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Judge won't dismiss charges

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Judge Ron Lowe isn't convinced prosecutors will be able to convict a Westland woman who ran a Plymouth day care center of failing to report abuse in the case of a Canton toddler who died last year.

But he's willing to let them try.

Lowe, a 35th District Court judge, Wednesday denied a motion to dismiss a misdemeanor count of failure to report abuse

against Jacqueline Hadwin, 36, who was director of Childtime Learning Center in Plymouth Township.

The charges stem from the death of 2-year-old Allison Newman, the Canton girl who died 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."

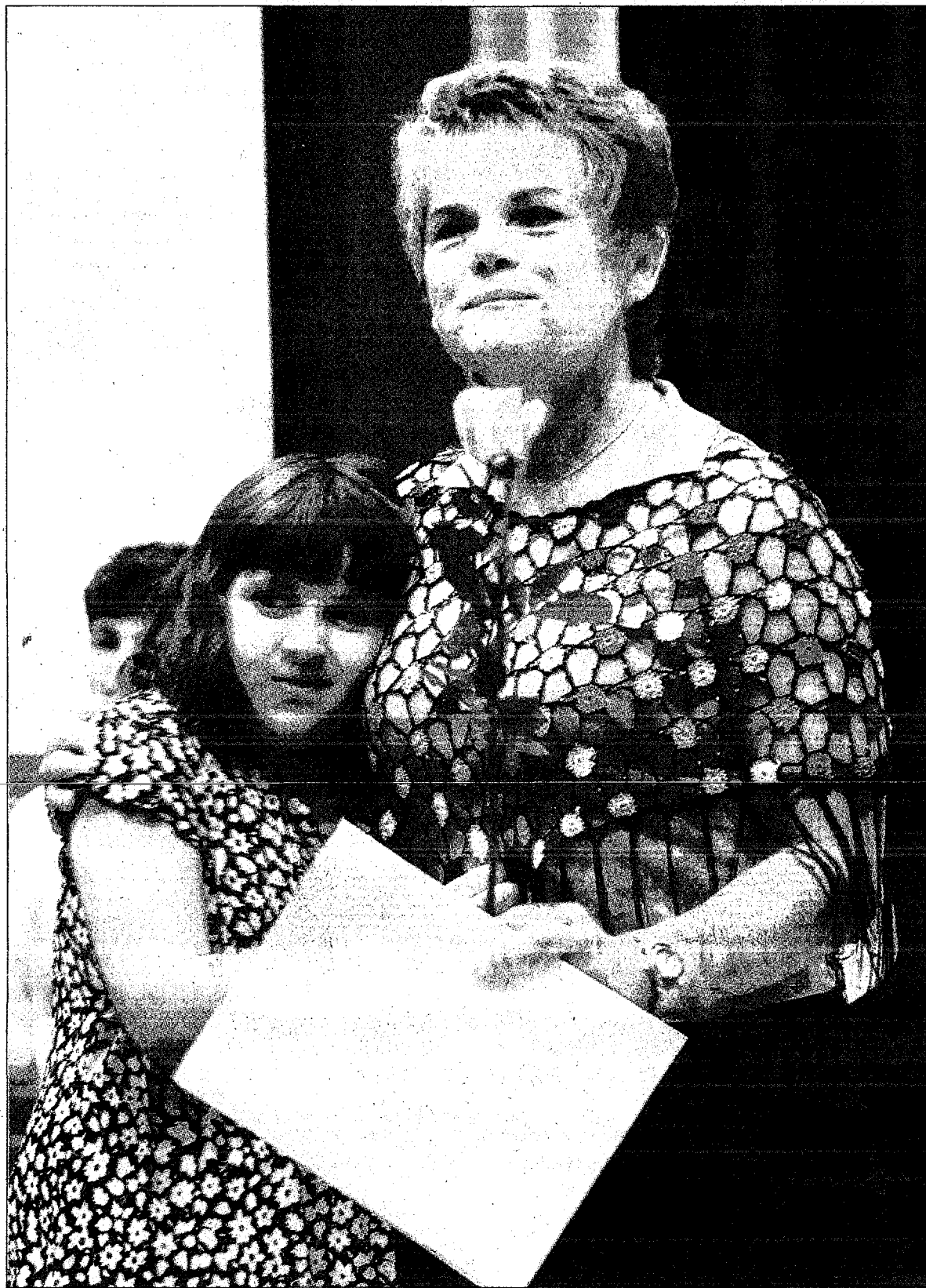
Despite his doubts, Lowe said the decision to deny the motion to dismiss was easy as a matter of law.

"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, Lancot 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.

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'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 to their interests.

"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

Money doesn't talk much

School winner spent the least cash on election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Spending the most money in May 8's Plymouth-Canton school election didn't translate into winning a seat on the Board of Education.

In fact, Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township — according to Wayne County campaign reports — spent the least among the top three finishers and received the highest number of votes in the school election.

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 approximately \$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.

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.

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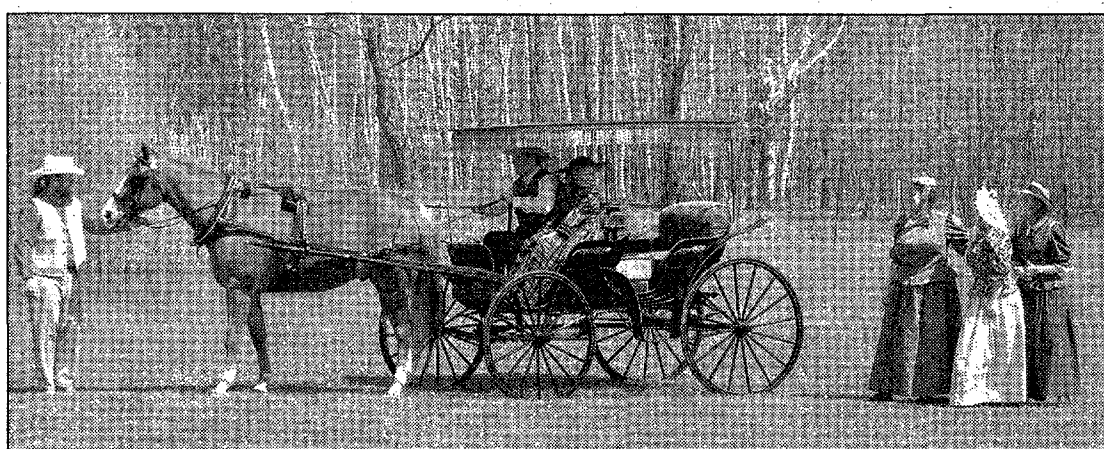
Before *Oklahoma!* burst onto Broadway in 1943, the plot of an American musical was rarely more than a flimsy framework for a series of songs, sung by characters barely more than cardboard cutouts, hurrying to a happy ending, and dancing for the diversion of the playgoers.

