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Bird Elementary kindergarten students of teacher Kim Harrigan sing and dance to 'Chicka Chicka Boom Boom' during a Grandparents' Day celebration Thursday.

In 'grand' style

Bird students celebrate their grandparents

BY BRAD KADRICH

When Kim Harrigan's kindergarten class at Bird Elementary was putting together the program for Grandparents Celebration Day, kindergartener Amelia Joss wrote, "My grandparents are special because they are Polish and we enjoy eating pierogies together."

There weren't any pierogies, but there were plenty of cookies and juice as Amelia, a 6year-old from Plymouth, and 24 of her classmates joined together Thursday to celebrate the impact of their grandparents on their lives.

The youngsters performed a skit, singing and dancing to Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, then posing for pictures and enjoying snacks with their grandparents.

It's the fourth year Harrigan has had her class perform the celebration. "I just wanted the children to appreciate their grandparents in their lives," said

Harrigan, whose own grandparents were in the audience. "I think we can learn a lot from them by listening to their stories and loving them up." Amelia said she enjoyed performing for her grandparents.

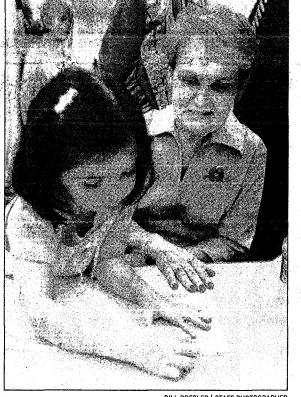
"My grandparents are a big part of my family," Amelia said. "I had fun celebrating for them."

Amelia's grandparents, Jerry and Carol Sales, and her great-grandmother, Estelle Orlowsky, were understandably proud of their granddaughter.

"It was very professional for being 5-year-olds," Jerry Sales said with a smile. "I'm very

proud of the whole group."

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Five-year-old Moira Cumming reads to her grandmother Kathleen Curtin, who caught an early morning flight from her home in Washington D.C. to be with her grandaughter on this special day.

Township, city sign cable pact

Officials feel law forces them into AT&T agreement

Cable television viewers in the Plymouth area are about to get a third choice in cable providers and, while that may be good for customers, local official aren't the least bit happy about it.

Both the Plymouth City Commission and Plymout Township Board of Trustees this week approved franchise agreements allowing AT&T to begin providing video service in the community. And while AT&T i mum about the company's actual plans, company officials said this week the Plymouth area is a target.

"We're not getting into specific information as to where we have applied for competitive reasons," AT&T spokesman Joe Steele said. "The service is not available in Michigan just yet, so it's fair to say these communities will be among the first."

AT&T is moving quickly to take advantage of a state law, Public Act 480, adopted by the state Legislature at the end of 2006 which provides cable providers the chance to service any community under a uniform franchise agreement.

The agreement is a boiler-plate contract proscribed by the act and, local officials complain, takes many controls out of the hands of local municipalities. Among the many effects officials say the law has are scaling back community-, school- and public-access television; removing the authority of local communities to manage public rights of way; and creating negative revenue impacts.

The act also allows current franchise holders (Comcast and WOW in the Plymouths) to terminate their existing agreements and re-file using the mandated agreement.

"The Legislature is tying your hands," Plymouth Township Trustee Steve Mann said. "The way the law is written, you have no option but to approve the agreement (because) if you don't, it goes into effect anyway. (Act 480) took what is typically a comprehensive franchise agreement and whittled it down to an eight-page agreement.

PLEASE SEE CABLE, A2

Challengers have own ideas for school board challenges

Challenger cites district experience

BY TONY BRUSCATO

With her background as co-chair of the last three Plymouth-Canton Schools bond issues and president of the Plymouth-Canton Community School Council, Nancy Eggenberger believes she has what it takes to make an impact as a member of the Board of

The Canton Township parent of three students is one of six candidates vying for the two, four-year seats on the board in the May 8 elec-

"I have a background in education, and I



Eggenberger of, budget cuts and selection of

will be happening need someone who understands what happens in the classroom," said Eggenberger, a former middle school teacher. "There are two issues that will be happening in the school district in the next few years that I'd like to be part

think a lot of the issues that

a new superintendent. "There are a lot of cuts that need to be made, but unfortunately, I'm not sure some of those

PLEASE SEE EGGENBERGER, A5

Concessions, privatization are options

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Kurt Heise may be new to the Plymouth-Canton school district, but he sees that as an advantage as a candidate vying for one of two, four-year seats on the Board of Education in the May 8 election.

"My greatest asset is my educational background, my 15 years of government experience and my expertise as a labor attorney who has negotiated 25-30 contracts," said Heise of Plymouth Township, who is director of Wayne County's Department of Environment. "My budget at the Department of Environment is



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million more than the school district's budget. When you're dealing with that kind of budget, the similarities are there." Heise moved into the district last fall, with his two children

\$153 million, which is about a

attending Isbister as of January. "I don't come with an ax to grind, a pet project I'm trying to

preserve, or a certain constituency that I'm trying to appeal to," Heise said. "The next four years for this school district are going to be bru-

PLEASE SEE HEISE, A5

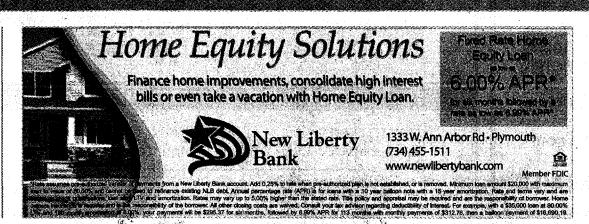
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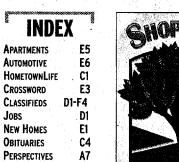


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Pink slips expected for 70 teachers

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan is expected to recommend the layoffs of 70 teachers and two school nurses at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

Teachers have to be notified by the end of April if they will be laid off, and Ryan said the huge number will give the district flexibility in determining the final number of educators who will ultimately lose their jobs.

Ryan has recommended nearly 40 full-time teaching

positions, with salaries and benefits totaling nearly \$2.4 million, be eliminated as part of his plan to trim \$5.5 million from the 2007-08 budget.

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"It will be the biggest number from my five years," Ryan said. The difference is before we've always called them all back."

Previously, the highest number of layoffs recommended by Ryan has been 23 teachers in the 2003-04 school year. However, all of those teachers were recalled, with an additional 53 teachers hired to deal with increased enrollment.

"There are some brand new

teachers who won't get laid off because they have special certifications, like those who teach the autistically impaired or are speech pathologists," Ryan said. "That will start the bumping process.

"We'll also have to take into account people who will take or are coming back from leaves of absences, part-time teachers who have the right to become full time and how many will retire," he added.

The district has until June 15 to call back teachers, or they will be eligible for unemployment.

"The union will be meeting with all the teachers concerned

said Canton police Detective

The jury of six men and six

women deliberated for less than

an hour on Wednesday and for

could've found Adams guilty of

a lesser charge of second-degree

Court Judge Thomas E. Jackson.

Armstrong, the youngest of

Earnhardt, barbecues and pho-

"He would've done anything

five siblings, was described by

his family as a jokester who

for anybody," said his sister,

fiercely protective of his two

young children, Ashley and

Kyle. "He was never serious

unless it came to those kids.

You were on his hit list if you

Armstrong's bloody corpse

The prosecution said Adams

was discovered by his kids.

saw Armstrong walking the

Suzy Melfi, adding that he was

loved NASCAR, Dale

tography.

hurt his kids."

murder. He is scheduled to be

The trial, which began

Monday, was before Circuit

several hours on Thursday. They

Kenneth Robinson.

sentenced May 10.

sometime next week," said Chuck Portelli, president of the 1,100-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association. "We'll walk them through the process, and if they are still there after June 15, we will assist them in applying for unemployment."

Portelli said the P-CEA has suggested to the district it offer a buyout as an incentive for teachers with the most seniority, and at the high end of the pay scale, to retire.

"If you were to get 20 teachers at the high end of the pay scale to retire, that would pay for the 40 positions at the bottom." Portelli said.

night of the

murder and

offered him a

ride in his rent-

ed vehicle. The

two men ended

Armstrong's

trailer. After

having sex,

up at

Adams struck Armstrong, who

was wearing pantyhose and a

skirt, twice in the back of his

head with Armstrong's Dale

Earnhardt-themed flashlight.

Defense attorney Charlotte

Steffen-Ramirez said her client

was intimate with the victim

home when Armstrong passed

out from drinking. She suggest-

ed that Armstrong's brother-in-

Ypsilanti, killed him because he

disapproved of his cross-dress-

ing and homosexual lifestyle.

estranged from Duff's sister

Their two children now live

with her in Mississippi.

several years before his death.

During the trial, the prose-

Armstrong had been

law, Dennis Edward Duff of

but says he left the mobile

GONE AND BACK AGAIN

cution called a 21-year-old

a Livonia hotel in February

2006. The prosecution also

brought forth a former girl-

he told her of the homicide.

Adams' fingerprints on the

stand, offered a statement to

October 2006 in Las Vegas.

Admitting he was high on

In his defense, Steffen-

Ramirez called a fingerprint

expert that testified that two

other fingerprints and a palm

print were on the flashlight. She

also called Duff, 33, as a witness.

tial suspect in the murder and

killed Armstrong, but admitted

denied telling anyone he had

they weren't friends and had

"I didn't love the guy," he

physical altercations.

Duff of Ypsilanti was the ini-

police when he was arrested in

ecstasy and marijuana the night

of the murder, Adams told offi-

cers certain details were "foggy."

bloody flashlight.

friend of Adams who testified

Investigators said they found

Adams, who did not take the

Canton man who testified that

Adams raped and beat him in

Here's a look at the teacher hiring practices in the Plymouth-Canton School District over the last few years:

		Laid	Brought	New	
Year		Off	Back	Hires	
2002-03	17	18	18	45	
2003-04	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	23	23	53	
2004-05		8	8	66	
2005-06		9	9	121*	
2006-07		100	?	50	

*Some 80 teachers took early retirement buyouts, and additional teachers were hired to cover increased enrollment

Jury convicts Adams in murder, police say justice done

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

Andre Marcel Adams has been convicted of first-degree murder in the April 15, 2006, death of Robert Lee

A Wayne County Circuit Court jury found the 34-yearold Ypsilanti man guilty Thursday of killing Armstrong, 46, at his College Park mobile home with a flashlight after having sex with him.

When the verdict was read, Adams sat emotionless while Armstrong's family held hands and cried.

"I think justice was served,"

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"In addition to that, it threatens the existing franchises you have in place," Mann added. 'Under the new law, existing franchise holders have a right to negotiate a new franchise. That flies in the face of the constitutional prohibition against impairment of contracts."

Many local officials claim AT&T basically "bought" the tlparks@hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700

said, and added that he last

pretty good man."

Michael Almond.

saw Armstrong in late 2005. "But in all fairness, Bob was a

When Duff was arrested by

police the day after the murder

he was jailed with Ypsilanti

resident Sean Almond, 23,

appeared to be "bragging"

about Armstrong's death.

During his testimony,

Armstrong hated both his

Coincidentally, Almond is

the son of Armstrong's friend,

Michael Almond, 45, said that

estranged wife and Duff, and

didn't want them at his home.

In her closing argument,

Duff saw Adams leaving the

went inside to confront him

and ended up killing him.

was no evidence that Duff

killed Armstrong and that

izing men.

Steffen-Ramirez theorized that

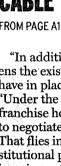
mobile home, became enraged,

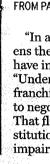
The prosecution said there

Adams had a pattern of victim-

who testified that Duff

competitors to enter the marketplace.





new law by throwing a ton of lobbying money around Lansing. AT&T officials say the company merely sought equal competitive footing. Many communities — Bright House is the only franchise in Livonia and Farmington Hills, for instance — have only one cable franchise.

Steele said AT&T's intent was simply to make it easier for

"There aren't many communities that had the choice; the majoritiy of communities only have one provider from which to choose," Steele said. "This legislation simply streamlined the process. Instead of having to negotiate with each municipality, this way everyone's playing by the same rules."

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The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts a free breakfast at the Plymouth Cultural Center 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 26.

A short presentation on Senior Independents, Assisted and Memory Care will be given to participants following breakfast to share with their friends and family who are searching for options for their loved ones.

The breakfast menu will include assorted Quiche, fresh fruit, muffins, juice, coffee and tea. RSVPs should be made to (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

'Singsation' concert

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Choirs present their annual spring concert, "Singsation," 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, in the Salem High School auditorium located at 46181 Joy in Canton.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$4 each from the PCEP Choir Office (Room 1603 at Salem) or may be purchased at the door for \$5 each.

"Singsation" will feature the PCEP Choirs, under the direction of Jennifer L. Kopp. The PCEP Choirs include 6 choirs comprised of over 200 students in grades 9-12 from Plymouth, Canton, and Salem High Schools.

The concert will feature a wide variety of choral selections including classic works by Robert DeCormier, John Rutter, Randall Thompson, Eric Whitacre, and Moses Hogan. Lighter selections include music from the musicals "Wicked" and "Beauty and the Beast". The concert will also feature a salute to the over 30 graduating senior members of the PCEP Choirs.

For more information call (734) 416-7765 during regular school hours or visit the PCEP Choirs Web site at www.pcep-choirs.org

Preservation network

The Plymouth Preservation Network welcomes Amy Arnold of Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office to its April 25 meeting at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main.

Arnold will give a presentation about historic districts.
The event, which runs 7-8:30 p.m., is free and open to the

public.

The group is also sponsoring a walking tour of the Baptist Cemetery Walk (at the end of Pearl in Old Village), with a rain date of May 12. Cost is \$10 per person, with a 25-person limit. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's Web site, www.plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours html

For more information, call Wendy Harless, (734) 451-9824 or go to the group's Web site at www.plymouthprservation.org

Benefit recital

St. John's Episcopal Church hostst a benefit recital featuring an evening of sacred songs, Spirituals and more 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 27. The recital is presented by music intern, Rhea Olivaccé, who is studying vocal music at the University of Michigan.

All are invited to a reception immediately following the program.

This recital is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be available to support Olivaccé's participation in the Operaworks Summer Intensive Program

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth, just south of Ann Arbor Trail on the west side of the street.

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Powell Road just east of Ridge
Road in Plymouth Township.

For more information about the woods and its location, check the group's Web site at www.millerwoods.com

Shred day

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce presents the third Community Shred Day, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the parking lot of New Liberty Bank, located at 1333 W. Ann Arbor Road

Arbor Road.
Plymouth residents may



Arts friendly

Plymouth Canton Symphony Society executive director Jennifer Philpot-Munson of Plymouth, along with Brian West, President and Chief Creative Officer of The Concept Factory in Plymouth, showed their support for the arts at a Wednesday rally on the Capitol steps in Lansing. Several hundred people gathered to show dissatisfaction with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's executive order declaring a moratorium on state grant expenditures. The Symphony Society will lose \$7,300 in state funding. The Plymouth Community Arts Council, which was represented at the rally by Executive Director Paula Gangopadhyay, lost \$10,000 in state arts grant money.

bring any paper products to the New Liberty Bank parking lot and watch as they are shredded. All residents are asked to limit their items to one or two boxes, and remove all large clips. Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed. Assistance will be available for those who need help.

The Community Shred Day is sponsored by GEM Asset Management, Maximum Financial and UBS Financial Services, Inc.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Farmer's market

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will once again bring the Plymouth Farmer's Market to downtown Plymouth.

The 2007 market opens 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and will continue to be held every Saturday morning through October 27 in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park. The Farmer's Market is closed on Saturday, July 14 for Art in the Park and Saturday, Sept. 8 for the Plymouth Community Fall Festival.

This year's market will again feature a variety of fresh produce, baked goods, flowers, vegetables, plants, fresh herbs, dried flowers, as well as garden crafts, doll clothing and other handmade items.

Spaces are still available for the 2007 market. All products must be grown, or made, by the seller, and are subject to approval by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. Those interested in reserving a space, or for more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

New Morning School

New Morning School joins more than 25 independent and private schools from across the state to celebrate the arts in a big way by showcasing students' art during exhibits at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, the Southfield Public Library, and the Kerrytown District Association in downtown Ann Arbor.

For the second straight year, New Morning School comes together with independent and private schools throughout Michigan to highlight student works in an effort coordinated by the Association of Independent Michigan Schools (AIMS). AIMS is a non-profit organization of preprimary, elementary, and secondary schools whose purpose is to support and advance independent education in Michigan.

Last year's project centered on literacy, while this year's initiative is focused on the arts. One New Morning School student in each grade has a piece of artwork showcased in this year's exhibit. Mediums include tempura paint, Japanese calligraphy, metal

tooling, and woodblock prints.

The exhibits at Cranbrook and the Southfield Public Library take place through May 30. The installations will be featured at the Kerrytown, Ann Arbor exhibit May 2-30. For a full list of show locations, dates and times visit the AIMS website at www.aims-mi.org

Writing class

Freelance writer Bobbie Jones, a regular contributor to the Observer, will share her publishing and writing secrets with the public during a class at the Canton Public Library.

"The Seven Secrets of Getting Published" will be held 7 p.m. at the Canton Public

Contact the Canton Public Library for registration information at (734) 397-0999.

Networking group

The Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors has added another beneficial offering — the Plymouth Newcomers Business Networking Group.

This new interest group is a monthly gathering of Newcomers members who are also local business owners who come together to network and share business ideas. The person-to-person networking allows group members to quickly and easily get their name out there, without a lot of legwork or advertising costs.

"Plymouth Newcomers has a variety of wonderful interest groups, such as scrapbooking, playgroups and Euchre," says interest group leader Chrissy Detary. "We were finding that there were several home-based and independent business owners chatting with one another at these meetings. We decided to pull those folks together under one umbrella, and so far it's been a great success. Our goals are to increase sales, share business tips, give advice, discuss current business issues and form lasting relationships with neighbors in the community. It's a great

extension of the Plymouth Newcomers organization."

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members of Plymouth
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more information on joining,
contact membership chair
Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840
or janetplusrobert@aol.com.
For more information about
the Plymouth Newcomers
Business Networking Group,
contact group leader Chrissy
Detary at (734) 454-4321 or
cldetary@hotmail.com.

ARTFeast walk

The third annual Plymouth ARTFeast, a gallery walk in downtown Plymouth as well as at a number of off-site locations, is set for Friday and Saturday, May 18-19 with more than 30 participating locations in and around Plymouth.

ARTFeast hours are 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 18, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Locations include Andy's Hallmark, bella mia, Brass & Iron Beds, Creatopia Paint-it-Yourself Pottery, Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth, Edible Arrangements, Frameworks, Gabriala's, Georgia's Gift Gallery, Gigi's Mode, Hands on Leather, House of Fudge, Jill Andra Young Photography, Kites and Things, Linden Art Glass, Lotus Arts Gallery, Lynn's Corner Store, Magnolia's, Mia Bella, Michigan Made & More, Muriel's Doll House, Native West, Nature's Choice, Parkside Gallery, Penniman Gallery, Plymouth Community Arts Council, The Book Cellar & Café, The Glassworks, Three Dog Bakery, TranquiliTea, Village Potter's Guild, Village Shopkeeper, Plymouth Coffee Bean Company.

Artists will be present on Friday during the gala openings, with some artists present on Saturday, as well. Featured Art will include pottery, paintings, sculpture, glasswork, mixed media, fiber works, jewelry and many surprise art finds. During the Friday evening gala, a trolley will deliver patrons to the outer areas not within walking distance of downtown. Local Musicians will be performing in the open air, and other activities include Sidewalk Chalk Murals, face paintings and balloon art.



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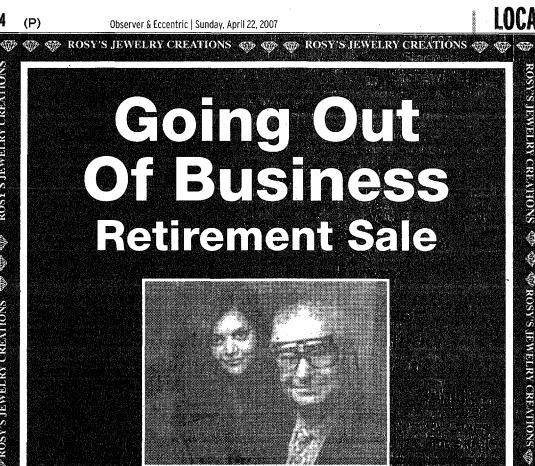
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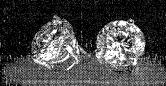


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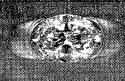


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Environmentalists favor faster renewables plan

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Michigan environmental groups are rallying behind a state Senate bill that would require that 20 percent of electrical power generation come from renewable sources by 2020. They are also pushing for greater funding to support more efficient energy use.

Senate Bill 385, introduced by Sen. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) and co-sponsored by the 16 Senate Democrats, would establish a more accelerated renewable energy portfolio standard than proposed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

The RPS would require that electricity providers generate or acquire electricity from renewable energy sources at increasing rates beginning at 7 percent by the end of 2009, 13 percent by 2015 and 20 percent by 2020. Renewable energy sources include wind, solar, hydroelectric and biomass. The bill requires at least 5 percent of the renewable energy come from solar.

Hugh McDiarmid Jr., spokesman for the Michigan Environmental Council, said that the proposal makes sense for the environment and the economy. The Michigan Environmental Council is a coalition of 75 environmental organizations statewide and provides lobbying services in Lansing.

