95 ERA in 2006) he isn't worried about how competitive the Crusaders can be this spring - starting with an Arizona tournament early this month.

"It's very exciting," said White, actually in his 17th season with the team including eight years as a pitching coach. "It's by far the most outstanding talent we've ever had."

There is only one senior (pitcher Shannon Noder, 6-4 last year) and four juniors: pitcher Liz Ballinger, 5-1 last year; outfielder Heather Richardson of Canton (.315, nine homers), catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood, .294) and first baseman Christina Finch (.321 in an injury-riddled sophomore season).

That core is supported by some young players who could quickly establish themselves and boost the Crusaders right to the top of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings, where they are accustomed to.

"Everybody picked us for third, (but) I really think we're going to right there at number one," emphasized White, whose team went 35-15 last year. "If we can install a never-give-up, never-quit (attitude) into these girls, like we have the last couple years, I think that's going to play a big part into this team's legacy."

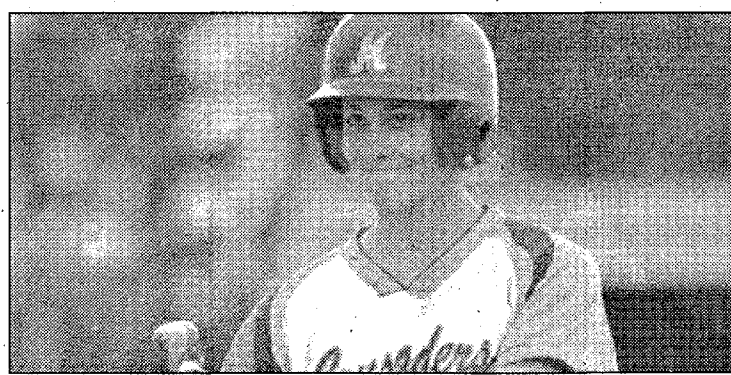
"These are the hardest workers we've ever had. This program is going in the right direction. I'm very excited."

White also thinks the trip to the Tucson Invitational (12 games from Friday through Thursday, March 8) will work wonders for his team, helping it get battle-tested ahead of the WHAC schedule.

The Crusaders then play a number of games in Ohio and Indiana later this month, before the home opener 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31 against Cornerstone.

GOOD TEST

"We're playing California teams the second day and we know they're good," White noted. "They're always playing and they play outside. By us being so young, I think it's going to help us down the road a few years in knowing how to win."



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Heather Richardson of Canton is one of the offensive cogs for the Madonna softball team. She will bat in the middle of the lineup and play right field for head coach Al White.

"It's just like our league. Every game means something and I'm sure these girls will be up to the challenge. Our coaches have worked very hard to get them to this point."

Without Brockert, who also hit .396 last season, Madonna will rely on Noder to "keep us in the games. She's going to have to step up."

The coach also expects Ballinger to throw a lot of innings. But beyond those two, he isn't sure of his staff.

Sophomore Novi product Alyssa Wagner is the number three pitcher, but she is trying to overcome a shoulder injury.

He does know he'll have rock-steady Day behind the plate.

"She knows how to catch," White said. "She caught four years at Ladywood."

Starting at first base will be Finch, who collected five homers and 18 RBI in just 81 at bats in 2006. "She missed half of last year, and we hope she'll be ready to go in Arizona."

The backup catcher is freshman Alyssa Bertrand.

KEYSTONE KUDOS

A strong up-the-middle combo never hurts any team, and that's what the Crusaders seemingly have in sophomore second baseman Danielle Richardson and sophomore shortstop Tedi Johnston (a transfer from Oakland Community College).

Richardson hit just .248 a year ago, but White said she "brings experience as a top-notch travel player with the Computware organization. She's just a great kid, a good hitter."

As for Johnston, White had some more raves to parcel out.

"We've had outstanding shortstops in the 17 years we've had the program," he said. "She's by far the best shortstop we've ever had. She is smooth. She made one play today that I thought would be on ESPN at 6 p.m. She went to her left, got up and threw the runner out by two steps."

Freshman Brittney Scero (Canton) is slated to start at

third base and will provide some power into the leadoff position.

Backing them up in the infield will be slick-fielding freshman shortstop Ashley Bonsall (Livonia Franklin), freshman second baseman Samantha Bell and freshman first baseman Caitlyn Sidor (Livonia Churchill).

The mainstay of the outfield is Heather Richardson, who will play right field and bat third in the order.

"She's my number three hitter," White said. "A little bit of pressure is going to be on her."

Joining her in the outfield will be sophomore Mary Kate Setta in left and Waterford Mott all-stater Hannah Godfrey in center. Godfrey, a sophomore, "brings speed and is very good defensively."

Setta hit .259 in part-time duty, but could break out with much-needed power numbers, White noted.

"Actually, our middle is completely new," he said. "Our shortstop's new, our center fielder's new and our second baseman's new. That's where you have to be strongest, no doubt."

"I think they can handle it. We think we're stronger this year than we were last year. We're very confident in our players up the middle."

Outfield reserves include sophomore Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western) and freshman Rachael Kethe.

White also expects to get some offensive punch out of sophomore Alison Grant, who likely will be designated hitter. Last year, Grant paced Madonna with 45 RBI while batting .377. She is recovering from a knee injury, which might limit any time in the field (she can catch and play first).

"We're definitely looking for power numbers out of her, both at DH and pinch hitting," White said. "We'll throw her in there down in Arizona."

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Clack tries to stir up interest in Fox Hills senior golf league

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Dil Clack knows a thing or two about well-groomed terrain.

He served for two decades as foreman of the ground crew for Garden City Public Schools and also is a lifelong golfer.

With the latter endeavor in mind, the 83-year-old Garden City resident is trying to bring lagging numbers for the Red Fox Golf League up to par.

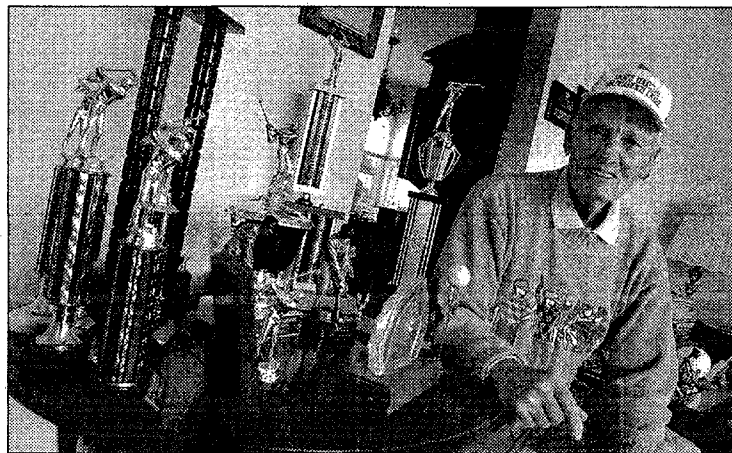
"I don't know if it's due to the economy, or people getting laid off," said Clack, the oldest member of the league he organized in 1977. "But we're dwindling down (in numbers)."

The league tees off every Saturday morning - at 6:49 a.m. - from mid-April until September at Fox Hills Classic Golf Course in Plymouth Township and mostly is comprised of men in their 50s and younger.

But there currently are just 12 golfers signed up for the 2007 season, which begins April 14. That is well below the halcyon days of the late 1980s and early 1990s, when as many as 24 hit the links every week.

"I can add up to 24 golfers this year, too," he said.

Clack still gets a thrill out of being around a golf course, working as a starter at Fox Hills on days when he isn't



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior golfer Dil Clack has been a longtime fixture at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth Township.

breaking out the clubs and shooting in the 70s.

"I want to continue it (golf) until the day I die," he said. "I just love it" and he wants the league to keep going for others who also love the game.

"These guys who want to play, they don't know where to go."

Clack is no stranger to stoking the fire for recreational pursuits, either. From 1957-85 he coached Little League, Babe Ruth, Connie Mack and Class A baseball leagues in Garden City.

Meanwhile, Clack insists that "every penny" of \$200 entry fees return to golfers through trophies and prize

money (for example, \$1,000 goes to the first golfer to score a hole-in-one).

There also is a special golf outing to conclude the season, on September 15.

In addition to the entry fee, each golfer must bring \$34 every Saturday for green fees and if a participant opts to ride a cart must pay an additional \$14.

The Red Fox Golf League is divided into the A-Division (for handicaps up to 20 strokes) and B-Division (for handicaps up to 34 strokes).

For more information, call Clack at (734) 525-4042.