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 four-week 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 farm-girl 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.

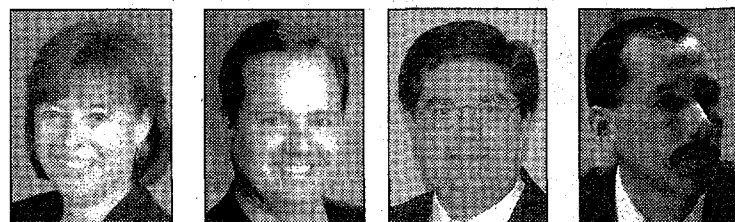
People Will Say We're in Love was the country's No. 1 hit in 1943. It was followed to the top of the charts by *Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'* as well as *The Surrey with the Fringe on Top*. And how many of us can spell the name of our 46th state without evoking the rousing crescendos of the title tune?

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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.



Eggenberger Heise Martin Nichols

School board to interview applicants

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 John Nichols.

"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.

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

MONEY

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"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 Munkfakh, a former Plymouth Township board member, which was attended by 35 people.

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

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-

ment in this race, and I thought it was worth it."

Heise's list of contributors includes many who are politically 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 members, Susan Trussel and Bob Mauser; Suzanne Sareini, Dearborn city councilwoman; Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume and Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

"I've been involved in public service for over 15 years and I have a lot of friends," Heise said.

Slavens, in his preliminary report, indicated he spent nearly all of the \$2,400 he raised for his campaign.

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.

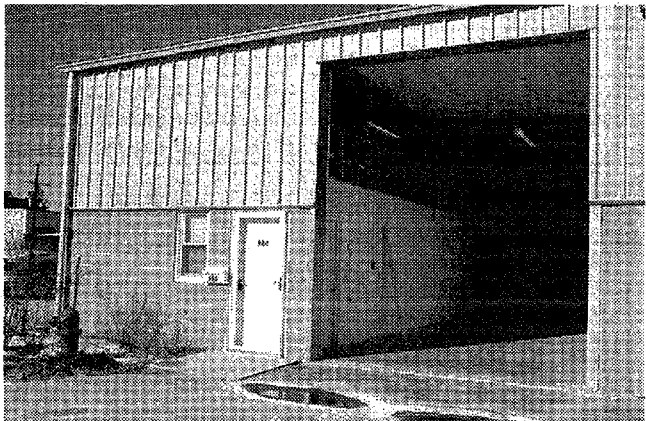
"It may be nothing more than people who think he's the best candidate, or maybe there are people with hopes of getting a contract or favorable consideration," Robinson said. "The more money that's involved, the more questions that need to be asked."

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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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."

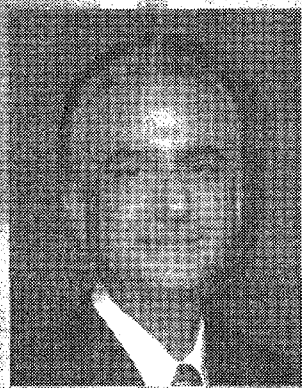
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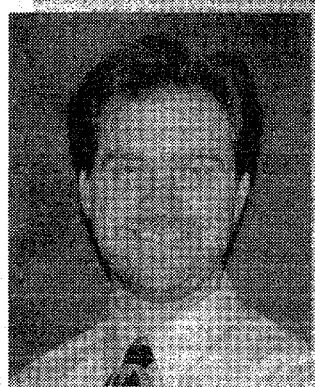
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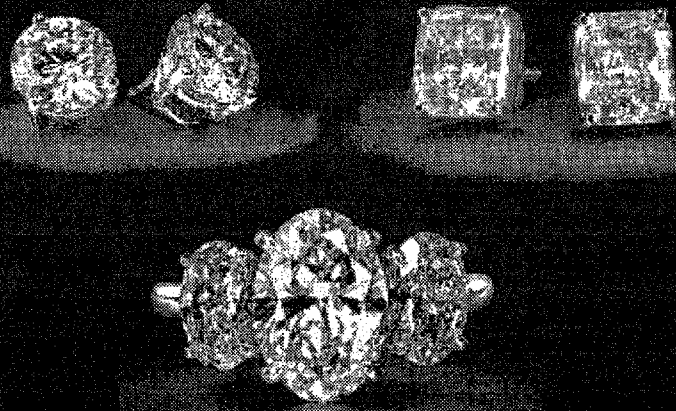
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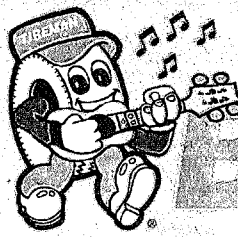
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& LADY SOVEREIGN
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 2 **MONTGOMERY GENTRY** **Ⓢ**
wsg FLYNNVILLE TRAIN
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 8 **FOREIGNER** **Ⓢ**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 9 **STEVIE NICKS / CHRIS ISAAK** ✕
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LEGENDS OF MOTOWN
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- 14 **DOOBIE BROTHERS / PETER FRAMPTON**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 15 **BARENAKED LADIES** ✕
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

- 16 **THE FRAY** wsg OK GO & MAE
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 20 **CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVISITED** **Ⓢ**
wsg RANDY BROCK
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 22 **TED NUGENT**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 29 **CHICAGO / AMERICA** ✕
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 30 **ABBA THE TOUR** **Ⓢ** **Ⓞ**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE

JULY

- 1 **PSYCHEDELIC FURS / THE ALARM /** **Ⓢ** **Ⓞ**
NAKED EYES
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 3 **TOOL**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 5 **JOHN MAYER** wsg BEN FOLDS
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 5-6 **TOBY KEITH** wsg MIRANDA LAMBERT
& FLYNNVILLE TRAIN
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 7 **THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND,**
THE MARSHALL TUCKER BAND
& **THE OUTLAWS**
VOLUNTEER JAM TOUR 2007
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 8 **LIVE / COLLECTIVE SOUL** **ON SALE SOON**
wsg BIG HEAD TODD and THE MONSTERS
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 11 **TIM MCGRAW & FAITH HILL**
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 12 **1964 THE TRIBUTE** **Ⓢ** **Ⓞ**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL

