

Eggenberger, who captured one of the two four-year terms on the Board of Education, said her final



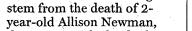
campaign finance report will show she spent approxi mately \$2,000 in the board race.

By contrast, Kurt Heise of Plymouth Township said he spent about \$8,800 - more than four times what the winner spent - for his campaign, which resulted in a third-place finish and out of the running for a board seat.



Hadwir

The charges the Canton girl who died



director of

Childtime

Learning

Center in

Plymouth

Township.

Sept. 22, a death the Wayne County medical examiner ruled was caused by head trauma.

The state closed Childtime after two witnesses came forward to say they'd reported their suspicions of child abuse to supervisors at the center.

Hadwin faces 93 days in jail if convicted, but Lowe said Wednesday he isn't sure that'll happen.

"They are going to have to demonstrate the nature of the injuries and what was known by (Hadwin) at the time she made the decision to report or not report," Lowe said. "(Prosecutors) are going to have to prove to the jury (Hadwin) had reasonable suspicion child abuse occurred."

Despite his doubts, Lowe said the decision to deny the motion to dismiss was easy as a matter of law.

"People wanted me to dismiss the case because the prosecutor isn't going to be able to prove the case," Lowe said. "It's not my job to determine the facts at this point. I could dismiss if it was a question of law, but this is a question of fact."

Hadwin's attorney, Todd Flood of Flood, Lanctot and Conner, didn't return calls seeking comment.

Prosecutors declined to respond to Lowe's comments, noting the judge let the charge stand in preparation for Hadwin's June 28 preliminary hearing.

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Student Kira Wilson gives a hug to Mary Jane Wilk, who drives a bus for special education students.

'Special' effects Educators honored for work with special ed kids

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Special education students need special attention in class, and some very special Plymouth-Canton Schools personnel were honored this week by parents who appreciate their efforts.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools recognized 19 people throughout the district who were nominated for going "above and beyond" the call of duty in working with their special education students.

"A lot of us want our kids to be as much as they possibly can be in general education settings," said Neva Nahan, SEPAC president. "Inclusion is important to us so our kids can be part of this community as much as possible, and be as much as possible part of general education. And that

A complete list of those honored, A4.

takes extra-special people to give access to that."

Nahan's daughter, Sonia Werda, 14, has cerebral palsy. Nahan credits Discovery Middle School teacher Angie Lipford for Sonia's success.

"Angie rose to the occasion," Nahan said. "Sonia enjoys coming to school, and Angie has figured out ways to give her access to the curriculum that other teachers haven't been able to."

Mary Beth Ryan, a West Middle School resource room teacher who was honored by SEPAC, spends time with students who are autistic, have attention issues or are otherwise characterized as learning disabled.

"I try to get them motivated by taking the material and making it interesting and fun," Ryan said. "I present it in a different format

than a general education teacher, a lot of hands-on learning to adapt it to their interests.

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"I try to teach them some of the life skills they will need to make them successful, like using restaurant menus to learn about counting money," she added.

Ryan noted that learning in her classes is a two-way street.

"I learn from them, like how to enjoy the moment and make the best out of every situation," Ryan said.

Colleen Berlingieri, whose son, Geordi, has a developmental disability, said, "You can't say enough" about having teachers and others in the district who support their kids' efforts.

When you have a child with a disability, you're so thankful and grateful there are other people out there who care about our kids and treat them with dignity and

PLEASE SEE EDUCATORS, A4

Mark Slavens, who spent the second-highest during the campaign, finished second to win his third term on the Board of Education. Slavens resigned May 8 after being appointed a Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court judge.

PLEASE SEE MONEY, A4



Alfred Moore of Plymouth Township was moved to tears after a poem was read at the Memorial Day ceremony in downtown Plymouth last year. This year's parade is set for Monday, May 28.

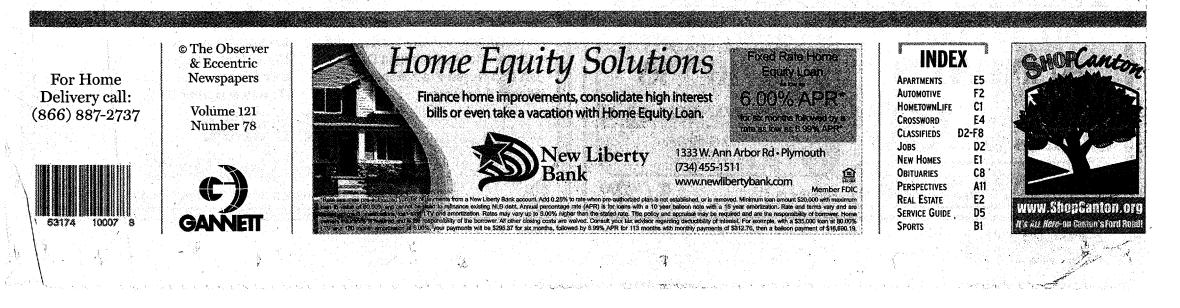
Parade gets new route, celebrates history

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's Memorial Day parade will have a few new twists and turns when it steps off at 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 28.

Unlike past years, when the parade started at Theodore and Main, then traveled south to Kellogg Park, this year's version will be quite the opposite - starting at Wing and Harvey streets and working its way north on Main Street, ending at the Veterans Memorial Park in front of Central Middle School.

PLEASE SEE PARADE, A9



LOCAL NEWS

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Rural romance takes stage in 'Oklahoma!'

Before Oklahoma! burst onto Broadway in 1943, the plot of an American musical was rarely more than a flimsy framework for a series of songs, sung by characters barely more than cardboard cutouts, hurrying to a happy ending, and dancing for the diversion of the play goers.

In the decade before this first collaboration between Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, not a single success ran for more than 500 performances. By its closing, audiences had applauded the show's rural romances a record 2,212 times. Oklahoma! opened a fourweek engagement on Friday, May 18, at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, just west of Orchard Lake Road.

Fully developed characters with evolving emotions move the play along on many levels. Carefree cowboy Curly McLain would confidently sweep farmgirl Laurey Williams off her feet, if only she would let him. But Laurey's adolescent determination - not to be taken for granted - turns the wholesome twosome into a twisted triangle that includes the darkly obsessive hired man, Jud Fry. Just how sharp are the points becomes painfully

Farmington Players cast members get into the spirit of 'Oklahoma!

apparent as the whole cast makes ready for a big dance to raise funds for a new community schoolhouse.

Comic relief is provided by the aimless affections of Ado Annie Carnes, Laurey's fickle friend who "Cain't Say No" either to the charming rodeo rider Will Parker, who's a little slow on the uptake, but has a heart of gold, or to the adventurous and exotic peddler Ali Hakim. Both plots play out against the anticipation of statehood for the territory, and its implications for the competing interests of the resident farmers and cowboys.

Hammerstein's lyrics define the central conflicts and

advance the plot as well as any spoken dialogue. And Rodgers's memorable melodies make the songs strong enough to transcend the context of the story.

People Will Say We're in Love was the country's No. 1 hit in 1943. It was followed to the top of the charts by Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin' as well as The Surrey with the Fringe on *Top*. And how many of us can spell the name of our 46th state without evoking the rousing crescendos of the title tune?

Director Elizabeth Bibik brings to life this classic story on the windy Oklahoma plains populated by a talented troupe of Farmington Players. Shows are at 8 p.m. on

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, May, 18-20, May 24-26, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 27; 8 p.m. May 31 through June 2 and at 2 p.m. June 3; and 8 p.m. June 7-9. A special Saturday 2 p.m. matinee is set for June 9.

Ticket prices range from \$16 to \$18, depending on dates and times. A \$2 discount per ticket is available for students with valid student I.D. as well as for groups of 10 or more. To reserve tickets, call the Farmington Players ticket hotline: (248) 553-2955. More information about The Farmington Players and Oklahoma! can be found at: www.farmingtonplayers.org. The Barn theater is at 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.







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Eggenberger

Nichols

School board to interview applicants

Martin

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school board president Barry Simescu said whomever is chosen to fill the unexpired term of former board member Mark Slavens should be ready to get to work Tuesday night.

"We will interview the candidates before the board meeting, and plan on making the decision then," Simescu said. "The person we select will be sworn in right away, and ready to go to work at the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m."

Four people have notified the board of their interest in filling the remainder of Slavens' current term, which will run through June 30. They are Nancy Eggenberger, who received the top number of votes in the May 8 election, and whose four-year term begins July 1; Kurt Heise, who finished third in the school board election; Larry Martin, who ran in the last election; and

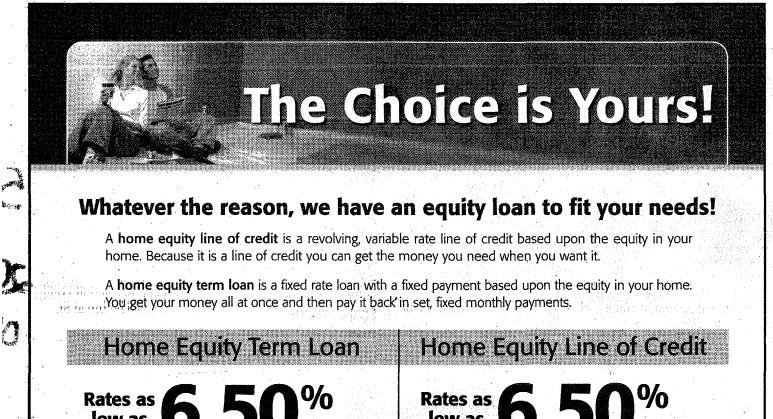
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"We will have each candidate give us a minute or two on themselves, and then each board member will ask a question of each, similar to the League of Women Voters forum," Simescu said.

It would not be a surprise if Eggenberger is selected to give her a five-week head start on her term.

Since Slavens was re-elected by voters for a third four-year term, the Board of Education will go through the process again in July to fill his position until the next school board election, which would normally be until next May. However, Simescu indicated the board will consider moving the election to November to reduce election costs, which would put the next school board election on the municipal ballots in November 2008.

The Secretary of State's Office has indicated any change in school board elections must be made by Dec. 31.



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Town hall meeting

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) will host a town hall meeting on fighting the importation of Canadian and out-of-state trash 7 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Plymouth Township Board Room.

Plymouth Township Hall is located at 9955 N. Haggerty (north of Ann Arbor Road). For more information, call

(517) 373-8924.

Veterans car wash

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 (Plymouth-Canton Chapter) will hold a car wash fund-raiser today at the Main Street Car Wash, 1191 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

The owner, Phil Purcell, will donate all the cash proceeds to help military veterans. VVA members will be working at the car wash.

Brick paver class

The Rock Shoppe on Gotfredson Road in Plymouth offers a free class on brick paver installation 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2.

Participants can listen to the experts from Santsar explain the step-by-step process of installing a brick paver patio, sidewalk or driveway. Free design help will also be available.

Register on-line at rssales@tds.net or call (734) 455-5560. The Rock Shoppe is located at 6275 Gotfredson Road in Plymouth at the corner of North Territorial and Gotfredson Roads.

Senior Day

The Plymouth Council on Aging invites all older adults to participate in National Senior Health and Fitness Day 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 30 at the Plymouth Community Cultural Center.

"We want to demonstrate that exercise can be fun," said Roberta Pummill, program coordinator for the Council on Aging. "This day will give you a chance to experience some appropriate and enjoyable forms of exercise. It's also a great opportunity to find out about health related resources in our community."

The event will include free blood pressure checks, hearing evaluations, dietitian, certified social worker, vitamin supplement expert, yoga breathing techniques, fall

prevention/safety therapist, Tai Chi demonstration, massage therapist, Medicaid/long-term care cost information and estate planning information, diabetes awareness, physical therapist, life-skill coaching, reverse mortgage specialist, chiropractic evaluations and more.

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

Train ride

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging sponsors a two-hour dinner/train ride aboard the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train on Sunday, July 22, 2007.

Cost is \$49 per person and includes a two-hour train ride, three-course meal and live jazz entertainment. The senior bus will be available for those who need transportation. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext.

236 for reservations and information.

Garden Walk

No-No's Garden Walk Adventure II features six home gardens, lectures, artists, all designed to provide a memorable Garden Walk experience.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23. A free plant goes with the first 250 tickets sold.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in Plymouth at Backyard Birds, in Northville at Gardenviews, in Novi at Anglin Nursery and in Brighton at Bordine Nursery.

More information is available on-line at www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Baccalaureate Mass

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth hosts its annual Baccalaureate Mass and reception 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Colleen Misiak, coordinator of youth ministry, is extending an invitation to all area graduates to join in worship and prayer. Graduate sare to arrive in cap-and-gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level at 3:30 p.m. Mass follows at 4 p.m.

at 4 p.m. To register, go to the church's

Web site at www.olgcparish.net (click on Life Teen to download response form), or call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 243. added an additional morning preschool class. Parents can now choose from two-, three-, four- or five-morning preschool programs. Beginning in September, New Morning School will also offer a threeafternoon-per-week preschool option.

New Morning School now offers three kindergarten options: morning, afternoon or full-day kindergarten. Plymouth-Canton bus service is available.

New Morning School is a state-certified, non-sectarian, non-profit school for students in preschool through grade eight.

For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com or call (734) 420-3331.

Art in the Sun

An annual Father's Day tradition, Northville's juried fine arts festival, Art in the Sun, returns June 16-17.

In its 19th year, the event features over 100 artists in all mediums of fine art, lively music throughout the festival, and concessions. Over 20,000 people will take in the sights and sounds at one of Michigan's best-juried shows. Festival attendees will again be able to paint on a mural – a fun addition for young and old alike. Patrons will also revel in the unique boutiques, galleries, and patio dining in downtown Northville.

For more information, contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce on the Web at www.northville.org or call (248) 349-7640.

Family safety fair

USA Credit Union's Plymouth Branch hosts the third-annual Family Safety Fair, an informative, fun, and free event for the public focusing on important safety issues.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9,

at USA Credit Union's Plymouth branch at the corner of Plymouth and Haggerty Roads.

The event features the Plymouth Fire and Police Departments, Blaine Fowler from the 96.3-FM Morning show, a child ID program, Car Seat safety information and a host of entertainment for the kids including a strolling magician. There will also be free refreshments and a drawing for a Family Four Pack prize worth \$200.

For additional information about the Plymouth Safety Fair, call Melanie Zidonis at (248) 322-9800, Ext. 1023.

Diabetes workshop

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a Diabetes Workshop 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 4, at the Plymouth District Library's Waldorf Room.

A registered dietitian/certified diabetes educator will present the program, emphasizes healthy food choices, weight loss and physical activity based on the findings of the Diabetes Prevention Program Study.

This two-hour program is designed for people who have risk factors for diabetes, such as family history, and who want to learn how to prevent or delay the onset of the disease. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 to sign up. The program is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

Franciscan Peacemaking

How do we find personal peace in a chaotic world? How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for an international peace.

A presentation by the internationally known author, poet, and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, takes place 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township.

Bodo is the author of 21 books, including his work on St Francis of Assisi, *Francis: The Journey and the Dream.* Bodo has conducted Pilgrimages to Assisi for over 30 years and is intimately familiar with the spirit of St Francis and St Clare.

Tickets are \$15. OLGC is located at 47650 N. Territorial at Beck. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish, (313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

Toastmaster open house

Canton Communicators Toastmaster Club hosts an open house Wednesday, May 23.

This event is open to the public and visitors are welcome to join club members" for light refreshments as they celebrate their second anniversary. We will also be recognizing our club and its members for having earned the District Award of being a President's Distinguished Toastmaster Club. This prestigious award is presented to clubs and their members for having met various educational levels throughout the Toastmaster year.

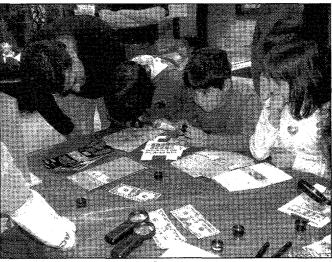
The meeting begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island, 8533 N. Lilley in Canton, just south of Joy. For more information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237. There is no pre-registration required and no obligation.

Scholarship dinner

Spiritus Sanctus Academy hosts its annual Scholarship Dinner and Auction Friday, June 1, at The Inn at St. John's.

The dinner and auction will be held in the Grande Ballroom. An on-line preview of auction items is available at www.sistersofmary.org.

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE



Children used magnifiers to identify money features at Community

Financial's Money Smart Kids Activity Fair held recently at the credit

union's branch in Plymouth. More than 70 children and parents recently

took part in the fun-filled evening. Hands-on financial activity stations

offered elementary-age children the opportunity to identify money, set

savings goals, play Money Smart Twister, grow money with Money Tree

seeds, make their own savings bank, and learn the difference between

National Credit Union Youth Week and Money Smart Week. "This event

needs and wants. Community Financial's Activity Fair coincided with

is only one of several ongoing programs we offer youth and families

throughout the year to help promote financial literacy," said CEO Bill

Lawton. "It's a fun evening for everyone who participates."

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The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Schoolcraft College present the Mature Lifestyle Expo, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, Haggerty Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. More than 60 exhibitors will showcase new ideas, products and services. Live music and special presentations have been prepared to make this a great event for all.

Exhibitors include financial planners, medical providers, senior living representatives, travel agencies, volunteer organizations and more.

Rick Bloom, of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills and a

columnist for the Observer SEccentric, will offer a financial seminar 10-10:55 a.m.

Expogoers will have an opportunity to win a trip for two to the historic Bay View Bed & Breakfast on Mackinac Island courtesy of Grand Vistas Travel. Also, drawings will be held at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon to win four tickets to a Detroit Tigers game.

Admission is free and parking is plentiful at the college. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased in Henry's Cafeteria in the VisTaTech Center.

The first 100 guests in line at 9 a.m. will receive movie passes for two to **Emagine Theatres in** Canton and Novi.

MONEY FROM PAGE A1

"I think I had name recognition," Eggenberger said. "I worked on several committees and people in the district knew me, and word of mouth is a strong recognition factor."

Final campaign reports aren't due until the end of the month; however, a preliminary report filed with the Wayne County Clerk's Office indicated Eggenberger raised \$690 and spent \$255. Eggenberger said her final report will include a \$990 contribution from the Michigan Education Association.

"I received a number of checks ranging from \$10-\$20, and it was nice to have that support," Eggenberger said. "I also spent some of my own money."

Heise's preliminary report showed he raised \$7,225 for the campaign, which included \$5,225 in contributions and \$2,000 of his own money. According to the report, Heise held a fund-raiser March 29 at the home of Plymouth Township resident Abe Munfakh, a former Plymouth Township board member, which was attended by 35 people.

EDUCATORS

FROM PAGE A1

kindness, who teach them and expect them to learn," Berlingieri said. "Each one is such an individual, and to figure out what it is that works for each child is something you can't put a price on. Their styles have to be so flexible."

Lori Andrews, Bentley Elementary resource room teacher, helps her students by reading curriculum materials to them.

"A lot of my students can do the work, but they can't read it, so I'm a buffer that helps them demonstrate what they know in a more positive way than what they might be able to do if nobody was there to help them," Andrews said. "Sometimes I dictate their answers because they can't write what they're thinking. Usually, they're right on target."

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Mary Beth Ryan

MONEY TRAIN

Here is a summary of the campaign finance reports for the top three finishers in the May 8 Plymouth-Canton school board election:

	Nancy Eggenberger	Kurt Heise	Mark Slavens	
Contributions	\$690	\$7,225	\$2,390	
Expenditures	\$255	\$2,303	\$2,384	
Ending balance	\$434	\$4,922	\$5.86	
*Note: Figures as	of April 22			

ment in this race, and I

thought it was worth it."

Heise's list of contributors

includes many who are politi-

cally active and many who live

outside the district. Among

those are Detroit Water and

Sewerage Department head

Victor Mercado; Sen. Bruce

Patterson and two staff mem-

Dearborn city councilwoman;

Supervisor Richard Reaume

"I've been involved in public

have a lot of friends," Heise said.

Slavens, in his preliminary

service for over 15 years and I

report, indicated he spent nearly all of the \$2,400 he

raised for his campaign.

bers, Susan Trussel and Bob

Mauseth; Suzanne Sareini,

Plymouth Township

and Canton Township

Supervisor Tom Yack.

However, Heise said the final report will indicate he put in about \$4,000 of his own money to run for the board.

"The campaign won't have a balance," Heise said. "If anything, it will owe me money." Heise said the name recognition of the two incumbents, Slavens and Richard Ham-Kucharski - who lost his bid for a second term - were factors in spending so much.

"I'm the new guy on the block and you have to generate name identification and get your message out," Heise said. "That's what happens when you run against two incumbents.

"Nancy has been active in the community, and the support of the MEA clearly made a difference in this election," he said. "I made a personal invest-

SPECIAL EFFORTS

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools honored several educators for their efforts.

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Teacher		School	Position
Lori Andrews		Bentley	Resource Room Teacher
Linda Jenner		Bentley	Special Education Teacher
Candace Meese	. •	Bentley	Speech/Language Pathologist
Pam Morgan	. ·	Bird	1st Grade Teacher
Carol Carr		Bird	1st Grade Teacher
Colleen Warren		Bird	2nd Grade Teacher
Angie Lipford	et a fille de la companya de la comp	Discovery	Special Education Teacher
Karen Mattson		Hulsing	Resource Room Teacher
Toni Wojcik		Hulsing	Paraprofessional
Ava Himmeslspach	•	Hulsing	Paraprofessional
Alissa Linton	÷.,	Hulsing	1st Grade Teacher
Joe Benstein		Skills Center	Homebound Teacher
Cathy Dobias	•	P-CCEP (Plymouth)	Special Education Teacher
Mary Lesinski		Pioneer	Paraprofessional
Kathy Stone		Pioneer	Resource Room Teacher
Susan Simms	•	Plus Preschool	Preschool Teacher
Martha Giles		Tanger Center	Director Early Education
Mary Jane Wilk		Transportation	Bus Driver

West Middle

The other three candidates in the school board race didn't need to file preliminary campaign spending reports because they spent less than \$1,000 at the time the reports were due.

Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network - a nonpartisan, nonprofit coalition concerned about the influence of money in politics and the need for campaign finance reform in Michigan - said there is more money in campaigns at almost every level of politics, including school board races.

"It may be nothing more than people who think he's the best candidate, or maybe there are people with hopes of getting a contract or favorable consideration," Robinson said. "The more money that's involved, the more questions that need to be asked."

Robinson said, in general, money talks and translates into victory at the polls.

"Statistically, in 95 percent of Michigan elections the person with the most money wins," Robinson said. "However, you can look at the last gubernatorial race, a lot of money (Republican Dick DeVos) didn't win there, either.