McDiarmid said that currently Michigan obtains 63 percent of its electrical energy from coal, 23 percent from nuclear, 10 percent from natural gas, about 2 percent each from biofuels and hydroelectric and 2 percent from renewables such as wind and solar. "Last year, the governor said

she wanted to put Michigan on a course to a new energy system, with more renewables and efficiencies and less reliance on coal and nuclear and she ordered the Public Service Commission to lay out a plan and they did that in February," he said. "They came up with a plan that is a starting point for the debate that is



through the Legislature." The PSC's 21st Century Energy Plan calls for 10 percent renew-

able by 2015 and

20 percent by

2025.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) chairman of the Senate Energy Policy and Public Utilities Committee, said a hearing is scheduled for Thursday on renewable portfolio standards. He said expert witnesses will testify on the range of renewables in Michigan. He said he will follow this with hearings on the different energy bills before the Senate. He said he is awaiting a reply from PSC Chairman Peter Lark on questions concerning

the 21st Century Energy Plan. Patterson said his committee is considering three different proposals on RPS including Barcia's bill.

There is no way we can attain that kind of renewable capacity without going outside of Michigan," he said Friday.

He said he wanted to be sure that everyone means the same thing when they discuss renewable energy.

"I would ask them to break out the component parts to get to 20 percent on this time line," he said. He said that wind has prom-

ise for Michigan but that some of the best wind sites are in tourists areas where residents would object on aesthetic and economic grounds. On solar, he said Michigan has among the fewest solar hours of any state. McDiarmid said the MEC is also requesting that more

money be made available to support an energy-efficiency rebate program. The governor has requested \$68 million a year; MEC is asking for "at least \$150 million. "Money would go back to

businesses and homeowners in the form of rebates," McDiarmid said.

Kim Pargoff of Environment

Michigan said the state had an efficiency program.

"Michigan used to have great efficiency programs in place and they were removed in the 1990s," she said. "When those efficiencies were in place, we were creating electricity at 2.57 cents per kilowatt hour. They had rebates, incentives and help when people went into business to evaluate their energy needs and be more energy-efficient."

Pargoff said a third party company would administer the rebate program and set up accountability measurements.

Patterson said he supports energy efficiency programs as long as they include energy conservation. He said his committee is considering several bills dealing with energy efficiency.

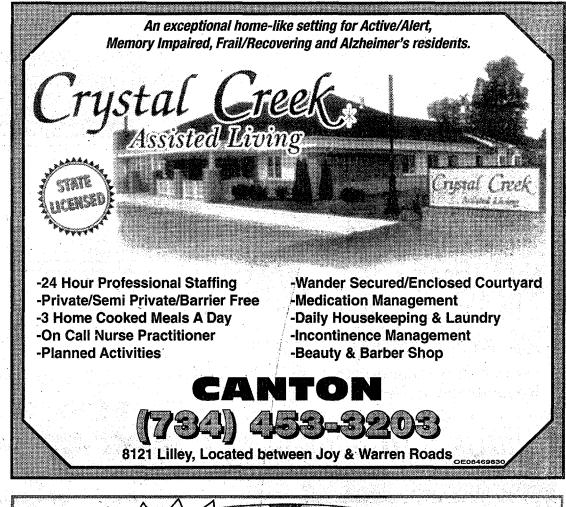
In a report released in February by Environment Michigan, "Energizing Michigan's Economy," the organization recommends that Michigan reject proposals to build new coal-fired or nuclear power plants.

A report by Environment Michigan says the state is second only to Minnesota in the Great Lakes region for onshore wind energy potential, but is far behind other states in installation of wind-generating facilities. Pargoff said using wind and other renewables eliminates the need for multiple coal plants and will reduce energy bills for consumers.

"Even in the absence of economic arguments, we're reducing greenhouse emissions, we're reducing mercury emissions which (damage) fisheries, we're reducing particulate emissions that cause cancer in kids," McDiarmid said.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson (D-Westland), one of the bill's co-sponsors, said anything that helps reduce Michigan's dependence on fossil fuels is a step in the right direction.

"It's a goal we should be working toward," he said. "It's a proposal to get the conversation started. Just like setting fuel economy standards, a good place to start."





CFCU hires manager for Canton branch

Community Financial has hired Christine Ryan to manage the credit union's second branch in Canton, scheduled to open in June.

A groundbreaking ceremony was recently held for the new branch, located at the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Beck Road.

Ryan has more than six years in sales management coaching and development, and more than 10 years in the finance and banking industry. Before joining Community Financial's management team, she was employed by D.A. Roberts &

Associates as a

trainer and

consultant.



Ryan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Michigan State

University. "(Ryan's) extensive background in branch management and sales training will be a tremendous asset," said Bill Lawton, CEO of Community Financial. "This area of Canton is poised for fast-paced growth and development."

Community Financial's new Canton branch is 3,500 square feet and will provide members with drive-thru teller services and a drive-thru ATM.

Until the branch opens in June, Ryan is busy getting acquainted with her team, credit union members and the local community, including businesses adjacent to the new

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Angell Scholar

Adam Sonnanstine, a senior at the University of Michigan, was recently honored with a seven-term James B. Angell Scholar Award at the 84th **Annual Honors Convocation in** recognition of a perfect scholarship record.

Only 20 seniors universitywide received the seven-term honor and six recent graduates the eight-term honor. Sonnanstine is one of two from the School of Engineering and the only one from the Computer Science Department **NEWS BRIEFS**



honor. Prior to the ceremonies, all seven- and eight-term **Angell Scholars** and their families were invited

to receive this

to a luncheon hosted by university President Mary Sue Coleman, who in her speech said, "These individuals have demonstrated the highest level of undergraduate academic success by achieving seven or more consecutive terms of all A's and earning the designation of Angell Scholar. The University of Michigan congratulates these students on their superior scholastic achievement and

Sonnanstine was also a fouryear member of the Michigan Marching Band, where he served as center snare and percussion section leader for the last two years. He is the son of Alan and Kathy Sonnanstine of Canton and is a 2003 graduater of Plymouth Salem High School.

wishes them continued success."

Diversity honor

John Barth, chairman and CEO, Johnson Controls, Inc., has been selected by the Diversity Best Practices (DBP) and Business Women's Network (BWN) as a recipient of their 2007 Diversity Leadership Award.

Barth was chosen for his deep commitment to diversity and its role in driving corporate performance.

Barth's commitment to diversity has been a defining characteristic throughout his tenure as Johnson Controls chairman and CEO. He and Johnson Controls have been recognized for diversity leadership more than 10 times in the past three years.

Diversity and its essential role in corporate performance is also reflected in Johnson Controls' corporate vision, and extends beyond the company's 136,000 employees to key stakeholders that include suppliers, vendors

In 2003, Johnson Controls became the only company in its category named to the Billion Dollar Roundtable, one of 12 U.S. businesses that purchase more than \$1 billion from minority suppliers in a single year. The company has exceeded the \$1 billion benchmark every year since.

Barth and the other honorees will be honored at the 2007 CEO Diversity Leadership Awards Gala in Washington, D.C., Nov. 1.

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should be made," she added. "But then again, I don't know if the school district has a lot of choice.

Eggenberger said she doesn't have all the answers on how to cut the budget, but would like to save programs like the writing and reading labs by finding community groups to sponsor

"Lawyers and journalists know how important writing is, so maybe we could get donations to get the \$35,000 needed to keep it going," she said. "The same could be done with the math lab."

As for the new superintendent, Eggenberger said it's

important to find someone who will be able to deal with the same kinds of budget issues facing the district today.

"That's something that will continue to be an issue for the next superintendent," Eggenberger said. "We should look for somebody that's been through it, and has some new ideas or different ways to look at it."

Eggenberger said the state Legislature will have a big say in what will happen in Plymouth-Canton, and the Board of Education should continue its dialogue with local legislators.

"Right now, they're not doing anything," Eggenberger said in regard to the budget and perpupil funding for schools. "We get a 1-percent increase, and we have 3-percent increase in costs we can't control.

"The Legislature needs to realize there are services the state needs to pay for, and if that means taxing residents of Michigan, then that's what they need to do," she added. "But we also need to look into retirement and other benefits and find ways of making it work."

Eggenberger said she's aware of the rift between residents in Plymouth Township and Canton Township, which was evident in the last two failed bond issues.

We've got to figure out a way to get them to work together and understand that just because Canton gets a new school that Plymouth isn't getting a good education," Eggenberger said.

And she believes the district needs to get its senior citizens more involved and on board in

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supporting the districts needs. "Many seniors don't understand Proposal A, and when they read about the bonds and higher taxes, they think we have enough money and we should be taking care of our schools in other ways," Eggenberger said. "We need to get our senior citizens in the schools to understand what's going on and see what's happening in our buildings, to understand how hard our teachers work and the great education that's going on. I think then they'll want to sup-

port it." The other candidates running for the school board include incumbents Mark Slavens and Richard Ham-Kucharski and challengers Kurt Heise, Bruce Koldys and Larry Martin.

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tal. These are the kinds of things I've done in my professional life ... I've sat with unions and said we can't do business as usual, we all have to sacrifice or we're all going down."

Heise said it's clear from the last two bond proposal defeats that voters don't want new

"In Plymouth-Canton we can no longer claim immunity from the economic collapse around us," Heise said. "I didn't vote for the Feb. 27 bond issue because I was not convinced the school district made a compelling argument the bond was absolutely necessary in the middle of an economic crisis.

"But, I won't say no new taxes," added Heise. "I have no problem going to the voters and asking for tax increases when the economy can support it and you can make an argument that it's absolutely necessary."

Heise noted when Wayne **County Executive Robert** Ficano took office, he imposed a 14-percent pay cut for appointees. While Heise isn't suggesting a 14-percent giveback from the district's unions, he did note state employees recently made health care con-

"Maybe we need to look at that from some of our employees, too, especially if the goal is higher class sizes," Heise said.

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Experience shows that the long head commonly breaks, known in medical terminology as a rupture, while the short head never does.

No surgical intervention to repair the long head tendon is possible. When it ruptures, the two sides separate so completely, it is impossible to bring the ends

When the rupture occurs, the lower part of the long head curls down to a place

"Are the unions willing to make concessions?"

Heise said privatization of some services would not be out of the realm of possibility.

"But in non-educational services like food service workers, support personnel, possibly custodians," Heise said. "Privatization of transportation has had mixed results in other districts, and I would like to examine that more closely."

Heise also said "more pay to play (for sports) has to be done"; sharing of services such as technical support and payroll should be explored; and the school district "needs to work better with (legislators in) Lansing."

While Plymouth-Canton's school population has grown, and the projections continue to be upward, Heise said he's not so sure the trend will continue.

"I'm concerned about declining enrollment," Heise said. "With the economy, the cuts at Ford and Pfizer, there's a lot of uncertainty about the future. I think there will be more families transferring out. Those kinds of economics impacts will weigh heavily on the dis-

"We're going to have a tough short-term, but I think things will get much better," he said.

The other candidates on the ballot for the school board include incumbents Mark Slavens and Richard Ham-Kucharski and challengers Nancy Eggenberger, Bruce Koldys and Larry Martin.

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Self-interest, altruism could | help end racism and sexism

ooking at the Imus furor, one wonders whether racism and sexism are increasing or declining. I am a "glass half full" kind of person. It's clear to me that forcing him off the air, defining the double standards of

language that the broadcast industry perpetuates and achieving real clarity about how necessary self-interest is in eliminating racism and sexism - all are signs of progress.

Imus' filthy, sexist language is present among men (and increasingly women) of all cultural backgrounds in fitness centers, country clubs and construction sites; likewise, overt racism rears its ugly head among many whites toward all people of color, and members of various

racial groups also use racist comments in negative epithets toward groups of different racial back-

Why did Imus' comments receive a much different reaction than he would have received 25 years ago? Today, anti-racist and anti-sexist attitudes and behavior are working in business, leisure and educational settings. Many executives, teachers, politicians and day laborers know offensive language as well as prejudiced behavior mimicking ignorant and disrespectful stereotypes is contrary to basic American values and institutional success. Where that language or behavior is tolerated, the "isms' flourish, and where raw bigotry undermines the selfinterest of the organizational setting, the "isms" dimin-

So the large companies that threatened to stop advertising played the trump card, their self-interest. That happened because more executives and managers are women, people of color and whites trained to understand the stupidity of racism and sexism. It happened also because buying and selling anything is less effective when anger and conflict are prominent. Ultimately, the weapons available to diminish racism and sexism along with self-interest are dialogue and persuasion. These are powerful tools leading to understanding and respect for those who are different and unfamiliar to us.

This journey is a long, but exciting one. Racial and gender equality do not happen by way of lightning bolts, an hour's classroom discussion, or a single news article. To heal from the illness of racism and sexism takes time and a willingness to understand their roots and present manifestations. We are fortunate, though, to have many people on that journey and others willing to get started: would it not be ironic but powerful if Imus' insults convinced all media outlets to provide some serious inclusion training around racism, sexism and the other

For this type of work, we see four essential conditions to make the journey meaningful and successful. First, diversity work leads to inclusion within organizations and communities when it emphasizes a wide spectrum of groups and cultural characteristics — certainly race, but also religion, ethnicity, gender, age and other cultural

attributes. This creates allies rather than groups wondering why "my diversity" wasn't included or setting up needless competition about which group has suffered

Second, learning occurs through interactive, real life experiences that teach how inclusion works. This reflects reality and results in pragmatic changes in organizational and community behavior. Too many diversity programs come off as hypothetical discussions or altruistic appeals instead of real life situations.

Third, dialogue is the primary process through which progress occurs. Too many discussions around race, gender, sexual orientation and other characteristics are confrontational and cause even greater defensiveness. Those conversations leave some people momentarily feeling better, with others vowing never to publicly discuss the issue again. Dialogue is both an honest sharing and empathetic listening that leads to participants more able to trade places. Dialogue results in trust, an essential ingredient to move on to the next step of the journey, challenging those of us responsible for perpetuating the "ism" and rallying those dehumanized by the "ism."

Fourth, change occurs through the intersection of selfinterest and altruism. The hardest work in intergroup relations is recruiting people to engage in the change process. That's the major reason that so many organizations promise an easy fix - a "one-day experience;" a television special, a "let's just talk and be friends." Usually, the easy fix is clothed in altruisms around religious values or the American Dream. For some people, those can be real incentives, but for most of us engaging our selfinterest is a more likely incentive. With our work in hospitals, for-profit businesses, educational settings enlightened self-interest is the key to organizational

What we can learn from the Imus incident is that race and gender remain as two major fault lines in American society. The Michigan ballot vote last fall to ban affirmative action for government and schools emphasized that same result. We must change the negative ways that groups relate to each other, or we will never overcome the region's economic and social malaise. Appreciating and using the talents and celebrating the heritages of all cultural groups are the only way for the region to come out of its precarious situation.

Last year, more than 4,000 people went through one or more of our inclusion initiatives. The positive results in schools, workplaces, congregations and community settings demonstrate how people can overcome racial, gender and other "fault lines."

But like my coaches from long ago said, "You have to pay the price." That includes a commitment of time spent on inclusion issues, a willingness to trust those who are different and creating a plan to advance our mutual selfinterest. Thanks to Imus for reminding us where we don't want to go.

The Rev. Daniel Krichbaum is president and CEO of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

Random tragedy plagues a strange new America

ou from Chicago? I love the Cubs," said the barefoot, tuxedoclad young man, stealing a Saturday night smoke outside the hotel where my wife and I had stopped on our way back from Florida.

"Nah, Michigan," said I, casting a glance at both my rental car's license young women and gangly, well-

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plates and the gaggle of pretty, well-coiffed groomed young men which parted for us

as we made our way

toward the lobby. Cameras clicked as the girls, armin-arm, grinned, giggled and blew kisses at their anxious young dates oblivious to the drizzle which fogged lenses and dampened curls.

"Wedding?" I asked. "No," another young man said. "It's our fraternity formal. We've been whitewater rafting all day and now's our big dance."

'Where are you from?" I asked almost as an afterthought.

'Virginia Tech," he said. By now, everyone knows of the tragic events which transpired just two days later on that western Virginia campus, How a gunman strolled the campus leaving more than 30 people dead and some 15 others wounded in his bloody wake.

That any one of those happy, carefree young people could have been among the victims shocks and sick-

It was the worst mass shooting in our nation's history.

Bigger than Columbine, screamed Monday's headlines as reporters scrambled for answers.

"I'll stay," one student told a radio reporter. "I hope this is just an isolated incident."

The early morning slayings of a man and woman in a dorm room weren't initially seen as a link to

what followed.

"We thought it was an isolated incident," the campus chief of police

A few days before, a man opened fire inside a Troy office building, killing one and wounding two more. That shooting took place less than 12 miles from our Michigan home, but we heard about it on a beach 1,200 miles away.

Just an isolated incident. There's something seriously wrong with our country, seriously wrong with our society, when we can categorize the horrific by scale. Columbine has now been eclipsed. The Troy shooting will soon fade from our collective memory because, after all, it was only one person who died, not 33.

Wasn't there anything which could have stopped either shooter from committing their horrible acts? Wasn't there any sense of decency, compassion, or community that could have stayed their hand?

America feels like a strange and different place to me today and it probably feels that way to a lot of people, from Chicago to Miami to Blacksburg, Va. It's a strange land in which we all can be so connected as to learn within seconds of tragedies transpiring half a world away, yet some of us can be so disconnected, so isolated, both from reality and from others as to bring those tragedies into being.

It's a strange land where "isolated incidents" of unspeakable horror can now occur with every day regularity with most forgotten, for all but the victims, as yesterday's rainstorm.

It's a strange land in which murder can be as casual as a day at the office or as casual as a brief exchange between a middle-aged couple and a group of college students on a damp spring night a long way from home.

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When dealing with the IRS, use a professional

Dear Rick: I saw an ad on TV that says if you owe money to the IRS you can settle with the IRS for pennies on the dollar. Is this true?

There is a procedure that the Internal Revenue Service has that allows taxpayers to settle their liability, sometimes at substantial discounts. This procedure, known as offer and compromise, allows taxpayers who do not have substantial assets or ability to pay the full amount of their debt to reach a compromise.

My experience has been that taxpayers who are legitimately having difficulty with their



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taxes can reach an agreement with the IRS. However, over the last year this type of settlement has gotten more difficult because the IRS now requires you to pay 20 percent of your proposed settlement when you submit your offer. My recommendation is if you

owe money to the IRS, hire a

professional to do the offer and compromise settlement. You can use either an enrolled agent with the IRS, a CPA or a tax attorney. You have a better chance for success by dealing with a professional.

The IRS also has other means of settling with taxpayers who cannot pay, and one of those is an installment plan. The IRS has been much more lenient in establishing installment agreements, particularly for those taxpayers who owe less than \$25,000. Whenever you run into tax

issues, the most important thing is to not ignore the situation. My experience has been the IRS and the State of Michigan are much easier to deal with if you approach them voluntarily as opposed to them having to track you down.

Dear Rick: We recently had a new grandchild and we would like to invest in his college education. We are conservative and are thinking about U.S. Savings Bonds. We have \$250 to invest. Any suggestions?

Congratulations on your new grandchild. I also congratulate you on beginning to think about a college education. I have mentioned many times in my column and on my radio show the importance of beginning to save for a college education as soon as one can. I would not consider U.S. Savings Bonds, although a patriotic investment, a conservative investment. U.S. Savings Bonds currently pay a fixed rate of return of 3.6 percent. Any bond purchased before April 30, 2007, will pay 3.6 percent for the next 20 vears.

The way savings bonds work today is different than in the past in that the rate that you receive when you purchase the bond is the fixed rate for the first 20 years. After 20 years the rate can adjust. Although I anticipate that after April 30 the rate will go up, I only anticipate a slight increase. That being said the reason I do not believe it is a

conservative investment is the fact that college costs are going up faster than 3.6 percent. Therefore by purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds, your purchasing power of your dollar is actually decreasing when it relates to college as opposed to increasing. Although, U.S. Savings Bonds have many benefits (including the fact that they grow tax deferred and in some cases tax free, exempt from state income taxes and interest rate is guaranteed) they don't offset the disadvantage that college costs continue to rise at a higher rate than anything in our economy other than health care. I believe an alternative is

necessary. In your situation, I would recommend the Michigan **Education Savings Plan** (MESP) which allows you to invest money that will grow tax-free for your grandchild's college education. In addition, the money, when withdrawn, can be used for basically any

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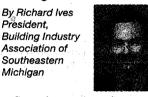
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Sitting on the fence to await an absolute best deal could waste years. During that time, if you had purchased a first home or traded up to a new one, you would earn lifestyle benefits, tax benefits and likely appreciation

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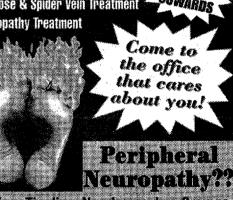
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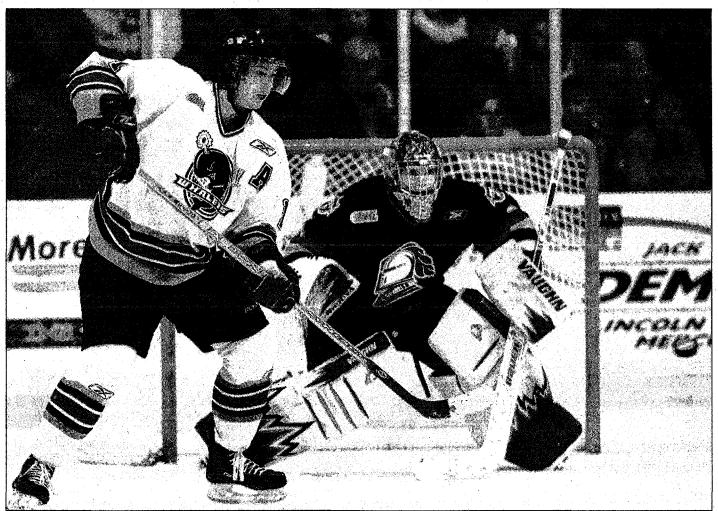


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Plymouth Whalers forward Evan Brophey, pictured above in a game earlier this season against London, notched an assist in the Whalers' 5-1 victory over the Knights. The victory gave the Whalers a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven OHL Western Conference final.

KNIGHT STALKERS

Whalers are half-way to OHL Finals after 5-1 victory over London

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The London Knights' stable of highscoring forwards will probably be seeing replays of Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth's acrobatic saves in their dreams this weekend.