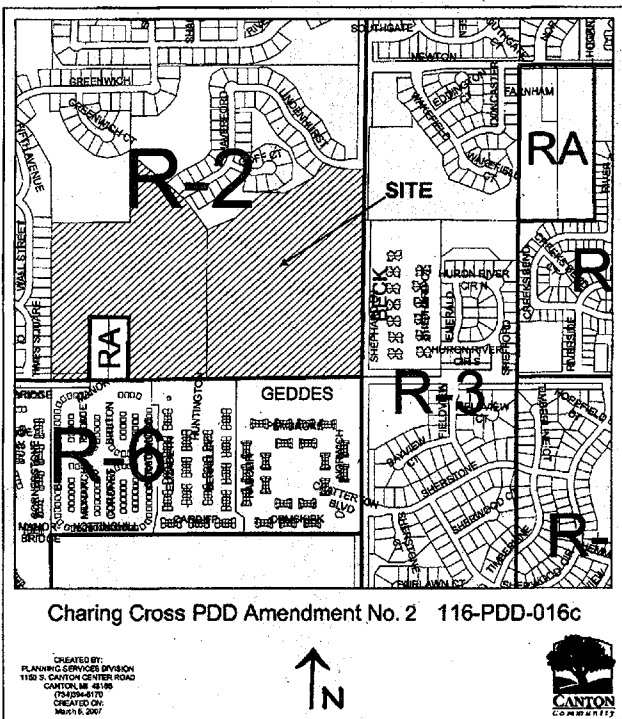
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, April 2, 2007, at the **Cherry Hill Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CHARING CROSS PDD AMENDMENT NO. 2 (OAKWOOD HOSPITAL) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 116 99 0002 710 AND 116 99 0002 711. Property is located north of Geddes and west of Beck Roads.



Charing Cross PDD Amendment No. 2 116-PDD-016c

The purpose of the amendment is to change the area currently designated for multiple-family residential to medical office and hospital use.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Wednesday, March 28, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007 6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2007 commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider:

- a request for a 10 foot variance for a required fifteen foot side yard setback for address 12348 Howland Park Drive, Plymouth, Michigan.
- a request for a 6 foot variance for a required fifteen foot side yard setback for address 12285 Wendover Drive, Plymouth, Michigan.

The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3210.

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Jackson Christian slams door on Spartans' championship dream

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

The free-throw line wasn't very charitable to Redford Covenant, and the Spartans' season ended because of it.

With Jackson Christian senior point guard D. J. Baisden hitting all 14 of his second-half free throws, the Royals nipped Covenant 59-56 in a Class D regional final boys basketball game Thursday night at Hillsdale College.

But the Spartans (21-5) still had a chance for the regional title, roaring back from a 39-28 deficit early in the third and actually taking a 54-53 lead with 2:36 to go on a layup by freshman point guard Carlos Carter (eight points).

Baisden regained a one-point margin for the Royals (25-0) with two free throws. But Carter's all-out defense forced a turnover and senior wing guard Durrell Summers subsequently made two foul shots with just 34 seconds left to put the Spartans back on top, 56-55.

Next came the telltale sequence. Summers (14 points) blocked a shot taken by Baisden and was fouled on the play to set up a 1-and-1 at the other end.

His shot bounced off the rim, and instead of Covenant perhaps the Royals went ahead to stay on a

layup by senior forward Micky Rickerd (eight points).

Again, the major thorn as far as the Spartans were concerned was Baisden. He drew Covenant defenders to him and dished to the wide-open Rickerd.

"It's been happening all year," said Jackson Christian head coach Robert Stanton. "They try to stop him (Baisden) and if they do he finds the guy that's open. The bottom line, D. J. makes things happen when the game's on the line."

Icing the victory was a steal by senior forward Derek Belote and two more Baisden free throws to give him 31 points and 19 of 20 from the charity stripe.

"I didn't imagine that happening," said Summers in the quiet Covenant locker room, talking about his missed free throw. "I think I shot myself in the foot and celebrated a little too early."

Another problem for the Spartans was four quick fouls called against Summers, who sat out virtually the entire third quarter as a result. At least two of the fouls appeared to be questionable and prompted a chorus of loud boos from Covenant fans.

"It's very frustrating," Summers said. "You come out to do the best you can and you're playing against five players and three referees. It's pretty hard, I wish the game could have been called fair but that's just the way it is."



Churchill spikers earn berth in final

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

On the eve of St. Patrick's Day, Livonia Churchill move one step closer to that coveted Pot 'O Gold - the state Class A girls volleyball championship.

And it couldn't have been more fitting that a McKenzie - as in senior setter Kelsey - came up with the match-winning block as the Chargers upended No. 1-ranked East Kentwood in five games, 25-22, 13-25, 25-20, 15-25, 15-12, before a raucous crowd Friday evening at Western Michigan University's Reed Fieldhouse.

Churchill, 55-4-1 overall, earned its first trip to the Class A final since 1991, the year the Chargers won championship. The opponent was North Branch, 74-2-1, which defeated defending state champion Fraser in four games in the other semifinal.

The fifth and deciding game went back and forth with Churchill enjoying leads of 5-3 and 9-7. East Kentwood evened the match at 9-all and pulled to within one, 13-12, on a block by Miss Volleyball, 5-foot-10 senior Lauren Jones.

But hard-hitting 6-2 junior Kyndra Abron nailed a shot to the floor, her team-high 21st kill on the night, and the 5-9 McKenzie kissed the blarney stone, going up on the right side of the net along with Abron for the game-winning block.

The match-clinching point sent the Charger players into a jubilant celebration.

"The fifth game there was no doubt in my mind because we wanted it so bad," said McKenzie, who finished with 36 assist-to-kills. "And what a point to end it on against Miss Volleyball (Lauren Jones). It's the most amazing feeling I've had in my life. I must have jumped 20 feet in the air after that last point."

Churchill captured the first



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Churchill's Lauren Krupsky sends a shot over for a point during Friday's state semifinals win over East Kentwood at Western Michigan University.

and third games, but East Kentwood showed its prowess by jumping out to early leads and dominating the second and fourth games.

In the final game, junior middle hitter Jaclyn Gribeck came up with a key block to put the Chargers up 10-9 after senior libero Kelly Archer made a sprawling save on the back line to break a 7-all deadlock.

"This team won't quit or say no," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "They've willed themselves and they've proved it every step of the way. It's been business as usual with this team all season."

"Defense and ball control deserves the credit. We've always talked about passing and the defense - because if it's not there - we won't get the swings."

Lauren Krupsky, Churchill's top attacker, was slowed all week by a twisted right ankle. She added 11 kills, but it was well below her average. She also made an uncharacteristic 15 hitting errors.

"Lauren (Krupsky) hasn't practiced since Tuesday, the

swelling has dropped down a lot lower," Grenier said. "She's still limited in her lateral movement, but she's a warrior."

Senior Stephanie Bradshaw had a team-high 18 digs, while Archer added 17. And Jordan Kerr chipped in with 10 digs.

Kerr was stunned momentarily in the fifth game when she collided with Archer. The junior defensive specialist, however, refused to go to the bench after suffering a shot just above her right eye.

"I feel O.K. and coach (Grenier) asked me if I was O.K.," Kerr said. "I was pumped up since the beginning - we wanted it. Even when we got down, we just had to keep the energy up and don't get down on ourselves. He (Grenier) told us we deserved to win."

"I can't wait until tomorrow. I'm excited."

Jones had a game-high 23 kills and 16 digs to lead the Falcons, who finished 75-5 overall. Rachel VanderWall and Jessica Brown added 12 and 10 kills, respectively. Megan Rchette led East Kentwood with 21 digs, while

setter Megan Steenhuisen had 48 assists.

"There's not much you can do other than try and limit her," Grenier said of Jones. "And when she gets to the back row, don't give them any free balls."

The Falcons had total of 15 blocks (one solo), to Churchill's 10 (two solo). Kentwood, however, committed 13 service errors to Churchill's 10.

"We faced a buzzsaw," East Kentwood coach Roxanne Steenhuisen said. "Churchill played a great match and we countered with some great things. It was just a matter of a couple breaks here and there. They got to 15 points first in that fifth game and that's all that matters. It wasn't meant to be. In general, they played well and they served tough."

Abrons' presence on the front row made life miserable at times for the Falcons, especially in the third game when she recorded eight kills and one solo block.

"We knew Kyndra and knew where the ball goes, I thought we did good job against her for the most part," Steenhuisen said. "Kim Stewart had five blocks and we were able to touch a lot of balls."

Churchill was able to avenge one of its four losses on the season. In the Temperance Bedford Invitational on Feb. 10, East Kentwood defeated the Chargers convincingly in three games.

