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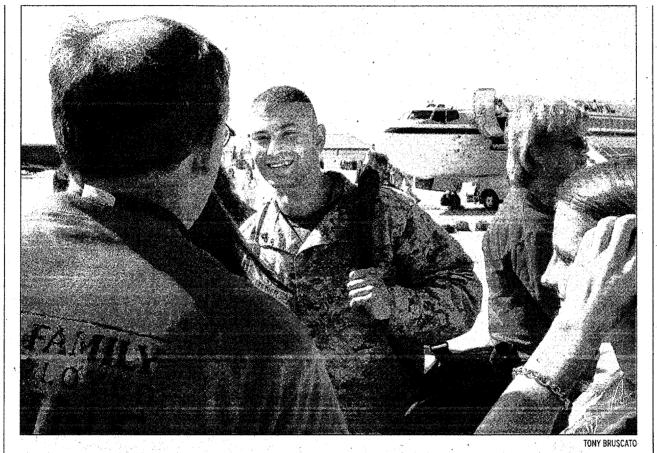
Debate sparks race at museum

BY TONY BRUSCATO ' STAFF WRITER

A tumultuous year at the Plymouth Historical Museum, which included the firing of its former director and an IRS investigation that threatened the museum's nonprofit status, has resulted in a plethora of candidates who want a seat on the Plymouth Historical Society Board of Directors.

Nearly 600 Historical Society members will have the chance to vote for 16 candidates – including nine incumbents – to fill nine of the 10 seats at Thursday's board meeting. The 10th seat belongs to the museum's benefactor, Margaret Dunning, who is a lifetime board member.

"I'm sure of that," said Historical Society Board President Sanford Burr, when asked if the controversies surrounding the museum resulted in more candidates. "We have more candidates this year than in the

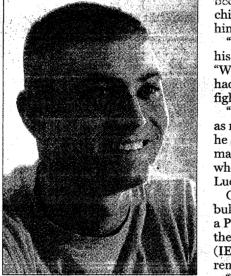


Family members welcomed Marine Cpl. Steven Oliver of Plymouth upon his return to Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens.

After many close calls, Plymouth Marine happy to be back home

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A few days after a homecoming celebration Sunday afternoon at Salfridge Air National Guard Base



became the company commander's chief driver, which many times put him in the line of fire.

"I was also one of the Marines in his personal fire team," Oliver said.

Board ponders Slavens conundrum

Despite interesting race, clerks expect low voter turnout

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

When voters mark their ballots to fill two, four-year seats on the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education in Tuesday's election, they may not get exactly what they voted for.

Incumbent Mark Slavens is expected to announce his resignation after Tuesday night's regular school board meeting, the same night he could be re-elected as a trustee. Slavens is leaving the board to become a judge on the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court bench, the result of an April 23 appointment by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. If Slavens — who is one of six candidates on the ballot — is successful in being elected for a third time, the Board of Education will have to appoint someone to fill the position.

"Our policy says we have 20 days after we receive the letter of resignation to fill the position," board President Barry Simescu said. "That appointment would continue until July 1, which is the end of (Slavens' current) term.

"I would assume the new board, the one seated after July 1, would then appoint a replacement until the next election," he added. "So, conceivably, we would have to fill it twice."

The next school board election is scheduled for May 2008. However, the Board of Education is expected to consider moving its election to November, as a cost-saving measure, and put un board election on the same ballot with municipal issues. If approved by the board, that would extend the appointment made in July through November 2008, five months longer than the traditional 12-month term. "We have to make a decision on changing the election before Dec. 31, and that hasn't been done thus far," Simescu said. "At this point, I think it's a reasonable thing to do, but there are complications. In some years we'd be up against a presidential or gubernatorial election, which tends to water down school issues. But, certainly, the cost savings overrides that, in my opinion." If Slavens fails to finish in either of the top two

past, but we've always had more people running than the number who serve on the board."

Sally Fedus of Plymouth Township has been a Society member for two years, admittedly joining because she liked the way former director Beth Stewart ran the museum. Fedus, who didn't like how the board removed Stewart because of alleged campaign violations that involved the museum, said it's time for a change.

"Beth did a lot to make it a viable museum, and I was disappointed when things happened the way they did," Fedus said. "I believe there is a small group of people who are fairly powerful and influential who wanted Beth out, misrepresented what happened and intimidated people into believing it. It's time for new blood and new ideas."

Burr, who is running for re-election, said despite the most recent problems, the museum is in good hands.

"I think things are going very well, extremely well," Burr said. "Change is always good ... in small doses."

Others running for the Historical Society board include Jeff Bell, Bee Friedlander, Jan Foster, Jack Grant, Armando Lopez, Ron Lowe, Alan O'Dell, Dan Packer, Mary Ann Prchlik, Richard Raison, Gary Stone, Ken Sullivan, Nancy Trudell and Bob Zaetta,

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Marine Reserve Cpl. Steven Oliver, 23, of Plymouth said almost matter-of-factly "it feels really good to be back."

"It's almost surreal, kind of strange," Oliver added. "I worked for seven months non-stop, and now I have all this down time and I'm not sure what to do. But it's peaceful."

Oliver, who spent a couple of days at Selfridge this week with the 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment before being released from duty, has used the peaceful time to cut the grass, play with his sister's kitten, spend time with his family and girlfriend, watch television ... and sleep.

"Some of the days just went together," Oliver said of his duty in Fallujah, one of the most dangerous sections of Iraq. "Sometimes you'd be up three days at a time, doing what you need to get done. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Marine Cpl. Steven Oliver of Plymouth said he dreamed of coming home during his seven-month tour in Iraq.

You really didn't think about it because you had to do it."

Oliver's duty began as chief cook for the 200 Marines in Charlie Co. However, as time progressed, he had to go with him. He liked to fight, that's what he was there for.

"I had a few close calls, but not as many as some of the other guys," he added. "I had two RPGs, makeshift rockets, shot at me when I was in a turret one time. Luckily, those missed."

Oliver did get struck by a stray bullet in the hip, which earned him a Purple Heart. However, it was the improvised explosive device (IED) blast he missed that he'll remember the most.

"We had a battalion operation and I went on foot patrol with the company commander to find a sniper," Oliver said. "Two other Marines took my vehicle and convoyed back to pick up some others to help. They took the vehicle I was driving, (ran) over an IED (and were killed) ... in the same inter-

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spots Tuesday night, the situation becomes moot. The five other candidates are Nancy

Eggenberger, Richard Ham-Kucharski, Kurt Heise, Bruce Koldys and Larry Martin. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, there appears to be little interest by stockholders concerning who will be elected to run the \$150 million corporation otherwise known as Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Clerks in Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township all say they're expecting a light turnout for Tuesday's vote. As of Friday, each had received about 60 percent of the absentee ballots that were sent out, and didn't

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Salvation Army leader gets presidential honor

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

When Ross Myers was told he'd just been chosen for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, he wasn't really sure why he'd be recognized.

Still Myers, the Corps sergeant major for the Plymouth Salvation Army, was honored to receive it.

The award, sponsored by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, recognizes volunteer service over a previous 12-month period or a lifetime and Myers, a nearly 20-year veteran of the Salvation Army, likely got it for both. He received the award from singer Michael W. Smith at a ceremony in Troy.

"I was quite surprised," said Myers, a Canton resident. "I had no idea whatsoever (about the nomination) until just before it happened. They told me I got the Presidential Award and I said, 'What's that?"

The award was created as a way to thank and honor Americans who inspire others to engage in volunteer service. The award recognizes individuals, families and groups who have achieved a certain standard, measured

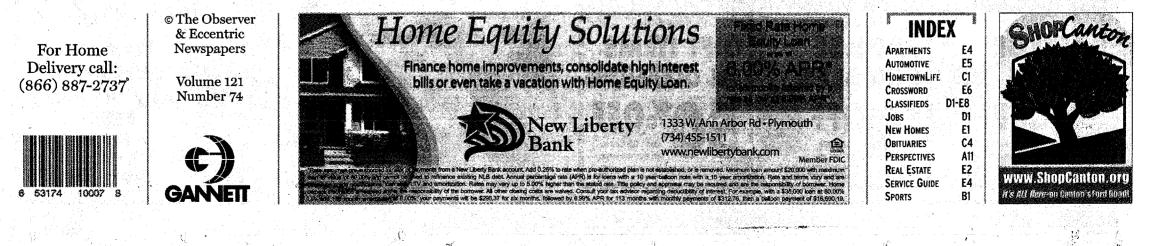
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Plymouth Salvation Army Corps Sgt. Maj. Ross Myers (right) accepts the Presidential Volunteer Service Award from singer Michael W. Smith at a ceremony last week. Post items, get the scoop at www.hometownlife.com

The *Plymouth Observer* invites you to have your upcoming events posted in the Plymouth Community Calendar on our Web site. Just send the "who, what, where, when and why" to editor Brad Kadrich via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

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Longevity seminar

UBS Financial Services, Inc., and O'Neill Financial Group present a seminar designed to take a look at the way we view our careers, retirement and ourselves 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at the Sheraton Detroit Novi, 21111 Haggertv in Novi.

Noted gerontologist Kelly Ferrin will discuss longevity and healthy living during the presentation. Ferrin has appeared on television shows including Oprah, The Today Show and Good Morning America.

For more information and to make a reservation, contact Janet Duff, 340 S. Main in Plymouth, e-mail ianet.duff@ubs.com or call (734) 416-1025.

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Lunch will be served at noon, for a donation. Seats can be reserved, and more information obtained, by calling Doris, (734) 453-9730.

Senior activities

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Plymouth Township's senior center, Friendship Station, hosts a variety of activities for senior citizens. Walk-ins are welcome, and all classes are conducted at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft (east of Bradner, just east of where Schoolcraft joins Five Mile).

Line dancing — Seniors can learn the latest line dances and improve their technique dancing to pop, country and rock. Thursday morning class is \$4; Thursday evening class is \$6. Classes available include beginner, 10 a.m.-noon; beginner/beginner-improver, 6:30-7:15 p.m.; easy intermediate, 7:15-8 p.m.;

intermediate/advanced, 8-10 p.m.; open dance, 10-10:30 p.m. For more information, call

Beverly Semeniuk, (248) 347-5967. Gentle bridge, 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, \$3 per person -Play is guided by a certified bridge teacher and life master. Players can ask questions. No partner is necessary but players must have some knowledge of bridge. For further information, contact Sharon Mytyk at (734) 459-9028.

Tai Chi, noon-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 11-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, \$3 per session – Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese discipline that integrates mind, body and spirit, can reduce falls in the elderly or those with balance disorders. It also improves flexibility, coordination, circulation and lowers blood pres-

sure. For more information, contact (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

'Little Women' on stage

Plymouth Christian Academy presents its production of Little Women with 7 p.m. performances May 17-18 in the Calvary Baptist Church auditorium, 43065 Joy in Canton.

The event features a silent auction to benefit the new Fine Arts Booster Club. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students.

For more information, call (734) 420-6932.

Learn humane living

Learn more about humane living and an awareness of the connections between human rights, environmental preservation, and animal protection during the Citizens for Peace monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, The meetings are held at Unity of Livonia on Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster at 7 p.m.

Kim Korona, a Sowing Seeds facilitator for the Institute of Humane Education in Surry. Maine, will lead a mini-program about humane living and

Local man makes big money investing in real estate

estate in 12 months to retire at the age of 35.

Kenneth P. Jacobs

Thirty five year old Joe Mercadante from Ypsilanti, MI stumbled across a Free Real Estate Investing Report that has helped him create enough monthly income in 12 months to quit his high

According to Joe, "I started investing in properties using the strategy outlined in this free report in April of 2004. I have accumulated 20 homes that combined are paying me \$4,363 of cash flow each and every month. Plus I have locked in \$580,442 of profit. I plan on quitting my 9 to 5 job next month and will be able to live off of the income from my properties!"

Joe was amazed at the profits that could be obtained using this simple investing strategy. He said that he never wanted to invest in real estate because he didn't want to spend his evenings and weekends fixing up homes. Joe isn't very handy and he didn't enjoy installing toilets, laying tile and paint-

Luckily, Joe read a real estate investing report entitled , "How to Make

\$232,016 Each & Every Year Investing in Real Estate without Touching a Screwdriver" and learned a simple strategy for profiting from investing in nice homes in nice areas. Joe stated that the majority of homes he had invested in were in move in condition. In a few cases, his homes were so nice that he had rented his properties before he even got his keys at the closing

Joe liked this approach because it didn't require him to have the financial risk of having to pay the mortgage, taxes and insurance costs for a property during a rehab project.

Joe said that this approach eliminated the majority of the risk and, best of all; he could invest in his spare time. The approach seems to be working because Joe retired from his \$120,000 a year corporate job at the age of 35.

To get a copy of the same FREE report Joe used to begin his real estate investing, call the real estate information center at 1-877-444-7434 and enter ID 203. Leave a message with your mailing address. This FREE report is only available while supplies last.

how our every day choices have an impact on creating a more humane world. She will demonstrate how each of us can contribute towards creating the peaceful world we all desire.

Currently working as a Humane Educator for the Michigan Humane Society, Korona earned her master's in education from the institute and holds a bachelor's degree from Goddard College in Vermont, where she studied social change and food politics.

A Westland resident, Kim's work has taken her to numerous places in the U.S. and Mexico and she was selected to conduct a series of weeklong workshops in Australia later this year.

Postal food drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army teams with the U.S. Postal Service for the 15thannual Letter Carriers Food Drive Saturday, May 12.

Local residents should have gotten a post-card reminder in the mail. Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food items (such as instant pudding, powdered drinks, boxed potatoes, canned

goods) and personal items (such as feminine hygiene) products, soap, laundry detergents, toilet paper, toothpaste). Residents wishing to donate can simply leave the donation in a sack near their mailbox.

For more information, call the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5464.

Entertainment Book

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Entertainment Books as one of its fund-raisers.

For only \$20, buy the 2008 Entertainment Book and receive a 2007 Book free. The book offers 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts formany other services and events.

Buyers wishing to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton can purchase a 2008 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2008 Entertainment Book will be available for pick up in August.



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All sales not final

Buyer backs out of Cafe Bon Homme purchase

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Retirement — or at least the thought of it - was short-lived for Greg Goodman and his wife, Susan.

The Goodmans thought they had a deal to sell Cafe Bon Homme, the inconspicuous five-star restaurant on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth, in February. However, on Thursday Goodman said the deal was off, and the restaurant - which was to have been converted into an appetizer eatery won't change hands.

"The people that were supposed to buy it backed out at the 11th hour," said Greg Goodman. "We got the liquor license transfer approved, and a few days before closing they apparently decided to back out. I'm back in the kitchen and we're open for dinner Tuesday through Saturday."

The Goodmans, who have owned Cafe Bon Homme for 21 years, will stay in Plymouth, a place they will always call home.

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submitted by Capt. Jim Irvine,

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Corps officer, Myers, who runs

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Bon Romme

TOM HAWLEY I STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER

The sale of Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth, which has garnered local, regional and national attention during its 21 years in business, has apparently fallen through.

"There were so many people who expressed their regret that we were leaving and came in for their last meal, and it was wonderful," he said. "I feel funny about that, but it's not something we did."

Charles Shattelroe, who owns Canton Motorsports, would only say "it's not necessarily true" that plans for a primarily Mediterranean and

Myers responds to some 100

canteen calls a year, and han-

tours working in Florida and

Louisiana following hurricanes

in those areas, and he's one of

eight men commissioned to be

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Plymouth Salvation Army,"

Myers has served three relief

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other volunteers.

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southwestern style restaurant have terminated.

However, if he wasn't sure, Goodman was.

"At this point, we are recommitted to running the restaurant and we're not going to actively pursue marketing it," Goodman said. "Plans to go up north have changed as a result, but staying in Plymouth is not a bad place to be."

Irvine wrote. "His relationship

involvement with young people

Myers appreciates the acco-

lades, though he believes there

"There are a lot of people

than I did. I'm just one of the

guys who do what has to be

done. It's no biggie, so I was

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One hot roof

Plymouth Community firefighters pour water on hot spots and work to ventilate the roof of a building that caught fire at Storage Unlimited at Five Mile and Beck in Plymouth Township. It took several hours for firefighters from all three of the department's fire stations to put out the Thursday afternoon blaze. The fire was reportedly contained to one building. An investigation continues to find the cause. No one was reportedly injured.

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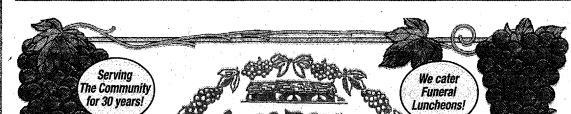
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Woman charged with assaulting elderly husband at local eatery

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

A 46-year-old Canton woman is facing up to four years in jail for assaulting her elderly husband in a local restaurant April 22.

Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon for injuring her husband, William H. Baumgartner, 86, with a utensil at Max & Erma's on Canton Center Road.

charge, Baumgartner could be sentenced to four years in prison. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for Monday at 35th District Court.

sonal bond.

The day of the incident, William Baumgartner, a longtime Plymouth resident, told police he and his wife had been arguing at their Hendrie Drive home over a dispute with a neighbor before going to the restaurant. He claimed his wife called him a "wimp" for not standing up to their neighbors and then proceeded to hit him in the face several

reports. While at Max & Erma's, police he asked his wife whether she was still angry and she began to yell. After asking her to calm down because she was attracting grabbed his plate and threw its contents into his lap and began waiving a utensil near his face.

times, according to police

appeared that he had been

wasn't able to tell me when it actually happened or how it happened.

When the restaurant manager attempted to escort Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner out of the

eatery, she began to kick at him. A witness to the incident, a 31-year-old Royal Oak man, told police he observed the "female half yelling at the older gentleman" before picking up a knife and

swinging it close to the right side of his head. The witness didn't see if the knife cut William Baumgartner, but saw her kick at the manager. While speaking with

William Baumgartner, the officer noted that he may have confused some incident at his home with what took place at the

A case in point is Precinct

"A larger percentage of the voters in that precinct are apartment dwelling residents," Bennett said. "Part of the reason could be we changed the location of the precinct, and it's not been

Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser said she believes voters aren't as knowledgeable on school issues, which lowers the participation rate.

"I don't think people are educated enough on the candidates, and they're afraid to make a wrong decision, so they said. "A lot of people who apply for the ballot aren't sure what's on it, and when they find out it's only a trustees issue, they

Plymouth Township Clerk number of voters asked for absentee ballots because they thought there might be another bond issue on it.

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Clare Barwick of Canton

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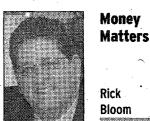
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I think it's great that you help her with college, a gift that will last a lifetime. I would recommend that you consider opening an account for her using the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP). It allows you to invest money that grows tax free. When the money is withdrawn and used for college expenses, there are no tax consequences. This is an ideal gift for your niece.

To open a MESP account, visit the Web site at www.misaves.com, or call toll-free number, (877) 861-MESP, (877) 861-6377. The beauty of the MESP is it only takes \$25 to open an account. In addition, you do not have to worry if other people are opening accounts for your niece. An individual can have an unlimited number of accounts in the MESP, which is know as a 529 plan.

I like the MESP because of no commissions, low cost, flexibility and affordability. Unlike many 529 plans that are sold by the brokerage industry, MESP is commission-free and has one of the lowest management fees in the country.

MESP can be used for basically any public or private institution in the country. The money can also for room and



board, books and fees. The high school graduate

may prefer another gift, however, a gift of helping someone with a college education is one of the best gifts anyone can give.

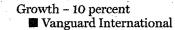
Dear Rick: I am 40 years old, married, no kids and will be leaving my job next month. My new job does not offer any pension or a 401(k) plan. I plan to invest 15 to 20 percent of my income for retirement and in addition, I need to rollover my old 401(k) plan; any suggestions?

An excellent company to directly transfer your IRA is Vanguard which offers a wealth of mutual funds and has one of the best customer service departments in the industry. The key is to have Vanguard directly transfer the money from the old 401(k)plan into the Vanguard IRA. By directly transferring the money, there will be no tax consequences and that money can continue to grow on a taxdeferred basis.

I recommend you divide the money as follows:

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If you and your husband qualify for Roth IRAs, take any new money that you are going to invest and invest in a Roth IRA. It allows money to grow on a tax-free basis. In addition, money in a Roth IRA is not subject to required minimum distributions at age 70 1/2. In your situation, I would recommend the T. Rowe Price Spectrum Growth Fund, (800) 638-5660,

www.troweprice.com. T. Rowe Price has a program that allows you to invest as little as \$50 a month as long as you sign up for their automatic investment program.

If you do not qualify for a Roth IRA, then invest in T. Rowe Price Spectrum Growth Fund in a regular account.

It's important to save for retirement and there's is no time like the present to start an investment program.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).



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LOCAL NEWS

Winter Guard, Drumline shine in world championship competition

The Plymouth-Canton Winter Open Guard and Winter Percussion Ensemble traveled to Dayton, Ohio, recently to compete in the 30th Winter Guard International (WGI) World Championship.

Both teams comprised of over 60 high school performers from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools competed at Wright State University.

The Plymouth-Canton Open Guard ended the season with an impressive fourth-place finish at the World Championship in the Scholastic Open division. The final score for the group led by Jennifer LeSeth was 94.30. The 19-person Color Guard team performed a 10-minute show titled Lyra

Angelica the music of William Alwyn. The group has been rehearsing for the World Championship since December.

The Plymouth-Canton Winter Drumline made its first appearance at the World Championship. The 41-person percussion ensemble was promoted mid-season from Scholastic Open to Scholastic World division due to its impressive showing at some of the earlier competitions.

In March, PCDL placed second at the WGI Regionals held in Ohio. Only the second year of existence for the PCDL, the team did an outstanding job of representing Plymouth-Canton in the finals. With a score of

92.05, the percussion team came in sixth place at the World Championship.

Led by visual expert Andrew Ebert, the percussion ensemble performed a 6-minute routine titled Locomotif.

The Plymouth-Canton Winter Guard and Winter Drumline teams are part of the Plymouth-Canton Band Programs at the three-school Educational Park. The band programs are led by director of bands, Marc Whitlock.