And in their Knightmares. Neuvirth continued his Ontario Hockey League playoffs-long brilliance Friday night when he repeatedly stoned

London in the Whalers' impressive 5-1 victory in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals. If the 19-year-old native of the Czech Republic has a five hole, it apparently isn't big enough to fit a puck through.

The triumphant effort before 3,110 at the Compuware Sports Arena improved Plymouth's lead in the best-of-seven series to 2-0 heading into Monday's Game 3 in London.

Neuvirth stopped 36 of 37 shots in a

performance that could be immediately spliced onto a "How to Play Goaltender" instructional video. The Knights' only goal came on a 5-on-3 advantage in the third period when it

puck due to a screen. "I thought Michal was outstanding tonight," said Plymouth head coach Mike Vellucci. "He made some incredi

appeared as if Neuvirth lost sight of the

PLEASE SEE WHALERS. B2

Nerves no issue for **Dunleavy**

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Was Canton freshman pitcher Amy Dunleavy nervous during her first-ever varsity start Thursday afternoon? Judging by the final results: no-no.

Dunleavy hurled a no-hitter and came within an error of tossing a perfect game. in the Chiefs' 5-0 victory over Westland John Glenn. It was the first time in his long tenure at Canton that coach Jim Arnold can remember one of his pitchers throwing a no-hitter in their first varsity start.

"Amy had very good command and she showed a lot of poise for a fresh-

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man," said Arnold. "When we lined up after the game, I told her 'congratulations,' and she said, 'For what?' I don't even think she realized she had thrown a no-hitter."

Dunleavy's own defensive gem helped preserve the "O" in the Rockets' hit column, Arnold said.

With one out in the seventh, one of their batters hit a line drive right back to the circle and it hit her in the shin," he said. "She hustled over, picked up the ball and threw the runner out, otherwise they would have had a hit. When I went out to check on her, she said, 'Please don't take me out. I want to get one more out.' And she did."

The Chiefs, who improved to 3-0 with the win, scored one run in the first and fourth innings, two in the third and one in the sixth.

Senior shortstop Lauren Delapaz contributed two doubles and two RBI while senior first baseman Mary Kate McWhirter blasted a long solo home run. Dunleavy struck out 12 without walking a batter.

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Warriors fall

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team dropped a 9-4 decision to Northville on Thursday on the Mustangs' turf.

The loss dropped the Warriors' record to 4-2. The contest was knotted

at 2-all before the Mustangs struck for five unanswered goals in the third quarter to seize a 7-2 advantage. Both teams scored twice in the final 15 minutes.

Jared Ruark notched a hat trick for PCS. Nick Cote scored the final goal and Connor Martin added an assist.

Northville outshot PCS, 31-24, and won the groundball battle, 27-23.

Hulett honored

Canton native Erin Hulett, a 2004 graduate of Livonia Ladywood High School and current softball player at Lake Superior State University, received the prestigious Bud Cooper Coaches Award at the LSSU all-sports banquet held at the Crisler Center in Sault Ste. Marie on Thursday.

Hulett led Ladywood's softball team to the state quarterfinals in 2004.

The Bud Cooper Award is presented to LSSU athletes that best display the qualities of citizenship, leadership, campus participation and commitment to the program. Hulett was one of three LSSU studentathletes to receive the award this year.

Golf outing

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 2, at 1 p.m. on the Fox Hills Classic Course in Plymouth Township. The cost per player is \$125, which includes 18 holes of golf with a art, a snack at the turn and a post-round steak dinner.

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Golf tour

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Golf Club in Davison.

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range from \$65-\$95. Contact Curtis LaFore at (586) 615-6403; or visit www.miagt.com.

Tournament entry fees

MISL's Ignition enjoy storybook inaugural season

STAFF WRITER

It was no surprise that trucks from TV stations 2, 4 and 7 were lined up outside Compuware Sports Arena Thursday afternoon during a pre-Major Indoor Soccer League Championship Game press confer-

The shocker was that inside Compuware the site of Saturday's MISL title match the camera operators' lights were shining on members of the Detroit Ignition.

Just 14 months after it was officially welcomed into the league, Detroit become the first first-year expansion team in the history of the MISL to play in the Super Bowl of indoor soccer. (For results of Saturday's title

game, visit www.hometownlife.com.) "I think the Ignition has exceeded our expectations — on the field, off the field and in terms of the work they've done in the community," said MISL Commissioner Steve Ryan. "They're very proactive in the community and, as a result, their brand is becoming well known not only in Detroit, but throughout Michigan.

"I'm very proud of the players that we have here. It's amazing what they've been able to accomplish considering they all came from different teams through the expansion draft last year. What they've done is a tribute to their head coach, Mark Pulisic, and their president, Greg Bibb."

The Ignition's championship-game feat is unprecedented not only in the MISL, but in all professional sports. Most teams take anywhere from three to five years to even sniff the playoffs, let alone come within one win of a title.

"Our success all started with our parent company, the Hantz Group, and our core of people of people who've been with us since the first day," said Bibb. "We've been fortunate to match the off-the-field success a strong on-the-field effort thanks to Mark Pulisic and all the players. The end result is that we're in the championship game."

Bibb said the most widespread response he's received from people throughout southeastern Michigan the past six months has been surprise at the quality of his prod-

"People have told me that they've been pleasantly surprised — even shocked — by the level of play they see at our games," said Bibb. "These are world-class athletes playing a fast, exciting game. And the nice thing about playing at Compuware is that it's such an intimate setting. The fans are so

close to the action that it makes a fast game seem even faster."

Whether they won or lost on Saturday, the future appears to be bright for the Ignition based on the fact that they have a multi-year lease agreement with the Compuware Sports Arena and they sold out nine of their of their last 12 games. The MISL's future is equally glowing.

"We're adding three new teams next year," said Ryan. "And our ultimate goal is to be up to 21 teams in four or five years. The important thing, though, is not the number of teams, but the caliber of ownership and they're marketing skills. Each team that comes on board will become an important extension of the footprint of the MISL.

"The Ignition have been an important success story for our league," Ryan conclud-

'Unbelievable' loss

Up 6-0 after six innings, Wildcats fall to late Northville rally, 7-6

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Stunning. Shocking. Gut-

on the Mustangs' field.

wrenching. They're all fitting descriptions of Plymouth's 7-6 setback to Northville Friday afternoon in a pivotal early-season WLAA Western Division contest played

"Unbelievable," was the word Wildcat coach Val Canfield used moments after her team surrendered a 6-0 seventh-inning lead when Northville sent 10 batters to the plate in the final frame.

We dominated for six innings, but we couldn't cross the finish line," she said.

The loss dropped the Wildcats

to 4-2 overall and 0-2 in the division. Northville improved to 5-0 and 2-0, respectively.

Plymouth broke open a scoreless game with three runs in the fifth off Northville starting pitcher Jenna Dumbleton, who yielded just two harmless hits over the first four frames.

Erin Rodes knocked in the first run with a double. Three batters later, senior captain Kim Klonowski delivered a two-out, two-run, bases-loaded double to give the Wildcats a 3-0 advantage.

Plymouth doubled its lead to 6-O in the seventh thanks to RBI singles from Melissa Butzow and Klonowski, and a sacrifice fly off

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amy Bondy eyes a pitch during Plymouth's game with Canton Monday. The Wildcats dropped a 7-6 decision to Northville on Friday.

Daniels' goal lifts **Chiefs over Salem**

Laura Daniels' goal in the final minute of play gave Canton a thrilling 2-1 victory over Salem Friday night in a game played on the P-CEP varsity soccer field.

Following a scoreless first half, the Chiefs dented the scoreboard early in the second stanza when Becci

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Houdek scored off an assist from Megan Staub. Salem knotted the

game at 1-all with approximately five minutes to play when Kelly Adsit corralled a ball in the box and fired it into the back of the net.

Lisa Pierce set up the game-winning goal with a perfectly placed corner kick. Daniels shot deflected off two Salem players before it crossed the goal-line, according to Canton coach George Tomasso.

On Wednesday, the Chiefs dominated Wayne Memorial, 7-0. Senior forward Becci Houdek paced the winners' offense with three goals.

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W.L. CENTRAL 4, SALEM 1: On Wednesday, the Rocks saw their 1-0 halftime lead disappear under a barrage of Viking second-half goals. Taylor Carlson scored for the Rocks off an assist from Kelly

Salem goalkeeper Jill Slabey recorded five saves.

"We played a real strong first half," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "We were very organized and well-balanced up top and in the back.

"The second half was a different story. "We sat back again and each of their four goals came as a direct result of us losing possession in the offensive third and getting countered."

CHURCHILL 3, PLYMOUTH 1: Livonia Churchill (5-0-1) overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit Friday to beat the Wildcats in a WLAA crossover matchup.

Clare Baptist scored with seven minutes left in the first half to give Plymouth a 1-0 lead.

Churchill stormed back scoring three times within a 10-minute span to start the second half.

Lindsay McMullen scored the equalizer in the 43rd

minute from Bailey Brandon followed by Alisha Lussiez's goal from McMullen in the 47th minute. McMullen scored again from Lussiez just three minutes later to give the Chargers a two-goal

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"We came out flat the first half, we played poorly, but we had a good second half," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

Stefanie Turner played the first 72 minutes in goal for Churchill before giving way to Megan Bauman.

PCA 4, B'HAM ROEPER 1: On Friday, the Eagles improved to 4-0 (2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a one-sided victor over host Roeper.

"We played much better today than we did against Oakland Christian earlier in the week," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "We played with a lot more intensity and we did a better job of crashing

The Eagles received firsthalf goals from Ashley James (from Jenna Misch), Megan Polera (from Abby Lorion) and Lorion (from Jalese Debiasi). Peggy Abraham netted the winners' final goal.

Sarah Ross was strong in goal for the Eagles, stopping four shots. PCA fired 22 shots at the Roeper goalie.

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Whalers open with 5-1 win over London

After a sluggish first period, the Plymouth Whalers scored two unanswered goals in the second period and three more in the third to defeat the London Knights, 5-1, in the opening game of the Ontario Hockey League's Western Conference Finals played Thursday night before 9,090 at the John Labatt Centre in London.

Plymouth's veteran line of Evan Brophey, James Neal and Jared Boll paced the Whalers' attack. Brophey scored twice (including the game-winner), Neal added a goal and two assists and Boll scored a goal in the third period. Rookie Vern Cooper scored the other

Whaler goal.

David Meckler tallied the lone London goal on a power play at 11:28 of the first period with his league-leading 14th of the playoffs.

Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth and the Whaler penalty killers went to work the rest of the way. Neuvirth stopped 29-of-30 shots to run his playoff record to 7-1 and the Plymouth penalty killers went 7-for-8.

After being outshot, 13-8, in the first period, Plymouth rebounded to outshoot London, 45-17, over the final 40 minutes and 53-30 in the

Neal tied the game in the

second period at 7:27 when he skated with the puck from the right circle and cut across to the left, beating London goaltender Steve Mason at the left wing lip of the crease for his

eighth goal of the playoffs. Brophey gave Plymouth its first lead at 18:23 of the period with an excellent individual play. Brophey kept the play alive at the right point and skated into the London slot past Knights' defender Justin Taylor. Brophey beat Mason with a shot from the left hashmark for his fifth goal of the

playoffs.
"I thought we gained our composure after scoring our first goal and really took the

Brophey said after the game. "In the first period, we got outshot because we on the penalty kill for most of the period. We got a few calls our way (in the second period) so we gained some momentum."

Boll increased the Plymouth lead to 3-1 at 0:20 of the third period when he tapped home a rebound in front of Mason after Neal's hard shot from the right corner. Brophey scored his second goal of the game at 10:02 of the period on a twoman power play when he snapped a shot from the right circle past Mason. Cooper completed the scoring at 18:05.

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ble, acrobatic saves.

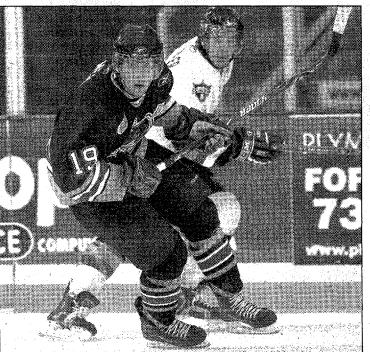
"For the most part, our defensemen kept the puck to the outside, but when we did break down, he made some big saves."

One of Neuvirth's biggest stops came with 3:01 remaining in the second period and the Whalers clinging to a precarious 2-0 lead. Mid-way through a London power-play, Knight forward Patrick Kane steered the puck toward the net before snapping off a sizzling shot just six feet from the crease.

However, Neuvirth snatched the speeding slab of rubber in his glove like a first baseman grabbing a line drive not far from home plate.

Plymouth's defensive unit was stellar all night as well just like it's been since the team's 10-1 post-season run began back in March. Led by captain Steve Ward, Brett Bellemore and Zach Shepley, the Whalers' blue-liners gave Neuvirth a heavy dose of support and helped kill off a pair of London two-man-advantage situations.

"We stress team defense," said Vellucci. "We don't have a No. 1 guy — all six guys in the unit can play against any line, any time. Shepley and



James Neal, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a goal in the Whalers' 5-1 victory over London Friday night.

Bellemore have been great against our opponents' top lines all season."

The Whalers brought the charged-up crowd to its feet just 1:24 into the contest when Dan Collins' slap shot from the right boards skipped off London goalie Steve Mason's glove and into the net

Plymouth upped its advantage to 2-0 seven minutes into the second period when Jared Boll handled a slick pass from Aaron Brophy six feet in front of Mason. Boll then deked Mason right before sliding the puck to his left and lifting a soft back-hander just under the cross-bar.

"Even though we controlled the pressure the first two periods, it was still only 2-0, so the game was still in question," said Vellucci. "We let

them hang around, hang around, and that's a dangerous thing to do against a team that has the kind of offense and scorers that London has.

"I don't know about the players, but I wasn't real comfortable when it was 2-0, but Michal made some big saves

for us." Vellucci could rest at ease just a little with 15:36 left in the game when Tom Sestito knocked a backhander past Mason to make it 3-0. He was assisted by Joe McCann and

Steve Whitely. Sergei Kostitsyn kept the Knights' hopes alive with a power-play goal with 8:53 to play. However, the Whalers answered with goals from Sestito (from Sean O'Connor and Collins) and James Neal (from Sestito and Brophey) to put the game on ice.

"The fact that we're up 2-0 in this series means nothing," Vellucci emphasized. "You need four wins to win a series. We're playing an explosive team and we have to go play in a tough building on Monday. If you need some history, just look at London's last series when the Soo fought back after it was down early. Every game is going to be a battle."

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Powell's tater leads Northville over 'Cats

Steve Powell's home run in the top of the eighth inning proved to be the difference in Northville's 6-5 victory over Plymouth Friday afternoon on the Wildcats' diamond. The loss dropped the Wildcats' record to 2-7 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA's Western Division.

"Even though we lost, we

played well — a lot better than we have been

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playing," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams.

"They had their No. 2 pitcher going - Brett Spencer - and we hit pretty well. We finally got some good starting pitching out of Garrett Rebain.

Rebain worked the first six innings before giving way to senior Tyler Locklear, who shut down the Mustangs in the seventh before giving up Powell's blast.

Plymouth overcame an early 4-O deficit with four runs in the second. The Mustangs grabbed a 5-4 lead in the third before Plymouth tied it with a single run in the

David Harvey and Rebain both had two-hit games for the Wildcats. Northville outhit Plymouth, 9-8. Both teams committed three errors.

SALEM 5, FRANKLIN 4: Sam Ott pitched 5.2 innings to earn the victory Wednesday as the visiting Rocks (2-3) downed Livonia Franklin (1-4) in a WLAA

Losing pitcher Jesse Carpenter gave up five earned runs on seven walks and three hits over 3.1 innings, Reliever Sean Sciba pitched 3.2 scoreless innings. He struck out seven and allowed just

Brad Way went 2-for-4 to lead Salem.

Garrett Gumm had two hits for

the Patriots.

CANTON 7, JOHN GLENN 1: On Thursday, senior right-hander Brad Barath silenced the Rockets with a complete-game three-hit-

ter. Senior catcher Blaine Paden paced the Chiefs' offense with two hits and two RBI. SALEM 13, PLYMOUTH 8: On

Thursday, the Rocks were paced by senior pitcher Brad Way, who threw five solid innings to earn the win. The hitting stars for the winners were Chris Kordick (4for-4, two RBI), Steve Pyden (3for-4, two doubles) and David Hales (2-for-3, three RBI).

AGAPE 7, BAPTIST PARK 6: On Thursday, the Wolverines improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference thanks to the hitting of Brandon Pierson (2-for-3, three RBI) and Jack Anleitner (2-4, three RBI); and the pitching of Jared Miller, who struck out 14 batters in a complete-game performance.

Baptist Park slipped to 1-2 and 1-1, respectively.

Agape built a 6-0 lead in the top of the fifth before Baptist Park plated two runs a piece in the fifth and sixth to pull to within 6-4. The Wolverines added a single run in the top of the seventh before the Wildcats added two more in the bottom of the frame. Hudson Hodges led the

Wildcats with four hits and two RBI. Agape's Kevin Reith turned in the defensive play of the day when he made a diving catch of a foul ball in the fifth with two Wildcats on base.

STEVENSON 8, CANTON 4: On Wednesday, the Spartans earned a WLAA cross-over road victory led by the potent bat of Sam Vomasteck, who went 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored. Also contributing to the winners' 11-hit attack were Nick Coram (1-for-3, two RBI, two runs), Luke Knochel (1-for-3, two RBI) and Jake Wilson (1-for-3, RBI, run). Stevenson improved to 2-2 overall and 1-0 in the WLAA. Canton slipped to 5-4-1 and 1-1,

respectively. Grant Campbell earned the victory for Stevenson with five innings of one-hit relief. The jun-

ior did not give up a run. Daniel Stoney, Kyle Gring and William Tidwell had one hit each for the Chiefs, who led 4-0 after one inning. Dan Milus suffered the mound setback for Canton after yielding six runs and seven hits in 4.3 innings.

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the bat of Amanda Burnard.

Junior pitcher Megan Patterson threw a masterpiece over the first six innings as only two Mustangs managed to reach third base. After she enticed Dumbleton to pop out to open the seventh and it looked like the Wildcats were well on the way to a key win.

However, Emma Wise's single opened the floodgates as the next seven Mustangs reached base safely — three via hits, one on an error and three more on walks.

Junior Amy Ciotti relieved Patterson with the bases loaded and the score 6-3 Plymouth.

Leading 6-4, the Wildcats caught a break when Kelsey Lewis's soft pop-up that dropped in front of Plymouth second baseman Beth Heldmeyer was ruled an infield fly rule. A run scored, however, Lewis, who had reached first on the play, was ruled out.

Dumbleton then ripped a double up the right-center field gap, scoring the tying and winning runs.

"We told the girls before we batted in the seventh to never give up and that we knew they could do it," said Northville coach Teryn Chrzanowski. "We told them to be patient at the plate because Plymouth's pitcher was starting to get a little wild. We had them take some pitches and to wait for that perfect pitch. As soon as we got a couple baserunners and we started scoring, I think everybody started believing."

Chrzanowksi couldn't stress enough how vital the comeback victory was for her

"It's a huge win, especially because it's a division game," she said. "Last year we bat-



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Plymouth pitcher Ally Ciotti is pictured above during Monday's game against Canton. The Wildcats dropped a heart-wrenching 7-6 setback to Northville on Friday.

tled with Plymouth every game we played them. They came to hit today and they were hitting our pitching.

"This win will set the tone for the rest of our season."

Klonowski contributed three hits, three RBI and several outstanding defensive plays at short for the Wildcats. Rodes also had a big offensive afternoon with two hits. two runs and an RBI.

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Payne hurts Warriors

On Friday, Canton junior left-handed pitcher Hilary Payne tossed the Chiefs' second straight no-hitter when she blanked Walled Lake Western, 6-0. On Thursday, freshman Amy Dunleavy no-hit Westland John Glenn (see related story).

All six Canton runs came in the top of the seventh inning. Payne struck out 12 Warriors and did not walk a batter.

Canton's hitting attack was paced by Lauren Delapaz, Kimmy Keppen and Alyssa Johnson, all of whom ripped two hits a piece.

PLYMOUTH 9, SALEM 2: On Thursday at Plymouth, the Wildcats received a strong mound performance from junior Ally Ciotti, who threw a complete-game twohitter at the cross-campus Rocks. Ciotti struck out two, walked two and gave up just three hits, one of which was Kait McKinley's two-run, seventh-inning home

"We got a great effort from everybody today," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "It was a solid all-around performance." Ally pitched great and we had zero errors.'

Plymouth pushed two runs across in the second before tacking on four in the third and three in the fourth.

Shining at the plate for the Wildcats were Kim Klonowski (2-for-3, two runs), Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-3, three runs), Jill Brennan (1-for-4, two RBI, sacrifice bunt) and Erin Rodes, who contributed a dou-

Salem was hampered by five errors. PLYMOUTH 9, W.L. NORTHERN 0: On Wednesday, Plymouth junior pitcher Megan Patterson was outstanding on the mound as she crafted a one-hitter against the Knights. Patterson struck out five,

walked two and gave up just one hit -- a seventh-inning bunt single.

"Megan was definitely at the top of her game," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "I could tell the past couple of days that her confidence level had really increased. She had it all working today. Megan was

except the second and the fifth. Their biggest frame was the fourth when they lit the scoreboard up four times. Catcher Erin Rodes provided the offen-

The Wildcats scored in every inning

sive fireworks for the Wildcats when she jolted a home run off the scoreboard in center field in the seventh inning. "She just ripped the cover off the ball," said

Also enjoying productive games at the plate for the winners were Kim Klonowski (3-for-4), Amanda Burnard (2-for-3, two doubles), Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-4, RBI, double) and Amy Bondy (2-for-2, RBI).

"Amy had a good day all the way around," said Canfield. "She was very impressive on defense and at the plate.'