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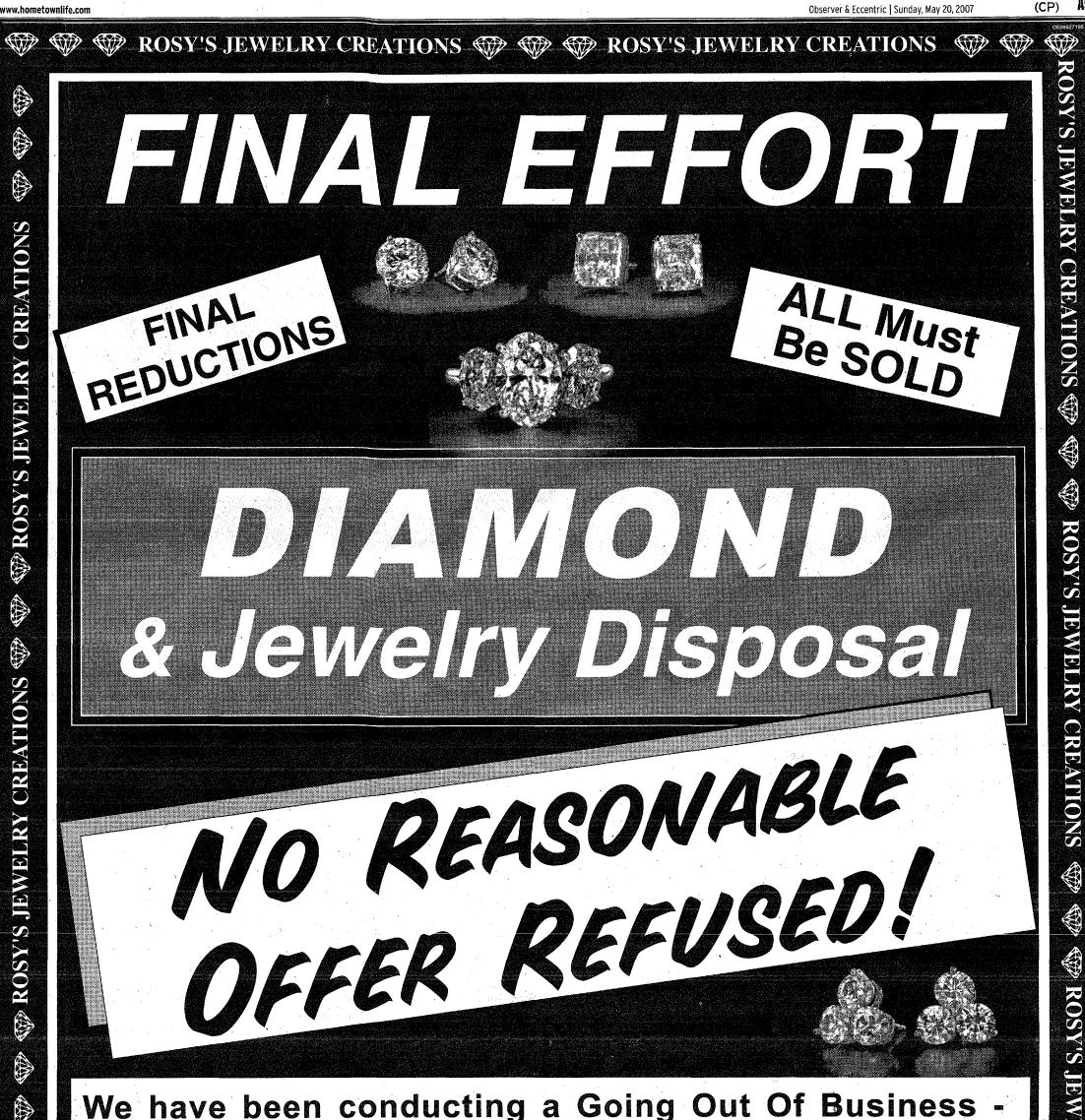
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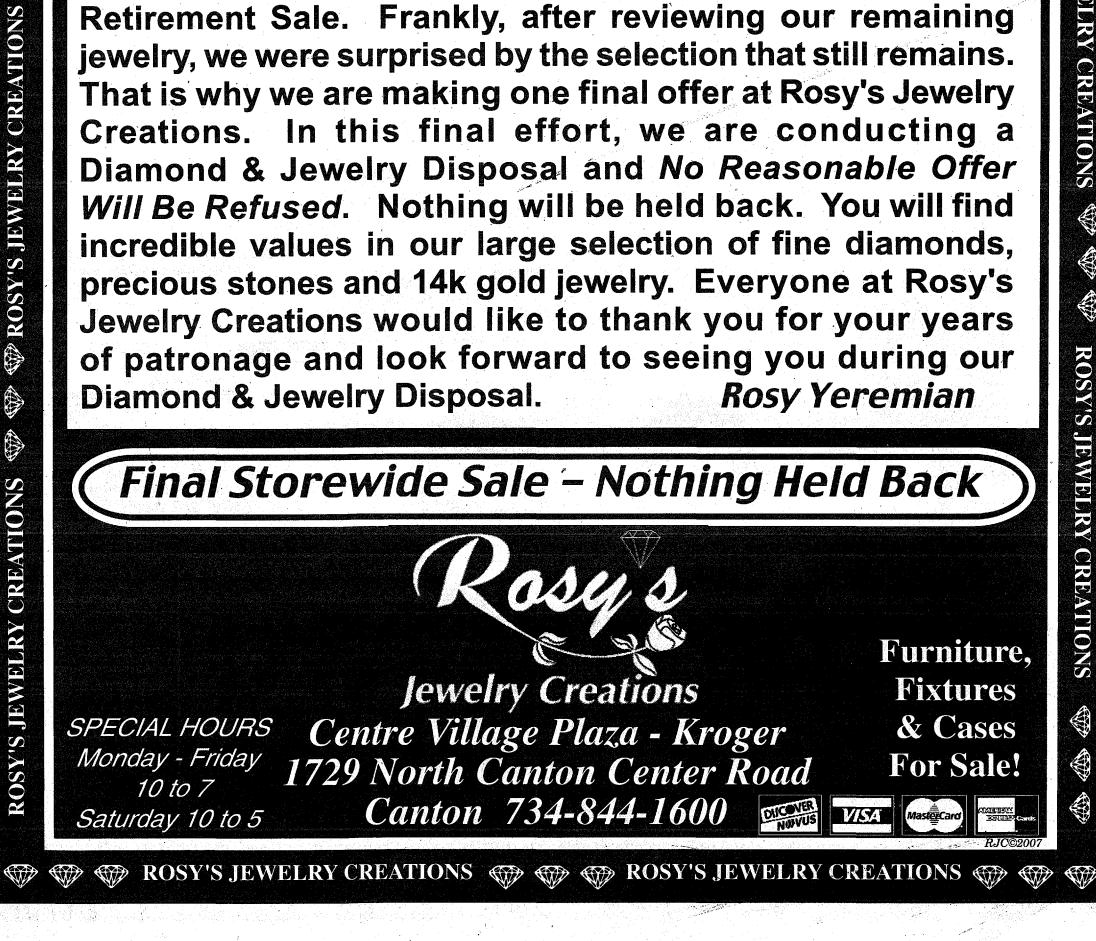
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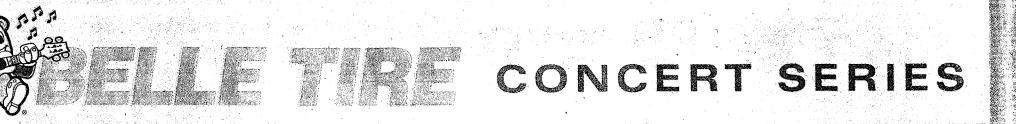


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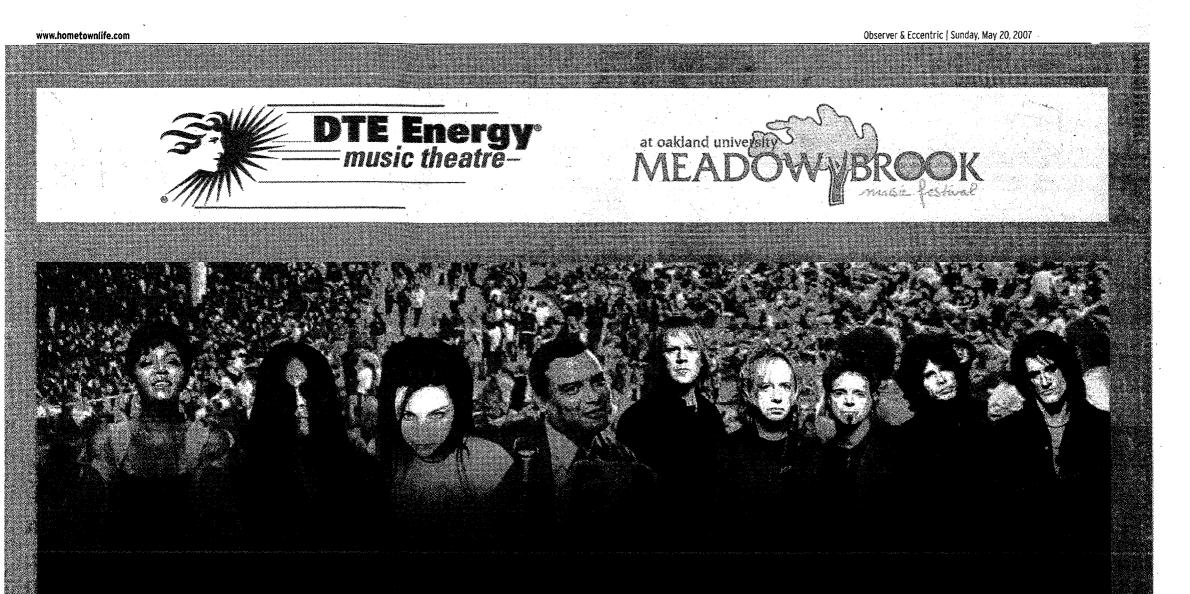
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Albion College

Ryan Johnson received the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award For the Outstanding Senior in **Economics & Management** during Albion College's annual Honors Convocation.

Johnson is a senior majoring in economics and management and minoring in history. He is the son of Carlton and Phyllis Johnson of Plymouth and a graduate of University of Detroit Jesuit High School.

Several local students presented original research or creative arts projects during Albion College's recent Elkin R. Isaac Research Symposium. Brandon Hill presented an

original research or creative

arts project, titled "La Louisiane Dans Les Éphémères Library, 223 S. Main, offers the Par Alexandre Latil."

Hill is a senior majoring in biology and French. He is the son of James and Meri-Lyn Hill of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. Carrie Oleszkowicz presented

an original research or creative arts project, titled "Meta-Analysis" of Prefrontal Cortex From Acute Ethanol Studies in Mice: Making a Myelin Gene Network."

Oleszkowicz is a senior majoring in chemistry and minoring in cell and molecular biology, with a concentration in neuroscience. She is the daughter of Mark and Cynthia Oleszkowicz of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

OPEN

The Plymouth District following programs during May:

Please note: Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 27-28, for Memorial Day weekend.

STARS, MOONS AND PLANETS, Monday, May 21, 7 p.m. - Find out what you can expect from the upcoming summer skies from Plymouth resident Mike Best. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@aol.com

NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, May 21, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registra-

BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, May 23, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read A Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about

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PRESCHOOL STORY-TIMES, Thursdays through May 24, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. -Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3 1/2- 5 years. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES, Tuesdays through May 22, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-to-3-1/2

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LOCAL NEWS

Grand prizes up for grabs as **Rotary readies for annual raffle**

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

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The free umbrella wasn't bad, neither was the free round of golf, but Barry Simescu says they both pale in comparison to Italy.

Simescu, a Plymouth resident, was the grand prize winner of the Canton Rotary's 2006 "Dream Vacation" raffle.

"I had been buying tickets for years and have won smaller items but that one was the big winner," said Simescu, who is a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club and buys raffle tickets from his neighbor, Larry Oldford of the Canton Rotary.

Simescu and his wife of nearly three decades, Dorothy,

Marine's mother writes book to help families survive the war

BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

The effect of combat on soldiers, post traumatic stress disorder, has been studied for decades. The effect on soldiers' families is not so well known.

Tracey Roberts' son is a Marine who has completed two tours in Iraq. She knows something about the effect battle can have on people who never hear a shot fired in anger. Her book, Surviving War from the Kitchen Table, is for those people.

Roberts' son, Marine Cpl. Jason Abshire, has been stationed at the Kaneohe Marine Corps base in Oahu, Hawaii, after completing his second tour of duty in Iraq. The second tour, eight months of duty around a base in Taqtaqanah in Anbar Province. His first tour was in Fallujah.

She said her son volunteered for his second tour and is prepared to do so again if the situare leaving for their northern Italy excursion in June - but not before they learn if they won the 2007 "Dream Vacation" prize.

"If we win again we're going to southern Italy," he laughed. Tickets for the Canton Rotary's 23rd Annual Raffle on June 11 are already on sale. The 6:30 p.m. event takes place at Summit on the Park and features a live and silent auction.

Only 150 tickets at \$150 each are being sold in order to qualify for the grand prize. A maximum of 50 dinner-only tickets are available for \$60.

In order to win, participants must be selected from a drawing to receive one of 20 briefcases.

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Each one will contain a voucher for at least \$200. One will contain the \$6,000 grand prize.

Five additional briefcases will be given those who win one of the live-auction items.

In years past, the grand prize was touted as a Hawaiian getaway but the Rotary hooked up with the owner of a Plymouthbased travel agency, Kate Rosevear, last year and introduced the grand prize as a dream vacation with the destination up to the winner's choosing. The \$6,000 prize amount, minus \$1,500 in taxes, will be applied toward the trip.

Rosevear said last year's winnings covered the majority of the Simescu's upcoming twoweek vacation. She added that

the option of picking your destination can raise the excitement surrounding the annual raffle.

Suggested vacation spots for the grand prize include anywhere in Europe, Hawaii, Mexico or the Caribbean. Simescu, the Plymouth-Canton School Board president, said he and his wife considered trekking to Austria but finally settled on "the beautiful

country." "I'm really looking forward to Venice," he said.

For more information on this year's raffle or to purchase tickets call Martha Snow at (734) 455-2000 or Lisa Kennedy at (734) 414-9902.

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PARADE FROM PAGE A1

"It's a natural flow, now that we have the Veterans Memorial Park, to end the parade there and have the ceremony in memory of all those who served our country," said Frank Pawelak of **Plymouth American Legion** Passage-Gayde Post #391, cochairman of this year's parade. "This is a memorial to all the veterans from our area who died, going back to the . Civil War, and we want to pay homage to all veterans in the greater Plymouth community."

Pawelak said this year's parade will be led by the Vietnam Veterans of America, and will include the Plymouth **Township Police Honor** Guard, the Young Marines from Canton, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park will include music played by

150 members of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Band, which will be joined by a 25member choir.

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In conjunction with the parade, the Plymouth Historical Museum will host **Plymouth Community** Heritage Day.

"The museum will be open that morning, and there will be free admission for those who belong to veterans' organizations," said Liz Kerstens, museum director. "We will have people dressed in costume, and a studio where people can get their pictures taken in costume."

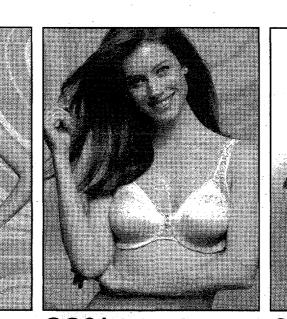
Kerstens said birthday cakes and punch will be on had to celebrate Plymouth Township's 180th anniversary of becoming a municipality on April 12, 1827; as well as Plymouth, which was incorporated as a village in 1867, and became a city May 19, 1932.

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ation warrants. Whatever his plans are, his enlistment calls for four years of active duty followed by another four years inactive. In light of recent "stop loss" redeployments, he could be called back to duty any time.

To cope with some of the uncertainty inherent with being the mother of a serving Marine, Roberts joined the Michigan Military Moms and wrote her book as a how-to manual for dealing with life as the mother of a child at war.

"It tells you what to ship to them, the importance of having a passport," she said. "It also has mothers' stories and stories about how to deal with PTSD."

After four years of waiting for her son to come home, she said she's developed some symptoms of the disorder. For her, the most pronounced is self-isolation, especially when she hears people discussing the war.

"When people say things about the war they should



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SUNDAY PERSPECTIVES

Good students understand the value of great teachers

he buzzword of the new millennium is nanotechnology – a very big idea about very tiny things.

The Whatis.com definition reads: "Nanotechnology, or, as it sometimes called, molecular manufacturing, is a branch of engineering that deals with the design and manufacture of extremely small electronic circuits and mechanical devices built at the molecular level of matter."

Josh Mann was turned on to nanotechnology when he was an eighth-grade student. A \cdot teacher's project on the emerging field set Josh on a path toward a passion and a career.



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I met Josh, a senior at Livonia Churchill High School, and Kimberly Martinez, a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School, at a breakfast for the Observer & Eccentric Academic All-Stars and their parents at the ele-

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gant Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. What impressed me, what always impresses me, is how focused they are on what they want to do.

Josh will attend the University of Michigan to study biomedical engineering. Then he will pursue a master's degree in nano-engineering. From there, great things will emerge.

"I hope to develop cholesterol-ingesting nanoparticles and a delivery system to add tail codons to mRNA as a nano-engineer," he wrote in his All-Star application. (No, I don't understand it either, but wow!)

Kim will also attend the University of Michigan, to study kinesiology and movement science. Her goals are also toward serving others.

"I want to become a physical therapist spe-cializing in orthopedics and hopefully work for MedSport or a private clinic," she wrote in her application.

At the breakfast, each talked enthusiastically about their career choices, about going to the great university down the road, about their advanced placement classes, about life in general.

Along the way, these young people were encouraged to reach a little further, read a little deeper, take greater risks. They were encouraged by their proud parents, who beamed and seemed a little awed by their accomplishments at the breakfast. They were also encouraged by teachers who came around at just the right time to make a difference.

That eighth-grade teacher lit a fuse in Josh Mann that is burning brighter than ever. That flame was kept burning by

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Churchill teacher Mary Buda, who taught Josh algebra II, calculus, discreet math and AP statistics. Josh's mother raved about the teacher, who is retiring this year.

In his application, Josh described how this "phenomenal" teacher challenged students to do more.

"(Freshman year) she established her intelligence against a group of smart kids and challenged us to perform beyond the minimum required to get an A. Junior year, she pushed us to our limits in preparation for the difficult AP calculus BC exam, which everyone passed and a large portion received 5s. Finally, senior year she has treated us like adults and conducted her class like a professor in order to prepare us for college." Kim was pushed by her English teacher, Kathy Ladd.

"Her class forced me to work hard and really analyze the books I was reading in order to write quality essays on them. She also was the best grammar teacher I've ever had.

"If it wasn't for her, my ACT score would-n't have been so high. It's because of her that I did so well on the English and reading portion. She is an amazing person and I owe her so much gratitude."

It's good to be reminded just how important good teachers are. They have recently become a concern for politicians. Teachers and their union, the Michigan Education Association, have become the target for those who believe government has run amok. How dare they have negotiated contracts that pay them living wages and provide them health care and retirement benefits. (Who do they think they are, basketball players?)

Of course, it is more complicated than that. But for many teachers, it must seem that what they do isn't valued very highly in the grand scheme of things.

But Josh, Kim and many other highachieving students know just how valuable a good teacher is to their future and to the future of everyone their lives will touch.

Teachers engage in a kind of nanotechnology every day, building the intellect of small children from the bottom up.

Great lives come from great teachers.

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Put a human face on state budget mess

ith the political rhetoric being spun like Spider-man on steroids, you would think our state taxes provide little or no value to taxpayers. Sure, state government could be more efficient and effective while providing a higher value for the taxes collected. However, if you listen to the political spin, one could quickly come to the conclusion that we receive no return on our tax investment. That's just not true.

Consider the following the next time you hear excessive government bashing.

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You called 9-1-1 and the local police, fire or ambulance arrived to assist your family. This service is partially the courtesy of "revenue sharing," i.e., your state taxes being returned to your local community to provide vital services.

A burglar, rapist or other bad guy" is plucked from your neighborhood and hauled off

to prison. Yep, your tax dollars at work.

Remember the tears that swelled in your eyes when you read about children being abused and neglected by their parents? Yes, it costs money to care for them and keep them safe.

Grandma is at a local nursing home and you are counting on appropriate rules, regulations and oversight to assure she is safe and cared for - yes, sirree, your tax dollars at work again.

People with mental illness or developmental disabilities are counting on the government to continue to provide the necessary resources so they may be able to live with dignity.

Our children need a quality education to be prepared for the hyper-competitive global economy - so thank a teacher and your fellow taxpayers for the investment in our collective future.

Seems like everyone has their favorite government waste and inefficiency story. Clearly, there is a need for further strategic cuts, structural reforms (including pension and health care changes and consolidation and collaboration among schools and local units of government) before taxes are raised.

Many believe if taxes are raised before significant reforms are undertaken, we will never see the reforms while we will pay the higher taxes.

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Perhaps the great 20th century philosopher, Bertrand Russell, best captured this dilemma when he said: "The central problem of our age is how to act decisively in the absence of certainty."

PEOPLE, NOT STATISTICS

As the governor and state Legislature grapple with the tough choices of investing in our collective future, while making sensible cuts and reforms, let's remember that the "cuts" do not simply impact a stereotyped, nameless, faceless, overpaid and underworked bureaucrat.

Actions being contemplated will define the Michigan that 10 million of us call home. We must not ever let the decision makers forget that beyond the statistics is the face of a person.

The posturing on both sides of the political. aisle over "whose fault" the current mess belongs to and who will get the credit or blame for the potential fixes has been palpable. Clearly, taxpayers believe there is enough blame to go around and want a sensible resolution — and they want it now.

We are counting on our government leaders to lead - hopefully, with their heads, but also with their hearts.

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COUNTY NEWS

Chrysler more flexible

veryone is talking about the Chrysler deal. My question, what is a private equity firm?

There is no one definition. You can think of it as a mutual fund company. It raises money from investors, then buys companies or makes other investments.

What is unique about a private equity firm is that, unlike a mutual fund or a publicly held company that must comply with a variety of disclosure rules and security regulations, it does not have to meet many of these requirements.

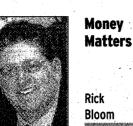
A private equity firm is not a publicly held company and does not report to investors or trade on open markets. This gives those companies greater flexibility because they do not have the same pressures from analysts, the media and the stock market. In a mutual fund or a listed publicly held company, you and I can look at the performance of that fund on a day-to-day basis. In a private equity firm, it does not report results on a day-to-day basis; in fact, results are usually never reported in any public manner.

Private equity firms have been around for years. Back in the '80s, they were known for leveraged buyouts. During the late '90s, many of them were known as venture capital firms.

In today's market, private equity firms are known more for buying companies that have underperformed and then putting in a more experienced management team.

Can anyone invest in a private equity firm? The answer is, no. There are strict rules and regulations as to who can invest in these types of firms. Typically, it is the large public and private pension plans that are investing in equity firms. In addition, high net worth individuals are eligible to invest in these types of companies.

There are some opportunities to invest in these types of companies, such as some hedge funds. My general advice for investors is to walk away. Many people are under the mistaken belief that because the rich get involved with these types of investments, that they are always successful. That is not the case. Many of these investments have underperformed and there



have been many scams where individuals have lost their entire investment. Therefore, for most of us, hedge funds and private equity firms should be avoided.

Now that Chrysler has been sold, what happens to my stock?

Absolutely nothing. Daimler is selling a portion of its business to Cerberus Capital Management. The transaction only deals with a portion of Daimler's business, so from the shareholder's standpoint, there will be no change.

If you own DaimlerChrysler, you will own the same number of shares in Daimler AG.

Whether one should consider buying or selling Daimler stock because of the sale is very difficult to analyze at this time. On the face of the deal, Daimler should benefit from the sale of Chrysler. The socalled mergers of equals never worked, so terminating the relationship does make sense.

Although Daimler is taking a substantial loss in selling Chrysler, it will be free of legacy costs - a huge benefit. On the other hand, Daimler is losing a foothold in the largest auto market in the world — the United States - and potentially creating another competitor which could cause issues down the road. Daimler will retain nearly 20 percent interest in Chrysler, so if it does well, Daimler gains.

In regard to buying stock in the new Chrysler, the company is private, so stock is not for sale.

Over the long run, I anticipate both Daimler and Chrysler will emerge as stronger companies, however, anything can happen over the short run.

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Private equity status makes Vehicle fires are on the increase and dangerous

ehicle fires are quite commonplace occurrences, here and around the country. The reason many people are surprised to hear this is based on the fact that they don't see vehicles burning regularly. With a full-time career fire department, we respond quickly and most vehicle fires are quickly extinguished.

While this may all be over in a period of minutes, the fires burn contents in the car, your vehicle and may even injure or kill occupants. Avoid risking life for contents or a vehicle, or the vehicle itself.

Fire departments across the United States responded to nearly 300,000 vehicle fires each and every year. Vehicle fires kill approximately 550 people, and injure another 1,500 each year. These fires have a total property damage that exceeds \$1.3 billion every

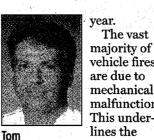
Salvation Army sees more suburban requests

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division (TSA) reported recently that it has seen dramatic increases in requests for its services over the past year, with sharply higher demand at its suburban corps for the first time ever. The information was released in the non-profit's 2007 Michigan Poverty Report.

According to the report, service request increases were seen in all program categories, but they were particularly evident in the areas of food and shelter assistance.

In 2005, TSA provided 2,555,000 meals to the hungry men, women and children of metro Detroit. However, in 2006 that number rose to 4,486,852 meals, representing an increase of 76 percent. Additionally, in 2005 TSA's network of shelters provided a warm bed to more than 620,500 individuals during the year. That number rose 26 percent to 781,692 in 2006.

On any given day in southeast Michigan, The Salvation Army provides 12,292 meals and shelters 2,124 men, women and children.



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vehicle fires are due to mechanical malfunctions. This underlines the importance of sticking to a

The vast

vehicle maintenance program and performing needed service as the situation arises. While vehicles can be driven with minor malfunctioning deficiencies, major problems require immediate attention.

Intentionally set vehicle fires account for approximately 15 percent of the total fires in vehicles in the U.S. This represents an increase over previous years, and they cause \$165 million in property damage. Collisions or overturned

vehicles cause only 3 percent of the vehicle fires (although it sure seems like more than that when you watch some action movies), but do account for a large percentage of fire deaths in vehicles.

If your vehicle starts smoking or flames are present, as quickly and safely as possible, pull your vehicle over and stop. Shut the car's engine off and exit the vehicle. Do not stay inside the vehicle searching for important papers or packages you think you may need - they are usually replaceable.