- 13 **BOYZ II MEN** **Ⓢ** **Ⓞ**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 13 **LONESTAR**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 14 **VILLAGE PEOPLE, THELMA HOUSTON,** **Ⓞ**
A TASTE OF HONEY & MORE
SOLID GOLD DANCE PARTY
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 14 **COMEDIAN GREG GIRALDO** **Ⓢ** **Ⓞ**
wsg JESSE JOYCE
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- 15 **JEFFERSON STARSHIP, MOBY GRAPE,** **Ⓢ**
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- 17 **THE POLICE** wsg FICTION PLANE
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 18 **TESLA** **ON SALE SOON**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 19 **BLOOD, SWEAT & TEARS /** **Ⓢ** **Ⓞ**
CHUCK NEGRON
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 20 **THE MOODY BLUES** ✕
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 20-21 **NUNSENSE** **Ⓞ**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 21 **AN EVENING WITH ANITA BAKER**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 24 **DEF LEPPARD** wsg STYX ✕
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- 25 **HI-5 LIVE! (2PM & 7PM)** **Ⓢ** **Ⓞ**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 26 **INCUBUS** wsg SIMON DAWES ✕
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 27 **DEEP PURPLE**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 27 **ZAPPA PLAYS ZAPPA**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 28 **RANDY TRAVIS** **Ⓢ** **ON SALE SOON**
DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
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- 5 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
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- 10 **RICK SPRINGFIELD** **\$** **Ⓞ**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
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DTE ENERGY MUSIC THEATRE
- 11 **NICKEL CREEK** wsg **FIONA APPLE** **Ⓞ**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 12 **ARETHA FRANKLIN** **\$** **Ⓞ**
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- 12 **AMERICAN IDOLS LIVE!**
THE PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS
- 12 **COMEDIENNE CHELSEA HANDLER** **\$** **Ⓞ**
wsg **MIKE GREEN**
MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 15 **THE WIGGLES - LIVE!** (2:30PM & 6:30PM)
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- 25 **BIG & RICH** wsg **COWBOY TROY** **ON SALE TODAY**
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- 25-26 **MERCEDES-BENZ WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL** **Ⓞ**
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SEPTEMBER

- 2 **THE NEW CARS** **\$** **Ⓞ**
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- 3 **HOOTIE & THE BLOWFISH** **\$** **Ⓞ**
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- 6 **SCORPIONS** **ON SALE TODAY**
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- 6-8 **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW** **Ⓞ**
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- 7 **HINDER / BUCKCHERRY / PAPA ROACH** **ON SALE TODAY**
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MEADOW BROOK MUSIC FESTIVAL
- 30 **GENESIS**
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ON CAMPUS

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 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.

The Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main, offers the 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 registration required. Bring your latest project!

■ **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 Brown Bag Books, ask at the

Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **OPTIMISTIC ECOLOGY WITH CHUCK GAIDICA**, Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m. — The Friends of the Plymouth District Library invite all to meet and enjoy this presentation by WDIV Director of Meteorology, Chuck Gaidica. Mr. Gaidica will share his thoughts on optimistic ecology and ways we can all contribute to the ecological well-being of our community.

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

Youth programs

■ **BABY PLAY** — There will be no Baby Play session this month, due to the Memorial Day holiday. This program, which takes place on the fourth Monday of the month, is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal com-

panion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration is not required.

■ **PRE-SCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES**, Wednesdays through May 23, 7 p.m. — This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration can be made by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

■ **PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIMES**, 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 1 p.m. — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-to-3-1/2 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings. The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and can be made by telephone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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■ All Teen Zone programs are FREE — that means it costs you nothing to participate!

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■ All Teen Zone programs are designed for students in grades six through 12. For programs requiring Advance registration, register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. For more information about any of the Teen Zone programs, contact Cathy Lichtman, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 230 or clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org

Computer training

Plymouth residency is required for all attendees of the Library's computer training classes. All classes require registration except the Walk-in Computer Tutoring every other Saturday. Please register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **MAKE A BUDGET WITH MS EXCEL**, Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m. — Find out how to make a household or personal budget while learning Microsoft Excel. You must be comfortable with keyboarding and Microsoft Windows basics before signing up for this class. Call 734-453-0750, ext. 4 to register for this class.

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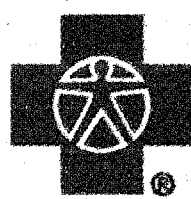
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SERVICE

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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 or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

- FICTION**
1. "Simple Genius," David Baldacci
 2. "The Yiddish Policemen's Union," Michael Chabon
 3. "The Children of Hurin," J.R.R. Tolkien
 4. "The Woods," Harlan Coben
 5. "Rant," Chuck Palahniuk

- NON-FICTION**
1. "At the Center of the Storm," George Tenet

2. "Einstein," Walter Isaacson
3. "God is Not Great," Christopher Hitchens
4. "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle," Barbara Kingsolver with Steven L. Hopp and Camille Kingsolver
5. "Paula Deen: It Ain't All About the Cookin'," Paula Deen with Sherry Suib Cohen

**PARENT'S CHOICE
NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS**

1. "The Very Best Bed," Rebekah Raye
2. "Balloons, Balloons, Balloons," Dee Lillegard
3. "Ten Little Wishes," Andrea Alban Coaline
4. "Mark's Messy Room," Geraldine Eischner
5. "Wolf! Wolf!" John Rocco

CONCERT SCHEDULE

HITTING THE STAGE

The "Music in the Air" concert series, hosted by the Downtown Development Authority Friday nights in Kellogg Park, resumes June 1. The schedule (concerts start at 7 p.m.):
■ June 1 - Mass Transit, a perennial favorite feel-good band kicks off the 2007 season.

- 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 blues-rock 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.

GUITAR HERO

FROM PAGE C1
expert level)." He said. "I don't play that much, about three days a week, and an hour or so a day."
Beczsko, 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."
Beczsko'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.
Beczsko 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.

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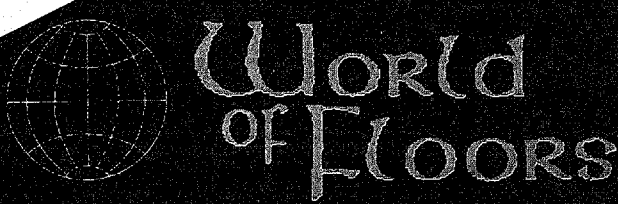
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Voting: A Right and a Responsibility

BY JESSICA JARY

Many rights and privileges that teens once associated solely with adults seem to be knocking on their doors all too fast.



Jessica Jary

The most welcome is usually driving, but the most important is

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 now will be much less costly

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.

Registration is a simple

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, he or she is eligible.

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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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 granddaughter, Katelyn. The couple celebrated by renewing their vows while on a Caribbean 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 and Erin. The Kochs 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

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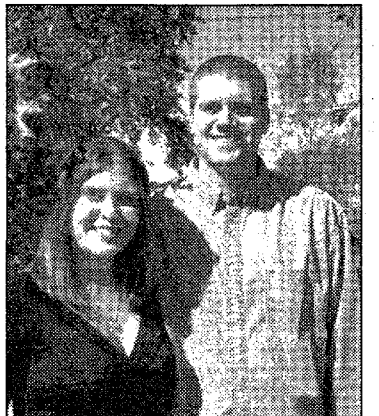
Robert and Debbi Rock of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Rock, to David Hammer. Natalie is a 2002 graduate of Farmington High School is working on my bachelor of science in business degree at Eastern Michigan University and will graduate in 2008. David of Plymouth is the 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.