PLYMOUTH 13-14, A.A. HURON 0-4: On March 30, the Wildcats swept a pair from the River Rats as Megan Patterson and Ally Ciotti pitched four and three innings, respectively, in each game. Kim Klonowski launched a home run and went 4-for-4 in the opener. Amanda Burnard chipped in with a pair of hits and

In the nightcap, Erin Rodes went 3-for-3 with two RBI and a double, and Melissa Butzow had a perfect day, going 3-for-3 with two RBI and two doubles. Beth Heldmeyer contributed three hits and

Wildcats to contend for 2nd-consecutive WLAA Western Division crown

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Any discussion about the 2007 Plymouth softball team should start with All-State senior shortstop Kim Klonowski, but it definitely shouldn't end there.

Led by Klonowski and a strong and deep supporting cast, the Wildcats will contend for their second-consecutive WLAA Western Division crown this spring. Coach Val Canfield's squad gave Livonia Churchill all it could handle in last vear's WLAA title game before falling, 2-1, in 15 tension-packed innings.

"I'm definitely optimistic this season," said Canfield, whose team sculpted an 8-2 Western Division record last year. "It's going to be hard to put a line-up together before the games because we have so much depth and so many girls who can play multiple positions.

SOFTBALL PREVIEW

The Wildcats' first graduating class last year included Danielle Bondy, Rachel Juco, Erin Ondusky and Lauren Stemberger, all of whom helped Canfield build her formidable program from Day 1 back in 2003.

The top returner is Klonowski, a hardhitting, slick-fielding four-year starter who has already earned an athletic scholarship to Youngstown State University, a Division 1 college located in Ohio.

"Kim really unites this team with her talent and her leadership," said Canfield. "She's an amazing player. I wish I had her for another four years."

Joining Klonowski as the team's captains will be fellow seniors Melissa Butzow, a sure-handed first baseman, and Madison Dresser, a solid hitter who will move from catcher to outfield this season.

"Melissa has a magnet for a glove," Canfield said. "She's a phenomenal player and she's really taken her role as one of the team's captains to heart. "Madison is a very gifted player," said

Canfield. "She can play several positions and she can hit. She's very aggressive at the plate."

The team core is it's large junior class, which includes its two top pitchers --Megan Patterson and Amy Ciotti -- among the seven players.

"They're both talented and have the competitive drive it takes to succeed," said Canfield.

Junior Amy Bondy is a three-year starter in center field.

"She's fast and can cover a lot of territory out there," said Canfield. "Amy also has one of the most accurate arms on the team." Junior outfielders Lauren Russell, Kelly O'Connor and Gina Giordano will provide

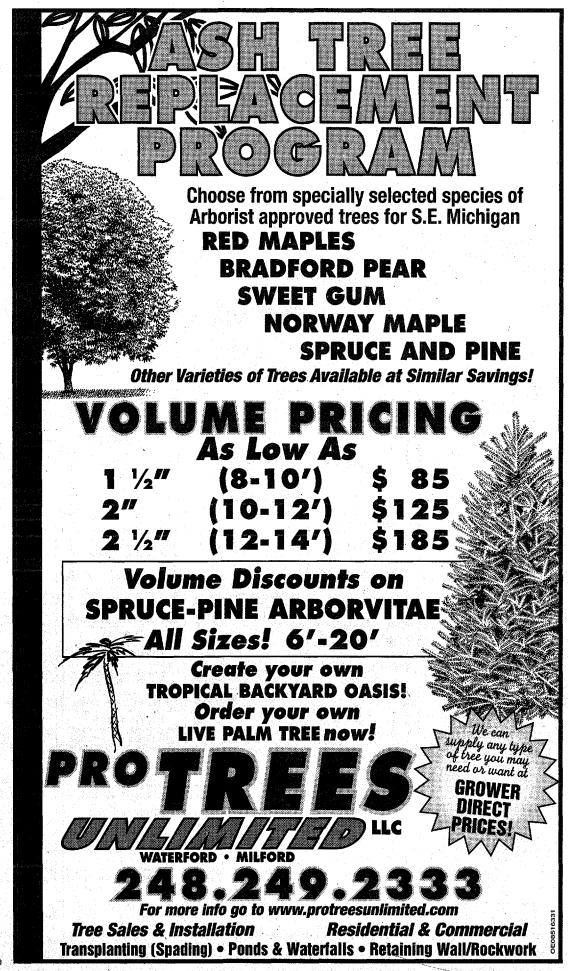
depth as will utility player Jessica Cicirelli, who is also an 11th-grader. The team's three sophomores are all

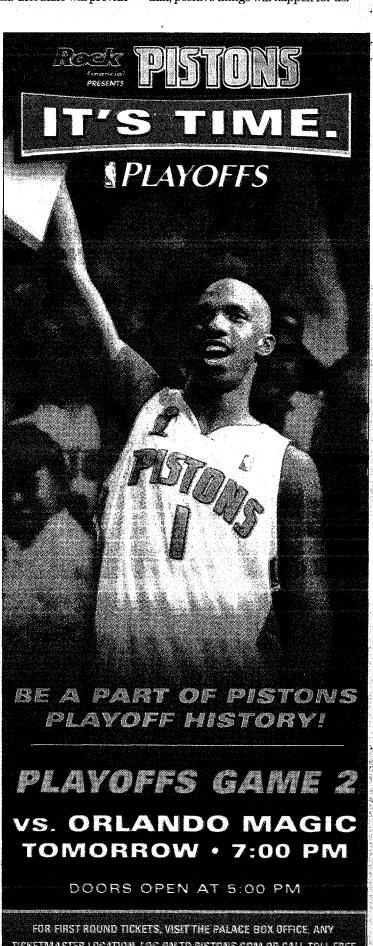
major contributors: Erin Rodes (catcher and outfield), Jill Brennan (left field) and Beth Heldmeyer (second base). Heldmeyer was All-WLAA as a freshman.

Speaking of freshman, Canfield has a pair that have earned starting roles this year: catcher/infielder Amanda Burnard and third baseman Stacey Klonowski, the younger sister of Kim.

"Stacey has a cannon for an arm and she's very quick," said Canfield. "Amanda is just a strong overall softball player. I can't put it any other way."

As usual, Northville and Canton will be the top contenders along with the Wildcats for the Western Division crown, Canfield said. "Our goal is to play each game to the fullest," she said. "If we do that, positive things will happen for us."





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Manuel, Moores lead Chiefs over Wildcats

Andrew Manuel and Nick Moores notched two individual first each on Thursday to lead Canton to a 76-61 victory over Plymouth in a meet held at the Wildcats' stadium. Moores won the shot put (49-4.25) and discus (146-8) while Manuel took the top spot in the 400and 200-yard dashes.

"We had a lot of great efforts from a number of athletes today," said Canton coach Bob Richardson, whose team improved to 1-1 in the WLAA Western Division. "We had a lot of personal best times an distances. It was a total team victory."

PLYMOUTH 61 Thursday at Plymouth Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (C), 49 feet, 4.25 inches; 2. Steve Paye (C), 42-11; 3. Gomoll

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Paye (C), 142-10; 3. Gerald Lou (P), 135-10. High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6-3; 2. Whitaker (P), 5-8; 3. Rvan Seely (C), 5-8. Long jump: 1. Okemdi Oparaeke (C), 19-1: 2. McKinney (P), 19-0.5; 3. Eric Thornton (C),

Pole vault: 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 12-6; 2. Ryan Langdon (C), 12-6; 3. Ben Ambrose (P),

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 8:39.2; 2. Canton (Keith Zech, Josh Godwin, Marcus Sylvester, Josh Hurst), 8:47.2. 110 hurdies: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 16.0: 2. Tim Belcher (C), 16.2: 3. Jon Rykalsky (C)

100 dash: 1. Caldwell (P), 11.3; 2. Malik (P), 11.4; 3. Molgas (P), 11.6. 800 relay: 1. Canton (Tim Belcher, Ryan Randall, Adam Somers, Andrew Manuel), 1:36.4; 2. Plymouth, 1:38.5. 1,600 run: 1. Anthony Scaparo (P), 4:44.2; 2. Eric Zech (C), 4:45.4; 3. Lewandowski (P),

400 relay: 1. Plymouth, 46.0; 2. Canton (Nick Moores, Ocie Lewis, Ryan Randall, Adam Somers), 47.6. 400 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 52.1; 2. Josh Etim (C), 53.8; 3. Mike Hanchett (P), 300 hurdles: 1. Tim Beicher (C), 41.3; 2. Sherif Hassainen (C), 42.5; 3. Nate Gholston

800 run: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 2:04.9; 2. Lewandowski (P), 2:08.7; 3. Justin Huey (P),

200 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 22.7; 2 Caldwell (P), 23.5; 3. Josh Etim (C), 24.2. 3.200 run: 1. Pat Slavens (P), 10:24.3; 2. Derek Lax (P), 10:27.2; 3. Anthony Scaparo

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Tim Belcher, Ryan Langdon, Sherif Hassainen, Andrew Manuel), 3:42.5; 2. Plymouth, 3:54.6. **DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Canton, 1-1; Plymouth, 1-1.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 90 SALEM 47 Thursday at Salem

Shot put: 1. Robinson (LC), 45-4; 2. Najarian (LC). 42-11.5: 3. Mo Saaidi (S), 41-6. Discus: 1. Najarian (LC), 123-7.5; 2. Roinson (LC), 118-7.5; 3. Meyers (LC), 112-9. Long jump: 1. Jace Bearden (S), 18-5; 2. Alex Tramel (S), 17-10; 3. M. Zehner (LC), 17-9.5. High jump: 1. Jace Bearden (S), 6-2; 2. McDonald (LC), 6-0; 3, Ross Davis (S), 6-0, Pole vault: 1. Peterman (LC), 13-6; 2.

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill, 3:32.25; 2. Salem,

3.200 run: 1. Craig Cowing (S), 10:43.86; 2. Eric Volstromer (S), 10:46,53: 3. Folk (LC). 10:46.54.

200 dash: 1, St. Amant (LC), 22.91; 2. Kevin Cope (S), 23.66; 3. Widmayer (LC), 24.09. 800 run: 1. J. Waterbury (LC), 2:08; 2. Rob Curtis (S), 2:11; 3. Brandon Goble (S), 2:12. **300 hurdles:** 1. McDonald (LC), 41.14; 2. Zehner (LC), 43.05; 3. Flaharty (LC), 43.60. 400 dash: 1. Kevin Cope (S), 53.51; 2. Andrezesewsju (LC), 54.09; 3. Moran (LC),

400 relay: 1. Churchill, 45.06; 2. Salem. 45.86.

1,600 run: 1. Robinson (LC), 4:45.13; 2. Rob Curtis (S), 4:47.44; 3. Varilone (LC), 4:47.45. 800 relay: 1. Churchill, 1:33.02; 2. Salem, 1:34.19.

100 dash: 1. Carey (LC), 11.22; 2. Adam Kashoro (S), 11.22; 3. Dixon (LC), 11.61. 110 hurdles: 1. Baze Efremov (S), 14.9; 2. Zehner (LC), 15.99; 3. McDonald (LC), 16.01. 3,200 relay: 1. Churchill, 8:49.90; 2. Salem, 9:11.36

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Churchill, 2-0; Salem,

TRACK RESULTS

PLYMOUTH 93 CANTON 44 Thursday at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Plymouth; 2. McClellan (C), 27-0; 3. Douglas (C), 25-9. Discus: 1. McClellan (C), 94-9; 2. Kolton (C), 80-5: 3. Ambrose (P), 72-9. High jump: 1. Shaakira Haywood (P), 4-10; 2. Matheny (C), 4-6; 3. Memerus (P), 4-6. Long jump: 1. Jill Morton (P), 15-7.5; 2. Chrystien Guyton (P), 15-0; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 10-4.

Pole vault: 1. Hersex (P), 8-2; 2. Knisely (P), 7-8; 3. Ambrose (P), 6-8. 3,200 relay: 1. Plymouth, 10:51; 2. Canton,

100 high hurdles: 1. Chrystien Guyton (P), 17.86; 2. Hoener (C), 18.02; 3. McManus (P). 100 dash: 1. Jill Morton (P), 13.36; 2. Davis

(P), 13.44; 3. Flaishans (C), 13.66. 800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:57; 2. Canton,

1,600 run: 1. Hahn (P), 5:39.81; 2. Nahern (P), 5:59; 3. Schubatis (C), 6:06. 400 relay: 1. Plymouth, 53.01; 2. Canton,

400 dash: 1. Swanberg (C), 1:03.96; 2. Zuzo (P), 1:06; 3. Bacha (P), 1:08. 300 hurdles: 1. Howard (C), 52.44; 2. McManus (P), 53.42; 3. Howard (C), 53.51. 800 run: 1. Swanberg (C), 2:39.91: 2. Balgooyen (P), 2:48.61; 3. Carlson (C),

200 dash: 1. Yates (P), 28.93; 2. Askew (P), 29.81; 3 Flaishans (C), 30.71. 3.200 run: 1. Slavens (P), 12:30; 2. Nahern (P), 13.06; 3. Brown (P), 13:35. 1,600 relay: 1. Canton, 4:36.11; 2. Plymouth, **DUAL-MEET RECORDS:** Plymouth, 2-0; Canton, 0-2.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 129 SALEM 8 April 19 at Salem

Shot put: Lauren Krupsky (LC), 33-7; discus: Krupsky (LC), 11-7; high jump: Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 4-10; fong jump: Liz Buttery (LC), 14-8.5; pole vault: Zgorecki (LC), 9-6; 100-meter hurdies: Tauri Rothermel (LC), 16.9; 300 hurdles: Rothermel (LC), 49.37; 100 dash: Mandi Coppola (LC), 12.98; 200: Coppola (LC), 27.44: 400: Kim Heaney (S), 1:04.96; 800: Rachel McFarlane (LC), 2:32.96; 1,600: Erica Hope (LC), 5:38.99; 3,200: McFarlane (LC), 11:25.88; 400 relay: Churchill (Rothermel, Nicole Thornsberry, Sarah LaBerge, Coppola), 52.57; 800 relay: Churchill (LaBerge, Thornsberry, Krysten Barczuk, Coppola), 1:52.67; 1,600 relay: Churchill (Samar Aoude, McFalane, Sara Kroll, Rothermei), 4:24.13; 3,200 relay: Churchill (Michelle Verellen, Megan Murray, Sarah Niezgoda, McFarlane), 10:51.66. Churchill 2nds: Margarita Lazarevska, 110 hurdles (16.99); LaBerge, 100 (13.19); 200 (27.49); M. Verellen, 1.600 (5:55.6): Kroll, 400 (1:05.4): Mallory Lukas, 300 hurdles (52.62); Lindsey Graciak, 800 (2:35.29); Kailee Hobbins, shot put (30-10); discus (104-8); Jackie Gribeck, high jump (4-9); long jump (14-6); Eren Ural, pole vault (9-0); 3rds: Lukas, 100 hurdles (17.43): Courtney Simpson, 100 (13.71): Kim Verellen, 1,600 (6:02.63); Buttery, 400 (1:05.91; Lazarevska, 300 hurdles (54.37; Hope, 800 (2:43.39); Thornsberry, 200 (28.23); Kroll, 3,200 (11:45.87); Stephanie Bradshaw, shot put (28-11.75); discus (90-3); Zgorecki, long jump (13-10.75); Jennifer Olmstead, pole vault (8-0). Dual meet records: Churchill, 2-0 overall, 2-0 WLAA; Salem, 0-2 overall, 0-2 WLAA

Salem drops tennis opener to WL Central

The Salem boys tennis team dropped its opener to Walled Lake Central on Wednesday, 5-3. The contest included four three-set matches.

Junior Lawrence Washington got the Rocks rolling by dominating the Vikings' best player, 6-1, 6-0, at No. 1 singles. The Vikings prevailed in the other three solo matches as No. Eric Hamann defeated Neil Bakshi, 4-6, 6-3 and 7-5; No. 3 Brad Yanalunas swept Jake Burnstein, 6-1 and 6-3; and No. 4 Ryan Rivamote edged David Benson, 4-6, 6-3

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Acceptance of Agenda

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Zone C-2

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Zone C-2

and 6-4. The Rocks' No. 1 doubles team of Tyler Jeleniewski and Matt Benson prevailed, 4-6, 6-4 and 7-5, over Central's Casey Johnson and Mike Rivamote. Salem's other point came when the No. 3 duo of Yuvi Rajeev and Ryan Aubert defeated Brian Indianer and

> **PLYMOUTH 7 WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1** April 20 at John Glenn

No. 1 singles: Tim Smolen (WJG) defeated Don Zhang, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3; No. 2: Dan Jeong (P) def. Alex Colosimo, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Clint Kirkpatrick (P) def. Brad Noyes, 6-2, 6-1; No. 4: Brett Kavulich (P) def. Gordy German, 6-1, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Steve Schaeffer-Anoop Gopal (P)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

MAY 10, 2007

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning

Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2007 AT 7:00 PM. The

meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. CANTON CENTER

ROAD, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty

Curtis G. Griffis II of Lighthouse Construction, 6623

Lafountaine Drive, Plainwell, MI 49080 representing Paul Switzer of Texas Corral Grill and Saloon, 1001 White Hawk

Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307 for commercial property located at 43750 Ford Road north side of Ford Road between Sheldon

and Morton Taylor Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article

6.00, Section 6.10 E.6.e., relative to use of L.E.D. lighting on

Frank and Laura Laura, 325 North Beck Road, Canton, MI

48187 for residential property located at same address, west side of Beck Road between Saltz and Cherry Hill Roads,

appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear

Mary Hauk of Mary's Farm Market & Farm, 831 S. Ridge Road, Canton, MI 48188 for commercial property located at 47453 Ford Road southwest side of Beck Road and Ford

Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 6.00, Section 6.02,

Sub Section V, roadside stands structure size, variance of

1334 square feet over the maximum 250 square feet to allow a

Tim Hader of Schonsheck, Inc., 51331 W. Pontiac Trail, Wixom, MI 48393 representing Matt Percy of AD Transport Express, Inc., 5601 Belleville Road, Canton, MI 48188 for industrial property located at 5601 Belleville Road east side

of Belleville Road between Michigan Ave. and Van Born

Roads appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section

26.04, side yard setback, 24 foot setback variance from the

required 30 foot side setback in the GI district for

Melanie Gray of Valley City Sign, 5009 West River Drive, Comstock Park, MI 49321, representing Jeff Wagner of Fifth

Third Bank 1000 Town Center, Suite 1600, Southfield, MI

48075 for commercial property located at 43710 Ford Road

north side of Ford Road between N. Lilley Road and N. Sheldon Roads appealing Sign Ordinance 6A.15, 6A.25.02b,

signs permitted in all commercial and industrial districts,

roadside stand structure of 1584 square feet.

TABLED FROM THE MARCH 8, 2007

Jovan Acutt, 6-2 and 6-0.

def. Lenny Manfre-Cliff Palac, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6); No. 2: Pat Onoro-Max Korpalski (P) def. Frank Toarmina-Shawn Murphy, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Robert Matar-Tom Eggleston (P) def. Justin Samland-Billy Lyons, 6-3, 6-0; No. 4: Pat Bailey-Andy Mitchell (P) def. Rob Jones-Nikhil

Kalothia, 6-4, 6-4 Glenn's dual meet record: 1-2-1 overall, 0-2-1

> **LIVONIA CHURCHILL 7** PLYMOUTH 1 April 18 at Plymouth

No. 1 singles: Nick Payne (LC) defeated Don Zhang, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5); No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Dan Jeong, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; No. 3: Clint Korpalski (P) def. Alex Clos, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4; No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Brett Kavulich, 6-3, 6-3,

No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Steve Schaeffler-Max Korpalski, 6-1, 6-1; No. 2: Dan Martin-Kyle Peczynski (LC) def. Patrick Onoro-Anoop Gopal, 7-5, 6-3; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Robert Matar-Tom Eggleston, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Andv Clairmont-Paul Yandric (LC) def. Patrick Bailey-Andy Mitchell, 6-1, 6-4. Churchill's dual meet record: 1-1 overall, 1-1

WLAA. LIVONIA CHURCHILL 6

SALEM 2 Friday at Salem

No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) def. Nick Payne, 7-5, 6-0; No. 2: Aniket Patil (LC) def. Neil Bakshi, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3: Jake Burnstein (S) def. Alex Clos. 7-6(4): No. 4: Kyle Anderson (LC) def. Dave Benson, 6-1, 7-5.

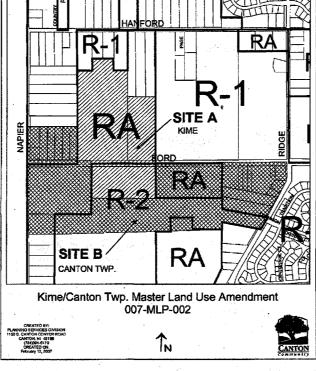
No. 1 doubles: Jay Cunningham-Taylor Frangie (LC) def. Matt Benson-Andy Fosdick, 6-3, 6-1; No. 2: Kyle Peczynski-Dan Martin (LC) def. John Bills-John Kang, 6-0, 6-1; No. 3: Robert Fortney-Steve Mazur (LC) def. Rvan Aubert Yuvi Rajeev, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Andy Clairmont Paul Yandric (LC) def. Andrew Steinman-Andy

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Churchill, 2-1; Salem, O-

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday May 7, 2007 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan:



KIME/CANTON TOWNSHIP FUTURE LAND AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM VERY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM-LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NOS. 027 02 0001 000 (51150 FORD), 027 02 0002 000 (51170 FORD), 027 02 0003 000 (51185 FORD), 027 02 0004 000 (51190 FORD), 027 02 0005 000 (51320 FORD), 027 02 0006 001 (51350 FORD), 027 02 0006 002 (3540 NAPIER), 027 99 0005 005 (50750 FORD RD), 027 99 0009 000, 069 99 0002 000 (48901 FORD), 069 99 0003 000, 069 99 0004 000 (49707 FORD), 069 99 0005 001, 069 99 0005 002, 069 99 0005 003 (2105 RIDGE N), 069 99 0006 000 (49729 FORD), 069 99 0007 000 (2075 RIDGE N), 069 99 0008 000 (1925 RIDGE N), 069 99 0009 000 (1875 RIDGE N), 069 99 0010 700, 069 99 0015 702 PART OF (1299 RIDGE N), 069 99 0017 000 (50145 FORD), 070 99 0001 000, 070 99 0002 702 AND 070 99 0003 000. Property is located north and south of Ford Road between Ridge and Napier Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, May 3, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

Publish: April 8 & 22, 2007

THE WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL Monday, April 23 Canton at Wayne, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem, 4 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. PCA at Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 PCA at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 Canton at Salem, 4 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Thursday, April 26 PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Salem at Milan (DH), 10 a.m. Milford at Plymouth (DH), noon SOFTBALL

Monday, April 23 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Lutheran Westland at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 Dearborn at Salem, 4 p.m. PCA at Southfield Christian, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 A.A. Pioneer at Salem, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Plymouth, 4 p.m.