Call 911 from your cellular phone, the phone of someone who stops to help, or a nearby house or business. Don't attempt to investigate the fire yourself by opening the hood. This increases the oxygen available and intensifies the burning. Move well away from

the burning vehicle. While explosions are rare, an occasional tire bursting, hydraulic burst or pneumatic overpressure situation may result in a minor explosion. Although rare, some pieces may actually move out a distance from the vehicle under pressure.

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Consider having a multipurpose fire extinguisher in your vehicle. If so, you may take it out an try to control the fire while we are responding to the fire: If you vehicle is leaking any fluids, don't get near them. Many of them are flammable or combustible.

While a fire in your vehicle is a disruption in the daily activities of life, plan ahead how you would react. A calm reaction usually limits fire spread and avoids injures - or worse!

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Canton Cup draws record number of teams

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for action in Canton over Memorial Day weekend, just follow the bouncing soccer ball.

Or, more precisely, the hundreds of white-and-black spheres that will be getting kicked around as part of the 25th Annual Canton Cup Soccer Classic.

As of Thursday, a record 510 teams from throughout the Midwest had registered to play in this year's threeday extravaganza, which will kick-off Friday and run



through Sunday. The teams will compete on 45 fields set up at Independence, Heritage and Griffin parks. "The neat thing about our tournament is that all 45 fields are within a fivesquare-mile area," said tournament director John Vaughn. "Last week we were at a tournament in Novi with half the number of teams we have and the fields were spread out from Eastern Michigan University, to Novi, to Hamburg. Having our fields in such a relatively small area is nice, especially for the people coming from out of town."

This year's event will not only be bigger (450 teams competed last year), but also better, according to Vaughn, who pointed to the addition of some unique attractions. "The Michigan Bucks, the national champion Professional Development League team that plays in the area, will be playing a league game Saturday night at Independence Park," said Vaughn. "They'll be playing their rivals, the Chicago Fire Premier, on one of the fields we're using for the Canton Cup, so the game will actually be part of the tournament.

"The Detroit Ignition will also be hosting some clinics throughout the weekend and there will be athletic trainers from Oakwood at all of the sites." The ages of the participating players range from 8 to 18. Their skills will vary from recreational to premier, Vaughn added.

GOALS-ORIENTED

What: 25th Annual 2007 Canton Cup soccer tournament;

When: May 25-27;

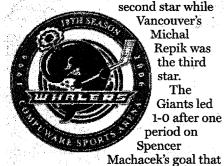
Where: 45 fields spread across a fivesquare-mile area of Canton; fields will be set up at Independence, Heritage and Griffin parks; Who: A tournament-record 510 teams (ranging from recreational to premier) have registered to play; this is up from 450 in 2006;

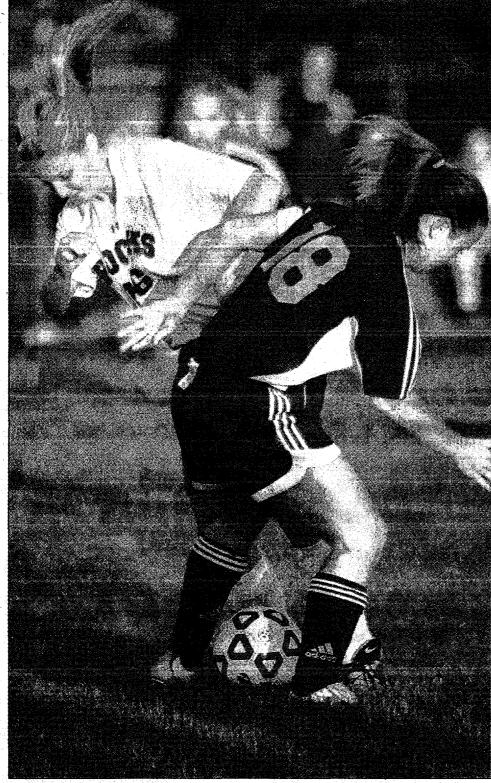
For more information and game schedules: Visit the tournament's official Web site at www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

Whalers fall in Memorial **Cup opener**

The Plymouth Whalers dropped their opening game of the 2007 Memorial Cup Friday night, 4-3, in overtime to the host Vancouver Giants. In a game played before 13,428 fans at the Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver, 'the Giants' Kenndal McArdle scored the game-winner 5:06 into the first overtime.

Vancouver's Milan Lucic was named the game's first star thanks to his twogoal night. Plymouth's James Neal scored a pair of goals and earned the





Powers outage 2nd-half rally not enough for Rocks **BY ED WRIGHT**

STAFF WRITER

Austin Powers, the super-spy, is very funny.

Flint Powers, the girls soccer team, is very good.

On Thursday, the state-ranked Chargers were just barely good enough to edge a hard-charging Salem team in a game that evolved into a thriller during the closing minutes.

Powers earned a 2-1 road victory by building a comfortable early cushion and holding on for dear life.

Powers, which is 15-5 and ranked fifth in Division 3, built its two-goal lead on a pair of Katie Howarth goals ling off the Rocks, v resembled a state-ranked team over the final seven minutes. Salem's lone goal came with 6:27 left when sophomore Jill Behrman controlled a Lindsey Newton corner kick in front of the net and blasted it past Charger goalkeeper Hannah Quaranta.



D4 District draws

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Plymouth Christian Academy will be the host of the Division 4. District 119 baseball and softball tournaments May 29 and June 2. Following are the pairings for the respective tourneys:

Baseball: PCA will take on Ann Arbor Greenhills on May 29 at 4:30 p.m. The winner of that game will battle Washtenaw Christian, which drew a first-round bye, on June 2 at 10 a.m.

In the other bracket, Calvary Christian and **Canton Agape Christian** both drew first-round byes and will play each other in a semifinal game June 2 at noon. The championship, contest is set for 2 p.m. on June 2.

B Softball: Ann Arbor Greenhills and PCA will meet in a first-round game June 2 at 11 a.m. Agape Christian will take on the winner in the title matchup on June 2 at 1 p.m.

Dunleavy is Alma-bound

Canton senior Nick Dunleavy is headed to Alma College to play Division III football for the Scots. An offensive lineman, Dunleavy played a ev role in the to the Division 1 semifinal game against Rockford during the 2006 season.

was assisted by Brendan Mikkelson and Mario Blitznek.

Neal knotted the game at 1-all with a power-play lamp-lighter 7:26 into the second period. He was assisted by Daniel Ryder and Steve Ward.

The two teams then exchanged two goals a piece to close out the period. Neal (from Evan Brophey and Tom Sestito) and Ryan McGinnis (from Sestito and Jared Boll) scored for the Whalers while Lecic scored both the hosts' goals.

Both goaltenders - Plymouth's Michal Neuvirth and Vancouver's Tyson Sexsmith - blanked their opponents during the scoreless third period.

Overall, Neuvirth made 33 saves to Sexsmith's 30.

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Salem's Jill Behrman (white jersey) battles for possession of the ball with Flint Powers' Lauren Grzegorzewski during Thursday night's match. Powers won, 2-1, despite Behrman's late-game goal.

The play seemed to ignite the Rocks, who amped up the pressure on their visitors from the north until the final horn sounded.

The loss dropped Salem to 4-9-1 heading into next week's cross-over contest against Walled Lake Western.

"I don't think we gave our best team effort until the final seven minutes," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "I think Jill's goal woke the girls up and it was like they said, 'Hey, we can play.'

"We're not a bad team and we haven't been playing poorly. It just seems like we don't turn it up to that extra gear until the last seven minutes

PLEASE SEE SOCCER, B2

Division 1 Regional Track & Field Meet -

ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Plymouth's Marvin Whitaker (left) and Malik Rich, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, played key roles in the Wildcats' fifth-place finish in Friday's Division 1 Regional meet at the P-CEP stadium.

Churchill runners rule

Chargers 1st in Regional; Canton and Plymouth finish in top 5

Chargers win girls meet, too. Please see, B3.

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Churchill boys track and field team wiped out a season's worth of frustration against crosstown nemesis Livonia Stevenson Friday night with a memorable performance in the Division 1 Regional 5 meet held at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's stadium.

After finishing behind the Spartans in three meets over the previous seven weeks, the Chargers prevailed in the biggest competition so far this spring when they compiled 107.50 points to win the Regional title by 11.50 points over runner-up Stevenson (96) in the 16-team meet. Stevenson was the defending Regional 5 champion. Filling out the top 10 spots were

Detroit Cass Tech (81), Canton

(78.50), Plymouth (49.50), Westland John Glenn (45), Dearborn Edsel Ford (33.50), Wayne Memorial (29), Salem (29) and Dearborn Fordson (28).

"Stevenson beat us in the City Meet by five points, they beat us in a dual meet and they beat us at Observerland, so our kids were getting tired of getting beat by Stevenson," said Churchill coach Rick Austin. "I think they took that to heart tonight.

"This is one of the hardest-working, most-dedicated groups of kids I've coached. They're dedicated track kids, they love to work and they love to compete, and I think that showed tonight."

Austin commended the efforts of David St. Amant (400-meter Regional champ), Brandon Grysko (second in the 800 run, third in the 1,600), Jonathan Robinson (second in the shot put, fourth in the discus) and hurdlers Mark Zehner, Andrew LaBerge and Jacob MacDonald.

"They give us a very strong nucleus," Austin said. "My hat's off to Stevenson. They're having a great season and we know they'll be tough to compete against at next week's (WLAA) conference meet."

Spartan coach Scott Shaw said his team ran "fairly well," but he lamented a few mistimed baton passes.

"We had a few problems with a couple of handoffs on our relays here and there," said Shaw. "But, overall, I thought everybody ran hard.

"Dan Cragel had an exceptional meet for us. We were down quite a bit in the 1,600 relay when he got the baton and he made up a lot of ground and helped us finish second. Dan's really running well."

The Spartans chalked up 20 points in the long jump alone thanks to top-

PLEASE SEE TRACK, B2

Waidmann helps **EMU take MAC**

 Former Canton two-sport star Brad Waidmann played a key role in helping Eastern Michigan University's men's trackand-field team win the 2007 Mid-American Conference championship May 10-12 at Miami of Ohio University.

Waidmann placed 11th in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 2.75 inches. He also placed fourth in the decathlon with 6.311 points. The Eagles compiled 182

points to edge secondplace Akron by one point.

Hole-in-one

Canton resident Doug Lineberry recorded his second career hole-in-one May 16 when he aced the 161yard par 3 ninth hole at **Glenhurst Golf Course in** Redford. Lineberry, 49, used an eight iron for his memorable shot and finished with a round of 35.

Plymouth High football news

There will be an informational meeting for parents of student-athletes who are planning on playing football at Plymouth High School in the fall of 2007.

The meeting will be held June 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Plymouth High School cafeteria. All paperwork, calendars and important information will be provided for the upcoming 2007 season.

Those who will not be able to attend should contact head coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696 to receive the paperwork.

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LOCAL SPORTS

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Canton kickers knock off Spartans, 2-1

Livonia Stevenson's sevengame unbeaten streak was snapped Friday by Canton, 2-1, in a Western Lakes Activities Association girls soccer crossover.

Becci Houdek scored the game-winning goal off a corner kick with 15 minutes remaining.

Stevenson, now 8-6-3 overall, had gone 5-0-2 since losing 1-0 to Walled Lake Northern on April 25.

The Spartans scored midway through the first half when Victoria Slavin buried a shot with her left foot off a rebound attempt created by Kaitlin O'Hara for a 1-0 lead.

But Canton answered with pressure and a goal with 10 minutes to go in the half to make it 1all.

Stevenson used two goalkeepers with Brittany Vella allowing a first-half goal and Mandi Keedle giving up the Houdek tally. "We had a couple of opportunities to score, tie, and even go ahead, but evidently we didn't want it bad enough," Stevenson coach Chris Pinta said. "We didn't really want to play tonight. It was obvious in their body language and attitudes that tonight was going to be rough.

"I know we have a better effort in us and hope we're ready when we see this team again Monday (at Canton)."

PLYMOUTH 4, FRANKLIN 1: On Wednesday, the Wildcats improved to 7-5-3 overall and 6-1-3 in the WLAA's Western Division. Senior Val Klemmer led the way with a pair of goals. Megan Quinlan and Kelly Dobbs had one each for the winners. Brittany Warner made six saves for Plymouth, which led 1-0 at the half.

"We struggled a little in the first half, but in the second half we turned it up a notch," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich.

CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 0: Stateranked Livonia Churchill (12-1-3, 8-0-2) completed an unbeaten regular season in the WLAA with a win Wednesday over the Rocks (4-8-1, 3-6-1).

Hannah Otto's goal in the third minute off an assist from Bailey Brandon proved to be the gamewinner. The Chargers added two more goals – Julianne Puroll in the 29th minute (from Callie Mack) and Alyssa Mira (unassisted) in the 46th minute.

Stephanie Turner, who played the first 66 minutes in goal before giving way to Megan Bauman, helped the Chargers post their ninth shutout of the season.

"We were clicking on all cylinders, and everyone that played, played well," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said.

TRACK

eight efforts from Myles White (1st), Dave Simor (3rd) and

Nathan Sergison (6th). The host Chiefs led through the first third of the meet but couldn't sustain the momentum that their stellar crew of field-events competitors built. Canton was sparked by Steve Paye and Nick Moores' 1-2 finish in the discus, Moores' triumph in the shot put and Eric Thornton's first-place high jump effort of 6 feet, 7 inches.

"Our field event guys got us going early in the meet, but we weren't able to place as many guys in the running events as we would have liked," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Overall, we had some of our best times of the year and all of our relay teams had their best times.

"I'm very proud of the guys' effort. We were third until the last race when Cass Tech moved ahead of us."

Kurt Britnell, head coach of the fifth-place Plymouth contingent, was bursting with pride, too, after his team qualified a school-record number of athletes for the June 2 state meet.

"We had nine state-qualifiers tonight and a lot of PR's," said Britnell. "We had five go last year, so we're making strides. The guys are finding out that their hard work is being rewarded."

Britnell was especially pleased for senior hurdler Nate Gholston, whose 14.37 time in the 110-meter high hurdles earned him a trip to East Kentwood, and four-year runner Pat Slavens, who qualified in the two-mile.

"Nate's best time before tonight was 15.1, so he really ran well," said Britnell. "And it's nice to see all the hard work that Pat Slavens has put in get

BOYS TRACK RESULTS

rewarded. He struggled a little last year, but came back strong for his senior season."

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Leading Salem's ninth-place night was senior hurdler Baze Efremov, who placed second in the 110-meter high hurdles.

"Baze's performance was definitely the highlight of our night," said Salem coach Kyle Meteyer. "We're going to take along a few of the guys who are on the verge of qualifying to the state meet and let them see what it's all about."

Three Observerland teams finished out of the top 10: Livonia Franklin was 11th with 24.50, Garden City was 14th (11) and Redford Union (6).

The top two finishers in each event qualified for the Division 1 state meet June 2 in East Kentwood. Athletes who met a pre-determined time or distance in each event also qualified for the state meet.

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in a lot of games. We played the same was against Plymouth and Walled Lake Central. We've been

preaching to them to play every minute like it's the last seven." Powers padded its 1-0 halftime

lead with a goal three minutes into the second stanza when Howarth ripped a high, hard shot into the top left corner of the net over the outstretched arms of Salem goalkeeper Jill Slabey. Howarth was assisted by Megan Rybar.

"I thought we matched up well athletically with Salem," said Powers coach Todd Anagnost. "We went wider on our attack in that I think we got more chances. "Overall, I thought we played well, but I wasn't happy with how the game ended."

the second half and because of

Slabey made a string of solid saves to keep the Rocks within striking distance until she was replaced by sophomore Ashley Tucker with 24:30 left.

Tucker picked up where Slabey left off, making four saves over the final 20 minutes. Her best came with 17:17 to go when she denied Howarth a hat trick from close range.

Katie Shull, one of the Rocks' most explosive scoring threats, was dragged down in the 18-yard box with 6:37 to play, but no penalty was called. Shull was shaken up on the play, but walked off the field on her own power. On the ensuing corner kick, Newton and Behrman hooked up on a highlight-reel goal to bring the hosts back to within 2-1.

"Lindsey has a good leg and is very skillful at bending the ball and putting it where she wants to," said Nora, describing the Rocks' goal. "We've been working on her bending it in there with a little dip at the eight-yard line and she put a great ball in there for Jill, who didn't hesitate, ran in and put it home."

Newton nearly knotted the game at 2-all with 52 seconds left, but her hard shot was smothered by Quaranta.

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DIVISION 1 REGIONAL BOYS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 18 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 107.5 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 96; 3. Detroit Cass Tech, 81; 4. Canton, 78.5; 5. Plymouth, 49.5; 6. Westland John Glenn, 45; 6. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 33.5; 7. (tie) Wayne Memorial and Salem, 29 each; 8. Dearborn Fordson, 28; 9. Livonia Franklin, 24.5; 10. Dearborn, 23.5; 11. Detroit Cody, 20; 12. Garden City, 11; 13. Redford Union, 6.

FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet) Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (Canton), 52 feet, 8 inches; 2. Jon Robinson (LC), 47-10; 3. Bryan Henley (WJG), 46-4; 4. Adam Gorring (WM), 45-0; 5. Steve Paye (Canton), 44-10; 6. Mike Wood (LF), 44-8; 7. Matt Broome (LS), 43-8.5; 8. Nevin Shearer (Dbn.), 43-4.5.

Discus: 1. Paye (Canton), 153-8; 2. Moores (Canton), 146-8; 3. Henley (WJG), 141-0; 4. Robinson (LC), 139-4; 5. Brad Ball (DEF), 138-9; 6. Bilal Baydoun (DF), 138-6; 7. Thomas Myers (LC), 136-11; 8. Gerald Lou (Ply.), 134-5.

High Jump: 1. Eric Thornton (Canton), 6-7; 2. Mitchell White (LS), 6-3; 3. Dan Bellomy (Cass), 6-1; 4. Isaiah Williams (DF), 6-1; 5. (tie) Zachery Snyder (Dbn.) and Jacob McDonald (LC), 5-11 each; 7. Ian Thorton (WJG), 5-11; 8. (tie) Matt Gaedke (DEF) and Israel Woolfork (LF), 5-11 each.

Long jump: 1. Myles White (LS), 21-9; 2. Billy Gutowski (LC), 20-10.75; 3. Dave Simor (LS), 20-6.25; 4. Jace Beardon (Salem), 20-1.5; 5. Nate Sergison (LS), 20-1; 6. Nate Gholston (Ply.), 20-0.5; 7. Shawn Anthony (WJG), 19-8.5; 8. Rodney Dennis (LC), 19-5.5.

Pole vault: 1. Mike Sylvester (LF), 13-10; 2. Brandon Larsen (GC), 13-7; 3. (tie) Joe Tessner (LC) and Derik Peterman (LC), 13-1 each; 5. Ryan Langdon (Canton), 12-7; 6. (tie) Joe Massel (Canton) and Ben Ambrose (Ply.), 12-1 each; 8. Brian Rakovitis (Canton), 11-7. State cut: 12-7.

110-meter hurdles: 1. Same Nasser (DEF), 14.19; 2. Baze Efremov (Salem), 14.36; 3. Nate Gholston (Ply.), 14.37; 4. Myles White (LS), 14.46; 5. Mark Zehner (LC), 15.08; 6. Rico Walker (RU), 15.19; 7. Andrew LaBerge (LC), 15.25; 8. Renaldo Powell (WM), 15.81. State cut: 15.0.

100 dash: 1. Ian Thornton (WJG), 10.94; 2. Pierre West (Cass), 10.94; 3. Teric Jones (Cass), 10.96; 4, Courtney Smith (Cass), 10.98; 5. Steve Eideh (LS), 11.03; ; 6. Ben Roush (DEF), 11.26; 7. Malik Rich (Ply.), 11.44. State cut: 11.0.

200: 1. Julian Easterly (Cass), 22.33; 2. Larry Dawkins (WJG), 22.48; 3. Andrew Manuel (Canton), 22.52; 4. Megal Crowe (WM), 22.54; 5. DeShawn Williams (Cody), 22.74; 6. Kenneth Hall (Cass), 23.3; 7. Sergison (LS), 23.39; 8. Darell Myree (LF), 23.71. State cut: 22.5. 400: 1. David St. Amant (LC), 49.33; 2. Khalid Wells (Cass), 49.55; 3. Dan Cragel (LS), 50.47; 4. Manuel (Canton), 50.56; 5. Derek Buskey

(LS), 51.22; 6. Kevin Cope (Salem), 51.31; 7. Julain Domanico (DF),
 51.36; 8. Curtis Jackson (WJG), 51.64. State cut: 50.5.
 800: 1. Keivin Lewis (WM), 1:57.81; 2. Brandon Grysko (LC), 1:58.98; 3.
 Kyle Wallath (Ply.), 1:59.71; 4. Scott Zech (Canton), 2:00.48; 5. Emory

Moore (Cass), 2:00.89; 6. Matt Rzepka (LS), 2:01.53; 7. Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:02.59; 8. Micheal Turner (Cass), 2:03.91. 1,600: 1. Rzepka (LS), 4:26.71; 2. Kassem Chehab (Dbn.), 4;27.96; 3.

Grysko (LC), 4:30.04; 4. Moore (Cass), 4:31.65; 5. Evan Sirena (LF), 4:37.81; 6. Brian Chambers (GC), 4:37.82; 7. Angel Estrada (DEF), 4:43.23; 8. Justin Huey (Ply.), 4:43.66.

3,200: 1. Omar Saidi (DF), 9:50.2; 2. Pat Slavens (Ply.), 9:51.5; 3. Anthony Scaparo (Ply.), 9:54.58; 4. Kevin deBear (Salem), 9:59.24; 5. Saeed Saleh (DF), 9:59.69; 6. Rob Curtis (Salem), 10:03.67; 7. Sirena (LF), 10:11.6; 8. Joe Varilone (LC), 10:12.43.

400 relay: 1, Cass Tech, 42.98; 2, Cody, 43.61; 3, Plymouth (Gholston, Rich, Connor McKinney, Jenarian Caldwell), 43.8; 4, John Glenn (JuJuan Marks, Thornton, Corey Davis, Dawkins), 43.96; 5, Stevenson, 44.18; 6, Franklin, 44.87; 7, Churchill, 45.09; 8, RU, 45.19, State cut: 44.0.

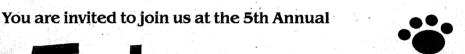
800 relay: 1. Cass, 1:28.63. 2. Churchill (Daniel Widmayer, Gutowski, LaBerge, St. Amant), 1:29.99; 3. Stevenson (Eldeh, Sergison, Cragel, Myles White), 1:30.63; 4. John Glenn, 1:31.36; 5. Wayne, 1:33.31; 6. Edsel Ford, 1:33.82; 7. RU, 1:34.19; 8. Franklin, 1:34.21. State cut: 1:31.1

1,600 relay: 1. Churchill (Gutowski, LaBerge, McDonald, St. Amant), 3:24.25; 2. Stevenson (Buskey, Sergison, Cragel, Rzepka), 3:27.47; 3. Cass, 3:29.45; Canton, 3:30.4; 5. Fordson, 3:32.62; 6. Salem, 3:32.98; 7. Wayne, 3:33.18; 8 Dearborn, 3:34.78. 3,200 relay: 1. Dearborn, 8:03.98; 2. Churchill (Grysko, St. Amant,

3,200 relay: 1. Dearborn, 8:03.98; 2. Churchill (Grysko, St. Amant, Brian Robertson, Eric Puroll), 8:07.59; Cass, 8:09.12; 4. Plymouth (Wallath, Huey, Matt Lewandowski, Scaparo), 8:09.78; 5. Stevenson, 8:10.93; 6. Canton, 8:33.0; 7. Wayne, 8:35.89; 8. Edsel Ford, 8:58.38.

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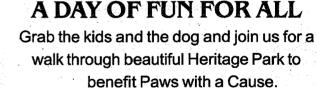
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GIRLS TRACK RESULTS

DIVISION 1 REGIONAL GIRLS TRACK & FIELD MEET May 18 at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Churchill, 167.5; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 90.5; 3. Livonia Franklin, 77.5; 4. Plymouth, 71; 5. Detroit Cody, 70; 6. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 56; 7. Westland John Glenn, 44; 8. Detroit Cass Tech, 24; 9. Dearborn, 18; 10. Canton, 12.5; 11. Salem, 12; 12. Garden City, 10; 13. Dearborn Fordson, 6; 14. Wayne Memorial, 3; 15. (tie) Redford Union and Detroit Western, 0. FINAL RESULTS

(top 2 qualify for state meet) Shot put: 1. Kyndra Abron (LC), 38 feet, 8 inches; Z. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 38-2; 3. Robyn Whalen (LF), 37-9.25; 4. Ashley Price (LF), 34-7; 5. Rvan Anderson (WJG). 34-4: 6. Chrystien Guyton (P), 34-3; 7. Becky Bartek (LS), 33-0; 8. Kailee Hobbins (LC), 31-8. State cut: 35-10.