For more information, contact Color Guard Instructor Jennifer LeSeth at Jenifo30@gmail.com. Musicians who want to join the 2007 Plymouth-Canton Marching Band should contact Marc Whitlock at (734) 582-5666 or via e-mail at pcepbandman@gmail.com.

Guests to help radio auction

WSDP 88.1-FM presents its annual Radio Auction 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 12, and station officials have recruited a team of special guest auctioneers to help with the auction.

Each guest will work with two student auctioneers. Some of the guests include Dr. Jim Ryan, Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent; Chris Edmonds, WNIC morning radio host; Pam Rossi, WCSX; John Bommarito, Ann Arbor's 107.1-FM, and State **Representatives Phil Lajoy and Marc** Corriveau.

A complete list is available at the station's website, www.881TheEscape.com. The auction will also be heard via the station's live web feed.

Area businesses still have time to support the student radio station by donating an item. Station volunteers are contacting businesses for donations. Businesses benefit from the exposure they receive while the item is up for bid. Most importantly they help a very worthwhile program.

This year's auction is even more significant as the school district is considering budget cuts. WSDP is on a preliminary list of cuts

for the 2008/2009 school year. The auction is the first of many fundraisers to save the radio station.

New items will be auctioned off every halfhour. Listeners can support the station by calling in bids throughout the day. There are many great items to bid on including autographed memorabilia, restaurant gift certificates, and services from local businesses. A Dream Board of the more unique items will be available for bidding all day long.

Last year the station raised just about \$12,000 and this year they've set their mark at \$15,000.

The station staff would also like to thank New Liberty Bank for returning as a Key Sponsor of the auction. They would also like to thank Tom Yack, Canton Township Supervisor, and State Representative Phil LaJoy, The Rector family and Plymouth AM Rotary for sponsoring a half-hour of the auction.

Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring a portion of the auction can email Keith at keithb@pccs.k12.mi.us

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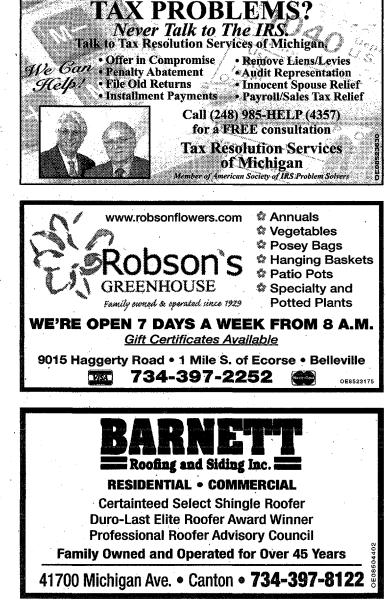
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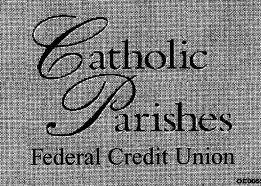
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Plymouth Salvation Army Corps Sgt. Maj. Ross Myers looks through a box at the corps' food pantry. Donations to the pantry are one way to 'Do the Most Good.'

Programs a chance to 'Do Most Good'

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salvation Army officials pride themselves on the Corps' main mission of helping those who have no other place to turn for help.

And next week, they're hoping local residents will join them in the effort, celebrating "Doing the Most Good Week" May 7-13.

The week is designed to call attention to individuals and groups who, through their actions and donations, are "doing the most good" to help the communities in which they work.

"The Salvation Army is able to do the most good because people in this community and around this country believe in the mission of the Salvation Army," said Plymouth Salvation Army Corps Officer Capt. Jim Irvine. "They see us fulfilling our mission on a daily basis and want to be a part of helping us meet the challenges of our mission."

The Salvation Army has a plethora of programs designed to help, including (but not limited to):

■ Women's Ministries — A woman's program led by Capt. Pat Irvine where women meet and educate themselves on women's issues, such as health, women in history, women in the Bible etc. The ministry also support Bethany Home for abused women in the Philippines.

■ Community Caring Ministries — Comprised of both men and women from the congregation that will visit nursing homes. At holidays they will deliver gifts to the residents. ■ The School of Music — A relatively new program started by Capt. Pat Irvine where children ages 6 and older can get group music lessons in keyboard, percussion and brass.

■ Summer Day Camp — A program, running June 18 to Aug. 17. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Those programs are in addition to Salvation Army "standards," such as help with utility assistance, cut-off notices, eviction notices, lack of food and other issues.

"We lead the way in this community and, next to the State of Michigan, the Salvation Army is the single largest provider of social services in the entire state," Irvine said.

Of course, Salvation Army officials pointed out, local residents can help in many other, smaller yet equally significant, ways. Among ideas listed on the Salvation Army Web site (www.salmich.org) are:

■ Putting together donations for the Salvation Army's food pantry.

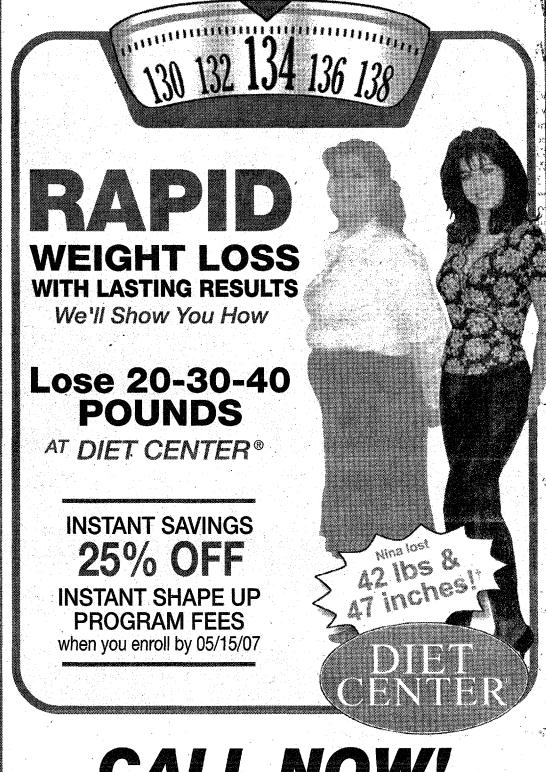
■ Volunteer to be a tutor in an after-school program.

Offer a couple of hours of baby-sitting to friends or family.

Call or visit a home-bound person.Give blood.

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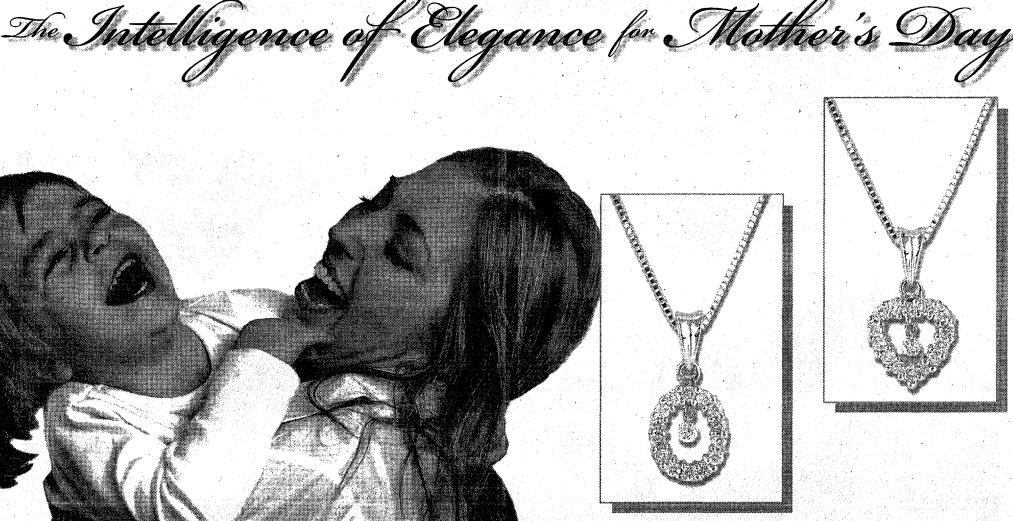


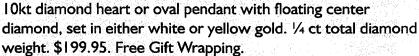
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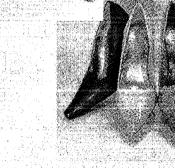
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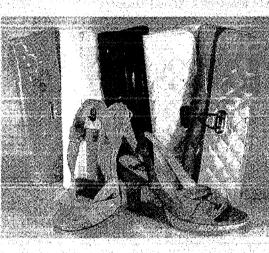
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SUNDAY PERSPECTIVES

Eggenberger our top pick in school board election

Though the selection of Plymouth-Canton afraid to say unpopular things; for instance, she **Community Schools Board of Education Vice** President Mark Slavens as a Wayne County judge has thrown a monkey wrench into the May 8 election, there are still obviously qualified candidates for the two, four-year seats.

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We believe the best person to meet the challenges a new board will face – including budget issues and a search for a new superintendent - is challenger Nancy Eggenberger.

The incoming school board must wrangle with a structural deficit projected at some \$7.5 million, a figure that could grow by leaps and bounds if Gov. Jennifer Granholm follows through on a threatened \$125 cut in this year's funding.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Dr. James Ryan will retire, probably departing the district not long after the first of the year, leaving the school board with the monumental task of finding someone to fill his rather large shoes.

Eggenberger has already shown a gift for leadership without having actually served on the board. She has co-chaired two bond committees and she led the committee formed to make the transition process from middle school to life on the huge high school campus smooth.

Eggenberger is familiar with the issues facing the district, she is a critical thinker who isn't thinks a state tax increase might be the only way out of Michigan's economic mess.

While she hasn't participated in a superintendent search, Eggenberger has worked closely with administrators and board members and has definite opinions on what the district needs. She has been one of the district's most dedicated supporters; now she's earned the right to become one of its leaders.

With Slavens out of the picture (he said he'd resign at Tuesday's board meeting), another challenger, Kurt Heise, warrants a mention. Heise, director of the department of environment for Wayne County, is new to the district, having moved here last fall. He has educated himself on the issues facing the district and, perhaps more importantly, manages a budget that mirrors the school district's in size.

We believe he (and perhaps the district) would be better off if Heise set down stronger roots and become more knowledgeable about the district before being handed a leadership position, but he's certainly built an impressive resumé.

We believe Eggenberger has built the kind of credentials a school board member needs, and her name should be the first one checked by voters going to Tuesday's polls.

Breen, Broderick, and Fausone our picks for Schoolcraft Board

In the Schoolcraft College district, voters will fill three positions on the Board of Trustees. The candidates include incumbents Mary Breen and Brian Broderick, Joan Gebhardt, James Fausone and Ron Randall.

We believe that Breen, Broderick and Fausone are the best choices for seats of the Board of Trustees.

Breen has a long history as an educator who understands the college's special place in the education process and retains a real enthusiasm for what the college is accomplishing.

Broderick is a lawyer with a solid understanding the college's budget situation and the need to find ways to replace the loss in state funding without burdening students.

Both have been part of the college's success, supporting Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress in his careful management of the college's resources and in his vision to push the college toward health and technical education.

Fausone, a Canton attorney, is supportive of the college's direction but critical of its marketing and its use of technology, even as it moves to take a leadership position in technical education. He has

a strong grasp of both budgetary and educational issues.

In a strong field of candidates, Mary Breen, Brian Broderick and James Fausone emerge as the best choices for the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

Polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, and we urge voters to find the time to cast their ballots. The candidates in this election took the time to get involved, now it's your turn.

Wayne-Westland school board

On Tuesday, Canton residents living in the Wayne-Westland school district will go to the polls to elect the two people they believe will steer their school district through the troubled waters now facing public education. Five candidates are seeking the two four-year terms that will be filled in the election. Joining incumbents Martha Pitsenbarger and Skip Monit on the ballot are Bhagwhan Dashairya, Brian Mulligan and T. Cortez Spann Jr.

In looking at the issues facing the district, we believe Pitsenbarger and Monit should get the nod from voters.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supports Gebhardt

Joan Gebhardt is an ideal candidate for re-election to the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees. Joan is the only candidate who has children attending Schoolcraft - a daughter enrolled in the nursing program and a son in culinary arts.

Gebhardt was unanimously selected and appointed by the current Schoolcraft Trustees last year to fill a vacancy on the Board.

In addition to being the only parent who wants to be a voice for all parents and families of Schoolcraft students, Joan Gebhardt has excellent qualifications to continue to serve on the Schoolcraft **Board of Trustees:**

For 21 years, Joan worked with budgets, personnel and curriculum as a public school principal.

Gebhardt is an adjunct professor at Madonna University who works with Schoolcraft students enrolled in the College of Education.

Joan Gebhardt has earned B.A. & M.A. degrees from Eastern Michigan University.

Since being appointed to the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees, Joan Gebhardt has proven that she is capable of working with all the leaders at Schoolcraft who are concerned with serving the best interests of students and the advancement of Schoolcraft College.

Vote on Tuesday, May 8, to re-elect the well-qualified Schoolcraft parent, Joan Gebhardt, to the Schoolcraft Board of Trustees.

> John C. Stewart Plymouth

Still voting for Slavens

After hearing the news about Mark Slavens getting an appointment from our governor to serve as a judge in the Wayne County Court system, I was pleasantly surprised. Mark is a fine man that has served our school district very well. Thank you, Mark, for your service over the years.

Now there have been many opinions that have been made regarding Mark's school board election. Personally, I will be voting for Mark. This will be my way of saying thank you for all the good you have done for this school district. Who else can we vote for?

I cannot vote for a candidate that wants to privatize almost everything in the district. Who can vote for Kurt Heise - I personally saw him campaigning at the Community Council meeting in March, and I wonder if he was on the taxpayer's

dime? As for the interview with the Observer and the Journal, that was done during business hours. Did he reimburse Wayne County for that?

Who can vote for a candidate and current school board member that wants to balance the budget on the backs of our fine teachers? I often wonder what are the agendas for some of these candidates that are running to lead this fine school district. One candidate has an impressive background in schools, and I am sure in time he can make a great contribution to our district.

I ran last year for school board and lost, but I did not walk away from participating and attending school board meetings, it just made me want to get more involved. Will the other candidates that do not win stay involved? I can only hope

Mark has tried to make a difference by running to be a legislator that really would have tried to strengthen education and lobby for equitable funding. We have two candidates that have been very active in the district and have served us very well. We cannot afford to have school board members that have their one-issue agendas and want to hurt our fine teaching staff.

Some people wonder why we should vote for Mark Slavens, remember back in 2000 there was a person running for U.S. Senate from Missouri by the name of Mel Carnahan? He died in a plane crash one month before the election; he still won by a landslide that sent a clear message that the voters were displeased with the other candidate. Please join me in voting for Mark Slavens May 8th to send a very loud and clear message.

> **John Nichols** Canton

Ryan makes us proud

We are writing in response to comments made concerning the leadership of Dr. Jim Ryan, superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, by Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski in the April 19 edition of the Observer.

We, the teaching and support staff of Tonda Elementary School, staunchly support and recognize the extraordinary leadership our superintendent has offered to the entire community and us. Dr. Ryan makes us proud to be members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

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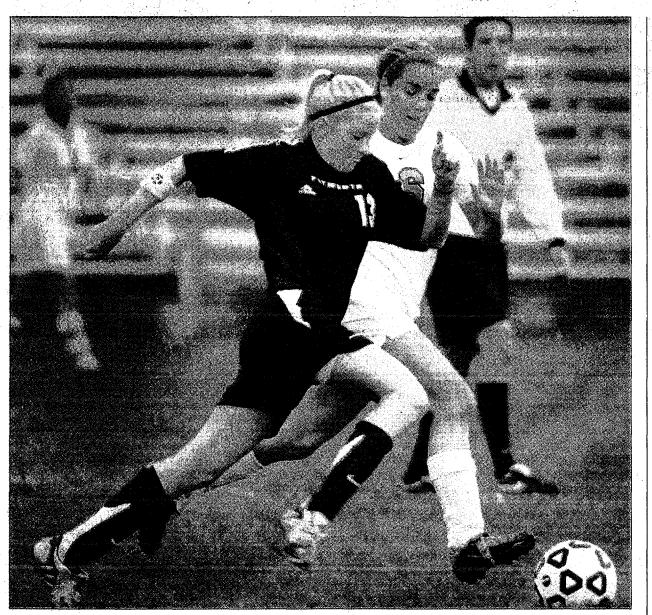
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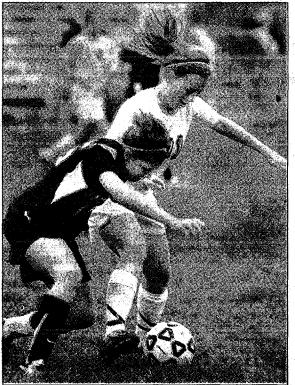
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Plymouth's Val Klemmer (foreground) and Canton's Laura Daniels race stride-for-stride for the ball during Wednesday night's crosscampus showdown. The game ended in a scoreless draw.

GOALIES' DELIGHT



Canton, Plymouth kickers battle to scoreless draw

BY ED WRIGHT

'Cats' bats hot in win over Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

From the sharp single to center field that opened the game to the crisply turned double-play that ended it, Thursday afternoon's Plymouth-Canton softball showdown was covered with Wildcat tracks.

Two weeks after dropping a 5-0 decision to the Chiefs, the Wildcats turned the tables with an 8-1 triumph at Canton to keep their dreams of a second-consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title intact.

"Before the game I told the girls they had to play their best today," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "I told them they had to make every swing, every pitch and every catch count because we had to have a win, and they went out there and did it. This win will give us a lot of momentum heading into Monday's game against Northville."

Plymouth boosted its record to 9-2 overall and 4-2 in the Western Division. Canton (13-3 overall and 5-1 in the Western) is tied for first in the division with Northville.

"Everything went Plymouth's way today and everything seemed to go against

PREP SOFTBALL us," said Arnold.

us," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "Plymouth came out mentally and physically predon't think we did

pared to play today and I don't think we did. "They hit the ball pretty well, but they had some a few 'Texas Leaguers' that just got over the infield, too. We made some mistakes today that we don't normally make."

The Wildcats collected more hits (three) in the first inning Thursday than they did in seven innings of the two teams' April 23 contest (one). Erin Rodes led off with a single and moved to second on Beth Heldmeyer's sacrifice bunt. Rodes moved to third on Melissa Butzow's single and scored the game's first run when Kim Klonowski drilled a double into the left-center field gap.

The inning nearly turned into an eruption for the Wildcats, however, Madison Dresser's two-out, basesloaded scorcher to left-center was hauled in by Canton left-fielder Stephanie Sadek.

Plymouth scored three more times in the second inning when with one out Gina Giordano walked, Rodes singled and Heldmeyer knocked home Giordano with a single. With two outs, Klonowski blooped a double down the left-field line, scoring Rodes and Heldmeyer.

The Wildcats manufactured a run in the third. Stacey Klonowski led off with a bunt single and was sacrificed to second by Dresser. Jill Brennan reached on an infield single, pushing Klonowski to third. Plymouth then executed a perfect double-steal with Klonowski beating the



Lady Warriors victorious, 10-8

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The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team edged Toledo Notre Dame Academy Thursday night, 10-8. The winners' offense was paced by Lauren Patterson, Ashlie Forchione, Jillian Miller and Amy Coleman. The team's goal-scorers were Morgan Franke (two), Lauryn Ebersole (six) and Katie Spangler (one). Defensively, PCS was led by Heather Duncan, Stephanie Matusiak, Emily Cox and goalie Nicole **Rotell. The Lady Warriors** will observer "Senior Night" on Friday when they host Warren Mott at the Plymouth junior varsity stadium.

Crusaders 9th

The Madonna University men's golf team didn't make it to the final round of the NAIA Region VIII Tournament held last week at Angels Crossing G.C. in Vicksburg. The Crusaders, shooting a two-day total of 626, missed the cut by one place and finished ninth. Aaron Cheesman (Salem) was the only Crusader to compete in the final championship round shooting 79-71-150, aood enough for 24th. His

second-day score of 71 led

included Jono McMahon, 78-78-156; Steve Robinson

(Livonia Churchill), 78-82-

(Churchill), 79-81-160; and

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MU signs Gregg

Madonna University

added another women's

soccer recruit last week with the signing of Livonia Clarenceville goalkeeper

In March, MU coach Paul Thomas signed five players including Jamie

Chelsea Gregg, who signed an NAIA letter-ofintent Thursday before fellow students, family and

Chandler, Livonia

Stevenson; Ellen O'Rear, Madison Heights Bishop Foley; Chelsea Skinner and

Katie Kozlowski, Dearborn Heights Crestwood; and

Sarah Rokuski, Algonac.

return from last year's MU

Seventeen players

Plymouth's Lindsay Jewett (left) and Canton's Sarah Thomas battle for possession of the ball Wednesday night.

There were no goals (at least ones that counted) in Wednesday's Plymouth-Canton girls soccer game, but there was more than enough suspense.

The two cross-campus rivals battled to a 0-0 draw in a contest that was coated with drama and late-game controversy.

The tie left Canton's record at 4-3-2 overall and 3-1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Plymouth is 3-4-4 and 4-0-2.

Both teams celebrated what they thought were secondhalf goals, only to have their momentary joy dashed by the referee.

Plymouth's non-score came with 17:23 left when Canton goalie Bree Bellovary leapt high to snare a shot headed for the back corner of the net. When she landed with the ball in her grasp, Bellovary came down near the goal-line close enough to spark a premature celebration by the Wildcats, who thought the ball was across the line.

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return throw to the plate by five feet.

Plymouth salted the game away in the fourth with another three-spot. Stacey Klonowski singled in a run before Dresser followed with a long double to right that plated two.

Canton's lone run came in the sixth when Lauren Delapaz doubled and scored on Alyssa Johnson's twoout single.

Plymouth outhit Canton, 13-6.

"We've been dominating with the bats all season, but lately our pitching has been coming around, too," said Canfield. "Megan's pitching was on 100 percent today. All of her pitches were moving and she was utilizing her off-speed stuff really well, which kept Canton's batters on their front foot."

There's a good chance the Wildcats and Chiefs will square off in a Division 1 District game next month. If they do, it promises to be entertaining.