Thursday, April 26 Belleville at Plymouth, 4 p.m. PCA at Agape, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Wayne. 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Canton at Chelsea Invite, TBA Salem at Saline Invite, TBA **GIRLS SOCCER** Monday, April 23 W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.

Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m. Northville at Plymouth, 7 p.m. PCA at Southfield Christian, 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 Greenhills at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at John Glenn, 4 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Thursday, April 26
Plymouth at A.A. Greenhills, 4:30 p.m. PCA at Parkway, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m. **BOYS TENNIS**

Monday, April 23 Canton at Franklin, 4 p.m. John Glenn at Salem, 4 p.m. W.L. Northern at Plymouth, 4 p.m Wednesday, April 25 Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Friday, April 27

Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m. . Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Canton at Novi, 8 a.m.

Salem and Plymouth at Monroe Invite, TBA BOYS LACROSSE Tuesday, April 24 Northville at PCS, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 26 PCS at Lincoln, 6 p.m. Friday, April 27 Okemos at PCS, 8 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Tuesday, April 24

Plymouth, Canton and Salem at City Meet, 3:30 p.m. at P-CEP varsity stadium Thursday, April 26 W.L. Western at Canton, 3:30 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m. Franklin at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Plymouth at Crestwood Invite, TBA **GIRLS GOLF** Monday, April 23

W.L. Western at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 3 p.m Salem at Oakpointe Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Plymouth at Churchill at Whispering Willows G.C., 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 Canton at W.L. Central at Edgewood G.C., 3 p.m. Churchill at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. John Glenn at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Friday, April 27 Franklin at Canton at Hillton G.C. Salem at John Glenn

at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Northern at MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL Sunday, April 22 Madonna at Aquinas College (2), 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 Madonna vs. Northwood at Ilitch Ballpark, 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 Madonna at EMU (2), 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 28 Madonna at Concordia (2), 1 p.m. Sunday, April 29 Madonna vs. Concordia at Ilitch Ballpark (2), 1 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL (all doubleheaders) Sunday, April 22 Aquinas College at Madonna, 1 p.m. Friday, April 27

Madonna at Concordia, 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28 Madonna at Huntington (Ind.), noon. Sunday, April 29 Madonna at Indiana Tech, 1 p.m.



PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH CITY COMMISSION PETITIONS

The City of Plymouth will be conducting upcoming elections to replace four (4) positions on the City Commission that will be vacated in November, 2007.

Petitions are available at the City Clerk's office at 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, Monday-Friday from 8:00am - 4:30pm. A nonpartisan City Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, if petitions have been filed for more than twice the number of persons to be elected to such office. A General Election will be conducted on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, for qualified candidates. Persons desiring to qualify as candidates shall file an official petition with the Clerk signed by not less than twenty-five nor more than fifty registered electors of the City of Plymouth. These petitions are required to be filed on or before Tuesday, May 15th, 2007 at 4:00pm with the Clerk's office. Candidate packets will be issued at the time of filing. An Affidavit of Identity must be submitted with the petition at the time of filing with the City

Any further questions can be directed to the City Clerk at 734-453-1234, X234.

Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

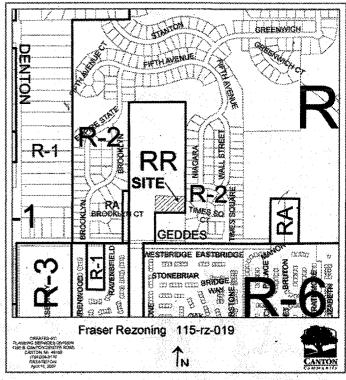
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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, May 7, 2007 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

FRASER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO.115 99 0003 707 (48700 GEDDES) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Geddes between Denton and Beck Roads.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, May 3, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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Approval of the March 8, 2007 Minutes

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construction of a new building.

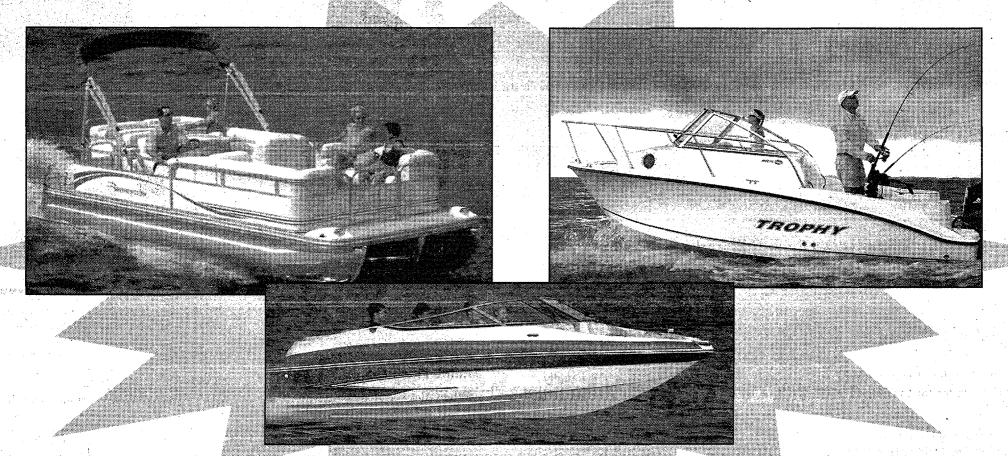
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Written comments need to be submitted prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188.

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And it's a good thing, because today's senior is not the senior of 20 years ago. Today's 70-year-old is living a lifestyle closer to that of the last few decades' 50-year-old. And this segment of the population is growing fast!

In the next 20 years, the number of American adults over 65 is expected to double from 34 million currently, to 70 million (U.S. Census Bureau). This healthy, more-active aging adult population is not only looking for better options, they will need and demand them

The good news is that in-home care for seniors has become a welcomed alternative choice. In fact, 95 percent of seniors 75 and older who are able to do so prefer the option of remaining in their homes as opposed to senior communities, assisted living or nursing homes (EPM Communications).

The bad news is that the home care service industry, until recently, has been largely unregulated. With many independent companies springing up across the country, it is not always possible for consumers to understand the key qualities that determine a safe and reliable provider.

So if in-home care is what you're researching, Comfort Keepers, an in-home care provider for the elderly, suggests using the following guidelines as the qualifying standard when seeking and hiring a caregiver for your loved one:

- Does the caregiver's agency withhold taxes on their wages?
- Is the caregiver fully bonded by their agency?
- Is the caregiver covered by workers' compensation through their agency?
- Does their agency provide them with liability insurance?
- Does their agency withhold taxes on them?

You may be leaving yourself, your loved one, your finances, and home vulnerable if you've answered "no" to any of the above. If anything goes wrong, such as injury, theft or neglect, you have no protections in place to call upon for help.

A reliable in-home care provider will only staff with caregivers qualified enough to be hired as employees. The agency will fully bond, insure with liability coverage, pay workman's comp, and withhold taxes on each caregiver, before he/she is sent out.

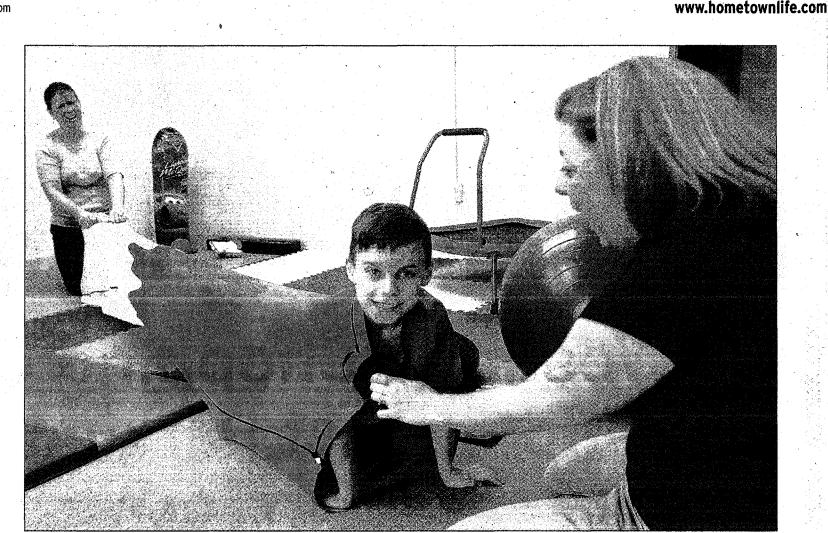
Michigan law requires that a paid employee be covered under Workers' Compensation. Homeowners' insurance does not cover under these circumstances. Your rule-of-thumb for hiring a caregiver privately should be: You can do so, but in the eyes of the law, you are responsible to withhold taxes and carry workers comp on them.

Did the agency conduct an industrytargeted background check on the caregiver, pertinent to the type of work they

will be providing? An industry-targeted background check will screen out candidates with hidden criminal records of all sorts, and financial risks, just to name a few. Criminal records are an obvious reason to disqualify, but financial problems are considered risky because the caregiver will have such easy access to the client's money, checks and other types of proprietary financial information. The assumption is that risk may be higher in these cases. A thorough background check will disqualify as many as 1-out-of-4 candidates for reasons not detected during a face-to-face interview.

So, as your parents or loved ones transition to new stages, be comforted in the fact you have many new options to offer them, insuring that their retirement years are safe, comfortable and happy as possible. You now have reliable, measurable tools for choosing the best support systems and personnel available for their care.

Jeanne Trumpy and Sarah Webb are co-owners of Comfort Keepers, whose Plymouth office is located at 995 N. Mill Street. They provide services to both Plymouth and Canton. Visit their Web site at www.comfortkeepers.com



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Alex Ham-Kucharski pushed a large ball all the way through the cloth tunnel then smiled at his mom, Dawn Ham-Kucharski. At the far end of the tunnel is occupational therapist Sandi Scott.

Making progress

Therapy center helps special needs children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

An exercise ball offers resistance to Alex as he pushes the brightly colored sphere through a cloth tube at Futures HealthCore Therapy Center in Garden City. Although it looks like the 8-year-old Canton boy is playing, he's actually strengthening muscles and motor skills.

Once a week, Alex and his mother, Dawn Ham-Kucharski, attend sessions at the center which opened in June 2006. The 1,000-square-foot space is the first on-site Futures location in the nation to offer individualized therapy for children with autism, cerebral palsy, developmental delays, brain injury, ADD/ADHD, and Down syndrome. Licensed occupational and speech therapists incorporate play,

sensory integration and yoga into treatment plans that may include group therapy to build social skills which don't come easy to autistic children. About 80 percent of the children seen at Futures have been diagnosed with autism, a neurological disorder which impairs development.

MAKING PROGRESS

When Alex was diagnosed with moderate to severe autism at 26 months, his parents were told he would never speak and live in a world of isolation. Today, Alex is in a third grade autistic impaired classroom at Gallimore Elementary in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

"The therapy helps to rebuild neurons that didn't branch out for children with autism. His communication really explodes after the sessions," said Dawn

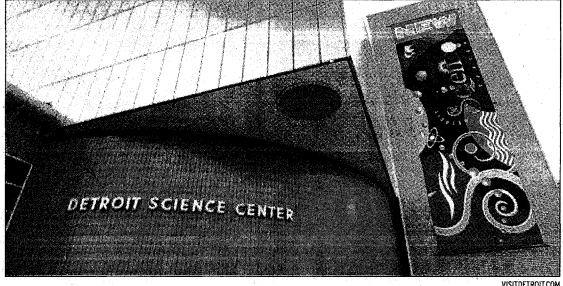


Alex Ham-Kucharski fishes for big ones as mom Dawn Ham-Kucharski and therapist Sandi Scott watch.

Ham-Kucharski, who wrote *The Autism Book* with S. Johanna Robledo to provide parents with information.

Ham-Kucharski has become somewhat of an expert on autism since Alex's diagnosis. She recently began serving as a consultant for the center because she believes in its methods. She's seen the progress her young son's made since the first home visit by Futures therapists two years ago. Futures is a national home therapy organization.

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The Detroit Science Center offers two new exhibits for visitors, including Our Body: The Universe Within.

Don't miss Detroit's Cultural Center

BY EMBERLEY NEIDHARDT

A common misconception exists about the city of Detroit's Cultural Center – that it only functions to host kids during school trips.

The truth is that the Detroit Public Library, Detroit Institute of Arts, the Charles H. Wright

Museum of African American
History and the Detroit
Science Center are open all
year, and one doesn't have to
be in a group to visit.

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Detroit Public Library is

emberley <u>neidhardt</u> The Detroit Public Library is one of the most accessible in metro Detroit, encompassing roughly 23 libraries and a bookmobile service. The main library, located adjacent to the Wayne State University campus, includes 10 subject

departments and the world's largest automotive history collection. The library's Web site contains many collections and services, such as "Ask a librarian" which directs patrons to the site's free reference section. The library also recognizes its youthful audience and holds "Java and Jazz" every third Tuesday of the month (through August) completely free to the public. The program seeks to fuse the soul of jazz and power of compelling words, whether poetry or prose in a coffeehouse setting.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

The Detroit Institute of Arts is one of the most significant art museums in the country, ranking fourth in size, covering more than 600,000 square feet. The DIA also holds over 100 galleries, a 1,150-seat auditorium, 380-seat lecture hall, art reference library, and conversation services library. Its current renovation plan will add 77,000 square feet to the total size.

The museum houses over 60,000 works including specialized pieces from African, Oceanian, Indigenous American, Asian, Islamic, and European artists. There are also collections of Graphic Art, Contemporary Arts, and Performing Arts. Exhibitions vary. In the past, the DIA has shown Yoko Ono's freight train, delved into the Art of Screen-print, and celebrated *Annie Leibovitz: American Music*. The current exhibition contains

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■ Ansel Adams, through May 27.

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■ Absolutely Masterful: Great Artists in Detroit Collections, through April 15.

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DETROIT SCIENCE CENTERWhere: 5020 John R St.

Exhibitions:

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

■ Our Body: The Universe Within, intended for those over 13 years of age, now through May 28:
■ US Steel Factory Fun Factory, opened April 3.
More information: Visit www.detroitsciencecentered

Compiled by Emberley Neidhardt

Scholarship applicants sought by Italian American Club

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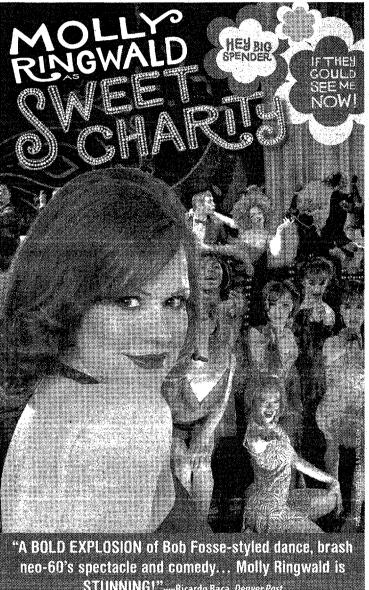
The Italian American Club of Livonia Charitable Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications for high school students who meet the following eligibility criteria:

■ Candidates must establish Italian ancestry and reside in Southeast lower Michigan

Candidates must have completed their junior year of high school in the spring of 2007, have a B average in all classes, and have taken the ACT or SAT exams

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Scholarship application and return it by the deadline July 31. Applications may be obtained by calling the foundation at (734)



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"Alex had a stroke at birth. It's difficult for his brain to tell his muscles what to do," said Ham-Kucharski. "The therapists are very imaginative.

"Today when Alex visits his regular health professionals they're amazed by the improvements he's made in communication, muscle coordination, imagination, and social skills in the last two years."

The center uses a play-based method which follows the Floortime model developed by child psychiatrist Stanley Greenspan. On this day, occupational therapist Sandi Scott tries to interest Alex in a fishing expedition, the first step to initiating interaction with him. While Alex sits in an inflatable boat, they both use poles to land the fish made from cardboard.

"By stepping into their world, we get to pull them into ours," said Ham-Kucharski. who with her husband, Richard, works with Alex at home. "The structure of our world can really frighten chil-

NEEDS VARY

Futures therapists deal with a multitude of impairments. One room is outfitted with pans of soapy water and rice to help introduce children with sensory issues to different tex-

Chris sits on his mother Kathleen Larabee's lap at Futures HealthCore Therapy Center in Garden City. Chris receives treatment there twice a week.

tures and materials. For children who don't like bright lights there is a special room to relax. In Alex's case, it's where he winds down before leaving the center.

According to Scott, the need for therapy centers is increasing as the number of autistic children rises.

"Ten to 15 years ago only 20 percent of the children I saw were autistic. The rise in autism is evident with 1 in 150 kids, 1 in 64 boys, being diagnosed," said Scott, Futures clinical manager and a Garden City resident.

"My philosophy is anything we do here, parents should be able to do at home, mom and dad should do every day. I have been working with kids for 19 years and the key is to get the family involved."

Kathleen Larabee spends the better part of her day working with son Chris. The 10-year old Canton boy was born prematurely with complications including a bowel condition, cerebral palsy, and parts of his brain missing. Later he was diagnosed with autism. He is speech and language impaired and suffers with a seizure disorder. After extensive therapy, he began walking at 5 years old.

"I want other parents to know that no matter how bad it looks, I hope Chris is an inspirational story," said Larabee. "I call him a miracle boy. After we went to healing service at Divine Child an MRI showed a totally intact brain with no explanation of the regeneration."

Although Chris still has medical problems, he is making progress. His attention span is getting longer. He likes looking at board books and will sit and listen to a short

"As part of being autistic, he has sensory integration disorder and is particular about his schedule, tolerates eye contact and touch if he knows you, but public places can be very overwhelming. At McDonald's he used to scream and cry, but is getting better," said Larabee.

"He looks forward to going to the center. It's become part of his routine, Tuesday and Thursday, for the last year. He recognizes everybody and gives them hugs. He has speech and occupational therapy at Futures. They teach him sign language. He can talk but is limited, but capable of talk-

Larabee and Chris leave the center with techniques to practice. She's looking for donors to help her pay for equipment, specifically a Snoezelin Room and indoor swing, so Chris can continue his therapy work at home. In the past they've received assistance from the Elks Club.

"He calms himself by rolling a ball up and down his arm, imitating what he's learned at the center," said Larabee.

"A Snoezelin Room involves sensory integration to modify a play space or room with light, vibration, textures, sounds. Insurance won't pay for it. Even after a seizure it's a place to be calm, but it runs over \$10,000 and I'm not able to pay for it as a single mom.

"An indoor swing is very calming. It's his favorite thing at school during gym time. After he swings he walks straighter."

For information about Futures HealthCore Therapy Center, call (734) 407-2500.

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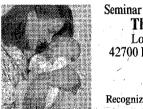
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MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

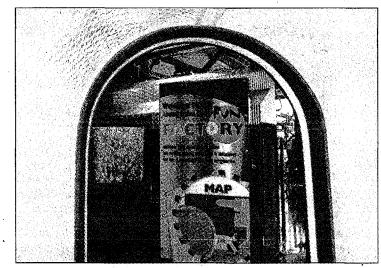
The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History contains many exhibits to entertain and educate patrons. The Target Corp. generously donated to the museum to allow for free admission on Sundays, along with an accompanying film series to enhance the visit. The museum holds annual events to honor the contributions of African Americans and celebrate life in Detroit.

The permanent exhibits such as And Still We Rise! allows museum goers to see many different angles, time periods, and geographic standpoints of the black experience from pre-historic Africa to present day. The Stories in Stained Glass show the public the triumphs of African musicians, dancers and freedom advocates, using their gifts to the best of their abilities.

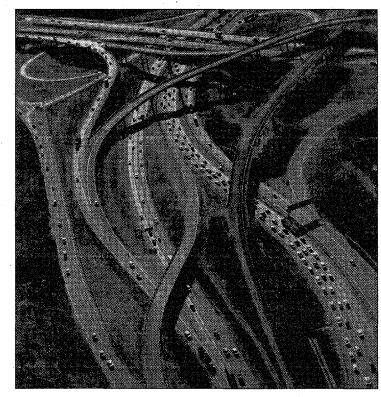
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DaimlerChysler Science Stage hosts shows daily that encourage audience participation on a number of topics. The Dassault Systèmes Planetarium shows revolutionary views of night skies as well as the reaches of space. And the center's permanent exhibits show the science in household objects and famil-



Feel the heat as you enter the U.S. Steel Fun Factory, the newest permanent addition to the Detroit Science Center in the city's Cultural Center.



See Freeway Interchange, Los Angeles, part of the Ansel Adams photography exhibit going on through May 27 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The most talked-about exhibit in recent months has been Our Body: The Universe Within, showcasing the anatomy of 20 real human bodies.

The scientists behind it used a technique called plastination to replace all body liquids and preserve the specimens in various positions for viewing. It allows

medical students, art students and inquisitive everyday people the chance to comprehend the inner workings of the complex machine that is the human body.

