

school move

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As Hunter Ferger prepares to transition from Bird Elementary to sixth grade at Central Middle School, he anxiously awaits the unknown.

"I get nervous thinking about it, but I'll get really nervous because it's a big step," said Hunter, 11, who lives in Plymouth. "I feel excited and nervous because I don't know everybody in my class or what teachers expect of me. There's more learning involved in each class and a lot of homework."

The passage to Central Middle School will be made a bit easier for Hunter, who will be among 125 students -25 from each of the five middle schools — who will be participating in the newly organized Passport program.

West Middle School **Principal Ellison Franklin** said the three half-day sessions just before school starts in August are modeled after the successful Bridge program at the high school, and will help troubled students



If you need a mink stole complete with heads, this is the place. Jeanne McGlochlan shows off some of her eclectic stock.

Not so much as a pretty penny Antique store owner bowing out of 'hobby'

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Jeanne McLoughlin has been selling "treasures" at her In My Attic antique store on Liberty Street in Old Village for 17 years.

However, it certainly hasn't been for the money. "I have not made a penny since I've been in business," McLoughlin proudly proclaimed. "But how much does it cost to play golf, or go boating? This is my hobby. I just love doing it.



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> BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

More than 100 people, mostly parents and students, showed up Wednesday at Plymouth High School for a town hall-style meeting with members of the Plymouth-Canton school board and administration not knowing their efforts had already been rendered futile.

They were there to try to convince board members to keep athletic director Terry Sawchuk's job in the budget, and to find other ways to cut the \$116,000 it would save by eliminating Sawchuk's position.

What they didn't know going into the meeting was school board members had voted 6-1 Tuesday to add the Plymouth athletic director position to the list of cuts for the upcoming budget year.

No final decision on the budget has been made. A public hearing takes place at the board's June 12 meeting, and the board will adopt its 2007-08 budget at its June 26 meeting.

transition from the elementary to the middle school environment.

"We're trying to be proactive about identifying students who have not been successful in elementary school," Franklin said. "And we're not waiting until they're in eighth grade to say we need something to help them.

"The transition from middle school to high school, in terms of structure, isn't so great," she added. "They're already used to going to class and having a lot of responsibility for themselves. But that change from elementary to middle school is really big."

Franklin said the advantage for Passport students will be getting an early focus on reading and mathematics, and discovering where everything is located in their respective middle schools.

That's good news to Hunter's mom, Shannon Ferger, who wants her son to start his middle school career on a positive note.

"All I can imagine is this 11year-old boy in the lobby, wondering where to go, finding his locker and having five minutes in-between classes," Ferger said. "The program will help alleviate the pressure and intimidation on the first day of school. This will also give Hunter a chance to meet 24 other kids in the same position, and know that he's not completely by himself."

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After her husband died of cancer last year, and her own bout with the disease, McLoughlin said it's time to move on.

"It's been fun, but it's time," said McLoughlin, 65, who is in the process of closing down the store. "I will travel, goof off and pester all the old merchants that can't quit."

McLoughlin began her business by selling a houseful of items from her grandmother's Plymouth home, including 4,000 sets of salt and pepper shakers.

"My husband said I could open a store to clear out all the stuff," she said. "After I opened the store, I went to church and rummage sales, and some estate sales, to buy more. I'm not like a regular antique shop because I have treasures that are old, new and everything in-between."

McLoughlin said the hard part won't be giving up the store, it will be the interaction with customers. When you go into In My Attic, you not only buy treasures, but a history lesson about Plymouth.

"I like yackin' with the people and sharing Plymouth history," said McLoughlin, who produced



Her large collection of salt and pepper shakers began with Jeanne McLoughlin's grandmother.

a photo album with black-and-white photos of the Wilcox House and a trolley car going down Main Street. "It isn't the same as when I grew up, but there's so much history to share. Like the building next door, in the early '60s Bob Seger's band used to jam upstairs.'

McLoughlin, who never went by "Antique Road Show prices" when tagging her goods, said it's really about making people happy.

If I bought an item for 50 cents, the person I bought it from is happy," she said. "If I sell it to you for \$5 and you're happy, and you give it to a friend and it's worth \$50-\$500, look at all the people who are happy on one item."

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We'd rather not do any cuts, and the last person I'd choose to cut would be Terry Sawchuk, because he's top of the line," Supt. Jim Ryan told the throng. "We're going to have to make more and more cuts as we go. I hate to do that with (Sawchuk), and I hate to do it with 70 teachers, but that's where we're at."

At their Tuesday meeting, board members settled on \$4.2 million in budget cuts, Sawchuk's position and that of development director Tom Sklut among them. Other cuts included a one-student hike in class size in most grades, elimination of the LEAP elementary reading program aides' hours by 33 percent, elementary math support and two school nurses.

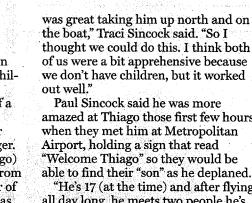
Other major cuts included increasing the elementary school walking distance from one mile to 1.5 miles; elimination of district buses for field trips; and the elimination of high school media paraprofessionals.

But it's the elimination of Sawchuk's job - and the subsequent plan to spread the workload between Canton's Sue Heinzman and Salem's Tom Willette that has drawn the most passion from parents and students.

That idea doesn't sit very well, particularly with Wildcat student-athletes.

"I know on paper this looks like a good solution," said Spencer Tobin, 17, a junior at Plymouth who

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"We didn't get home until after 2 a.m.,

PLEASE SEE EXCHANGE, A10

Couple learns with student in 'Exchange' deal



Traci and Paul Sincock of Plymouth with Thiago Nielsen, their foreign exchange student from Brazil.

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Traci and Paul Sincock have been married for 11 years and have no children

However, their lives took a bit of a twist the past nine months as the Sincocks skipped the baby, toddler

and preteen years to raise a teenager. Thiago (pronounced CHEE-ah-go) Nielsen, 18, an exchange student from Vitoria, Brazil, has been a member of their family since mid-September as part of the Northville Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

"We had an exchange student for a couple of weeks a few years ago and it

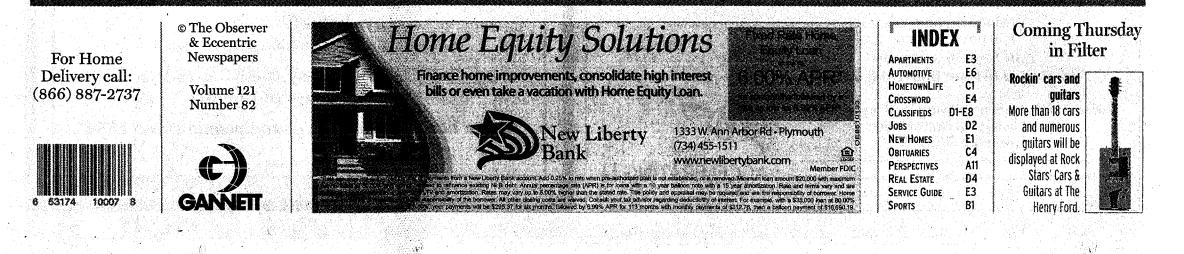
the boat," Traci Sincock said. "So I thought we could do this. I think both of us were a bit apprehensive because we don't have children, but it worked

amazed at Thiago those first few hours when they met him at Metropolitan Airport, holding a sign that read "Welcome Thiago" so they would be able to find their "son" as he deplaned.

"He's 17 (at the time) and after flying all day long, he meets two people he's never met before," Paul Sincock said.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Parents and student-athletes are hoping the school board will reconsider the elimination of Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk, shown here getting the baseball field ready for play.



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Veterans trips

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Independence Village of Plymouth hosts a presentation from Honor Flight, an organization that provides free trips to World War II veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. Dave Cameron, a represen-

tative from Honor Flight, will be on hand 3:15 p.m. Friday, June 8. Beverages and snacks will be provided following the talk, which is free and open to all veterans. RSVPs must be made by Thursday, June 7. For more information, call (734) 453-2600.

Church trip

The folks at St. Kenneth Catholic Church are organizing a vacation trip to England, Scotland and Wales Oct. 11-20. The church hosts an Information Night about the trip 7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at St. Kenneth Parish. Potential trip goers do not have to be a registered member of St. Kenneth's to participate. St. Kenneth is located on

Haggerty between Schoolcraft and 5 Mile. For more information, e-mail padretom@stkenneth.org or call (734) 420-0288.

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Patterson staff hours

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell conducts office hours at the Plymouth District Library in the Friendship Room 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, June 8.

The Library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. For more information about the library call (734) 453-0750 or visit their Web site at www.plymouthlibrary.org

McCotter staff hours

Staff from Rep. Thaddeus G. McCotter's, R-Livonia, district office will host office hours for constituents of Western Wayne County at the Redford District Library, located at 25320 West Six Mile in Redford, 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 5.

Rep. McCotter and his staff are able to provide assistance with issues involving the federal government, including social security, Medicare, military and veterans' affairs, small business concerns, student loan repayments, along with a variety of other issues. For more information, call (248) 685-9495.

Kiwanis speakers

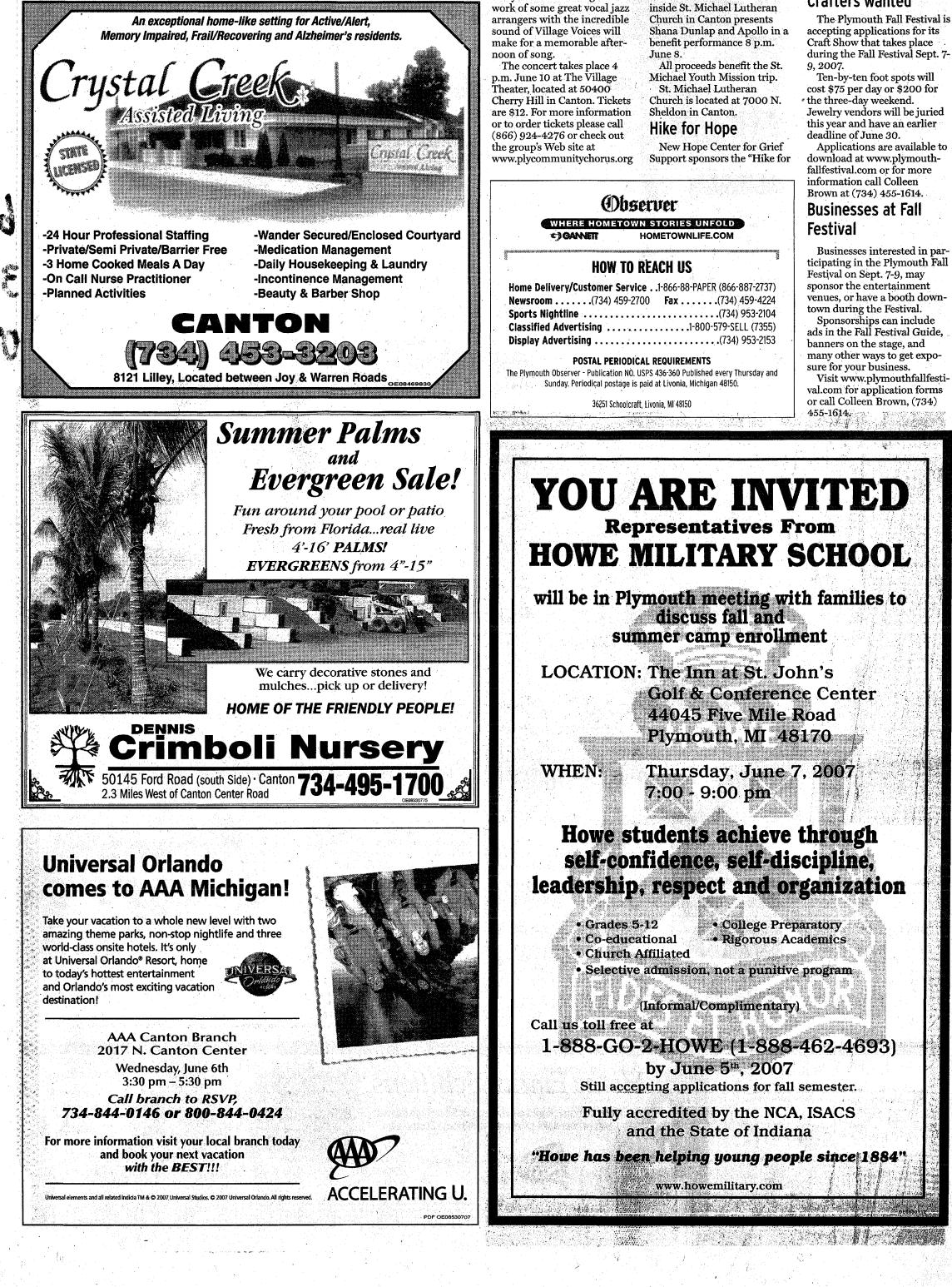
The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth has lined up an impressive slate of speakers for its June meetings. Mark Gaffney of the

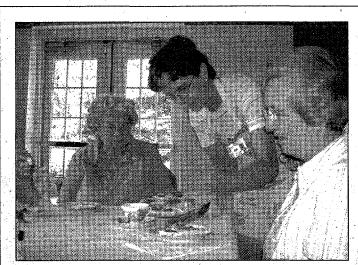
Michigan/AFL-CIO starts it off Thursday when he reflects on the role of unions in a global economy. He will be speaking fresh off the Mackinac policy conference, where union leaders Ron Gettelfinger and James Hoffa spoke.

Upcoming weeks will see Dan Mulhern, Michigan's First Gentleman, husband of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, June 14; Freman Hendrix, vice president at Eastern Michigan University and former candidate for Detroit mayor, June 21; and 20th District State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, June 28. Kiwanis meetings run noon to 1:30 at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road.

Village Voices

Village Voices, an ensemble chosen from the BeckRidge Chorale, presents their final concert of the season, All That Jazz. From jazz standards to





Two for tea

Volunteer Ann Stando of Livonia serves tea sandwiches to guests Betty Nulty and Valentine Dabich of Plymouth. Nulty and Dabich attended an Angela Hospice tea party with a group from their church. Angela Hospice of Livonia is opening its doors to the community each Friday in June from 3-5 p.m. for a weekly tea party. The invitation is offered to all community members to join the hospice's staff, volunteers, and friends, for the opportunity to tour the organization's Care Center located at 14100 Newburgh Road, and learn more about the hospice's many caring programs. Each tea party will be held at the Angela Hospice Care Center. An RSVP by noon on the day of the party would be appreciated at (734) 953-6018. Additional information about Angela Hospice is also available at www.angelahospice.org.

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A registration fee of \$15 per person or \$25 per family will be charged; donations can be solicited by entrants from sponsors. Registration is from 9-9:45 a.m. The hike will be followed by a "Time of Remembrance" and a complimentary hot dog lunch.

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The nonprofit agency provides grief support services for adults, children, and teens through groups, seminars and other resources. All groups offered by New Hope Center are provided free of charge and the agency relies on individual and community support for its funding.

For more information about Hike for Hope or to participate, volunteer, or be a business sponsor, call the New Hope office at (248) 348-0115.

Crafters wanted

accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 7-

cost \$75 per day or \$200 for Jewelry vendors will be juried this year and have an earlier

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ticipating in the Plymouth Fall venues, or have a booth down-

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LOCAL NEWS

Helping out in time of need Senior facility takes in victims of Livonia fire

BY DAVE VARGA STAFF WRITER

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Derek Perry and a friend were putting up a pool in his yard when they noticed the column of smoke just after 4 p.m. Thursday.

They hopped in his truck and got to the burning south building of the three-story Meadows of Livonia senior residences just before the firefighters. There, they joined two other men in helping get elderly residents to safety.

"I just ended up running into the building there, just pounding on doors and trying to get people out," said Perry, 27.

One woman, whom he described as petite and very fragile, had to be carried out quickly, rather than use her walker. "I asked her if she needed oxygen and she said yes. I took her by the EMS so she could get oxygen."

The fire, which burned for close to two hours, destroyed parts of the west end of the Meadows' south building, on Jamison east of Middlebelt.

Seven residents ended up at Independence Village of Plymouth, on Northville Road in Plymouth Township, after Lauren Lucas, Independence Village's marketing director, saw the fire on her way home and notified the center's management. She worked with Glenna Yaroch, president of Home Instead Senior Care, to coordinate relocation efforts and other activities.

'We sent our shuttle bus, and Lauren and Glenna were working with the Livonia fire marshall and American Red Cross to bring seven residents here for the night," said **Rick Goren**, Independence Village's general manager. who said the residents either went home with family Friday or at some point over



A firefighter puts water on a portion of the badly damaged building.



The fire at The Meadows of Livonia drew a crowd from nearby neighborhoods.

the weekend. "We just wanted to be team players, community players and help out any way we could. It's just the right thing to do. Lauren and Glenna did an outstanding

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Derek Perry rescuer

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Livonia Fire Chief Shadd Whitehead said eight people, including three firefighters, were sent to three hospitals during and after the incident.