"Coach (Grenier) told us we're both great teams and this is a once in a lifetime experience," McKenzie said. "He said we deserved to be here as much as they did, so why not it be us? It was one of the most amazing (pregame) speeches I've ever heard."

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BOYD

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played all four years."

This coming spring will mark Boyd's fourth year on the Plymouth track-and-field team, for which he has competed in the 200- and 400-yard dashes.

"Hopefully, I'll be on the four-by-200 and four-by-400 relays, too," said Boyd. "I'm also going to try to long jump."

"I love track because I like to run and I like the environment that comes with track and field. I like the way my coaches and teammates push me to do better."

WELL-ROUNDED STUDENT

Away from the athletic arenas, Boyd has made a name for himself in the classroom and in the choir room. He's a 3.5 student and a member of two singing contingents: the P-CEP chamber men's choir and the choir at Plymouth's First Baptist church, where he is a member.

"Doing well in school is very important to me," said Boyd. "My parents have always said that if I don't do well in school, there's no sports."

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In the fall, Boyd is aiming toward attending Washtenaw Community College. After two years of study there, he plans on transferring to either Wayne State University or Grand Valley State University.

Wherever he ends up, he'd like to earn a degree in law enforcement.

"My dad is kind of urging me to try to get a career in the FBI," said Boyd. "I think that's where I'm leaning as now."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering spring break camps April 9-13 for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. The four camps offered will be: all-sport, soccer, basketball and craft camp. The instructor-to-child ratio is 1-to-10.

The all-sport camp is offered in full-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or half-day (9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) sessions. The full-day fee is \$45 per day while the half-day camp is \$25. Kids will play several sports, including soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball and dodge ball.

The soccer camp will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for kids 5 to 8 years old; and noon to 2 p.m. for 9 to 12 year olds. The camp is five days long and the fee is \$125 per child. The camp will focus on improving soccer fundamentals.

The basketball camp is offered from 9 a.m. to noon with a fee of \$125 per participant. The camp is designed for beginner and intermediate players who are between the ages of 5 and 12 and interested in developing basic skills.

The craft camp is for children between the ages of 5 and 12 who would like to show off their creative side. There will be a variety of projects offered each day. The fee is \$30 per day, which includes all materials.

Early drop-off is \$5 per day and it starts at 7:45 a.m. Late pick-up is also \$5 per day and ends at 5:15 p.m.

For more information on the spring break camps, call (734) HV-SPORT; or visit www.hvsports.com.

BEACH PARTY

FUND-RAISER

The Plymouth Wildcat Beach Party Fund-raiser to raise funds for the Plymouth High School athletic programs will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, March 24, at the VFW Hall, located at 1055 S. Wayne Road in Westland.

The night will be highlighted by a reverse draw down that will award \$1,000 to the first-

prize winner, \$500 to second and \$250 to third. Last year over \$10,000 in prizes were given away.

Tickets, which cost \$40 a piece, can be purchased at the Plymouth High School Athletic Office.

IGNITION CAMPS

The Detroit Ignition will be hosting a series of summer soccer camps for youth players. The camps, which will be located throughout metropolitan Detroit, will give young players an opportunity to train with Ignition players as well as members of the Major Indoor Soccer League team's staff.

Designed for kids between the ages of 4 and 18, the camp curriculum will offer a broad spectrum of training - from basic soccer introduction for younger players to advanced training for older players who are looking for both a technical and tactical edge.

Camp instruction will be led by Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and team members. Instructors will be subject to camp dates and availability, but they may include Jamar Beasley, Jonathan Greenfield, Doug Rice and Danny Waltman.

For locations and schedules of the camps, visit www.detroitignition.com; or call (888) 436-4625. The camps are sponsored by the Hantz Group and the Henry Ford Medical Group.

REC OFFERINGS

The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be offering adult women's and adult co-ed softball leagues beginning in early May. The entry fee for women's teams is \$445; the co-ed fee is \$410. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

DIESEL TRYOUTS

The Detroit Diesels minor league football team that plays its home games in Livonia will be holding tryouts from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at High Velocity Sports, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

You must be 18 years old or older to try out. The registration fee is \$30.

For more information, call (313) 294-0890.

RUNNING CLUB

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road Runners running organization. All levels are welcome.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Northville's Hillside Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile, and at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays at the Eight Mile Road entrance to Maybury State Park.

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6 miles. For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer.com or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

OLGC FOOTBALL

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2007 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, in the OLGC gym, which is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades. Families that belong to the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James (third-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed. Contact Kevin Suppelsa at ksuppelsa@wowway.com; or (734) 414-8275; or visit www.olgcfotball.net.

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31. There will be two sessions each day - the first from 9 a.m. to noon; and the second from 1-4 p.m.

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WHO'S YOUR TIGER?

Detroit's Hewerton navigates around Baltimore defenseman Rey Martinez during Friday night's 14-7 Ignition victory. Hewerton's fourth-quarter goal extended the Ignition's lead to 11-7.



IGNITION

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came out in green uniforms on the eve of St. Patrick's Day. The first-year franchise then made a major statement in the MISL standings by jumping into first place with a 16-10 record, a half-game better than the defending champion Blast (15-10).

Callahan had a premonition during warm-ups that Friday night may be his night. "When I was practicing before the game I could tell that I was striking the ball well," he said. "I received two great assists and the bounces went my way tonight. I've had other nights when things haven't gone my way. "When I heard we were going to wear the green, I thought it could go either way — either it would bring us good luck or bad luck. Well, it turns out it was good."

Detroit's Jamar Beasley, the MISL's leading goal-scorer entering Friday's contest, was held to just one goal — an empty-netter with 20.5 seconds left.

But it didn't matter thanks to the Ignition's balanced attack that featured five different goal scorers.

"I think our balance has been one of the keys to our success this season," said Ignition coach Mark Pulisic. "We have the league-leading goal scorer in Jamar, but he's not going to get four or five goals every night, so the other guys have got to contribute like they've been doing."

"This was a big win for us coming off a disappointing loss in Chicago (on Sunday). It was important that we right the ship. We've been very successful at home this year. This is a great building to play in with the crowds we get here."

Detroit led 5-0 after the first quarter courtesy of Callahan's heroics. The Ignition padded its cushion just over five minutes before halftime when Mike Apple ripped a left-footed laser past Sagui off an assist from Beasley.

Defenseman Bill Sedgewick made a pair of spectacular plays 17 seconds apart to secure the shutout — at least temporarily.

With two minutes left in the half and Ignition goal-keeper Sanaldo out of position, Sedgewick flashed into the goal crease and redirected a sizzling shot from Baltimore's Machel Milwood. He repeated the feat — only this time from his backside — with 1:43



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Detroit's Jamar Beasley (left) added to his MISL-leading goal total Friday night with an empty-netter in the closing seconds against Baltimore.

to go, much to the delight of the 3,000-plus fans.

"Billy had a great shift," said Pulisic. "He cleared those two balls off the line at a critical time of the game. If they score, it cuts into our lead and gives them a lot of momentum."

The Blast tallied their first points with 41 seconds left in the first half when Milwood scored off a perfectly executed give-and-go pass, cutting the hosts' lead to 7-2.

Detroit regained its seven-point advantage 1:15 into the third quarter when Kyt Selaidopoulos launched a 15-foot rocket past Sagui to make it 9-2. Chile Farias was credited with the assist.

The Blast countered with a serious rally that closed the gap to 9-7 on Denison Cabral (a three-pointer at 11:59 of the third) and Jonathan Steele, who scored off a restart at 13:08 of the third.

The Ignition received some much-needed breathing room with 6:48 to go in the game when Hewerton one-timed a sensational pass

from Farias into the back of the net.

The Blast pulled Sagui with 3:20 left and added a sixth attacker. But it proved to be a moot point on a night when the Ignition defense played liked it had six defenders on the field.

"Over the course of the season, we've matched up very well with Baltimore," said Callahan. "Tonight's game showed that we're an athletic team and they're a little older and more experienced and we gave them fits."

Ignition net-minder Sanaldo improved to 12-9 by stopping 14 shots. The Blast managed just one quality scoring chance in the first quarter.

Detroit bombarded Sagui with 16 shots.

The Ignition will continue its drive for an MISL playoff berth Friday night when it hosts the California Cougars. The opening kick is set for 7:35 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

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DiETING IS NOT 'ALL OR NOTHING'

When you want to lose weight, it's very easy to fall into "all or nothing" thinking. You might think you have to eat a "super strict" diet to make headway or that if you fall off the diet for a day, you've completely blown it. This type of thinking really affects your weight loss efforts.

Rule 1 - Avoid the idea you have to be on a super-strict diet to lose weight. This is not the case. Consider it a lifestyle change and you are getting your calories, portions and emotional eating under control.