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🕺 2007 OHL Championship Series: Game 1 -

Fournier's huge night keys Whalers' 4-1 win

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

For two periods Friday night, the Sudbury Wolves huffed and puffed and blew the Plymouth Whalers to the brink of frustration in Game 1 of the 2007 Ontario Hockey League Championship Series.

But in the third period, the ' Whalers proved to be as sturdy as a brick house.

Plymouth overcame a late 1-0 deficit with a flurry of goals over the final 18:17 to win going away, 4-1, before a pumped-up crowd of 3,200 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

"I thought it was a very entertaining game," said Plymouth Head Coach Mike Vellucci, referring to the first OHL Finals contest played at Compuware Arena since the spring of 2001. "I was very proud of our guys because they stuck to the game plan even when things weren't going our way the first two periods. They stuck with it, continued to play hard and got to the net.

"We kept telling them that once we got one goal, a bunch more would come."

Boy, was he right, much to the Wolves' dismay.

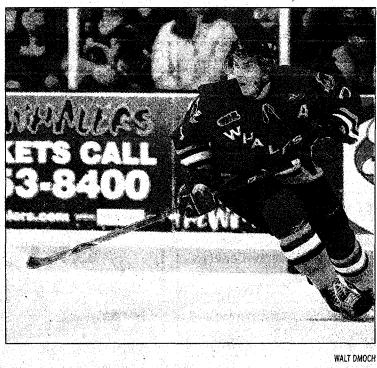
The Whalers will try to pad their 1-0 series lead Sunday when they host Game 2 at 3 p.m. at Compuware.

Forty years from now, Whaler forward Andrew Fournier will be telling his grandchildren about Friday night's third period, a 20minute stretch during which he did everything except take home the top prize in the 50-50 raffle.

After James Neal knotted the game at 1-all with a power-play goal with 18:17 to play, Fournier netted a pair of goals — including a highlight reel-caliber shorthander with 12:04 left that proved to be the game-winner —

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Super Boll Whaler fans approve of forward's aggressive style



Plymouth forward Jared Boll regularly ignites the Whalers' fans and his teammates with big-time checks and goals.

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

Most hockey teams have a flashy scoreboard that cues their fans into loud, rafter-shaking frenzies.

The Plymouth Whalers have Jared Boll.

Playing with nearly as much energy as Detroit Edison, Boll is among the Ontario Hockey League's leaders in the all-important category of "crowds-turnedon" as he makes it a habit of introducing visiting players to the boards that circle the Compuware Sports Arena rink.

While he's renowned for his aggressive style of play, the future Columbus Blue Jacket can also ignite the fans with his stick work, judging by the 28 goals and 27 assists he had accumulated heading into Friday night's opening game of the OHL

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women's team which finished 12-4-2 overall. **Karate tourney** Metro Michigan Shotokan Karate will host the Traditional Karate Championships from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Livonia Churchill High School,

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and a dazzling assist.

"On the first goal, I was forechecking their defenseman, he coughed up the puck and I sort of beat him wide," said Fournier, recalling his net-finder that gave the Whalers their first lead of the night. "I went at the net and went back-hand five-hole and it trickled in."

Less than two minutes later, Fournier torpedoed an ice-hugging, cross-rink pass onto the stick of Chris Terry, who onetimed the puck past Sudbury goalie Sebastian Dahm to make it 3-1.

Fournier cemented his memorable evening with a goal with 50.7 seconds left to cap the scoring.

The victory was extra-impressive considering the Whalers played without leading scorer Tom Sestito, who was suspended for one game after being assessed a game misconduct penalty in the Western Conference Finalsclinching victory over London on April 26.

"With Tommy out, we needed some other guys to step up, and they did," said Vellucci. "I thought A.J. Jenks played exceptionally well. He stepped into the third line and played a great game. And, of course, Andrew came up big, too, with two goals."

The Whalers peppered Dahm with 18 shots in the first period, but they couldn't light the lamp. Sudbury managed to seize an early 1-0 lead when Matt Dias did a dead-on impersonation of Paul Kariya, controlling the puck in

BOLL

Championship Series against Sudbury.

"Jared's definitely a crowd favorite," confirmed Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "He's a very physical player and when he makes those big hits, he energizes his teammates and demoralizes the visiting team all at the same time. When he gets a good hit in early, the other team is saying to themselves, 'This is going to be a long game.'

"Our team is based around players like Jared, James Neal and Tom Sestito – guys who like to play the body."

Boll, a native of Crystal Lake, Ill., was selected in the sixth

front of the net like a yo-yo before stuffing it past Plymouth goalie Michal Neuvirth 3:57 into the game.

"It was pretty frustrating the first two periods because we had quite a few Grade A scoring chances, but their goalie came up big," said Fournier. "Before the third period started, we talked about how we had to get off a lot of shots and hoped one trickled in, and that's what happened."

Vellucci hinted that his team's 10-day layoff prior to Friday night's game generated as much rust as rest.

"We weren't real sharp in the first period," he said. "We were gripping our sticks a little too tight and our passing was off. It wasn't a great period, but it wasn't a bad one either. When they scored their goal, it put us back on our heels a little, but we responded and played well.

"On the bench, we tried to focus on keeping an even keel. We didn't want the players to get too excited about being down 1-0, just like we wouldn't want them to be too excited if we were up 1-0. Everybody stayed focused and they rallied around one another."

Neuvirth improved to 11-2 in the playoffs as he stopped 29-of-30 shots. The Whalers whistled 37 pucks at Dahm.

Games 3 and 4 are set for Tuesday and Wednesday in Sudbury. Game 5, if necessary, will be played Friday, May 11, at 7:05 in Plymouth. Game 6 would face-off Sunday, May 13, in Sudbury.

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alternate captains, in Vellucci's estimation.

"Jared brings a lot of character to the team," said Vellucci. "He's one of those leadership kind of guys, someone who his teammates feed off of. When he's going hard, which he normally is, everybody else follows.

"The thing he's improved on the most this year is that he's scoring more and contributing more offensively."

The second-most memorable day in his hockey career was the day Columbus selected him with the 101st pick in the 2005 NHL Draft. The most memorable was the

day the Blue Jackets signed him to a professional contract.

"The day I got drafted was awesome," he remembered. "It was a very exciting day because I didn't know when I'd get picked. They had me anywhere from the third round to the seventh, and I ended up going in the fourth. My agent was following the draft on the Internet, so he called me as soon as he saw I had been drafted. A few minutes later, the Blue Jackets called.

Leach too much for the Spartans

Salem's Melissa Leach was like the weather Thursday afternoon: nearly picture perfect.

Under cloudless skies with 68-degree temperatures, Leach yielded just one hit while fanning 11 in the Rocks' 3-0 white-washing of Livonia Stevenson in a WLAA Lakes Division game played at Salem. Leach issued just two free passes and retired the side in order in four of the seven innings. The victory improved Salem's record to 4-10 overall and 3-3 in the division.

"It was a good win in that we started off this season losing to Stevenson in a 14-inning battle," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "So going out there today and putting the win on the board helps show the girls we can go through the division a second time and do what we should have the first time.

"We're 3-3 in the division, so we're fighting back. The girls played great defense behind Melissa and we finally put a few hits together at the right time. We just have to keep swinging the bat. They'll eventually start dropping.

The Rocks scored in the first when Abby Pairitz ripped a double up the gap, scoring Liz Thomas, who had reached on a fielder's choice. Salem tacked on two more in the sixth when Mary Cox doubled in Kait McKinley, who had singled. Emily Pitcole then plated Cox with a run-scoring single. Pitcole finished 2-for-3 for

the winners, who compiled six hits.



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Salem's Mary Cox, who is pictured above being congratulated by teammate Mary Johnson after scoring a run in a game earlier this season, had a huge hit in the Rocks' victory over Livonia Stevenson Thursday afternoon.

PREP SOFTBALL

CANTON 4, CHURCHILL 1: Pitchers Sarah Anthony and Hillary Payne combined on a four-hitter Wednesday as the Chiefs (13-2) turned back host Livonia Churchill (7-6) in a Western Lakes crossover.

Anthony, who struck out four and walked only one, worked five innings to earn the victory. She allowed one run on two hits. Payne came on to preserve the win, allowing two hits while fanning three.

Losing pitcher Julie Lewandowski went the first three innings for the Chargers, allowing two runs on four hits and a walk. She allowed two runs.

Jordan Kerr finished up, allowing two runs on five hits over four innings. She struck out three.

Amber Holod had two hits, including an RBI double for Churchill's lone run.

Amy Dunleavy went 3-for-4 with a double to lead Canton. Anthony and Lauren Delapaz added two hits each.

PLYMOUTH 15, JOHN GLENN 0:

Kim Klonowski collected four hits and Melissa Butzow knocked in four runs Wednesday as the Wildcats (8-

2) rolled to a mercy-rule victory in four innings at Westland John Glenn (0-12).

Erin Rodes added two hits and three RBI for Plymouth. **Butzow and Madison Dresser** also contributed two hits apiece.

Winning pitcher Ally Ciotti held the Rockets to two hits. Lisa Pecorelli suffered the

loss.

Late rally lifts 'Cats over Chiefs, 12-10

Plymouth's baseball team rallied twice in the late innings Thursday afternoon to post a 12-10 victory over Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division contest played on the Chiefs' home field.

The Wildcats' sixth consecutive victory boosted their record to 8-8 overall and 3-3 in the division. Canton slipped to 7-8-1 and 2-3, respectively.

Pacing the winners' 15-hit attack was junior Garrett Rebain, who ripped four hits. Matt Priebe and Brad Lineberry also shined at the plate with three hits a piece. Dan Milus (2-for-4, three RBI) and William Tidwell (2for-2, two RBI, three runs) were the top run-producers for the Chiefs, who managed just five hits. Tyler Locklear earned the win on the mound in relief. The Wildcats managed to pull out the "W" despite walking 11 Chiefs.

"That's just a ridiculous number of walks to have and still win a game," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "But we have been sticking the ball extremely well as of late and we did it again here today. "Hopefully, we can keep this

momentum going as we move along through the rest of the season." The victory was the first at

the varsity level against Canton. STEVENSON 8, SALEM 3: Senior pitcher Andy Jones went all seven innings Thursday to pick up the victory as host Livonia

hits and two runs; Nick Plinka, two RBI and two runs; Eric Krauss, two RBI; and Jeff Sorenson, RBI.

Sam Ott went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Rocks. Brad Way also knocked in a run.

CHURCHILL 3, CANTON 0: Vinny Carozza scattered eight hits to earn the shutout Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (6-9) defeated the host Chiefs (7-7-1) to earn the WLAA crossover win.

Carozza struck out three and did not walk a batter in seven innings.

Tyler Bledsoe went 2-for-3

Thursday at Huron Valley, the Wolverines broke a 6-all dead-

lock with four runs in the sixth inning to improve their record to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Huron Valley led 5-1 until Agape struck for five runs in the fifth to grab a short-lived 6-5 lead. HV rebounded with a run int he bottom of the fifth.

Junior right-hander Jared Miller earned the win in relief for the Wolverines.

He struck out nine and yielded just three hits over the final

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round of the 2002 OHL Draft by Kingston. He was traded to the Whalers in June of 2005.

"I'm an older guy — the second-oldest on the team - so, obviously, I need to bring some leadership to the team," said the 20-year-old Boll. "We actually have a ton of leadership guys on this team, guys that lead even though they may not wear a letter, which makes it easier on us captains because they're always behind us, helping us lead the younger players."

Boll said he doesn't mind the 'aggressive" tag he's earned during his four years in the OHL, but he doesn't want to be stereotyped as one-dimensional. "I've always played a pretty

rough style, but I also like to score and get points," he said. "I'll fight, too, if I need to. Whatever the team needs at the time is what I'll do. The more I'm hitting, the more I'm into the game."

Boll has more than earned his designation as one of the team's

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"Getting signed to a contract was even better than getting drafted. It's a three-year deal, so I have some time. Hopefully, I make the team this coming year. If I don't, I'll play for Syracuse in the AHL."

Boll was born in Charlotte, N.C., and raised in suburban Chicago.

"My dad is from the Detroit area (Grosse Pointe), so I always liked watching Steve Yzerman when I was younger, even though I've never played like him," said Boll, smiling. "I also like to watch players like Darius Tucker – guys who play on the edge."

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Stevenson (8-7, 3-3) turned back the Rocks (7-7, 3-4) in a WLAA-Lakes Division game.

Jones gave up five hits, walked four and struck out five. Losing pitcher Joe Posler

allowed six runs on seven hits in 4.1 innings. Luke Knochel paced

Stevenson's offensive attack going 2-for-3 with two RBI. Other Spartan standouts included Sam Vomastek, two with two RBI to lead the Chargers. Steve Jones added an **RBI** single.

Losing pitcher Brad Barath and Ryan Neu each had two hits.

Barath went the first five innings, allowing three runs on seven hits. He struck out two. Reliever Dan Stoney held the Chargers scoreless and hitless over the final two innings. AGAPE 10, HURON VALLEY 6: On

4.2 innings. Aaron Howell suffered the loss in relief for the Hawks.

Miller also shined at the plate, going 4-for-5 and scored two runs. Ethan Walker (3-for-4, four RBI) and Brandon Pierson (2-for-4, three runs, three RBI) also sparkled offensively for Agape. Ryan Jones was the Hawks' best hitter, going 2-for-4 with a triple and three RBI.

Lineberry solid in Plymouth's 3-0 victory

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The "Flavor of the Day" for Plymouth's baseball team Wednesday afternoon was Lineberry.

Forty-eight hours after posting 18 runs against Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn's offense looked vanilla

against Wildcat sophomore right-handed pitcher Brad Lineberry, who scattered three hits and seven walks in Plymouth's 3-0 WLAA crossover triumph.

The Rockets had at least one baserunner in every inning, but managed to get just one as far as third base against the hard-throwing right-hander.

"For a sophomore to go out there and have the kind of composure Brad did today and battle like he did, that's what we've been looking for all season," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We've been looking for guys who can step up and pitch at this level.

"The first part of the season we had difficulty finding out who that was going to be. We had assumptions of who it may be, but until they get out on the mound, you don't know. Brad really battled today. He did a nice job of getting out of

some jams. As the game went along, he did a nice job of keeping them off balance."

John Glenn stayed in the game thanks to solid pitching from Robert Frazier, who yielded eight hits and two earned runs over six innings. Frazier struck out three and walked just one.

"I thought Robert pitched pretty decent today," said John Glenn coach Matt Howton. "He hit his spots at times and our defense got him out of some jams."

"We just didn't hit the ball hard at opportune times and we left a lot of guys on base. There was a big difference, obviously, from Monday when we scored 18 runs."

Plymouth seized an early 1-0 lead in the first when Ben Kosmalski ripped a one-out double and scored on Matt Priebe's two-out single. John Glenn threatened in

the second, however, with two on and two outs, Andrew DeLuca grounded out to Lineberry.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 2-0 in the fourth when Ryan Valle doubled in Garrett Rebain, who reached on a hard-hit single.

DeLuca, who finished 2-for-3 with a walk, reached third base with two outs in the top of the fifth, but Lineberry squelched the potential rally by striking out John Glenn cleanup hitter Jerry Smith.

Plymouth tacked on an insurance run in the sixth when Lineberry reached second on error, advanced to third on a ground out and scored on a perfectly executed safety squeeze by Valle.

Matt Barrera, Kosmalski and Valle all registered two hits a piece for the Wildcats.

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"I could see that the ball was over the line from where I was," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich, "but the official uled it wasn't. Then we lodged a bullet late in the game with the offsides call."

The ruling Neschich was referring to occurred with 1:40 eft when Canton's Becci Houdek launched a free kick rom just outside the 18-yard oox. Plymouth net-minder Brittany Warner jumped high o deflect the ball straight up and into the cross-bar. The ball then rolled in front of the goal before Canton's Megan Staub

ight-footed it into the net. The Chiefs celebrated intil they realized the official nad called offsides against Canton prior to Houdek's freecick.

"I thought our girls did a great job of pressuring, pressuring and pressuring late in he game," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "We needed a vin tonight — a tie does nothng for us - so we switched our formations around a little und kept attacking.

"We got a goal called back gainst us the first time we played them (a 1-1 tie two veeks ago), which I agreed vith. I totally disagreed with he offsides call tonight. We had a great effort and the girls leserved better than the final outcome.'

Plymouth came within inches of scoring a first-half goal

and within a head - Hannah Mills', to be exact - of scoring with 18:03 remaining. Val Klemmer hit the post with a shot mid-way through the first half. Mills then saved the Chiefs' shutout mid-way through the second when with Bellovary still recovering from a previous save – she headed a shot off the foot of Megan Quinlan out of harm's

way and over the cross-bar. "Hannah did a great job of closing down on that shot," said Tomasso.

Both goalies came up big in every pressure-packed situation they were confronted with.

"I thought our pace was a little slow tonight," said Neschich. "At moments we were good; other moments we weren't. It was a pretty even game. We had three or four good scoring opportunities. Neschich praised the defensive efforts of Brittany Hengesh, Chelsey Quinlan and

Casey Webb. "Clare Baptist made a lot of things happen out there

tonight, too," he added. Baptist sent a charge through the Plymouth crowd when she rushed up the right side with the ball as the clocked ticked down inside 10 seconds. Her shot from the right wing was cradled by Bellovary as the horn sounded. STEVENSON 2, SALEM 0: Victoria Slavin scored a pair of goals Wednesday as Livonia Stevenson (5-5-1, 3-3) blanked the visiting Rocks (3-6, 1-5) in

a WLAA-Lakes Division game. Slavin scored 10 minutes into the match off an assist from Liz Tokarsky.

"Overall, I thought we played a good game," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Stevenson did a good job of jumping on our turnovers. I'm see progress in our team each time we go out there.

Trailing 1-0 at intermission, Salem came out and carried the play for 15 minutes and got an opportunity to draw even when Kat Griffith was redcarded, leaving the Spartans with nine players.

"The momentum changed in our favor and we were all over them for the next 15 shorthanded," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said.

Slavin then picked off a ball just inside midfield and deked two defenders, burying a shot from outside of 18 yards and burying it in the far corner for a 2-0 lead.

Stevenson goalkeeper Mandi Keedle preserved the shutout when she stopped Salem's Katie Shull on a breakaway.

"I was proud of Mandi tonight," Pinta said. "The true

opportunity they had and she came up big. And I thought Vicky (Slavin) did real well tonight, working really hard. Taleen Mergian was good for us defensively, as was Jamie Chandler, Kayla Kimble, Mallory Fox and Tokarsky."

PCA 3, OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 2 (2 0T): On Thursday at Oakland Christian, the Eagles maintained their perfect record

with a thrilling road victory against one of their arch-rivals in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The victory improved the Eagles' record to 8-0 overall and 5-0 in the MIAC. Oakland fell to 3-3 in the conference.

Brooke Williams tallied the game-winner just over three minutes into the second overtime.

"Brooke made a nice play from about 10 yards out," said PCA coach Bob Lorion. "It was a tough game; a rough game. I was proud of the way the girls kept their composure. They never retaliated.

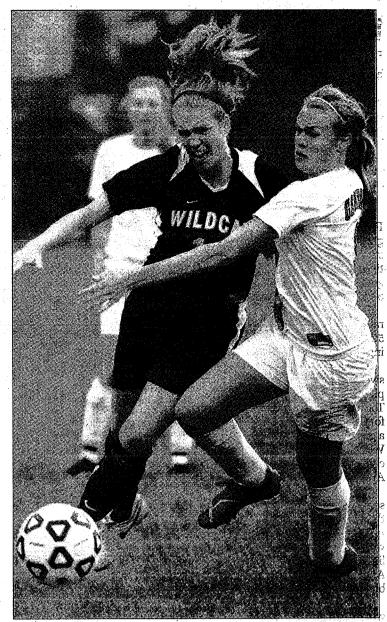
"We picked it up after halftime and outplayed them. The girls decided at halftime that they didn't want to lose this game."

After Oakland scored midway through the first half to claim a 1-0 lead, Alyson DeKruyter evened things at 1all with a goal off a rebound late in the opening stanza.

Oakland reclaimed its onegoal advantage, 2-1, early in the second half before Jalese Debiasi found the back of the net with just 1:03 left in regulation to force the extra sessions. Debiasi's goal came on a penalty kick after PCA's leading scorer, Abby Lorion, was hauled down in the 18-yard box.

Debiasi and Sarah Roth excelled defensively for PCA, which also received five saves from net-minder Sara Ross.

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Plymouth's Chelsey Quinlan (left) battles with Canton's Tracy Rymph during Wednesday's 0-0 draw.

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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 105 CANTON 32 Thursday at Canton Shot put: 1. Robyn Whalen (LF), 39 feet, five inches; 2. Ashley Price (LF), 32-5.75; 3. Ashley McClellan (C), 30-0. Discus: 1: Robyn Whalen (LF), 125-0: 2. Ashley McClellan (C), 94-5; 3. Kara Giummo (LF), 79-11. Long jump: 1. Megan Wilson (LF), 16-6; 2. Megan Brownlee (LF), 14-8; 3. Megan Priebe (LF), 13-9.50. High jump: 1. Liz Hollaway (LF), 4-10; 2. Megan Matheny (C), 4-8; 3. Ashley Sawyer (LF), 4-8. Pole vault: 1. Meghan Powers (LF), 9-10; 2. Kelly Tapella (LF), 7-6; 3. Anastasia Bending (LF), 7-0. 3,200-meter relay: 1. Franklin (Laura Marshall, Devan Walley, Allison Milican, Senneca Scott), 10:28.9; 2. Canton, 10:56.0.

100 hurdles: 1. Casey Lynett (LF), 17.5; 2. Ashley Hoener (LF), 18.19; 3. Wood (LF), 18:53. 100 dash: 1. Megan Wilson (LF), 13.35; 2. Ashley Banks (C), 13.44; 3. Monica Hardy (LF), 13.78. 800 relay: 1. Franklin (Casey Lynett, Ashley Butkowski, Monica Hardy, Megan Wilson), 1:54.0; 2. Canton, 2:02.

1,600 run: 1. Kari Saarela (LF) 5:47.0; 2. Paula Schubatis (C), 5:56.0; 3. Maggie Carlson (C), 5:58.