On a hot day in the upper 80s, two of the firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion - one severe enough to be kept overnight, Whitehead said. A third firefighter thought he had sprained his ankle tripping on debris and water in a stairwell. He remained working the scene, but later discovered the ankle was fractured, Whitehead

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said. All three went to St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Five other people – some residents of the building, some helpers – suffered smoke inhalation and needed to be checked out, with one going to St. Mary Mercy, two to Botsford Hospital and two to Garden City Hospital.

Whitehead said the fire started at a second-floor apartment. The Livonia fire department "committed all resources" to the fire, with the help of fire and rescue units from Westland, **Redford and Farmington** Hills.

Fire officials said 11 units were damaged by fire; 50 units had heavy smoke damage: and 50 had severe water damage.

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McCotter: Give Iraq a chance to survive

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BY ALEX LUNDBERG STAFF WRITER

 Immigration reform initiatives moving through Congress disenfranchise legal residents and the war in Iraq is the central front in the war on terror — literally and figuratively.

Those were the messages U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, delivered to the Wake Up Livonia breakfast at Schoolcraft College Friday morning.

McCotter, a third-term representative in the U.S. House and a former Michigan state senator, fielded questions from the assembled crowd rather than give a speech.

Livonia City Councilwoman Terry Godfroid-Marecki asked for an update on immigration reform bills.

"The Kennedy amnesty bill? I'm against it," he said. "Groups are dedicated to preserving the natural resource of Central America, the rainforest, but now the U.S. is draining their people."

He said the problem with that is it will leave those countries with fewer and fewer people they'll need to set up civil societies. What the practice does to this country, he said, is far more insidious.

"What is the sovereign power in the U.S.? The people," McCotter said. "Those people are being enticed to come here and be exploited by business and government and the sovereign citizens of this nation are being disenfranchised."

On the war in Iraq, he said it's not a political issue. As a member of the 2002 Congress, he reminded the

crowd he

did not vote to authorize the war, but he said anyone who politicizes the war is unfit to hold

political

McCotter office.

"Iraq is free from Saddam Hussein, it's sovereign and its soldiers and police officers are fighting against the insurgents," McCotter said. "We have to give them a chance to survive in our absence."

He said more will be known in September when ' Gen. David Petraeus makes his report. It will be the general and not President George W. Bush, who will make the determination of whether the "surge" is working.

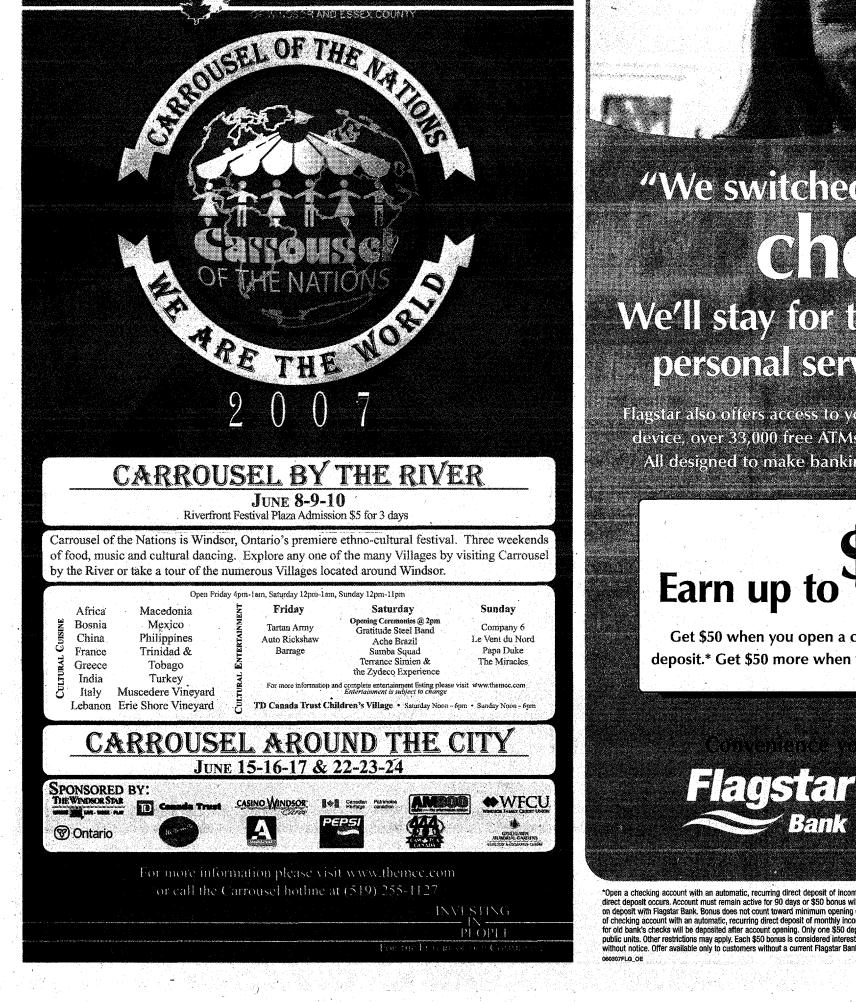
Until then, he said, it's important to remember where this war is happening.

"If you look at the map, Iraq is central to the region," he said. "(If we pull out of Iraq) everything we're seeing done in Iraq will happen in Afghanistan and that country will fall."

He said that what was started as a war on terror has become a war for freedom. **TDS Metrocom**

Marketing Director Cathy Sionkowski said the representative's statements were fairly well in line with previous speaking engagements he's held. She said she wasn't sure if illegal immigration was as big an issue as it's been made out to be.

"It's an issue because people have made it an issue," Sionkowski said. "There are many, many things that need attending to."



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Glenda and Diana Lewis of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7).

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Buddy's Pizza and the Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers present "Dining With the Stars," a monthly contest designed to give local fans a chance to meet their favorite local celebrities and help a metro area children's charity.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in June with Diana L. S. S. Clenda Lewis of WX___ TV (C. annel 7)

Send your tan letter to BuddysDiningStars m and be sure to include your naine, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address. Deadline to enter the June contest is 5 p.m. Monday, June 11. The winner will be treated to: A limo ride for the winner and stars to and from Buddy's (Farmington Hills or the original Buddy's Six Mile Road locations only) for lunch or dinner with Diana Lewis and Glenda Lewis courtesy of Protran Transportation.

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No purchase necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The star(s) featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date to be determined with winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

'Pelorus' trips up Canton's national spelling bee finalist

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Way to go, Nithya ... we are so proud of you!

Those words, written by the Detroit Country Day staff in reference its spelling bee whiz, are on the homepage of the school's Web site. The excitement swirling around Nithya Vijavakumar's quest to win the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee has enthralled the school's campus.

On Thursday, Nithya's classmates watched ESPN coverage of the 13-year-old Canton girl breeze through the spellings of "therapeutic," "kinetic" and "zeugma," a figure of speech, but in the seventh round of competition she stumbled on "pelorus," a navigational instrument. Nithya's spelling of "paloris" eliminated her from

the competition. She finished in the top 15.

The Detroit Country Day eighth-grader is expected to be back in the classroom on Monday.

"It's been wonderful because everyone is on board," said Detroit Country Day spokeswoman Amanda Chaborek. "She is such an example of hard work."

Nithya, who was slated to be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society and plays clarinet and lacrosse, was accompanied to the two-day competition in Washington by her parents and sister. She was poised to become Michigan's first national champ since Louis Edward Sissman took home the trophy in 1941. Evan O'Dorney, 13, of

Danville, Calif., went on to win the competition. He is set to

receive \$35,000 in cash and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

On Friday night, all of the bee's 286 spellers were treated to a banquet.

Scripps spokesman Mark Kroeger said in years past, the majority of spellers had a dictionary connected to their hip. These days, many of the participants accessed word lists on laptops.

He said the 80-year-old bee has gained more popularity since its debut on ESPN in 1994.

"What we hear is that people have a real fundamental fascination with middle-school aged kids that have such a command of the English language," he said. "By the time they make it to (the national competition) they are already champions."

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Nithya Vijayakumar's quest to win the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee ended in the seventh round of the finals. The 13-year-old Canton girl is a student at Detroit Country Day in Birmingham.

Golf outing helps Angela Hospice fulfill mission

Angela Hospice's supporters and business friends will once again head to the greens for the organization's annual golf outing, to benefit programs for terminally ill patients and their families. Phillips Service Industries of Livonia is sponsoring the outing, which will take place Friday, June 15. "We are excited about taking

our golf outing to the Woodlands of Van Buren, in

trust in me.

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Wayne, this year," said Barbara Paul, events coordinator for Angela Hospice. "This is a new venue for Angela Hospice and we anticipate a great day of golf."

The event begins with continental breakfast and free range balls before golf, shotgun start at 10 a.m., followed by 18 holes of golf with cart, box lunch and open beverage carts on the course. A steak reception follows golf with an open bar and dessert, prizes,

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and a mini silent auction.

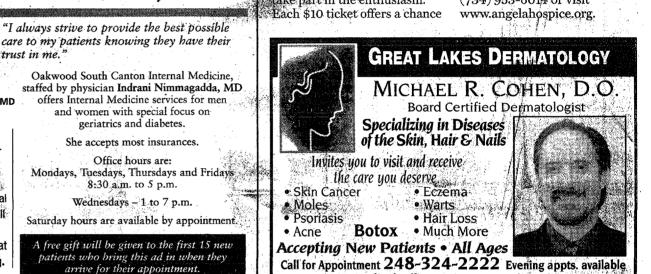
"We are receiving registration for golfers weekly," said Paul, "but there is still room for new and returning individuals

and groups to join us." Golfers can register in foursomes or as individuals at a price of \$175 per golfer. Packages for business partners and corporate sponsors are also available.

The popular "First Choice" Raffle is one way for both golfers and non-golfers alike to take part in the enthusiasm.

to win one of four prize packages, including a Mackinac Island getaway; a weekend at a Northern Michigan golf resort; Tigers box seats and a helicopter ride with WJR; or a night on the town with Detroit Symphony Orchestra tickets, dinner at Opus One, and a stay at the Atheneum Suite Hotel. To learn more about sup-

porting the mission of Angela Hospice and the annual golf outing, call Barbara Paul at (734) 953-6014 or visit

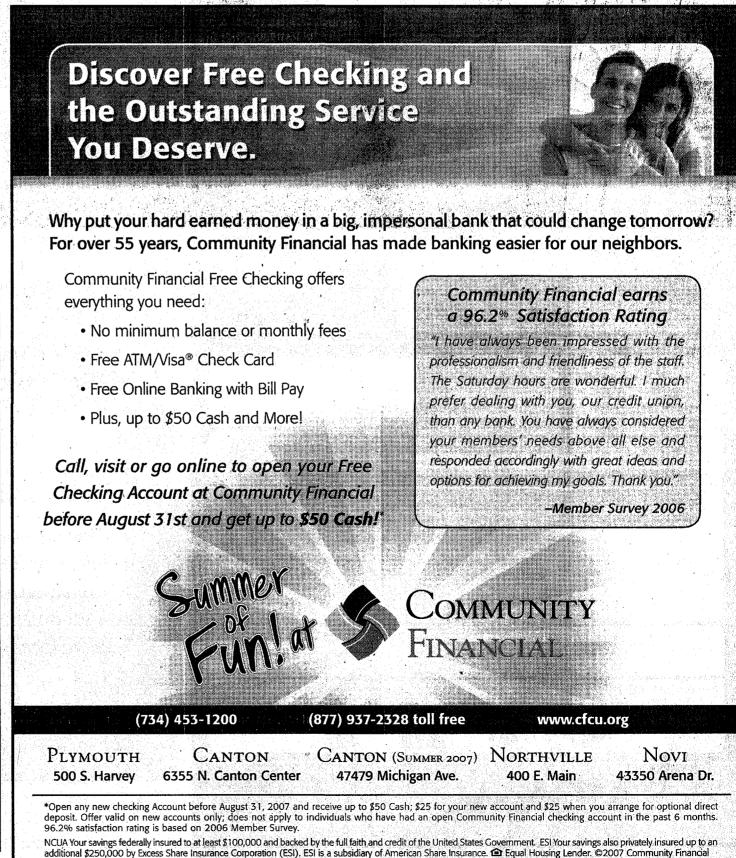


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■ CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP, Monday, June 4, 7 p.m. — Social worker Chris Goldberg of Adult Well-Being Services will answer a wide variety of concerns for individuals caring for ill or aging family members. No registration is required.

■ WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRIT-ING GROUP, Tuesday, June 5, 1 p.m. and Tuesday, June 19, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

\$\$\$ and SENSE, Wednesday, June 6, 1 p.m. – Join with others who are interested in learning and sharing information on personal finance and investing at this discussion group at the library. The group provides a forum to study and share personal investment information, learn investment terminology, review different investment tools, and study individual stocks, mutual funds, annuities, etc. Each month, members follow and report on a mock portfolio they set up on the Internet. This is not a stock club, no monies are involved; members plan, moderate, and participate in each

meeting. New members are welcome at any meeting. Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month in a library meeting room. For more information on current discussion topics, please contact Alice McCardell, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 240 or amccardell@plymouthlibrary.org

GROUP, Thursday, June 7, 1-3 p.m. — This group is for individuals for whom glasses are no longer sufficient. It is facilitated by a professional and is intended to be social as well as informative. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics – caregivers or friends are invited to attend. No advance registration is required – for more information contact Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

■ SO YOU WANT A DOG ... NOW WHAT? Saturday, June 9, 1 p.m. — C.J. Bentley of the Michigan Humane Society's Pet Education Center will give participants the tools to make an informed decision about pet ownership. Register for this Friends-sponsored program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ YOUR POETRY GROUP, Sunday, June 10, 1:30 p.m. — Round-table readings of poems, your own or by others, are held on the second Sunday of the month. Reader's discretion of language is asked in the works read. For more information, contact Shirley Weimar, (248) 348-9953.

PLANETS, Monday, June 18, 7 p.m. — He loves the skies and after this informal gathering, you will too. Plymouth resident Mike Best leads a lively discussion each month for adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ THE REALITY OF UFO's, Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m. — EMU professor Ron Westrum has studied the subject of UFOs for many years and will explore the reality of them in this informative program. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library and requires registration; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION, Wednesday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to read *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ LIBRARY GARDEN .GROUP, Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m. — This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and how the current gar-

dening season is progressing. Gardeners at all skill levels are invited – no registration is required.

ESTATE PLANNING AND POWER OF ATTOR-NEY, Monday, June 25, 7 p.m. - Ken Bloom of Bloom, Bloom and Associates of Farmington Hills will explain the value of having an estate plan and completed power of attorney forms in place. He will review the advantages of a trust over a will, probate and how it affects your estate. Registration is required for this program. Call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, June 25, 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, June 28, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read Julie and Julia by Julie Powell. 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 Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 241, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.o \mathbf{rg}

■ GREAT BOOKS — This discussion group does not meeting during the summer months – details of the fall meeting schedule can be found in the next Library newsletter to be published in late August. To learn more about the Great Books Foundation, see the Internet web site: http://www.greatbooks.org

Youth programs

The Library announces its popular summer reading program – Get a Clue @ Your Library – Books, reading, prizes and fun!

Anytime during the month of June, children are encouraged to come to the Library, sign up for the program and start reading. This program is designed for students ages 612. It has been developed to promote a love of books and libraries, encourage summer reading, and help maintain reading skills. A visit to the Library once each week will help reach these goals. Participants can bring in reading logs beginning on Monday, June 25. A wide variety of programs are planned throughout the summer. Check the Youth section of our homepage – plymouthlibrary.org for events all summer long.

■ SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PROGRAM, THE COMEDY OF BEN SPITZER, Tuesday, June 26, 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. — Enjoy the mysterious magic and hilarious antics of Ben Spitzer. Pick up free tickets for this event beginning on June 18 at the lower-level Youth Services Desk.

■ LAP SIT STORYTIME, Monday, June 11, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Saturday, June 16, 10 a.m. — This 15-minute program is designed for the very young, babies ages 6-24 months and their caregivers. No older siblings please. Registration is required, call on or after June 5, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

BABY PLAY, Monday, June 25, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m. – This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. This month, there will be no Saturday repeat program as it is the 4th of July holiday weekend. Registration is not required for Baby Play. Edge Programs — The

Library announces its first **Edge Summer Reading** Program - GET A CLUE! Anytime from June 1-July 31, kids can stop at the Youth Services Desk and register for the program. From June 25-August 11, participants can turn in reading records and win such prizes as Super Bowl bowling, Skatin' Station skating, Penn Theatre tickets and more. Grand prizes at the end of the program include mall gift certificates and Cedar Point tickets.