Emberley Neidhardt is a member of the Teen Journalist program and a Garden City High School senior.

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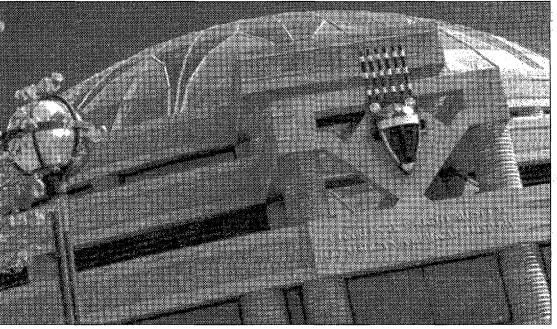
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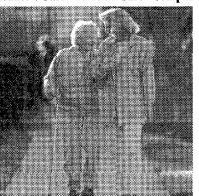
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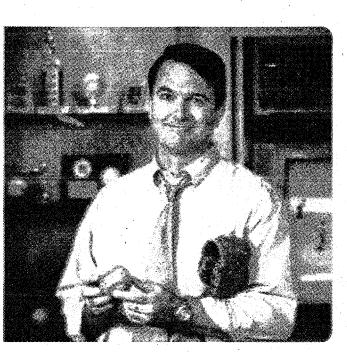
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Volleyball Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington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

SINGLES

Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000

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in Farmington Hills. Cash bar and reason-

able priced dinner is also available off

the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-mem-

11 a.m. Sunday, April 29, St. Joseph's Church, 345 Elm St. Wyandotte. Brunch follows. Contact Jerry at (734)283-6887.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Greek Town Casino Trip

May 19, 2007, Wayne/Westland Chapter is hosting trip. Some tickets are still available. Call Pat Tokar at (248)478-8977 or Diana Winn at (734)751-7386. Cost is \$25 which includes a round trip bus ride to the Casion and you will receive a \$15 voucher for cash from Greektown. Bus leaves Westborn Mall parking lot, Michigan Avenue and Outer Driver, at 5 p.m. Arrives back at 11 p.m. Public invited.

Olivia Marie Valdez

Anthony and Jennifer Valdez of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Marie Valdez, on Jan. 19, 2007, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

BIRTHS

She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces at birth and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Doug and Cindy Lloyd of Plymouth and Joseph and Nisako Valdez of Farmington Hills.

Great-grandparents are Marie Lloyd of Garden City and Marie Glover of Detroit.



Gavin Michael Steven Sampey

Brian and Melissa Sampey of Westland announce the birth of their son, Gavin Michael Steven Sampey, on March 3, 2007, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Gavin weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces at birth and was 19

inches long. He has a sister, Cierra

Sampey. Grandparents are Steve and Debbie Hunt of Westland and Dennis and Linda Sampey of Westland.

Great-grandparents are Bill Hunt of Livonia, Lorriane Formolo of Inkster and Catherine Sampey of Howell.



Avery Elise Graskiewicz

Robert and Jennifer (Whitmore) Graskiewicz announce the birth of their daughter, Avery Elise Graskiewicz, on Nov. 1, 2006, at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce.

Avery weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces at birth.

She has a sister, Bryn. Grandparents David and Irene Whitmore of Plymouth and Tim and Juanita

Graskiewicz of South Lyon. Great grandparents are Estelle Gurney of Plymouth, who celebrates her 90th birthday on April 23, Bernadine Whitmore of Plymouth and Margaret Thompson of Eastpointe.



Estelle Gurney is celebrating her 90th birthday. Her greatgranddaughter, above, was born in November.



ENGAGEMENTS

Thibodeau-Sadows

Bert and Jeanette Thibodeau of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Tina Thibodeau, to David Sadows of Dearborn.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and a graduate of Central Michigan University. She has been employed with the Detroit Red Wings since 1996.

The prospective groom is the son of Mary and Richard Boka and Mark and Cindy Sadows.



He is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. He is a mortgage banker with Quicken Loans.

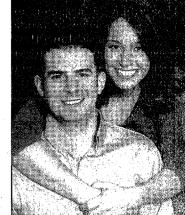
A May 2007 wedding is planned.

Inman-Clark

Lawrence and Jose Inman of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Nicole Inman, to Peter Clark of Garden City.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Canton High School. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 2005 with a degree in Special Education. She is employed by Cross Bridge Academy, a school for children with autism in Canton and also works at Building Bridges Therapy Center as an academic specialist.

The prospective groom is the son of the late Beth Clark and Charles Clark of Ann Arbor. He is a 2000 graduate of Ann Arbor Huron High School. He will graduate from the University of Michigan Dearborn in April 2007 with a degree in political science. In addition, he will be graduating



from the University of Michigan Army ROTC in April, commissioning as a U.S. Army second lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General Corps. He will continue his education pursuing a juris doctorate at Wayne State University Law School.

A July 21, 2007, wedding is planned for Ann Arbor.

Bergman-Massoni

Robert and Susan Bergman of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Michelle Bergman of Brooklyn, N.Y. to David Massoni also of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Garden City High School and has earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Wayne State University. She has also received her certification from the Aveda Institute in New York City and is an esthetician at Oasis Day Spa in New York

The prospective groom is the son of Albert and Carla Massoni of Chestertown, Md. He is the general manager of Dani Restaurant in New York City and is also co-owner of



Diablo Royale Restaurant in New York City.

A fall 2007 wedding is

planned.

Borland-Smith

Christopher and Mary Borland of Lincoln Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah, to Gordie Smith, son of Gordon and Debra Smith of Westland.

A September wedding at St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is being planned.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lincoln Park High School and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and psychology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as an engineering technician by Toyota Motor **Engineering & Manufacturing** North America in Ann Arbor.

The prospective groom, a



graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland, is a production technician at Ford Motor Company's Wayne Stamping Plant.

Anderson-Sytniak

William and Linda Anderson of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, to John Raymond Sytniak, son of Bernard and Elizabeth Sytniak of Allen Park.

The bride-to-be is a 1977 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a gardener at the University of Michigan.

Her fiancee is a 1993 graduate of Aquinas High School in



Southgate and a 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a carpenter with Kessler Properties in Ann

A May wedding is planned at the Matthai Botanical Gardens.

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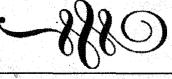
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LEROY "Borny" BERNARD BORNHAUSER was born December 8, 1915 in Evansville Indiana. Borny went to Grammar School at Stanley Hall and Bosse High School in Evansville. He obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Purdue University in 1937, followed two years later with a Master of Science Degree in Automotive Engineering from Chrysler Institute. In 1941 Borny earned a Private Pilot's license in a Cub J3 and was part owner of a Luscombe. In 1943 Borny became a Project Engineer at Chrysler's Dodge Chicago Plant, at that time the largest aircraft engine factory in the world. In 1945 he met and married Louise Eaton of Chicago, Illinois. They had two twin sons, Charlie Bornhauser, currently residing in Westlake Village, California, and Bill Bornhauser, currently residing in Bradenton, Florida. In 1951 he transferred to the Los Angeles Assembly Plant as Chief Tool Engineer, and in 1954 he became Plant Manager of the Indianapolis and Kokomo, Indiana plants. Borny was promoted in 1958 to Group Executive-Power Train Manufacturing with responsibility for all axle, engine, and transmission production. He returned to the corporate staff in 1963 as Director Manufacturing Engineering for Chrysler, and in that same year he was elected a Vice President. In 1965 he was named Group Vice President, with responsimanufacturing operations in the United States, including oversight responsibility for 200,000 employees. Borny served next as Vice President-Product Planning and Development. In this position he steered the design and development of the Plymouth Barracuda and Dodge Challenger into "muscle cars". He was a member of Oakland Hills Country Club, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Grosse Pointe Club, Bayview Yacht Club, the Society of Automotive Engineers, Engineering Society of Detroit, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Tau Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, Economic Club of Detroit, the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce, and board of trustees of Alma College He was past president (1971) of the Engineering Society of Detroit and President of the Rackham Foundation.

bility for all Chrysler's automotive In 1966 Borny received Achievement Outstanding Management award from American Institute of Industrial Engineers, in the company of inductees like Peter V. Ueberroth. He retired from Chrysler in 1979 after 42 years and moved to Osprey, Florida with Margaret Bornhauser, whom he had married in 1964. Borny and Margie had dated after college, and had met again after many years while they were both single in Michigan. Margie passed away in 1995 after thirty one years of marriage, having also raised one of Margie's grandsons from the age of two, John B. Lewis, currently residing in Jacksonville, Florida. In Osprey they lived at the Southbay Yacht and Racquet Club where Borny became the 2nd President of the Southbay Homeowner's Association, and a member of the Venice Yacht Club. He was an avid boater in retirement, shifting from sailing to power boating In his 80's he owned a twenty-six foot Wellcraft with twin 260 hp engines he named Flying Colors. He used to say, "I'm getting older—got to get there in a hurry!". It was on this boat that one day Borny took Lorraine D'Atri on the ride of her life for a blind date. Three years later they married, still taking that ride and traveled the globe, taking some 25 trips together. As a retired RN Lorraine also took on the role as Borny's primary care-giver when it became needed. With care she passionately created a tremendous quality of life for Borny in their home and extended his enjoyment of life several years. Borny suddenly passed away March 11, 2007 at



the age of 91. Borny is survived by his

loving wife, Lorraine, his sons Charlie

and Bill, his step grandson, John, and

numerous grandchildren and great-

grandchildren. Dad, you had a "great

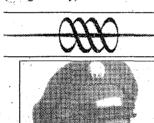
run," and so many who knew you loved your "sparkle" and wit that dis-

played your love for life.

greatly, greatly missed.

MARION N. BREED

Age 92 of Gaylord, formerly of Plymouth passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2007 in Gaylord. Beloved wife of the late Walter, loving mother of Doug (Carol) of Gaylord and John (Kerry) of Centerville, OH, dearest grandmother of Jenny of Seattle, WA, Robin of Farmington Hills and Ryan of Centerville, OH. Also loving great grandmother. Dear sister of the late Shirley Kallay. Marion was born July 10, 1914 in Cleveland, OH to Charles and Anna Nepodal. Raised in Ypsilanti, she earned her teaching degree from Michigan State Normal College (now EMU). She taught in Creek, Wyandotte and Plymouth. She was a longtime member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth, and active in St. John's dies League until she moved to Gaylord 3 years ago. She loved nature, traveling, cooking and reading. She will be remembered by friends and family for her strength, cheerful spirit, curiosity and energy. Services vill be held 1:30 PM, Saturday, April 1, 2007 at the Nelson Funeral Home Gaylord. A memorial service and gathering will also be held in lymouth at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan (Otsego County) or to St. John's Episcopal Church (Ladies League) in Plymouth, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord MI 49734. The Breed family wishes to express sincere gratitude to the compassionate and caring staff of Aspen Ridge Retirement Village of Gaylord, and to Hospice of Michigan (Otsego County).



LEO PAUL "SCOTTY" CAUZILLO, SR.

Succumbed to cancer on April 16, 2007, at the age of 82, in Banning, CA surrounded by his family. Leo was born in Livonia Township, MI, the oldest of five children born to Leo Peter Cauzillo and Elizabeth Tait. Leo retired from Oakland Community College in Farmington, Michigan. He was active in the Sun Lakes Community of Banning. Leo was preceded in death by his brother, Joseph Cauzillo and his sister, Margie Coleman. He is survived by his children: Cheryl L. Kilinski of Royal Oak, MI, Mary L. (Joseph) Reynolds of Plainfield, IN, Barbara A. (Wayne) Parks of Manchester, MI, Anne Marie (Steve) Hazen of Detroit, MI, Patricia L. (Bradley) Carter of Plymouth, MI, Leo P. (Dorothy) Cauzillo, Jr. of Addison, MI, and Constance J. Makled of Saline, MI; his sisters Joyce Stillings of Banning, CA and Dorothy Slaght of Presque Isle, MI: his 23 grandchildren; great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. MI. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer

Society or the charity of your choice in Leo Cauzillo 's name. HYMAN CHESSIN, PHD

Of Waterford, April 16, 2007 at 86 years of age. Loving husband of Betty for 65 years. Beloved father of Vicki (Duane Powell) Chessin of Alma, Wendy (Michael Wisniarek) Chessin of Troy, Roger (Freda) Chessin of Troy and Russell Chessin of Warren. Dear brother of Newton (Jean) Chessin of FL and the late Louis Chessin Powell, Robin Brittney Chessin, Krista Ellise Chessin and Alexa Chessin Wisniarek. Dr. Chessin was a retired research chemist who held many patents in the chrome plating industry. He had a lifetime appreciation of the arts, classical music, the opera and jewelry making. He was currently volunteering at the DIA as he had for the last 15 years. A memorial service will be held, Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 5pm at the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, 23925 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield. In lieu of flowers donations may be made Chessin Voluntary Fund at the Detroit Institute of Art. Arrangements entrusted to Coats Funeral Home, Waterford. To send a private condolence to the

hessin. Caring grandfather of Lane Planned Parenthood or The Hy

family, select questbook at: www.coatsfuneral home.com

Age 91, April 17, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John Q., dear mother of John (Carol) Grossa, Susan (Robert) Law, Richard (Ruth) Grossa, Timothy (Diane) Grossa, Roberta (John) Lardner, Mary (William) Pierson, James (Bridget) Grossa and the late Thomas Grossa; fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Services were held Friday at Life Story Funeral Home Betzler & Thompson, Paw Paw, MI, followed by a Memorial Mass Saturday at St. Valentine Catholic Church, Redford Township. To read Margaret's complete life story, archive a favorite memory, upload photos or make a memorial contribution to Hospice of SW Michigan or Redford Township Public Library, please visit her personal web page at: www.lifestorynet.com

MARGARET E. GROSSA

FREDERICK J. HUNT

April 18, 2007 Beloved husband of Nancy-Lou for 52 years. Dear father of Howard (Lori) and John. Grandfather of Daniel, Elizabeth and Hannah. Brother of William O. Hunt (Mary): Services have been held. Memorial tributes to Crossroads Alliance Church, World Missions Fund, 15858 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Beverly Hills, MI 48025. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248

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THOMAS ANDREW NAKONECZNY

Age 50, avid hunter and sportsman, April 19, 2007. Tom is survived by his loving children Thomas Jr. and Lindsay; his beloved mother Valerie; and his brothers Peter S. (Pam), Rick and James. Dear uncle of Rick Jr., Brian and Megan. Tom is also survived by several other loving family members and friends. Funeral service Monday, April 23rd, 11:00 AM at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds. just N. of Grand River); downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Visitation Saturday 3-8 PM Sunday 3-8 PM. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial tributes suggested to the charity of one's choice. www.heeney-sundquist.com

MARION FRANK PAJAS

Age 92, of Cumming, GA and Wes Bloomfield, MI, died Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at his residence. A native of Michigan, he had resided in Cumming for the past five years with his daughter. He worked for 53 years for the Ford Motor Company as an Automotive Analyst. Mr. Pajas was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Malay Pajas in 1999. He is survived by daughters Pamela (David) burke of West Bloomfield, MI and Marian Janet Cook of Cumming; grandchildren Amy Pajas, Christopher Burke Steven (Atsuko) Burke; and greatgrandchildren Chase Cook, Lauren Matthew Pajas, Rache Renteria and Alexander Renteria, Mr. Pajas was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later ate. Condolences may be expressed online at www.mcdonaldandson.com Arrangements by McDonald and Son Funeral Home & Crematory, 150 Sawnee Drive, Cumming, GA 30040 (770) 886-9899

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LIBRARY PICKS

Northern Michigan

Three students from Plymouth were

announced its graduates. The following

students satisfied their degree require-

Kathleen Nicastri completed her

associates degree in industrial media;

Russell Markwood earned a bachelor's

Andrew McCully earned his bachelor's

Sophomore Allison M. Goldsmith,

daughter of Jeffrey Goldsmith and

Kathleen Payne of Plymouth and a

been named to the Merit List at

the 2006-07 academic year.

average of at least 3.45.

Eastern Michigan

University.

graduate of Canton High School, has

Kenyon College for the first semester of

To be eligible for Merit List recogni-

tion, a student must earn a grade-point

James Reddy of Plymouth has been

named to the Dean's List for the Fall

2006 semester at Eastern Michigan

Reddy has earned his bachelor's

degree in physical education teaching,

with a minor in school health. He is a

2000 graduate of Canton High School,

degree in computer science; and

degree in public relations.

Kenyon College

among the students named when

Northern Michigan University

ments in August 2006:

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FICTION

- 1. "Nineteen Minutes," Jodi Picoult 2. "Obsession," Jonathan
- Kellerman 3. "The Alibi Man," Tami Hoag
- 4. "Whitehorn Woods," Maeve
- 5. "For a Few Demons More," Kim Harrison

NON-FICTION

- 1. "A Long Way Gone," Ishmael
- Beah 2. "Grace (Eventually)," Anne
- Lamott 3. "In an Instant," Lee and Bob
- Woodruff 4. "How Doctors Think," Jerome
- Groopman 5. "I Feel Bad About My Neck," Nora Ephron

PARENT'S CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1. "The Perfect Nest," Catherine Friend
- 2. "Only a Cow," Arlene Hamilton 3. "Duck, Duck, Goose," Tad Hills
- 4. "The Flying Bed," Nancy Willard
- 5. "Slugs in Love," Susan Pearson

ON CAMPUS

where he played point guard and still coaches boys freshman and girls junior

varsity basketball. **University of Northwestern**

Patrick Joseph Albaugh of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List for the February 2007 session in the College of Technologies at the University of Northwestern Ohio in

To make the list, students needed a grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Howe Military School

Cadet Melvin Sillmon, an 11th-grader and the son of Anna and Melvin Sillmon of Plymouth, made the Superintendent's List for the fourth six-week grading period of the 2006-07 school year.

Sillmon, who has attended Howe Military School since January 2006, attained the honor by attaining at least a 3.5 B+ average in his studies in a college prep curriculum.

Lawrence Tech

Seven students from Plymouth and 11 from Canton made the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2006 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

The Plymouth students were Christopher Jagalla, Steven Lent,

Steven Musselman, Travis Sharp, Scott Fisher, Matthew McLeod and Richard

The Canton students included Lauren Cilia, Alena Weiss, Nathan Boos, Carl Wixon, Stephen Panoff, Benjamin Pew, Robert Vander Hoeven, Nathan Bugosh, Pawel Bagadzsinski, Nathan Guideau and William Casey.

University of Nebraska

Sabrina Tockook of Plymouth, a junior majoring in pre-architecture, was named to the Dean's List/Honor Roll for the fall semester at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Students in the top 10 percent in the university's College of Architecture are recognized with this honor.

Saint Francis

Anne Roosevelt of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2006 semester at Saint Francis University.

Northwood University

Matthew J. Czajkowski of Plymouth has been named to the Dean's List for fall term at Northwood University. Czajkowski is the son of Joseph and

Christie Czajkowski of Plymouth. He achieved Dean's List recognition by earning a 3.25 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Children's shows feature local actors

Students from Plymouth, Canton and Livonia are performing in The Divine Child High School Prime -Time Players productions of Noah and the Ark and Snow White 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the high school's auditorium, 1001 N. Silvery Lane, Dearborn. The two children's shows offer an hour of interactive entertainment for children from age 3 to 93.

Divine Child theater students have directed, acted, built the sets, and designed all of the costumes. Prior to the April 28 public performance, they present the two shows at seven different elementary schools in the area April 25-

Tickets are \$5 for the entire family or \$2 for single tickets. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the April 28 performance. For more information, call the school during business hours at (313) 562-1990.

During the shows, children will be asked to play various roles, provide sound effects or to call out answers to help the actors along. It promises to be a delightful experience, especially for the wiggle set.

Proceeds will go to cover the costs of this traveling troupe's community outreach program.

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit Bids for Kitchen Equipment and Hood at Smith Elementary. Bidding documents may be picked up at the Central Maintenance Office at 987 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI 48170 on April 26, 2007. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time on Thursday. May 5, 2007 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Ms. Laura Hagan, (734) 416-2953. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as

required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing

form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. **Board of Education**

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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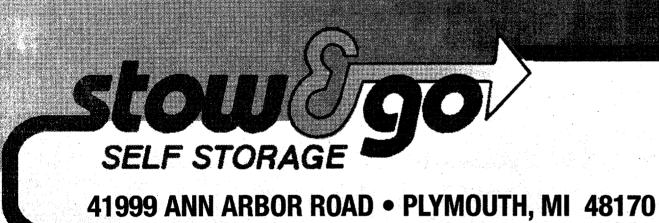
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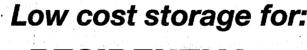
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Gift of life

Organ donation focus of fund-raiser, film

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

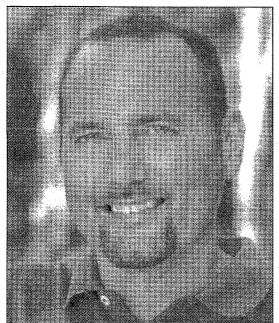
Matt Medwid wouldn't be alive today to even think about starting a family if not for the stranger who donated a heart to him in March 2004. That one generous gesture made it possible for the Redford man to not only have a future but one day bring a new life into the world with his wife.

Nationwide, there's an effort to increase awareness about registering to become an organ donor. From 6-10 p.m. Thursday, May 3, Medwid is volunteering his time to help guests of ALIVE '07, the Donate Life Coalition of Michigan fund-raiser, sign up to give the greatest gift of all. The benefit features a strolling buffet and silent and live auctions at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Tickets are available in advance through April 28 or at the door. For information, visit www.donatelifemichigan.org or call (248) 770-5172.

A STRANGER'S HEART

Two days later on May 5, the Hallmark Channel presents A Stranger's Heart (9/8c). Arlene Krausz has seen the lives saved by donors during her 23 years as a critical care nurse in the Los Angeles area. Krausz served as medical consultant on the film about a workaholic magazine writer who receives a donor heart and suddenly begins examining her priorities. Callie (played by Samantha Mathis) is strangely drawn to the donor's young daughter and eventually finds love with a heart transplant patient. Krausz made sure as the film's characters became sicker and sicker while waiting for organs the actors' movements, speech and breathing mirrored real life.