Discus: 1.Whalen (LF), 132 feet, 2 inches; 2. Krupsky (LC), 120-7; 3. Hobbins (LC), 102-6; 4 Kristin Avedisian (DEF), 99-0; 5. Kristen Becker (GC), 98-11; 6. Colette Fodera (LS), 95-4; 7. Bartek (LS), 94-9; 8. Nicole Bergeski (LC), 93-6.

High jump: 1. Brittany Petty (Ply.), 5-2; 2. Colleen Noble (Dbn.), 5-2; 3. Shaakira Haywood (Ply.), 5-0; 4. (tie) Meghan Matheny (Canton) and Michelle Gaedke (DEF), 4-9 each; 6. (tie) Kara Piorkowski (LS), Jackie Gribeck (LC), Oliva Amend (DEF) and Liz Hollaway (LF), 4-9 each. Long jump: 1. Elise Glass (DEF), 17-4.5; 2. Stephanie Okolo (Ply.), 16-8; 3. Megan Wilson (LF), 16-1.5; 4. Chanel Payne (WJG), 15-8.75; 5. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 15-8; 6. Allie Plisko (LS), 15-7; 7. Jill Morton (Ply.) 15-4.25; 8. Ashley Montgomery (WJG), 15 1.75.

Pole vault: 1. Marla Winkler (LS), 10-8; 2. Kristin Zgorecki (LC), 10-4; 3. Eren Ural (LC), 10-0; 4. Meghan Powers (LF), 9-4; 5. Beah Knisely (Ply.), 9-0; 6. Anne Dearth (Dbn.), 8-8: 7. Alexa VanVliet (Salem), 8-2: 8. Jamie Marihugh (LC), 8-2. State cut: 9-4. 100-meter hurdles: 1. Raven Clay (Cody), 14.02; 2. Shelby Ramsey (Cody), 15.16; 3. Aniece Glover (Cody), 15.54; 4. Dominique Brown (Cody), 15.61; 5. Casey Lynett (LF), 16.02; 6. Tauri Rothermel (LC), 16.15; 7. Brittany Gentile (LS), 16.29; 8. Leila Awad (DF), 17.11. State cut:15.7.

300 hurdles: 1. Clay (Cody), 45.83; 2. Rothermel (LC), 46.44; 3. Lynett (LF), 47.66; 4. Awad (DF), 49.39; 5. Becky Adamcheck, 49.55; 6. Ramsey (Cody), 50.07; 7. Gentile (L\$), 50.59; 8. Aneice Glover (Cody), 50.7. State cut: 47.4.

100 dash: 1. Glass (DEF), 11.98; 2. Ashley Parker (WJG), 12.23; 3. Julie Hersey (Ply.), 12.62; 4. Doneisha Flowers (Cody), 12.64; 5. Angel Garner (Cody), 12.65; 6. Shayla Dobbins (Cass), 12.88; 7. Jill Morton (Ply.), 13.11; 8. Mandi Coppola (LC), 13.45. State cut:

200 dash: 1. Glass (DEF), 25.01; 2. Ashley Parker (WJG), 26.24; 3. Doneisha Flowers (Cody), 27.21; 4. Sarah LaBerge (LC), 27.37; 5. Angel Garner (Cody), 27.40; 6. Wilson (LF), 27.64; 7. Brittany Haist (GC), 27.91. 400 dash: 1. Brittany Mrozek (LS), Nicole Thornsberry (LC), 1:01.91; 3. Beth Swanberg (Canton), 1:02.23; 4. Ashley Butkowski (LF),

1:02.51; 5. Caitlin Heaney (Salem), 1:03.06; 6. Samar Aoude (LC), 1:03.15; 7. Jeriesha Tucker (Cass Tech), 1:03.89; 8. Denee Meier (LS), 1:04.18. 800 run: 1. Sara Kroll (LC), 2:23.46; 2.

Rachel McFarlane (LC), 2:24.07; 3. Allison Milican (LF), 2:26.21; 4. Kristen Frey (LS), 2:26.21; 5. Stephanie Ferrante (DEF), 2:27.19; 6. Katie Glynn (LS), 2:27.62; 7. Lindsey Graciak (LC), 2:28.45; 8. Antia Cain (Cass Tech), 2:31.22.

1,600 run: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 5:08.38; 2. McFarlane (LC), 5:13.33; 3. Kroll (LC), 5:22.47; 4. Erica Hope (LC), 5:34.70; 5. Megan Czerwinski (Dbn.), 5:37.24; 6. Kelley Determan (Salem), 5:39.24; 7. Courtney Plummer (GC), 5:44.81; 8. Lauren Ahearn (Ply.), 5:47.34.

3,200 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (Ply.), 11:28.70; 2. McFarlane (LC), 11:36.90; 3. Megan Maceratini (LC), 11:37.39; 4. Kari Saarela (LF), 11:43.54; 5. Calka (LS), 11:47.02; 6. Molly Slavens (Ply.), 12:05.24; 7.Czerwinski (Dbn.), 12:11.49; 8. Stephanie Perez (LS), 12:12.03. State cut: 11.40.5. 400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Payne, Ashley Montgomery, Lakeysha Smith, Parker), 50.68: 2. Cody, 50.76: 3. Churchili (Nicole Thornsberry, Sarah LaBerge, Rothermel, Coppola), 50.91; 4. Plymouth, 51.41; 5. Cass Tech, 51.42; 6. Franklin, 53.14; 7. Stevenson, 53.25; 8. Edsel Ford, 53.55. State cut: 51.1. 800 relay: 1. Churchill (Milan Boyer, Thornsberry, LaBerge, Mandi Coppola), 1:47.82; 2. John Glenn, 1:48.14 (Payne, Montgomery, Smith, Parker); 3. Cass Tech, 1:48.89; 4. Stevenson, 1:50.16; 5. Plymouth, 1:51.54; 6. Wayne Memorial, 1:53.93; 7. Edsel Ford, 1:54.19; 8. Dearborn, 1:54.47. 1.600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Denee Meier, Brooke Knochel, Courtney Calka, Brittany Mrozek), 4:10.58; 2, Churchill (Aoude, Thornsberry, Liz Buttery, Rothermei), 4:10.70: 3. Franklin, 4:11.43: 4. Edsel Ford. 4:14.58; 5. Cass Tech, 4:19.17; 6. Salem, 4:26.31; 7. Plymouth, 4:27.41; 8. Canton,

4:27.98 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Courtney Calka, Kristen Frey, Katie Glynn, Sarah Opdyke), 9:46.78: 2. Churchill (Graciak, Hope, Sarah Niezgoda, Kroll), 9:53.73; 3. Franklin, 10:05.11; 4. Plymouth, 10:11.10; 5. Cass Tech, 10:22.85; 6. Edsel Ford, 10:44.75; 7. Garden City, 11:09.26; 8. Canton, 11:11.14.

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Churchill girls earn Regional T&F crown Plymouth runners place 4th behind 3 Livonia schools

STAFF WRITER

The big question heading into Friday's Division 1 Regional 5 girls track and field meet at the **Plymouth-Canton Educational** Park wasn't "Who's going to win?"

It was more like, "By how many points will Livonia Churchill win?'

The answer: plenty. The Chargers defended their

2006 Regional title in dominating fashion by racking up a whopping 167.50 points - 77 more than nunner-up Livonia Stevenson.

Rounding out the top 10 were Livonia Franklin (77.50), Plymouth (71), Detroit Cody (70), Dearborn Edsel Ford (56), Westland John Glenn (44). Detroit Cass Tech (24), Dearborn (18) and Canton (12.50).

The Chargers ran away with the crown thanks to their incredible depth, which is on display at every Churchill practice, said head coach Keith McDonald.

"Our practices are very competitive," said McDonald. "The kids push each other to do better and because of the depth we have, they have to work hard in practice or they know they won't be competing for the varsity in the dual meets.

"We were solid in every event and everybody did what they had to do tonight. We had 16 or 17 qualify for the state meet and all four of our relays qualified, so I was very pleased with our effort."

The Chargers earned firstplace points in three events: the shot put, which Kyndra Abron won with a heave of 38 feet, 8 inches; the 800-meter relay (Milan Bover, Nicole Thornsberry, Sarah LaBerge and Mandi Coppola); and the 800meter run, which Sara Kroll took in 2:23.46. The champions slammed the door on their competition by placing second in 10 of the remaining 11 events.

Stevenson head coach Kelly Graham was pleased with her team's second-place effort ---especially the Spartans' down-tothe-wire victory in the 1,600meter relay when the Spartans' final runner, Courtney Calka, outleaned the Churchill and Franklin anchors in one of the night's most exciting races.

"That was a nice way to end the night," said Graham.

"I was pleased with how things went tonight for the most part. We had a lot of girls seeded so the opportunity was there for points and medals. We had five or six Regional champions, so it's hard to be disappointed with that."

Graham said she knew following the early-season Livonia City Meet that Churchill would be extremely tough to bring down.

"They're just way too deep for us or any other team in this Regional," she said. "I told Keith after the City Meet that I thought they were better than they were last year, and they won the Regional last year by quite a big margin."

The Spartans turned in goldmedal efforts in the pole vault (Marla Winkler), the 3,200meter relay (Calka, Kristen Frey,

Katie Glynn, Sarah Opdyke), the 1,600-meter run (Calka), the 400-meter dash (Brittany Mrozek) and the 1,600-meter relay (Denee Meier, Brooke Knochel, Calka and Mrozek).

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Â. Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell said the Wildcats exceeded his pre-meet expectations.

"The girls surprised me a little tonight," he said. "I thought a middle-of-the-pack finish would be good for them, but for the first half of the night we were in second or third place. To finish fourth in a Regional with all those outstanding Livonia schools - I couldn't be more proud of a team."

Leading the Wildcats' charge to the top-quarter of the standings was senior Brittany Petty, who won the high jump with a 5-2 effort, and freshman Kelly Hahn, who won the 3,200-meter . run in 11:28.70.

Observerland squads that finished out of the top 10 were Salem (12 points), Garden City (10), Wayne Memorial (3) and Redford Union (0)*



Lineberry blanks Patriots

Plymouth sophomore Brad Lineberry threw a five-hit complete game shutout Friday as the Wildcats (12-12, 6-4) downed host Livonia Franklin (6-18, 3-7), 5-0, in a WLAA-Western Division game.

Lineberry (3-10, struck out five and walked only two to earn his

second shutout. Losing pitcher Sean Sciba **PREP BASEBALL**

seven innings, tossing a five-hitter Wednesday as host Wayne Memorial (9-16) snapped a sixgame losing streak with a win over the Rocks (9-14).

Collop, who missed the last two weeks with a shoulder injury, allowed one earned run. He struck out four and walked four. "I could tell before the game started that the team was excited to have Collop back and I think that confidence in him helped us win this close game," Wayne coach Frank Garcia said. The Zebras tallied the gamewinning run in the bottom of the seventh on a single by Mike Green, followed by two walks to load the bases, and a sacrifice fly from Jack Zimmerman. Wayne tied the game in the sixth on a walk to Zimmerman, a sacrifice bunt by Jon Smoes and a single by Eric Schmitt. Green went 3-for-4 with an RBI. Tim Siegfried added two hits, including a double and two RBI. Clint Cavanaugh also contributed two hits and knocked in a run. Losing pitcher Sam Ott, the Salem starter, went three innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits. He fanned five. Brad Way homered in the fourth for Salem to tie the game. Steve Pydyn added a double. CHURCHILL 8, PLYMOUTH 2: Bryon Niemczak was the winning pitcher and helped his own cause by going 2-for-3 with three RBI Wednesday as Livonia Churchill (11-14) defeated the host Wildcats (11-12) in a Western Lakes crossover.

allowed five hits, walked four and struck out eight in going all seven as well. Each team committed three errors

Plymouth tallied three unearned runs in the second inning keyed by Ben Kosmalski's two-run single. The Wildcats added an unearned run in the third and went up 5-0 on Matt Skubik's RBI sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Tyler Canyock went 2-for-4 for the Patriots.

CHURCHILL 5, SALEM 1: Vinny Carozza pitched a three-hit complete game Friday to lift Livonia Churchill (12-14, 3-7) to the WLAA-Lakes Division triumph Friday over the visiting Rocks (9-16, 4-6).

Carozza struck out two and did not allow a walk.

Tyler Cotter went 2-for-4 with a triple to pace the Chargers' seven-hit attack. Bryon Niemczak also collected a hit and had an RBI.

Sam Ott homered in the fourth inning for Salem.

Losing pitcher Brad Way went the first four innings, allowing five runs on six hits. He fanned three. Reliever Dan Cassidy pitched two scoreless innings, allowing only one hit.

WAYNE 5, SALEM 4: Starting pitcher Ryan Collop went all

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'Cats improve to 17-3 with 8-0 win over Pats

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

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Plymouth's surging softball team is just one victory away from its second-consecutive berth in the Western Lakes Activities Association conference championship game - maybe.

The Wildcats (17-3 overall and 8-2 in the Division) whitewashed Livonia Franklin, 8-0, Friday afternoon at home to keep their hopes alive for a WLAA Western Division title. The Patriots dropped to 18-9 and 4-6, respectively. The Plymouth victory coupled with Canton's 3-0 loss to Northville on Friday left the Wildcats and Mustangs tied atop the division at 8-2 while the Chiefs slipped to 7-3. The first tie-breaker is head-to-head and both teams split the season series.

The second tie-breaker is overall conference record. Northville is 14-2 in the WLAA and Plymouth is 13-2 heading into Tuesday's make-up game against Walled Lake Central. League representatives

believed that the third tie-breaker was whichever of the two deadlocked teams won the most recent game, which would give the edge to Plymouth - if they beat the Vikings on Tuesday but this was not confirmed as of Friday night.

One thing is certain - Livonia Stevenson has advanced to the title game from the Lakes Division after compiling a 9-1 division record.

Megan Patterson paced the Wildcats in Friday's win as she threw a complete-game two-hitter at the Pats. Patterson struck out two and walked just one batter.

The Wildcats scored six runs in the first and two in the fifth. Erin Rodes (2-for-3, run) and Amy Bondy (2-for-3, two runs) led the 'Cats' offensive attack.

PLYMOUTH 14, CHURCHILL 4: Erin Rodes went 3-for-4 with a double and Kim Klonowski contributed two hits Wednesday as the Wildcats (16-3) rolled to a six-inning mercy rule triumph over host Livonia Churchill (12-13) in a WLAA crossover.

Hilary Antal doubled twice for the Chargers, while Katie Stodulski added an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Ally Ciotti and Meghan Patterson combined on a four-hitter. Each went three innings, allowing a total of four walks, two hit batters and two Ks. Losing pitcher Julie Lewandowski allowed seven runs on four hits and five walks over two innings. She also hit two batter. Jordan Kerr, who gave up seven runs on four hits, three walks and a hit batter, worked the final four innings.

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Salem's softball squad turns its season around

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BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Teams that start the season with a 2-9 record can sulk, hang their heads and count the days until the season comes to a merciful end.

Or they can do what Salem's softball team has done the past month: stay upbeat, stay focused and start beating up on opponents.

The Rocks' turn-around season continued to flourish on Wednesday and Thursday when they reeled off victories over Wayne Memorial (16-0), Ann Arbor Pioneer (2-1). On Friday, Salem dropped a 7-3 decision to Livonia Churchill, leaving its record at 14-12 overall and $\tilde{6}$ -4 in the Lakes Division.

Churchill (13-13, 3-7) unloaded for 16 hits Friday against the Rocks.

Emily McShane led the assault going 3-for-4 with three RBI. Katie Stodulski and Katina St. Pierre each went 3for-4 with an RBI apiece. Paula Guzik also was 3-for-4.

Winning pitcher Jordan Kerr worked all seven innings, scattering nine hits and a walk. She fanned three.

Salem starter Kelly MacDonald was roughed up for five runs on nine hits. Melissa Leach went the final five innings, allowing two runs on seven hits.

Christina Parsons and Kelly Behr each collected two hits for the Rocks.

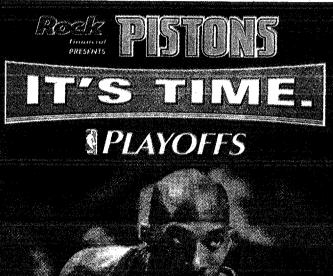
Wednesday's shellacking of Wayne last just four innings due to the MHSAA 15-run mercy rule — much to the delight of the Zebras. MacDonald earned the win in grand style as she tossed a nohitter while walked five and striking out eight.

Salem's offense was running on all cylinders as the Rocks ripped 13 hits and drew four walks.

Behr ignited the big day with a first-inning, over-the-fence home run and a single.

Joining Behr in the hitting zone were Abby Pairitz (3-for-4, four RBI), Kait McKinley





Canton softball team drops heartbreaker

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Northville's Sarah Rounsifer caught one pitching gem and ruined another Friday afternoon.

The Mustangs' senior catcher slugged a dramatic oppositefield. three-run home run with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning to give Northville a 3-0 victory over Canton.

The victory enabled Northville to stay alive in the race for first in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division as it improved to 8-2. On the flipside, the 7-3 Chiefs' hopes for a title were squashed. The first 7-and-a-half innings were dominated by both teams' hurlers: the Mustangs' Allison Holmes, who finished

The Chiefs' bats appeared locked in early on as they loaded the bases with in the first on hits from Ali Taylor, Payne and Stephanie Sadek, but Holmes recorded the first of her six strikeouts to extinguish Canton's threat.

stranded when Holmes retired the next three batters in order.

two unbelievable defensive plays with a diving grab in right. Canton pieced together a

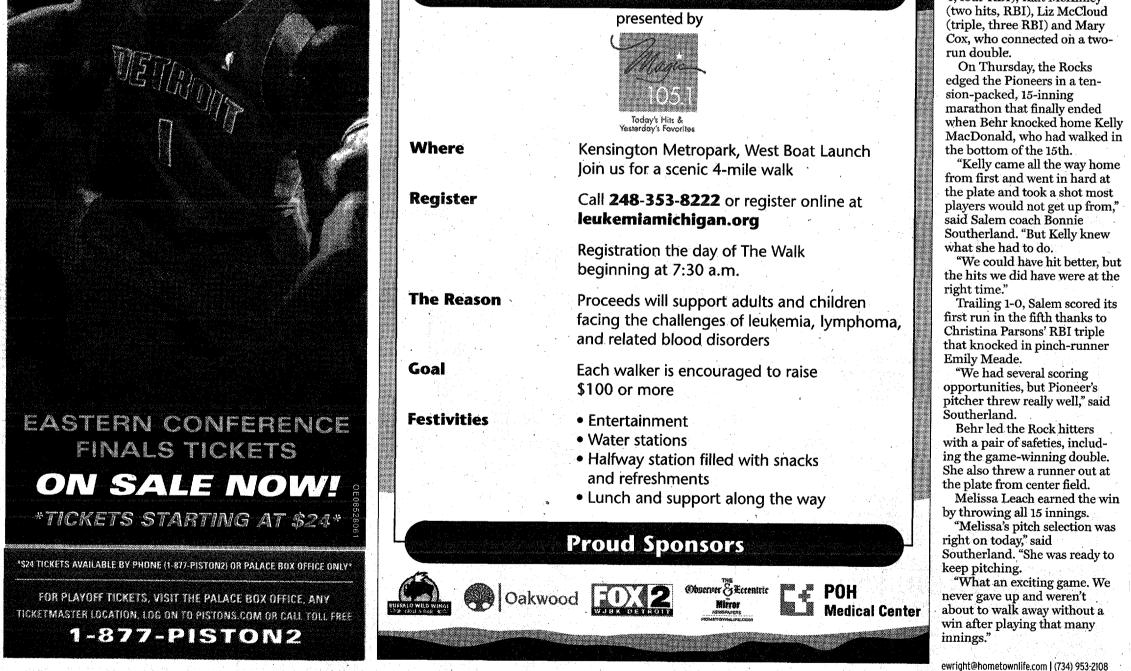
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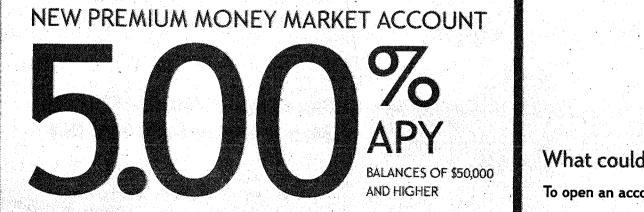
with a seven-hit shutout, and Canton's Hilary Payne, who scattered just four hits prior to the Mustangs' three-run eighth.

Nicole Rago led off Canton's fifth with a double, but was

Rago then made the first of in the game when she robbed Brittany Birdsall of a sure triple

potential rally in the seventh, however, with runners on first





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Planning to avert school shootings is impractical

BY DAVID HOPPER

Never again.

Politicians and special interest groups made that their mantra during the weeks following the tragic shooting at Columbine High School. But it did happen again, and again and again. And it's really too bad that liberals wag their fingers at the NRA and conservatives slap the wrists of bad television.

Meanwhile students, teachers, parents, relatives and friends of victims are left with questions. The outspoken demand answers,



but can't provide their own. While the "big wigs"

debate behind closed doors. throwing statistics and dollar signs at each other, students are caught in between, and questions of student security are raised. Virginia Tech has once

again driven home a point that should have been learned seven years ago in Colorado: It is impossible,

david hopper

impractical and irrational to even attempt to secure and protect an educational setting from a school shooter.

Columbine High School, Virginia Tech and Plymouth-Canton's own high schools maintain a regular staff of jumpsuit-clad security. But a thousand-to-one student to security ratio is poor odds for the "Men in Black."

The fact remains that the only way to secure an area that spans several acres is by having an army of police officers and psychol-ogists stand shoulder-length apart around the entire perimeter, frisking and psychoanalyzing any people and animals that attempt to enter school property to see if they are a potential threat to themselves or others.

Even if taxpayers let that financial burden slide, the inconvenience would negate the very purpose of a school: To learn.

As is, schools waste enough time preparing for a shooting. For those who haven't had the privilege to rehearse a "Code Red" drill, lights are turned off and students quietly press themselves against the wall so the "shooter" can't see them. Besides the fact that the student shooter - who will have rehearsed the drill many times himself or herself - will know exactly what's going on, the plan just might work. Perhaps they'll just think the entire school is on a field trip. Or maybe



students the opportunity to make a difference

> **BY GABRIELLE ZUZO** STUDENT JOURNALIST

Little hands can make a big difference. For proof, just look at the community service clubs that students participate in at Bentley and Isbister Elementary schools. The Grateful Isbister Volunteers Everyday Club, also known as the GIVE Club, and the Bentley Care Club both teach children to understand the importance of helping others

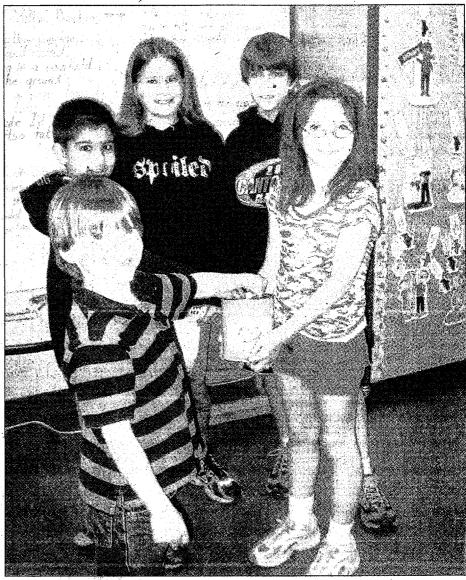
The Bentley Care Club is inspired by the gabrielle zuzo

children involved and how they desire to make a difference in the world. The kids come up with the service ideas and the

teachers help the projects along.

At first they started in their own backyard, but soon branched out to projects that would help others throughout Michigan, across the country and all over the world. In the past they have collected money for victims of

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Students of the Bentley Elementary School Care Club recently collected money for the Humane Society. They have also held fund-raisers for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and the Asian tsunami, and sent Girl Scout cookies to the troops overseas.

Girl Scouts step out and help victims of domestic abuse

BY KELLY CLAWSON STUDENT JOURNALIST

On a recent

Sunday, more

than 700 Girl

Scouts of

pating troops brought various donations, including products such as diapers, soaps, clothing, and shampoo. For the last 12 years, members of the non-profit organization have been hosting Stepping Out in efforts to shed light on domestic violence and raise money to help victims. First Step has a community counseling and resource center in Canton. The Scouts wanted to raise awareness on domestic abuse and involved First Step. Theresa Bizoe, First Step assistant director, said that Stepping Out is "a true example of Girl Scouts being a sister to all women. Their service really sends a message to our survivors that society cares for them." According to the Julian Center, there are 3,800 animal shelters



they'll think it's a Saturday.