Teen programs

Teen Summer Reading Program, YNK - YOU NEVER KNOW, June 11–Aug. 13 — Sign up begins June 11. Participants are encouraged to read, attend cool programs and win prizes. Just a few easy steps:

1. Get a Reading Log

2. Read 4 books of your choice (4 graphic novels = 1 book)

3. Starting June 18, turn in reading log for a chance at prizes

4. Turn in 2 logs & get a mini Sharpie marker

5. Turn in 3 logs & receive a paperback book

Weekly drawings held for pizza, ice cream and Penn Theatre tickets. Grand Prize drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Twelve Oaks Mall, a \$25 gift certificate to Target and a Flashdrive.For more details, come on in to the Library or go to the teen webpage:

plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm ■ MYSTERY PARTY & PIZZA, Monday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. — Kick off the Teen Summer Reading Program by solving the mystery and eating pizza. Registration is required, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Computer training

The Plymouth District Library offers a wide variety of free computer training classes for residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ BEGINNING E-MAIL, Wednesday, June 6, 11 a.m. — Learn how to create a free email account using Yahoo or Hotmail in this one-session class. You will also learn how to compose, send and delete email messages on that account.

■ INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD, Wednesday, June 6, 7 p.m. — Students will learn how to open, close, modify, save and print a basic Word document. The class covers basic features of this software program only. Students must be comfortable keyboarding and using a mouse prior to taking this class. Registration is required and may be made by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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Capoeira! Afro-Brazilian art form is 'a way of life'

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

You can see it in his eyes. You can feel it in his movements.

A glimpse into his soul comes through the full body swings, jumps, kicks, swivels, turns and flips.

It's Capoeira.

And, it consumes 20-yearold Baz Michaeli, a certified Capoeira instructor.

The 200-year-old Afro-Brazilian art form is more than dancing, it's a marriage of movement that mixes the martial arts, hip hop, break dancing and acrobatics.

Michaeli brings Capoeira to Farmington from his native Israel, where he learned it seven years ago. It's relatively unknown in Michigan, with just a few groups into it — in Royal Oak, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Grand Rapids.

But, Michaeli hopes it will catch on in the Detroit area. He is teaching Capoeira at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington, owned by Laurie Smalis.

"I saw this at the Michigan Renaissance Festival last summer and I couldn't figure out what they were doing — was it dancing or was it martial arts?" Smalls said.

She received a letter from Michaeli, offering to teach Capoeira at her studio and she made an immediate connection.

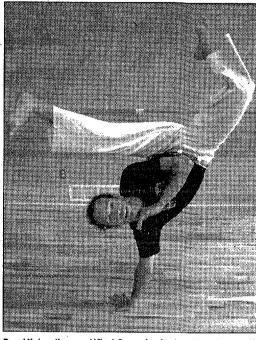
"The art form itself really captivated me," Smalis said. "You can't help but to be drawn into it."

Michaeli, of Farmington Hills, said the history of Capoeira dates back to slavery in Brazil, where African slaves initially learned it as a defense. It was practiced in circles, where singing and music were added to disguise the fact that they were actually practicing a deadly martial art.

Following the 1888 abolition of slavery in Brazil, many slaves organized into gangs and some served as bodyguards for politicians. Capoeira was outlawed in Brazil until 1937, when the president invited Mestre Bimba, one of the



Baz Michaeli works some moves with his father, Ofer, at Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington.



Baz Michaeli, a certified Capoeira instructor, shows off a few moves at the Positive Attitude Dance Academy in Farmington where he will teach summer classes.

He was allowed to open the first Capoeira school in Brazil in 1939. It soon officially became a national sport and has spread to countries around the world.

For Michaeli, it's more than a dance.

"Capoeira is like a language, but you don't talk with your mouth, you talk with your never find two people who do the movements the same. You can compare it with conversation."

Unlike other forms of martial arts, Capoeira is no-contact, something Michaeli's father, Ofer, likes. The former black belt is learning Capoeira from his son. "I like the respect," Ofer Michaeli said. "If you don't have an enemy, you don't need to fight.

People who practice Caporeira wel-

come others who are interested in the art form, wherever you are in the world. Capoeiristas

form on to others. "It's a big family, All around the world, people are fighting and killing each other. If you find Capoeira, people will ask you if you need something to eat and if

are obligated to pass the art

you need a place to sleep. If we learn from it, we'd live in a better world." Students of Capoeira learn to play instruments to set the beat for the dance. They form a circle of rhythm, playing percussion instruments like the berimbal, a bow-like instrument; the atabaque, a drum; a panderiro, a tambourine; and a caxixi, a shaker.

"The instruments give the energy," Michaeli said. "Capoeiristas are people who like to have fun in life; they have a smile on their face and they're happy. Capoeira is 'go with the flow,' it's not only a martial art — it's a way of life."

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Join this exciting art form at Positive Attitude Dance Academy, 23020 Power Road, just north of Grand River in Farmington. Try it out for free for the first class. Call (248) 471-7099 for more information. Summer classes begin June 18. Mondays Ages 6-11 from 5-6 p.m. Ages 12-14 from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays Teens and adults from 7:30-9 p.m. Fridays Ages 6-11 from 5-6 p.m. Ages 12-14 from 5-6 p.m. Ages 12-14 from 6-7:30 p.m. Ages 12-14 from 6-7:30 p.m.



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most important masters, to perform his art at the capital.

body," Michaeli said. "And, there are accents. You can



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plays football and runs track. "But (board members) don't see how (Sawchuk) affects the kids, and you won't see how many kids need to talk to an athletic director who won't have an athletic director to talk to."

Sawchuk, the only athletic director in Plymouth High School's five-year history, will be out of a job after this school year. Ryan said Wednesday Sawchuk is "in the mix" for potential principal openings in the district.

But parents and student-athletes want him right where he's at.

"When you have that kind of person who impacts your kids, you want him around," parent Brian Uller of Canton said. "There are very few like him.

Heinzman and Willette will

share athletic director duties for the three schools on a perseason basis, Ryan said. For instance. Willette will handle football in the fall, Heinzman will handle soccer. A rumor had circulated that Willette would handle boys sports while Heinzman would deal with girls sports. Ryan said that plan wouldn't work because there are more boys sports than girls.

Heinzman and Willette will be under the supervision of Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin. But parents worry such a situation wit 1 no Plymouth High School representation would force the undercurrent of animosity between the three programs to bubble over when conflicts arise between the schools.

"We'll try to make it as seamless as possible, but folks, we're going to have challenges," Ryan said. "I have a lot of confidence in (Ostoin). He wants the Park

to function well. People are jealous sometimes, I can't stop that. But I'm confident (Ostoin) will not be biased, and he'll do what's best for the Educational Park."

Other ways of funding Sawchuk's position were also brought up. Coaches have offered to take salary cuts, the Educational **Excellence Foundation was** mentioned as a possible source of funds, and parents offered to fund-raise among booster clubs

Ryan said the district has even approached local businesses such as Ikea but, while most of them are generous with their money, they don't want their donations used for personnel.

"Even if the coaches donated their salaries, it wouldn't be enough," Ryan said. "And is it a long-term solution or just a one-year fix? You have to look at it very closely."

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Arts council honors 'Emerging Artists' The Plymouth Community

Arts Council hosted an awards and recognition night in conjunction with its annual "Emerging Artist" exhibition May 30 at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

More than 100 people, including many budding young artists, art teachers, parents, grandparents, PCAC staff, mentors and judges were in attendance.

The PCAC coordinates several art competitions for K-12 students in area schools each year, according to Paula Gangopadhyay, the council's executive director. This year the Damaris Fine Arts Award winner won a \$1,000 scholarship from PCAC and the Schulte family to pursue art education in college.

The other winners received certificates of artistic excellence and gift certificates for art classes at the council. Parents and teachers of participating students expressed deep gratitude towards the council for hosting such inspirational contests which give the budding



First-grade artist Anna Hanson from Miller Elementary School – with mom Christine Hanson, sister Emily and grandparents Nancy and Ralph Dietz proudly shows her art at the Emerging Artists exhibition reception. Anna was one of the 70-plus young artists who participated in the art contests coordinated by PCAC.

artists confidence and inspiration to achieve the very best.

"We plan to grow our scholarship and recognition program for young artists and will be seeking sponsorships for the awards," Gangopadhyay said. "As an arts organization we feel it is very important to provide

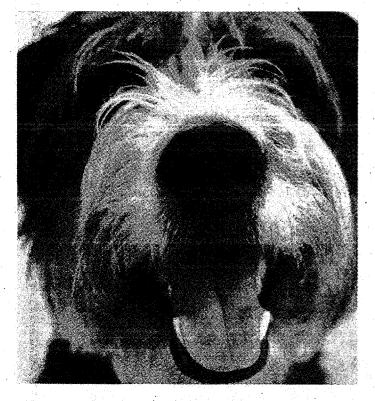
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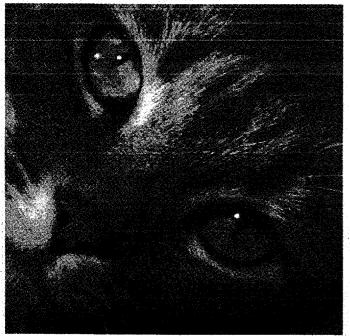




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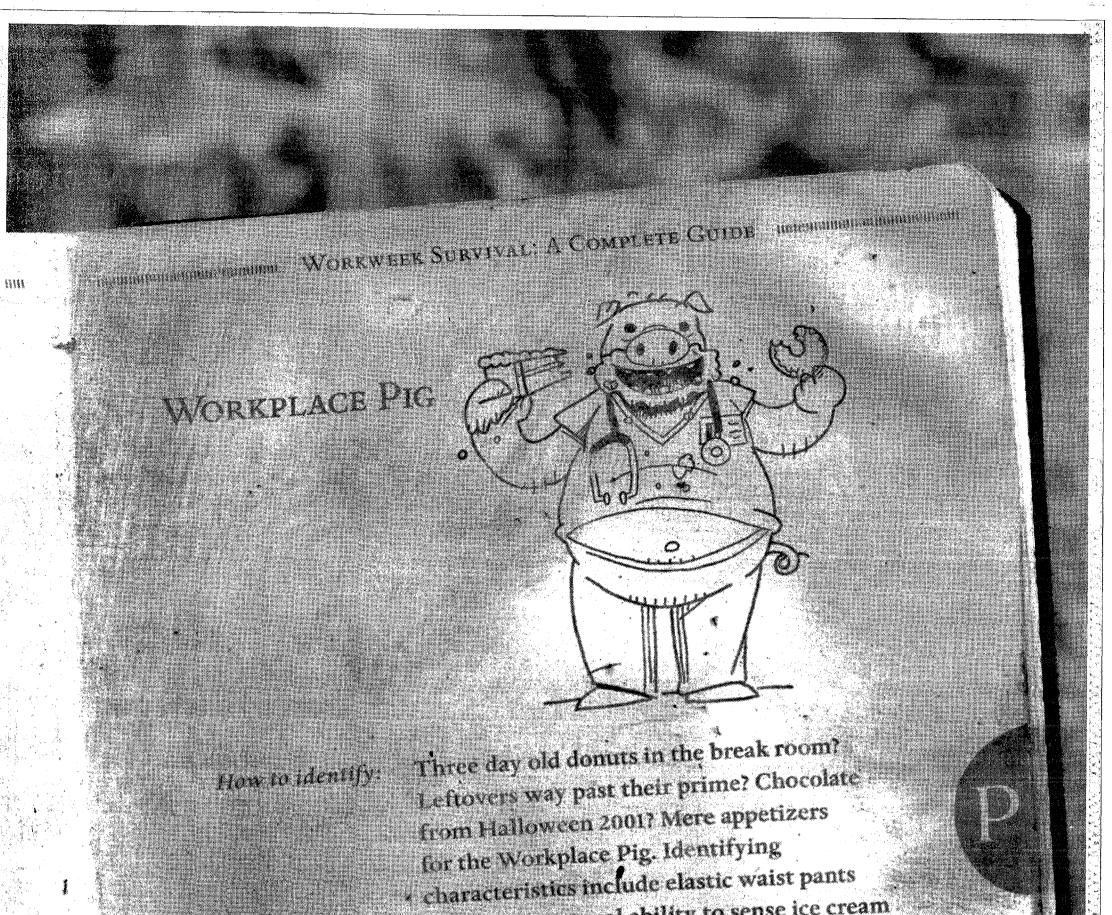
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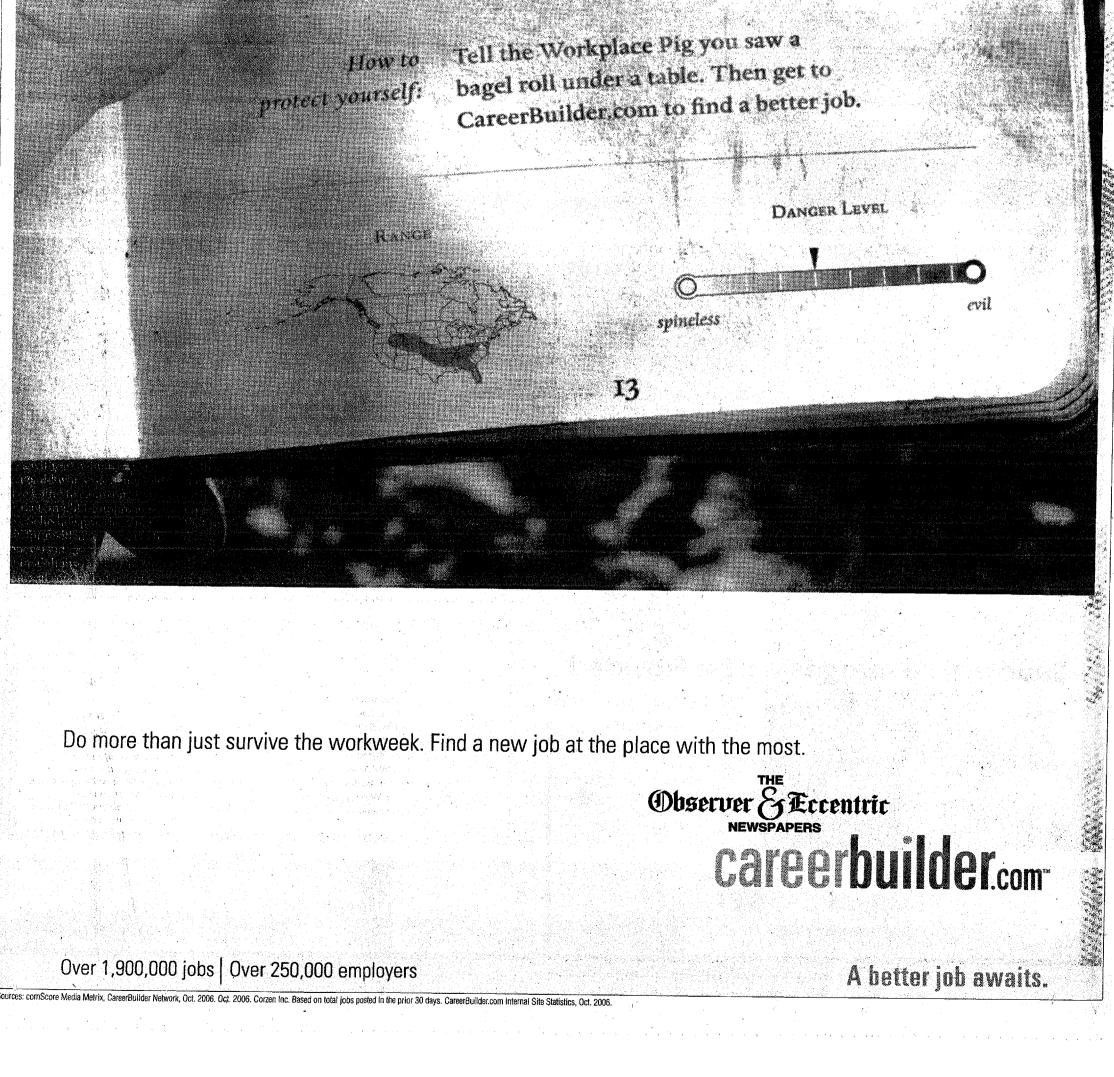


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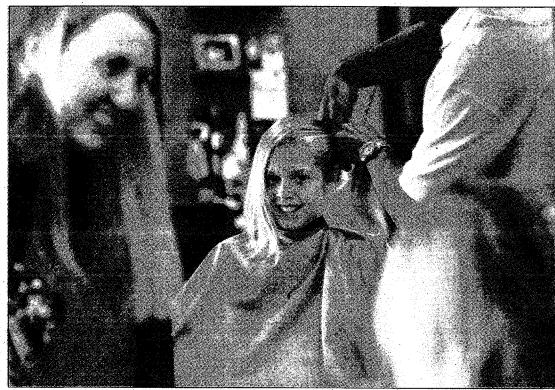
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Mom Jayme Thom watches and Ryan Thom smiles as Paul Checcobelli cuts 11 inches of Ryan's hair for Locks of Love.