Linda Aubuchon

Rule 2 - You have to avoid chocolate or snacks to lose weight. Not so. There are many commercial products to help satisfy those cravings and allow you to stick to your lifestyle change. You can eat snacks and still eat healthy.

Rule 3 - People go on and off diets every holiday or they say 'I'll start my program on Monday. When was the last time you said "I'm going to start my new way of life on Monday." What happens is you binge and set yourself even farther back. An effective diet is not just for the holidays. It's for life!

Rule 4 - Variety is the spice of life. Variety helps keep boredom at bay and allows you to enjoy your new way of eating. Check out www.KraftFoods.com for some great Healthy Living recipes your whole family will enjoy. They also include nutritional data.

Rule 5 - Celebrate small victories and you won't be so easily thwarted. If you choose fat-free cheese over nonfat, that's a victory. Praise yourself for being in control. You are changing your life. Give yourself time to practice.

Rule 6 - Learn to forgive yourself. So you make a mistake. Fess up. Deal with it and move on. Talk to a supportive family member or friend to help you determine what you could have done differently. The all or nothing mentality lets you off the hook. You tell yourself, "I've really blown it, now I don't have to bother anymore." This is not a winning attitude. No matter how far the other direction you go, it's NEVER too late to turn back. You may have made a bad choice today, but you can aim for a better tomorrow.

Rule 7 - Setting weight, nutrition, exercise and behavior goals is important to your long-term success in weight management. Successful people set goals to monitor their progress and motivate themselves to accomplish tasks important to them. Think about the goals you have set for yourself. Who benefits most from these goals? Are you striving to please your spouse, friends, family, or doctor? Maybe your goals were set as a result of someone else's prompting, and not your own ideas.

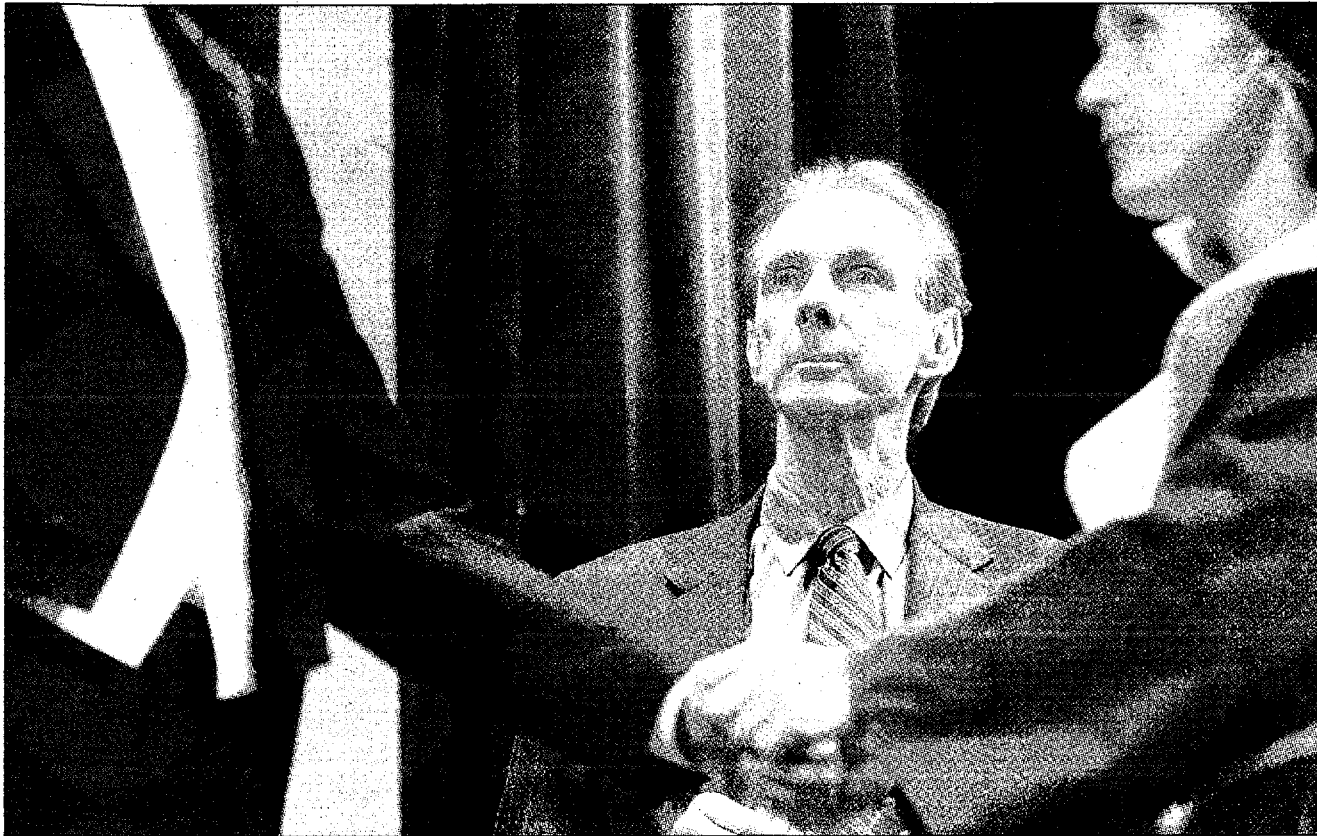
For example, are you consuming fish three times a week because someone told you it was good for you, but you don't really like seafood? Are you running three times a week with your spouse, but you'd really prefer some other form of exercise?

You will only succeed at achieving your weight loss goals if you find meaningful reasons for making changes in your lifestyle. Your goals should give your efforts purpose and meaning and should be designed for you alone.

Be sure the goals you strive for are right for you. Try to determine mini-goals for yourself that are realistic, motivating, and give you a sense of accomplishment. This attitude should increase your chances for success.

Linda Aubuchon is the owner of Diet Center of Canton, a provider of personalized weight loss solutions. She can be reached via e-mail at Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com or by phone at (734) 414-9200.

This is the 50th play James Hartman has directed at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and a very special occasion. The college plans to celebrate by presenting a small token or gift to patrons at six performances of William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, an updated version edited by Hartman over the last two summers.



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Professor James Hartman watches actors Brian Taylor, left, and Brenda Lane, right, rehearse a scene as he directs the Schoolcraft production of 'Measure for Measure.' The production is Hartman's 50th at the college.

Plays go on and on

Professor celebrates 50th production at Schoolcraft College

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

James Hartman expects to develop chills as the lights go down on Friday evening. Every opening night leaves him breathless.

This is the 50th play the professor's directed at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, and a very special occasion. The college plans to celebrate by presenting a small token or gift to patrons at six performances of William Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*, an updated version edited by Hartman over the last two summers. Hartman set the play in the disco era, but the moral dilemma is timeless. When Isabella's brother is sentenced to death, the Duke of Vienna poses a chilling bargain - to surrender her virginity in exchange for Claudio's life.

Curtain times for the Theatre and Drama Department production are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, in the Liberal Arts Theater, and as a dinner theater 6:30 p.m. March 30-31 and April 6-7 on the campus at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia.

Theater-only tickets are \$12, dinner theater tickets are \$24, and available through the campus bookstore at (734) 462-4596.



Brenda Lane as Isabella, left, and Benjamin Karl as Angelo, right, rehearse a scene from Schoolcraft College's production of 'Measure for Measure.'

REACHING MILESTONE

"It's very exciting. I didn't even realize it's 50 shows," said Hartman, who gives a short speech at the dinner theater.

"I wanted to thank the people who made our program successful. Without an audience you don't have a following. There are some people who come for everything we do. I truly from my heart want to thank the public who've come to our plays. I do appreciate it."

Hartman estimates that since he first guest directed at Schoolcraft in 1982, he's worked with about 1,500 cast and technical support members to put on the 50 productions. It's "mind boggling" to him when he counts up the number of theater patrons over the years. Sellout performances happen on a regular basis. More than 52,000 to 53,000 patrons have laughed and

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Pen, paper and prose

Author lets the 'magic' happen in first published novel

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Scribbling madly on loose leaf paper as a story line and images roll through her head like a movie, Katharine Beaman says writing is a magical thing that takes flight almost on its own.

The characters become her closest acquaintances and the places become her home, if only for awhile, in her mind.

The Farmington Hills writer draws on her experiences as a young, free-spir-

ited woman who studied, then dropped out of school in Vienna to travel all around Africa and live in Berlin, Germany, for awhile.

She was a self-described "flower child," who met her husband, Hans Fruechtenicht, in Germany. It was tumultuous time, as the war in Vietnam raged and young people were rising up on college campuses in protest all around the globe.