The fact is drills can take up an entire class hour, time that could be spent learning and preparing for the future. Instead, schools decide to fear an unlikely threat in the present.

So what should be done to protect students? Well, parents could home-school their children in bomb shelters or place their kid in a Kevlar bubble that rolls around. Hamsters seem to enjoy those.

Less drastic options include implementing common sense.

No matter what CNN's coverage might imply, the probability of a school shooting ever occurring at your school, much less when you or your student are there, is a fraction of a percent. And even then, the odds that you survive are pretty good. Students are more likely to die in a car crash any day of the week, but you don't wet your pants every time you buckle up.

There are risks inherent in everything we do. And to enjoy the privileges we have as Americans, we can assume these risks. Otherwise, the school shooter has already won

It's an impractical idea to think that teachers, principals and psychologists are going to catch the shooters.

Students need to be aware of their surroundings, assuming nothing and trusting their gut feeling. If a kid seems like they might initiate a shooting, say something.

The only thing that can stop a student from hurting a student is another student. Security might help out too, but don't count on it. They're making sure everyone puts their iPods away.

David Hopper is a junior at Plymouth High School.



America came together in Plymouth's Kellogg Park for Stepping Out. Designed to raise awareness

about domestic kelly clawson violence, this

year's festivities had a medieval, Renaissance fair theme. There were several activities run by older girls, in which the younger girls could participate, including face painting, maypole dancing, and a trebuchet.

As a contribution to First Step, the girls from each of the particiin the United States, but only

Lizabeth Giles, left, and Kristen Christenson, both members of Girl Scouts Troop 900, have participated in Stepping Out for several years. 1,500 shelters for battered

women.

Organizations such as First Step provide a safe haven for victims of abuse. Oftentimes, these victims must leave with little warning and have few personal items. The donations through Stepping Out are meant to help provide them with basic necessities.

Troops with younger girls come each year to participate in the Stepping Out games and activities, walk, and raise awareness about an issue that impacts

people from all walks of life. Some girls, including Lizabeth Giles, have been a part of Stepping Out for years, first to walk and do activities, and then to help lead the games for younger Scouts.

When asked why she kept coming each year, Lizabeth said, "because you can help people and have fun, too."

For more information in First Step call 1-888-453-5900.

Kelly Clawson is a senior at Canton High School.

Many kids 'addicted' to Guitar Hero video game

BY CARLEE BARACKMAN STUDENT JOURNALIST

Throughout the area, teens are grabbing plastic guitars and acting like rock stars for hours on end.

Their wrists become sore and they have trouble walking away after only a few hours of this virtual music video game. This ailment is commonly referred to as the "Guitar Hero Addiction."

"Sometimes, it's hard to guit the game," said Plymouth High School junior Ashley Becszlko. "I always want one more try to beat a song."

Guitar Hero, and a variation of Dance Dance Revolution game, has a game controller different than other PlayStation II and XBox 360 games. Guitar Hero has a controller resembling a Mini Gibson SG guitar with five colored fret buttons and a

"strum bar."

There are 47 playable songs in the system and 64 songs in its sequel, Guitar Hero II.

Popular tunes include: "I Love Rock & Roll," "Take Me Out," "Ace Of Spades," "Heart Shaped Box," "Message In a Bottle," "You Really Got Me" and an encore song of "Sweet Child of Mine." In both games there are four levels: easy, medium, hard, and

expert.

"I haven't beat(en) all the songs on expert yet," Becszlko said. "I don't have enough speed."

Mike Barretta, a senior at Plymouth High School, has become known for being a skilled Guitar Hero player.

"It only took me a couple months to beat the game (on the

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COMMUNITY CALENDAK

AROUND TOWN

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.

St. John the Baptist 100th Anniversary

 St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit celebrates its 100th anniversary with a jubilee banquet 1 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan in Warren. Cost is \$50. For more information, e-mail Joseph Szafranski at joseph_szafranski@msn.com or call (248) 661-0099.

Grade School Reunion

In conjunction with its 100th anniversary, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit hosts a reunion of all former students of the parish grade school (1940s to 1980s). The event takes place 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 22, at the St. Josaphat Banquet Center, 26440 Ryan (one block south of I-696) in Warren. Cost is \$45. For more information e-mail Eugenia Tkacz at genia46@juno.com or call (734) 284-2159. Deadline for tickets is Friday, June 1.

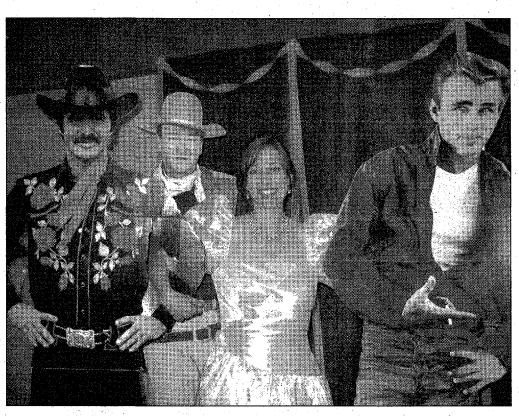
Tarzan Day

Individuals with disabilities are invited to join Tarzan in searching for hidden treasures, while having climbing the Treasure Tree, making a craft and enjoying a snack from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 9, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center. Fee is \$5 for Wayne County residents; \$6 for others. Pre-registration with payment is required by June 6. Participants are invited to dress in the theme - monkeys, birds, Jane, safari hunter, etc. Contact Margaret Martin at (734) 722-7620 or mmartin@ci.westland.mi.us. Gallery exhibit

The Lawrence Street Gallery will be exhibiting the works of Donna J. Engstrom and Mary Macey, from May 29-June 30. The public is invited to the opening artists' reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 1. "Intimate Views" is a joint mother-daughter exhibit featuring mixed media pieces by Donna J Engstrom and photography by her daughter, Mary Macey, Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward in Ferndale, in the second block south of 9 Mile on Woodward's east side. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For more information, visit the gallery's Web site at

www.lawrencestreetgallery.com Suburban GOP Women meet

The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host a presentation of Lia Sophia Jewelry available for purchase during its meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday,



One date isn't enough

Canton's Betsy Crapps posed with her "dates" – cardboard cutouts of Burt Reynolds, John Wayne, and James Dean – at the April 27 Mom Prom, a ladies night out at St. Thomas a Becket Church. There were no men at the event, as husbands had to stay home with the kids, according to Crapps. The women wore their old prom gowns or bridesmaid's dresses. There was a tackiest dress contest and a game to crown the new prom queen. All the proceeds raised from the event were donated to the Wayne County Family Center.

May 24, at the Pic-A-Bone Restaurant, 39325 Six Mile in Livonia. Cost is \$12. For reservations and menu selection, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

Pet Adoption Day

The fourth-annual Pet Adoption Day takes place 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Gone to the Dogs, 22497 Heslip in Novi. For more information, visit www.gonetothedogsnovi.com on the Web or call (248) 347-9081.

VNA Volunteers

For a unique and truly rewarding life experience, we invite you to become a Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan hospice volunteer. We are in search of kind, compassionate individuals to help support our patients and families in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The next training session is June 9, 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In as little as 2-4 hours per week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free 18-hour comprehensive training program over a three-day period is provided. All training takes place at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600.

Registration is required. Call toll free (800) 882-5720, ext 8361/direct (248) 967-8361or visit www.vna.org <http://www.vna.org/>

Music Together classes

Harmony and Me will offer free Music Together sample classes at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 22 and at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., May 24. Music Together is an early childhood music and movement program for children and their parents/caregivers. Siblings are welcomed and encouraged to attend classes with older siblings. Advanced registration is required, and spaces are limited. Please call (248) 489-9330 or go to

www.HarmonyAndMeKids.com to reserve your space. Summer classes begin June 20 - Aug. 2.

Western Wayne Genealogical Society The Western Wayne County. Genealogical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 21, at the Civic Park-Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. Speaker Carl Katafiasz of Monroe will discuss "French Canadian, Polish, and Name Changes." At 6:30 p.m. will be a DVD presentation "Ancestors: Discovering Your Heritage, episode 2; Family Records." Meetings are open to the public, guests welcome. Visit http://www.rootsweb.com/~miwwcgs/ or call Margie as 734-522-4050. 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, full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extendedday 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 reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 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. 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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Post Polio Clinic

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

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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.

Canton Newcomers

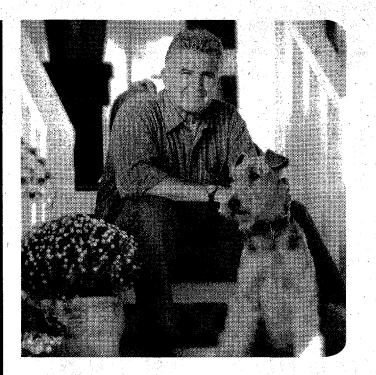
The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker of an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking,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

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every 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).

Plymouth Newcomers

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors playgroups for children ages 0-5 meet several times during the week at member homes and occasional special events. Come meet new parents while your kids meet their own new friends! For details, contact Janet Keller at (734) 451-1840 or robertplusjanet@aol.com



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Hurricane Katrina and earthquake victims in India, adopted an animal at the zoo, have written letters to children in the hospital and sent 75 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to our armed forces in the Middle East.

In their most recent project, they took up a collection for the Humane Society, which fourth grade students decided on after hearing a presentation from one of the society's representatives. They felt that the cause was a worthy one, and the issue of helping animals was important to them.

Because the students bring forth issues they feel strongly about, they feel empowered by the difference they can make. When asked why they wanted to help others, students had many

responses.

"The golden rule is to treat others how you want to be treated," said Olivia, a first grade student at Bentley.

Cassidy, a Bentley fourth grader offered, "Kids have the power."

The Bentley Care Club is not exclusive to one group of students, but instead free for everyone, kindergarten through fifth grade to become involved with.

The GIVE Club at Isbister is similar to Bentley's club. The program started during the 2000-01 school year and has taken off.

Allowing the students to give back to others, the GIVE Club participates in a number of services including Kids Against Hunger, blood drives, collecting pennies for patients for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, bake sales and car washes. The GIVE Club has had many

collections, including a book drive for Mott Children's

Hospital, school supplies for children in Africa, can drives for First Step and the Salvation Army, and an annual Giving Tree during the holiday season.

"Our school, the students and families are very blessed. The GIVE Club is a way for our students to give back," said James Buhro, a leader of the GIVE Club program. Through these initiatives, children learn that it's wonderful to help other people.

Unlike in high school, community service is not required for elementary students. The hope is the lessons they learn will continue on with them into the future. As Paxton, a fourth grader at Bentley, puts it, "It's good to help."

Gabrielle Zuzo is a junior at Plymouth High School.

LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the library's list of best-sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750

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The "Music in the Air" concert

1. "At the Center of the Storm," George Tenet

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3. "God is Not Great," Christopher Hitchens 4. "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle," Barbara Kingsolver with Steven L. Hopp and Camille

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3. "Ten Little Wishes," Andrea Alban Coaline 4. "Mark's Messy Room," Geraldine Eischner 5. "Wolf! Wolf!" John Rocco

CONCERT SCHEDULE

June 8 – The Bel Airs play the greatest hits of the 1950s and 1960s.

🖬 June 15 – Michael King Band. one of metro Detroit's most celebrated artists. ■ June 22 – Doug Deming and

the Jeweltones help listeners chase away the blues. June 29 – Harper, originally

from Australia, brings his international flavor of bluesrock to the park in Plymouth. July 6 – Redhill, Detroit's original Detroit Country band. July 20 – Randy Brock Group with the blues, the blues and nothing but the blues.

July 27 – Sarah Lenore Band, featuring Plymouth's hometown star.

Aug. 3 – Trilogy, where 30 years of great songs plus six great guys equals a great night.

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expert level)." He said. "I don't play that much, about three days a week, and an hour or so a day."

Becszlko, on the other hand, is guilty of not being able to walk away from the game, playing about five hours a week.

"I don't get to play as much as I want to because of volleyball, but on weekends I tear it up," she said enthusiastically. I consider myself an addict."

Becszlko's greatest accomplishment with the game is having just one more song to beat on Guitar Hero II's expert level.

The Mini Gibson SG controller's five fret buttons are each colored differently to match up accordingly with the frets at the button on the screen while playing. To play a note, a player must hold the correct fret buttons down and strum the "strum bar" simultaneously. The controller has a fabric strap used to help hold it and is connected to the

PlayStation via a cord. A cordless controller is also available in most stores that sell Guitar Hero games.

"It was really hard to get started at first. My pinkie finger wasn't long enough to reach the last fret button while trying to play on expert," said. Christine Milo, Plymouth High School junior. "I improved a lot after practice."

Milo is new to playing Guitar Hero and was introduced to it through friends and "nights of playing with everyone else."

Within a few hours, a player can accomplish beating a whole level and play songs that are four to five minutes long on the Expert Level.

There is nothing that exhausts my fingers quite like this," Barretta said, while admitting that he has an arthritis-like feel after playing. Becszlko agreed that the

game could be tiring. "This is almost like a sport," she said. "You should stretch beforehand."

Carlee Barackman is a junior at Plymouth High School.

Young musicians wanted for orchestra

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The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2007-2008 school year 10:20 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Friday; June 15, and 10:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton. Appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office at (734) 451-2112.

Auditions are open to string students age 9 and up with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass and percussion students age 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan.

Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice.

Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

To schedule an audition or for more information, call (734) 451-2112 or send e-mail to jane@plymouthsymphony.org.





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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids until 2:00 pm, June 12, 2007 at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI. The bid opening will be at 2:00 pm, June 12, 2007 for the following:

City Hall Exterior Restoration and Painting

Bids shall be delivered to and the bid opening will take place at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

11 bands rock Canton Summit

BY SARAH WOODS

The Canton Summit has as much appeal as any recreation center: Built for jocks, yet striv-ing for more. It has the standard pool, gym, locker rooms and other features common for exercise, but a quick turn around reveals an exquisite banquet hall with a ballroomesque feel.

The room is bulging with an excess of space. It's a perfect place for a band show.

The banquet hall offers an oversized, yet underfurnished, room. It features two stages parallel to each other, giving easy access and smooth transitions for bands.

On March 30, each band played around a 20-minute set, giving the show a brisk speed. The show only cost \$5 - a reasonable price to see 11 bands in three hours.

With the large space, somehow filled with an even more expansive noise, the show only could deplete my hearing further. Some bands were tasteless, repetitive and to be quite frank, time fillers; other bands

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bands, an open mind was plausible but not always appealing. A good number of the bands offered an aura of originality, whether or not someone's choice of music was compatible with the bands, the band on stage commanded attention.

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I arrived in the middle of Hedorah's set. The song I stepped into was bursting with lush melodies and a thick beat. Although there were no vocals resonating, it was perfection. The next band that caught my attention was Lyra. With strong, deep vocals, their songs were striking and ear-shattering.

Both bands were mood pleasers, and glued my feet to the floor, pondering what exuberant bass line would trail in next.

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The last two bands in the show were loved by the crowd. They made you want more and kept everyone's energy up. The first, Violets for Verona, had only played one previous show. With strong lyrics in the song My Words Are My Weapons, they drew one of the biggest crowds of the bands there. They were energetic with a loud chaotic sound and pulsating beats.

The second band was Never Turn Back. The band's lead vocalist offered a strong, good pitch and the upbeat melody was accented by, not only the usual instruments, but a keyboard too.

The show, overall, was a success. For a night of entertainment at a good price, I hold true that no celebrity need be present. The only advice I have for a future Summit show is get there early and stay until the end.

You never know what the different bands will have to offer.

Sarah Woods attends Franklin High School.

STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law, Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on JUNE 8th at 10:00 a.m., on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE **OR LESS ITEMS.**

UNIT #251 - SCOTT MORRISON OF 9549 CEDAR ISLAND POND, WHITE LAKE TWSP., MI 48386

Skateboard, skis, boxes, books, and misc. items.

UNIT #339 - JAMES ALTER OF N.W.C. INC., P.O. BOX 512, DEARBORN HTS, MI 48127

Briefcase, Fax, Bags of clothes, approx. 28 boxes, and misc.

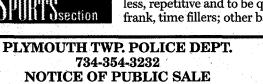
UNIT #342 - FRANK PAGE OF 1510 CARLTON, JACKSON, **MI 49203**

- TV, (2) dressers, mattress, bike, microwave, chair, file cabinet, skis, clothes, boxes, and misc. items.
- UNIT #365 LAURETTE TEDDERS OF 114 N. MILL, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
 - Chair, desk, grill, exercise bike, dresser, spreader, garbage cans, wheelbarrow, boxes, suitcase, and misc, items,
- UNIT #457 ROBERT COOMBS OF 3691 N. ADAMS, **BLOOMFIELD, MI 48304**
 - Wheels/tires, car parts, shelf, file cabinets, chairs and misc. items.
- UNIT #585 KATHLEEN O'CONNELL OF 1282 EAST LAKE DR. #1, NOVI, MI 48377
 - Cleaning supplies, floor cleaner, (4) file cabinets, shovel,

check out the numbers in today's UN Osection



KNOW THE SCORE



Notice is hereby given that on 05-25-07, at 10:00 a.m., Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

1996 DODGE STRATUS 1B3EJ46X7TN134933 1996 DODGE RAM 2B6HB21Y0TK113628 Publish: May 20, 2007

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE **CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN** WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234 A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following: PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR: **B-2** Central Business District Parking SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND CHANGE OF USE:

AAMCO Transmission SP 07-04 260 W. Ann Arbor Road Zoned: ARC, Ann Arbor Road Corridor **Applicant: Patrick Tortora**

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Linda J. Langmesser City Clerk City of Plymouth

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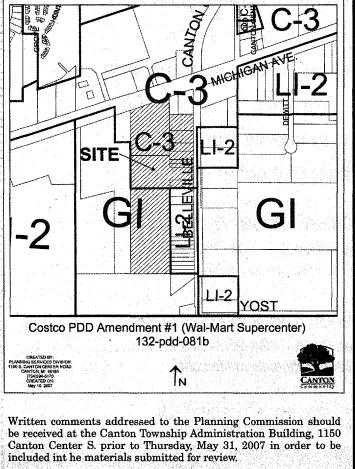
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PLANNING COMMISSION **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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, June 4, 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:

DEVELOPMENT COSTCO PLANNED DISTRICT AMENDMENT NO. 1 (WAL-MART SUPERCENTER) -CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE COSTCO PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 132 99 0003 701, 132 99 0003 702, 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000, 132 01 0012 000 (4939 BELLEVILLE RD) 132 01 0014 000 (5010 BELLEVILLE RD), 132 01 0016 000, 132 01 0017 000, 132 01 0021 000 (5050 BELLEVILLE RD). Propety is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road.



Vic Gustafson, Chairman

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

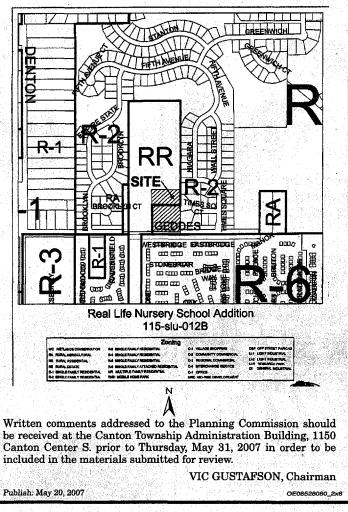
Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170 (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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REAL LIFE NURSERY SCHOOL SPECIAL LAND USE -CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER TO ACCOMODATE AN ACTIVITY & CLASSROOM BUILDING AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 11.02B.6 FOR PARCEL NOS. 115 99 0003 705 AND 115 99 0003 707 (48700 GEDDES). Property is located north of Geddes between Beck and Denton Roads.



UNIT #606 - BROWN-SHURGE OF P.O. BOX 545, WAYNE, MI 48184 Refrigerator, chairs, Christmas items, shovel/tools, and misc UNIT #619/668 - CLAUD STOPCHINSKI (MY CPR SERVICE) OF 42173 E. ANN ARBOR RD., PLYMOUTH, MI 48170 Pallets of computer printers/approx. 100, copier, other misc. items. SALE DATE IS JUNE 8, 2007 AT 10:00 A.M.

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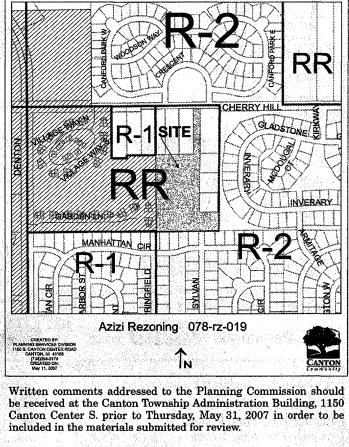
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AZIZI REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 078 99 0005 001 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Denton Road.

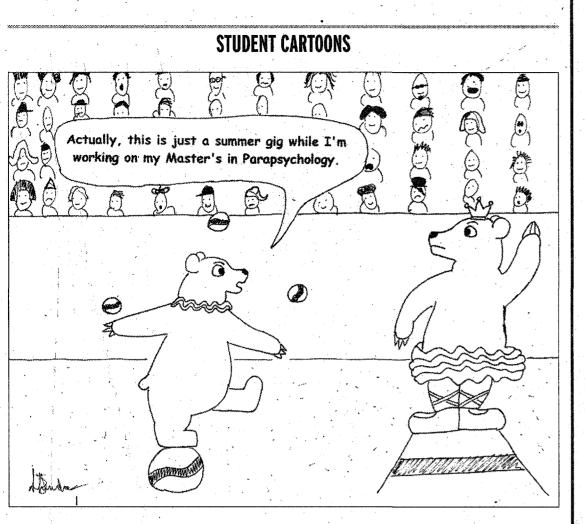


Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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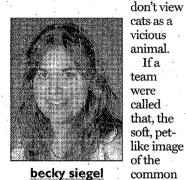
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These are worst sports team names

BY BECKY SIEGEL

The name of a sports team is supposed to strike fear in opponents and represent the area the team is from. Why else do you think teams are often named after vicious animals? You would never hear of a team called the "Clawing Cats" because people



becky siegel

household pet would be applied to the team's performance. The realization that there are teams with these horrible names led me to make a list of the three worst team names in the NCAA and professional sports.

1. Ohio State Buckeyes: The name was originally supposed to honor the pioneers of the Ohio frontier – noble, but I don't understand what the pioneer

have been bad. As much as I researched, I couldn't find anything that linked the state of Utah and jazz music. Please, if you change the location of your team, re-evaluate the effectiveness of your name. This applies to you to Lakers. Minneapolis has tons of lakes, thus Lakers made sense. But since when is Los Angeles known for its many lakes?

3. Syracuse Orange: First, I want to give the university some credit. It tried change. Syracuse tried the names Saltine Warriors and Orangemen/Orangewomen before settling on the Orange in 2004. When I saw Saltine Warriors as a prior name, I originally wondered why the school ever changed its name. I eventually found out though, that the name was changed with good reason. They were named the Saltine Warriors after an article in 1931 described artifacts from a Native American tribe that were found on campus (both relevant and slightly fearful). Unfortunately, the article was found to be a hoax. So Syracuse

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rightfully decided to change its name from the fake Native American tribe ... 40 years later. From there it was downhill for Syracuse University, as it got its inspiration for its new name from... the color orange. Wow, a color. Really? How original. You know, if I ever began a university, I would name my team after Crayola crayon colors. Tickle Me Pink, anyone? How about Pine Tree Green? Either of these seem to strike fear deep in your heart? No? And neither does the color orange. If you ever begin a sports team, just remember that relativity and a fear factor are the most important criteria. You don't want a name that is lame and weak, but you also don't want a name that scars your Little Leaguers for life. The lesson here is that food, music and colors, are not scary. Thus, they are horrible team names. If you want to take it one step further, when was the last time a team named after a food, music genre or color won a championship? Exactly. Becky Siegel attends Stevenson High School.

City of Plymouth RESOLUTION 2007-2008 CITY BUDGET HEARING

WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 City Budget was presented by the City Manager on April 2, 2007, and was reviewed by the City Commission with the Administration during two public study sessions; and

WHEREAS, various modifications have been made to the proposed budget, based on a review of projected revenues and expenditures, and the City's priorities for various programs and projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission hereby calls a public hearing to consider the proposed 2007-2008 City Budget, as revised, in accordance with the following notice:

City of Plymouth NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2007-2008 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, June 4, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. in the portable band shell in Kellogg Park, or in the Commission Chambers of City Hall at 201 South Main Street in the event of inclement weather, for the purpose of discussing and receiving public comments on the proposed 2007-2008 City Budget.