400 relay: 1. Franklin (Monica Hardy, Dani Poole, Shantell Cole, Jasmine Smith), 54.9; 2. Canton 55.06

400 dash: 1. Ashley Butkowski (LF), 1:03.0; 2. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:04.0; 3. Megan Wilson (LF), 1:05.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Casey Lynett (LF), 50.03; 2. Megan Howard (C), 51.69; 3. Lauren Howard (C), 53.9. 800 run: 1. Senneca Scott (LF), 2:37; 2. Allison Milican (LF), 2:40; 3. Laura Marshall (LF), 2:45. 200 dash: 1. Ashley Banks (C) 27.2; 2. Monica Hardy (LF), 27.5; 3. Bree Edge (C), 29.6. 3,200 run: 1. Kari Saarela (LF), 12:22; 2. Paula Schubatis (C), 13:09; 3. Victoria Church (LF),

13:19. 1,600 relay: 1. Franklin (Casey Lynett, Ashley Butkowski, Allison Milican, Senneca Scott), 4:24; 2. Canton, 4:33. WLAA DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Franklin, 3-0: Canton, 1-3.

NORTHVILLE 105 **PLYMOUTH 32 Thursday at Northville** (following are Plymouth's plac-

ers) High jump: 1. Brittany Petty, 5 feet, 3 inches. 100-meter dash: 1. Julie Hersey,

13.28. 3,200 run: 1. Kelly Hahn, 11:54.0. W.L. NORTHERN 110.5

SALEM 26.5 Thursday at W.L. Northern (following are Salem highlights) Pole vault: 1. Alexa VanVliet, 8-0. 800-meter relay: 1. Salem (Caitlyn Heaney, Deja Wright, Kaitlyn Cray, Trinea Vojcek). 300 hurdles: 3. Michelle Robinson

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May 3 at Canton Discus: 1. Steve Paye (C), 133 feet, 1 inch; 2. Nick Moores (C), 128-1; 3. Mike Wood (LF), 125-2. Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (C), 52-3.5; 2. Mike Wood (LF), 43-8.25; 3. Steve Paye (C), 42-11.50. Long jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 19-7; 2. Mike Sylvester (LF), 18-11; 3. Pamlor (LF), 17-10. High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6-5; 2. Israel Woolfork (LF), 6-0; 3. Ryan Seely (C), 5-8. Pole vault: 1. Sylvester (LF), 13-9; 2. Ryan Langdon (C), 13-0; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 12-8. 3.200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Josh Hurst, Marcus Sylvester, Josh Godwin, Scott Zech), 8:36.6; 2. Franklin, 8:49.2. 110 high hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 17.0; 2. Stuart Gregory (LF), 17.3; 3. Beadle (LF), 17.9. 100 dash: 1. Nick Moores (C), 11.3; 2. Gernard Mincey (LF), 11.4; 3. Paul Voegele (LF), 11.6.

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK BESTS SHOT PUT

Nick Moores (Canton) 52-3.50 Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 50-4 Adam Gorring (Wayne) 50-2 Jon Robinson (Churchill) 48-10.75 Steve Paye (Canton) 46-1 Mike Wood (Franklin) 45-6 Wardell Fuqua (Canton) 44-9.75 Alex Edwards (Lutheran Westland) 44-9 Matt Broome (Stevenson) 44-6.25 James Kelly (John Glenn) 43-7 DISCUS

Steve Paye (Canton) 150-9 Bryan Henley (John Glenn) 150-6 Nick Moores (Canton) 147-10 Matt Broome (Stevenson) 141-3 Robert Pennywitt (RU) 138-11 Mike Wood (Franklin) 138-8 Thomas Myers (Churchill) 138-6 Geraid Lou (Plymouth) 136-0 Duane Najarian (Churchill) 132-0 Zach Bozigian (John Glenn) 129-8 HIGH JUMP

Eric Thornton (Canton) 6-8 Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6-4 Jace Beardon (Salem) 6-2 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 6-2 Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 672 lan Thornton (John Glenn) 6-2 Ross Davis (Salem) 6-0 Patrick York (Stevenson) 6-0 Marvin Whitaker (Plymouth) 5-10 Phillip Grasshof (Clarenceville) 5-10 Wyatt Stahl (Stevenson) 5-10

LONG JUMP Myles White (Stevenson) 22-3 Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 22-2.5 Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 21-1.5 Dave Simor (Stevenson) 21-5.5 Alan Freeman (Wayne) 20-6.5 Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 20-3 Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 20-2.25 Israel Woolfork (Franklin) 19-8 Eric Thornton (Canton) 19-7 Connor McKinney (Plymouth) 19-6.75 Jace Beardon (Salem) 19-5.75 POLE VAULT

Derik Peterman (Churchill) 14-0 Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 13-9 Joe Tessner (Churchill) 13-9 Ben Ambrose (Plymouth) 13-0 Ryan Langdon (Canton) 13-0 Chris McGinnis (Canton) 12-6 Joe Massel (Canton) 12-0 Brian Rakovitis (Canton) 12-0 Andrew Sheppard (Plymouth) 11-0 Justin Hempel (Luth. Westland) 11-0 Nick Fenner (Franklin) 11-0

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

800 relay: 1. Franklin (Alvin Duncan Darell Myree, Ryan Kiseda, Woolfork), 1:36.2: 2. Canton (Joe Massel, Rvan Randall, Ryan Langdon, Andrew Manuel), 1:37.1. 1,600 run: 1. Eric Zech (C), 4:48.9; 2. Duncan Spitz (C), 4:51.3; 3. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:54.2, 400 relay: 1. Franklin (Duncan, Brandon Straub, Myree, Mincey), 45.0; 2. Canton (Nick Moores. Ocie Lewis, Ryan Randall, Steve Paye), 45.9 400 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 51.4; 2. Josh Etim (C), 53.8; 3. Ryan Seely (C). 55.1. 300 hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 41.7; 2. Gregory (LF), 43.4; 3. Joe Massel (C), 45.3. 800 run: 1. Scott Zech (C), 2:11.7; 2. Keith Zech (C), 2:13.7; 3. Joe Morris (LF), 2:14.3. 200 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 22.9; 2. Myree (LF), 23.0; 3. Woolfork (LF), 3.200 run: 1. Evan Sirena (LF), 10:38.9; 2. Mike Krcatovich (LF), 10:44.8; 3. Kyle Clinton (C), 10:46.6.

Sylvester, Josh Godwin, Ryan Seely, Scott Zech), 3:41.2: 2, Franklin, 3:41.9, Dual-meet records: Canton, 4-2 overall, 3-1 WLAA-Western Division; Franklin, 1-2 overall, 1-2 WLAA-Western Division. SALEM 83 W.L. NORTHERN 54

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Marcus

Thursday at W.L. Northern) (following are Salem's placers) Discus: 1. Mo Saaidi, 115 feet, 8 inches; 3. Cortney Frazier, 104-9. Shot put: 1. Jim Crabill. 40-3.5 Long jump: 1. Jace Bearden, 20-3.5; 2. Josh Edelbrock, 18-7. High jump: 1. Jace Bearden, 6-2. Pole vault: 1. J.P. Truesdell, 11-6. 110-meter hurdles: 2. J.P. Truesdell, 16.9; 3. Mike Giles, 16.9. 100 dash: 1. Adam Kashoro, 11.7; 3. Kevin Cope, 12.0. 800 relay: 1. Salem (Adam Kashoro, Stephan Telenko, Grant Stone, Kevin Cope), 1:35.6. 1,600 run: 1. Rob Curtis, 4:50.3; 2. Kevin deBear, 4:50.4. 400 relay: 1. Salem (Jason Williams,

OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK BESTS

110-METER HURDLES Baze Efremov (Salem) 14. Myles White (Stevenson) 14.8 Rico Walker (RU) 15.2 Nate Ghoiston (Plymouth) 15,3 Marcus Bennett (Thurston) 15.5 Renaldo Powell (Wayne) 15.5. Andrew LaBerge (Churchill) 15.6 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 15.8 Mark Zehner (Churchill) 15,9 Rico Walker (RU) 15,9 Tim Belcher (Canton) 16.0 Dennis Swift (Stevenson) 16.2 **300 HURDLES**

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Mo Saaidi, Stephan Telenko, Adam Kashoro), 46.1. 300 hurdles: 2. Scott O'Connor, 42.8; 3. J.P. Truesdell, 43.7. 800 run: 2. Rob Curtis, 2:11.6; 3. Zach Gaskell, 2:12.3. 200 dash: 1. Adam Kashoro, 23.9; 3. Derek Lindstrom, 24.9. 3,200 run: 1. Eric Volstromer, 10:35.5. 1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 3:47.9. Salem's dual-meet record: 2-2.

NORTHVILLE 84 PLYMOUTH 53 **Thursday at Northville** (following are Plymouth's placers) Pole vault: 1. Ben Ambrose, 12 feet, 6 inches.

100-meter dash: 1. Jenarian Caldwell, 11.5.2; 2. Malik Rich, 11.5.4; 3. Connor McKinney, 11.5. 400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Nate Gholston, Malik Rich, Cennor McKinney, Jenarian Caldwell), 45.62. 3,200 run: 1. Patrick Slavens, 10:01. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 2-2; Northville, 5-0.

800 Keivin Lewis (Wayne) 2:00.9 Scott Zech (Canton) 2:01.3 Matt Rzpeka (Stevenson) 2:01.7 Kyle Wallath (Plymouth) 2:02.0 Mike Gibbons (Stevenson) 2:03.4 Brian Robertson (Churchill) 2:05.0 Justin Huey (Plymouth) 2:06.4 Mark Waterbury (Churchill) 2:06.4 David St. Amant (Churchill) 2:06.0 Spencer Lyle (Luth. Westland) 2:06.4 1,600 Matt Rzepka (Stevenson) 4:29.8 Eric Zech (Canton) 4:38.2 Spencer Lyle (Lutheran Westland) 4:40.7 Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 4:41.3 Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 4:42.3 Brian Robertson (Churchill) 4:43.7 Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 4:43.9 Rob Curtis (Salem) 4:44.6 Jacob Schofield (Wayne) 4:45.2 Justin Huey (Plymouth) 4:46.3 3,200 Patrick Slavens (Plymouth) 10:01.0 Anthony Scaparo (Plymouth) 10:10.8 Rob Curtis (Salem) 10:11.3 Derek Lax (Plymouth) 10:13.9 Duncan Spitz (Canton) 10:16.3 Joe Varilone (Churchill) 10:21.8 Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 10:29.4 Kevin deBear (Salem) 10:32.1 Mike Green (Stevenson) 10:32.3 Evan Sirena (Franklin) 10:33.6 400 RELAY Livonia Stevenson 44.0 Plymouth 44.1 Westland John Glenn 44.4 Livonia Franklin 44.7 Wayne Memorial 45.0 Redford Union 45:0

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Lutheran Westland 8:33.3

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 7 Canton at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. W.L. Northern at Salem, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m. **Tuesday, May 8** PCA at Roeper, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 Canton at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Salem, 4 p.m. Plymouth at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Thursday, May 10 Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12 Salem at Milford (DH), 11 a.m West Bloomfield at Plymouth (DH), noon SOFTBALL Monday, May 7 W.L. Western at Canton, 4 p.m. Salem at W.L. Northern, 4 p.m. Northville at Plymouth, 4 p.m. PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 Salem vs. Canton at Massey Field, 7 p.m. Huron Valley at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 W.L. Central at Canton, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Salem, 4 p.m Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth. 4 p.m. Thursday, May 10 Baptist Park at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Salem, 4 p.m. Plymouth at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12 **Canton Classic Varsity Tourney, TBA** Lutheran Westland Tourney, TBA GIRLS SOCCER Monday, May 7 Canton at W.L. Western, 7 p.m. W.L. Northern at Salem, 7 p.m. Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m. **Tuesday, May 8** Roeper at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 Wayne Memorial at Canton, 7 p.m. Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10 Southfield Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 Salem at Rochester, 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

Saturday, May 12 Canton at Troy, 2 p.m. Lutheran Westland at PCA, 10 a.m. **BOYS TENNIS** Monday, May 7 Canton at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Northville at Salem, 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 Salem at Canton, 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 Salem at Plymouth, 4 p.m. Friday, May 12 **WLAA Conference Tourney** at Wayne, TBA BOYS LACROSSE Tuesday, May 8 A.A. Huron at PCS, 8 p.m. Friday, May 11 PCS at Waterford Kettering, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12 PCS at Farmington, 2 p.m. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD Thursday, May 10 Canton at Wayne Memorial, 3:30 p.m. John Glenn at Salem, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Western at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 11 South Lyon Invitational, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12 A.A. Huron Invitational, 9:30 a.m. Fenton JV Invite, TBA GIRLS GOLF Monday, May 7 Northville at Canton at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. **Plymouth at Wayne Memorial** at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m. Salem at Livonia Franklin at Idviwild G.C., 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 Canton at W.L. Northern at Brentwood G.C., 3:30 p.m. Northville at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m. Wayne Memorial at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. Thursday, May 10 **Plymouth at Farmington Invite** at Kensington, 10 a.m. Salem at Hartland Invite at Dunham Hills, 10 a.m. Friday, May 11 **Plymouth at Canton** at Hilltop G.C., 3 p.m. Salem at Northville at Tanglewood G.C., 3 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

The annual Livonia Ladywood Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp will be held Saturday, June 23, at Ladywood High School, which is located on Newburgh between Schoolcraft and Five Mile in Livonia.

The camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$50 per participant, will introduce future high school players to the sport of field hockey as well as promote enthusiasm for the game. An emphasis will be placed on learning the basic fundamentals of the game and teaching proper techniques of the skill sets used to play including dribbling, driving, shooting, passing and stopping.

The first half of the day will focus on skills with the second half set for team play and small-sided scrimmages.

All campers will need to bring shin guards, a mouthpiece, a water bottle, a field hockey stick (some will be available to sign out at the camp) and a sack lunch. Rubber cleats are also recommended.

Registration forms can be picked up at Ladywood High School. For more information, call (734) 751-9790.

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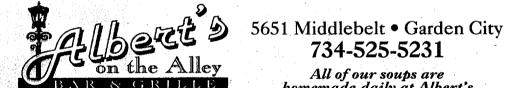
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Summer-spring bowling leagues remain in vogue

ow is the time to think about spring and summer leagues and there are three good reasons to take part in one or more. Number



one: If you have been bowling well, vou might want to keep up vour tempo and not let a long summer layoff get your game stale. If

vou are on a

roll, stay with

it so you will transition easi-

ly to the next

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season Number two: If you have been bowling badly, this is the best chance to work on your game under competitive conditions so you can enter the fall leagues in better shape.

Number three: Summer leagues are usually lots of fun, the season is shorter, it costs a bit less with a wide variety of activities available.

There are plenty of summer leagues for mixed, youth, ladies and little kids.

Check with your local bowling center, but here are a few typical ones to consider:

Woodland Lanes, located on Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers a Men's Senior House Trio League at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays for high average bowlers. There's also a mixed league, Guys and Dolls, at 7:30 p.m. Mondays or combination of four with complimentary pizza.

Youth Leagues starting at 4 p.m. Tuesdays begins on June 12. You can bowl two games

with pizza and pop provided. The Senior Citizen League,

will be offered at noon Mondays and Fridays (no-tap). Also available are a 7:30 p.m. Wednesday ladies league, (all averages welcome), along with an adult-youth league at 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

The Detroit Tigers Adult-Youth Bowling Club includes Tiger tickets and more. Bumper bowling starts at 4 p.m. Tuesdays (two games with pizza and pop.)

For more information, call (734) 522-4515.

Everyone is invited to join the three-day walk and bowl to wipe out breast cancer with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, a partner of the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund.

The bowling portion starts at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Country Lanes in

Farmington Hills located at 30250 W. Nine Mile Road. (Check-in is at 8 p.m.) Cost is \$20 per person and it

includes bowling, mystery games and pizza. Reservations are required. For more information, call Pam Jones, who will take part

in the three-day, six-mile walk, at (248) 476-3201. 🖬 On Feb. 28, Garden City's

Yves Szmansky literally shot the lights out at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland in the Wednesday Nite

Merchants with scores of 300-290-278. The total pinfall was 868, the second highest ever in this house.

On March 13 while subbing in the Friday Nite Invitational, Szmansky rolled a 245-268-

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290-803. These were the first 800s for Yves, who said, "I haven't been bowling that well lately, but I seem to have gotten locked in and was able to consistently repeat my shots."

Town 'n Country Lanes, located on Wayne Road in Westland, offers several "Have a Ball" leagues featuring a full schedule and an established weekly fee.

You will also receive a new bowling ball.

The 15-week Wednesday Summer Trio starts at 7 p.m. May 9. First place pays \$2,100 based on 20 teams. Cost per week is \$28 (includes a new Ebonite Total NV ball worth \$229); or pay \$27 and get a Hammer Black Widow; while \$26 earns a Hammer Toxic ball.

For those who want the ultimate challenge, the 15-week "Bowl Like the Pros" starts at 7 p.m. Tuesdays on May 8 under PBA lane conditions (Cheetah, Viper, Scorpion, Shark and Chameleon oil patterns). It

features four games per session.

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The 15-week Thursday mixed "Have a Ball" league starts May 10. The \$23 per week fee earns a new Ebonite Total NV ball.

The 14-week adult-youth league starts May 8. You need four bowlers per team - two youth and two adults; or three youth and one adult.

Meanwhile, at 7 p.m. starting on May 11, there will be the 14-week Friday Youth Trio "Have a Ball league, which" includes music and lights for children ages 4-8. There's also free rental shoes and bumper bowl T-shirts, trophies and mini-banquet during the final week of play.

All this for only \$6 per bowler per week. For more information, call (734) 722-5000.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net

SPORTS ROUNDUP

PLYMOUTH **VOLLEYBALL CAMP**

The annual Plymouth High School Volleyball Team Camps will be held July 23-25 (Monday through Wednesday) in the Plymouth gymnasium. A camp for current Wildcat volleyball players will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon while a separate one for fifth- through ninth-graders is set for 1-4 p.m. each day.

The cost of the morning camp is \$95; the afternoon camp is \$65.

For more information, contact Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or at

mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

SUMMER GIRLS

HOOP CAMPS

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be held in June in the Canton and

Salem high school gymnasiums. A camp for girls who will be starting seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 18-22 from 1-3 p.m. The seventh graders will be at Salem while the eighth and ninth graders will utilize the Canton gym. The cost of the camp is \$70.

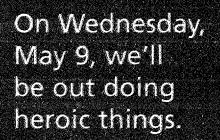
A camp for girls who will be starting fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 25-29 from 1-3 p.m. The fourth graders will be at Salem while the fifth and sixth graders will utilize the Canton gym.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the coaching staffs of Canton and Salem high schools as well as from high school players.

Players can register through **Plymouth-Canton Community** Education, which is located at 40260 Five Mile Rd. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-2940.



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In support of Community Appreciation Week and our HERO volunteer program:

- Our employees will donate time to human services and youth-at-risk assistance organizations on Wednesday, May 9.
- National City will make monetary contributions to these same organizations.
- While we're out on May 9, many of our branches will close at 1 p.m. but our drive-up windows will remain open for regular business hours.

Select branch lobbies will remain open for regular business hours. See your local branch for details.

Organizations we will be supporting on May 9:

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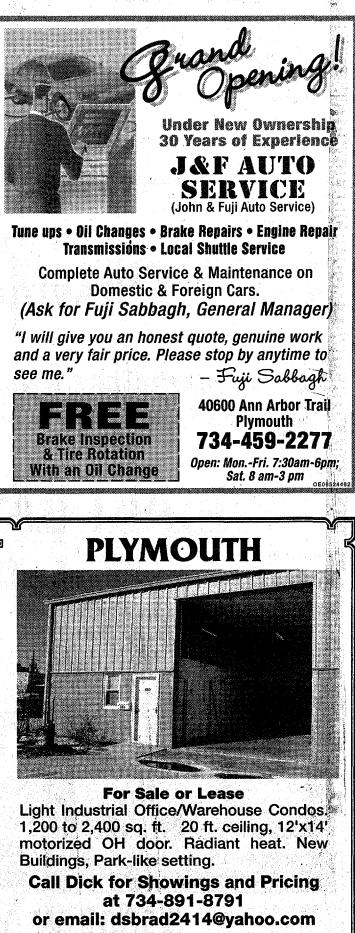
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Rage is often based on shame

es, all of us have within us the potential to fly into a rage. But fortunately not all of us do. Rage is, as one has written, a shamebased expression of anger. It is a form of abuse. More of us feel angry at some point and that is common and natural.

My friend, Richard Pfeiffer, author of *The Real Solution Anger Workbook*, says that anger is a response we have. It is a response to what happens to us, most often an experience of pain which occurs in a relationship with another person. Whatever form the pain, be it physical, psychological, emotional, or spiritual, this pain taps into our biology, so



that we are aroused physically in some way and feel a strong need for release of that pain. There are many forms of an anger response. Some anger responses are creative. Some anger responses are destructive. Every one of us will be

angry at some time. The

feeling of anger comes from

Paul Meirose

the sense that we in our selves experience or see something we believe to be not right or not fair. It is the destructive response to anger, which becomes the problem. What makes the difference in whether or not our anger response is appropriate, creative, or inappropriate, destructive, has to do with whether or not we feel so small in the interaction that we have a drive to respond so as to feel big. If we feel small in the interaction that stirs up our anger, it is probably coming from a place of shame within us.

When we feel shame we feel small, unacceptable, maybe contempt by others and even contempt for ourselves. The pain is huge. Some have said that to feel shame is to feel bad in one's own being. Good shame reminds us that we are human, humble. But bad shame drives us to overcome the horrible feelings and sense of being a worthless person.

It is the excessive shame that is the road toward rage and violence. Because anger is a two part process, first the pain and thoughts triggered by the pain, it is the thoughts that, out of control, work on us and stir up our anger to excessive proportions. Becoming angry involves both "painful arousal and trigger thoughts."