"It's important for people to understand while they're alive and healthy that's when they have to make the conscious choice to be an organ donor and take the necessary steps. The family at that time of grief and despair may not carry out their wishes." said Krausz. "I thought I could sign the back of my license and found out I had



Matt Medwin received a heart transplant in 2004. On May 3, the Redford man is volunteering to help guests sign up for the organ donation registery during a fundraiser at Park West Gallery in Southfield.

to register. Here I was working in the world of medicine and didn't know."

Producer Lincoln Lageson registered eight years ago after learning a friend of the family received a donor organ. While it's his job to see that the film entertains viewers, it does have a message

"It's not a documentary. No. 1 is for people to be entertained, but to educate people about organ donation," said Lageson. "It was interesting to learn the length of time people are forced to stay on the waiting list. I saw pictures of a couple of patients prior and immediately after. It was amazing to see what a difference the transplant made, how it can change someone's life. The cast dealing with the medical aspects was very emotional. We have a character that did not survive. We dealt with the very emotion-



ERIC McCANDLES

Samantha Mathis plays the role of a transplant recipient who is drawn to the donor's daughter (played by Mary Matilyn Mouser) in the Hallmark movie, A Stranger's Heart.

al aspect of the family members of the donor. That's very powerful and emotional."

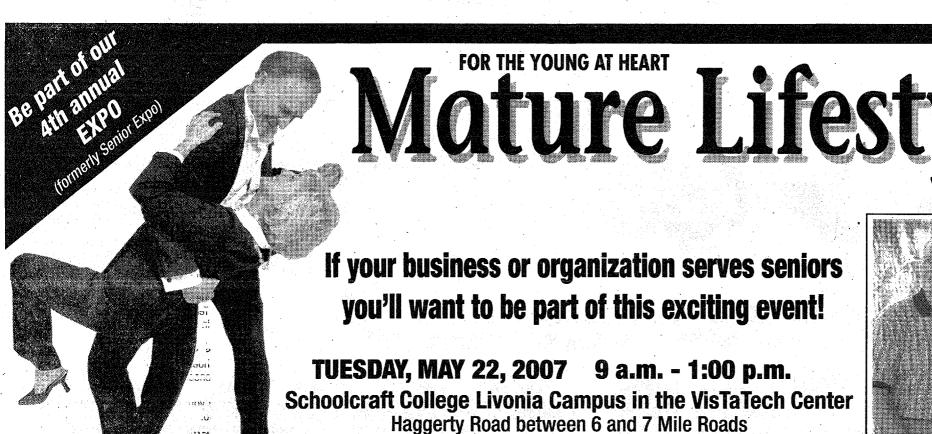
DONATING LIFE

Carol Gallup says it was horrible when her son, Charles Girard Gallup, died from a heart attack in his Rochester Hills driveway in December 2005, but it helped knowing his organs, bones and heart valves helped others. Charles was 41 and an avid NASCAR fan.

"This is one thing that you can do to make it not so hopeless or terrible, plus he would have loved it. He was the most generous kid you could ever run across. He always stopped to help people with car trouble," said Gallup. "We had never talked about it (organ donation), but I'd always wanted to do it since I was very young. Even before organ donation I signed up to donate my body to the medical school at Michigan State when my children were young."

Matt Medwid is convinced he wouldn't be alive today if not for donors like Charles Gallup. Medwid was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, an excessive thickening of the heart muscle at age 14, had a stroke at 30 then another stroke in 2003. In between he had a pacemaker implanted. Six months before receiv-

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ing his heart transplant, he was admitted to Cleveland Clinic to wait for an organ donation. Today, Medwid is a recently married insurance agent working in Milford. He volunteers regularly at Salem Bible Church where he directs the Kids Club. He also speaks to groups about organ donation.

"Before I was tired all the time, to walk up a flight of steps was brutal," said Medwid, 41. "I was in the hospital afterwards for six weeks and weighed 130 pounds. It took me six to eight months to feel better but now I work out three times a week at the Y, can jog a mile, lift weights, and plan on having kids, and weigh 180. It's amazing. I still can't do everything, it's not perfect but I absolutely would not be here without the transplant.

"It seems such a waste that someone has to pass away while waiting for a transplant. My mom died at U of M waiting to get a heart transplant in 1997 at age 54."

ALIVE '07

Organizers of the Donate Life May 3 fund-raiser hope the ALIVE event raises awareness about organ donation and the Gift of Life registry (www.giftoflifemichigan.org), the state's federally authorized organ recovery organization. Donate Life's mission as a group of nonprofits and volunteers is to urge people to register to donate their organs, tissue and eyes after death.

"It's so important that Donate Life continue its mission," said Peggy Burkhard, planning committee member. "We'll have three award recipients and Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land welcoming everyone because she's been incredibly supportive.

"This year we're encouraging guests to sign up online at the event, and Michigan musician Hunter Brucks is going to perform Second Chance, a song he wrote and

sings. The CD will raise money for Camp Michitanki, a University of Michigan Transplant Center initiative to enable children whose lives were saved by transplant to attend summer camp."

Mary Lowe thought it was a good idea when the hospital asked her to donate husband Richard's organs after the 69year old Troy man died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage in February 2005.

"Our family was not all here but I said yes," said Lowe, who was married to Richard for 44 years. "I thought it would be good to help someone out when we were losing him, if someone else could have a life through him. One man has his liver, two young people corneas so they have sight. Bone went to children born with a deformity of the spine so they could walk. I feel like he is living on through them.'

LIVING ON

Arlene Krausz believes the donor may not only give life to the recipient, but be responsible for certain changes in behavior. When the nurse consultant was doing research for A Stranger's Heart she went online to read accounts of recipients taking on characteristics of the donors after transplant.

"There are the stories of people who didn't like peanut butter now craving it, that they have these personality changes," said Krausz. "Is there proof? There has been research about the T-cells, but the bottom line is I've actually met people. One lady I took care of in cardiac rehab hated peanut butter and afterward couldn't get enough. In the nursing world we hear about

Park West Gallery is at 29469 Northwestern, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads. Tickets are \$50.

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APRIL

Organ donor memorial

A snowboard/skateboard bench will be dedicated in memory of former student Tony Sisco Jr. 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (adult ceremony at 11:30 a.m.) Monday, April 23, at White Lake Middle School, 1450 Bogie Lake Road. Tony died after a snowboarding accident on Dec. 22, 2005. He had watched an evening news segment on organ donation and told his parents if anything should ever happen to him he would like to become an organ donor. Tony Sr. and Karen Sisco made the decision to help others by donating his organs and corneas. The bench was made possible in part by Chris Klug, 2002 Olympic Snowboarding Broze Medalist and a liver transplant recipient, who sent two autographed racing boards for the bench. The dedication is scheduled for what would have been the 14th birthday of Tony Jr. For information about becoming a registered organ donor, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Autism-friendly family event

Reservations accepted until Monday, April 23, for the second annual pajama party features the hilarious Doug Scheer performing his Diversity Circus magic show 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Judson Center, 4410 W. 13 Mile, Royal Oak. Tickets \$25 per family. Space is limited, call (248) 837-2112 for reservations.

Blood drive

6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 23, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's Conference Center, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Walk-ins welcome, appointment encouraged. To register, visit www.givelife.org, sponsor code DMC and choose HVSH blood drive.,

CPR training

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 23 (must arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to class), at the Redford Twp. District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile, between Beech Daly and Telegraph, Redford residents interested in participating can call Debra Yake at (248) 304-6080, or (248) 304-6055. All residents must be registered.

Bocce for Bucks III

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction from World Cup Bocce players 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Palazzo di Bocce, Orion Township. Event includes indoor bocce ball tournament, Italian buffet, silent auction. Dress casual. Tickets \$100 for bocce play, Italian buffet dinner, beer, wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift; \$150 for all of above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup players. Call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

RN refresher course

Madonna University 12-day registered nurse (RN) refresher course meets 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., April 23 to May 11, on the main Livonia campus. Course designed for nurses who've maintained their RN license, but have been out of clinical practice for more than two vears. Registration \$800. For information, call Marilyn Harton at (734) 432-5449 or send e-mail to mharton@madonna.edu.

Afternoons optimal for workouts

Ashley from Eastpointe emails asking if there is a particular time of day that's best for getting in an effective workout?

Ashley, in this case timing can influence the kind of exercise you do and the gains you make! In the morning joints are at their stiffest. That makes warming up before working out especially important. But it is also

important to note that your body's ability to build new muscle is greatest in the morning, so that might be the best time for you.

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Joan from Taylor has been noticing subtle changes in her voice. She emails asking if she should see a doctor about the problem.

Joan, the answer is yes! A change in vocal pitch can be something as minor as a cold or sore throat. But according to researchers at the University of Michigan it can also indicate more serious problems like acid reflux. Watch for warning signs like a voice that is unusually raspy, even though you aren't sick.

If you sing and have trouble hitting certain notes that can be another danger sign. If the changes persist for more than a few weeks check with your doctor. To keep your voice healthy be sure to drink plenty of water! Be sure to avoid smoking and second hand smoke! Try to avoid shouting and be careful not to excessively clear your throat!

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

Smoking study to examine habits of pet owners

Henry Ford Hospital is launching a first-of-its-kind, multi-phase study to examine the smoking behaviors of people who own or live with a pet.

"Existing research does not indicate what percentage of pet owners smoke or allow smoking in their homes. We hope to fill in that research gap," said Dr. Ronald M. Davis, director of Henry Ford's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention and the study's principal investigator.

Henry Ford researchers are seeking 2,100 participants for the three-year, \$300,000 study, which is funded by the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute in Miami, Fla. Eligible participants are either smokers or non-smokers who live with a dog, cat or bird and are at least 18 years

In the study's first phase, researchers will look at the smoking practices of people who live with their pet dog,

cat or bird. In the second phase, they'll examine people's perceptions about secondhand smoke and its effects on pet health. The final phase will involve a public education program about smoking and pet health.

To recruit study participants in southeast Michigan, Henry Ford is partnering with the Michigan Humane Society and Pet Supplies Plus pet stores. Participants will be asked to complete an online survey about animals living in the home, smoking behaviors and those of the people with whom they live, interest in quitting smoking, and smoking rules in the home.

The first 1,200 participants, who complete the survey at www.healthypetsurvey.com, will receive a \$5 Pet Supplies Plus gift card. All participants will automatically be entered in a grand prize drawing to win \$500, \$100, \$50 and \$20 gift cards. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete.

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FOOT PAIN CAN RUIN YOUR GOLF SWING

As millions of avid golfers get ready for another season of pars and bogevs, they should be aware of potentially serious foot problems that can result from years of

Dr. Randy H. Bernstein, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon in Dearborn Heights, and staff member of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, shares this information from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

the swing's follow through can cause this problem, as well as the other foot ailments.

The three most common painful foot conditions that can ruin your golf swing are heel pain, arthritis of the big

toe joint, and pinched-swollen nerves called neuromas. Although golf is not considered a rigorous sport, the physical act of repeatedly swinging of the clubs can lead to a condition known as hallux limitus, a jamming and deterioration of the big toe joint. This can eventually wear out the cartilage and jam the big toe causing severe pain. The movement and weight transfer that occurs during

This weight transfer and body twisting during the swing can also make the feel roll from side to side, putting pressure on the nerves between the metatarsal bones in the feet. This pressure can cause the nerves to be pinched and irritated causing them to swell and produce numbness, tingling, and severe pain around the "balls" of the feet. This problem is called neuromas.

Heel pain typically results from inflammation of the thick band of tissue that extends from the heel to the "balls" of the feet from walking on uneven terrain around the golf course. Tears and inflammation in this band of tissue in the arch area is called plantar fasciitis. Tears and inflammation in the area of the heel, can eventually result in becoming a heel spur.

For the majority of golfers and other patients with the same ailments, simple treatments such as custom orthotic devices (shoe inserts), stretching exercises, changes to your shoes, medications, braces, or steroid injections and physical therapy can alleviate painful feet. However, if conservative treatment fails to provide

adequate relief, surgery may be required. Foot pain is not normal. With the treatment options available to you by your foot and ankle surgeon, a painfree golf swing is obtainable. When your feet hurt, your golf swing hurts, too.

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Antiquarian book fair

The 29th-annual Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair takes place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 6, in the ballroom of the Michigan Student Union, 530 S. State Street in Ann Arbor. There is a \$5 admission charge which benefits the William L. Clements Library of the University of Michigan. Nearly 40 book dealers from Michigan and throughout the Midwest .will offer fine used; rare and out-of-print books, maps, postcards, photographs and prints for sale. The William L. Clements Library will hold an auction Saturday, May 5, as a lead-in to the book fair. Preview is 1-4:30 p.m.; the auction starts at 5 p.m. For more information, contact Jay Platt c/o the West Side Book Shop, 113 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, e-mail jplatt@provide.net or call (734) 995-1891.

Mother/Son magic show

Northville Parks and Recreation sponsors the Mother and Son Magic Show with Jasen Magic 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at Genitti's (108 E. Main) in Northville. The magic show runs 10:30-11:20 a.m., followed by lunch until 12:30 p.m. The show is open to children ages 3 and up. No strollers, and the family style lunch will include SOUD, pasta, salad, chicken, brownies and lemonade. Cost is \$14 per person.Pre-register by going to the Northville Parks and Recreation office, 700 W. Baseline, in Northville. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

Soup & Salad The St. Joseph Women's Guild hosts its annual Soup & Salad Luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 11, in the Parish Activity

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The Marguis Theatre presents "Raggedy Ann and Andy" through April 29. Performance dates and times are 2:30 p.m. Saturdays (April 28) and Sundays. (April 22, 29). Tickets are \$8 for all performances. For more information, visit the theater's Web site at www.northvillemarquistheatre.com or call (248) 349-

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets Thursday, May 3, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. Speaker Cindy Gorstick, corresponding secretary of the Michigan Genealogical Council, will discuss "WWI and WWII Draft Registration Information." The meeting, which starts with a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the business portion at 7:30 p.m., will also serve as the group's annual meeting. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

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 ioin. 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

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Scholarly effort

Mark Shobe, president and CEO, DFCU Financial, congratulates the 2007 winners of the Founders' Scholarship (from left) Kristen Kitti, a senior at Plymouth Christian High School; Rachel Mason, a senior at Divine Child High School in Dearborn; and Mohamed Alcodray, a Dearborn High School senior. Kitti is the recipient of the \$2,000 renewable scholarship fro up to four years based on continued academic achievement (3.0 GPA) for a total amount of \$8,000. Since introducing the Founders' Scholarship Program in 1998, DFCU Financial has committed more than \$125,000 in scholarship funds to high school seniors who are members of the financial institution. To be eligible, applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrate involvement in community service. A written essay also was required. The winner of the renewable scholarship is determined following an interview with members of the senior management team at DFCU Financial.

City Club, John Leidy Shops, Georgetown Gifts, Kitchenport and Quinn's Essentials. For more information, call Winifred Schweiger, (734) 434-8521.

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, fulland half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

Crafters/vendors needed Crafters and vendors are wanted for the springtime craft show/bazaar 1-6 p.m. April 28 at the Inkster Recreational Center, 2025 Middlebelt in Inkster. Cost is \$30 per booth. E-mail Vdotson@twmi.rr.com for application or call (734) 595-1083.

Bocce for bucks

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event, Bocce for Bucks III, sponsored by Complete Infusion Services, offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players. The event takes place 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play, ideal for families and people of all ages, an Italian buffet, silent auction and much more. No prior experience or equipment needed. Dress is casual and prizes will be awarded to the top teams. Funds raised will help provide an innovative, life-saving system - VNA's TeleHomecare program, used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits. Tickets are available with the following benefits: \$100 Guest ticket - Receives bocce play, Italian buffet dinner, beer, wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift; \$150 Patron ticket - Receives all of the above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup Bocce Players onehour prior to event start; and \$200 Benefactor ticket - Receives all of the above plus invitation to Private Benefactor Reception. For sponsorship, advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III, call (248) 967-8324 or

visit vna.org. **Waste to Watts**

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately

reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439. Card party/funcheon Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second

Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties.

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Toastmasters meet

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Grief support

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

www.newhopecenter.net. **Post Polio Clinic**

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

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

Cariton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every luesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities, Call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwa-

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Mother's Day falls on Sunday, May 13 this year. Grab your mom and celebrate with some drama — the good kind! Book a date for one of these local shows:

MamapaZOOza Music Festival

Got a rockin' mom? Take her to MamapaZOOza at the Detroit Zoo's picnic area 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 12. Join mom rockers The Mydols, Candy Band, McCabe's Ladies and Jo Serrapere for a pre-Mother's Day party celebrating moms who like to have fun – love handles, soccer games, screaming kids and all! For more information, visit www.mamapazooza.com.

A Little RESPECT

Enjoy an afternoon of entertainment as the Gem Theatre and Century Grille offer a special Mother's Day package on Sunday, May 13. See "Respect: A Musical Journey of Women," a show that celebrates the history of women through popular songs, followed by an extensive brunch buffet. Tickets, \$74.50, include a complimentary mimosal Showings are at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Call (313) 963-9800.

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www.ashleysfriends.org.

MommyHood at the Macomb Center

Celebrate the power of moms as the new stage play "MommyHood" debuts at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts Sunday, May 13. Dynamic actors, including local celebrity Karen Newman, will deliver monologues conveying the deepest emotions of mommyhood during shows at noon and 5 p.m. Tickets, \$22, are available at (586) 286-2222 or www.macombcenter.com.

Spring Shoe Stor Giveaway!

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Model Emily Champion, of Ortonville, is ready for Birmingham Fashion Week with hair and makeup by Antonino Salon and Spa, clothing from Ariada Boutique, accessories from Imelda's Closet and Gracie's, and gems from Astrein's Jewelers. For more, see pages 8-9.

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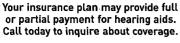
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Plateau busting secrets



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Plateau. You've heard the word. Perhaps you've even experienced it yourself. After exercising consistently and watching what you eat, your weight is staying the same.

Plateau busters know the secret. The easiest way to get out of the plateau zone is to kick start your metabolism. Shake things up a bit.

Here's how to avoid the plateau pitfall or, if you're in a plateau, try some simple solutions. Usually a weight loss plateau is caused by not challenging certain muscle groups. Once you finally get into shape, it's important to change your exercise routine and the intensity.

Vary the workout.

For instance, if you've been jogging, try a spinning class a couple of days a week. If you're weight training, add circuit training. In our Body Beautiful Boot Camps, we add variety including kick boxing, cardio and Pilates. What's really important is to challenge the same muscle groups each week, but add a different challenge. If today is the day you work

out your legs, try kickboxing, then the following week do weight training, then the next week, maybe it's time to try Pilates.

Vary the intensity.

It is also important to not only change the workout, but to vary the intensity of your workout. This changes the method of working the muscle groups so that your body is being challenged differently. It will help to give you a nice, sculptured look

The message in plateau busting is always the same: Don't just pump it up, change it up.

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9 diet bloopers to avoid

There's a good reason diets don't work, says nutritional coach Deborah Arneson. Most people do them wrong. Having helped hundreds of clients achieve their goal weight for the first time, she shares the top nine diet bloopers from her new book, "Fries, Thighs, and Lies: The Girlfriend's Guide to Getting the Skinny on Fat" (Basic Health, \$14.95).

- 1. Poor sleep habits. Bedding down after 10 and sleeping too little prohibits nightly adrenal regeneration and adds toxic load in the liver leading to weight gain and slow metabolism.
- 2. Not enough calories. Eating less than your body's minimum daily requirement causes your body to store fat. This feast or famine response kicks in the moment daily calorie intake drops below 1,200.
- 3. Under hydration. Drinking too little water slows down your metabolism and fat burning. To calculate your daily water allowance: Weight in pounds x .075 = cups of water/day.
- 4. Exercising less than 25 minutes. To lose fat, the exercise that counts kicks in after 26 minutes at your target heart rate. Less

than that only maintains your current weight.

- 5. Eating too little protein. Too little protein in your daily diet slows down fat processing in the body. To calculate your body's daily protein requirements: Weight in pounds ÷ 2.2 x 0.8 = grams of protein/day.
- 6. Not enough fiber. Two to four pieces of fresh fruit and 2-4 cups steamed or raw vegetables daily help the body burn fat, stabilize insulin and drop pounds.
- 7. Watching the wrong numbers. Ditch the scale. The important numbers you need to know for fat loss are: body-fat percentage, body-mass index, waist-to-hip ratio, and daily calorie allowance. Learn how to find these numbers and use them correctly.
- 8. Ignoring the clock. An easy way to lose weight is to eat smaller meals, eat soon after rising, and then every 2-3 hours after that. Don't eat after 7 p.m.
- 9. Not budgeting. Once you calculate your daily calorie allowance, budget for 500 calories less than that if you want to lose 1-2 pounds a week. Most dieters are clueless about how many calories they consume in a day.

It's easy being green

Since becoming a mom I have been much more aware of the world around me and what I can do to help preserve it for my child. Here are a few ways I have found to make our world a little greener. You might even find that being environmentally conscious will save you money too!

Cloth vs. Disposable

Today's cloth diapers are much different than the ones our parents used on us. Forget about pins and awkward folding. The most popular cloth diapers today are contoured to fit perfectly so there are no leaks. They have snaps or Velcro that adjust easily as your baby grows, and can be as convenient as any disposable. Moms who use them rave about the benefits (no diaper rash, earlier potty training, cost savings). The best part is, they are so much better for our earth (less landfill waste). Fuzzi Bunz (\$17.95, www.fuzzibunz.com) are a pocket style cloth diaper with a micro-terry insert that serves as an

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absorbent layer. The insert is easily removed when it's time to change baby. They are available in dozens of fun colors and patterns too! Baby Bliss (112 E. Main St., Northville) carries a wide variety of cloth diapers (including Fuzzi Bunz) and will even set up cloth diaper workshops for interested parents. To learn more, call Colleen at (248) 344-0001.