She married Hans and they had three children,



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Farmington Hills resident Katharine Beaman speaks about her life experiences that inspired her first published novel, "The Translator."

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2. "Step on a Crack," James Patterson/Michael Ledwidge
3. "Innocent in Death," J.D. Robb
4. "Sisters," Danielle Steel
5. "The Watchman," Robert Crais

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1. "In an Instant," Lee and Bob Woodruff
2. "The Audacity of Hope," Barack Obama
3. "Somebody's Gotta Say It," Neal Boortz
4. "A Long Way Gone," Ishmael Beah
5. "Infidel," Ayaan Hirsi Ali

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3. "Not a Box," Antoinette Portis
4. "That's Love," Sam Williams
5. "The Trouble with Tilly Trumble," Lynn Manuel

PROFESSOR

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cried through the shows. Among the productions were Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge*, Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Tenor* and *Moon over Miami*, *On Golden Pond*, *The Odd Couple*, Moliere's *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*, and *Dracula* which was so popular Hartman produced it three times.

AFFECTING LIVES

"It does affect individual lives," said Hartman. "I like to have entertainment and learning or to teach and give them something to think about, if not something to talk about."

"Shakespeare turns a great many people off because they fear they can't understand. I wanted to make it more accessible for today's audiences. I wanted to keep Shakespeare alive. Language has changed over the some 400 years since his time."

Two years after guest directing, Hartman agreed to take on the job part time. By 1987, he was teaching theater full-time and has never taken a sabbatical.

Hartman originally taught at the University of Cincinnati for seven years before taking a leave of absence to work on a doctorate, but he never returned. Afterward, he performed in a road show, commercials and industrial films.

Then Hartman's agent sent him to Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester for a role.

It was while he was there that someone at Schoolcraft called and asked him to guest direct.

"It's been an experience," said Hartman, who's originally from Cincinnati. "I'm a one-person department, but I like it that way because I'm in control. It gives me the freedom to do what I do."

REVISING SHAKESPEARE

Hartman has edited a total of five Shakespearean plays produced at the college. He'll celebrate again later this spring when his first book is published by AuthorHOUSE. Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress encouraged Hartman to write the book and gave Hartman the name and information of a contact at AuthorHOUSE. In addition to Hartman's edited versions of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Titus Andronicus*, *Othello*, and *Measure for Measure*, the book includes the original cast lists and explanations of how Hartman went about editing the plays.

"It's exciting," said Hartman. "I tested the plays by reading them in class and then staging them."

In the book, Hartman also relays anecdotes that occurred during each staging. Over the years, Hartman's had his share of disasters like the time in *Macbeth* when one of the actors required 24 stitches after receiving a gash in his head during a duel in the final scene.

"There's something known as the *Macbeth* curse."

Scholars believe that Shakespeare was dealing with sorcery and ghosts (in the play)," said Hartman. "I don't know if I ever believed it, but told the acting company about it. Through eight to nine weeks of rehearsals nothing happened and then driving to the last performance the thought crossed my mind."

On the lighter side, Hartman recalls the time during Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus* when an artificial hand was cut off and the actors couldn't find it. The hand had become entrapped in the long Elizabethan clothes.

Hartman loves the actors and technicians that make each play a success.

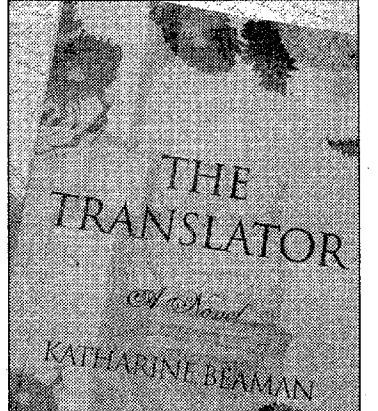
For each production, he draws on students and community members to fill the cast and provide technical support.

"We've had great student success stories with several in California. One was on an episode of *House*, and has done Burger King commercials," said Hartman. "Others have gone on to earn master's degrees and return home to perform at Meadow Brook."

"Three are currently performing at Disney World in Florida. One is playing the part of a prince, and one Wayne State University grad, a female, was a designer at the Moscow Art Theatre. Others are in Chicago doing independent theater work."

"A lot go on to four year schools. Some move right out to California or New York, and some stay around and keep coming back here."

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Katharine Beaman's historic, romantic novel, "The Translator" was derived from pages of hand-written notes.

agents from America, depicting the first post-war year in Germany.

Beaman said the novel, her second work, but first to be published, was a work in progress for four years. She is now writing a novel titled, *A Pause in Love*. She's developing characters and settings and letting her creativity take it from there.

"It's like watching a film," she said. "You're just watching as it unfolds."

Beaman and her family lived in West Bloomfield, before she and her husband recently moved to a condo in Farmington Hills. She has a degree in education and she's an English as a Second Language tutor.

Her novel, *The Translator*, is available online through Amazon (www.amazon.com) Border's (www.bordersbooks.com), Barnes & Noble (www.barnesandnoble.com) and Publish America (www.publishamerica.com).

She's thrilled to be published. "It's very exciting and very gratifying," she said, with a smile.

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AUTHOR

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who are now grown. "There is a feeling of mortality when your children leave (the house)," she said. "My writing has provided a new life."

Writing has always been a therapeutic and creative outlet for Beaman, who is 54. "It's like any art form, it's soothing," she said.

She's proud of her first published novel, *The Translator*, which takes place in post-World War II Germany. The stories from her husband, who grew up in Germany, combined with her mother's experience as a Red Cross volunteer, and her own experiences in Berlin, painted the backdrop and helped Beaman develop the characters for this historic, romantic novel.

The main character, Elizabeth Hedridge, is in a service organization in Germany during the summer of 1945 when she meets and falls in love with Baron Frederich von Hohendorf, a translator, who is married and happens to be a German aristocrat.

Elizabeth becomes pregnant and she hides this from the baron. Life's turns lead her to fall in love with an American GI and they are married. The story jumps 50 years into the future, to 1995, where Elizabeth and her husband had made a life in Chicago. They receive a call that there will be a British 9th Army reunion.

"All of these years, she has kept the identity of her daughter's father to herself," said Beaman.

The baron is there and meets his daughter for the first time. The story includes "cloak and dagger" situations involving a Soviet agent, hidden Nazi weapons factories and secret

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A 40th reunion will be held 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. Seeking January, June and summer graduates from 1967. For information, call Ellen (Neihoff) VanderRoest at (248)684-7705 or email chuckandelvan@comcast.net.

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Class of 1957
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ENGAGEMENTS

Londberg-Keyes

Kristy Marie Londberg and Joshua John Keyes are planning a Saturday, March 8, 2008 wedding at Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church in Westland.

Kristy Londberg is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jackson of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Londberg of Allen Park. She is a graduate of John Glenn High School and the Henry Ford Nursing School. She is employed as a registered nurse at Henry Ford Hospital.

Joshua Keyes is the son of Russ and Cathy Keyes of Westland. He is a graduate of John Glenn High School and Eastern Michigan University and the Henry Ford Nursing School. He is employed as a



registered nurse in the emergency room at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

A reception is planned for Laurel Manor. The couple will make their home in Garden City.

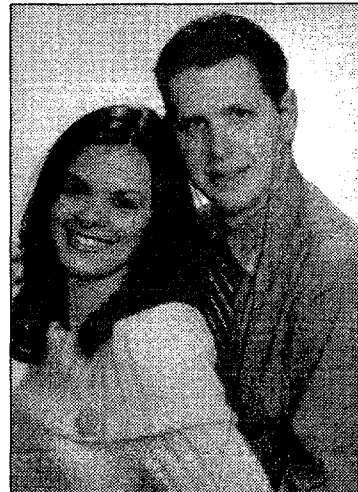
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Patricia and Walter Kornylo of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sheila Marie Kornylo, to Joseph David Ryzyi of Northville.

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Joseph is the son of David and Mary Ryzyi of Northville. He is a 2002 graduate of Catholic Central High School. He received a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University in 2006. He is employed as an administrator at the Infectious Disease Center.

A Nov. 10, 2007, wedding is



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of Northville, passed away on March 9, 2007 at age 58. Survived by wife Margie; mother and father, Dorothy (Swipes) and Joseph Brace; sister Susan Ehrlich; brother Chuck (Jacinda) Brace; son-in-law, Art (Peggy) Caruna. He is a graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic and his office was on Five Mile in Livonia. He was also a honorary Eagle Scout. Service was at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile, Livonia. Donations to Brace nieces and nephews scholarship fund.