Kaucher-Zdrodowski

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



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.

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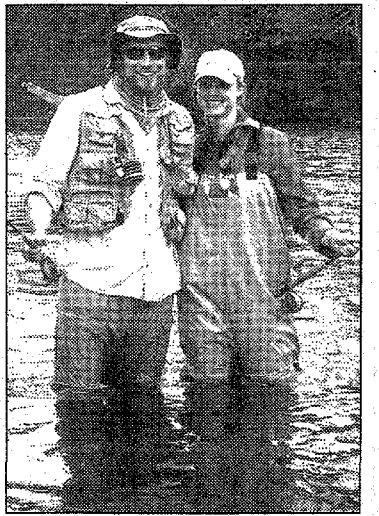
Lou and Ann Mastrofrancesco of Northville, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marta, to Mario Fabiilli, son of Leonardo and Franca Fabiilli of Eastpointe. The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School; she obtained her bachelor of science from the University 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 bachelor of science and master of sci-



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.

Warner - Sommariva

Evelyn 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



the Plymouth Whalers (OHL). They are planning a fly fishing honeymoon in Canada.

Lamp-Immerfall

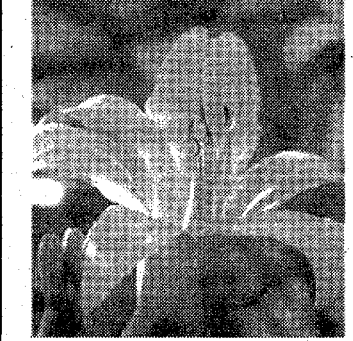
Amy Elizabeth Lamp of Orlando, Fla., and Matthew Stephen Immerfall of Plymouth will be married in Orlando on July 27, 2007. Amy is the daughter of Rob and Suzan Lamp. She is a 2005 graduate of the University of Florida and is a public relations coordinator with Marriott Vacation Club International. Matthew 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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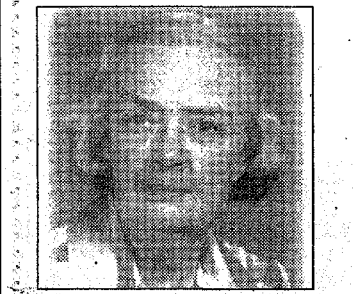
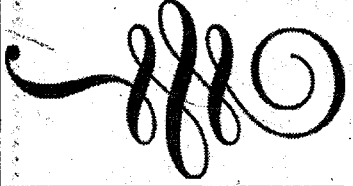
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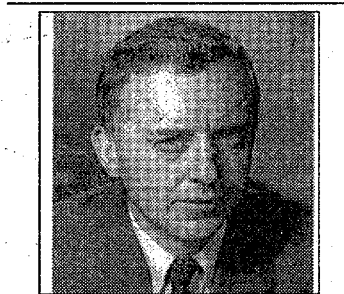
NANCY AUSTIN
 May 17, 2007 Age 69. Teacher in the Birmingham School District for 42 years, mainly at Pierce Elementary School. After retirement she volunteered at Cranbrook and also was a substitute teacher. Member of First Congregational Church of Clarkston and First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. Preceded in death by her parents, Almon and Thirza Austin and her dear friend, Vince Secontaine. 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, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Caroline 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.

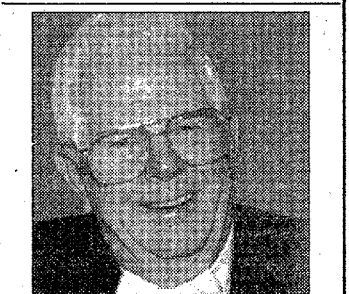
LEO PAUL CAUZILLO
 Memorial Service scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 11:00am at Grand Lawn Cemetery, 23501 Grand River, Detroit. Located south of 7 Mile and east of Telegraph. Leo passed away April 16, 2007 of liver cancer.



SHIRLEY A. HERSEY
 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 great-grandparents, (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. Maple, Birmingham. 248-644-6000.

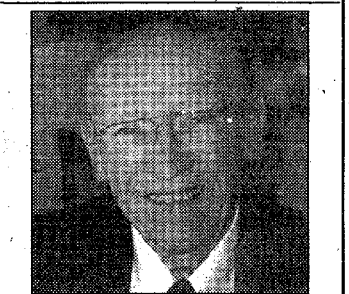


PETER J. GILLERAN
 Peter J. Gilleran, a long-time art professor at Wayne State University, has died. He was 85 years old. Peter was born in the Corktown section of Detroit. His father, also Peter J. Gilleran, was born in Roscommon, Ireland. His mother, Vera Jaeger Gilleran (later Blanchfield) was born 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 Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. His principal teacher there was the noted 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 professor 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 uplifting. We seem to have forgotten the 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; Sean Gilleran, 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 Gilleran 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 cherished 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 many 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 and spirit will live with us forever.

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WILLIAM WALLACE WOLFE
 Age 85, May 17, 2007, of Troy, formerly of Detroit, Petoskey and Charlotte. Beloved husband of Nancy (McPrangle) Wolfe. Dear father of Patricia Mazurkiewicz, Kathryn (Terry) Walker, Bobette Hoffman, Susan (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 Price 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 to the American Heart Association. On-Line register book at: www.pricefuneralhome.net

GEORGE M. WERTZ
 Age 87, May 16, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Margaret. Dear father of Kathleen (Ed) Churchman, Eileen (Ed) Brown, Greg, Susan (Jim Day), Jim (Cindy) and Nancy (Rick Merriman). Grandfather of 9. Great-grandfather of 10. Funeral Service were held. Arrangements by Santeiu and Son.

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AAUW says women lag behind on pay equity

New research released April 23 by the American Association of University Women 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, parent-hood, 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 obligations, so you'd expect there to be very little difference in the wages of men and women. But surprisingly, and unfortunately, we find that women already earn less - even when they have the same major and occupation as their male counterparts."

The AAUW research also shows that this pay gap exists despite the fact that women outperform men in school - earning slightly higher GPAs than men in every college major, including science and mathematics.

"The persistence of the pay gap among young, college-educated, full-time workers suggests that educational achievement alone will not close the pay gap,"

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.

Byways to flyways - from the river to your town

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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.

Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

Birds know no boundaries 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,



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

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 fact-checking 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.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. Reach him at oaknature@aol.com.

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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 non-profit 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.