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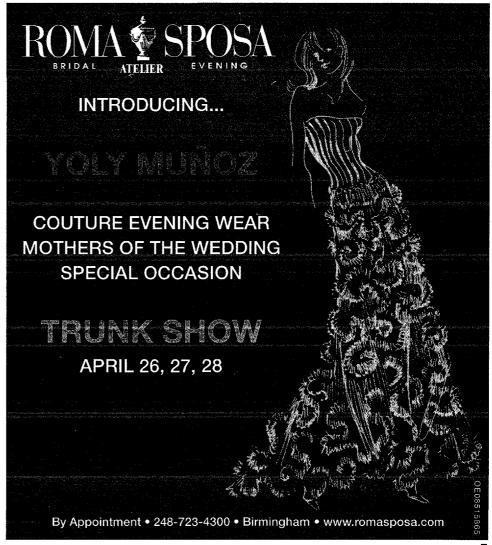
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steps to perfect foundation

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A perfect-looking complexion isn't only for genetic lottery winners and deft Photoshop artists. It just takes the right products and a little know-how. Make-Up Designory makeup artist Yvonne Hawker shared a few of her fave secrets for getting a gorgeous, natural-looking makeup finish.

1. Moisturizer and Primer

Start with the right moisturizer for your skin type. Oil-free formulations are a good bet for oilier skin, while mature and dry types need extra hydration. To help foundation go on smooth and create a poreless look, try a makeup primer.

2. Foundation

Nothing looks more unnatural than illmatched foundation. "Make sure to choose the right color for your skin tone," cautions Hawker. "Apply with either a sponge or a foundation brush, starting at the top of the face and working down to just under the

iaw line." Use only on areas that need coverage. Blend well.

3. Concealer

"Choose a concealer that will

counter-balance unwanted hues," Hawker recommends. Green undertones neutralize redness while a lighter, vellowish shade can banish dark circles.

4. Highlighters

Kallery

Luminizing products reflect light and add radiance. Mix a few drops of liquid highlighter with foundation or apply a dab of shimmer to cheekbones, inner corners of

By Christina

eves, bridge of nose and browbones.

5. Powder

Dry types can skip this step. To set makeup and get a luminous, natural-looking finish, choose a powder infused with reflective particles and dust on with a fat brush.



Birmingham FASHION WEEK Spring Trunk Show



April 25-28, 2007 Thursday through Saturday

• 110 Couture 248-203-0110, 110 S. Old Woodward Representative from NYC will show

Representative from NYC will show spring/summer/fall lines from Ingwa Melero and Deborah Lindquist. Refreshments, raffle with prizes and 20 percent discount for the weekend.

Ariada

248-644-0300, 168 S. Old Woodward Representatives from designer lines including Komarov – wonderful fabrics and strong colors. Refreshments.

• ARTLOFT Gallery

248-647-4007, 203 E. Maple Contemporary pottery by Jonathan Adler and Sid Dickens Memory Blocks.

• Astrein's Creative Jewelers 248-644-1651, 120 W. Maple

Special showing of bold Italian designer line Pianegonda: sterling silver and fashionable 18k yellow gold.

• Claymore Shop

248-642-7755, 908 S. Adams
Fresh men's looks: David Chu – new upscale line with a young and active look. Samuelsohn – sophisticated style, superior fabrics. Also, Robert Talbott.

• Crimson Rose Antiques 248-203-2950, 205 Pierce

Large and distinctive collection of American Pottery.

David Wachler & Sons Jewelers 248-540-4622, 100 S. Old Woodward Bridal jewelry: engagement rings, wedding bands, bridal gifts and wonderful diamonds.

• Dominator Clothing

248-644-1475, 286 W. Maple In-store fitness classes bosted by local instructors. Also, featuring new Ford Edge branded apparel: bigb-performance women's workout wear in dynamic colors.

• Flash Accessories

248-723-8780, 149 Pierce Fun fashion accessories including cutting edge jewelry, hair bands and scarves.

• Gracie's

248-723-9443, 154 W. Maple NYC Angelrox designer Roxi Suger. Introduction of her new clothing line. Refreshments.

• Greenstone's Fine Jewelry

248-642-2650, 528 N. Old Woodward Special one-of-kind precious colored gem pieces from several internationally recognized designers. Spring collection from Roberto Coin of Italy including the cento collection of 100 facet diamonds. Also, new collection of vintage period estate jewelry.

• Grinstein Jewelry & Design 248-647-4414, 162 S. Old Woodward Exquisite one-of-a-kind gemstone

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 248-593-8559, 576 N. Old Woodward
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• Imelda's Closet
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• La Belle Provence

248-540-3876, 185 W. Maple Local artist Lisa Knopp-Reid from Art for a Cause. Wonderful kitchen and gardening tools.

• Main Shoes

248-646-1032, 115 W. Maple Men's, women's and children's shoes. Several noted vendors bringing in expanded lines for event.

• Nicole Miller

248-433-0393, 268 W. Maple The spring 2007 Nicole Miller collection.

People's Pottery

248-433-1418, 100 N. Old Woodward Exciting jewelry line from Pandora.

• Ribbons

248-258-9574, 239 S. Old Woodward Showcasing lines of gift and service ware from Mariposa and Mane Lion. Also, Point a la Ligne decorative candles from France.

• Roma Sposa

248-723-4300, 722 N. Old Woodward Introducing a new line for Roma Sposa, Yoly Munoz: couture eveningwear, mother of the bride and special occasion designer.

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248-258-0212, 271 W. Maple Back for the second year, New York-based designer to the stars Peter Soronen, the "Corset King". Runway fashions for fall, structured pieces including eveningwear, blouses, dresses and more. Modern style for a contemporary wardrobe

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248-540-3623, 251 Merrill Afgbans and throws featuring band-dyed yarns from Colinette Yarns in Wales.

• The Purple Bear

248-645-0400, 244 E. Maple Children's clothes featuring dynamic lines Flora and Henri, and Newt 1919.

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Spunk

Third Annual Trunk Sho

By Elaine Perlin Crossley

What are our favorite harbingers of spring? Sunsoaked days, birds singing sweet harmonies, palettes of blooms – and, of course, the Birmingham Trunk Show!

It's time to hit the streets of Birmingham, and 'spring' into bursts of colorful couture, sassy shoes, awesome accessories – and dazzling jewelry, home accents, timeless antiques, kids' fashions, wedding trends and more.

The trunk show celebrates its third season from Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28, and designers, reps and retailers will take delight in revealing special surprises. About 28 participating shops plan to 'wow' with up-to-the-minute trends.

Known for 'haute' handbags, **Gracie's**, now relocated to 154 W. Maple, has expanded to clothing and accessories. Stop by to see how New York designer Roxi Suger 'rocks' with her line, Angelrox, including a versatile wrap dress that morphs into a skirt, tops and more. Suger, also a fashion design professor, will speak on Friday evening, and appear for Saturday's festivities.

Imelda's Closet boasts some of the hottest shoes in town, as well as enticing jewelry, accessories and home accents. A representative from Elle Shoes will feature new designs on Friday and Saturday, and Imelda's 'pumps' up the fun with refreshments and a drawing for a free pair of shoes.

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and the nearby Birmingham Train Depot

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248) 644-1651

Roma Sposa, 722 N. Old Woodward, (248) 723-4300 Antonino Salon & Spa, 191 Townsend St., (248) 258-5990

Emily is well-suited for travel (at left) in a Komarov print dress (\$239) and Nicole Berti ivory leather coat (\$399) from Ariada Boutique; Evening Queen gold clutch (\$45) and S. Edleman Felicity gold shoes (\$135) from Imelda's Closet; blue topaz and diamond statement ring (\$3,400), and citrine drop necklace (\$1,170) from Astrein's Creative Jewelers (see inset photos); and Dana Herbert silk scarf (\$14) from Gracie's. Her Marka Travel Bag (\$325, on the cover) and Kooba Meredith purse (\$625, inset photo) also are from Gracie's.



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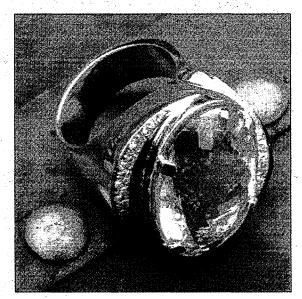
Ribbons is offering a discount on Mariposa and Mane Lion gift and serve ware lines, and Point A La Ligne decorative candles. Or, hit Hampton Mills Fine Yarns for stunning yarns, contemporary patterns and unique ideas.

How about a dash into Flash Accessories for trendy hair ornaments, scarves and other goodies? Or, catch some yoga or pilates tips at **Dominator Clothing**, a hot spot for athletic wear.

Is a wedding in the stars? Peruse the captivating evening couture of Yoly Muñoz at Roma Sposa. And David Wachler & Sons tempts with a 'rings of marriage' trunk filled with wedding and anniversary ring designs.

Maureen Evans, publicist for Birmingham's Principal Shopping District, concludes, "The show reflects the best of Birmingham, and it's a great opportunity for retailers to showcase their regular items, or introduce new lines. By offering a variety of exciting products, Birmingham merchants demonstrate they are fashion leaders."

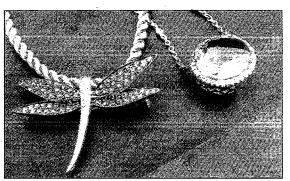
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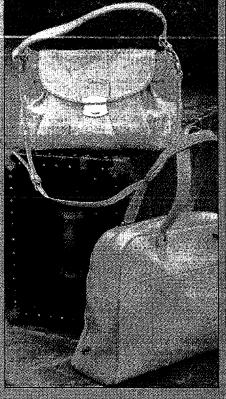
31 carat oval blue topaz and diamond gold ring, (\$3,400), Astrein's Creative Jewelers.



Maurice Lacroix diamond encrusted watch with stingray strap (\$10,250), Astrein's Creative Jewelers.



Nafco Designs sapphire and diamond dragonfly pendant, (\$3,588); and oval citrine and diamond drop necklace, (\$1,170), Astrein's Creative Jewelers.



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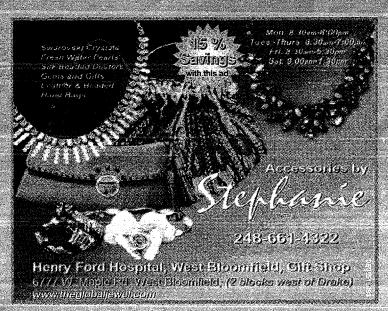


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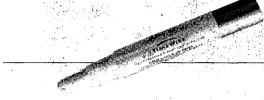
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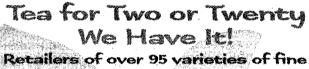
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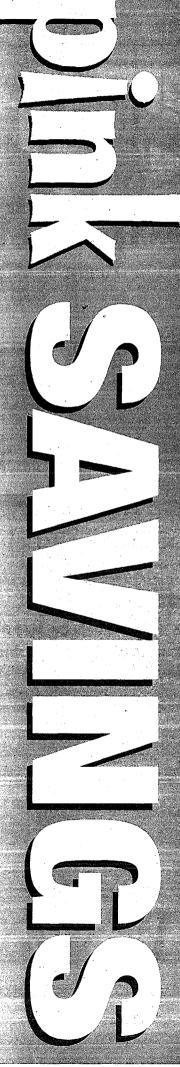
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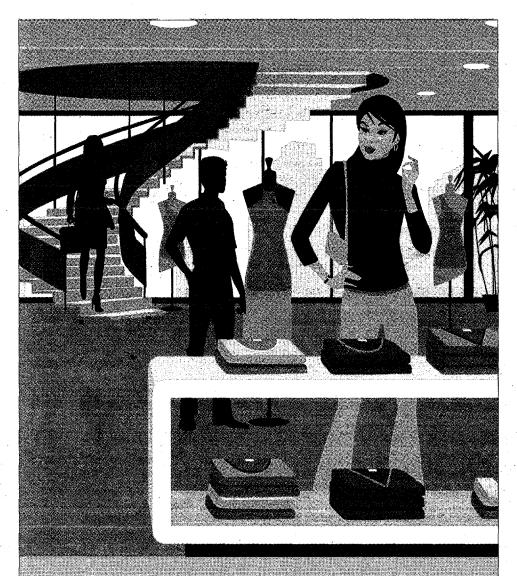
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New bank president makes it work

By Wensdy Von Buskirk

Rebecca Smith is a master at balancing work and family.

As the new regional president for Huntington Bank, Smith is responsible for retail and commercial banking efforts in greater Detroit, overseeing 575 employees and \$4 billion.

Despite heavy job duties in the competitive world of finance, her Troy office overlooking the Big Beaver skyline is a quiet oasis, and Smith remains calm and collected.

How does she do it?

"I'm pretty good at managing stress. I have a high threshold," Smith says.

Smith, 51, graduated from Seaholm High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio Wesleyan and an MBA from Oakland University. She started her career in banking in 1977, as a branch management trainee with National Bank of Detroit.

After 22 years at NBD, downsizing sent her to Old Kent Bank, where she was Eastern Michigan president. Smith most recently served as executive vice president and senior lender for commercial banking at Fifth Third Bank East Michigan.

"We are fortunate to be able to have attracted such a talented, experienced, local banker to lead this team," says James Dunlap, regional group president for Huntington Bank. "Rebecca's extensive banking and market knowledge will be a tremendous asset as we continue to focus on growing our business in the Detroit metropolitan area."

Looking back on her career, the Birmingham resident says it wasn't always easy.

"When I think about the women I started with in the early '80s, a lot didn't choose to continue in the industry," she says. "There were no flexible hours, and taking off extended time, it was



Style Profile

Rebecca Smith, regional president for Huntington Bank, shares how she stays fabulous:

Favorite place to shop: Downtown Birmingham (Oliver's Trendz for gifts)

Favorite designer/label: Chicos, Ann Klein suits

Signature scent: None (lilacs, but not to wear)
Must-have in your beauty bag: Burt's Bees lip
shimmer

Best place for power lunch: Capital Grille Favorite date with hubby: Dinner and a movie in downtown Birmingham

Top way you de-stress: Reading and walking the dog

How you stay healthy: LifeTime Fitness and a healthy diet

Guilty pleasure: Dark chocolate!
Good luck charm: Surrounding myself with
optimistic and positive people
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harder to come back."

Yet Smith persevered wearing the uniform of the decade — Gray Jos. Banks suits with pleated, mid-calf

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Six money saving tips for you and your family

By Rebecca Smith

For most of us, the speed of life has increased so much that we don't take the time away from our busy lives to make a few changes that could result in important savings for the future.

Making these changes now is especially important with the skyrocketing price of oil and subsequent high heating and gasoline bills.

Here are a few tips to follow:

- 1. Consider needs vs. wants: Do you really need another \$1.75 cup of coffee? A CD? That sweater? This is especially difficult with all of those sales, but as a wise person I know says: 'It's not a bargain if you don't need it.'
- 2. Create a budget: Write down what you spend each day. You may be surprised at how much you spend on coffee, pop, snacks, etc. Also write down your non-discretionary expenses such as rent, mortgage, heating, lights, car payment, etc. Once you have accumulated all of this information, you can develop a realistic budget to follow.
- 3. Consider direct deposit: When your employer offers direct deposit to a checking account, ask whether you can put a certain percentage in a savings or money market account. This helps to place the money in savings before you have access to it. Plan only to spend the money in your checking account. Only touch your savings in a true financial emergency.
- 4. Pay bills on time: This way you won't incur extra charges.
- 5. Save bonuses, raises or gifts: Just as you advise your children to save the money they receive for birthdays and graduation, adults can benefit by saving extra sources of income.
- 6. Make your money work: Interest rates were so low for so long, some people neglected to move their dollars to higher-yield accounts. Look for CDs and money markets that are attractive. If you need your money to stay liquid, don't hesitate to put some money in a CD and the remainder in a money market.

PROFILE

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skirts, white oxfords and red silk bow ties.

"The mini-clone of the IBM man, that's what you thought you had to wear," she says. "You just didn't wear pants at all."

Smith never wavered in her commitment to career, even as she met her husband David at NBD, and had three children.

"It was about being able to balance, not wanting to sacrifice being a mother, volunteering at school and doing all the traditional things caregivers do, and still wanting to use your degree and offer what you have to offer," she says.

Nine years ago David quit his job to become full-time chauffeur and Mr. Mom to Rachel, now 19, Ryan, 16, and Dana, 12.

"He loves being a stay-at-home dad," Smith says. "Ten years ago there was a stigma to that, but men in general have made positive changes since the '80s also, to spend more time with their families."

Smith herself took a year off before joining Huntington in January.

Now, despite clocking in long hours when necessary, Smith makes it a priority to carve out family time.

She stays in touch throughout the day via her Blackberry, and plans well in advance for activities with her children.

"Its important to blend your personal and professional calendars to make sure they are synched up," she says.
"It's also important to realize there's an ebb and flow. Sometimes things are more demanding in your professional life. Understand it's not an ideal situation, and find things that are fun to do that blend family and work."

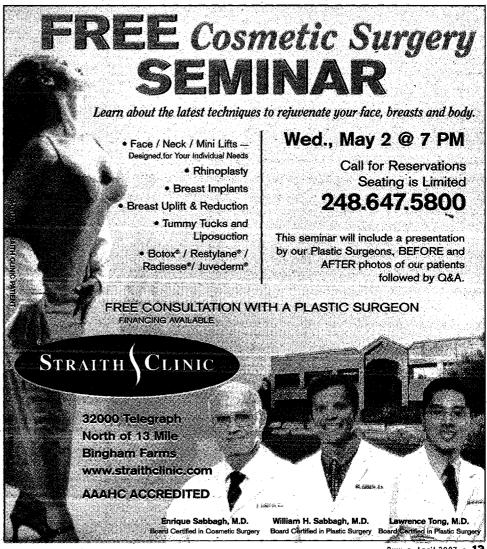
For example, during their 25th anniversary in early April, Smith and her husband were in Fort Lauderdale attending a Huntington Bank Recognition Club retreat. They escaped from work-related activities to spend quality time alone.

But while Smith is sitting at her desk or joining executives for power lunches, her focus is all business.

Huntington has 2.7 percent of the market in Metro Detroit and ranks eighth in the region, which Smith sees as positive.

"There's plenty of room to grow," she says. "I am excited about the opportunity to lead the team in East Michigan and realize the full potential that this market represents for the bank."







GREEN MOMMY

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folks with sensitive skin. You can also reduce drying time and soften fabrics without the use of chemical fabric softeners and landfill clogging dryer sheets. Dryer balls (like these from Nellie's, \$18 for two) have bumps that lift and separate fabric to make it soft and fluffy, and allow air to flow more efficiently - reducing drying time up to 25 percent! To find these and other green cleaning products visit www.gaiam.com.

Eco-Fashion for Baby

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Pink Mommy Wendie DeLano lives in Livonia with her husband and daughter. Watch for her column in PINK!



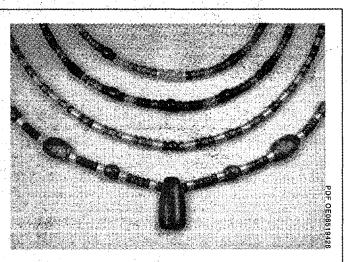
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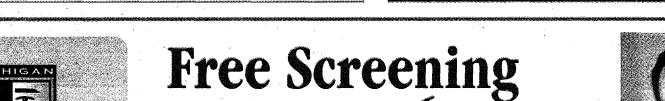
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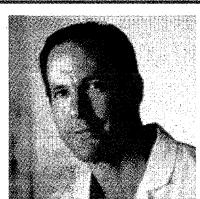
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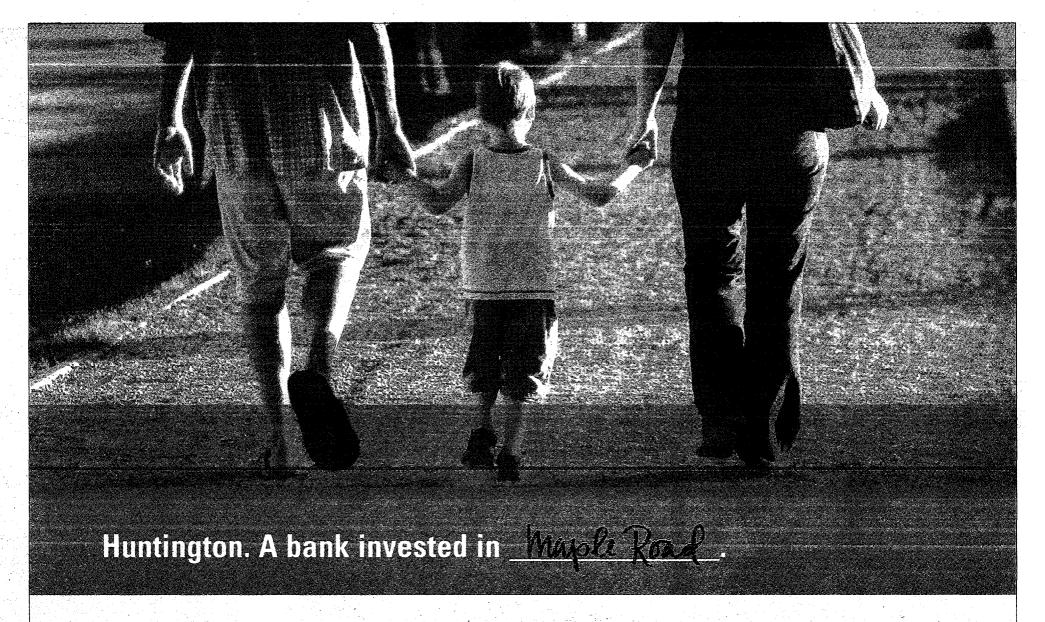
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