In Memory Of

PETER J. FRABOTTA

In Memory of my father who made his transition on December 20, 2006. You will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. May you rest in peace Dad. With love, your son Michael J. Frabotta



MICHAEL J. HEALEY

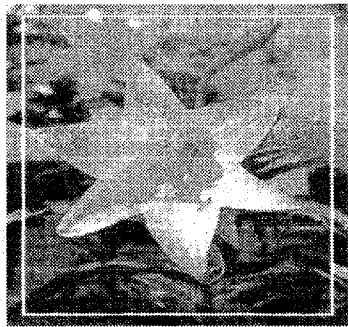
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FLOYD LASSER

A former Olympian and longtime baseball coach, died on March 5, 2007, in Naples, Florida. He was 77 years old. Lasser was born to immigrant parents in Jackson, Michigan, where he was raised. A talented athlete, he played three sports at Jackson High School. He then attended the University of Michigan, where he played varsity baseball, and graduated in 1951. Lasser became a naval officer in 1953, and was stationed in Japan for three years. In 1956, Australia, host of that year's Summer Olympic Games, chose baseball as a demonstration sport. The United States military formed a team. A lefty, Lasser was chosen as the team's first baseman, and he helped the squad go on to win the gold medal. Returning to civilian life shortly thereafter, Lasser worked in the steel and automobile industries in the Detroit area. He spent the last twenty-three years of his professional life at the Ford Motor Company. During this time he formed and coached the Lynch Baseball Club of Birmingham, MI, a Class A amateur team whose ranks saw many former and future major leaguers and college standouts. A perennial powerhouse, the team qualified an unprecedented five times in a row for the AABC Class A World Series, held each year in Battle Creek, Michigan. After retiring from coaching and business, Lasser spent his remaining years in Florida. Lasser is survived by his wife Patti, his children Scott and Kelly, and two grandchildren, Charlie and Allison. Memorial donations may be made to: Alzheimer's Support Network, 660 9th Street N., Naples FL 34102, or Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Ln., Naples FL 34105.



DAVE LITTLE

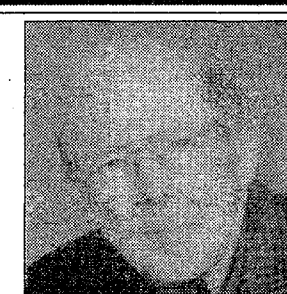
Age 57, of Canton, MI, passed away on Friday, March 9, 2007 at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born on January 5, 1950 in Lackey, Kentucky, a son of Virgil & Gladys (Elswick) Little. On May 6, 1989 he was married to Mary at Mt. Hope Church in Livonia. Prior to his medical leave in 2005, he was employed by Sure-Fit as a professional welder. Dave is survived by his loving wife, Mary (Wild) Little; cherished father of David John, Melissa Little, Michael Neal and his stepchildren, Tammie Ann Todd and Chris Todd. Adored grandfather of David, Jason, Destiny, Derek, Gage and Makailah. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Randall. Funeral services for Mr. Little were held on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the Higginson & Neal Funeral Home in Belleville 734-697-9400 with Pastor Wayne Kurtycz of NorthRidge Church officiating. Interment took place at Knollwood Memorial Park in Canton, MI.



ELSIE PAULINE (TOLONEN) PRECOBB

February 26, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John E. Precobb. Loving mother of Sue A. (Precobb) Rucker and Carol M. (Precobb) Leurck. Grandmother of six and great-grandmother of nine. She was cremated in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (south of Ann Arbor Trail), on Friday, March 23, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers a donation to Hospice of Chattanooga, Inc. would be welcome.

In Memory Of



In Loving Memory BRUCE RICHARD

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Revels-Brandenburg

Ms. Gloria Revels of Newport and Mr. Andrew Revels of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Lynn Revels, to Jeffrey Davis Brandenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brandenburg of Northville.

The bride-elect attended John Glenn High School in Westland, and graduated from the University of Michigan where she studied economics.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and also attended the University of Michigan where he graduated with a

bachelor of arts in liberal studies. Both the bride and groom elect are currently employed by the Lear Corp.

A June wedding is planned.

Sobier-Cherry

Michael and Donna Sobier of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Sobier of Wixom, to David Cherry of Novi.

Melissa is a graduate of Michigan State University and a third grade teacher in South Lyon.

David is the son of Robert and Debbie Cherry of St. Charles, Mich. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and a fourth grade teacher in South Lyon.

A June 23 wedding is



planned at St. Colette Church in Livonia.

Ruf-Malkiewicz

Jim and Tonia Ruf of Atlanta, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Devon Ann Ruf, of Atlanta to Kevin Michael Malkiewicz of Atlanta.

The prospective groom is the son of Ken and Linda Malkiewicz of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a MBA from Kennesaw State. He works for AmericasMart as executive director of Trade Shows and Buyer Relations.

The bride-to-be is a graduate



of Florida State University. She works at AmericasMart as sales manager for Gift Trade Shows.

An August 2007 wedding is planned at the Marist College Chapel in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

BIRTH

Nicholas Charles Hurley, Jr.

Dawn and Nicholas Hurley of Plymouth announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Charles Hurley, Jr., born March 5, 2007, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti.

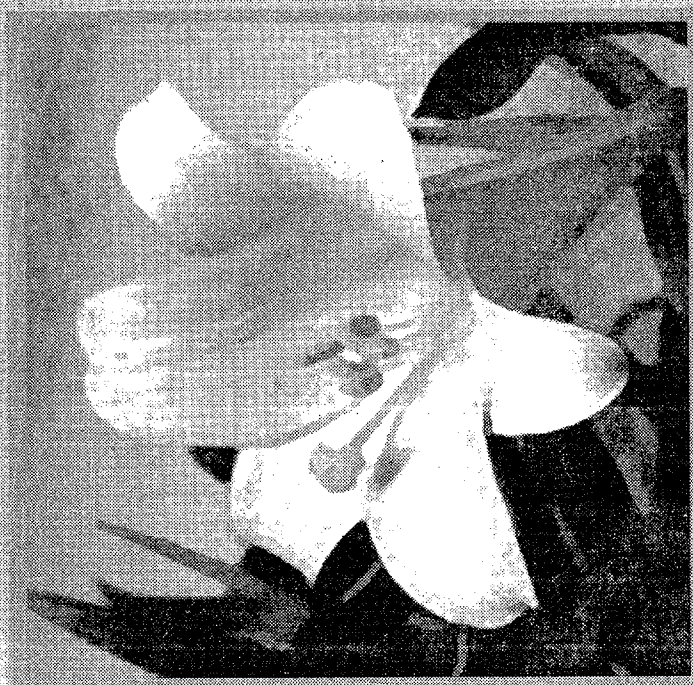
Nicholas weighed in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth.

He was welcomed by grandparents Mary and Michael Hurley and Pam and Douglas Herriman, all of Plymouth; great-grandparents Virginia and Patrick Cavanaugh, Patrick Herriman, Marilyn Korte and



Donald Korte, all also of Plymouth; aunts Kathryn and Elizabeth Hurley of Plymouth and uncle Douglas Herriman Jr., all of Plymouth.

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Seminar teaches online tools for genealogy

The Library of Michigan is offering its annual free genealogy seminar on Saturday, March 31. The half-day series of workshops will focus on researching family history through the Internet.

"We continue to develop new genealogy programs to serve both beginning and experienced genealogists, and to keep up with advances in Internet-based research," said Randy Riley, the library's special collections manager. "In doing so, we hope to empower our patrons to maximize our extensive collection, as well as trusted Web resources, for their family history research."

The Library of Michigan is home to one of the top 10 genealogy collections in the country. It offers electronic resources that make genealogical records and rare research materials more accessible.

The seminar will run from 1-4:30 p.m., at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, in downtown Lansing. Free weekend parking is available at the library's parking lot off

Kalamazoo Street. Registration is recommended because seating is limited. Register online at www.michigan.gov/familyhistory, by e-mail at librarian@michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 373-1300.

"Participants will leave the seminar with a greater awareness of the family history resources available on the Web, including some created by the Library of Michigan, as well as tips and tools to better use these sources for tracking down vital records or learning more about Civil War ancestors," Riley said. Workshops and their scheduled times are:

■ **Using the Library of Michigan Web Site:** Find out more about the resources available on the Library of Michigan Web site and how to use them at home to make the best use of research time when visiting the library. 1-2 p.m.

■ **Online Research with U.S. Census Records:** Discover how to make full use of digitized census records and indexes on the genealogy databases Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest. 1-2 p.m.

■ **Online Tools for Finding Cemetery Sources:** Learn how to use the Michigan Cemetery Sources database, www.michigan.gov/cemeteries, to locate cemeteries, identify useful print transcriptions and locate online burial lists. 2:15-3:15 p.m.