PROPOSED 2007 CITY MILLAGE RATES: The property tax millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. The following statements are provided concerning the 2007 proposed millage levies for the City of Plymouth:

- The 2007 tax rate for City operating millage is proposed to be 11.3834 mills, which is the same as the 2006 operating tax rate. The City Commission has the authority under the City Charter to set the operating millage rate within the maximum allowed rate of 11.3834 mills, as adjusted by the Headlee millage roll-back formula.
- The 2007 tax rate for debt service millage to fund debt service requirements for the 2002 and 2004 General Obligation Street Bond issues is proposed to be 1.2300 mills, a decrease of 1.1900 mills from the 2006 tax rate.
- The 2007 tax rate for City solid waste and recycling millage is proposed to be 1.9000 mills, which is a decrease of .0700 mills from the 2006 tax rate.
- The total City millage for all purposes is proposed to be 14.5134 mills for 2007, which is a decrease of 1.2600 mills from the 2006 total City tax rate of 15.7734 mills.

EQUALIZATION FACTORS: Wayne County established a tentative 2007 equalization factors of 1.0515 for the residential class of property, 1.0656 for the commercial class of property and 1.0695 for the industrial class of property. Since the City has increased assessments for the residential, commercial, and industrial classes for 2007 by the proposed factors, all 2007 equalization factors will be set at 1,0000.

2007-2008 PROPOSED CITY BUDGETS: The budgets for the various funds of the City of Plymouth are proposed for 2007-2008 as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

REVENUI	ES	EXPENDITURES			
Property taxes	\$4,957,020	Administration	\$1,375,060		
Licenses & Permits	3,100	Buildings & Grounds	423,910		
Federal Grants	0	Police Department	2,757,900		
State-shared Rev	855,770	Fire Department	970,630		
Sales of Service	494,470	Public Works Dept	596,990		
Cemetery Revenue	157,500	Other Functions	207,900		
Parking Revenue	58,000	Capital Outlay	349,850		
Other Revenue	972,290	Debt Service	209,970		
Transfers In	22,000	Transfers Out	627.940		
REVENUE TOTAL	\$7,520,150	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	\$7,520,150		
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MAJOR STREET FUND:

Gas & Weight Tax	\$	$372,\!940$
Contrib & Other		44,000
REVENUE TOTAL	\$	416,940
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EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$ 416,940

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ave to do with a nut tree. Some OSU alumni would	NOTICE TO BIDDERS	LOCAL STREET FUND: Gas & Weight Tax \$ 146,380
rgue that, "Yes, we are named	The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a	Contrib & Other $187,520$
fter a nut, but Becky did you now the nut is poisonous?" Yes,	bid for Basic Life & Accidental Death/Dismemberment	REVENUE TOTAL \$ 333,900 EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$ 333,900
es, I did know the nut was poi-	Insurance and Long Term Disability Coverage. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Janet LaLonde of The	RECREATION FUND:
onous, but again, you are named	Rains Group, Inc. at (248) 502-1103 or Dan Phillips in the PCCS	Contrib. From G/F \$ 259,250
fter a nut. Poisonous or not, I	Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey,	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Prog. Fees \& Other} \\ 942,000 \\ \end{array}$
vould never be scared of a nut. However, since the Ohio state	Plymouth, MI on or before 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 6, 2007.	REVENUE TOTAL \$1,201,250 EXPENDITURE TOTAL \$ 1,201,250
ree is the Buckeye tree, this team	Faxed bids will not be accepted and the Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to	WASTE & RECYCLING FUND:
cores fairly well in "relativity" as	be in the best interest of the school district.	Property Taxes \$ 824,350 Operating Expenses \$1,069,030
t does have something to do with he area.	Board of Education	Sales of Service <u>304,870</u> Debt Expenses <u>60,190</u>
2. Utah Jazz (NBA): Again, the	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	REVENUE TOTAL\$ 1,129,220EXPENDITURE TOTAL\$ 1,129,220
ame is lacking in the fear	JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary	OTHER CITY FUNDS: REVENUES EXPENDITURES
lepartment. As far as I know,	Publish: May 20 & 27, 2007	Plym Community Youth
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his team name was great, until		Parking Fund\$ 6,000\$ 0
he move to Utah in 1979.		DDA Operating Fund \$ 762,590 \$ 762,590
This team, as I'm sure you've uessed, came from the jazz capi-	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	Building Fund \$ 390,200 \$ 390,200
al of the world, New Orleans. In	MEETING NOTICE	Neighborhood Services Fund \$ 114,280 \$ 114,280 Brownfield Re-Development
his state, the name wouldn't	CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN	Authority Fund \$ 498,520 \$ 498,520
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CANTON CINEMA		Drug Law Linit Fund\$5,250\$5,000OWI Forfeiture Fund\$5,350\$5,000
Goodrich www.GQTI.com	A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on	2002 GO Bond Debt Fund \$ 165,620 \$ 177,900
UALITY 734-844-FILM	Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commisson Chambers of	2003 LTGO Debt Fund \$ 68,620 \$ 68,860
Priced Right 1 Mile West of IKEA	the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:	2004 GO Debt Fund \$ 392,000 \$ 432,310
	Z 07-07 821 Penniman Non-Use Variance	2006 GO Debt Fund \$ 119,170 \$ 119,170
DETROIT'S BEST	Requested, Parking	2002 Capital Improvement Bonds
MOVIE DEAL E	Second Floor Restaurant Rooftop Seating	Debt Fund \$ 116,750 \$ 116,750 Mishingn Transportation Fund
ALL LOUNGER SEATS	Zoned: B-2, Central Business	Michigan Transportation Fund Debt Fund \$ 300 \$ 275
ALL DIGITAL SUOND	Applicant: John Callaghan	Municipal Bldg Authority Debt Funds \$ 164,570 \$ 164,510
I NEW	Z 07-08 325 Arthur Non-Use Variance Requested	Water/Sewer Bond & Interest
LOWER PRICES =	Extension of Non-Conforming Side Yard Setback	Debt Fund \$ 280,370 \$ 280,370
	Zoned: R-1,	DDA Debt Fund \$ 380,490 \$ 380,990
\$6.00 Adults Evening	Single Family Residential Applicant: Victor Talia	Public Improvement Fund\$ 26,300\$ 0
3,00 Students, Late Show, Adults Until 6 PM, Kids, Seniors, &	Z 07-09 402 N. Harvey Non-Use Variance Requested	DDA Capital Improvement Fund \$ 275,000 \$ 275,000
ALL SHOWS 4-6 PM	Extension of Non-Conforming	2004 GO Bond Construction Fund\$0\$02006 LTGO Bond Construction Fund\$0\$0
No passes Free drink refills & 25¢ corn refills	Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1,	MTF Construction Fund \$ 8,000 \$ 155,884
SHOWTIMES VALID 5/18 - 5/24	Single Family Residential	Cemetery Trust Fund \$ 32,000 \$ 22,000
PIRATES 3 tickets on sale now and First showings - Thurs May 24	Applicant: Tom Lunsford	Financial plans for the Budget Stabilization Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund
First showings - Thurs May 24 8:00, 8:15, 8:30 pm	Z 07-10 584 W. Ann Arbor Trail Non-Use Variance Requested Off-Site Sign	and the Equipment Fund are also included in the Budget Document.
C SHREK THE THIRD (PG) 11:00, 12:00, 1:05, 2:05, 3:10, 4:10, 5:15,	Zoned: B-2, Central Business	TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS:
6:15, 7:20, 8:20, 9:25 FRI/SAT LS 10:25, 11:30	Applicant: Connektiv	As provided in State law, the general appropriations resolution is proposed
C DELTA FARCE (PG-13) 11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45	All interested persons are invited to attend.	to allow the City Manager to transfer up to ten percent (10%) of each
FRI/SAT LS 11:45	In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of	appropriation to any other appropriation within each fund, but not from
12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30	Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and	Reserve Accounts nor between funds.
GEORGIA RULE (R)	services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to	COPIES OF PROPOSED BUDGET AVAILABLE:
11:45, 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45 FRI/SAT LS 11:45 3 28 WEEKS LATER (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30 FRI/SAT LS 11:35 3 GEORGIA RULE (R) 11:10, 1:35, 4:00, 6:45, 9:10 FRI/SAT LS 11:25 SPIDER-MAN 3 (PG-13)	individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services	A complete copy of the 2007-2008 City Budget is available for public
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30	may be made by writing or calling the following:	inspection at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, and also
DISTURBIA (PG-13) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20	Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street	at the Plymouth District Library during its regular hours of operation.
FRI/SAT LS 11:30	Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206	Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
		City Clerk
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Breakfast Meeting

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

Monthly dance

8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft Road, Redford. Cost \$10. Call Diane K. for information (734)261-5716.

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 Casino 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.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

Single Point Ministries of Ward **Evangelical Presbyterian Church is at** 40000 Six Mile Road, the corner of Six Mile and Haggerty, in Northville.

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

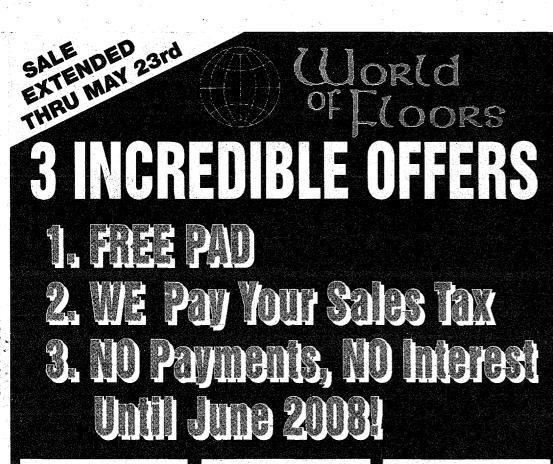
Bible Studies-Prayer Nights Learner's Bible Study - 7 p.m. Mondays in Room A101. n Praying Together - 7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Sanctuary at Ward Church. Men's Bible Study _ 6:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the Single Adult

Ministries office. 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. Single Parents

Group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Single Adult Ministries office at Ward Church, For more information, contact Single Point Ministries at (248)374-5920.

SINGLETON

Senior groups meet weekly for dinner at local restaurants to discuss current events and future activities. For a monthly newsletter, call (313)563-9362 or write to: P.O. Box 5356 TelFord Station, Dearborn, MI 48128.



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• Weekly Accountability

Conference Calls

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FOOT AND ANKLE PAIN? Dr. Randy H. Bernstein, DPM Physician of the Foot and Ankle 27235 Joy Rd. (1 Block East of Inkster) 313.274.7047 Foot & Ankle www.nationwidefootandanklecare.com Care, P.C. YOU'RE OUR TOP PRIORITY! Specializing in... • Painful Corns & Calluses Diabetic & Senior **Citizen Foot Care** • Flat Feet & Arch Pain • Heel Pain • Ingrown Nails • Fractures • Sprains • Bunions • Hammertoes Sports Injuries Leg Cramps
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from the grocery store," says Eagle-

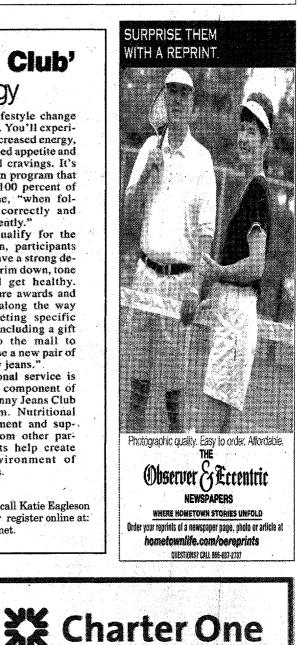
son. "We promote lifestyle change ence increased energy,

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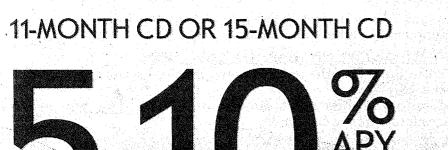
"skinny jeans." Personal service is a huge component of the Skinny Jeans Club program. Nutritional advisement and support from other participants help create an environment of success.

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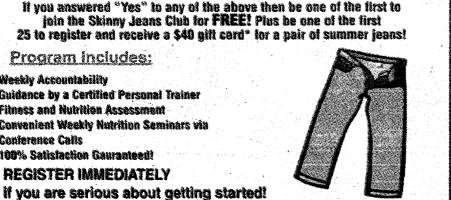
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STUDENT VOICES

Voting: A Right and a Responsibility

BY JESSICA JARY

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Many rights and privileges that teens once associated solely with adults seem to be



their doors all too fast. The most welcome is usually driving, but the most impor-

tant is

jessica jary

voting

The election of 2008 will be a turning point in our nation's history. Important issues that will impact our generation directly will be decided. Our struggling economy, the war in Iraq, and global warming could prove to be the great struggles of our time.

Taking preventative action

than picking up the pieces later. According to a study by Harvard University, 51 percent of young adults voted in the 2004 election while only 46 percent voted in the 2000 elections.

It is encouraging to see an increase in voting participation, but 51 percent is not good enough. Every teen should have a voice. Voting is a way for us to change our future now.

According to the same study, young voters were more likely to "cite registration mistakes or a lack of registration knowledge as a reason why they did not vote."

While it seems many young voters are uninformed about the registration process, Ali Martin, a 2006 **Farmington High School** graduate, says that her school "encouraged" her to register and plans to vote in the next election.

process. In Michigan, anyone who is eligible can register to vote at any time. An eligible voter is a United States citizen, someone who has lived in Michigan 30 days, and is at least 18 years of age by Election Day. Online registration is not yet available in Michigan, but the application can be downloaded and mailed.

Applications can be completed at the Secretary of State office, a military recruitment center, the City Clerk's Office, or the health department. Many people register to vote when they renew their driver's license. A voter registration card will be created to serve as identification on Election Day. If this card is lost, a driver's license will serve as sufficient identification.

Some teens who are 17 now will be able to vote in the next election. If a teen turns 18 on or before Election Day,

Register now so you don't forget later. Even if a person has registered, he or she may not vote until 30 days after, so don't postpone this important responsibility until later.

Some people think their vote is insignificant in a country with so many people. This is a misconception; your vote gives you a voice. Mitch Albom sums that up very well in the last few lines of his poem, "Small Voice, **Big Difference.**"

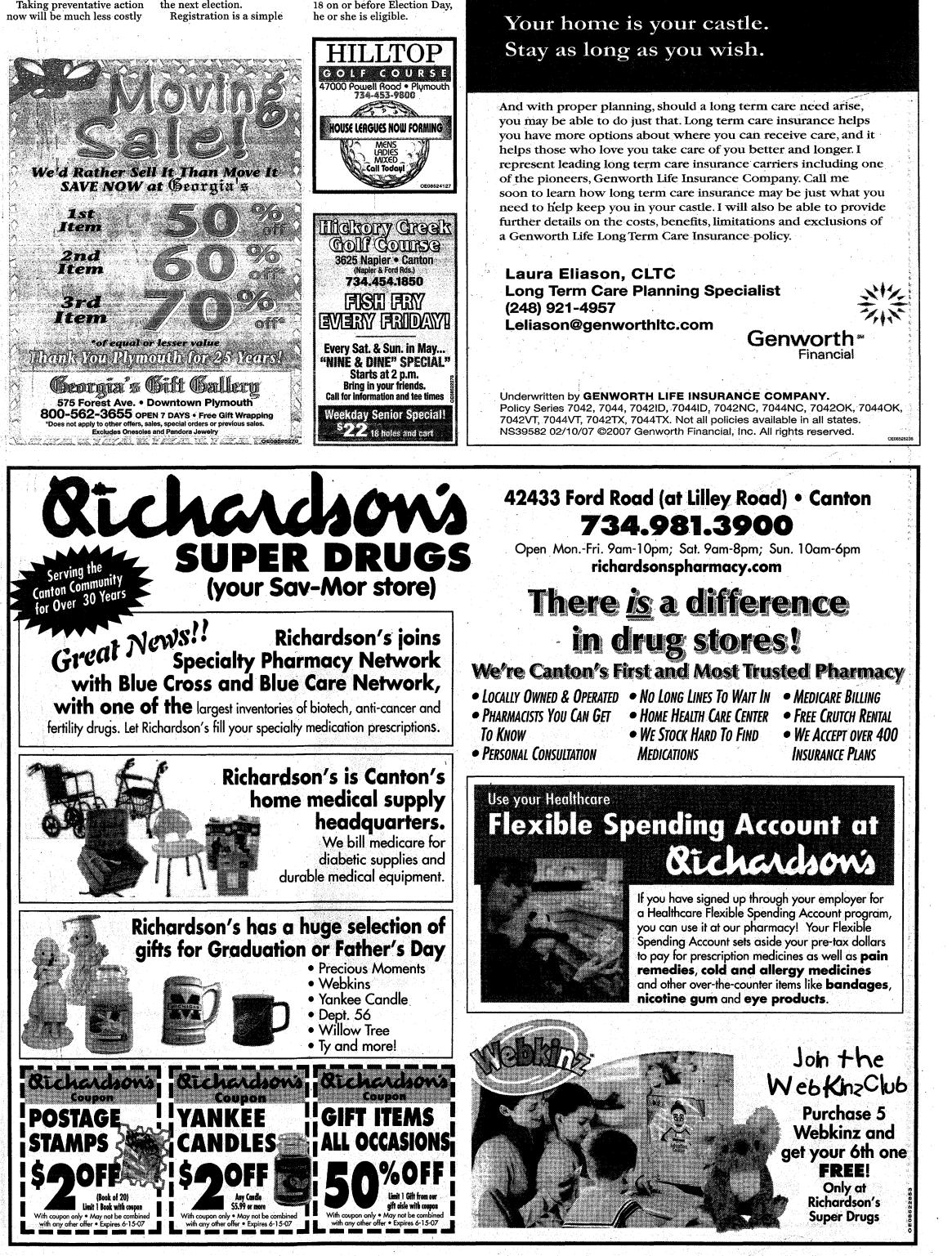
Tell me how a person trying/ to work and sleep and eat,/ can make a dent in problems meant for armies or Wall Street./ Tell me how a simple soul/ Turns living from the dead/ and here it came, a single word,/ vote the small voice said."

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Jenny O'Neil and Dana Ford study a ballot in their American Government class at Mercy High School.



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

REUNIONS

Avondale High School Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007 at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

CLASS REUNIONS

Berkley High School

Class of 1987 A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimsliasophia@gmail.com. Reunion website is www.BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details. **Birmingham Groves**

Class of 1977

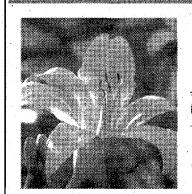
A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35

in advance. \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com. **Birmingham Seaholm**

Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@mybluelight.com, **Bishop Borgess** Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by email haningk@yahoo.com.



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NANCY AUSTIN

May 17, 2007 Age 69. Teacher in the Birmingham School District for 42 years, mainly at Pierce Elementary School. After retirement she volunteered at Cranbrook and also was a substitute teacher. Member of First Congregational Church of Clarkston and First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Preceded in death by her parents, Almon and Thirza Austin and her dear friend, Vince Secontine. Sister of Douglas Austin, Marylou Henry (Sandy), Lois Kerr, Stanley Austin (Karen), Sally Gillies (Ed), Ron Austin (Carol) and Chris Austin (Bonnie). Also survived by 12 nieces and nephews, 18 great-nieces and nephews, many loving friends and her faithful dog, Lizzie Lou. According to Nancy's wishes, private services have been held. Memorial tributes to First Congregational Church of Clarkston or the Leukemia Society of America. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

WAYNE GRANT BURDETTE

Age 56 died Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in Roper Hospital in Charleston, S. C. Mr. Burdette was predeceased by: his father, Elmer G. Burdette of Atlanta, Ga. Survivors include: his wife, Patty Roberts Burdette of McClellanville, S. C.; two step-sons, Justin Hettich of McClellanville, S. C. and Joshua Hettich of Jensen Beach, Fla.; his mother and step-father, Helen and Don Holcomb of Edgewater, Fla.; a brother, Jeffrey Burdett of Atlanta, Ga.; a sister, Diane Reeves of New Smyrna Beach. la.: and a granddaughter aroline

PETER J. GILLERAN

Peter J. Gilleran, a long-time art pro-fessor at Wayne State University, has died. He was 85 years old. Peter was born in the Corktown section of Detroit. His father, also Peter J. Gilleran, was born in Roscommon, Ireland. His mother, Vera Jaeger Gilleran (later Blanchfield) was born in Galicia, in what is now Poland.As a young boy, he began drawing on scrap paper his mother brought home from work. Before long, his mother bought him a child's paint set. In school, his teachers continuously encouraged his interest in art. On the recommendation of his teachers, Peter went to Cass Tech High School in Detroit, which had a special program for art students. While there his teachers encouraged him to draw frequently from Detroit street life. At Cass Tech, he made a life-long friend in Robert Barbee, who later spent his career as an art professor at the University of Virginia. In his senior year, Peter competed in an art contest against all the other high schools in Detroit and won 1st prize. After graduating from Cass Tech in 1939, he received a one-year scholarship to attend Cran-brook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. His principal was the noted teacher there Hungarian-American artist, Zoltan Sepeshy. He was offered a second-year at Cranbrook, but turned this down because of the need to begin his career. When World War II came, he went into the army and became a draftsman. He was posted first in New Delhi, India and later in Kunming, China. After the war, he attended Colorado College and Colorado Fine Arts Center, both in Colorado Springs, Colorado. At the Fine Arts Center he met Anne Kensett Crow, of Loudonville, Ohio, who was a graduate student in art. They were married in Ohio in 1947. Peter returned to Cranbrook where he received his M.F.A. degree in 1950. Peter began teaching in the Art Department at Wayne State in 1954. He later rose to full professor. He was also for some time an adjunct profes-sor at Cranbrook Academy of Art. His areas of expertise were painting, drawing and graphic design.He showed his artwork all over the Midwest and in New York City, winning many awards. His wife, Anne, was for many years a teacher in the Royal Oak schools. She was trained as an artist and several of Anne's sisters became visual artists, including Nancy Crow and Martha Crow, and another sister, Mary Crow, became a poet.After Peter retired from Wayne State in 1989, he continued actively to paint and draw and to show his work. In 2005, his life-long friend, Louis Berman, published a book entitled Peter Gilleran Celebrates Life, a portfolio of Peter's works. Also in 2005, he had a solo exhibit at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center titled Art of a Lifetime. His work has been collected by many museums in Michigan and throughout the Midwest and is currently on exhibit at the Scarab Club in Detroit. In describing his theory of art he once wrote: "Life is at the core-life that is endlessly fascinating, interesting and yes, even uplift-We seem to have forgotten the ing. world is full - not empty. Some colors and lines and shapes can make us cry with wonder they are so full of life what art does not seem to be about is death. Yes, after we learn about art, we learn about life - life is powerful." Peter is survived by his wife, Anne, his sister, Catherine, his three children, his seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. His children are Breon Gilleran, an art professor and sculptor, of Baltimore, Maryland, Peter, an artist and teacher in the Detroit Public Schools, of Birmingham, Michigan and Michael, a lawyer, of Wellesley, Massachusetts. His grandchildren are Peter Roca and Julia Roca, both of Baltimore, Maryland; Sean Gillleran of North Bend, Washington; John Gilleran, Michael Gilleran. Peter Gilleran, and Daniel Gilleran, all of Wellesley, Massachusetts. He also leaves the many art students he taught and helped over the years at Wayne State and Cranbrook.Burial will be in Loudonville, Ohio. There will be a memorial service in the Detroit area at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660.



PAUL LUCIAN MCNUTT

Of Canton, Michigan and Winter Haven, Florida died Monday, May 14th at home after an extended illness from Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis He was born in Detroit on November 17, 1928 and is survived by his cher-ished wife and best friend of 56 years, Constance (nee Stokes), beloved sons David and Christopher and daughter Shannon, wonderful "Papa" to his only grandson Rocco Paul, and dear Sister and Brother-In-Law to Betty and Bob Sperling. He is also survived by three nieces and two nephews and any loving friends and family who will always remember his warm smile and generous heart. After more than 30 years working with Ford Motor Company, Paul and his wife, Connie retired to Florida where they lived for nearly 20 years. He was an avid golfer and gifted photographer who developed his own work, giving free copies to everyone whom he photographed. His precious memory spirit will live with us forever. and

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ANNIVERSARIES



Martins celebrate

25th anniversary Gary and Toni Martin of

Livonia are celebrating their 25th anniversary. The Martins were married

May 8, 1982, in Garden City. They have four children, Shannon (Mike) Koch) of Westland and Mandy, Brandy and Shane of Livonia. They have one granddaugh-

ter, Katelyn. The couple celebrated by renewing their vows while on a Carribean cruise with family and friends.



Kochs celebrate

40th anniversary

John and Virginia Koch of Canton were married Feb. 6, 1967, by the Rev. Torcari at St. Clements in Dearborn Mi.

They have five daughters: Tara, Charise, Lia, Katherine

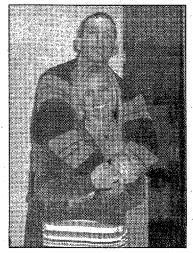
ENGAGEMENTS

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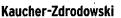
Robert and Debbi Rock of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Rock, to David Hammer.