Often-teased boy cuts 'handsome' hair for charity

A song by '60s garage rockers opens: "Are you a boy? Or are you a girl?/ With your long blond hair you look like a girl."

Over the past year, schoolmates, waitresses and just about everyone else said the same thing to Ryan Thom, a Livonia boy whose fine, pale blond hair grew long past his

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shoulders. He was even kicked out of the boy's bathroom. On his 12th birthday May 31, Ryan walked into Hair Concepts on Five Mile and left with two 11-inch ponytails to

donate to Locks of Love. That was his plan when he started growing his hair two and a half years ago.

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As for the teasing, he ignored it. "I just figured it would be worth it in the end."

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Ryan, a Johnson Elementary sixth-grader who now bears a resemblance to pop singer Jesse McCartney, came up with the idea of donating his hair when he was in fourth grade. His sister, now 22, had cancer as a toddler and lost her hair.

"It really sank in when I was older and looking at pictures," Ryan said. "She had to spend her birthday in the hospital." A mostly-A student, Ryan also wants to be a doctor, to find a cure

for cancer and to help people. Owner/stylist Paul Checcobelli spent about a halfhour giving Ryan what's

hour giving Kyan what's known as a point cut.

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and he wanted a glass of milk. He didn't like the skim, and he doesn't like our whole milk. He said it tastes different."

There's a simple explanation for that. According to Thiago, "They have better cows in Brazil."

Not only was Thiago with a strange family, he knew very little English.

"Paul had taken sticky notes and put them all over the house with the names of things, in both English and Portuguese," Traci Sincock said. "We lived with Portuguese-to-English dictionaries for a couple of weeks." That made it tough just a

That made it tough just a couple of days later, when Thiago attended classes at Northville High School.

"I only knew a little bit of English," Thiago said. "It was tough at school the first day. But in a few weeks, it got better. My first semester my English was not that good, but second semester it was much better."

After a year at Northville High, Thiago had this assessment: "The teachers are more strict here," he said. "In Brazil, they are more friendly."

Thiago, who is used to eating a staple of beans and rice in Brazil, likes Paul's "hot fresh scrambles" for breakfast. And he quickly picked up on an American tradition: fast food restaurants.

"Every day at school, we can have cheeseburgers and fries and pizza," Thiago said as he was eating Lee's Famous fried chicken for lunch. "I eat fast food three or four times a week."

Since he's been in Plymouth, Thiago's bought two dozen pairs of tennis shoes because "they are more expensive in Brazil," has been to Disney World twice — with the Sincocks, and has traveled to Chicago, Toronto and California. Thiago said he's met many friends, some of whom he will continue long-distance relationships.

"They helped me a lot here, and drove me around," said



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Traci and Paul Sincock supported Brazilian teen Thiago Nielsen, as a foreign exchange student through the Northville Rotary Club.

Thiago, couldn't get a driver's license in Brazil until he turned 18.

However, Thiago said there is a difference between teens in America and those in Brazil.

"Teens in Brazil are more connected, they hang out different than here," Thiago said. "Here, we go out to a theater or somebody's house. In Brazil, we go to disco clubs and other parties. It's very, very different."

Thiago, who lives in a highrise off the Atlantic Ocean and whose high school is also on the water, had a difficult time leaving temperatures in Brazil that sometimes reached 100 degrees to survive a Michigan winter.

"I never saw snow before, never want to see it again," he said. "It's too cold."

Thiago, whose father, Fabio, was a 1982 exchange student from the same Northville Rotary club, said the entire experience has been a good one.

"The whole experience has been great, to know people and know another country," Thiago said. "I know more of myself now.

"And the best, dad, mom and (yellow lab/great dane) Luke," he said.

Traci Sincock said the time has gone fast, and it's been a great experience teaching Thiago about the United States, and learning about Brazil.

"It was the fun of having a teenager, the good stuff, and we didn't have to pay for his college," Tracy Sincock said with a smile. "It's fun being able to participate in an exchange program where you learn about somebody else's culture, and you have the privilege of teaching them about your own."

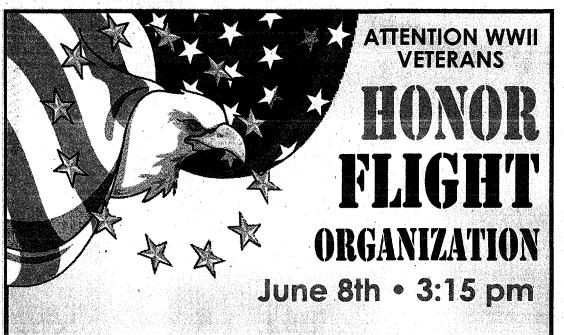
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Don't borrow on your 401(k) One word describes the local plan for home improvements

Dear Rick: We would like to move, however, we cannot sell our home. Because of that, we are going to do some home improvement work. We are thinking of taking a loan from our 401(k) to pay for the improvements. We do have cash in the bank to pay for the improvements. Which would you recommend?

You should use your cash to pay for home improvements. I believe 401(k) money is sacred. It is your retirement money. You can't have too much money saved for retirement. Many people believe that borrowing from a

401(k) plan is a great way to finance home improvements. I disagree. There are a number of downsides associated with this idea. If you have an outstanding loan on a 401(k) plan, in



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many situations you will no longer be able to contribute more money into the plan until the loan is paid off. This prevents you from saving more money in retirement and could prevent you from taking advantage of the company matching program.

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Another downside is what can happen if for some reason you lose your job. In many situations when you lose your job, the loan must be immediately paid. If the loan is not paid off, then it is treated as a distribution to you and you can be hit

with taxes and penalties.

I recognize that many people like to borrow from their 401(k) plan because they feel the interest they are paying on the loan goes back into their account, thus it doesn't cost them anything. However, that is really not the case. Yes, you do pay the money back to yourself, however, it goes into your account and when that money eventually comes out of your 401(k) plan it's taxed at your ordinary income bracket. Thus, you've turned money that you've already paid taxes on into money that you'll have to pay taxes on a second time. In addition, the interest you pay on money borrowed from your 401(k) plan is not deductible.

I generally look at 401(k) plans as the last place to borrow from. For home improvements, if someone could not pay cash, I recommend a home equity loan. However, before you make any improvements to your house, make sure that you can afford the payments.

Dear Rick: We recently were on vacation and looked at a timeshare. Do you think timeshares are good investments?

No. Many people own timeshares, however, very few people make any money on them. I do not consider timeshares good investments. That being said, I don't automatically recommend people avoid buying timeshares.

I believe if you are considering purchasing a

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timeshare, the issue should not be based upon whether it is a good investment, but rather will it increase the quality of your life.

Many people purchase timeshares because they are under the mistaken belief that they can sell the timeshare in the future and make a substantial amount of money. Unfortunately, that rarely happens. In fact, if you do an Internet search looking at timeshares, you will see a tremendous number of them are for sale and many of these are selling below the original purchase price.

If you are thinking about purchasing a timeshare, what you need to consider is the convenience and the cost. Examine the cost of purchasing and the cost of maintaining them. After all, when you use your timeshare, they're not free. You have a maintenance fee.

One thing that I do not like about timeshares is that many times they are sold based upon high-pressure sales tactics. These tactics include such things as free shows, free meals and other gimmicks. My philosophy has always been that whenever a product is sold by high-pressure sales tactics, it is a product that I avoid.

For people who are thinking about purchasing a timeshare, do your research independently and never forget to focus on why you are buying the timeshare. Remember, it is not an investment, but rather a quality-of-life issue.

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real estate market – nightmare

s I write this I am waiting for words from my beleaguered Realtor that will determine where my family will live for the foreseeable future. I'm not the type of person who issues ultimatums but enough is enough. My wife, Robin, is pregnant with our first child and we've been on the verge of selling and buying for weeks.

It is now 2:20 in the afternoon on Wednesday and I gave our Realtor until 4 p.m. to get back with me - either the couple buying our house must come up with \$5,000, the developer selling us the new house deduct the same amount from his price or the whole shooting match is called off. Sadly, after nine months of showing our house and finally find-

ing a potential buyer, the deal is on the verge of falling apart over less than 2 percent of the transaction. Many restless nights have preceded this moment - my wife is understand-Larry

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ably upset and even my Realtor is ready to pack it in. It is now 2:35 and still no call.

I guess this is reality in a strong buyer's market. At the starter home end of the realty game, people with almost no money want to buy. Sellers either have to drastically reduce the asking price or give huge concessions to make a deal.

Our house in White Lake Township went on the market last fall. Nearly everyone who walks through the place say they like it. One cash buyer said she wanted the house, then reneged because she couldn't find a suitable boat slip. Another nearly bid then bought a different house because it had a first-floor laundry. Those things happen and are expected. What isn't expected is a guy without a dime saved up for a down payment wanting \$20,000 off the listing price and oh yeah, could you please give me enough to make the down payment and close the loan.

We told that first no cash guy to take a hike. By the time another couple with no money came sniffing around we weren't so picky. At least they could qualify for an FHA loan if we offered a 6 percent concession for their down payment.

We agreed to take \$10,000 less than the house appraised at two years ago in exchange for the promise of moving to a bigger house at a bargain price. A plum foreclosure was our target, but that soon changed. People who lose their houses are angry. We toured a house with huge holes in the walls, every light fixture and wall plate removed, hundreds of missing ceiling tiles and 2,000 square feet of carpet lifted from floor - and that was one of the nice

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ones. The truly ugly foreclosures lurked in the nicest of neighborhoods. They had everything from walls full of graffiti to ant mal waste displayed prominently in the fover.

We also watched too many families packing up their belongings after banks foreclosed. An unemployed bread truck driver with three young daughters being tossed from a brick colonial and moving to a mobile home. A man filling the back of his pick-up truck with essentials while we walked through the home he could no longer afford. When we saw children's toys being boxed in a Winnie the Pooh bedroom, foreclosure hunting no longer seemed a bargain - the human toll was too high. Who would want to live in a house of crushed dreams?

It's 2:50 and I'm still waiting.

We looked at dozens of houses over two weeks while waiting for our buyer's loan to go through. We bid on a nice brick house that we both liked but the owner wouldn't come down more than \$2,000. We moved on to our second choice and made a great deal. A builder's model that once appraised at \$32,000 more than we offered – which the builder snapped up like a dog who hadn't eaten in days.

We were practically packing boxes when the inevitable bad news hit. The appraisal for our house was \$8,000 lower than anticipated thanks to the mess that is our state's economy. We expected it to be lower but not that low. The low appraisal meant the buyers could no longer qualify for the amount bid on our house. The deal was now for 8,000 less and they — a couple who hadn't saved a penny for a down payment and had already forwarded their mail to our house - told us to take it or leave it. The builder of the house we wanted to buy originally said he'd take off \$5,000 then changed his mind. I don't blame him, I'd have done the same.

That's when the ultimatum was made either the buyers meet us in the middle or the deal is off.

My cell phone just rang - the deal is off.

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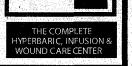
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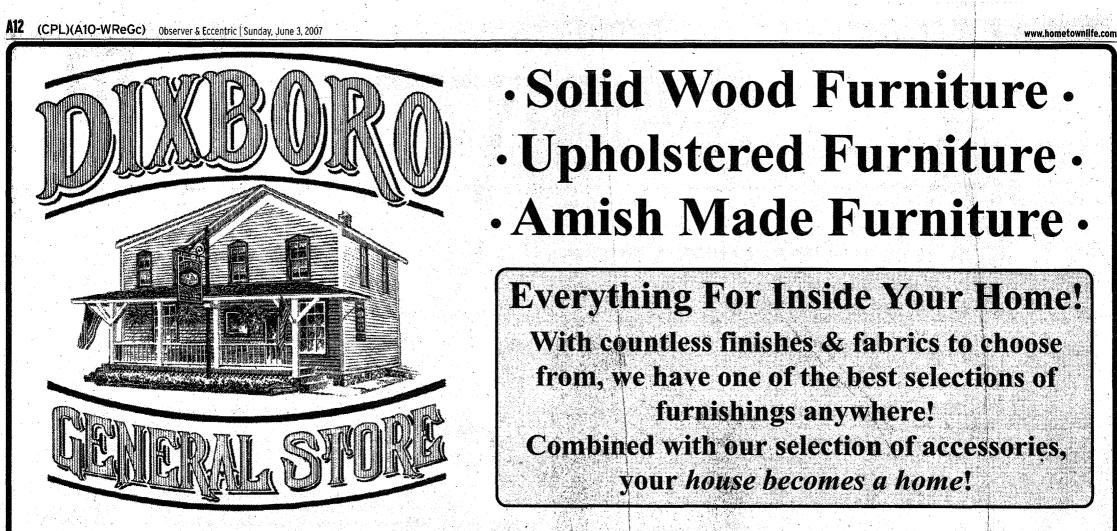
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played well, but, you know, the whole team played well," said Tomasso. "At the end, we just PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, B2

Canton Chiefs football events

Sunday, June 3, 2007

The annual Canton Football Skills Camp for kids in sixth through ninth grades will be held 5-7:30 p.m. June 11-14 at Canton High School. All incoming freshmen players should plan to attend the camp, which will improve football fundamentals and skills. To register, contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 or rmui@hotmail.com.

The fee is \$60. All campers will receive a Chiefs football T-shirt and shorts. Registration forms and more information on the camps can be found at www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

The annual Canton Football Team Golf Outing will be held June 23 at Fox Hills near Plymouth. The shotgun start is set for 1:30 p.m. For the \$100 entry fee, participants will get 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and an opportunity to win prizes. There is a nongolf/dinner-only package for \$40. For more information on the golf outing, visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

Summer girls

Canton senior Emily Baracy, pictured above in a game earlier this season, played superbly in the Chiefs' 1-0 setback to Ann Arbor Huron in Friday night's Division 1 District final contest at Wayne Memorial High School.

streaking Megan Staub from the left wing. Staub made a slick move on a Huron defend-

perfect centering pass to a

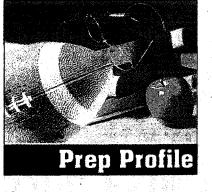
Maloney is leader both on, off field

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

In her four years as a member of the Canton High School varsity soccer team, Maggie Maloney has enjoyed more than her share of goals, assists and just flat-out spectacular plays.

But none of the achievements has brought the personable senior more pride than a meeting she had with coach George Tomasso toward the end of the 2006 season.

""When George told me I was going to be a captain this year, it made me so proud because he thought that I had the potential to be a great leader," said Maloney, whose stellar career ended with the Chiefs' 1-0 loss to Ann Arbor Huron in a Division 1 District final. "I really enjoyed helping the team get through the ups and downs we had



this season.

"Probably the highlight of being a captain this year was a team meeting we had when we were struggling. We all sat down and opened it up to everybody. Some of the conversations we had were pretty awe-inspiring and we started playing better

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Four-year varsity player Maggie Maloney provided the Chiefs with a potent blend of leadership and on-the-field skills during her senior season.



Chief runners excel at elite meet

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Several members of Canton's boys track team warmed up for Saturday's Division 1 State Meet by turning in sizzling performances at Tuesday's Ann Arbor Meet of Champions.

The meet, an invitation-only event that draws the best track-and-field athletes from throughout Washtenaw and Wayne counties, was held at Ypsilanti High School and sponsored by the Ann Arbor Youth Track Club.

"They only invite the top eight athletes in each event from the entire area, so it's definitely an elite meet," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "Our guys performed very well and set some very impressive PR's."

The Chiefs' lone first-place effort was turned

in by senior high jumper Eric Thornton, who tied his own school record with a leap of 6 feet, 8 inches. Also placing high in the field events were Nick Moores, who finished second in the shot put with a school-record throw of 54-1; pole-vaulter Chris McGinnis, whose 13-0 effort was good enough for second, just ahead of teammate Ryan Langdon's fourth-place showing of 12-6.

Placing in the running events for the Chiefs were the 3,200-meter relay team of Josh Godwin, Keith Zech, Marcus Sylvester and Brandon Tolinski, which was third in 8:46.1; Andrew Manuel, who was second in the 400 with a 50.6 and second in the 200 with a 23.1; 300-meter hurdler Tim Belcher, who was third in 40.6; and 200 runners Ocie Lewis (fourth in 24.0) and Ryan Randall (fifth in 24.1).

hoop camps

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be held in June in the Canton and Salem high school gymnasiums.

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

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

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

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

Wildcats Youth Skills Camp

The Plymouth Wildcats Youth Skills Camp will be held June 25-27 from 5-7 p.m. on the varsity game 👔 turf field at the PCEP Park. This is a fundamentals camp for kids in grades 5th through 9th.

If interested, visit www.plymouthwildcats.co* m for a copy of the camp brochure. For more information, contact head coach Mike Sawchuk at (734) 582-5696.