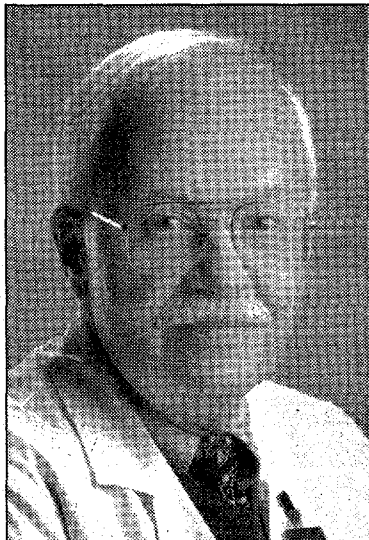
Emotional support was crucial to Catherine Withrow after her daughter Amanda was diagnosed with leukemia in November 2005. Withrow had noticed a black and purple bruise the size of a plum on the 3-year-old. Bruising, paleness, nose and gum bleeding, infections and fever, and joint and bone pain are all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

parents there is a cure. Main began treating leukemia patients at Children's Hospital even before graduating from Wayne State University's medical school in 1964.

"As more and more chemo became available, we could do more things for the patients. The survival rate has slowly, slowly increased," said Main, chief of pediatric hematology and oncology at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for the last 21 years. "The numbers have gotten better because of chemotherapy, blood and platelet transfusions, the antibiotics we have, medicines for nausea, medicines to bring white cell count back. The 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."

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."

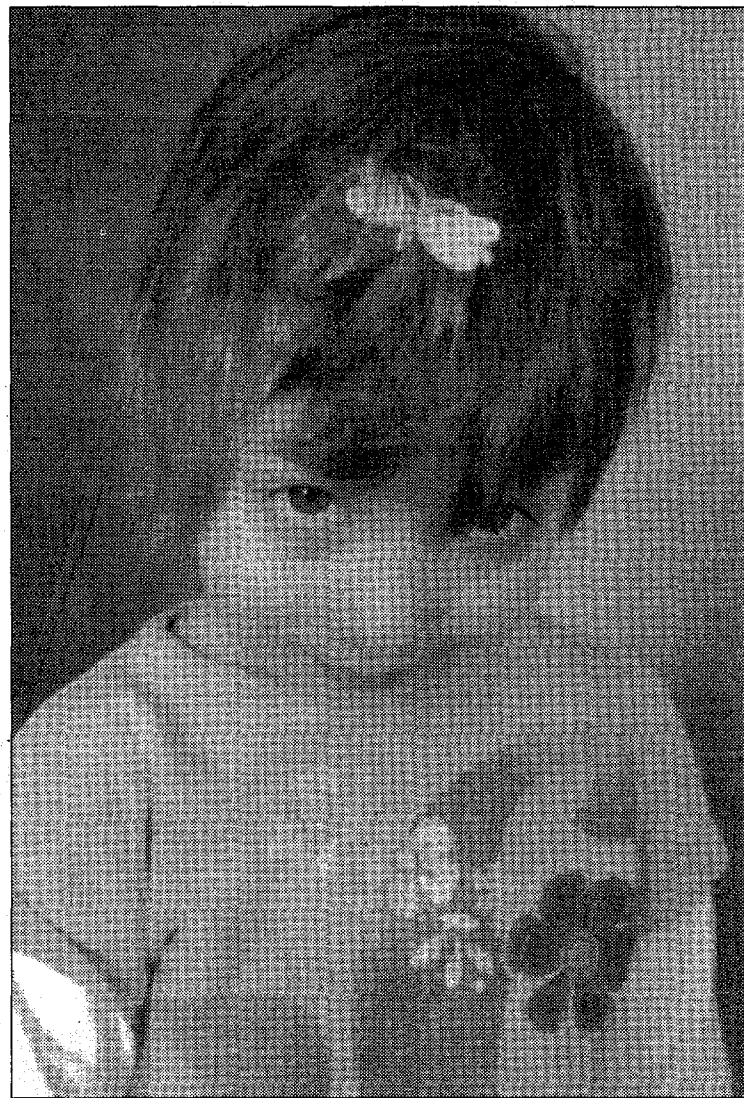
The survival rate has increased so dramatically that 19 years ago Main established a scholarship program for cancer survivors through Beaumont with the support of Birmingham merchants.

"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-



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.

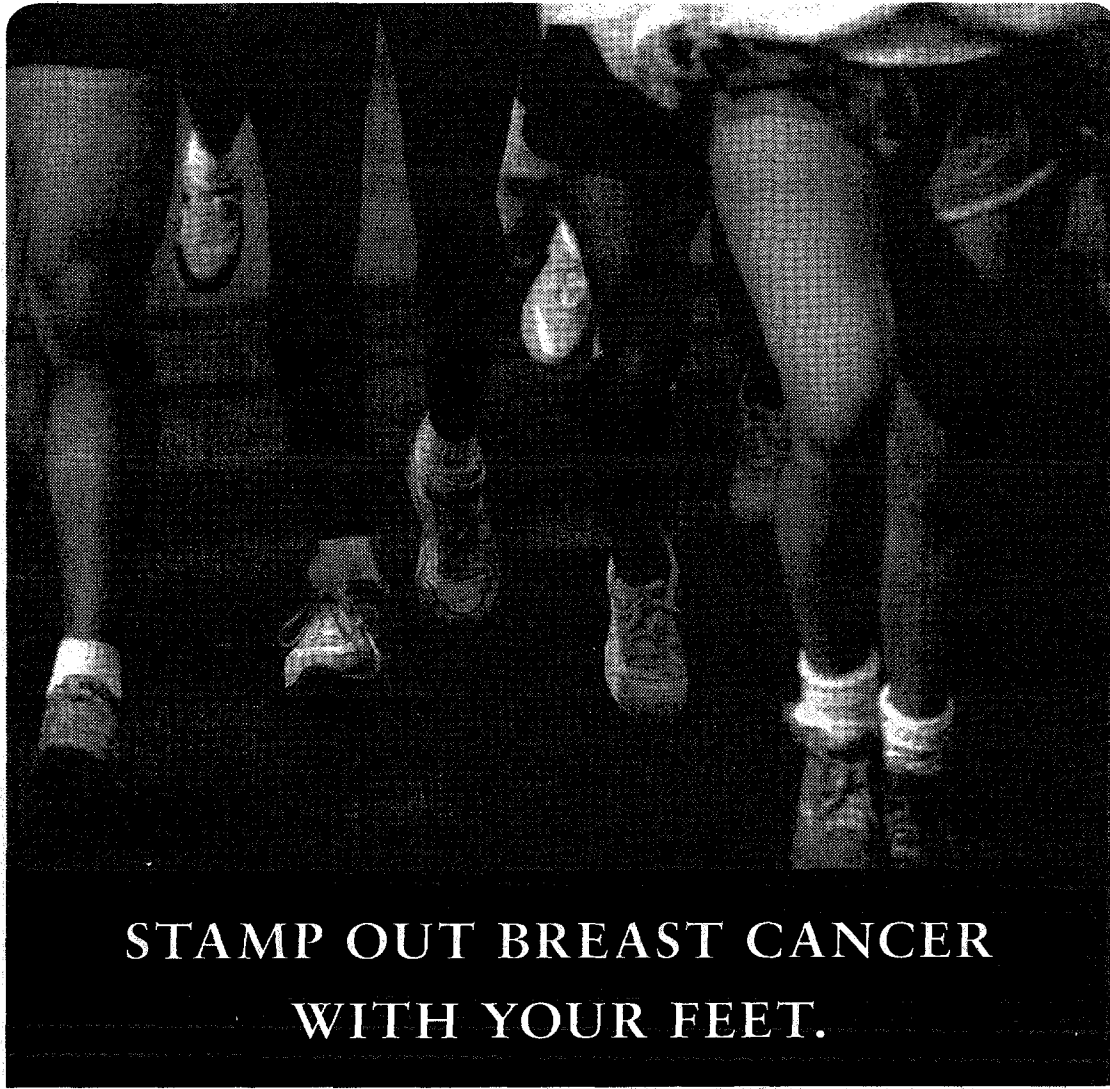
"Every situation is unique. Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr. Smith. "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing those things they most wish to do. The impact on quality of life and independence is remarkable."