A person expressing excessive anger or rage may scream, become physical, manipulate, sulk, create silent blackmail, smolder silently and use anger to punish. In healthy anger one sets boundaries, discusses and works through the feelings, behaves and talks



Activities appeal to kids with variety of interests

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

ason Lombardo's two children are too young at age 2 and two weeks to attend Canton Leisure Services day camps, but the township's recreation specialist is still looking forward to the activities he's overseeing this year, especially those for teens.

Week-long camps in the area cater to a variety of ages and interests from rock climbing and cheerleading to art and theater. The sessions begin mid-June and vary in cost. Many of the camps offer extended care before and after to accommodate parents' hectic schedules.

For more information about **Canton Leisure Services** camps including ones focusing on science and drama, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.leisure.canton-mi.org.

"Camp Canton is for younger kids making a difference in the community," said Jason Lombardo. "Campers spend time recycling and using the stuff for projects, working in a garden and other environmental activities. There's a weekly field trip. The Teen Camp for ages 11-15 is housed in the

BLOCK Youth & Teen Center and kind of like Camp Canton goes to two field trips each week throughout metro Detroit – Rolling Hills Waterpark and utilizes different parks including the zero depth water park at Heritage Park (Canton)." gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, skateboarding, and nature camps that allow kids ages 6-12 to arrive at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and camp out overnight in the park. For information, call (248) 473-1800 or visit www.fhgov.com.

"At Heritage Park we have the beautiful setting with nature," said Herman Smith, recreation supervisor. "At the Costick Center, they look forward to swimming and an air conditioned gymnasium to play sports. At the ice arena we have open skating every day for about an hour. We have 3-5 year old half day camps, one in Heritage Park. On a weekly basis we probably have about 180 kids."

Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division camps appeal to kids interested in theater and the visual arts. For details, call (248) 473-1859.

"I'm excited about the new fine arts camp," said Nancy Coumoundourus. "It offers a variety opportunities so children can experience different aspects of art and have fun doing it in a studio classroom in the historic stable nearby other historic buildings. The theater camp at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre culminates in a performance at the end. The Next Stage program is run by professional performers and managers and brings in guests. We've had the manager for Prince. They give tips they can't find anywhere else."

Motor City Youth Theatre teaches kids (grades 1-9) about singing, dancing and acting for musical theater 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 2-13 and July 17-2, at Grantland Street Playhouse in Livonia. Half day sessions available in acting 9 a.m. to noon, and vocal and dance 1-4 p.m. Call Nancy Florkowski at (313) 535-8962. Slimy art and science camp is among the pottery, theater and the visual arts camps at the **Plymouth Community Arts Council.** For information, call (734) 416-4278.

so that the anger can be worked on. Healthy anger is not stuffed down and ignored. (Stuffed anger creates resentment and a wealth of physical, mental and emotional problems.) Healthy anger is not expressed in passive aggressive and manipulative ways.

Anger management is possible and healthy. Programs require time to work through, attention, and a commitment to learn relaxation, stress reduction, and other behavioral techniques. It also requires the time necessary to discover the cues deep within, to learn where they come from, and to try to deal with the early pain as well. Listen to what the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous says: "It is plain that a life which includes deep resentment leads only to futility and unhappiness. To the precise extent that we permit these, do we squander the hours that might have been worthwhile. But with the alcoholic, whose hope is the maintenance and growth of a spiritual experience, this business of resentment is infinitely grave. We found that it is fatal. For when harboring such feeling we shut ourselves off from the sunlight of the Spirit. If we were to live, we had to be free of anger. The grouch and the brainstorm were not for us. They may be the dubious luxury of normal men, but for alcoholics these things are poison."

Pay attention to yourself, where you hurt. Listen if one inquires about the pain you feel. It may be time for you to address your anger, and thereby relieve your pain.

Dr. Paul Meirose is Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached at www.paulmeirose.com or through 248-474-4701. The staff of the Samaritan Counseling Center can be reached at www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com or through 248-474-4701.



Herman Smith and his Farmington Hills Special Services staff is taking advantage of their city's Heritage Park, Costick Center and Farmington Hills Ice Arena to offer lacrosse,

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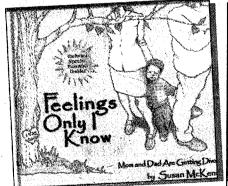
Book helps children recover from divorce

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Susan McKenna knows her words are making a difference with the children of divorce. Only last month Nathan Anderson wrote a paper on his favorite author for his third grade class at Grandview Elementary School in Livonia.

Feelings Only I Know speaks directly to children about the emotional upheaval they're experiencing as a result of their parents' divorce. For parents her words provide a comforting way to explain dissolution of their marriage to young children.

"Nathan thought the book was written just for him," said Susan McKenna. "It's good to know kids are connecting with this. I know of a mother with triplets and two other children under age 5 who read the book and the children began repeating 'it's hurting my heart deep



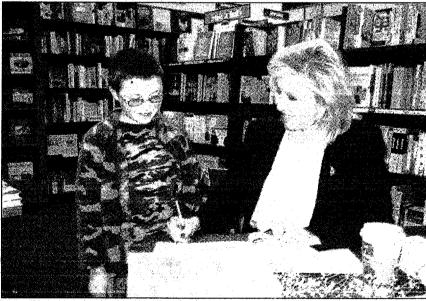
Susan McKenna's new book helps children and parents recover from divorce.

inside.' If children can use the tools, I know I am on the right path."

The book encourages children not to keep their feelings inside.

McKenna writes, 'They need to know how my heart is feeling

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Susan McKenna signs a copy of her new book for Nathan Anderson at Barnes and Noble in Northville. Anderson wrote a paper about McKenna for his third-grade class at Grandview Elementary School in Livonia.



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because they can't see what is in my heart. They don't know what is in my heart unless I tell them.

"I find parents really want to be good parents," said McKenna. "Adults do strange things when they're hurting inside. Whatever the negative you have to turn it around into a positive. Just always do what's right for your kids and you'll never regret it."

McKenna speaks from years of experience. Even though she belongs to the Deadwood Writers group and loves crafting words, McKenna never considered writing children's books until retiring from her 20 year career as a pediatric nurse. After graduating from Bentley High School and the nursing program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, she went on to care for the young patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. It was in the pediatric unit that McKenna first observed the • problems arising from divorced families. Her personal experience with a bad marriage occurred in 1992.

"I went through the worst divorce," said McKenna. "I had a newborn and a 2-year-old. It was just devastating. You think it's never going to happen to you. I began looking for books and they didn't have anything like this for children of divorce."

McKenna hopes "to give parents the power to do what's

right for their children no matter how difficult their exspouse." The 48-year old author has relayed that message many times in the Stepping Stones divorce recovery program she taught for adults at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville. McKenna later developed support groups for parents to continue helping them to solve problems. While a special guide at the back of the book offers suggestions for dealing with the different issues caused by divorce, McKenna answers questions from anyone sending e-mail to

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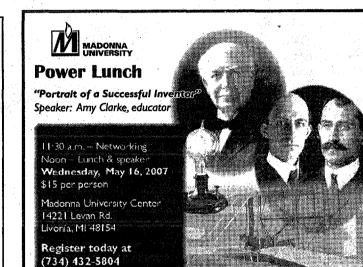
writemckenna@yahoo.com. "You have to find the

strength," said McKenna. "Kids need a mother and father no matter what. My two year old was always crying and missing his father. There's nothing that can fill that."

McKenna worked with social workers and teachers in Livonia schools to help her sons through the divorce. Today, Eric, 17, and Adam, 15, are giving McKenna plenty of input for her books. In the next two months, she and Wayfarer Press release a second book on divorce, More Feelings Only I Know, for parents and children suffering from the fighting, scary feelings and hurting hearts. The first book, Feelings Only I Know - Mom and Dad Are Getting Divorced, is available at Barnes and Noble, www.amazon.com and www.wayfarerbooks,com.

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Heart was focus of Girls Night Out at Focal Point

It was an evening filled with all things beautiful at the Girls Night Out event held recently at Focal Point Studio in downtown Farmington.

The event offered Focal Point clients a chance to celebrate the important women in their lives and also gave downtown merchants the chance to display and sell their products in a boutique that was set up in the studio. The event was also a fundraiser for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign.

As groups arrived they enjoyed food, desserts and beverages while waiting for their opportunity to receive a complimentary make-up and hair makeover by Beyond Salon.

Then, each group was escorted into the camera room to be photographed with each other as a keepsake of their special relationship. There were mothers and daughters, cousins, sisters, generations, book clubs and life-long best friends that commemorated their special bond with a portrait.

The guests then browsed items from Busch's, Merle Norman. Edible Arrangements, Tre Sorelle, Canary International, **Clothes Encounters, Eclectic** Elegance and Beyond Salon. In keeping with the awareness of American Heart



Girls Night Out at Focal Point raised \$1,500 for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. Women gathered to eat, drink, socialize and shop at the downtown Farmington studio.

Association's Go Red for Women campaign, Mid American Sport was there offering body mass index measurements as well as fitness consultations and Laura Velzy an RN from Beaumont Hospital gave blood pressure screenings.

Each woman paid a nominal entrance fee and will receive a 5x7 portrait of their group before Mother's day. A portion of the fee will be donated to AHA. Extra raffle tickets were sold for a chance to win beautiful gift items donated by the vendors listed above. Among the prizes were: A \$100 shopping spree to Busch's, a gift basket and

\$50 gift certificate to Bargain Books, a custom handmade necklace and earrings from Bead Bohemia, free memberships to Fitness 19, a gift certificate to Gala Bistro, two full haircut and color gift certificates to Beyond Salon, a \$500 gift certificate to Focal Point Studio and many more generous gifts from the downtown vendors.

Each woman left with a goody bag filled with special discounts and items donated by every vendor involved. The event raised \$1,500 to be donated to the American Heart Association.

"We weren't sure how our Girls Night Out was going to

be received," said Marisa Miller, director of photography and chairperson of the event. "This was a new concept for us and we hoped our clients would be as excited as we were to be a part of the evening. We were overwhelmed with the out come

and the downtown businesses willingness and excitement to participate."

'Our clients' response was positive and many asked if we will host this event again next year" said Michele Jakacki, owner of Focal Point. "We wanted to keep

the ticket price reasonable as well as the price of the raffle tickets. We hoped by doing this, that our guests would feel their experience was well worth taking time out of their busy schedules to share in the camaraderie as well as give to a good cause."



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ROBERT WALLACE KIRKPATRICK

Age 86, a long time resident of Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills MI, passed away April 28,2007 in Palm Beach Gardens. Fl after a brief illness. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Helen; his daughters Wallace Berg of Corte Madera Ca, Robin Grams of Buffalo Grove IL, Nancy Scherba of Bloomfield Hills MI and Christine Millis of Clarkston Mi.and MARJORIE L. his grandchildren Sarah, Ted, Peter, **BLANCHARD** Elise, Lara, Stephen and Jonathan. 'Kirk", as he was known to his fami-Age 84 of Plymouth, May 3, 2007. Dear wife of the late Edward. ly, was born in West VA where he ent on to attend Marshall University Beloved mother of Sherry Ann before joining the Marine Corps in 1943. In 1945 he moved to Michigan Griffis, Donna Smith and Dennis Blanchard. Dear sister of Velma here he raised his family until his Parsons and Kenneth Fletcher. Proud retirement from Amherst Industries in grandmother of Mark, Krista, Jeremy 1979.He spent his winters in Palm and Joshua. Great-grandmother of six. Beach Gardens Fl where he was Private cremation services arranged active in tennis and golf until his passing. He was an Honorary Life by the Vermeulen Funeral Home, Plymouth 734-459-2250. To leave a Member of Birmingham Country Club and PGA National.Kirk, who message of condolence, please see www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com. was a WWII Marine pilot will forever be a hero to his family. Tributes may be made at hhpt://Kirk.virtualmemorials.com. Contributions may be made to: Buckskin Council Boy Scouts of America 2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, West Va 25311-1727. Edgley Cremation Services, W.

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STEPHEN COTTER MILLER

Passed away on April 24, 2007, at Northern Michigan Hospital in

each, California. He was a passion-

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e served as Vestry member and Junior

KAREN KAY BURDETTE

Petoskey, Michigan.He was born in Pasadena, California, on February 20, 1929 to Mary Louise Cotter and Of Livonia passed away Friday, April 27, 2007 at her home. Karen was born in Drayton Plains, MI to Helen and Sherman Tarpening in a loving home with brothers, Tim, Steve and Scott 1947 graduate of Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, and attended Harvard University Law who encouraged a life long love of sports and athletic excellence in bas-School. He served in the Signal Corps for the U.S. Army from 1952-1955 and married Dorothy Cudder in 1954. They had three children; Mary Bard, ketball, volleyball and a passion for U of M football that never wavered since she was 14 years old. She met Ann and Steven. Stephen had a long and fell in love with Tom Burdette at CMU where Karen earned an career in mortgage banking and commercial real estate. He served as direc-Education degree and shortly after her tor of the C.M. Harmon Company in marriage in 1985 became a beloved 6th and 4th grade teacher at Randolph elementary in Livonia. Karen adored Birmingham, Michigan, president of Sonnenblick-Goldman Corporation in Washington, D.C, and as chairman of Cotter Miller & Company in Long her two children, Jessica and Jaclyn, and was a treasured daughter in-law to Ann and Bill (Buddy) Burdette, sisate Christian throughout his life and ter in-law to Lynn Tarpening, Sharon Tarpening and Gary and Marcia served leadership roles in several church organizations. He was a mem-Burdette. Karen was a fun-loving aunt to Mike, Heather, Pam, Jennifer, Church Divinity School of The Pacific, as well as a Bishop's Warden at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, both in Malibu, California. During his years in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, be served as Vestur member and Jugion Alan, Brenda (Tarpening), Morgan and Garrick (Burdette) and great-aunt to Brendon Tarpening. Karen and Tom enjoyed a 21 year honeymoon and heaven is made more brilliant for our loss. A celebration of life will be Warden at Christ Church Cranbrook, held at 10:30 AM, May 12, 2007 at and as a trustee for the Cranbrook the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Academy of Art. In 1995 Stephen was Church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia, MI 48150. A receplead back in to the life of the former Dorothy Ellen Booth (Dodo), whom he had known since he was ten years old. Determined to take full advantage of this gift they had received so late in tion will follow. Memorials may be made to the Brain Tumor Research Fund, c/o Dr. Larry Junck, University of Michigan Hospitals, Department of life, they married in June of 1996 in Neurology 1914 Taubman Center. Box 316, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0316.



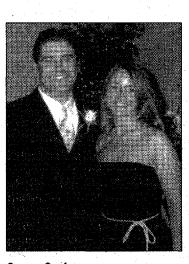
ROBERT D. DEN UYL

was born Oct. 14, 1926 in Detroit and died Feb. 25, 2007 at his home in Vero Beach, FL. Bob's wife Andrea and children Doug, Bruce and Andrea and children Doug, Bruce and Marcia and the seven grandchildren are giving a memorial for him at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday May 12th. A Columbarium service will be in the church garden at 11:00 church garden at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Parkinson's Foundation, the Michigan Humane Society or Hospice of Bloomfield. Cranbrook



Francis Hirschberg Miller. He was a **EDWIN WALTER WICHERT**

Age 78, died Tuesday, May 1, 2007 peacefully at his home. He was born in Bay Port, Michigan, on April 9, 1929, the son of Walter F. and Lena L Kleinfelder) Wichert. Edwin was an outstanding athlete at Pigeon Rural Agricultural High School. He attended CMU where he lettered in cross country and baseball. He received a BS in Math and Physical Education Ed played semi-pro baseball for the International Falls, Minnesota Mandos. He later became a sub-scout for the Cleveland Indians and Houston Astros. He taught and coached in the Pennfield Battle Creek, Benżonia, Clic and Elkton Schools. Ed moved on to coach and teach at Andover High School in Bloomfield Hills for three After a successful basketball vears. eason, he became the first full-time director of Community Education, Recreation. He was responsible for the development of this department and it was considered one of the best in the state. He was also responsible for the development of a community recreation master plan for Bloomfield Hills and organized a successful mill age to support the program. During this time he was very involved with the Franklin Baseball League and the Bloomfield Baseball League. When he retired from education, he and his wife moved to Old Mission where h entered into the antique business Antiques led him to Frankfort, where he purchased the biggest and oldes antique of his life -- namely the old Bochoven House on Leelanau Avenue He and his wife restored the house and operated it for three years as the Frankfort Land Company Bed and Breakfast. Ed was elected to and served on the Frankfort City Counci in 1990 for four years. He was involved in the Frankfort Community Association and the City of Frankfor Parks and Recreation Board Surviving Ed are his wife Mary Lou "Lou") and three children: Timothy James (Karen) Wichert; Paul Josep Wichert; and Élizabeth Ann (William Van de Mark; grandchildren: Aleph Craven, Stevie Craven Morris, Wendy Beth Wichert, and Zoe Van de Mark siblings: Nancy (Jed) Kain, Donald (Delcia) Wichert, Robert J. Wichert Arlene (Sherman) Stevens. He also is survived by many nieces and nephews The Rev. Greg Culver will officiate at a memorial service at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 1 at the Frankfort United Methodist Church where family will greet friends afterward for a luncheon Memorial contributions may be direct Paul Oliver Memoria · to: Rehabili-tation Hospital/Cardiac Hospital/Cardiac Rehabili-tation Program or the City of Frankfort, Harborview Recreation Center. The Frankfort Chapel of McElduff-Jowet Funeral Home & Cremation service is handling the arrangements.



Casey-Cretu

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Casey of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Margaret Casey of Redford, to Michael Colin Cretu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Cretu of Livonia.

Mary is a graduate of Michigan State University. She is currently in her second year at Wayne State Law School.

Michael is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is currently employed by the city of Detroit Fire Department.

Their wedding will be held at St. Valentine's Roman Catholic Church in Redford in May 2007.



Foess-Halaas

David and Barbara Foess of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to John Halaas of Redford Township, the son of Steve and Donna Halaas of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan who is currently in her final year of

ENGAGEMENTS

Bunce-Karrer

Glenda Bunce of Columbia, S.C., and Theodore Dwight Bunce of Durham, N. C., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Leah Leila Maurine Bunce, to Bradford Paul Karrer.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1991, and a doctorate in environmental studies from Duke University in 1997. She is a marine conservation scientist at Conservation International based in Arlington, Virginia.

The groom-elect is the son of Janice and David Karrer of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Plymouth and Livonia. He graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1992. He earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics

Cairns-Brown

Mike and Kathy Cairns of Big Rapids announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Catherine Cairns, to R. Scott Brown.

Mary is a 1999 graduate of Big Rapids High School and a 2005 graduate of Ferris State University.

Scott is the son of Randy and Carol Brown of Plymouth. He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 2003 graduate of Grand Valley State University.

Benson-Stone

John and Judy Benson of Lexington, Ky., announce the engagement of their daughter, Barrie Elizabeth Benson of Greer, S.C., to Paul Edward Xavier Stone of Greer.

Barrie has a bachelor of science degree from the College of Charleston and master of business administration from Clemson University. She is employed with Sealed Air Corp., Cryovac Division, as a market research analyst.

Paul is the son of Roger and Tina Stone of Canton. He has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Michigan and a master of business administra-

Graham-Maupin

Dennis and Jane Graham of

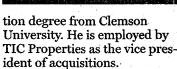


from the University of Michigan in 1997, and an master of business administration in finance from the George Washington University in 2005. He is employed by Vornado/Charles E. Smith in Arlington, Va., as a financial analyst.

A September 2007 wedding and reception is planned at Lowndes Grove Plantation in Charleston, S.C.



A fall 2007 wedding is planned.



A wedding is planned for September at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Lexington, Ky.



employed by Salis Brothers.

A November wedding is

planned at St. John's in Livonia.

ANDREW HOMICH

85, of Sun City West, died May 2, 2007. Andrew was born in Lyndora, Pennsylvania on March 23, 1922. He served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific theater from 1942-1945. Mr. Homich graduated from the University of Pittsburgh. He retired as Manager of Quality Control for Ford Motor Company in 1980. Mr. Homich was a member of the Masons and a Shriner. He and his late wife, Marion, were married for 57 years. They moved to Arizona from Birmingham, Michigan in 1982. He is survived by sisters Dolly Nazak and Ann Ptucha, and a large extended family of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Sunland Lakeside Chapel, 15826 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, AZ on Saturday, May 5 beginning at 10 am. followed by a service at 12 noon and brief prayer at the burial site. In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made in his name to: St. Haralambos Building Fund, Saint Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church, 10320 N. 84th Ave., Peoria, AZ 85345

CATHERINE E. JANSSEN (nee Waara)

Age 83, May 2, 2007. Beloved wife of 56 years of the late Sylvester. Dear mother of Carol, Margaret and Susan (Pierre) Wener. Cherished grandmother of Chantal and Nancy Wener. Fond aunt of many. 59 year resident of Garden City. 1941 graduate of Redford High School. Retired Secretary/Computer Administrative Assistant Garden City Public Schools for 19 years. Avid golfer and member of the Westland Golf Course retiree's golf league for many years. World-wide traveler. Visitation Sunday 2-8pm at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Monday 9am until 10am Service at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy (between Ford Rd. & Warren). Memorials suggested to St. Matthew Lutheran Church or Wayne County Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped.

Paying ribute Life of Loved One

Harbor Springs, Michigan, at the First Presbyterian Church. They were inseparable during their nearly eleven years as husband and wife, and their levotion to one another brought great joy to their families and friends. Stephen was welcomed and nurtured by the town of Harbor Springs and came a treasured member of Dodo's family and the community as a whole. He was known for his Cheshire grin, quick wit, notorious sweet tooth, stounding resiliency and outspoken manner. Stephen was a prolific and opinionated writer whose pen was paradise for some and poison for others much to his delight. He was a valued member of the First Presbyterian Church and Harbor Springs Kiwanis Club.He was preceded in death by his arents, his beloved step-father Austin Harmon and his daughter Mary Bard Simon. He is survived by his wife orothy Miller and her family of Harbor Springs, Michigan, and his children: Ann (Farwell), Steven Austin Miller ('Sam'), his grandson Mitchell Simon and son-in-law Mark Simon, all of whom reside in Southern California. Contributions in memory of Stephen may be made to Hospice of ittle Traverse Bay in Petoskey, Michigan, the Little Traverse Bay Humane Society of Harbor Springs, or the Harbor Springs Kiwanis Club. Arrangements were made by the Schiller Funeral Home PO 105 Harbor Springs, Mi. 49740, 231-526-2581, email: dschiller@chartermi.net.