■ **Vital Records Research on the Internet:** Find out which states and counties are putting indexes to birth, marriage and death records online and pick up tips to improve your searches. 2:15-3:15 p.m.

■ **Michigan Genealogy Research on the Internet:** Examine the latest resources and research strategies for Michigan family history researchers interested in more effectively using the Internet. 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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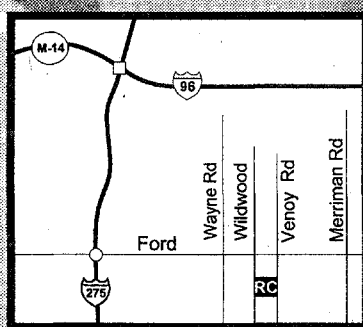
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Parents need a plan to control dangerous disease

Asthma brings three-quarters of a million children into the emergency department every year, which is the last thing anyone wants now that the warm weather and longer days are letting kids play outside more. The American College of Emergency Physicians says getting a good asthma management plan organized before an emergency may help your child stay out of the hospital altogether.

"The good news is that fewer children are dying of asthma; the bad news is that it remains the cause of more hospitalizations than any other childhood disease," said Rita Cydulka, a doctor with MetroHealth Medical Center/Case Western Reserve University. "Spring is an ideal time to put together an asthma management plan, before the real trouble starts with the fall allergy and winter flu seasons."

If you are not sure whether your child has asthma, but he or she has the symptoms of asthma (coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath), talk to your doctor. After a child has been diagnosed with asthma, the parent or guardian and child should meet with a physician to develop a plan for monitoring asthma symptoms (usually a peak flow meter) and for medicating the child when trouble develops.

MEDICATION CAN HELP

Some children with asthma will benefit from two types of medication: one they use daily to prevent asthma attacks ("controller" medications or inhalers), and one they use to relieve symptoms ("rescue" inhalers). Children with asthma should carry a rescue inhaler with them or have one readily available to them at school. It is important that when children develop symptoms, they and their caregivers or teachers know how to administer the medication and do so quickly.

Consistent use of controller medications can prevent many asthma attacks and help children lead a normal, physically active life. How and when medications are used may vary from season to season, depending on what an individual child's triggers are.

Typical triggers include:

- Exercise
- Colds and flu
- Laughing or crying hard
- Allergens from plants, animals, house dust, cockroach droppings or mold
- Irritants such as cold air, chemicals and smoke

Cydulka recommends that you do what you can to limit your child's exposure to his or her asthma triggers. For example, if your child is allergic to furry animals, minimize his or her exposure to them at friends' houses and in the classroom at school. If cold air is a trigger, arrange for your child to exercise indoors during the winter instead of outdoors. If dust is a trigger, replace carpeting with wood, tile or vinyl floor coverings.

FLU SHOTS

Be sure to get your child a flu shot as soon as they are available in the fall. A recent study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed that only 30 percent of children with asthma get the flu shot, even though flu can be fatal for people with asthma.

Even with the best planning, some children will have asthma attacks that require immediate attention from an emergency physician at the emergency department. The following conditions should prompt a call for emergency help (9-1-1 in most areas):

- Symptoms do not improve quickly after the use of rescue inhalers.
 - The child strains to breathe or cannot complete a sentence without pausing for breath.
 - The child's lips or fingernails turn blue.
- Older children (ages 11-17) have the lowest rate of emergency department visits, but the highest rate of death from asthma. It suggests that although they are more independent than younger children in many areas, they still need close monitoring by their parents for signs that their asthma symptoms are worsening and in

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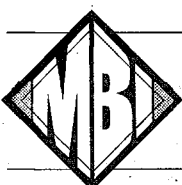


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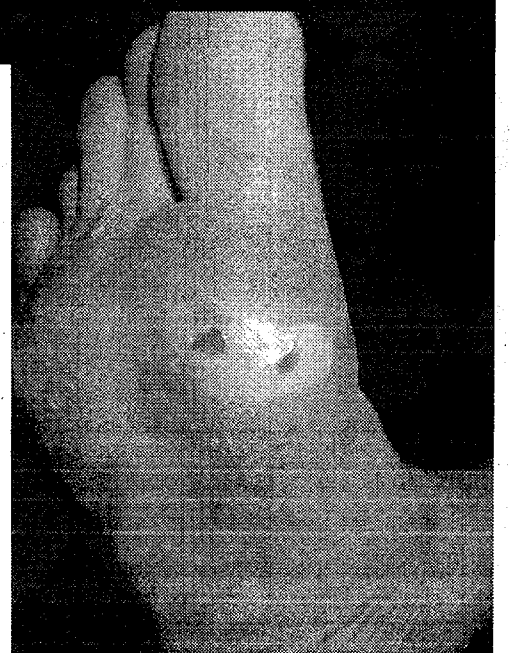
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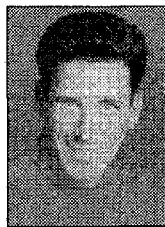
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need of medical attention.

"Emergency physicians want your children to lead fully active, energetic lives without visiting the emergency department," said Cydulka. "However, if your child is in trouble, we will be there to get him or her back in action as quickly as possible."

ACEP is a national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine with more than 25,000 members. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53 chapters representing each state, as well as Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. A Government Services Chapter represents emergency physicians employed by military branches and other government agencies.



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tomatoes! The body is constantly producing the dangerous free radicals. Lycopene is one of the most potent antioxidants around. It binds to the free radicals and renders them harmless! Watermelon is also rich in fiber, but has just a few calories per slice. This in one traditional treat you'll want to make part of your everyday diet!

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Susan, millions of Americans take in way too

Jack from Detroit e-mails asking for diet tips on protecting his prostate.

Jack, in this case indulging in a summer treat can pay big health dividends! It turns out, watermelon can protect your prostate from prostate disease, and that is just for starters! It can also help replenish vital bodily fluids and protect from deadly chemicals called free radicals. That is because watermelon is rich in lycopene — in fact it has more than even

much sodium! Another common mineral can help control the problem, potassium. New research shows that getting enough potassium is vital in a number of ways. One of the most important is in minimizing the risks posed by high sodium intake, a very real danger for every American. Potassium can also help promote healthy bones by guarding against the acid content in animal protein, wheat, rice or barley!

The latest guideline for adults is to get at least 4,700 milligrams of potassium in your diet every day. Most Americans take in 2,700 or less! Potassium intake is especially important for African Americans who tend to be at higher risk for high blood pressure. Some excellent sources include bananas, almonds, lettuce, mushrooms, and spinach! Talk to a nutritionist for the diet plan that is custom made for you!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site, www.peternielsen.com. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

MARCH

Benefit Skate-a-Thon

The Arctic Figure Skating Club in Canton is planning the skate-a-thon 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, March 30, at Arctic Edge Arena, Canton, to benefit club member Natalie Salazar, 13, who was diagnosed with neuroblastoma (cancer) in summer 2006. She has been treated at Children's Hospital and is now investigating stem cell transplant and experimental treatments at the University of Michigan. Donations can be sent to the Natalie Salazar Fund, c/o Arctic Figure Skating Club, 46615 Michigan Ave., Canton. For information, call (734) 420-1207 or (248) 891-6256.

Bioidentical hormone replacement

And Anti-Aging Medicine seminar conducted by Pamela Smith, MD, 7 p.m. Monday, March 19, at Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois. No charge. For reservations, call (248) 267-5002.

Depression conference

The fifth annual Depression on College Campuses Conference takes place March 19-20, at University of Michigan. Registration free for students, all others \$115. To register, visit www.med.umich.edu/depression/docc, send e-mail to meyerpa@umich.edu or call (734) 763-7495.

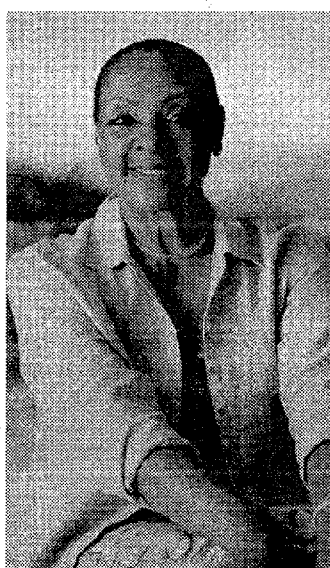
Power lunch

Madonna University hosts a Power Lunch featuring a lecture about eating "brain foods" to enhance mental focus, increase energy and reduce stress 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the university's center, 14221 Levan, Livonia. Speaker is Sandy Baumann, biochemist and author of Feed Yourself for Energy. She offers strategies for enhancing memory, improving sleep habits, reducing stress and boosting your ability to learn new tasks. Cost \$15. For reservations, call (734) 432-5804.