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Fast goal ignites Canton soccer team's 6-1 triumph over Cougars

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

After bolting to a quick 1-0 lead Thursday night, Canton's girls soccer team made sure GC" stood only for Garden City and not "Great Comeback."

The Chiefs advanced to Friday night's Division 1 District final against Ann Arbor Huron by routing the visiting Cougars, 6-1, to improve their record to 12-4-3. Garden City capped its season with a 7-7-4 record.

In a game played in muggy, hot conditions that were better-suited for watching soccer than playing it, Canton scored three minutes into the game on a 40-yard Hannah Mills rainbow shot and never looked back. Canton led 2-0 at the break before dominating the final 40 minutes.

Mills' goal proved to be an omen for the overmatched Cougars, who advanced to the semis with an opening-round victory over Wayne Memorial on Tuesday. Mills' high, arcing shot was corralled for an instant by Garden City goalkeeper Stephanie Nichols, but it slipped through her hands and bounced slowly over the goal line.

"After that first goal, we moved a girl up and went with three defenders and that proved to hurt us because we got tired in the back," said GC coach Bill Torni. "It was the last game, so we had to pull out all the stops to see what we could do.'

Garden City's first quality shot didn't come until the 19:35 mark of the first half when Cara Braun's semi-hard bouncer from the right wing was cradled by Canton goalie

Bryanne Bellovary. GC freshman Marianne

Lewallen put her team on the board with a goal from senior Katie Hearn with 10:46 to play.

Katie Raker halted the Cougars' momentum less than a minute later when she scored an unassisted goal to make it 5-1. Jessica Trost capped the scoring with 6:12 remaining.

Torni said the future is bright for his young squad. We had a lot of ninth and 10th-graders playing up this year, so it was almost like having a junior varsity team playing on varsity," he said. "We

had four seniors and three juniors, but most of the team was younger, and I'm sure they learned a lot from the experience they got this year."

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kind of ran out of gas and our motions were a little slower." Tomasso said his team's

early-season performance competed to its second-half showing was like night and day.

We lost to Northville, 4-0, then came back to beat them 2-1 later on," he said. "We lost to Pioneer, 4-0, then beat them 2-1 early this week. The girls really stepped it up as the season went on."

The loss capped the high school careers of a quartet of Chiefs seniors: Maggie Maloney, Houdek, Baracy and Kari Oliver. Tomasso said they'll all be missed, especially his two four-year varsity players Maloney and Houdek.

"It was such a pleasure coaching both of those girls for four years," he said. "They both gave so much to this program and they're going to be missed.

"But we're only losing four seniors, so I have high hopes for the future and I'm already looking forward to next season."

Canton should be a threat for years to come considering five of their top contributors from this year's team - Rymph, Weisz, Thomas, Lisa Pierce and Megan Staub — are sophomores and McClendon is a freshman.

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after that."

"Maggie always provides the team with a strong voice of reason," said Tomasso, alluding to her leadership skills. "She's a great mediator who helps the team work out problems and get along.

Despite the fact she's battled a knee injury throughout much of this season, Maloney has played the only way she knows how - in high gear.

"Maggie has worked so hard through her injuries and the adversities that have come along with it," said Tomasso. "She's one of our hardest workers and plays with so much heart. She has a lot of ability, too, which is why she's been on the varsity for four years. She's scored some big goals for us in tough situations this year."

Maloney's on-the-field highlight came in the Chiefs' first meeting against cross-town rival Plymouth.

'I scored a goal in the second half that helped us tie it 2-2," she remembered. "It was from outside the box and I hit it into the upper 90 of the net. That was pretty exciting."

The name Maloney has graced the Canton girls soccer rosters for the past eight years. Maggie's

older sister, Mary, capped a notable four-year career with the Chiefs just prior to her younger sister's arrival.

Canton sophomore Tracy Rymph, pictured in a game earlier this season,

turned in a stellar performance in the Chiefs' 1-0 overtime loss to Ann Arbor

Huron Friday night at Wayne Memorial in a Division 1 District final contest.

"When I was younger, Mary spent a lot of time teaching me how to do throw-ins properly, pretty much everything about the sport. She just finished playing her final season for the club team at Western Michigan University."

Soccer is a fixture in the Malonev household. Her older brother Casey played when he was younger and her father, John, still competes in adult leagues.

"I probably learned the most about the sport from my dad," Maloney said. "He was the one that motivated me to play and he and my mom, Lisa, attend all my games."

Maloney's successful career on the pitch was launched at the tender age of 4 when she learned the game's formalities playing for a recreation team. By the time she was 9 years old, the multiskilled fourth-grader was playing for elite travel teams.

"I played up in age groups with older girls growing up," she said. "That helped because I learned a lot from their experience."

It was very beneficial when her strong play earned her a promotion from the junior varsity squad to the varsity just four games into her freshman season.

"When I got moved up, I wasn't real intimidated or nervous because I'd been playing with older girls most of my career," she said.

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Maloney said she is drawn to the sport by its uniqueness.

"I love soccer because it's so different than a lot of the other sports," she said. "For one thing, you can only use your feet, plus you have to be in peak physical condition to play. Playing midfield, I'd guess I probably run close to two miles every game. I'm usually exhausted when the game's is over, but it's a good exhaustion."

Maloney plans to follow her sister's path to Western Michigan, where she plans on trying out for the Broncos' club team just like Mary.

"There's a lot about high school soccer I'm going to miss, especially the camaraderie between the girls on the team," said Maloney, who's crafted a solid 3.2 gradepoint average. "I've become so close with my teammates and we're good friends. I've known some of them since third grade, so it's going to be tough to say goodbye.

"I still remember bits and pieces of our first practice four years ago. It's hard to think it's almost over."

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Toney stuns Churchill, 1-0

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

It was almost LeBron James-like, as if the Red Sea

Sarah Stern took the opening kick of the second 15minute overtime and found a wide-open Danielle Toney streaking up the middle of the field.

The Penn State recruit did the rest as the Mustangs took just 12 seconds to score the game-winning goal Friday to beat host Livonia Churchill, 1-0, for the Division 1 district girls soccer championship. Northville, now 14-3-3

week's Saline regional to play the Ann Arbor Huron, 15-2-

The Mustangs, who lost to Churchill just nine days earlier in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, 1-0, carried the play much of the second half and into the first overtime.

But once again Churchill sophomore goalkeeper Stefanie Turner (eight saves) was up to the challenge, robbing the speedy Toney of a point-blank attempt midway through the second half.

The sudden-victory goal, however, seemed almost like a play that was diagrammed following the two-minute break between OT periods.

'Usually when I take the kickoff I mess it up and it gets intercepted," said Toney, a senior captain. "We work on set pieces, but nothing off the kickoff.

"I called for it and she (Stern) played a perfect ball. She saw that I was open and I was able to find a gap in their defense."

Stern has had some big assists, but none bigger this season than the pass to Toney.

"It just worked out perfectly," said the junior. "We've been player together for two years and I always know where she is. I could hear her calling for it. She deserved that one."

It was a tough loss, meanwhile, for Churchill, which ends its season at 15-3-3.

"Stern and Toney are two

great players, they did their business when they needed to," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We were a little gassed the second half and in the first overtime. Our legs got tired and we paid for it.

Lutheran Westland 10:43.0

"The first 20 minutes (of the match) we were all over them. It's the best we've played all season. But when the overtime came we were already dead. We got in and sat back. We didn't play our game the last 40 minutes."

With 20 of 22 players back next season, including all 11 starters, the future appears to be bright for the Chargers.

"Turner was outstanding, she made that big save on Toney," Hebestreit said. "And I thought Kayla Johnston had a real good game in the back. It was a learning experience for us. We're two evenly matched teams. We went 1-1-1 against Northville and goal differential was 1-1 (including a 0-0 tie in the season opener)."

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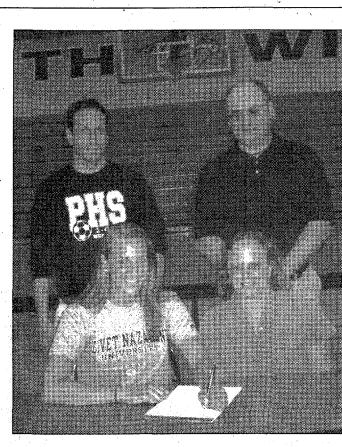


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Hard work pays off

Plymouth High School senior Brittany Hengesh signed a letter of intent recently to play for Olivet Nazarene (Ind.) University's soccer team. Hengesh was a standout two-sport athlete for the Wildcats. Pictured (clockwise from lower left) are Hengesh, Plymouth soccer coach Jeff Neschich, Ed Hengesh (Brittany's dad) and Jennifer Hengesh (Brittany's mom).

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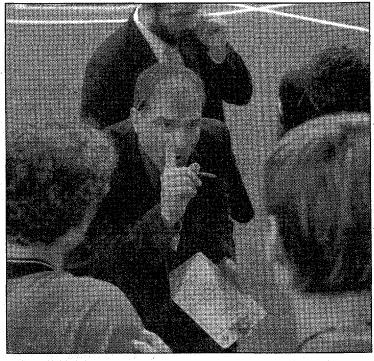
Ignition ink Pulisic to 2-year extension

The Detroit Ignition and head coach Mark Pulisic have agreed to a two-year contract extension which will keep the Long Island native behind the team's bench through the 2008-09 season, Ignition President Greg Bibb announced Thursday. Pulisic, who received Major Indoor Soccer League Coach of the Year honors during the 2006-07 season, led the Ignition to a League-best 18-12 record and an appearance in the MISL Championship Series Final during the club's inaugural campaign. As per club policy, terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

We are thrilled to offer Mark this well deserved contract extension," Bibb stated. "He has proven to be an outstanding coach in the Major Indoor Soccer League. By securing his services for the next few years, we are able to provide stability to our team operations as well as our soccer camp and clinic business. We look forward to working with Mark to continue to improve our team as we move toward the 2007-08 season and beyond."

A three-time 100-point scorer during his eight year indoor playing career (1991-99) with the now-defunct Harrisburg Heat, Pulisic became a fan-favorite for his blue collar playing style that helped him become one of the most affective target players in the game. Pulisic's 296 goals and 689 points solidified him as the Heat's all-time leading scorer at the time of his retirement, earning him a spot in the club's Hall of Fame.

"I am excited for the opportunity to make another run at a championship next season," Pulisic said. "Returning as head coach of the Ignition will give me an opportunity to build a strong foundation with both our players and the community. Professional indoor



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The Detroit Ignition recently signed head coach Mark Pulisic to a two-year contract extension.

soccer in Southeast Michigan has proven to be a viable product and I am very proud to be a part of the sport's continued growth and development."

The Detroit Ignition is a member club of the Major Indoor Soccer League and finished the team's inaugural 2006-07 season with a League-best 18-12 record.

Information regarding Ignition season, group, and individual tickets can be obtained by calling the club at 1-888-436-GOAL (4625), by visiting the team's official Internet property, www.detroitignition.com, by calling TicketMaster at 248 645-6666, or by using www.ticketmaster.com.

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PLYMOUTH HIGH

FOOTBALL NEWS

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

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

A question-and-answer session will be offered as well.

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

For more information, visit www.plymouthwildcats.com.

FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

The annual Livonia

The cost of the academy is \$50 per adult and \$40 for girls under the age of 13. Only the first 200 registrants will be accepted.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Registration forms can be found at salemfootball.net. Forms should be mailed to: Salem High School, Attention: Parker Salowich II, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48170.

For more information, send an e-mail to: salemrocksfootball@yahoo.com.

RUNNING CLUB

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

All levels are welcome. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Northville's Hillside

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Collegiate Baseball League is down to four teams, but the 20-and-under Michigan Rams remain a fixture.

Rams manager Rick Berryman, who doubles as Livonia Stevenson High's varsity coach, will be gunning for his fifth consecutive trip to the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The other three remaining teams include the Michigan Bulls, coached by former Detroit Lion guard Frank Gallagher; the Oakland Cubs, coached by Dan Grassley; and the Detroit Eagles, coached by Darren Mosley. In 2006, the Rams made an

early exit from the AAABA Nationals, losing two consecutive one-run, extra-inning games. In

2004 and 2005, the Rams finished 3-2 each tourney to finish fourth. The 2003 team lost to New Orleans in the regional finals and took third in the National Amateur Baseball Federation College World Series in 2002.

Livonia Collegiate League opens

The Rams are the only team to have beaten three-time defending AAABA championship Baltimore (2004 and 2005).

This year's squad features Madonna University pitcher Joe Kennedy, Wayne Memorial High grad Justin Collop, who just finished his freshman year at the University of Toledo; Wayne native Erik Vojtkofsky, a Catholic Central High product now playing for Spring Arbor College; and Garden City's Ryan Shay, a Dearborn Divine Child High grad now at Bowling Green State (Ohio). Rounding out the pitching

staff is Shane McCatty (Grand Rapids CC), Sam Yashinsky (Michigan), Ryan Gunderson (Albion College), Justin Mazur (Wayne State) and Mike Kaiser (Aquinas College).

Vojtkofsky, Mike Wiseman (Wayne State) and Tommy Jablonski (Oakland University) will handle the catching duties. Infielders include Kyle Gendron (Western Michigan), Andrew Stafford (OU), Frank Persichino (Macomb CC), Max Kelmigian (Western Michigan), Shay and Kaiser.

Outfielders include Kyle Hurtt (Michigan State), Mike Kittle (Michigan), Drew Churchward (Wayne State) and Nick Urban (Michigan)

Rams lose opener

The Rams opened their 2007 schedule Wednesday in the wooden bat league with a 3-1 loss

CONCERT SERIES

SYBELLE TIRE

to the 22-and-under Oakland Cubs.

Wayne Memorial High grad Justin Collop, who just finished his freshman year at the University of Toledo, was the losing pitcher. He allowed two runs on four hits and three walks in five innings. He fanned eight. Sam Yashinsky (Michigan) pitched the final inning in relief.

Raoul Torres, the winning pitcher, went 6.1 innings, allowing just one hit. He struck out 10 and walked six. Reliever Tom Chancy went the final two-thirds of an inning to pick up the save.

Ryan Shay (Bowling Green State) had the lone hit for the Rams, while Mike Wiseman (Wayne State) scored the only run.

Matt Nickels had two RBI for the Cubs. Tony Fazi also knocked in a run, while Tim McEvoy went 2-for-2.

MEADOW/BROOK

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

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

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

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

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

SALEM ROCKS WOMEN'S

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The Salem High School football staff, players and Linebackers Club will be hosting a "Women Only Football Academy" on Saturday, June 2, at Salem High School.

Registration will begin at 7:59 a.m. in the Salem gym. The academy, which will run from 8:59 a.m. to 2:59 p.m., will include on-the-field instruction, classroom instruction, lunch and an intra-academy scrimmage all in an effort to teach women the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle football.

All of the proceeds from the event will be donated to "First Step" and the "Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer

Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile, and at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays at the Eight Mile Road entrance to Maybury State Park.

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6 miles. For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer.com or call Gary

Haf at (248) 231-6114. **DETROIT LIONS**

FOOTBALL CAMP

The third annual Detroit Lions Summer Youth Football Camp will be held July 5-8 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day and is open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14 years old.

The \$159 camp fee

includes: Four days of non-contact, fundamental football instruction;

A Lions camp T-shirt; Guest appearances from current or former Lion players:

Chalk talk and video sessions; and

Skills contests and scrimmages.

For more information, call (313) 262-2248.

PLYMOUTH

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

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

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

For more information, contact Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or at mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE Sunday, June 3 at Livonia's Ford Field Mich. Bulls vs. Det. Eagles (2), noon. Mich. Rams vs. Oak. Cubs (2), 5 p.m. Monday, June 4 at Livonia's Ford Field Oak. Cubs vs. Mich. Bulls, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 6 at Livonia's Ford Field Det. Eagles vs. Mich. Rams, 5:45 p.m. Oak. Cubs vs. Mich. Bulls, 8:15 p.m. Friday, June 8 at Livonia's Ford Field Mich. Bulls vs. Oak. Cubs, 5:45 p.m. Mich. Rams vs. Det. Eagles, 8:15 p.m. Sunday, June 10 at MU's llitch Ballpark Mich. Bulls vs. Mich. Rams (2), noon.

at Southfield-Lathrup H.S. Det. Eagles vs. Oak. Cubs (2), noon, WOMEN'S INDEPENDENT **FOOTBALL LEAGUE** Saturday, June 9 Det. Demolition vs. Iowa Crush at Livonia Stevenson H.S., 7 p.m. Det. Predators vs. Chicago Force at Livonia Franklin H.S., 7 p.m. **MEN'S SOCCER** PREMIER DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE Sunday, June 3

Mich. Bucks at Toronto Lynx, 6 p.m. Friday, June 8 Mich. Bucks at Cleveland Int., 7 p.m.