BARBARA LAWSON PEIRCE

Age 77. A long-term cancer survivor, Barbara passed away peacefully April 30 following complications from a recurrence of her disease. Survived by William, loving husband of 51 years, three William (Melissa), David sons, (Diane) and Robert, six grandchildren Hilary, Andrew, Adam, and Caitlin, eah and Alexandra, and sister, Joan Arnos (Richard). Active member of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Seasonal resident of her Glen Lake. Avid gardener and bridge player and a long-time member of Orchard Lake Country Club and The Village Women's Club. A Detroit native, Barbara graduated from Grosse Pointe University Liggett School, attended Denison University, and graduated from the University of Michigan after which she taught first grade grade at Birmingham Baldwin School. Memorial Service May 11 at 11:00 A.M. at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham (FUMC), 1589 W. Maple Rd, Birmingham, MI 48009. Donations to FUMC or Glen Lake Association Preservation Fund, PO Box 553, Glen Arbor, MI 49636.

DAISY SCHROEDER

97, of Westland. Died May 2,. Survived by Ruth Johnson, many grand/great/great-great grandchild.

JACK F. STINE Of Troy, May 4, 2007. Husband of Jeanne. DesmondFuneralhome.com

medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine.

The prospective groom is a 1995 graduate of Reynoldsburg (Ohio) High School who currently attends Central Michigan University. He returned from military service in Iraq in August 2006 and works in communications for BayComm.

Å May 2007 wedding is planned in Northville.

Karrer-Oberlin

Janice and David Karrer of Cape Coral, Fla., formerly of Plymouth and Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Jean-Marie Karrer, to Brent Lee Oberlin.

The bride-to-be, a 1995 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Western Michigan University in 1999, and a teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University in 2006. She is employed as a science instructor at Michigan

BIRTH

Kylie Mae Carpenter

Brianna Maguire and

the birth of their daughter,

Matthew Carpenter announce

Kylie Mae Carpenter, born on

Dec. 15, 2006. Kylie weighed 7

pounds, 7 ounces and was 20

Great-grandmother are

Southgate and Evelyn Pyle of

Barbara Carpenter of

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Canton announce the engage ment of their daughter, Elizabeth Graham of Canton, to Brent Maupin of Canton. Elizabeth attended

Schoolcraft College and is employed by American Benefit Consultants.

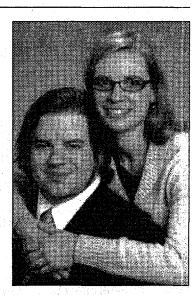
Brent is the son of Cindy McCormick of Westland and Brent Maupin Sr. of Commerce Township. He attended the University of Illinois and is

Technical Academy High School in Redford, MI.

The groom-elect is son of the late Dennis Oberlin and Rosemary Oberlin of Douglas, Mich., formerly of Athens, Mich.

He will be earning a bachelor of science degree in philosophy from Eastern Michigan University in May 2007. He is employed by Border's Group, Inc. in Ann Arbor as a financial analyst.

An October 2007 wedding is planned at Vitosha Guest Haus in Ann Arbor followed by a reception at Weber's Inn.



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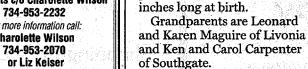
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Childhood kidney conditions Benefit to raise funds for research, education

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Molly Modes doesn't like being sick, but she's feeling better these days thanks to a clinical trial. The treatment was just one of many the 9year-old girl has undergone since being diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome, a common childhood kidney condition, and then with treatment-resistant FSGS, a disease that scars the kidney's filters ultimately resulting in the need for dialysis and in some cases a transplant.

Even though Molly is not in remission, parents Meg and Mike are hopeful researchers will find a cure.

Molly's problems started in kindergarten. She would wake up with swollen eyes leading her pediatrician to believe the symptom was caused by allergies. It wasn't until eight bouts of pneumonia later that Molly developed severe abdominal pains and was diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome in December 2005. The majority of patients with this condition typically respond to steroid treatment, but Molly did not so a kidney biopsy was performed and the FSGS (focal segmental glomeruloslcerosis) discovered.

UNDER STUDY

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Sunday, May 6, 2007

In February, Molly became the first patient to



Molly Modes (on swing) poses for a family photo with her sisters, Jane, 11, (left) and Grace, 14, and dad and mom, Mike and Meg. Missing from the picture is brother Michael, 16.

participate in a National Institutes of Healthfunded study with principal investigator Dr. Tei Matoo at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. The clinical trial involves the use of immunosuppresives and plasmapheresis which is similar to dialysis.

During the procedure, Molly sat in a chair for up to three hours, three days a week while her blood was removed then returned to her body. The immunosuppresives leave her susceptible to infections.

At the Modes home in Livonia, the family does plenty of handwashing and uses hand sanitizer in between scrubbing sessions, but they're not complaining. Instead the Modeses, their friends and Mike's co-workers in the Wayne County Executive's Office are coordinating a fund-raiser 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

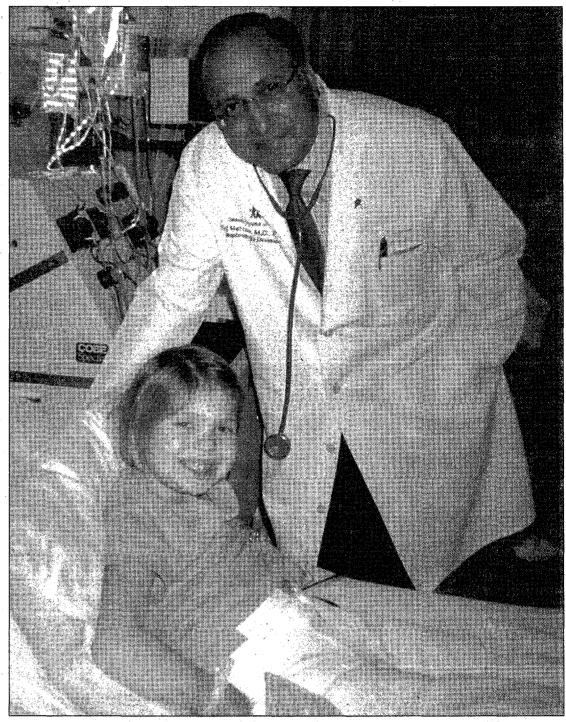
For details, call (734) 306-4275 or send email to ochalekj@yahoo.com. Tickets are \$100 and go to the NephCure Foundation to fund research and education.

The Modeses are looking for a miracle wherever they can find one. On Wednesday, Meg and Molly left for Lourdes, France, where they'll pray for a cure. The Holy Site is where a young woman said that Mary, Jesus' mother, appeared in 1858, and where healings have been claimed. "I'm very hopeful that they find a cure," said Mike Modes.

"You have to be hopeful as a parent," said Meg Modes. "Statistically, it's not a good course. It could eventually lead to dialysis or a transplant which may or may not work. We've latched on to research to do what we can because we don't want to see any other kid go through it. Any parent worries when their child is sick, but when they tell you we don't know how to cure it or what the future holds that's hard. 50 percent are at end stage renal disease within five years. Transplant is an option, but 50 percent of all transplants done for idiopathic FSGS return in the transplanted kidney.

ENERGY IMPROVING

While Molly isn't in remission, her energy level is rebounding. Two Sundays ago, she was back playing soccer for the Meteors. Everyone who knows Molly calls her a trouper. When asked about the game, she says, we "creamed them." It's impossible to tell that this spirited third-grade student at St. Michael's School in Livonia has been hospitalized five times since



Dr. Tej Matoo shares a moment with his patient, Molly Modes, as she undergoes plasmapheresis.

December 2005.

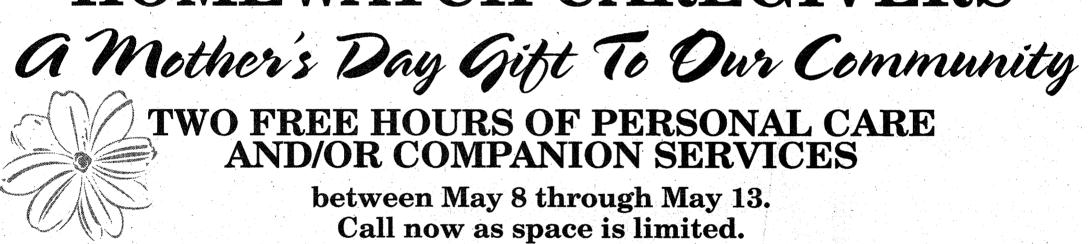
Matoo has been treating patients like Molly for about 20 years.

"By definition, nephrotic syndrome is a bunch of symptoms and can be caused by many underlying diseases," said Matoo, a professor of pediatrics at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, and chief of Pediatric Nephrology &

Hypertension at Children's Hospital of Michigan. "It happens when someone is losing a lot of protein in urine so that there is a significant decrease in the albumin level in blood which results in swelling. It can be caused by AIDS, lupus, certain medications and heavy

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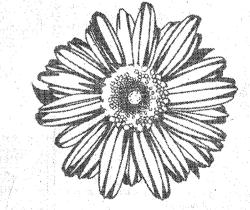
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metal poisonings. The one we see in children most of the time is idiopathic or primary nephrotic and we don't know what causes it.'

RESEARCH VITAL

Patients like Molly, who don't respond to steroids, opt for studies. Matoo is overseeing the trial of the oral medication tacrolimus with or without plasmapheresis which like dialysis is invasive, but is giving FSGS patients long term remission.

"There is hope for the future," said Matoo, a Troy resident. "It's only a matter of time before we find best how to treat them."

The NephCure Foundation is in the process of gathering a data bank of information that is resulting from studies, including research funded by the nonprofit at Massachusetts General Hospital, University of Alabama, University of San Diego, and University of

Michigan.

"Sharing of information is key to research," said Henry Brehm, executive director of the NephCure Foundation in Pennsylvania. NephCure was founded in Michigan six years ago by Dr. Irving Smokler, a psychologist and former University of Michigan professor. Smokler has a son with the disease.

"Research helps progress even when they do something and it doesn't work, but compare it with cancer and heart disease and it just doesn't get the attention."

According to the foundation, childhood nephrotic syndrome can occur at any age but is most common between the ages of $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 8 years and seems to affect boys more than girls.

For more information, visit www.nephcure.org or call (610) 540-0186.

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Jazz concert to raise funds for ovarian cancer awareness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Elaine Greenberg is so grateful for the seven years she's lived since being diagnosed with ovarian cancer that she wants to see the survival rate continue to improve.

The Farmington Hills woman is holding a jazz concert to benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition mission to raise awareness and promote education about the deadly disease. On Wednesday, May 16, saxophonist George Benson and The Cliff Monear Trio perform their music beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Hammell Music, 2700 E. West Maple, Commerce Township.

There is a \$30 taxdeductible donation per ticket. Tickets are available at Hammell Music or by calling (248) 624-8111.

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition is dedicated to improving the survival rate for women diagnosed with this silent killer (www.ovarian.org). "They call it the disease

that whispers because the symptoms are so vague and

symptomatic of other

things, it's difficult to diagnose. I consider myself a miracle because my cancer wasn't discovered early," said Elaine Greenberg whose survived 7-years under the care of Dr. Vinay Malviya, an oncologist at Providence Hospital Cancer Center in Southfield.

"The symptoms are very difficult to diagnose. I always had stomach problems. I think everyone diagnosed with ovarian cancer has been told she had irritable bowel syndrome, or was postmenopausal, menopausal, or depressed. I just wasn't feeling good for

awhile. Dr. Malviya - he obviously saved my life." Greenberg uses her tal-

ents as a professional singer to help others battle the disease. She strongly believes in the healing power of music. About once a month she goes to the Karmanos **Cancer Institute to share** her experiences.

"They want to talk to a survivor," said Greenberg. "The biggest thing I can give them is hope. Attitude is everything."

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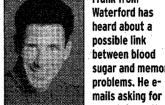
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adults with high levels of glucose performed worse on tests of short-term memory than those with normal glucose levels. The parts of the brain that are used for learning and memory were actually smaller! High blood sugar levels mean the body cannot effectively remove glucose from the blood and body tissues including the brain where it is used as fuel. Right now researchers are examining whether the problem can be reversed through diet and exercise. But think about this, it is one thing when improper diet

affects the way you look, it is a different thing when it may affect the way you think! Sue e-mails that she is planning a family. She wants to know the latest on supplements that can benefit fetus brain power.

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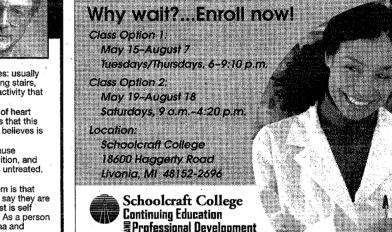
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Sue, you are sure to find this research interesting! Researchers are now testing a supplement that can make babies smarter still inside the womb! It is a nutrient called Choline. Choline is a B type vitamin found in peanuts, soy and eggs. Research shows that lab animals getting more Choline in the womb have greater learning abilities! They are now testing the Choline effect in humans. Pregnant women can get Choline in either food or supplement form. Scientists will test the cognitive abilities of the babies as they approach their first birthday. Until more research is done a diet that is rich in Choline could be just the right thing for your newborn!

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

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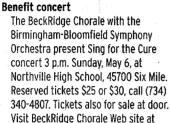
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Hospice benefit luncheon Women's Committee for Hospice Care holds two Spring Luncheons and Boutique 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Orchard Lake Country Club: Doors open at 10 a.m. for early birds to shop at 35 unique vendor booths, including the women's committee's Vintage Rose, a treasure trove of donated designer pieces and elegant housewares. Tickets \$60 friend, \$100 patron, \$150 benefactor. For reservations, send e-mail to karenr@adronics.com or call (248) 593-

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HEAVY LEGS

The complaint of heavy legs occurs under the following circumstances: usually the patient is age 50 years or older and notes the heaviness when climbing stairs, coming up from the basement with a load of laundry, or undertaking an activity that calls for a sudden and prolonged exertion.

The patient is concerned that he or she is experiencing an early sign of heart disease, hypertension or arthritis, but that is not the case. The problem is that this individual is not in that high a state of physical conditioning as he or she believes i the case.

The problem is not heart disease because then the exertion would cause shortness of breath and a rapid heart beat. Hypertension is a silent condition, and causes headache, not leg heaviness, when pressure become high and is untreated. Arthritis would cause knee pain.

Most people are surprised when the doctor tells them that the problem is that they are "out of shape." The immediate response is disbillef: individuals say the exercising as they always have. However, two influences are at work. First is self deception - a slacking off not realized. The second is the effect of aging. As a person grows older, he or she needs to exercise more to obtain the same stamina and reserve that came easily at a younger age.

The therapy for heavy legs is more exercise, or accepting that one has less strength. The individual's response to treat is personal not medical.

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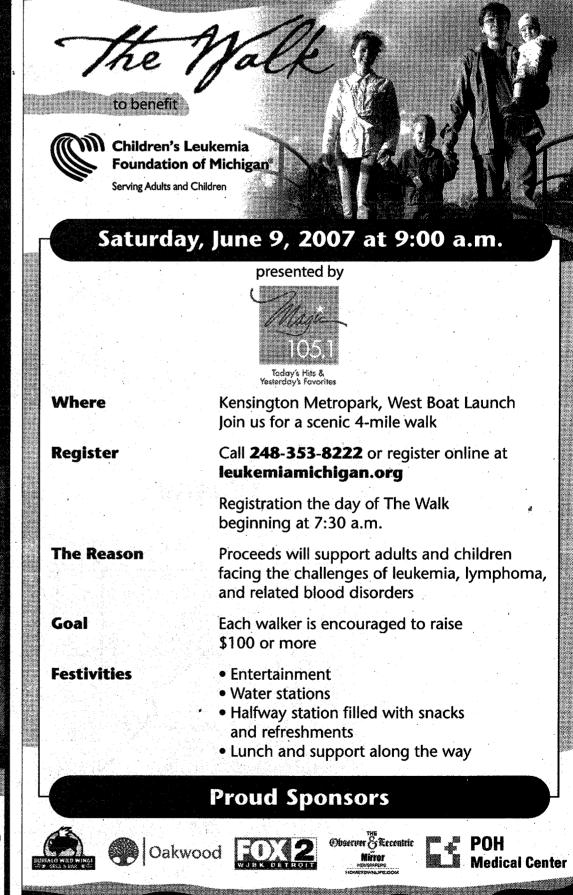
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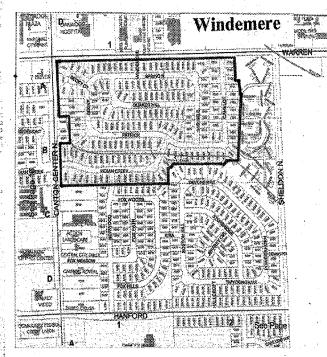
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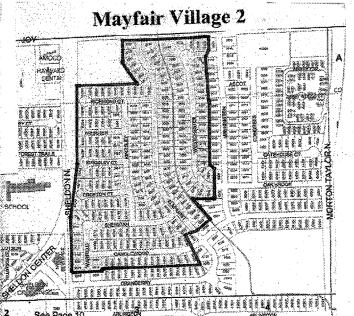
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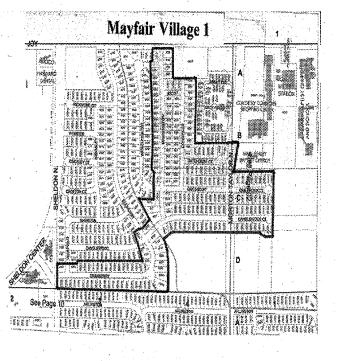
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Rescue groups wanted for adopt-a-dog day

The K-9 Academy Training Facility is looking for animal rescue groups to take part in their first annual Rescue Dog Adoption Day 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23, in their building at 3441 Filbert, south of Michigan Avenue, east of Venoy, in Wayne. The purpose is to find the dogs their forever homes, according to Judy Sabo, event chairperson and obedience trainer, and co-chair Tina Foley.

There is no fee for your organization to participate. Simply come with the adoptable dogs and meet prospective new owners in the comfort of the facility.

Groups are requested to bring everything they need for the dogs for the day – leashes and collars, crates to put the dogs in if you must leave them unattended, a water bowl, treats, etc.

CAMPS

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Hands-on opportunities for children and youth to age 17. A digital media camp offers experience with professional graphic art software to create print pieces. Performing arts and guitar camps bring out the musical side of children. Overnight camps (6 p.m. to 9 a.m.) include pizza and continental breakfast.

D & M Studios hosts camps that take kids' imaginations Way Out West as they create works in a variety of media. This summer's camp take place in the Canton studio, Frameworks in Plymouth, Canton's Summit on the Park, and a Garden City location. For details, call (734) 453-3710.

Margaret Martin is excited about all of the camps at the **Bailey Recreation Center** (Westland Parks & Recreation). Call (734) 722-7620.

"They're going to give the children the opportunity to do different things. All of the teachers are really enthusiastic and love teaching," said Martin, program supervisor. They're all specific subject camps - Rocker Soccer July 9-13 (ages 4-14), Hoop Stars (basketball) is coming back June 18-22, and Aug. 6-10 (ages 7-14). Kelly's Camp offers general activities July 23-27, and July 30 to Aug. 3; Adventures Camp field trips Aug. 6-8, to the Detroit Science Center, Cranbrook Institute Bat House, and Oakwoods Metro Park and an 18 passenger canoe (ages 6-12); Miss Helen's new Preschool Princess Dance Camp, July 16-17, ages 4-6, and July 18-20, ages 7-12; Metro Cheerleading and tumble camp July 23-27 and Aug. 13-17, grades K-8, and Shoestring Theatre Camp June 18-22, ages 6-12. Cara Gray is excited about the activities available for ages 7-13 at Camp Mirage in Livonia. Now in its fourth summer, the offerings continue to expand and this year include a junior camp for ages 4-6. Call (734) 420-4655 or visit www.campmirage.com. 'In addition to camp activities, each child will cool off on our 85-ft Slip-N-Slide, Rock Climb our 30-ft. Climbing Tower and conquer the Human Fly Trap - a 30ft. high vertical play structure," said Cara Gray, camp director. "We'll celebrate the week's end with a huge barbecue and hysterical water balloon party every Friday. We've tried to create an overnight camp experience except during the day and have bonfires in the morning. We have horseback riding, street hockey. A mythbusters camp is a science experiment where kids are given different myths - how many balloons does it take to lift

The staff of K-9 Academy will be working hard in the coming weeks to promote this event. Fliers will be sent to all of their clientelle as well as area veterinarians, pet stores, and supermarkets. As an incentive for prospective pet owners there will be a raffle for T-shirts, dog treats, leashes, and toys. In addition, each new owner will receive a \$50 coupon for an obedience class through K-9 ATF.

The facility staff is asking rescue groups to commit by May 23, if possible. Space is limited although this is a large facility. For more information or to sign up for the event, call (734) 641-9507 or send e-mail to mail@k9atf.com.

Even if you're not thinking about adopting a new friend, come out and make a donation to help support these groups that rescue animals from sad situations.

someone off the ground, can someone singing really break a glass. There's a Wilderness camp on the Au Sable river to go canoeing, and an Apprentice camp for young entrepreneurs to gain business skills. They'll run a car wash and get to keep money at end of week."

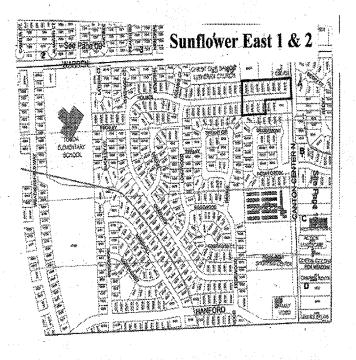
Barb Gamber is especially excited about the return of Camp Swoosh, a water experience at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. For details, call (734) 466-2900 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us and click on recreation center.