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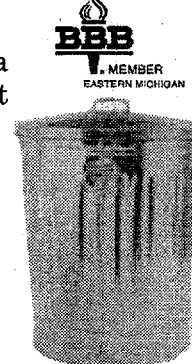
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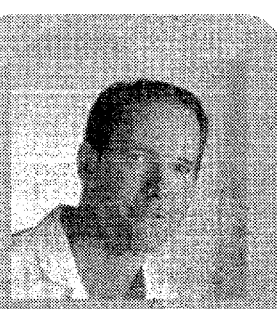
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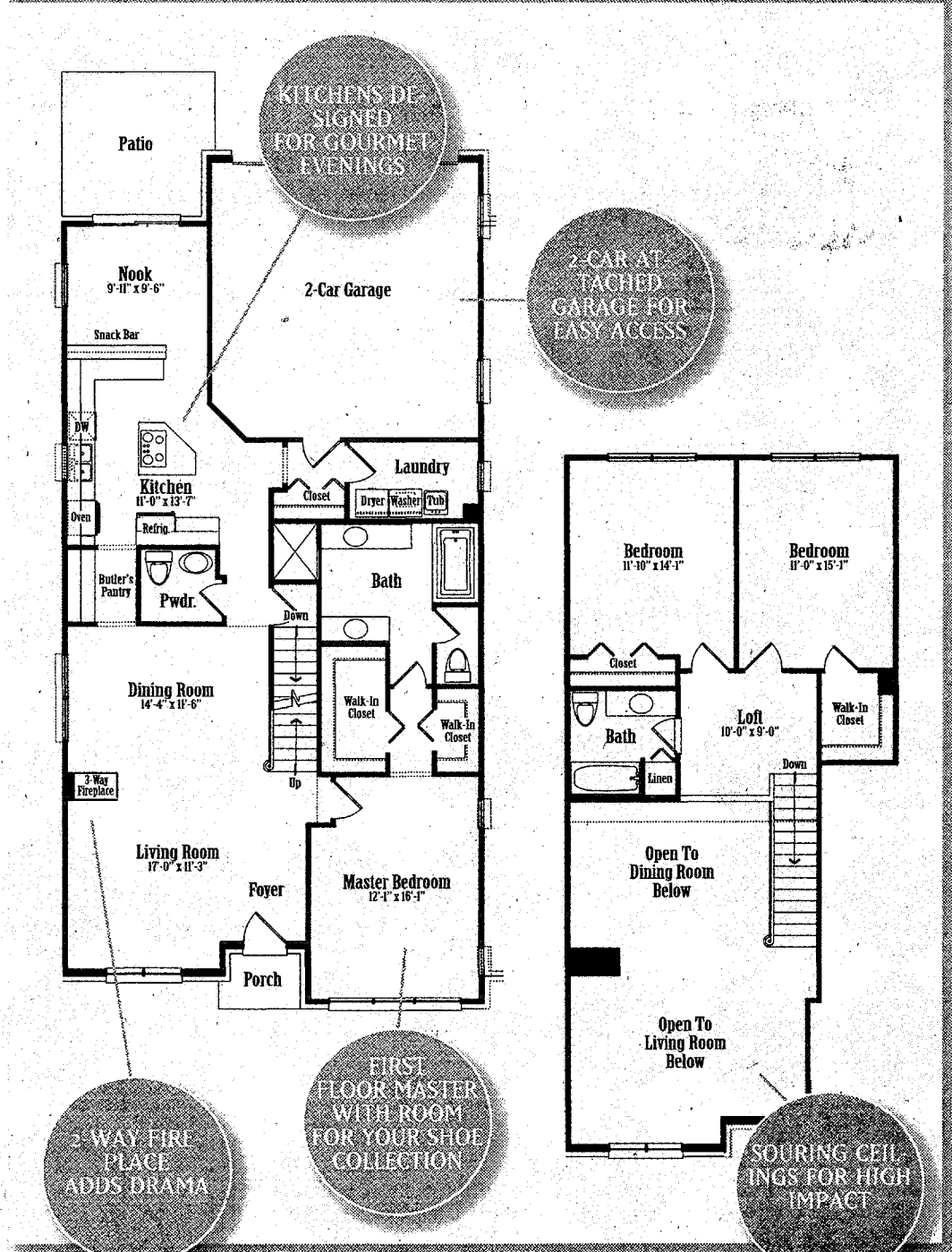
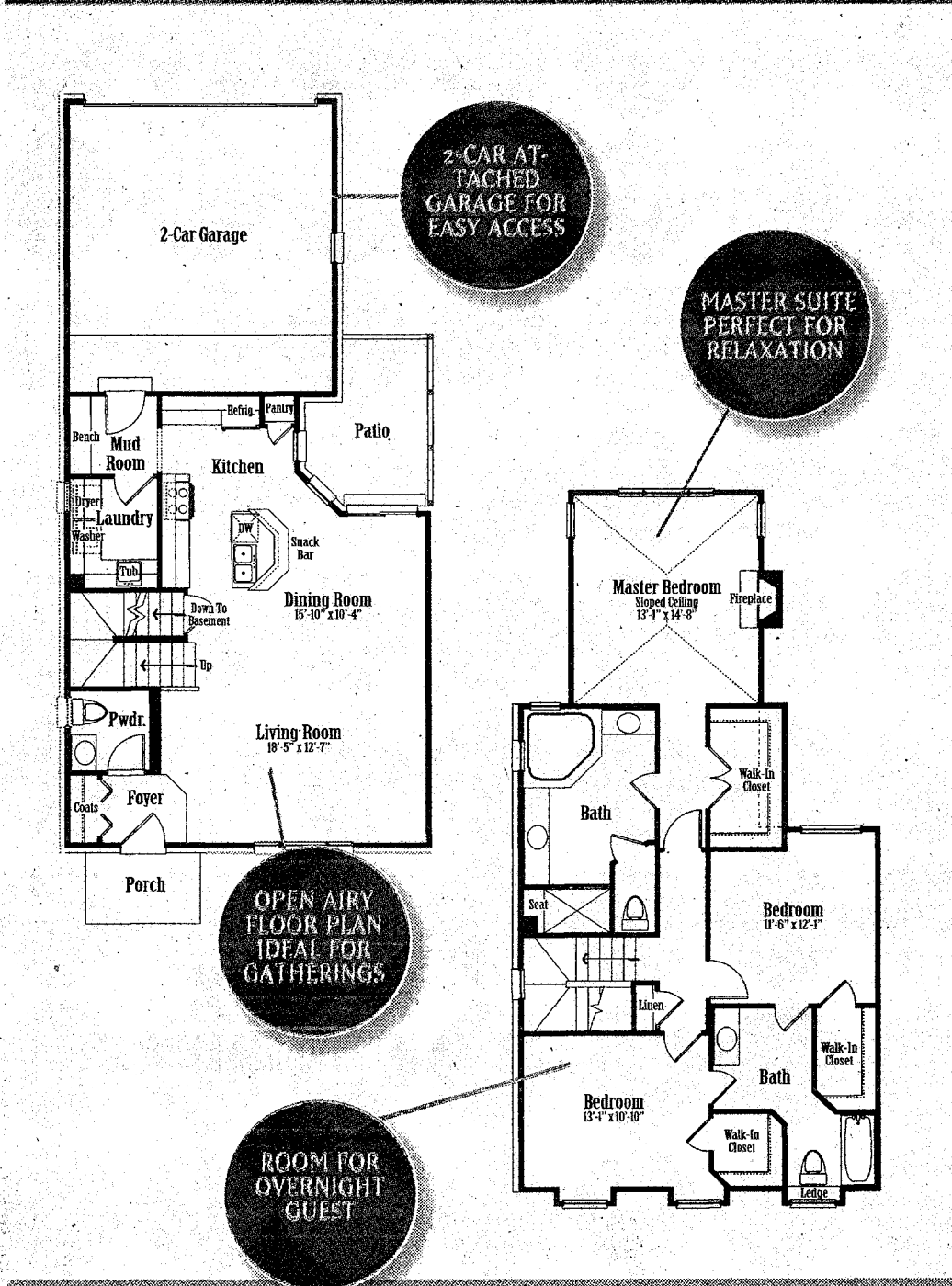
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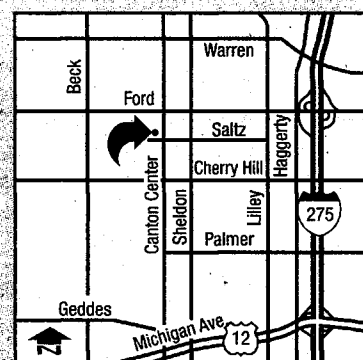
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