W-LEAGUE SOCCER Thursday, June 14 Michigan Hawks vs. West Michigan at Livonia Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

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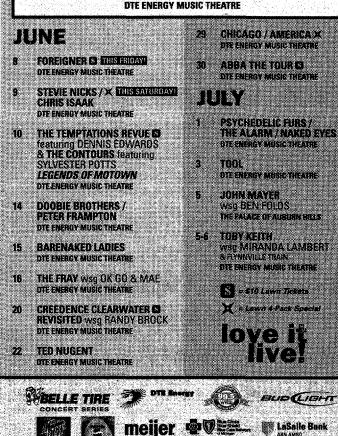
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Shining Stars

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The PC Pride Stars 10U girls softball team defeated the Toledo Wizards, 6-0, in the championship game to win the 2007 Tecumseh Tomahawks Spring Fever Tournament. The achievement qualified the Pride Stars for the Fast Pitch World Series at Disney World in July. Pictured (front row from left) are Paige Aresco, MacKenzie Nieto. Abby Lemerise. Tori Kiers, Kristi Zink, (second row from left) Annie McDougall, Emily Marcero, Kendall Richter, Elizabeth Yager, Brooke Senkbeil, (back from from left) are coaches Dave Senkbeil and Jeff Marcero. Not pictured are Lauren Haves, Emma Nowak and Eric Yager (assistant coach).



Members of the Plymouth Whalers organization pose with the 2006-07 trophies that they won this past season at last week's team banquet.

Champ Plymouth Whalers



Cards fly to first-place title

The U9 Canton Cardinals travel baseball teams, coached by Dan Hejka, captured the 2007 Northville Early Bird Tournament on Sunday, May 13. The Cardinals went 2-1 in pool play and beat the Novi Heat; 9-7, in the finals. Pictured (front row from left) are Cameron Stella, Connor Wherrett, Trevor McManus, Evan Claggett, Andrew Hejka, (second row from left) Aaron Madseen, Kevin Anthony, Seth Hubbard, Mike Groff, Andrew Jossey, Brett Lee (back row from left) are coaches Dave Madsen, Dan Hejka, Kurt Anthony, Mike Groff, Sr., and Bob Lee.

Belleville pitcher goes above and beyond in win

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

As hard to fathom as it might seem on a hot-andmuggy day, Belleville sophomore pitcher Samantha Cole turned up the heat Friday against Westland John Glenn.

Cole struck out 22 Rockets, but she found herself embroiled in a scoreless pitcher's duel with John Glenn sophomore pitcher

Brittany Holbrook in the Division 1 district softball semifinal at Wayne Memorial.

Finally, a bad-luck bounce on a bunt near home plate opened the floodgates for a four-run Belleville rally in the top of the 10th and that was all Cole and the Tigers (21-7) needed to win the contest. 4-0.

The Rockets, coming off their lone win of the season in Tuesday's district quarterfinal against the host Zebras, had very few opportunities against Cole. She gave up singles to freshman Lauren Baker, and sophomore Stacey Truskowski and a double by freshman Amanda Caudrill. but her teammates were unable to break through against Holbrook, either. "She's incredible," John Glenn coach Julie Rogers said about Holbrook, who made two outstanding fielding plays to stem the Belleville tide. "She's our rock, she stays focused." Holbrook gave up just nine hits, five of them coming in the deciding inning. One after one the scoreless innings continued. But the scoring drought finally ended in the Belleville 10th, which opened with a double by junior Danielle Stabnau. One out later came the key play.

Junior Wendy Morton attempted to bunt, and it hit the ground in front of Glenn junior catcher Joye Clenney only to take a crazy spin off her glove into foul territory, enabling Morton to reach base safely.

A bunt single by junior Lacey Marcotte scored Stabnau and a second run came in on a late throw. Cole helped her cause later in the inning with a two-run single up the middle.

That proved to be more than enough for Cole, who baffled John Glenn (1-23)

batters all day with electric stuff.

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'We didn't make good decisions in our batting, about what to swing at," lamented Rogers. "But yeah, she (Cole) is a great pitcher." Belleville went on to nip

Garden City, 6-4, in the district final. The Cougars had mercied Romulus, 11-0, in a five-inning semifinal behind junior pitcher Hallie Minch's no-hitter.

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The following players

received awards: REGULAR SEASON MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - Tom Sestito - A draft choice of the National Hockey League's Columbus Blue Jackets (and who has been signed), Sestito led Plymouth with 42 goals and added 22 assists for 64 points in 60 games.

REGULAR SEASON LEAD-ING SCORER – Evan Brophey - A Chicago Blackhawks draft who recently signed with the 'Hawks, Brophey scored 36 goals with 71 assists for 107 points while playing in all 68

regular season games. **DEFENSEMAN** of the YEAR, HUMANITARIAN of the YEAR - Steve Ward - veteran defenseman played in exactly 200 games over three seasons for Plymouth and was an integral part of the team's success. Ward was also very active in the team's Community Relations efforts in the area and was nominated for the Ontario Hockey League's Dan Snyder Humanitarian Award.

ROOKIE of the YEAR -Michal Neuvirth – A draft choice of the Washington Capitols, Neuvirth led the league with a 2.32 goals against average and .932 save percentage and shared the OHL's Dave Pinkney Award with fellow goaltenders Jeremy Smith for the OHL's best team defense. LABATT BLUE COLLAR

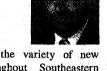
PLAYER of the YEAR - Jared **Boll** - Signed by the Columbus Blue Jackets, Boll scored 28 goals with 27 assists for 55 points and 198 PIM's this season. Plymouth fans love Boll's grit, work ethic and never-savdie attitude on the ice.

UNSUNG PLAYER of the YEAR - Zack Shepley - A stayat-home defenseman was often paired with Brett Bellemore to form an effective duo against all the top scoring lines in the OHL.

MOST IMPROVED PLAY-ER of the YEAR - Brett Bellemore – a healthy scratch through the first month of the season, Bellemore played so well he never left the lineup, eventually leading the OHL and Canadian Hockey League during the regular season with a +48 rating.

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Exploring the variety of new homes throughout Southeastern appliances. Michigan is especially rewarding this spring because buyers truly are in the driver's seat. Thanks to attractive interest rates, market-driven price discounts and value-added

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In this buyer's market, some build ers take an "everything is included" approach to pricing-which can encompass higher-end fixtures and Another important part of the value equation involves the low cost of financing. Thirty-year fixed mortal gage rates remain near 6 percent, a

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Playing it safe: Keeping kids healthy at camp - Health, Page C8

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Portions, personalizing, procrastination

he Penn State University nutrition department did a study in which they gave 95 people potato chips. They let the people consume as

many chips as they wanted. A few minutes after, the nutri-



tionists informed the people that the chips were fat-free. This led the subjects to consume more chips. The study showed the subjects con-

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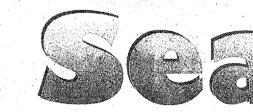
calories they would consume from chips that are not fatfree. However, it also showed that the subjects felt less guilt about eating more than they needed when they found out the chips were fat-free.

When you are eating healthy items such as fat-free, sugar-free or reducedcalorie foods, do you find you don't restrain yourself from large portions? When there is no guilt attached to your meals, do you still follow guidelines for portion sizes?

Try to be aware of times you may lose the guilt, but lose the control as well. Remember you are doing yourself good by selecting healthier foods, but it does you no good to overeat them! Keep in mind that guilt-free foods are not necessarily calorie-free foods. It's OK to lose the guilt to lose the pounds, but try to stay in control.

Speaking of control, do you feel guilty when you hear people make negative comments such as, "Some people have no self-control," or "So many people are unhealthy, and all they need to do is eat less?" If you do, then you are "personalizing" comments people make. These comments may be made by others and have nothing to do with you, yet you tend to believe that they're about you. This results in you feeling hurt because you believe people are attacking your character, which leads to you criticizing yourself, and then turning to food to feel better.

If you find yourself personalizing, you need to realize this is a form of distorted thinking. You need to become



Race for the Cure attracts survivors, supporters

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

or Sandy Jessop, the hardest part of receiving a diagnosis of breast cancer four years ago was having to tell her family. On Saturday, June 16, the Farmington Hills woman will proudly don a pink T-shirt to participate in the 16th annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Comerica Park.

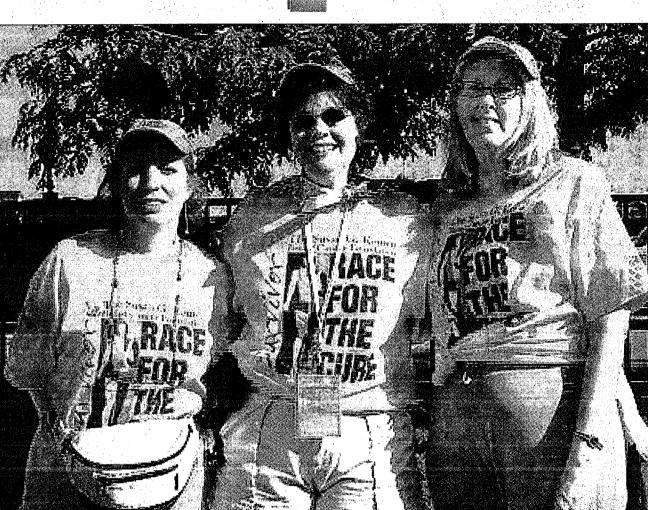
The pink apparel proclaims her a survivor. Last year, 1,500 of the 30,000 race participants wore pink shirts. The number of survivors continues to grow because of fundraisers such as the Detroit event.

A total of 60 team members, including Jessop's family, have committed to walk with her to raise money for the organization founded 25 years ago by Nancy Brinker after her sister, Susan Komen, died of breast cancer at age 36. Last year a total of \$1.1 million was distributed locally for breast cancer screening, treatment and education programs in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The rest of the money, \$600,000, went to the national organization to fund research. This year Jessop and the Detroit committee hope to raise \$2 million from the race presented by the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

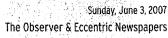
"I was very lucky because they found it at such an early stage," said Sandy Jessop of Farmington Hills. "I didn't need chemo. I had surgery and radiation and do my follow ups very regularly.

"Originally, I had a lung tumor which was benign and had it removed. My mammogram was put off a little bit and when I had it they found a small spot which turned out to be cancer." Jessop has volunteered to make



This photograph of Sandy Jessop (center) was taken during her first race in 2004. Here, the Farmington Hills resident poses with two team members who are also breast cancer survivors - Cathy Rozenberg, on left, and Ariene Simoni, on right.







aware of these times when you personalize and criticize yourself because of comments others make. Recognize this kind of thinking is affecting how you perceive yourself and your self-worth.

Think about times when you may have said to yourself, "I'll start exercising next week," or "I'll start following my diet on Monday." Procrastination is a hard habit to break. You may convince yourself that eating that cupcake, or sitting around watching television all day will make you feel better than eating an apple or taking a walk.

Ironically, you usually end up feeling guilty and disappointed in yourself for not following your diet and remaining sedentary. Maybe you know you're procrastinating, but aren't sure why you can't get motivated to focus on your weight loss efforts.

It may help to examine the emotions triggered when you think about weight loss, such as fear of a lifestyle change, anger because you perceive you have no control over your weight, fear of failure, or fear of success that will cause people to have higher expectations of you.

All of these emotions can be dealt with. Becoming aware of and taking steps to resolve emotional issues can help you break the habit of procrastination so you can put your best effort into your weight loss program.

Linda Aubuchon owns Diet Center in Canton, a provider of personalized, one-on-one weight loss solutions. You can e-mail her at Linda@DietCenterofCanton.com or call (734) 414-9200.

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Sandy's Support Team gathered for the 2006 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Detroit. This year, Sandy Jessop is co-chairperson for the team's committee.

Art from the Heart offers giggles and more College)," said Fischer, a 1977 grad-uate of Mercy High School in

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Art fair visitors laugh every time they spot Ann Marie Fischer's polymer clay frogs and turkeys so she named the crafty business Giggles.

The brightly colored figures take the form of lapel pins, earrings and miniatures which sit on shelves or computers and make people smile.

Fischer is one of more than 125 exhibitors delighting Art From the Heart patrons 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 9-10, on the grounds of the Livonia Civic Center complex at Five Mile and Farmington roads.

"We're hoping for 130 to 140 because we're still receiving applications although some categories are closed," said Chris Wish, a representative of Livonia Community Resources. The department

Ann Marie Fischer crafts whimsical

creatures like this frog from polymer clay.

serves as a liaison to the Livonia Arts Commission, presenters of the festival. "We're showcasing wood, media, photos,

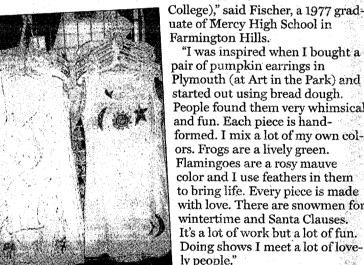
jewelry, glass, pottery, ceramics, a man weaving hats from Wyandotte, a couple of painters. We have a lot of iewelry, a lot of decorative yard ornaments out of metal, and soy candles."

FULL OF GIGGLES

Fischer's novelty items range from holiday themes to flamingoes, chickens and garden angels. The Farmington Hills woman

work in about 15 shows annually. Her prices range from \$8 to \$20. A haunted house costs \$250.

"I always loved clay and took a lot of art classes at Mercy and courses at OCC (Oakland Community



Angela Wiseman of Livonia creates began making jewelry about hand-painted clothing with the help 18 years ago and displays the of her sister, Diane Pochmara.

painted clothing is sure to be a hit with fair goers. The Livonia woman creates dresses and T-shirts by draw-

ing freehand, stenciling, stamping, and splashing

ly people."

"I was inspired when I bought a

People found them very whimsical

formed. I mix a lot of my own col-

color and I use feathers in them

wintertime and Santa Clauses.

HAND PAINTED CLOTHING

Angela Wiseman's hand-

It's a lot of work but a lot of fun.

Doing shows I meet a lot of love-

to bring life. Every piece is made

with love. There are snowmen for

and fun. Each piece is hand-

ors. Frogs are a lively green.

Flamingoes are a rosy mauve

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paint on white summer wear.

Wiseman began decorating clothing about 12 years ago with the help of her sister Diane Pochmara. She exhibits in dozens of shows including Art in the Park in Plymouth and the Farmington Founders Festival. Prices range from \$5 to \$50.

"I do lots of florals," said Angela Wiseman. "I started with a tropical motif. I split time between Michigan and Hawaii. I do craft shows there also, about 30 to 40 shows in Michigan, about 20 shows in Hawaii. It's definitely my business."

Wiseman starts with blank dresses, usually all white. Then she paints on the fabric with pastel colors, sage, peach, pink, and green.

"I try to mix it up because everybody has a favorite color," said Wiseman who sometimes

LIBRARY PICKS

¹ 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. "The 6th Target," James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

2. "Bad Luck and Trouble," Lee Child

3. "Invisible Prey," John Sandford

4. "The Yiddish Policemen's Union," Michael Chabon 5. "Simple Genius," David Baldacci

NON-FICTION

- '1. "God is Not Great," Christopher Hitchens 2. "Einstein," Walter Isaacson
- 3. "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle," Barbara

Kingsolver with Steven L. Hopp and Camille Kingsolver

4. "Plato and a Platypus Walk Into a Bar," Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein

5: "A Long Way Gone," Ishmael Beah

PARENT'S CHOICE

NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

1. "Pirates Don't Change Diapers," Melinda Long

- Shrinking Sam," Miriam Latimer 2.
- 3. "Out of the Egg," Tina Matthews 4. "Red, Red, Red," Valeri Gorbachev
- 5. "Rainy Day," Patricia Lakin

adds glitter to her canvas. "They're light and airy. It's a great summer thing, a beach cover-up and summer dress in sizes from small through double X and sometimes triple X. I use fabric paint. Everything is machine washable and dryable. It's durable and will last. I work in grungy painting clothes. As soon as it hits the

fabric it's there permanently." **ADDITIONAL EXHIBITORS**

Dan Spurling is not only excited about the variety of exhibitors, but the amount. Last year's show was the first in a new location in the heart of the city so the number of artists and crafters was purposely kept smaller. Previously the event, called Art in the Village, had been held on the spacious grounds of Greenmead Historical Park. The name and location change is intended to reflect a rebirth of the festival that includes arts and crafts fun for children, package pickup and

delivery, hourly raffles, a sidewalk chalk-drawing contest, and food. Admission is free and a shuttle service provided.

"We've increased the size by about 40 percent, added more entertainment, and extended hours one more hour every day," said Livonia arts commissioner Dan Spurling who cochairs the event with his wife Carrie.

"We'll have a barbershop quartet, country line dancers, country music, folk music. We're going to have a variety of music. We're going to bring in a magician for the kids and have hands-on art activities. We'll have a chalk art competition on site (west of city hall) sponsored by Busch's market. We had a pretty good turn out for that last year. We'll also have T-shirts designed by the kids from a contest sponsored by Busch's.