"We have 10 different weekly themes camps, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and extended care," said Barb Gamber, assistant facility manager. "We rockclimb weekly, swim every day, have craft projects, games and a playground program. We have sports camps, mad science camps, and classes from marital arts to the climbing wall and swimming where their kids can interact with other kids all day."

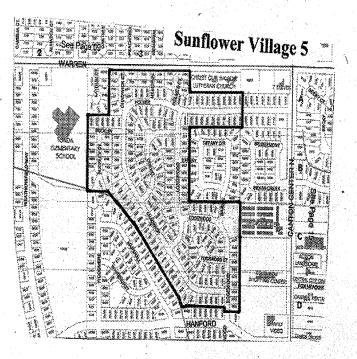
Students can learn about their bodies at two camps at the St. Joseph Mercy Health **Exploration Center** in Canton For informatic to register, call (734) 398-7518. Amazing Me focuses on keeping the body healthy and features demonstrations, dissections, games, crafts, and activities Aug. 6-10 for students completing second to fourth grades. Awesome Asthma is designed to improve selfimage and promote independence in kids with the disease. Campers learn about medications, risk factors and self-management Aug. 13-17 (students in grades 2-5). Kids on Campus at Schoolcraft College in Livonia is flying high this summer with a new camp on Aviation and Aerospace. Kids learn about the Wright Brothers' principles of flight as well as today's high-tech aerospace industry through field trips, rocket building and launching, and flight simulator software. For information, call (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu/koc. In addition to offering theme camps such as chess and robots, kids learn about techniques detectives and forensic scientists use to solve crimes in Science Sleuth Camp. Fingerprinting, fiber and handwriting analysis, and casting of footprints will be used to solve a mock crime. Has your child ever wondered how architects design buildings? Kids read blueprints, build structures including a bridge and a tower, and learn the physics and engineering behind roller coasters and other structures in the Make It Work! Camp.

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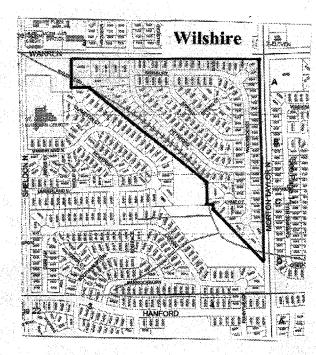
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Summer piano school programs advance students quickly

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While other kids are riding horses or playing soccer at camp, piano students will be spending two weeks intensely studying their instrument at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Summer piano school director Donald Morelock says it's amazing to see the progress these young musicians make in such a short period of time.

This year's programming offers students from mid-elementary through high school age the opportunity to study Solo Piano and Piano Duets June 18-29, and Piano Concertos and Chamber Music Performance July 9-19, on the campus in Livonia. Tuition is \$300 per session. For more information, call the college's music office at (734) 462-4403.

"This is a lot of fun. They learn new pieces and learn them faster. A lot gets done in two weeks," said Donald Morelock, a piano professor and chairperson of the college's music department. Morelock has students who've won top prizes in national and international competitions. He is also director of the Ann Arbor Bach Association and co-director of International American Russian Piano Institute.

"The Solo Piano and Piano Duets prepares students for a recital at the VisTaTech. We do videotapes so students can hear themselves. They play in groups for each other every day so they get experience performing in public. The duet and two piano pieces is so they can find partners. There are other activities including listening to music and the different instruments of the orchestra, and studying biographies, music history, theory, and technique.

"The Piano Concertos and Chamber Music Performance is by audition only. They have to come with a concerto prepared and need to call the music office to set up an audition. The students rehearse then perform with a professional string quintet."

Auditions for the two summer school sessions as well as the fall semester of the Piano Academy take place during an Open House 1-4 p.m. Saturday, 'We do videotapes so students can hear themselves. They play in groups for each other every day so they get experience performing in public... There are other activities including listening to music and the different instruments of the orchestra, and studying biographies, music history, theory, and

technique. ⁴ Donald Morelock,

piano professor and chair of Schoolcraft's music department.

May 19, in the college's Forum Building. The Piano Academy begins after Labor Day for about 120 students from age 6 through high school.

"We're starting to interview

students and will have some of the students play for the open house. It's a chance to meet some of faculty and hear them play," said Morelock. "We'll answer any questions they have - how does someone really make progress in piano playing?

ing? "Young children (in the Piano Academy) take a group lesson for 60 minutes once a week and a private lesson 30 minutes once a week. The older children take a private 45-minute lesson once a week and then meet once a month and play for each other so they're performing all the time. (A monthly master class and theory workshop is included). They go through testing in spring by Michigan Music Teacher's Association. We try to keep it dynamic and fresh."

The Piano Academy also offers adult piano study for credit or audit, and a two-year piano teacher certification program.

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Students have fun learning to play the piano at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

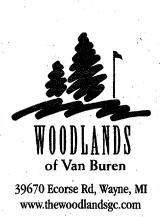
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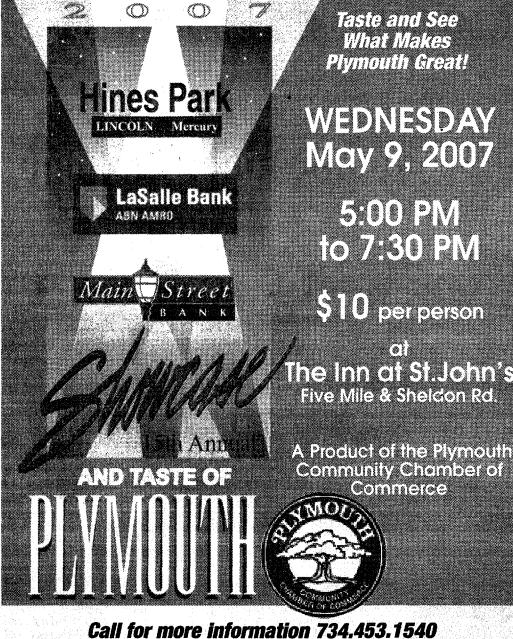




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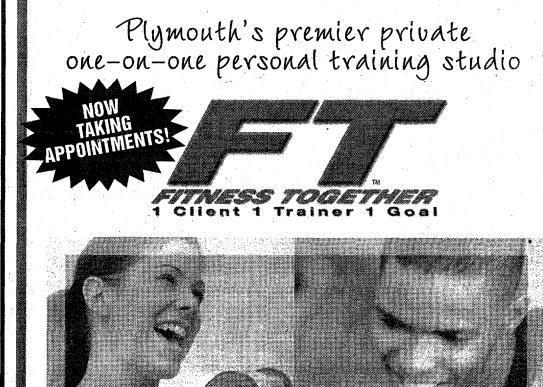


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Antiquarian book fair

The 29th annual Ann Arbor Antiguarian 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.

Historical society banquet

The Livonia Historical Society celebrates its annual banquet at the American Legion Hall on Newburgh 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 23. Tickets are \$20. Call President Gene Kramer, (248) 349-5999 or Al Devic, (734) 427-8722 or Bob Legel, (734) 591-6845.



Texas Hold 'Em

place \$300 and fourth place \$100. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a spot in the tournament, call Costco's Ann Chaloux at (248) 755-1348. She can be contacted via e-mail at w390mkt01@costco.com. Remaining tickets can also be purchased at the door, starting at 7:30 p.m. letter/Con magic show

Mother/Son magic show

Northville Parks and Recreation spon-• sors 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 soup, 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 Center on Third Street in Trenton. The \$7 fee includes soup, salads, desserts and a beverage. The event also features two 50/50 drawings (don't need to be present to win) and door prizes. For reserved tables of 10 or more or for advance tickets, call (734) 671-1020.

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

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

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. 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



Top scholars

Community Financial 2007 scholarship recipients are pictured (left to right) Plymouth Christian Academy senior Kristen Kitti; Canton High School seniors Sharan Shokar, Zhe Xiang, Louise Kane, Eric Couillard, Emily Hoernschemeyer; Salem High School seniors Kelly Behr and Leslie Hampson; and Community Financial employee scholarship recipients Jakub Poznanski and Aileen Galbraith. Also pictured are Scholarship Selection Committee members Margaret Dunning (front center) and Doreen Lawton (back row left) with Community Financial Board Chairman Ron Carlson and CEO Bill Lawton. The Community Financial Scholarship Fund, an affiliate of the credit union, awarded ten \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The winners were selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members and will use the funds to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution.

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/luncheon

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. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

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

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

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.

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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 evey month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. For more information you can also call (734) 765-8384.

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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.

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday 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. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwanis.org).



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Families find the answer in Club Z

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

www.hometownlife.com

In a time of shrinking school aid, larger class sizes and less individual instruction, families are discovering they can fill in the gaps with good old-fashioned, one-on-one tutoring.

Club Z, an in-home tutoring service franchise owned by Dean and Kathryn Thompson, of Canton, is the answer to many homework mysteries, conflicts and stumbling blocks.

Working one-on-one with kids is such a nice way to meet their needs," said Kathryn Thompson, who has been a teacher for 31 years. "The way school districts are going, we're seeing less and less individual instruction."

Janet Hong, of Novi, said Club Z is a nice alternative to another group tutoring program her 8-year-old son, Kiefer, attended.

"I like the one-on-one basis," she said. "It's more concentrated on him and more catered to his needs."

The Thompsons' business has 150 tutors which serve 300-400 students via inhome tutoring at least twice a week. Club Z also tutors through school districts, which receive some funding from the No Child Left Behind federal law.

Club Z handles after-school tutoring for middle school youth in the Farmington Hills After School Program at the Costick Activities Center.

They have saved us in the area of tutoring," said Todd Lipa, Farmington Hills Youth and Family Services director. "They have worked with so many students, many who were struggling and have become better students."

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Club Z will offer a summer program at its Novi location and at the Jon Grant Community Center in Farmington Hills. The program, Summer Science Studies, will be held Mondays and Tuesdays from June 18 through Aug. 10. A Study Skills course will be offered Monday through Friday from Aug. 20-31, which will help students transition back to school.

"They lose a lot during the summer," Dean Thompson said. "Our parents sometimes forget we offer services year round." Summer programs often focus on topics

not typically covered during the school

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dean and Kathryn Thompson, owners of the Club Z In-home Tutoring Service, stand outside their office on the east side of Novi Road, just south of Grand River in Novi. They started the franchise eight years. ago from their Canton home.

year, including scientific research, sports greats and even guitar lessons and courses to learn Spanish.

"This gives us the chance to fill the niches we don't get to do at school," Kathryn Thompson said.

Tutor Luis Morente, of Novi, who is a native of Venezuela, enjoys teaching Spanish in addition to the basic reading, writing, history and math.

"I learn from the kids and they learn from me," he said. "They are not as selfconscious as we are; kids just do it, while big people are afraid to make mistakes."

The tutoring sessions are usually an hour, two or three days per week.

"We set up our students, our parents and our tutors for success, not failure," Dean Thompson said. "There is such a need for one-on-one tutoring and study skills."

Kathryn Thompson said some parents have difficulty helping their kids with school work, noting conflicts often arise from frustration.

"Some parents will never be without a tutor because they've regained a fun rela-tionship with their kids," she said, adding that parents have told her how much

they've learned from watching the tutor. Club Z is a family thing for the

Thompsons, too. Their daughter, Elizabeth, 26, works there. Their son, Joe, 28. lives in Marvland.

Dean and Kathryn Thompson started their Club Z franchise eight years ago out of their Canton home. Dean Thompson worked in the waste management field for 25 years.

"I reached a crossroads in my life and decided to do something different," he said.

Kathyrn is a third-grade teacher at Thornton Creek Elementary in Northville.

Their business has grown throughout the area, with clients in western Wayne County, Oakland County, Ann Arbor and downriver.

"It's a business that gives you the opportunity to meet wonderful people," Dean Thompson said. "You're invited into someone's home and you're invited to really make a difference in a child's life."

For more about Club Z In-home Tutoring Services, visit www.clubztutoring.com.

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PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR February meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following: Barbara Kraft, Library Secretary Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 734-453-0750 X217

CLUB Z SUMMER PROGRAMS

Farmington Hills – Jon Grant Community Center, 10 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Tuesdays, June 18 to Aug. 10. Science studies include ecology, geology, planets and endangered species. Cost is \$230 for 32 hours of tutoring. Farmington Hills – Study Skills, 10 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, Aug. 20-31. Fast start to the new school year. Cost is \$200 for 20 hours of tutoring. Call (248) 344-2200 for more information.

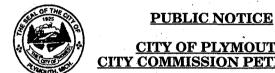
Novi – Club Z's headquarters is at 25800 Novi Road. just south of Grand River, in Novi. Several summer programs are offered, including math, writing, study skills, ACT preparation, beginning Spanish, beginning guitar, novel studies, science research, history research and more. Call (248) 344-2200 or e-mail clubz17@comcast.net for more information.

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

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH **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 Clerk.

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

> Linda Langmesser, CMC City Clerk

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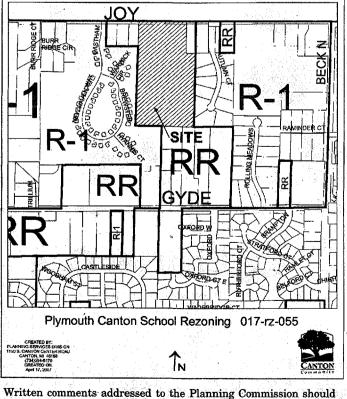
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PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 21, 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:

PLYMOUTH CANTON SCHOOL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 017 99 0009 001 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL Property is located south of Joy and west of Beck Road.



be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, May 17, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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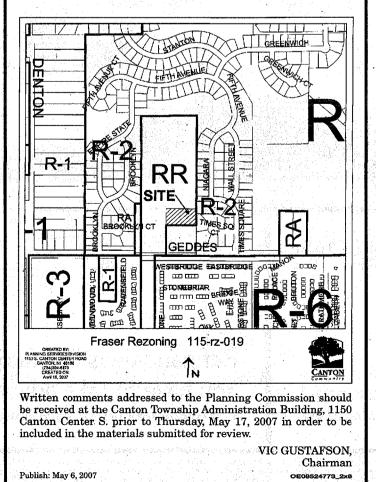
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FRASER REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PART OF PARCEL NO.115 99 0003 707 (48700 GEDDES) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Geddes between Denton and Beck Roads.

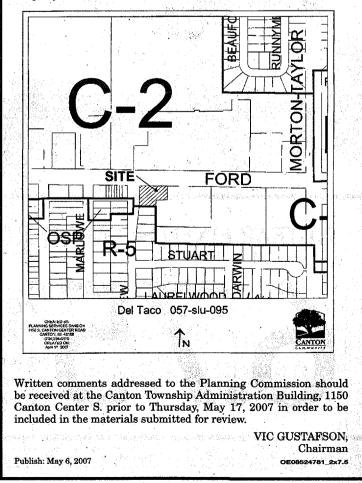


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DEL TACO SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE THROUGH AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B.5 FOR PART OF PARCEL NO. 057 99 0001 008. Property is located south of Ford Road and east of Sheldon Road.



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

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7 p.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Linus Activity center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. Bring a Mexican or spicy dish to pass. \$5 at the door. For details, call Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, May 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. For details contact Kathy M. at (734)513-9479.

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.

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Ward School of Christian Learning for Single Men - 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Room C350. Studying the book Risk by Kenny Luck, pastor of Every Man's Ministry at Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, Calif.

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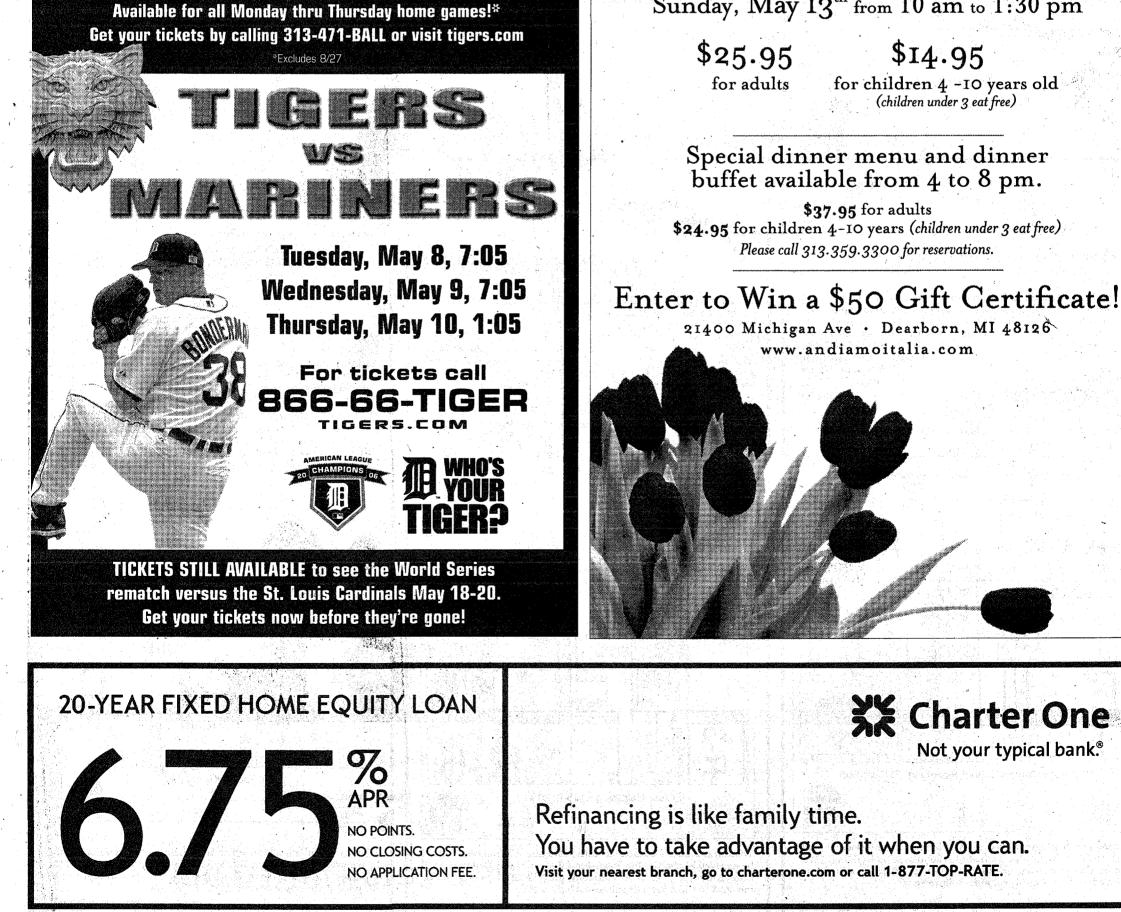
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Women, immigrants are changing face of farming in Michigan

BY JULIE HAY GREAT LAKES BULLETIN NEWS SERVICE

There is an ease in his accented voice. Neither his accent nor his modesty, though, masks the smile in Leo Ocanas's voice when he speaks about the Hispanic tradition in farming.

"The legend of the Hispanic people is work. Our ambitions come from farm labor," Ocanas said recently. "It's in the blood of migrants since they were little. We love farming because that's all we know." Ocanas's life perfectly illustrates his words. As a youngster, he came to the United States from Mexico with his family, his green card, and a readiness to harvest crops. Three decades, countless farms, and thousands of miles later, he became a U.S. citizen. He used \$29,000 he had somehow saved while working for farm laborer wages as a down payment on 22 acres of farmland on Traverse City's Old Mission

Peninsula. Today he owns

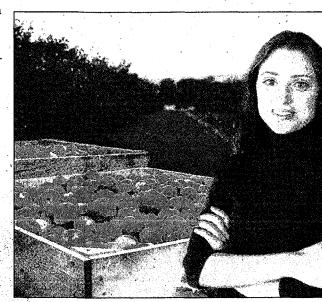
the largest apple orchard on the peninsula.

But Ocanas's story also illustrates a brand-new phenomenon: the face of American agriculture is changing. While Mexicans form the largest group of what's come to be called "new farmers," others are also spurring the transformation – immigrants from Asia and Europe, women, retirees, even baby boomers looking for new careers.

Many are helping to change how farming is done, too. Some use more labor-intensive, sustainable

farming methods; some engage in community-supported agriculture, selling season-long shares of their produce to a limited list of customers; and ever more are tapping into local marikets whenever they can.

These changes, particularly the demographic ones, are resonating in Michigan, which lost 300,000 acres of farmland between 1997 and 2002 – most of it to commercial and residential development. During that



same period, the number of Hispanics who own farmland grew by 163 percent, while the number of women owning farms grew by 20 percent. In other words, immigrant and female farmers are helping to maintain agriculture as

s, Michigan's second-largest industry, even as many of them are changing it, too. New farmers' success is hard-won, however, according to Steve Fouch, director of the Benzie County Michigan State University Extension office. He sees agriculture's new faces and forms confronting some formidable obstacles.

"Getting started in farming is difficult," Fouch said. "The equipment is expensive and land around here is very valuable because it is priced according to its development, not agricultural, potential. When you have a Benzie County fruit orchard overlooking Crystal Lake, it's not \$500 an acre."

That explains why so many new farmers are inventing ways to turn a profit while using less land. They employ direct marketing techniques like farmer's markets, roadside stands, and subscription-like operations, called "community supported agriculture" or CSA, in which customers pay ahead for a season's worth of fresh food. They also plant new, value-added crops like wine grapes, and they circumvent agriculture's traditional large-scale, anonymous markets.

These innovative and

enterprising farms are a big reason Michigan has seen an increase in the number of smaller acreage farms; those with less than 99 acres gained a five percent share of the total from 1997 to 2002 and now represent more than 60 percent of all Michigan farms.

Traci Cruz owns one of those smaller farms. Cruz grew up on a farm in Michigan's Thumb, where most farms are very large and produce in bulk for distant markets. This wife, mother of two, and fulltime legal secretary runs the 10-acre Big Belly Farm, near Empire, a village along Lower Michigan's northwest coastline.

She bought that farm in 2002 and began planting crops using what she describes as "eco-friendly" methods. Today, Cruz grows a variety of fruits and vegetables and sells them at the farmers market.

Cruz, who is happy to see the face of Michigan farming becoming more inclusive, hopes equipment manufacturers will take notice, too, and design more appropriately sized tools and equipment.