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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Discovery Ball proceeds to help find a cure

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.

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-

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.

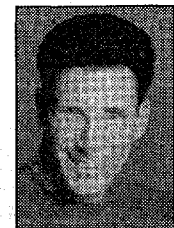
On Saturday, June 2, morning and afternoon workshops focus on the latest technology to help clients and family members; multi-modal communication techniques; music and art therapy, and caregiver support. On the evening of June 2, a gala reception will

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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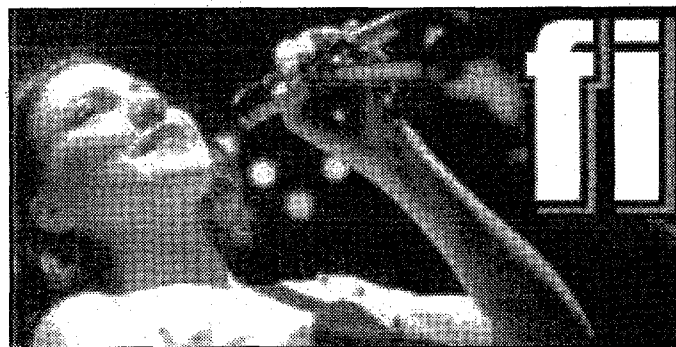
Researchers say exercise reduces systemic inflammation. It also reduces the failure of cells that line the eye's blood vessels. Both of these conditions play a role in the development of age-related macular degeneration. Age-related macular

degeneration gradually destroys the sharp, central vision you need to see objects clearly. This can interfere with daily tasks like driving and reading.

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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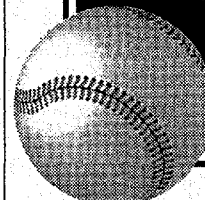
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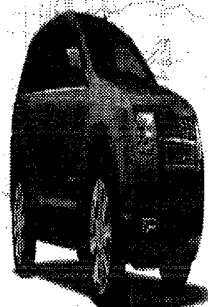
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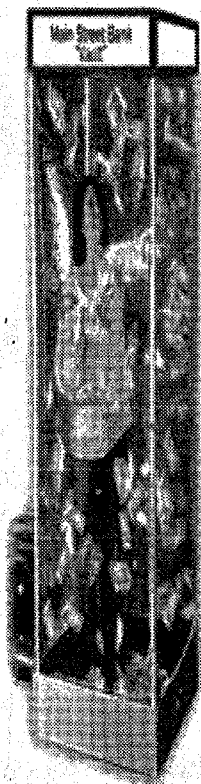
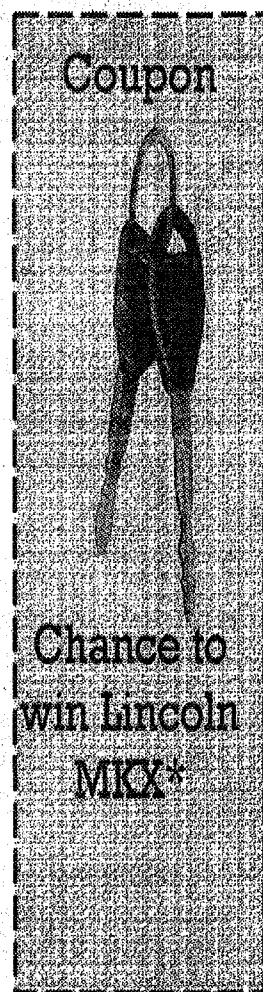
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New hires get advice from seasoned pros on making grade

BY JULIE BROWN
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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, 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.

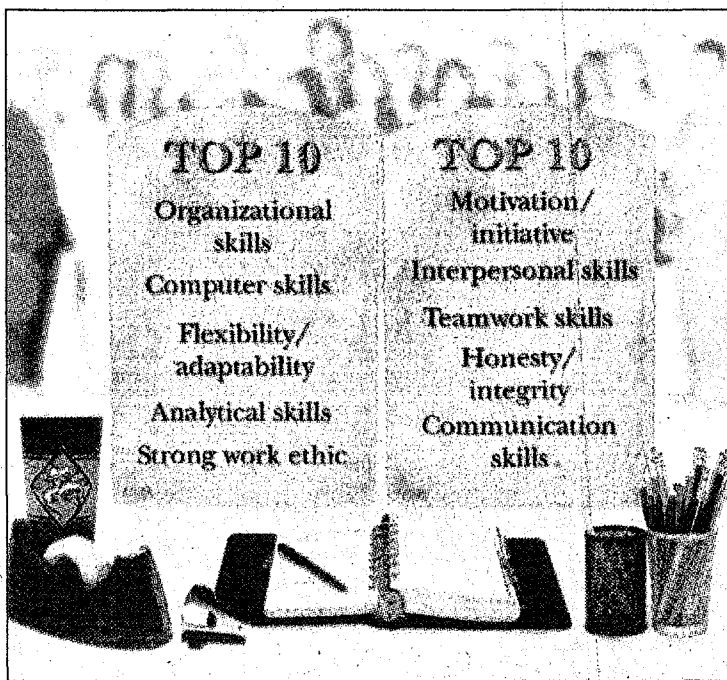
She's an assistant district governor for the Rotary service club's District 6400, and applies that organization's 4-Way Test standards, seeking hires who offer honesty, integrity, positive thinking and are responsible and depend-

able.

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)
2. Honesty/integrity
3. 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

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 e-mails.