For more information, visit www.artsinlivonia.com.

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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.

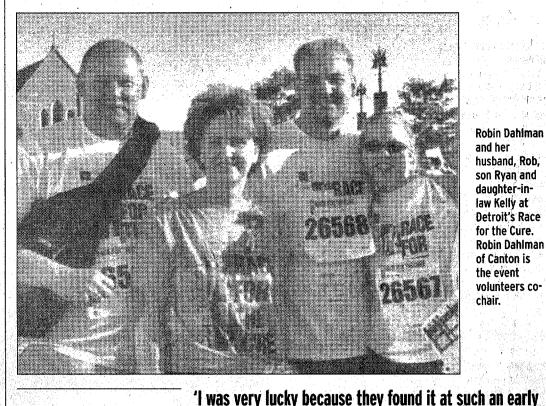
July 20 – Randy Brock Group with the blues, the blues and nothing but the blues.

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.

🖩 Aug. 10 – Delta Rhythm Kings.

Aug. 17 – Steve King and the Dittlies.



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started by packing up T-

shirts with her daughter

Grace who was 11 at the

time. This year, Jessop is co-

chairperson for the teams

which means registering

about 400 groups of 15 or

Jessop's 18-year-old

husband Bo help as well.

White and the Bluezers, are

"The amazing thing, one

of many, is they have bands

and music from rock to high

said Jessop. "It's wonderful. "The one thing I do want

confused between the Three

Day and the Komen 1-mile

or 5K Walk and Run. The

Susan G. Komen Race for

the Cure is just a wonderful

experience that anyone can

do. You don't have to train

shirts, people hugging each

other. It's something people

Robin Dahlman compares

the race to throwing a party

friends. The Canton woman

is a nine-year breast cancer

survivor and the race volun-

teers co-chairperson. She is

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daughter Sarah and her

This year Bo's band, Bo

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1,000 volunteers who help on race morning and that takes a lot of organizing," said Dahlman. "I love to meet these people, find the best volunteer match. There are so many helpful, willing people in all these communities. We get there at 4:30 a.m. and see the streets come to life. Volunteers and participants come back year after year."

Dahlman first participated in the race nine years ago. She was told she had breast cancer in February. The race was in April. She said even though she felt very private about the diagnosis, she and husband Rob decided to "hold hands and do it." Since then their sons Randy and Ryan have walked with them along with Ryan's wife Kelly and son Brandon.

"I found it myself, lumps from the lymph nodes then I found lumps in my breasts," said Robin Dahlman. "I was 41 and did a baseline mammogram at 38. It was quite a surprise. There was no history of any kind in my family. These were words I wasn't famil

followed by six months of chemotherapy and six weeks of radiation.

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"You're always living with that it can come back," said Dahlman, "even though there's no evidence of disease at this time."

Dahlman's involvement with the race keeps her hope for a cure alive.

"The organization's new name, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, has kind of renewed their mission," said Dahlman. "They've promised to invest another billion dollars. It's amazing what a promise to a sister can do. I have three sisters. When I was going through treatment, they all were here for my surgery. You kind of understand that sister to sister dedication."

The 5K run, and 5K and 1 Mile Walk begin with an 8 a.m. opening ceremony (packet pickup, Shop for the Cure and Sponsor Booths open at 7 a.m.). For details, visit

www.karmanos.org/detroitr aceforthecure or call (800) KARMANOS (527-6266).

For more information on reast health and cancer

the race a success every year since being diagnosed with breast cancer at age 46. She

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AROUND TOWN

St. John the Baptist 100th Anniversary

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

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise™ Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel concultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, onsite clinics and general information, contact the VNA fravelWise™ Travel. Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

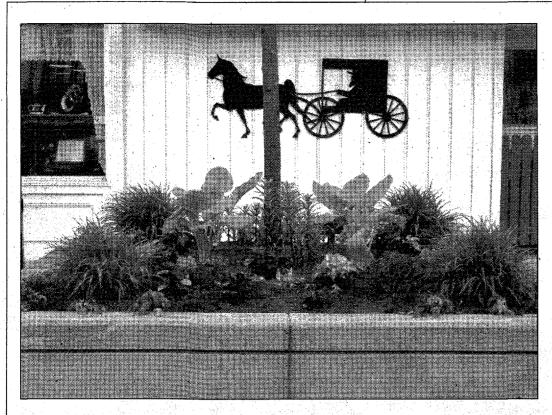
Grade School Reunion

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

Tarzan Day

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

The Lawrence Street Gallery will be exhibiting the works of Donna J.



Beautification award

Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc., presented the City of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority with their annual award recognizing programs and activities that enhance the Michigan environment in beautification, restoration and preservation. The program recognized is the city's adopt-a-planter program, organized by Sherri Pryor and John Buzuvis of the Downtown Development Authority. In the adopt-a-planter program, local business owners and citizens get the chance to design their own floral arrangements in one of the many large planters located throughout Downtown Plymouth, while the city assumes watering and maintenance responsibilities. Sponsors are recognized with a plaque placed in the planter acknowledging their public support.

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan headquarters at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600. Registration is required. Call toll free (800) 882-5720, ext 8361/direct (248) 967-8361or visit www.vna.org <http://www.vna.org/>

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

St. Mary classes

📾 St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation, "Urinary Bladder Problems and Erectile Dysfunction," 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, in the hospital's auditorium. Speaker is St. Mary Mercy Hospital physician Dr. John Harb. It's a presentation of the hospital Diabetes Support Group, but all are welcome. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required. St. Mary Mercy offers Reiki | & I classes 2-6 p.m. Saturday, June 23, and Sunday, June 24 at the hospital. In these classes, students will learn to administer this ancient art of healing that creates a powerful experience. Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress relief. To register, call (734) 655-1162. St. Mary Mercy Hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, in Livonia.

demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information. **Toastmasters meet** Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237. **Grief support** New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in

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

Post Polio Clinic

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



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

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Rotary A.M.

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

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer Street. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. Call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwanis.org).

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

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Sundrama Appagia

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861. **Mosaic**

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has smallgroup discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

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Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth. Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120. DAR

- The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans' hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.
- German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

■ Beasley-Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans. that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324. for further information.

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890, for more information.

Women's Farm and Garden Club Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community serviceprojects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information. **Mothers & More**

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

Engstrom and Mary Macey, through June 30. "Intimate Views" is a joint mother-daughter exhibit featuring mixed media pieces by Donna J Engstrom and photography by her daughter, Mary Macey. Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward in Ferndale, in the second block south of 9 Mile on Woodward's east side. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. For more * information, visit the gallery's Web site at

www.lawrencestreetgallery.com VNA Volunteers

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

Register for St. Genevieve School

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

Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit

WARMER WEATHER BRINGS ON THOSE PESKY WARTS

As the children get out of school for the summer to spend countless hours at the pool, warts on the feet and hands become more prevalent. Warts are non-cancerous skin growths caused by a virus in the top layers of the skin. Warts can cause cosmetic problems, as well as pain and discomfort. Nine million Americans contract warts each year.

Dr. Randy H. Bernstein, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon in Dearborn Heights,

and a staff member of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, shares this information from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons:

Warts are caused by a virus called the Human Papillomavirus. Warts can be passed from person to person just like a cold or the flu. It is common for warts to show up in areas of skin injury such as a cut, scrape, puncture, or even a callus. It can take from a few weeks to three months for a wart to appear from the time you are initially infected.

Symptoms of warts are: rough round or oval lesions usually found on the hands or soles of the feet. On the hands, the lesions are raised and not very tender. On the bottom of the feet, the warts are flat or slightly raised with pain on lateral pressure. They often feel like you're walking on stores.

Several common sense ideas can be implemented to help prevent warts and their ability to spread.

- 1. Don't walk barefoot in public places such as pools and locker rooms. Wear shoes in the public places to avoid coming in contact with the virus.
- 2. Don't wear other peoples shoes or sandals.
- 3. Don't pick at warts. This will spread the virus.
- 4. Keep your feet as dry as possible. Sweat is the perfect environment for warts to thrive and spread.

Treatment options for warts include: 1. Surgical removal. 2. Laser excision. 3. Acid treatments. 4. Freezing with a cold solution. 5. Over-the-counter medicine. 6. Drying it out.

With the treatment options available to you by your foot and ankle surgeon, freedom from warts on the hands and feet are obtainable. Dr. Bernstein has a full array of wart treatment modalities including LASER TREATMENTS.

For all your foot and ankle problems, contact Dr. Bernstein at (313) 274-7047

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Ballroom Dancing to a live band every Saturday 8:30-11 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Livonia. Admission: guest/\$6, associates/\$5.50 members/\$5 Dress: women - date style clothes, men jackets and ties. For information, call Joe Castrodale, (248) 968-5197.

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Join our E-mail list at www.mspsc.com for special events. Information (248) 544-6445. Office (248) 851-9919 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Euchre

Anytime 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meets at the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes. 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills, Cash bar and reasonable priced dinner is also available off the menu. \$5/members, \$6/non-members. Volleyball

Anytime 6:45-9:45 p.m. Drop-in volleyball in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road, **SINGLES**

west of Telegraph. Cost is \$6. In the park, Farmington Hills, anytime 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Heritage Park, Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile. Cost \$2.

BETHANY SUBURBAN WEST

Monthly dance

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

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS

Greek Town Casino Trip

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

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES

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

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

Bible Studies-Prayer Nights

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

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

Single Parents

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



JOHN R. BRAUS

Age 90, died on May 29, 2007 at 3:16 p.m. from complications of heart disease in Tucson, AZ. John was born on November 23, 1916 the son of Fred and Genevieve Braus of Royal Oak, MI. He was the oldest of six children. He received a Bachelor Degree in Engineering from the University of Detroit in 1941. After working at the bomber plant in Ypsilanti, MI for the remaining years of World War II, he went to work for the Ford Motor Company, and over the years he rose to managerial positions. He married Helen Braus in 1942. Several years after he retired, they moved to Tucson, AZ. John was an energetic, creative and dynamic individual who continued throughout his life to apply his engineering skills, from home projects such as his beloved use of concrete, building ice-igloos and skating rinks for the children, to professional con-sulting jobs post-retirement He was known for his ability to make those around him laugh. He is survived by his wife, Helen; children, Mary, Tony, Joe, Peggy, Liz and Chris; his broth-ers, Bob and Carl and his sister, Litta. He was preceded in death by his oldest daughter, Anne. He will be very much missed by all. A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, June 2, 2007, in Tucson, AZ. Arrangements by Bring's Broadway Chapel, Tucson, AZ (520) 296-7193

ROBIN COLLEY

Age 83, born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland on Christmas Eve, 1923. Formerly of Farmington, but more recently lived in Westland and Livonia. Passed away on May 26, 2007 in St. Joseph, Michigan. Loving mother of John (Wilma) Herd of Middlesboro, KY, Rhona (Gale) Shrewsbury of Lashmeet, WV, Neil (Linda) Colley of Stevensville, MI, Rick (Laurie) Colley and Bruce (Glenda) Colley, both from Livonia. She also had several loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sister to Nan (Dave) Gilbert, Millie (Dave) Wilson, Robert (Janet) Stenhouse, all living in Scotland and Terry Jones of Windsor (deceased). Several nieces and nephews survive her as well. Private graveside ceremony for family only, please. Memorial contributions can be sent in her honor to the Salvation Army, who helped her in many ways when she first came over from Scotland.

on October 21, 2006 at home in Naples Florida. He leaves his loving wife Elsie of 40 years. and daughter Lisa Reeves of Philadelphia, as well as brother Maurice, sisters Colette and Yvonne (Babe) and many nieces and nephews. Driginally from Windsor, Gerry served as a Captain in the Canadian Army in WW2, and was a stock broker for over twenty years in Birmingham before retiring to Florida in 1982. Cremation has taken place in Florida, and a memorial service will be held at St. John Vianney, 385 Dieppe in Windsor, Ontario on June 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

WALTER S. MATTILA Age 95, Southfield, MI. Passed May 2007. Thayer-Rock Funeral

Sidor-Janis

John and Mariola Sidor of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Ania Sidor, to Michael Janis, son of Richard and Diane Janis of Grosse Pointe Woods. An August wedding and reception is planned at St.

ENGAGEMENTS

John's in Plymouth. Ania Sidor earned a double major in political science and **Russian and Eastern European** studies from the University of Michigan. She is a third year law student at Fordham University in New York City.

Michael Janis earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance and account-

Bell-Vogel

Larry and Jennifer Bell of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Bell, to David Vogel.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of John Glenn High School. She earned her bachelor of science in education from Central Michigan University in 2006. Melissa is teaching in St. Petersburg, Fla.

David is the son of Kenneth and Emilene Vogel of Weidman, Mich. He graduated from Beal City High School in 2001 and obtained his bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University in logistics and marketing in 2005. He is a production planner for Jabil Corp. in St. Petersburg.

Thomas-Osorio

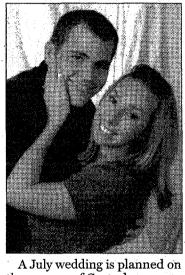
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sands of Plymouth and Mr. Jack Thomas of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Thomas, formerly of Livonia, to Oscar Danilo Perez Osorio of El Lagartillo, Nicaragua, son of Herminia Osorio and Amancio Perez of El Lagartillo,

The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Livonia Churchill High School. She received a degree in social work at the University of Texas in 2004. She works as an assistant at Marie Pulte and Carlo J. Martina's law office in Plymouth.

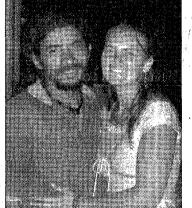
The prospective groom did



ing from the University of Michigan School of Business. He is an investment analyst and principle with TPG-Axon Capital in New York City.



the campus of Central Michigan University, where the couple met as students.



undergraduate studies in Nicaragua and teaches at Los Hijos del Maiz Spanish School. The wedding will be at La Iglesia San Antonia in Esteli, Nicaragua.



ANNIVERSARIES

Trygiers celebrate 50 years

Thomas and Anastasia (Del) Trygier of Livonia celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 1, 2007.

They were married June 1, 1957, at St. John the Baptist in Dearborn Heights.

They have five children: John (Jill), Lisa (Ken), Vickie; Thomas (Erin) and Christine (Lou).

The Trygiers also have three grandchildren: Jessica, John Henry and Alexandria.

Tom and Del made their home in Livonia in 1966 and have continued to live there since. Tom is retired from **Commercial Steel Heat** Treating and Del is retired from the Kroger Co.

The couple celebrated their anniversary with a dinner party at their home with family and close friends.



Reininks celebrate 50th

anniversary

John and Marilyn (Zschunke) Reinink of Westland celebrated their 50th anniversary June 1.

They were married June 1, 1957, at First Baptist Church of Wayne.

They have four children; Wendy Bodin of Westland, Kelly Reinink of Canton, Jeff Reinink of **Plymouth and Diane Salisbury** of Livonia.

They have eight grandchildren.

John is retired from Ford Motor Co.'s Rouge office. He is a retired Marine, who served in the Korean War. He attends a Marine reunion every year

e-mail: oeobits@hometownlife.com **GERARD B. JANISSE** Gerard passed away peacefully

Home, Farmington, MI.

Nicaragua.