Natalie is a 2002 graduate of Farmington High School is working on my bachelor of science in business degree at Eastern Michigan University and will graduate in 2008.

David of Plymouth is the son of Don and Susie Hammer of Arkansas. He is a 1999 graduate of Heritage Christian School and a 2004 graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor of science in business degree with a major in finance. He is working on his master's degree this fall. He is working in finance for Lear Corp.



A June 2007, wedding is planned for Brightmoor Christian Church in Novi followed by reception at the Northville Hills Golf Club in Northville.



Stephanie Alice Kaucher of Coloma and Robert John Zdrodowski of Northville will be married Aug. 4 at the Hartford United Methodist

Church in Hartford, Michigan. Stephanie is the daughter of Ronda and Dale Kaucher of Coloma. She attended Western Michigan University and is also a graduate of the University of Michigan with a doctorate in pharmacy. She is currently working as a pharmacist for Meijer.

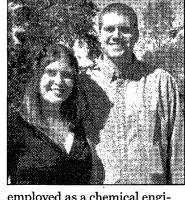
Robert is the son of Barb and Watson Zdrodowski of Canton. He is a graduate of Salem High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from Western Michigan University. Robert is

Mastrofrancesco-Fabiilli Lou and Ann

Mastrofrancesco of Northville, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marta, to Mario Fabiilli, son of Leonardo and Franca Fabiilli of Eastpointe.

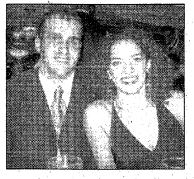
The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School; she obtained her bachelor of science from the University of Michigan in mechanical engineering (2004). Marta is employed at the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor.

Mario is a 1999 graduate of De La Salle Collegiate in Warren; he obtained his bachefor of science and master of sci-



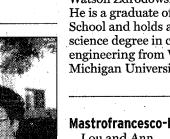
employed as a chemical engineer with Ford Motor Co. and is working toward his masters in chemical engineering at Wayne State University.

The couple will honeymoon in Hawaii and make their home in Northville.



ence from the University of Michigan in chemical engineering (2003) and biomedical engineering (2004). Mario is currently employed at Pfizer in Ann Arbor.

A June 2 wedding is planned at the Chapel at St. John in Plymouth

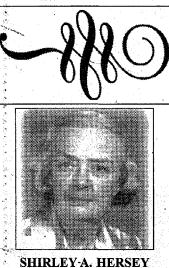


Hettich of McClellanville, S. C. A private memorial celebration was held at the family home in McClellanville, S. C. Sign a guest book at: www.mayerfuneralhome.com.

The Georgetown, S. C. Chapel of Mayer Funeral Home is assisting the family.

LEO PÁUL CAUZILLO

Memorial Service scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 11:00am at Grand Lawn Cemetary, 23501 Grand River, Detroit. Located south of 7 Mile and east of Telegraph. Leo passed away April 16, 2007 of liver cancer.



Age 87, May 16, 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak after a long illness. A lifetime resident of Birmingham, she was born May 23, 1919 in Birmingham. Shirley was with the financial dept. of Crowley Milner in Detroit after college. Shirley and her sister, Carrie, managed family rental properties for many years in the Birmingham area. As a young lady, she taught dancing, (ballet), at the Community House and was active in Children's Theater in Birmingham. She also wrote for the magazine of Delta Gama. She was a graduate of Birmingham Baldwin High School, Class of 1937, then attended Albion College and graduated from Detroit Business School. Shirley's greatgrandparents, (Hiram H. & Ester E. Chatfield), were founding members of the Birmingham Methodist Church even before the buildings were built. Her father was a well-known builder of homes in the Birmingham area. She was a lifetime member of Birmingham United Methodist Church, member of AAUW Book Club, and the Birmingham Village Players. She is the daughter of the late Scott A. and Pussie R. Hersey and sister of the late Carrie L. and Warren S. Hersey. Funeral services were held at The First United Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple on Friday, May 18th. Memorial tributes may be made to The First United Methodist Church. Birmingham or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements made by Wm. **R**. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Birmingham. 248-644-6000. Maple,

Age 64, Plymouth, MI Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI



WILLIAM WALLACE WOLFE

Age 85, May 17, 2007, of Troy, for merly of Detroit, Petoskey and Charlotte. Beloved husband of Nancy (McPrangle) Wolfe. Dear father of Patricia Mazurkiewicz, Katheryn (Terry) Walker, Bobette Hoffman, usan (Robert) Mills and the late William R. Wolfe. Seven grandchildren. Pre-deceased by his brother Robert Wolfe. Gathering of family and friends Wednesday 4-8pm at rice Funeral Home, 3725 Rochester Road (Between Big Beaver and Wattles Roads), Troy. (248) 689-0700. Memorial service Thursday 11:00 am at funeral home. Memorials the American Heart Association On-Line register book at:

www.pricefuneralhome.net

GEORGE M. WERTZ

Age 87, May 16, 2007. Beloved hus band of the late Margaret. Dear father of Kathleen (Ed) Churchman, Eileer (Ed) Brown, Greg, Susan (Jim Day), Jim / (Cindy) and Nancy (Rick Merriman). Grandfather of 9. Greatgrandfather of 10. Funeral Service were held. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son.



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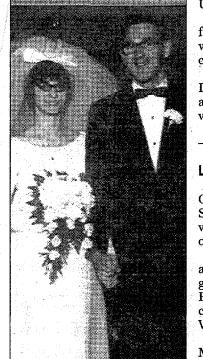
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and Erin. The Koch's have 12 grandchildren TJ, Ian, Sean, Taylor,

Justin, Cameron, Mckenna, Madelynn, Timothy, Grace, Elise and Merisol. John and Virginia made their

home in Canton in 1977 and continue to live there.

John is retired from Federal Express and Virginia has worked for Oakwood Hospital Dearborn for more than 40 years.



John and Virginia Koch

Warner - Sommariva

Evelvn Warner and Brian Sommariva are engaged and planning a July wedding.

Parents of the future bride are Dean and Janice Warner of Ann Arbor. The future groom is the son of Bob and Judy Sommariva of Plymouth.

The couple met while pursuing their undergraduate degrees at Michigan State University.

Evelyn graduated this year from Wayne State University with a master's degree in physician assistant studies.

Brian is an IT Manager, owns Design Runway, a web-design and IT company and is also a volunteer assistant coach with

Lamp-Immerfall

Amy Elizabeth Lamp of Orlando, Fla., and Matthew Stephen Immerfall of Plymouth will be be married in Orlando on July 27, 2007.

Amy is the daughter of Rob and Suzan Lamp. She is a 2005 graduate of the University of Florida and is a public relations coordinator with Marriott Vacation Club International.

Matthew is the son of Michelle Schulze and Mark Immerfall. He is a 2006 graduate of the University of Central Florida. He is working with

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AAUW says women lag behind on pay equity

New research released April 23 by the American Association of University Women

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Educational Foundation shows that just one year out of college, women working full time already earn less than their male colleagues, even when they work in the same field. Ten years after graduation, the pay gap widens.

In the report, Behind the Pay Gap, the AAUW Educational Foundation found that just one year after college graduation, women earn only 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn. Ten years after graduation, women fall further behind, earning only 69 percent of what men earn. Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood, and other factors known to affect earnings, the research indicates that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained and is likely due to sex discrimination. Over time, the unexplained portion of the pay gap grows.

The research also shows that 10 years after graduation, college-educated men working full time have more authority in the workplace than do their female counterparts. Men are more likely to be involved in hiring and firing, supervising others, and setting pay.

"By looking at earnings just one year out of college, you have as level a playing field as possible," said AAUW Director of Research Catherine Hill. "These employees don't have a lot of experience and, for the most part, don't have care-giving obli-

"The persistence of the pay

Hill said. "We need to make workplaces more family-friendly, reduce sex segregation in education and in the workplace, and combat discrimination that continues to hold women back in the workplace."

"AAUW has worked successfully to create educational opportunities for women and girls," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations. "It's clear that barriers beyond schooling have prevented true pay equity, and AAUW continues to be a strong advocate for legislative efforts to address this discrimination."

The report also includes other findings:

Women who attended highly selective colleges earn less than men from either highly or moderately selective colleges and about the same as men from minimally selective colleges.

. 🔳 Ten years after graduation, women are more likely than men to complete some graduate education.

Men and women remain segregated by college major, with women making up 79 percent of education majors and men making up 82 percent of engineering majors. This segregation is found in the workplace as well, where women make up 74 percent of the education field and men make up 84 percent of the engineering and architecture fields.

"The blessed stillness of the woods, away from the clamor and futility of man. In this feverish, madly whirling human world, the nonchanging ways of nature bring comfort. The mountains stand quite, majestic, and the birds sing the same songs century after century."

Margaret Morse Nice bet you did not know you live in **Region 3 of the United States Fish** and Wildlife Service. You are not alone. I did not know either. But that

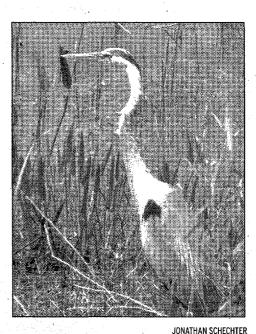


bit of obscure knowledge means you may celebrate spring and wonders of bird migration on Saturday, May 12, at the Humbug Marsh. Humbug Marsh? That's not a typographical error. Had to check that, too.

Birds know no bound aries and we are in a major migratory flyway. Most birders and nature lovers know that well and some dedicate the

spring days of early May to watch the warblers, while others seek out great blue herons in quiet peaceful places free of noisy human activity, or listen in awe to sand hill cranes in flight, And anyone who sleeps with windows open this time of the year knows that bird song wakes the sun.

Back at the Humbug Marsh, sights, sounds and colors of bird migration, movement and melody is magnified tenfold. And thanks to the work of the **Detroit River International Wildlife** Refuge, the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, the Michigan Nature Conservancy and many supporting agencies including Wild Birds Unlimited and the DTE Energy Green Team you are invited to a celebration,



Byways to flyways - from the river to your town

A great blue heron waits for a fish to move, far from human disturbance.

call it a party if you wish. But before you slip into your spring finery, keep in mind the invitation states: "It will be a one-half mile walk to the river frontage, dress accordingly for the weather. EXPECT MUD.

The celebration is connected by wing and by air to all who appreciate birds.

Bottom line: The International Wildlife Refuge Alliance and the **Detroit River International Wildlife** Refuge invite you to join in celebrating "the very first public wildlife observation deck constructed in the refuge and the release of the bird driving tour brochure Byways To Flyways." This new federal wildlife refuge, partnered with our Canadian friends across the river and Point Pelee National Park in

Canada (a funnel of land that channels many of the same birds you heard sing this morning) adds protection to rest, feeding and nesting areas for migrating birds, and migration is a risky business for birds.

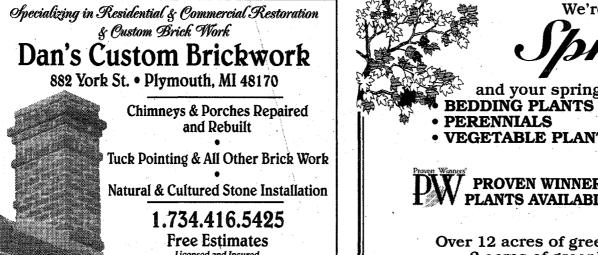
Melissa Soule, director of communications and marketing for the Nature Conservancy, confirmed what I wanted to know: There will be light refreshments to go with the short ceremony that includes several congressman and Nita Fuller of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (But I'll miss out. I'll be in Utah dabbling with birds of a different feather, training with wilderness-loving medics in hot canyons and along the Colorado River.)

So just where is this oddly named marsh? Humbug Marsh is in Trenton and Gibraltar off of Jefferson Avenue across from Knights of Columbus. The official celebration runs from 9-10 a.m. For detailed information, e-mail Project Coordinator Janae Reneaud janae reneaud@fws.gov or Melissa Soule at The Nature Conservancy msoule@tnc.org.

As I was scrambling about factchecking for this good news event, a celebration of spring migration, Melissa threw a few facts to me.

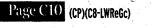
She reminds us that Oakland County and vicinity is, "In the middle of the world's largest freshwater ecosystem." And the Detroit River in terms of nature and migration importance is tied directly to the birds we enjoy in spring. As for borders, "Birds Know No Boundaries" a phrase with global implications, from international borders, to the shrubs that separate your yard from your neighbors.

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Walk for hope Event to raise funds for children with leukemia

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The photograph of Dakota Davis is too graphic to print. Taken just three days after he was diagnosed with leukemia, the image shows massive bruised and red raw areas on his face and chest. If Dakota had been born in the 1960s, he would have had only about a 2 percent chance of survival. Five years after receiving chemotherapy at Beaumont Hospital, the 7-year-old Troy boy is in remission and now considered cancer-free. His mother, Dawn, is grateful not only to the doctors and nurses who cared for Dakota, but the Southfield-based Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan (CLF). A week after diagnosis, the nonprofit began providing the family with financial assistance, prescription reimbursement, emotional support and information about this cancer of the blood.

In return, Dawn Davis is doing everything possible to help other families of children with leukemia, lymphoma and related blood disorders. As a member of the event planning committee, Davis and her family will take part Saturday, June 9, in the first Walk for Hope and Support for CLF at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

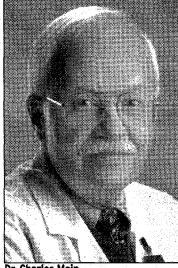
"The foundation did everything and anything they could. The emotional support was indescribable. 'Til this day, we still get emotional support," Dawn Davis said.

Emotional support was crucial to Catherine Withrow after her daughter Amanda was diagnosed with leukemia in November 2005. Withrow had noticed a black and purple bruise the size of a plum on the 3-year-old. Bruising, paleness, nose and gum bleeding, infections and fever, and joint and bone pain are all symptoms of leukemia.

For the next seven months, the Canton mother slept at University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital as Amanda underwent five rounds of chemotherapy. Today, the 4-year-old is in remission and attending Trinity Presbyterian Preschool in Plymouth. There is still about a 30-percent chance the leukemia may return.

'The Children's Leukemia Foundation gave us a booklet with lots of information and pages in back for tracking reactions to medications and names of doctors," Catherine Withrow said. "Once she got out of the hospital, one of the neatest things is they have social activities. Once she finally got out of the hospital, instead of being relieved we worried. We had a chance to meet other families who were one year out who had all been through what we'd been through. It makes you realize these kids are still alive. We can do this. It keeps your hope up. On the floor we made a lot of friends whose children have died and that's hard."

Dr. Charles Main is hoping one day soon he will be able to tell



Dr. Charles Main

survival rate is now about 85 to 90 percent. It's been an incredible time. But we're still treating children with chemo, (which are) poisons, and radiation therapy. I'm looking forward to the day when chemicals stop the cell and cause it to go back to being a normal cell."

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ical school in 1964.

Beaumont, as part of the Children's Oncology Group (COG) cooperative trials, works together with about 240 institutions in the U.S. and Canada to find the most effective treatment for each child.

"Instead of just taking our numbers and doing research, we all work together - Beaumont, Children's, St. John's, U of M, Michigan State, Hurley in Flint, St. Jude, Mayo Clinic," said Main, of Beverly Hills. "We talk to COG and they tell us which treatment that child should receive. It's the parents that give us the trust that gives us the opportunity and privilege to take care of these children and see the treatments improve."

The survival rate has increased so dramatically that 19 years ago Main established a scholarship program for cancer survivors through Beaumont with the support of Birmingham merchants. "The basic idea was to tell them you have a future," Main said.

Back in the 1940s, no one survived leukemia. Sylvia Brown knows about the suffering parents go through along with the rest of the family, so she decided to establish the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan 55 years ago to ease their distress. Brown's 2 1/2 -year-old daughter Sandra Ann lived only one month after doctors told her and husband Harry the grim news.

"It developed into a fabulous organization. We had bingos, din-

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Amanda Withrow of Canton shows off her new haircut. Amanda lost all of her hair while undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia. Today, the 4-year-old girl is in remission.

ners, sold cookies, Christmas cards to help raise money and in the meantime helped each other. We shared the good times and the bad," said Brown, 89, a former West Bloomfield resident now living in Southfield. Brown served as executive director of the nonprofit until Harry developed cancer in 1981 and died. She remains on the board.

"We help them out in so many ways. We have entertainment for children and family. The brothers and sisters are invited to everything. Our Christmas party is second to none and we give them toys. The merchants in the community have been wonderful. We're real happy to do that. I'm very much involved even today because this was not a job for me, it was a labor of love. I did it for my Sandy."

The Walk for Hope and Support route is approximately four miles. There is no entry fee, but raising \$100 or more qualifies a participant for prizes. To register, visit

www.leukemiamichigan.org. For more information about CLF, call (248) 353-8222.

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Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind Woman to See Again

Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with low vision to enjoy daily activities like reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Low vision is defined as vision that cannot be corrected with regular prescription glasses or contact lenses. For most people, low vision means they cannot drive or do daily activities like reading a newspaper. With specialized treatment people with low vision can get back to doing the things they enjoy.

Michigan Optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith helps people who have lost vision from macular degeneration and other eye conditions. Just like looking through a pair of field glasses or binoculars, telescopic glasses make things look bigger, closer, and much easier to see.

"Many of my patients consider me the last chance to help their vision," states Dr. Smith.

Macular degeneration is the most common eye disease among the senior population. Twenty five percent of people over 65 years of age have some degree of degeneration. When the macula, a small part of the retina, degenerates it leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it hard to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test.

The cause of macular degeneration is unknown. However, it has been shown that



Dr. Smith's Patient with Bioptic Telescopes for Driving.

UV light from the sun, smoking, poor nutrition and aging are contributing factors. In addition, 15% to 20% of macular degeneration cases have been shown to be genetic.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "My job is to figure out anything and everything possible to help a person see at the best level possible."

Valerie Bassett, 79, a music teacher and church organist from Essexville, Michigan was turning down music students because she could not see the music from the teacher's position. Dr. Smith fit Valerie with telescopic glasses with an adaptor to read music. "Now I use my glasses to participate in worship service, sing hymns and read the bible. I can read music. It's wonderful to be able to see again. I have a new lease on life!" says Valerie.

There are as many low vision devices as there are various activities. Bioptic telescopes help some people continue driving, while special prismatic glasses can help for reading and other hobbies. Devices range in price from \$500 to \$2,500.

"Every situation is unique. Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr. Smith. "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing those things they most wish to do. The impact on quality of life and independence is remarkable."

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, St. Clair Shores and the Lansing area. To see if low vision care can help you or your loved one call Dr. Smith today at Suburban Low Vision.

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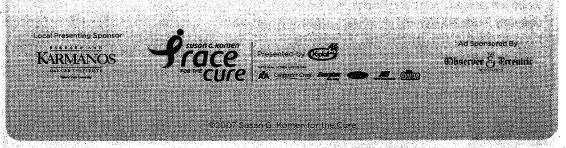
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Dr. Charles Main is one of the three individuals and two organizations being honored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at its Discovery Ball 7 p.m. Friday, June 1, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. The black tie event raises money for Society programs for research and education. The evening features a dinner, auction, dancing, and the awards ceremony.

Main is chief of pediatric hematology and oncology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for the last 21 years. A Beverly Hills resident, Main has received several awards from organizations such as the American Cancer Society, Sparky Anderson's Charity for Children and the American Red Cross.

Nineteen years ago he created The Charles A. Main, M.D. **Pediatric Cancer Survivor** Scholarship Fund of Beaumont Hospitals. Since then 88 students have received \$376,500.

Other Discovery Award recipients being recognized on June 1, include David Zilco for Honored Hero; the Detroit Lions for overall support of mission, Comcast Spotlight for overall support of philanthropy, and Dr. Charles Schiffer, Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for Research. Main is receiving the award for education and patient services at Beaumont Hospital.

Tickets for the event are \$300 and available by calling (248) 582-2900.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. Since 1949, the Society has invested more than \$486 million in research targeting leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

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Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress to headline fund-raiser

Julie Harris, one of the most awarded actresses of the stage and screen, headlines the University of Michigan Aphasia Program 60th anniversary fund-raising event, It's a RAP: 60 Year Celebration of the U-M Aphasia Program. The event, June 1-2, includes an exclusive screening of her new movie, The Way Back Home, in which Harris portrays a woman who had a stroke.

Harris, 81, attended the U-M Aphasia Program in May 2006 as part of her recovery from a stroke and resulting aphasia that occurred in May 2001.

The U-M Aphasia Program attracts clients from across the United States and other countries due to its unique approach to aphasia therapy. It is an intensive program, with clients participating in six-week sessions, receiving 23-hours of therapy each week. Therapy is conducted by clinically-trained professional speech language pathologists not students, offering an individualized therapy program with a limited number of participants to ensure a high ratio of staff to clients for the most effective one-on-one treatment.

Aphasia is an acquired language disorder that results from damage to parts of the brain. Stroke is the leading cause; however, it also can result from brain tumors, head injuries, brain infections, and other brain condi-

Marla from Sterling Heights is

concerned about losing her sight as

she gets older. What can she do?

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tions. People with aphasia know what they want to say but cannot always get out the words. It can affect talking, understanding, reading, and writing. Memory and thinking can also be reduced. An estimated one million Americans of all ages have aphasia.

The two-day event begins the afternoon of June 1 with informational workshops on the latest in stroke and aphasia research and therapy featuring Dr. Jennifer Majersik of the U-M Stroke Center, and Dr. David Steinberg, Medical Director for Rehabilitation Services, St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. The workshops take place at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest.

On the evening of June 1, there will be a special exclusive first public screening of The Way Back Home, which takes place at the historic Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Also attending the event will be producer Michael H. King, who will introduce Harris and the movie to the audience.

On Saturday, June 2, morning and afternoon workshops focus on the latest technology to help clients and family members; multi-modal communication techniques; music and art therapy, and caregiver support. On the evening of June 2, a gala reception will

Exercise will help save eyes



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Peter Nielsen

ment of age-related macular degeneration. Age-related macular degeneration gradually destroys the sharp, central vision you need to see objects clearly.

This can interfere with daily tasks like driving and reading. So get out and exercise!

Cindy from Franklin drinks a lot of cola and wants to know just how bad it is for her.

It is not just cola that is bad, it is all caffeinated. carbonated drinks. A recent study linked most carbonated drinks to lower bone density among girls. Until this new piece of research came out, studies had only linked cola to the problem.

Researchers believe one of the problems is the caffeine in the drinks. Caffeine increases the excretion of calcium by the kidneys, so less is absorbed into the bones. Colas are also full of phosphoric acid, which may lower blood levels of calcium, causing weaker bones. Experts found no evidence of the carbonation itself causing bone problems.

Your best bet is to drink more water. Some 75 percent of all Americans suffer with some dehydration. Water is key to a healthy body, so drink up!

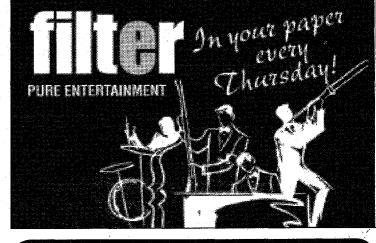
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be held to honor Harris, and includes a special VIP reception where guests will have the opportunity to meet the most honored performer in Tony history with 10 nominations and five victories. She is the only actress to date to receive 10 nominations and received a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2002. During her acting career, Harris won three Emmys. Television fans of Knots Landing remember her fondly in the role of Lilimae Clemens. Harris who was awarded the American National Medal of the Arts in 1994 by the National Endowment of the Arts in Washington D.C., was born in Grosse Pointe.

All June 2 events take place at the Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest. For more information, visit www.aphasiahelp.com or call (734) 764-8440.

The University of Michigan Aphasia Program was established in 1947 to assist World War II veterans who sustained injuries in combat. It is the oldest, most effective program of its kind for treatment of aphasia in the U.S. The intensive program provides clients with as much therapy during a six-week session as a person would receive in one year of traditional therapy. For more information, visit www.aphasiahelp.com.



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However, at times, testing indicates that the impairment is mild, even minimal. This difference in results between what you explain is happening and what the laboratory tests indicate is going on, occurs often in medical care.

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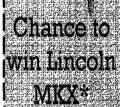
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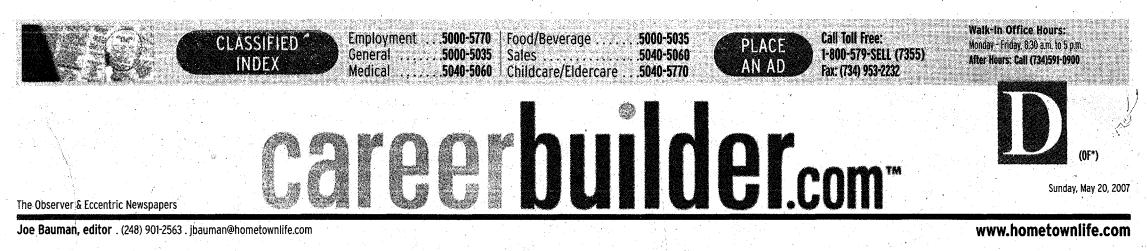
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New hires get advice from seasoned pros on making grade

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Lisa Kennedy, owner of The Lisa Kennedy Agency in Canton, offering Nationwide insurance, has some thoughts on what she likes to see in employees.