"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

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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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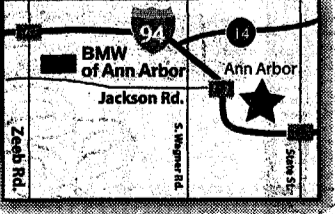


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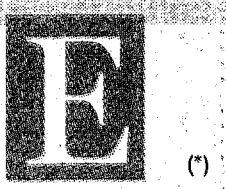
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Let there be (natural) light

(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.

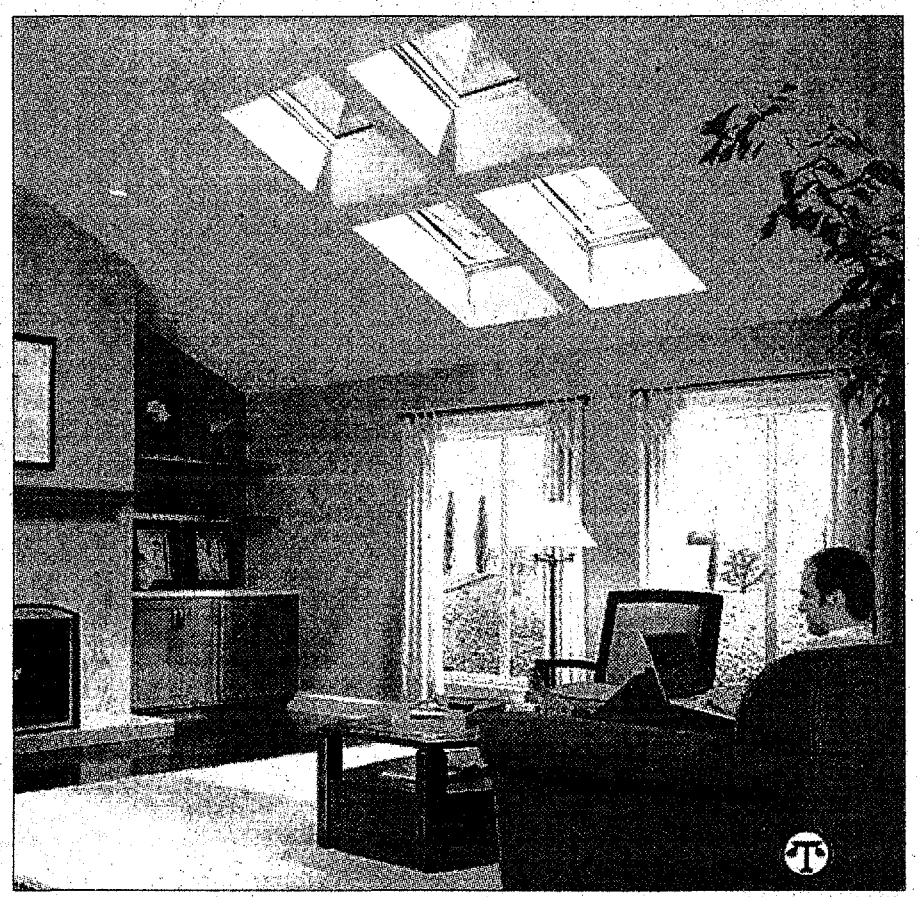
Adequate ventilation also contributes to effective moisture management in the home, helping to control mold. And while gaining more natural light and better air quality, homeowners utilizing venting skylights realize other benefits.

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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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.

The hallway between the bedrooms has a full, sky-lit bathroom and a generous utility room with access to the two-car garage. Groceries can be

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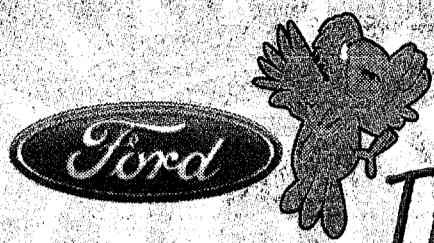
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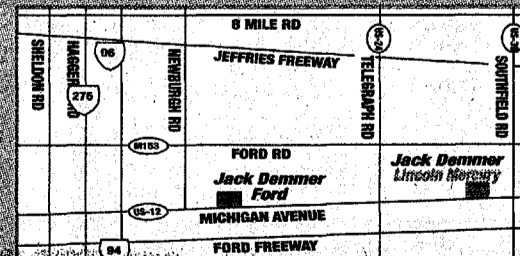
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By Kevin Koloian
Avanti News Features

Since 2006, Buick's most elegant and, thus, high-priced sedan has been the Lucerne. Replacing the LeSabre and Park Avenue, the Lucerne returned in 2007 planted firmly as Buick's flagship sedan. 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 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' award-winning 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.

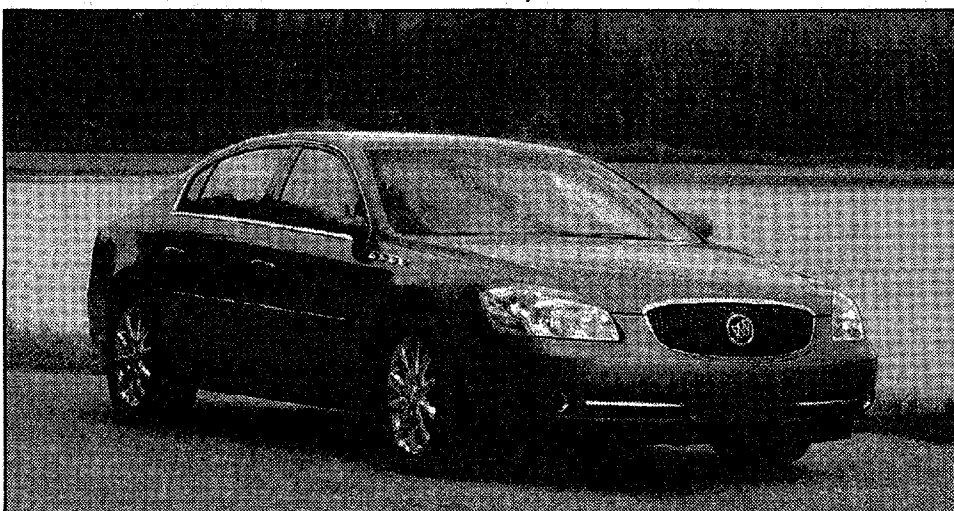
All those accolades don't translate into auto sales for the Lucerne, though. Being categorized as an entry-level luxury sedan, the Lucerne faces direct competition from the Chrysler 300, Ford Five Hundred, and Mercury Sable. The Lucerne offers an attractive package, but needs more refinement to be a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

All Lucernes share the same 4-speed automatic transmission no matter what trim or engine you choose, though.

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 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.