"I have a tractor, but I'm not big enough to shift gears," Cruz said with a laugh. "The clutch is designed for a 250-pound man." She said the same is true for other farm tools, including the backpack sprayer she uses for pest management.

Another woman new to farming is Jill Johnson, one

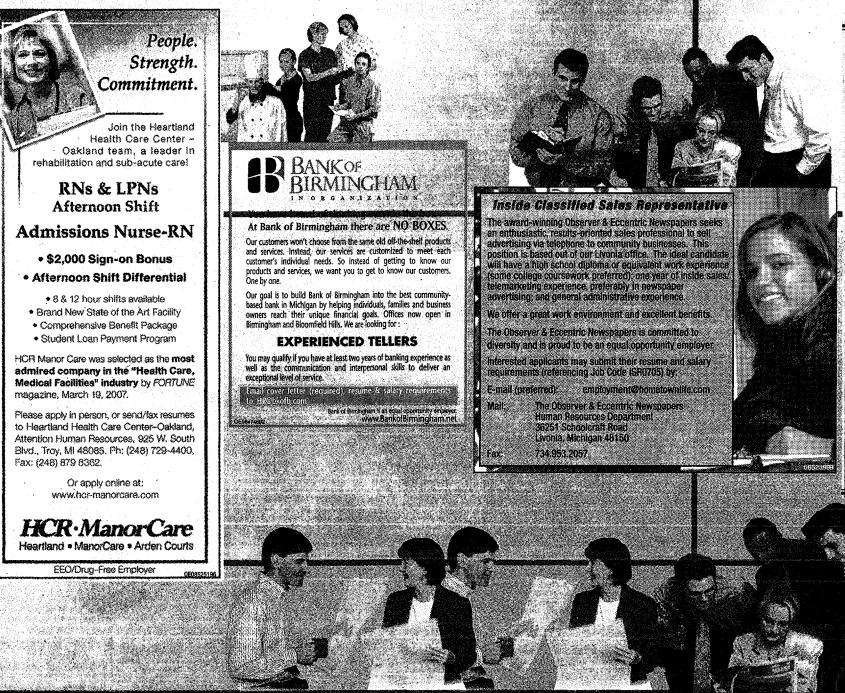
of the small but growing number of people who leave successful urban careers in favor of working the land. Three years ago, Johnson walked away from her marketing job, cashed in her retirement account, and started Crane Dance Farm.

Located in Middleville, a community near Grand Rapids, Crane Dance Farm specializes in grass-fed, heirloom livestock. Johnson and her partner raise all sorts of animals on 45 acres of land – including some property owned by neighbors. They use sustainable farming practices that, they say, help protect genetic diversity in the food chain.

Johnson acknowledged that her commitment to nontraditional farming practices is costly and labor-intensive. She said it is worth it because she is doing the right thing for the environment and community.

Julie Hay is the Michigan Land Use Institute's Leelanau County policy specialist. Reach her at julie@mlui.org.





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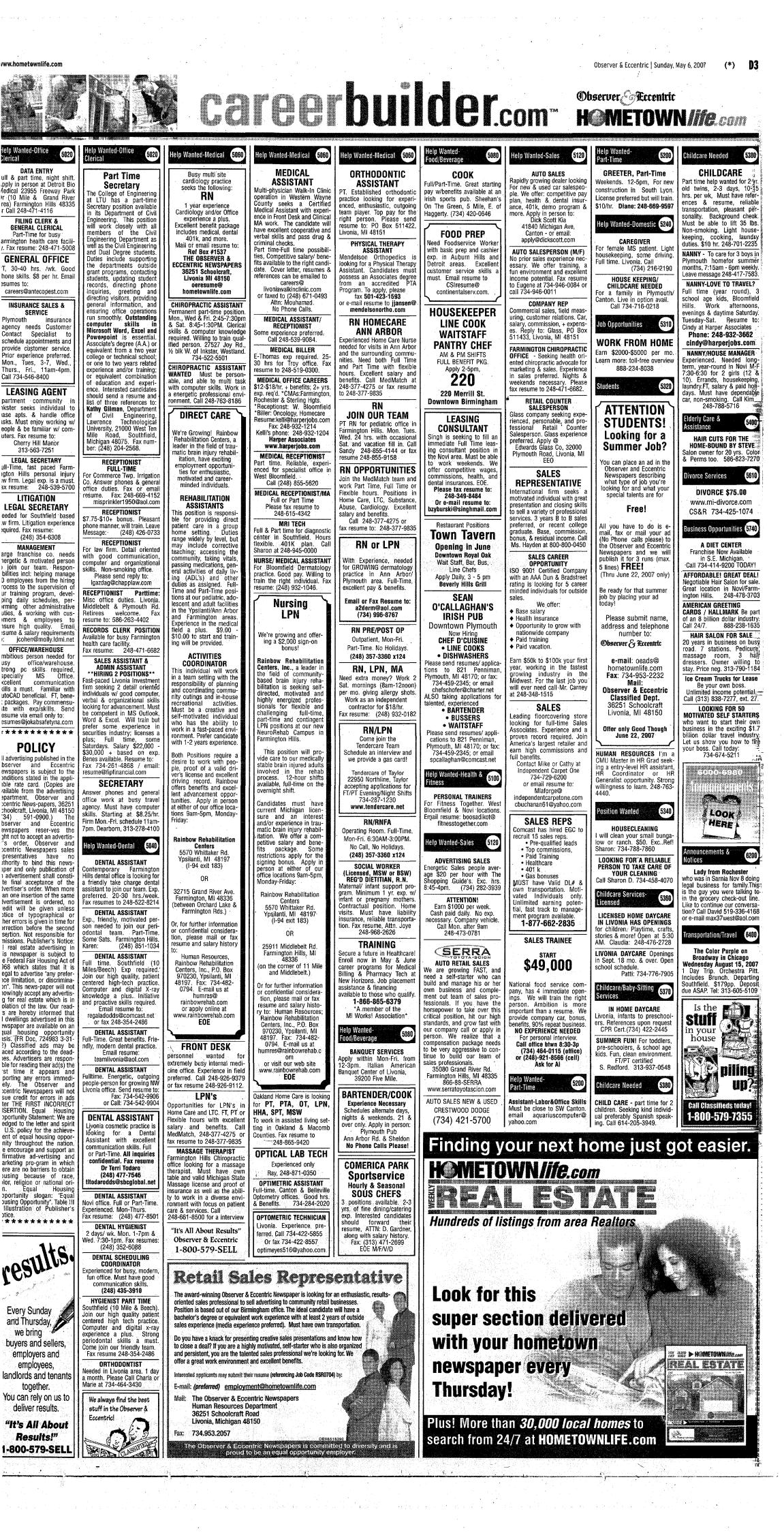
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The 2007 Ion is the Saturn's entry-level car, aimed at younger buyers with its edgy styling and a strong.2.2-liter engine.

Unfortunately for the Ion there is no place for it as Saturn is moving more upscale in appearance and price. So it will be replaced next year with a new compact car based on the Opel Astra, which General Motors currently offers in Europe.

Although Saturn is marketing itself at a higher class, the brand is already known as having the friendliest, no-hassle dealers in the industry. In fact, surveys show that Saturn buyers tend to be more satisfied with their dealers in terms of the sales and service experience than buyers of other brands. The 2007 Saturn Ion lineup includes two body styles and three trim levels -- Ion 2, Ion 3 and Red Line. In addition to

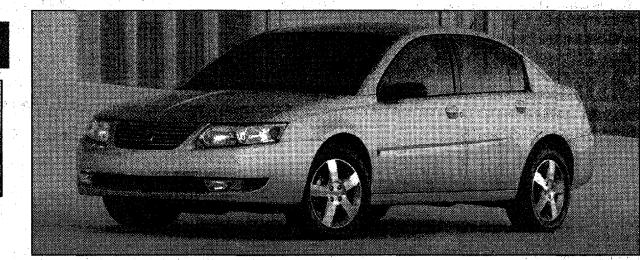
the standard small sedan, there is the "quad coupe" body style, which features a pair of reverse-opening access doors. The \$12,300-priced Ion 2 comes with the basics: power locks, OnStar and a CD player. But the Preferred Package for the Ion 2 adds power windows and mirrors, cruise control, a

driver-seat height adjuster and keyless entry. The Ion 3 features everything the Ion 2 and the Preferred Package includes, plus 16-inch alloy wheels, air-conditioning and an anti-theft system. And for a sportier demeanor the Ion 3 can be upgraded via the Enhanced Performance Package that includes a more powerful engine, sport-tuned suspension, antilock brakes and traction control.

The high-performance Ion Red Line, which is available strictly as a quad coupe, features 17-inch alloy wheels, a lowered sport-tuned suspension, leather sport seats and most of the Ion 3's equipment. The Red Line options include a choice of rear spoilers and the Red Line Competition Package that adds a limited-slip front differential, painted alloy wheels, a boost gauge and a programmable "ladder" tachometer that lights up when certain rpm levels are reached.

Unique to the Ion, the quad coupe version offers dual rearaccess doors. Combined with a front-passenger fold-flat seat, the rear-access doors, which open rearward almost 90 degrees, maximizes the interior space by making it easy to load and unload passengers and cargo. Through this design large objects that wouldn't typically fit in a compact car slide in with ease.

Furthermore, the rear doors have no exterior handles to compromise the coupe's sporty styling. Saturn execs say it's possible to stuff a 9-foot kayak into the coupe through its



The 2007 Saturn Ion will be replaced by the Astra next year. But the Ion goes out strong as a reliable and affordable compact car.

doors -- a tough accomplishment for many SUVs, let alone other compact coupes.

The Ion interior features a distinctive center-mounted instrument cluster. On the same horizontal sight line as the side-view mirrors, the center-mounted design makes no need to look down, only across. Tall drivers find it convenient, but short drivers who sit closer to the steering wheel have to swivel their heads farther to look across at the speedometer.

Although the Ion is a compact car, it is still a good choice for tall drivers as it offers lots of headroom due to its high roof line. The front seats have longer-than-normal adjustment rails as well. A short front-seat passenger can slide forward to allow more legroom for someone in back, while a tall front passenger can take advantage of expansive leg room when no one is sitting behind.

Rear passengers enjoy good headroom and the rear seats are mounted two inches higher than the front seats, giving them a better view out front. Rear-seat legroom is adequate for a compact.

With a capacity of nearly 15 cubic feet and a flat floor, the sedan's trunk is big for a compact and is as big as those in many mid-size cars.

The Ion has composite polymer body panels that can't rust and, because they are resilient, they resist the minor impacts that leave small dents and dings in sheet metal.

Another benefit of the composite panels is that they are relatively easy to replace. Saturn has used this fact to make the Ion highly customizable by offering alternatively colored roof rails that owners can easily install themselves. Nickel-Silver roof rails are available for the coupe and sedan, and Charcoal rails are available for the sedan only.

OnStar, GM's security and information service, is now standard in all Saturns. Unlike a navigation system, there's nothing to program. Simply press the OnStar button and an operator responds to provide directions or whatever assistance you may need.

If an emergency occurs, OnStar operators can quickly

pinpoint the exact location of your vehicle or notify authorities of your location if your airbag goes off and you do not respond to their calls. If you lock the keys inside, call OnStar and they will unlock them for you. If your vehicle is stolen, OnStar can pinpoint its exact location and direct the authorities to apprehend and recover.

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On the safety front, antilock brakes with traction control are optional on the Ion 2 and 3 and standard on the Red Line while full-length side curtain airbags are optional on both styles. In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration frontal crash tests, both the coupe and sedan earned a perfect five stars for driver and front-passenger protection.

Both sedan trims come standard with a 145-horsepower 2.2-liter 4-cylinder engine. For those who crave more speed, the Ion 3 sedan has an optional 2.4-liter 4-cylinder, which is good for 175 horsepower as part of the Enhanced Performance Package. A five-speed manual transmission comes standard on these two trims, and a four-speed automatic is available as an option.

The manual Ion sedan gets a generous 26 miles per gallon in the city and 35 mpg on the highway.

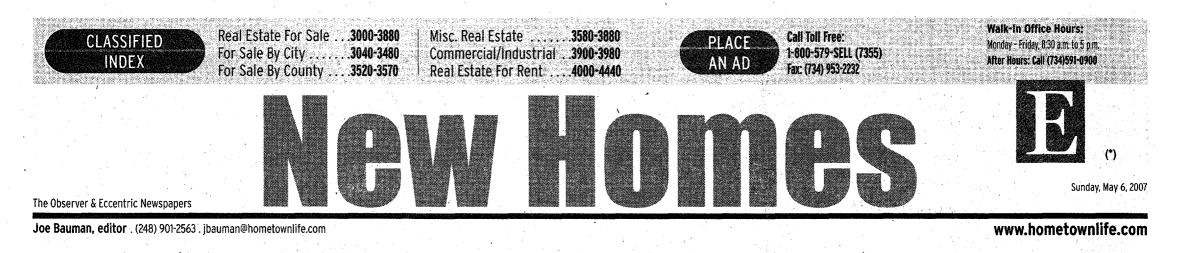
The Ion Red Line is powered by a supercharged 2.0-liter 4 cylinder engine that pushes out 205 horsepower. The Red Line also comes exclusively with a 5-speed manual transmission.

The 2007 Ion is perfect for a first-time car buyer seeking a reliable and affordable vehicle. Hopefully the Astra will be as good if not better when it replaces the Ion next year.

2007 Saturn Ion. Vehicle class: Compact car. Power: 4cylinder engine. Mileage: 26 city / 35 highway. Where built: Spring Hill, Tenn. Base price: \$12,300.

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Increase curb appeal and lower your energy bills

(NAPSI) - Homeowners remodel to increase their curb appeal, lower their energy bills and, equally important, to enjoy their home more.

Joan and Terry Riffel loved the Highland, Ill.-area where they lived but they just didn't like the look of their home. All it took was a visit to their daughter's home in Phoenix, Ariz., to learn what they wanted their Illinois home to look like.

"Here we were, in a house in the woods, and every time we got back from Arizona we just kept saying to each other: 'We loved our home, but it just didn't have that look we always wanted," said Joan Riffel, owner of a former country-style cedar home, nestled deep in the quiet woods of southern Illinois.

The couple turned to local architect Jeannie Brendel, who designed a beautiful Southwestern-style home that impressed their neighbors as much as it satisfied their need for a new, fresh look to add value to their home. The transformation from a dark cedar-sided home to the bright, monolithic Dryvit® EIF system with its classic and elegant lines was extraordinary enough.

But there was a secondary benefit to the remodeling that surprised even the Riffels.

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"Frankly, we remodeled only because we wanted a newer look for our home based on what we enjoyed from our visits to Arizona," said Terry Riffel. "We did not anticipate the savings we enjoyed in heating and cooling the house, but I can tell you we are very



A remodeling system that achieves stonelike finishes has also been shown to reduce heating and cooling costs.

pleased with it."

After studying their heating and cooling costs for the three years prior to the remodeling project and the three years after, the Riffels discovered they saved an average of 20 percent on their heating and cooling costs. With today's energy prices, their yearly savings are significant.

MULTIPLE DESIGN OPTIONS

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BRIEFS Green building for professionals

BIA will sponsor a Green Building for Building Professionals course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designation.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$325 for Remodelors Council members, \$350 for BIA members and \$400 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Safety and security

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course — Safety and Security — from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superintendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Sales and marketing awards

BIA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Fair housing for maintenance staff

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 11, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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×≶∯≶∞∞The floor plan of the Country style Gail (335-230) makes excellent use of the allotted 1,996 square feet. This three-bedroom, two-bath house, with a handsome brick and wood exterior, has a Great Room as the central gathering place in the home. The true character of the design shines through as family and friends congregate for a holiday meal or just to share a relaxing weekend.

A built-in fireplace heats the Great Room, all 304 square feet of it, with a wood box on one side and entry closet on the other. The L-shaped kitchen opens right into this area for added convenience. An island cooktop with a raised eating bar is the only

obstruction. The cook in the household can prepare a banquet, still participate in the conversation, and not miss any of the fun. In addition to the built-in appliances, the kitchen boasts a separate oven and walk-in pantry. A leisurely breakfast can be enjoyed in the comfortable nook.

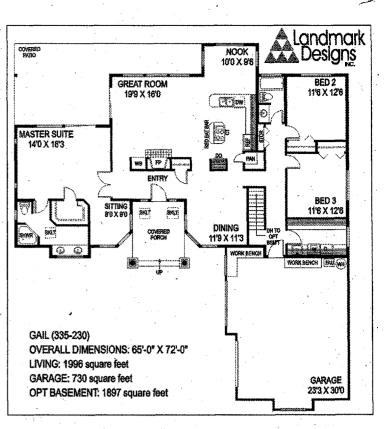
Extending out from the house, the nook has windows on three sides. This not only gives you a pleasant view; it brightens the entire atmosphere. Located to the right of the skylit-covered entry, and available for more formal entertaining, is the dining room.

The large master suite, isolated for privacy, is loaded with amenities. They include personal access to a covered patio, private bathroom with twin basins, roomy walk-in closet and an adjoining sitting room. A feature not often found in a floor design of this size.

Two good-sized bedrooms are on the opposite side of the house. They each possess liberal closet space and share a hallway bathroom. For empty nesters, one of these rooms might serve as guest accommodations and the second as a home office, den or sewing room

If anyone in the house has a hobby or likes to tackle do-ityourself projects, the two-car garage will become a favorite spot. Two workbenches have been installed to facilitate even the most difficult undertaking.

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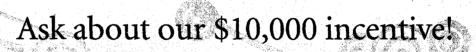
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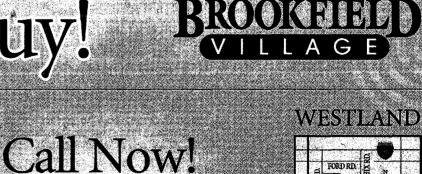


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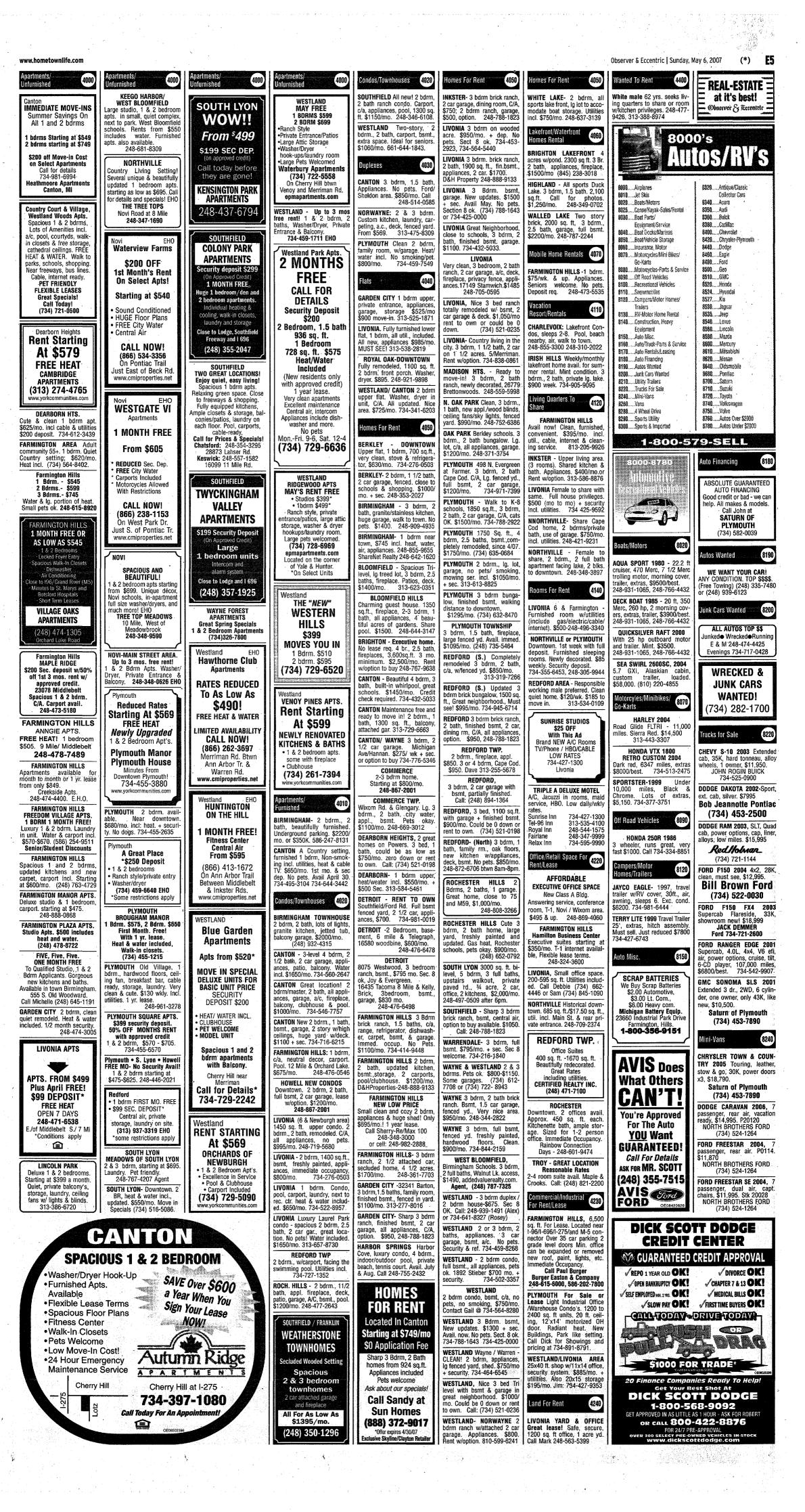




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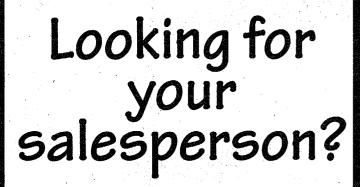




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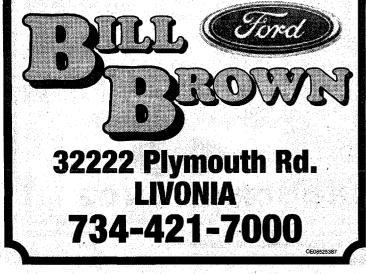


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