"I like to see enthusiasm for life, good eye contact, good verbal/written skills, good computer skills, demonstrated success (no matter how entry-level the position ... what have they done to show they take pride in their work/accomplishments and want to stand out amongst their peers)," she said. Kennedy, a Canton resident, likes hires who are eager to learn new things, can garner resources to solve problems and have great customer service skills.

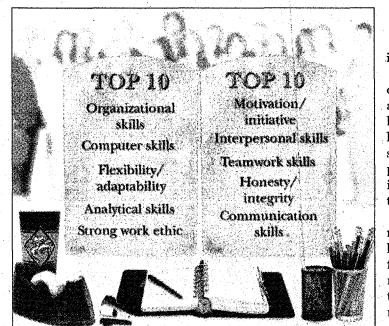
She's an assistant district governor for the Rotary service club's District 6400, and applies that organization's 4-Way Test standards, seeking hires who offer honesty, integrity, positive thinking and are responsible and depend-

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She also likes to see job stability. "Advice I could offer to candidates is please, please, please proofread/spell check your resume. It absolutely amazes me that I receive resumes with misspelled words/typos/improper grammar. It makes a prospective employer think that you didn't even care enough to put your best foot forward on the resume, what will your work be like. Also, display confidence (not arrogance) in the interview. Be yourself so you can relax and have the best chance at selling yourself.

"Ask questions and be honest! Follow up with a thank you note! Perhaps, you don't have all the skills an employer is looking for, but if you can demonstrate your past success and how you stood out amongst your peers, your eagerness to learn and willingness to work hard, you may still be considered," Kennedy said.

A look at Wayne State University's Career Services Web site shows these qualities as the top 10 sought by



employers. 1. Communication skills (verbal and written)

- Honesty/integrity
 Teamwork skills (works well with others)
- 4. Interpersonal skills (relates well to others)
- 5. Motivation/initiative 6. Strong work ethic
- 7. Analytical skills
- 8. Flexibility/adaptability

9. Computer skills 10. Organizational skills Those are the top skills, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers based in Bethlehem, Pa.

- Here's how employers rate the importance of experience. Relevant work experience: 4.0
- Internship experience: 3.9

Any work experience: 3.6 Co-op experience: 3.2 (5-point scale: 5=Extremely

important; 1=Not important) "The computer thing nowadays is a given," Kennedy said, adding younger hires tend to be skilled in that area. "I really like people that can demonstrate success. I like to see people take pride in what they do, irregardless of what the job title is."

She'll be 44 soon and remembers her own early job hunting. "It seems like it's less formal trying to get a job." She remembers having her resume typeset; now, they come in as emails.

"I still think it comes down to the same quality and integrity within people. Were you committed, were you responsible, were you on time?" Kennedy wanted her employers to think highly of her, and looks for that drive to excel now.

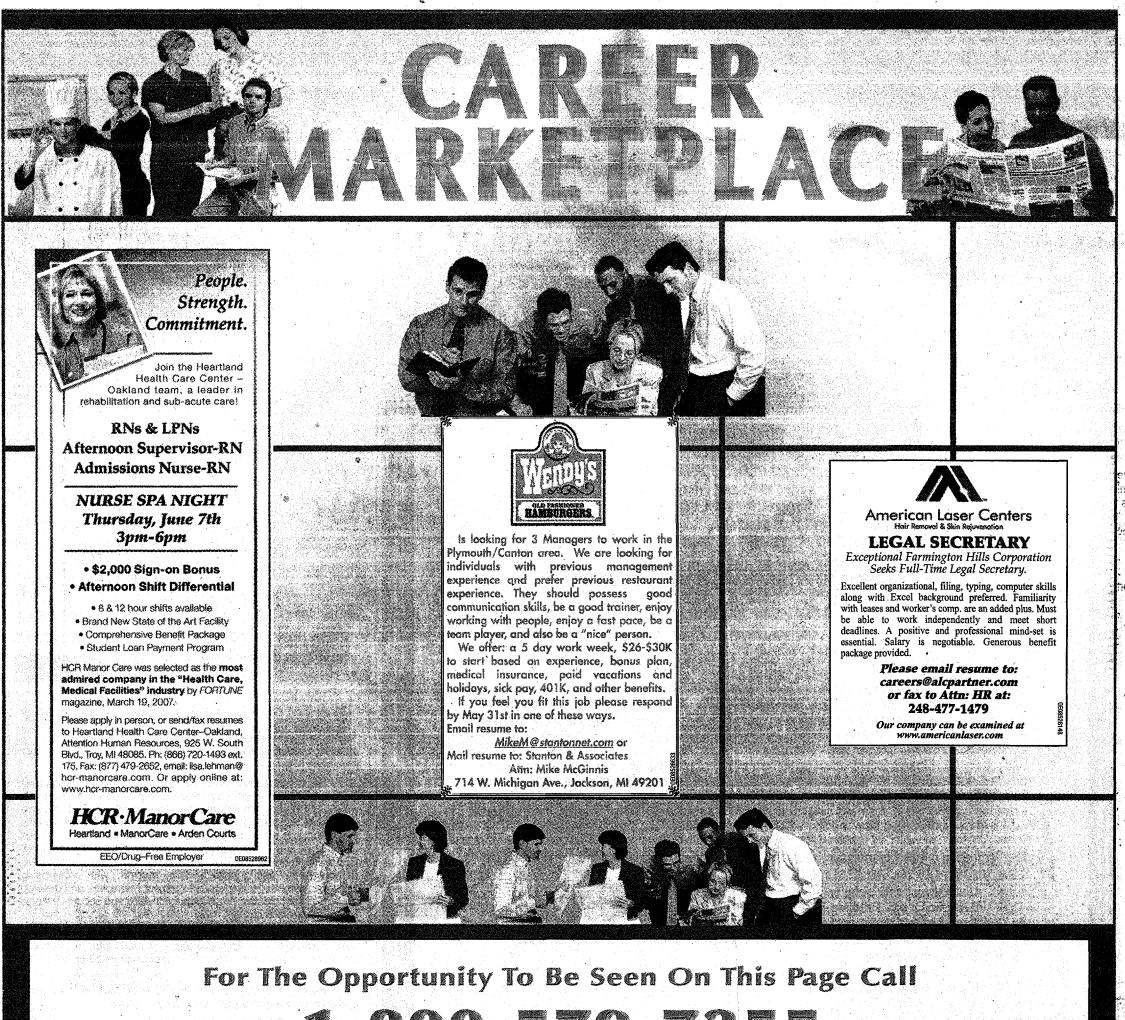
"It bothers me when I see people who have a new job every four months." It costs businesses to train new employees, Kennedy said, so "The computer thing nowadays is a given. I really like people that can demonstrate success. I like to see people take pride in what they do, irregardless of what the job title is." Lisa Kennedy Canton businesswoman

high turnover isn't desirable. Lou Toarmina, owner of Toarmina's Pizza and a fellow Rotarian, also cites traits he likes in new hires. The Westland resident's top three are a positive attitude, dependability and being friendly/cooperative. He's been able to find staffers with those attributes.

Toarmina's 44 and noted that younger people face challenges in their job hunting. "A lot of times, they have to leave the state," he said. Toarmina noted it's tough for those young people to move away from their families, and hopes his kids can stay nearby when older and working.

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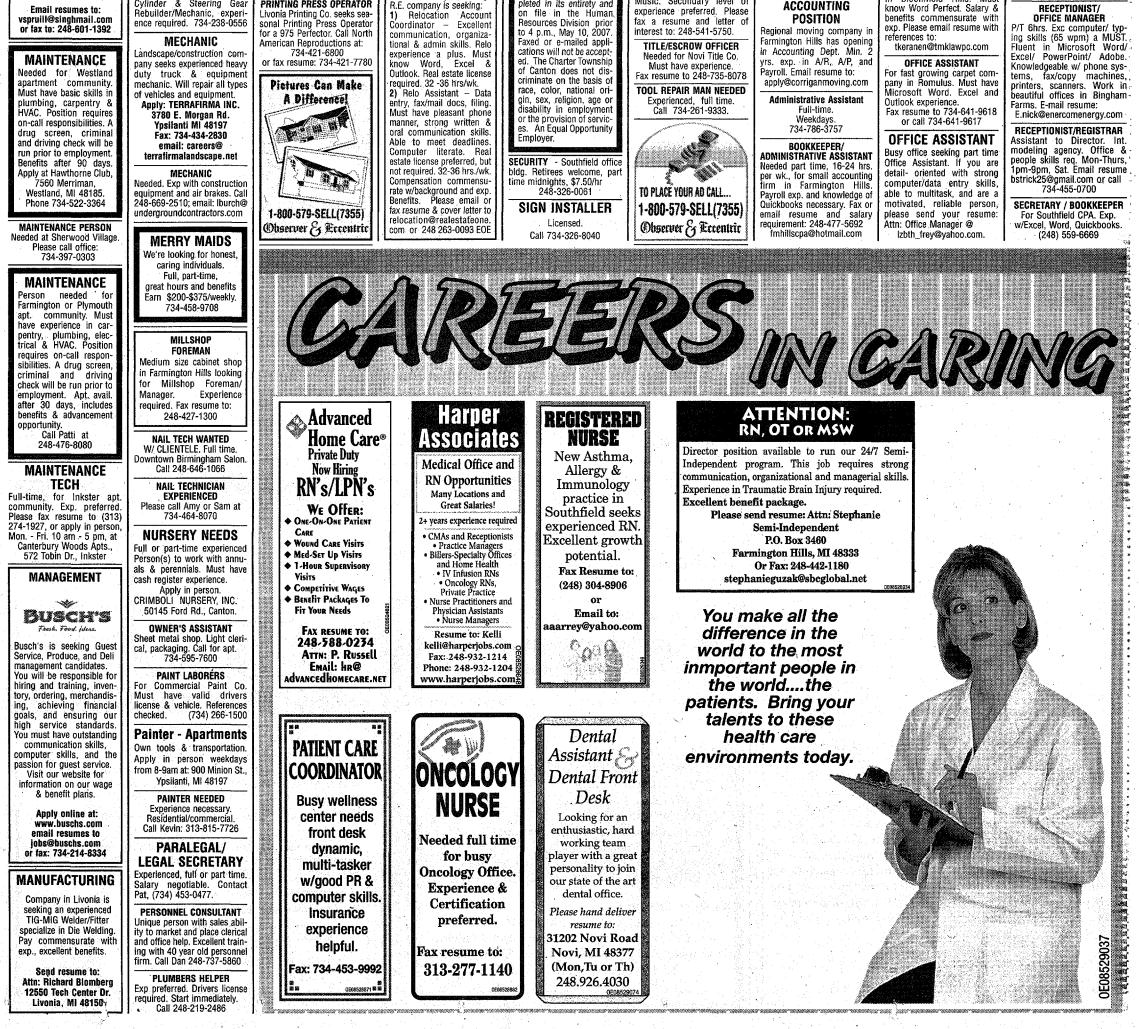
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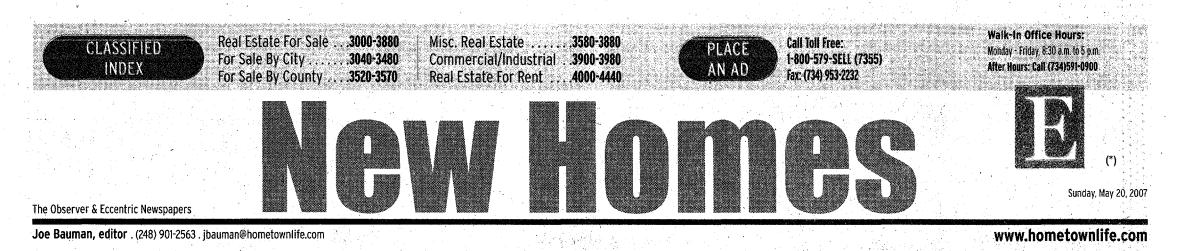
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Let there be (natural) light

(NAPSI) - Everyone talks about the outdoor environment, but homeowners who are aware of the green building trend sweeping the country are taking indoor air quality just as seriously.

According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), "Green home building" is defined as a movement that "applies innovative and environmentally sensitive construction techniques and products to reduce energy and water consumption and improve residential comfort and safety."

Safety, in this case, includes removing harmful airborne elements from indoors, ranging from simple stale air from everyday living to pollutants given off by building materials, to radon gas that seeps into buildings from soil through small openings in foundations. This can be critical in winter, when many homes are sealed with windows tightly closed to retain heat.

One of the NAHB's seven categories of green building is indoor air quality and Residential Systems magazine agrees, identifying that and energy efficiency as "hallmarks of the green building movement."

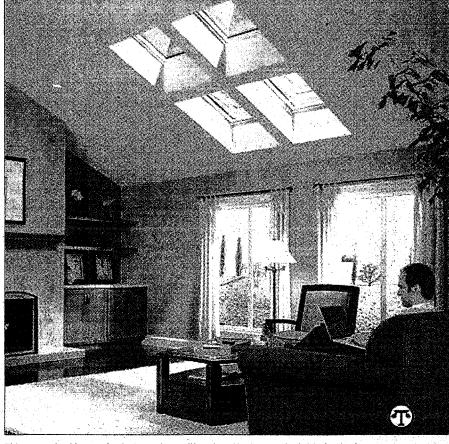
According to Joe Patrick, senior product manager for Velux America, indoor air quality can be enhanced with venting skylights. "They admit natural light from above to reduce energy costs and make living spaces more attractive and enjoyable while quietly exhausting stale air and improving ventilation without the use of fans," he said.

Adequate ventilation also contributes to effective moisture management in the home, helping to control mold. And while gaining more natural light and better air quality, homeowners utilizing venting skylights realize other benefits.

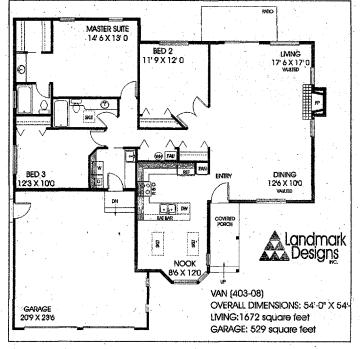
Patrick points out that in bathrooms especially, venting skylights reduce condensation build-up while providing a beautiful view of the sky above, without affording anyone the opportunity to see in. "Plus, you get the use of wall space, where a window isn't necessary. The same holds true in kitchens, where skylights vent hot air and cooking odors," he said.

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Things are looking up for indoor air quality when there are skylights in the home.



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Family is cornerstone for Van, a design that fits well on a city lot

The 1,672-square-foot Van is a medium-sized home that is perfect for a city lot. Ideal for those with school age children or empty nesters whose kids come home for extended visits, the Van truly makes the family the cornerstone of this design. The attractive brick and wood front, including either tile of shake roof, adds to the curb appeal of this eye-catching home.

Think food when entering the Van. The U-shaped kitchen, with built-in appliances, pantry and eating bar, is to the left of the entry. Casual meals can be served directly into the adjacent nook, radi-

antly lit from the front windows and overhead skylights. On more formal occasions, or just for a change of pace, dinner can be served in the vaulted dining room.

The living room, also with a vaulted ceiling, flows into the dining area to create a great room effect. This provides plenty of space for family and friends to gather for conversation, watching your favorite television show or playing the latest board game. A glowing fireplace keeps everyone toasty and able to enjoy the fun on cold winter evenings.

A good-sized master suite, located in the back left corner,

is ideally situated for parents of young children. Featuring a walk-in closet, private bathroom and separate vanity, it is placed with a modest bedroom, each with ample closet space, on either side. This allows parents to maintain their own privacy, while still being able to keep tabs on nearby children. For retired folks, one of the spare bedrooms can be utilized as a sewing room, music room, home office or what have you.

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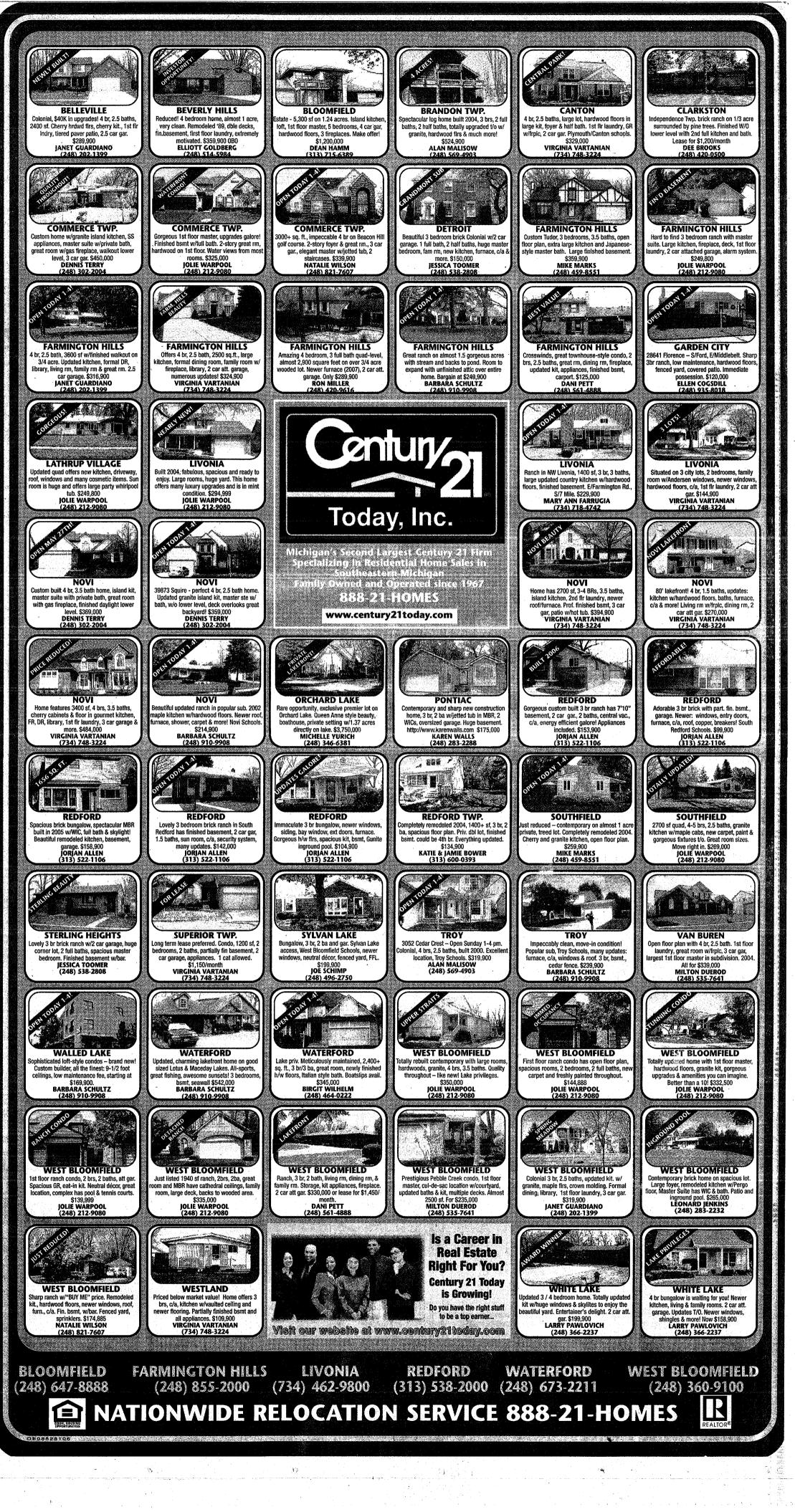
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The Lucerne is what Buick execs are calling "the contemporary embodiment of Buick's tradition of style, comfort and performance." However, any prestige associated with the

However, any prestige associated with the Lucerne is due to its gene pool. The Lucerne shares its structure and chassis with its more popular, higher-classed corporate cousin, the Cadillac DTS.

The Lucerne also benefits from its kin, by being built alongside the DTS at General Motors' awardwinning Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Center.

This facility earned consecutive quality awards in 2004 and 2005 from J.D. Power & Associates – a company that provides consumer ratings. In 2006, the plant finally won the coveted Bronze Quality award by placing third in quality among all plants in North and South America.

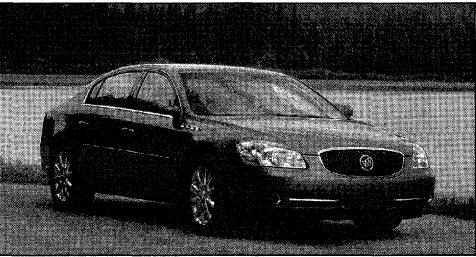
All those accolades don't translate into auto sales for the Lucerne, though. Being categorized as an entry-level luxury sedan, the Lucerne faces direct competition from the Chrysler 300, Ford Five Hundred, and Mercury Sable. The Lucerne offers an attractive package, but needs more refinement to be a better luxury car.

The 2007 Buick Lucerne comes in three trim levels: CX, CXL and CXS. The \$25,515 priced CX offers 16-inch alloy wheels, keyless entry, full power accessories, OnStar, a CD player and steering-wheel-mounted audio controls.

Moving up to the CXL gets you leather upholstery, 17-inch alloy wheels, heated outside mirrors, rain-sensing wipers, auto-dimming rearview mirror, a power passenger seat, dual-zone automatic climate control and an MP3-capable stereo. An added benefit of owning the CXL is the optional equipment you can purchase, such as heated and cooled seats and heated windshieldwasher fluid.

If you want the best Buick has to offer, get the CXS. This \$34,755-priced high-end model comes with driver-seat memory, heated front seats, a

The Lucerne replaced the LeSabre and the Park Avenue in the Buick lineup in 2006 because the models where dated.



280-watt Harman Kardon audio system, satellite radio, 18-inch alloy wheels and a heated steering wheel.

Stand-alone options on all Lucernes are a CD changer, a moonroof, remote vehicle-starter and rear park assist. Available on the two higher-priced trims are heated and cooled seats and a touchscreen navigation system.

Two new exterior color choices are available for the 2007 Lucerne; Light Quartz Metallic and Gold Mist Metallic – along with new interior Cocoa/ Cashmere and Cocoa/Shale combinations.

The Cocoa/Shale mixture has Cocoa on the instrument panel upper trim, door upper trim, steering wheel, carpet and floor mats, and shale on almost every other interior trim, including seats, instrument panel lower trim and door lower trim.

The Cocoa/Cashmere offering changes the look by placing Cashmere on just about every other interior trim, including seats, instrument panel lower trim and door lower trim.

The CX and CXL are powered by a V6 engine that pushes out 197 horsepower. In addition, there is a V8 engine available on the CXL and standard on the CXS that is good for 275 horsepower.

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The Lucerne has been highly touted for premium safety since it debuted. The 2007 model keeps this reputation intact.

In National Highway Traffic Safety Administration crash tests, the Lucerne earned a perfect, five-star rating for its protection of the driver and front passenger in frontal impacts. A four-star rating was given for side-impact protection of front and rear occupants.

There's a reason for these great ratings. The Lucerne's safety results from a litany of standard safety features. Every trim comes with anti-lock disc brakes, traction control, a tire-pressure monitor, front side-impact airbags and full-length, head-protecting side curtain airbags at no added cost. But that's where the trims' safety similarities end. The invaluable stability control system and brake assist features are only standard on the CXS and optional for the V8 version of the CXL. The Lucerne's safety is matched by its

The Lucerne's safety is matched by its practicality. The available touchscreen navigation system uses signals from global-positioning satellites to locate the Lucerne's position and display it on a virtual map. This priceless device is integrated into the instrument panel for easy access. The system also lets you know where the nearest locations of gas stations, restaurants and other points of interest are upon your request. Added navigational support is provided by OnStar's Turn-by-Turn navigation system – a standard feature installed on all 2007 Buicks.

The Turn-by-Turn service allows drivers to talk to a live OnStar advisor, who in turn downloads complete step-by-step directions to the vehicle through the OnStar system. Audio cues are then automatically played through the vehicle's stereo system. This will allow drivers to reach their destination worry free, without even taking their hands off the wheel.

Overall, with the exception of a heated steering wheel, an upgraded version of OnStar and the offering of a few new color schemes, nothing changes for the 2007 Buick Lucerne over the 2006.

2007 Buick Lucerne. Vehicle class: Luxury sedan. Power: Offered with V6 and V8 engines. Mileage: 19 city / 28 highway. Where built: Detroit. Base price: \$25,515.

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