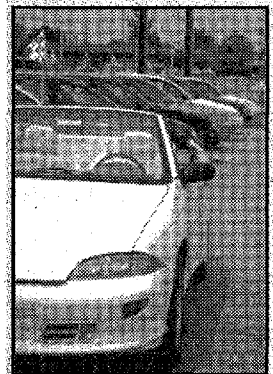
Overall, with the exception of a heated steering wheel, an upgraded version of OnStar and the offering of a few new color schemes, nothing changes for the 2007 Buick Lucerne over the 2006.

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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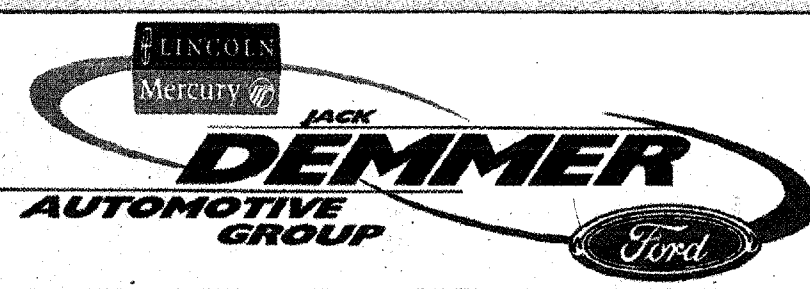
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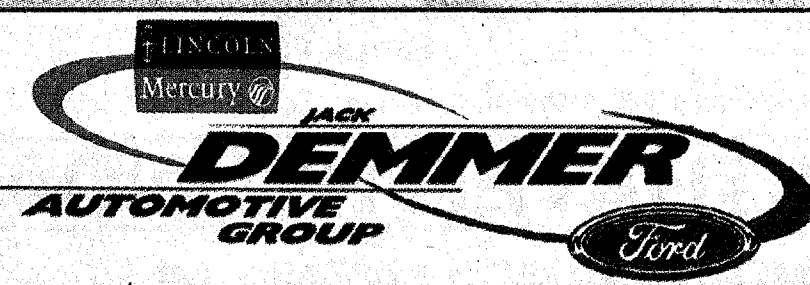
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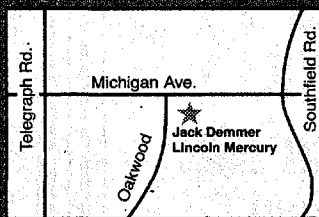


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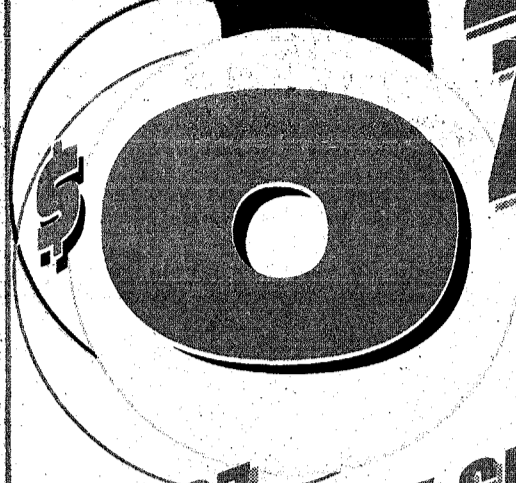
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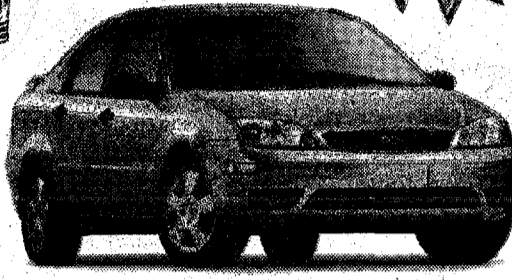
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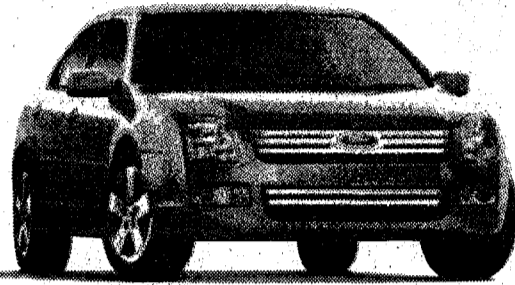


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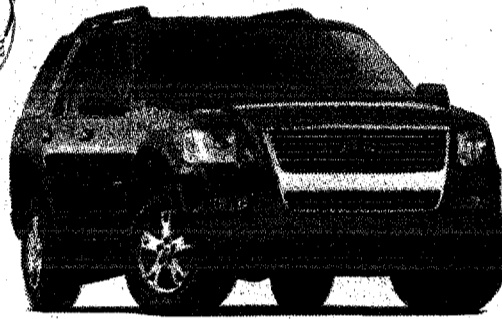


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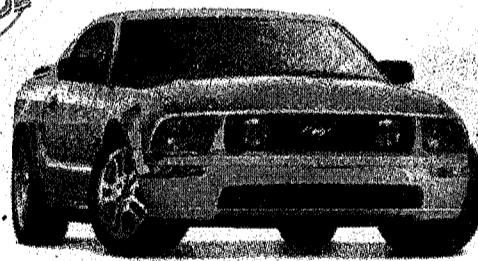


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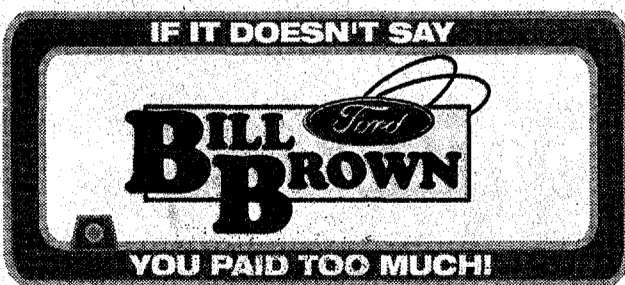
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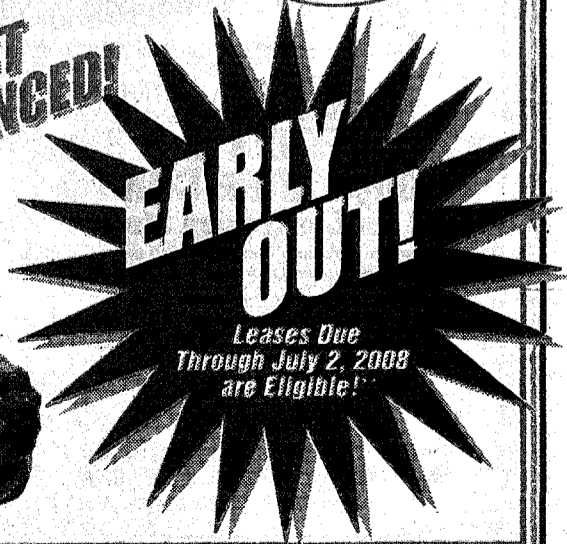


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