GRACE MACK CAMPBELL

May 26, 2007 Age 78 of Bloomfield Hills. Grace was born in Detroit on July 6, 1928 and lived there until 1937 when the Mack family moved to Birmingham. She was the daughter of Rowena Jane (nee Paton) and Hugh Ross Mack. She graduated from Baldwin High School in Birmingham in 1946. Grace attended Bennett Jr. College in Millbrook, N.Y. and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1950 with a degree in elementary education. She taught in the Birmingham Public Schools until the time of her marriage. She married Robert G. Campbell on October 19, 1956 at Kirk in the Hills. Wife of Robert G. Campbell. Mother of Robert R. and Amy Anderson. Grandmother of Matthew Anderson. Sister of Hugh R. Mack, Jr. (Betsy) and her twin Helen M. Vahue (the late Ray). Memorial service Saturday June 16th 11am at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills 48302, followed by luncheon at Bloomfield Hills Country Club. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Kirk in the Hills or The Beaumont Foundation, 3601 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48073 or The Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

BONNIE JACOBS SILVA

Age 70 of Boca Raton, FL passed away on Memorial Day. She was the loving daughter of Isabella Dumitry. Bonnie is survived by her three children: Jason Roma, Julie White and Jennifer Mitchell; her grandchildren: Lauren, Amy and Charlie; her brother, Bill Jacobs and her uncle, Ray Phillippi. Bonnie was a true inspiration to many and was loved by all. She warmed the hearts of many through her entertaining and found success in her talents of dancing and singing. A celebration of her life will be held at her home on Saturday, June 16th at 4pm,



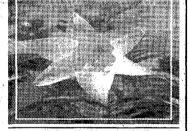
KENNETH JAMES HEFT

Age 60, May 25, 2007 in Marble Rock, Iowa Beloved husband of Beverly Jean (Nee Bishop) Loving Father of Julie (Santiago) Fernandez, Kenneth (Stephanie) Heft, and Matthew (Catherine) Heft. Proud Grandfather of Isabel, Nicolas, and Elias Fernandez; Kaitlyn, Alexandra, Jack Heft; and Samantha, Benjamin, and Olivia Heft. Dear Son of Nora and the late Earl C. Heft. Brother of Earl "Bud" (Linda) Heft and Cecila (Lawrence) Faw Brother-in-Law of Judy (Greg) Harrison and Shirley (Norman) TenBrink Also survived by 13 nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Lynch & Son Funeral Home 340 Pontiac Trail Rd. Walled Lake Friday 4:00pm - 8:00pm. Saturday, Memorial Celebration Service 10:00 am, Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian - 5171 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake. Please share a memory with the family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home- Utica



WILLIAM EDWARD HERBERT

Age 80, passed May 23, 2007. Beloved husband of Donna for 57 years. Loving father of Patricia (Bruce) Beck and Bill (Susan). Dear grandfather of six and great-grandfather of three grandsons. After retiring as a photo engraver, he enjoyed being a stater at Glenhurst Golf Course. A member of the Redford Elks and VFW Hubert Post 345. Proud veteran of WWII. He loved the game of golf, a dry martini, and a good laugh. He will be missed terribly. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 2 at 2 pm at Charles Step Funeral Home, 18425 Beech Daly (btwn.6-9 Mile). Memorial contributions to the American Lung Association appreciated.



DAVID A. MURPHY

Age 70, May 31, 2007, longtime Observer & Eccentric Newspaper employee. David is survived by Norine, his beloved wife of 50 years. Loving father of Leslie (Mark) Churella, David (Tami), John (Sue) and Melissa (Tom) Maher. Cherished grandfather of Mark, Ryan, Joshua, Dayna, David, Patrick, Olivia, Joseph, McKenzie, Colin and Brady. Brother of Ray, Don, Pat, and Peggy Clark. David is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, and is preceded in death by his grandson Connor. Funeral Mass Monday, June 11 a.m. (In state 10:30 a.m.) at St. Ferald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd., (between 8-9 Mile Rds.), Farmington. Visitation Sunday 1-8 p.m. with a 5 p.m. Scripture Service at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (between 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248) 474-200. Memorial tributes suggested to the Fr. Solanus Guild, c/o Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207.

www.heeney-sundquist.com

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Deadlines: Friday 4:30 PM for Sunday Wednesday Noon for Thursday Obituaries received after these deadlines will be placed in the next available issue.

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or Liz Keiser 734-953-2067 or toll free 866-818-7653

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Phenix-Demeritt

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Phenix of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Trista Joi Phenix, to Andrew M. Demeritt of Westland.

The bride-to-be attended Schoolcraft College.

The prospective groom is the son of Mrs. Verlot E. Russell of Fort Meyers, Fla., and Darrell M. Demeritt of Atlanta, Ga. He is a graduate of Cape Coral High School. He works at Don Pablos in Canton.

A September wedding is planned for Taylor, Mich.

Markowski-Ellis

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Markowski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Beth Markowski of Livonia, to Jason Joel Ellis, son of Mr. and Walter Ellis of Dryden.

Amy is a 1999 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and is a certified medical assistant employed by Northpointe Heart Center in Berkley.

Jason is a 1998 graduate of Dryden High School and is a senior mortgage banker employed by Quicken Loans in Livonia.

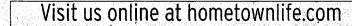
A September wedding is planned at Sunset Point at Walt **Disney World's Polynesian**

Crowe-Reinke

Dana Lynn Crowe of Livonia is to be married to Christopher Richard Reinke of Huntington Woods in late October. The ceremony is planned for St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Livonia with a reception following at Laurel Manor.

Dana is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School. She received her bachelor of business administration in accounting and in management in December 2002 from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. In September 2005, she received her master of science in taxation from Walsh College. Dana is a CPA in the tax department at Plante & Moran, PLLC's Southfield office.

Chris graduated from Berkley High School in 1998. He received his bachelor of science in mechanical engineering in



Marilyn is retired from Livonia Chrysler Plymouth. She belongs to the Red Hat Society. Their children on sending

them on a trip to celebrate their anniversary.



Kitzmans celebrate 65th

anniversary

Albert and Norma Kitzman of Livonia were married June 6. 1942, by Pastor Hall at Howes Memorial Chapel on Northwestern University's campus in Evanston, Ill.

They have three children: Janice, Jo (Duane) and Karl (Kathy). Their six grandchildren are Robert (Carrie), Julie, Jonathan, Daniel, Robert (Bo) and Timothy. They also have two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Matthew.

Al and Norma have lived in Livonia since 1959. Albert managed Foundry Flask and Equipment in Northville from 1959 to 1978.

Norma retired from **Clarenceville Public Schools** after teaching for 30 years. They are members of Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield and have enjoyed loving fellowship in the Christian Partners Sunday

school class.

Albert and Norma Kitzman



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Resort. A reception will be held

one week later at the Thomas

Edison Inn in Port Huron.

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Three Cities presents spring exhibition, sale

Three Cities Art Club's Spring Art Exhibition and Sale continues to Saturday, June 2, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road, between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Be sure to bring the kids. This is a great way to introduce young people to the world of art.

www.hometownlife.com

Works include watercolor, colored pencil, oil, fiber, and more. Most of the artists will be at the reception so this is an opportunity to meet and speak with them or commission a piece to meet your specific requirements.

This year, rather than having a professional artist judge the work, viewers will be allowed to vote for three of their favorite pieces to determine which artists will win up to \$900 in prize money. Each person who votes will be entered to win one of seven gift certificates (four for Canton Leisure Services good for a free large bucket of golf balls at Pheasant Run Driving Range or two day passes to The Summit or toward a Canton Leisure Class; two for \$10 each to Poole's Tavern in Northville; one for \$75 good toward dinner for two at Fleming's Prime Steak House and Wine

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TO THE DEFENDANT:

attached Default.

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and/or grant other relief.

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Bar in Livonia). Participants need not be present to win. Certificates will be mailed to winners.

Three Cities Art Club is one of the area's oldest art clubs. There is no residency restriction. From its inception, members have wanted to help each other develop artistic skills, educate others, display and sell their work, and socialize with like-minded individuals. From September through June, the club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Canton

Township Hall for workshops, demonstrations or enlightening presentations. Members bring recent works and those attending vote for their favorite in a competition. Annual membership is \$20, and includes monthly meetings, art supply discounts at local stores such as D & M Art Studio, a monthly newsletter, and the opportunity to exhibit and sell their artwork and enjoy the camaraderie of those who share their passion.

For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith weekdays at (248) 557-3800, weekends at (734) 397-2348, or via e-mail at threecitiesartclub@hotmail.com.

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NOTICE OF ENTRY OF DEFAULT

AND REQUEST FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF DIVORCE

STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION,

GUY T. BREMMER, 140 S. Harris Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48198,

ERICA ANN FRANCIS, 530 N. Holbrook, Plymouth, MI 48170,

NOTICE

Your default was entered on May 29, 2007, as shown by the

I will be requesting a default Judgment of Divorce, and a

hearing on this request is scheduled for June 7, 2007 at 9:00

At the hearing, the judge may enter a Judgment of Divorce

granting the relief I requested in my Complaint for Divorce

a.m. in the courtroom of the judge in this case.

Camps teach kids about science, nature

The Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is blend₇ ing fun and education into summer day camps this year.

Registration continues for their Mad Science Camps. For more information, call (734) 466-2410 Participants will receive

many take-home products from the science camps which take place in the community recreation center's Party Room

Dino Camp is all about dinosaurs. Kids (ages preschool to kindergarten) learn the names of dinosaurs, what they look like and where they are now. Kids also learn about fossils. On the third day campers make a plaster cast of a real dinosaur tooth. Camps run 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Wednesday, June 25-27. The cost is \$85 residents, \$95 nonresidents. Kids should bring their own snack.

The Moving With Science camp (grades K-5) teaches participants all about what goes

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **District-Wide Printer Toner Cartridges**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Sealed bids are due to the E.J McClendon Educational Center (attn: Toner Cartridge Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48187 on or before 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 13, 2007. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

	•	Board of Education
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City of Plymouth

NOTICE OF SALE

SURPLUS & CONFISCATED

PROPERTY

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will conduct a sale of surplus property and property confiscated by the Police Department on Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (noon). The sale will be held in the City Hall garage, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Items to be sold include bicycles, office furniture, electronic equipment, and computer equipment (monitors, printers, etc.)

All sales are as is with no warranty either expressed or implied. LINDA J. LANGMESSER

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on in chemistry and machines. cont Topics such as Wild Wizard usin Day of Spells & Potions, Crazy tion Chemistry, Junior Engineers, Machine Mania, and frea Shutterbugs give campers the moc opportunity to learn about Ca chemical reactions and small p.m machines. Kids should bring a 10. C bag lunch to the camp running 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 9-13. Cost is \$185 residents, \$195 nonresidents. Carnival of Science Camp (pre-school-kindergarten) a.m. teaches participants about Aug

gravity and inertia and just what keeps us on those rides, 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Wednesday, July 23-25. Kids also will be introduced to the basics of science behind the tricks of magicians. Finally, they'll learn about the power of mirrors while using lasers and reflections. Cost \$85 residents,

\$95 nonresidents. Chemical Cells and Crimes (grades K-5) allows kids to become forensic scientists.

become forensic scientists. They study cells, figure out the contents of a mystery solution using standard chemical reactions, investigate chemical reactions with temperatures in freak fireworks, or examine a mock crime scene.

Camp takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10. Cost \$185, \$195. Bring a bag lunch.

Robots are not just science fiction anymore. Learn about the science of robotics in Radical Robots (ages 10-15) 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 13-17. Discover the science behind gears and how robots use sensors to explore things around them. Learn about artificial intelligence and how it is revolutionizing our world. Kids then put this knowledge to use by building a working robot. Cost \$210, \$220.

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In addition to Mad Science Camps, Livonia Parks & Rec is offering the nature camp Where the Wild Things Are 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday, July 16-19, for ages 5-8, in Rotary Park Pavilion 2. Cost is \$40 resident, \$50 nonresident. Registration is at the parks and recreation office. Call (734) 466-2410.

This camp teaches kids about the different creatures in Rotary Park through observations, activities and crafts. In case of inclement weather, Friday will be the make-up day.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing, impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CAMTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 18, 2007, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT <u>AMENDMENT -</u> CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 6.A.22.04 RELATIVE TO MULTIPLE TENANT SIGN STANDARDS.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to Thursday, June 14, 2007 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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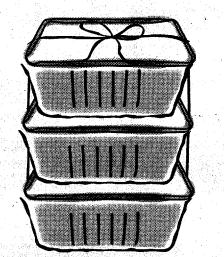
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REUNIONS

Fordson High School Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or email: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com. **Garden City High School**

Class of 1972

A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday Oct. 13, 2007. For more information, contact Lori Howe Richardson at (734)421-7808 or Ihowerich@hotmail.com or Sharon Burke Parkila at (734)421-3108 or sparkila72@aol.com.

Class of 1987

Searching for all class of '87 Alumni for a 20-year reunion. Need to find current information on alumni (name, address, phone, email, etc.). Contact GCHSClassof87reunion@comcast.net or call Sheryll (Pietryka) Catton at (734) 367-0898.

Class of 1989

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and email addresses

Paula@gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at

www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet. In addition to our class we are also looking for members in the classes of 87,88,89 for a combination reunion at some point. So if you are in any of those classes contact us also.

Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion is planned for June 9, 2007, at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus. For more information and to update your address, visit the reunion web site at www.gchs97reunion.com.

Grosse Pointe North

- Class of 1991
- Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com

Hamtramck High School

Class of 1987 A 20-year reunion 1:30-8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2007, John Barleycorn's Bar & Grill, 112 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens. Tickets are \$30 a person or \$60 a couple. www.1987hamtramckhigh.com. For more information, contact Jayne Panicker at (630)338-9622 or email itsabouttime1987@comcast.net or jayampanicker@yahoo.com. **Kennedy High School** Classes 1966-69

Aug. 4, 2007, at Crystal Gardens,

Southqate. For more information, contact Nancy Mascaro Miller at nancy,mm@comcast.net or (313)291-3558. Ladywood High School

Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion in planned for June 9-10, 2007. Headquarters at Courtyard by Marriott, Laurel Park, Livonia. Call Liz at (248)681-7768 or email LHS67@comcast.net for further information: Livonia Bentley High School

Class of 1957

A 50th reunion Saturday, June 9, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30. For information, call Janice Sue, Fernandez, (734)427-1288.

Livonia Churchill Classes of 1971-2007

Alumni Summer Bash 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, Nankin Mills Park, Ann Arbor Trail and Hines Drive. No fees but accepting donations. All proceeds over and above costs are being donated to the Western Wayne Skill Center. For more information, call Chris (Don) Nicholson at (734)658-5296 or Chris@ChurchillAlumni.com or Gayle Napolitano Nicholson at (734)728-0393 or Gayle@ChurchillAlumni.com. Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages for 2007. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com. **Northville High School**

Class of 1997

A 10-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 5th Avenue, Novi, private party on second floor. Cost \$30 per person or \$50 per couple due no later than April 16. Make checks payable to Matt Zielinski, 12829 Lanatana Ridge Court, Austin, Tx 78732. For more details join the Google group at http://groups.google.com/group/nhspar-

tv97 **Novi High School**

Classes of 1974 , 1975, 1976 and 1977 A combined class reunion, July 28, 2007 at Rock Financial in Novi. For information please contact: Laurie (Maier) Butler (1974) lbutler@motorcityharley.com; Clairè (Salow) Klingelhofer (1975) clairek1@comcast.net; Leigh (Tarczy) Guzowski (1976) laguzow@alumni.nmu.edu; Patty (Pohlman) Mayer (1977) mayer123@comcast.net

Our Lady of Sorrows Class of 1966

Aug. 17, 18 and 19. For more information, call Pat Ormsby LaPlante at (248)476-0634

Redford Thurston High School

Classes of 1957, 1958 A 50-year reunion is planned with several events Sept. 14-16 at Embassy Suites: Livonia. For information, contact A. Reunion on Oct. 6,

Ron Beller at (989)652-9724 or e-mail at Admiral741@yahoo.com or Marian Keegan Hierholzer at (248)349-2697 or e-mail at Mamia@comcast.net Classes of the '80s

Thurston High School's '80s Reunion Committee will host a 2007 THS Multi-Year Reunion from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hyatt Regency, in Dearborn. A limited number of firstcome/first served tickets at \$59 per person will be available and no tickets will be sold at the door. E-mail Andrea Gambotto (Class of '86) at andshaffer@netscape.net or Dan Phillips (Class of '82) at DanielP422@yahoo. com. Representatives from graduating classes of '80, '82, '88 and '89 are sought. **Inkster Roosevelt High School** Class of 1957 and 1958

A combined reunion on Sept. 21-22, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. All classes welcome. For information, contact Yvonne (Guertin) Mack at (734)464-7748 or email ymack@twmi.rr.com or Stan Pientack at

(734)475-2797. **Roseville High School**

Class of 1956

A 50th reunion in fall of 2006. The reunion committee is searching for classmates. For information, call Shirley at (586) 677-2709; Alice at (586) 792-•7757 or e-mail at alijune1939@scbglobal.net or

thehermans2002@comcast.net. **Royal Oak Dondero High School**

Class of June-Jan. of 1959 Seeking classmates for Aug. 4

reunion. Include name, address and email address to: Jean (Elliotte) Palmer 248-435-7875, TJPalmer73@aol.com, or Mike Soule 248-853-7483. **Royal Oak Kimball High School**

Class of 1977

A 30th reunion, 6-12 p.m. Oct. 6 at Berkley American Legion Hall, 2079 W. 12 Mile, Berkley. Cost \$25 per person includes buffet dinner, beer, soft drinks, DJ and photographer. Casual dress. Organized by Sue (Bush) Carlin and Evelyn (Alverson) D'Arca. For information, contact Sue at (248)788-2109 or Susieluwho@aol.com or Evelyn at (810)678-3090.

Southeastern (Detroit) Class of 1987

A 20-year reunion is being planned for summer 2007. Looking for graduates of June 1987. If interested in attending or know of whereabouts of graduates, contact Terri Banks-Faison at (313)220-4769 or tntfaison@aol.com Southfield High School

Class of 1977

A 30th Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007. Contact MDurz@aol.com or IleneSilvermanAbrinSHS1977@comcast.n

et St. Anthony Elementary All classes

2007 for the Detroit school at 25th and Vernor. Email mrkf4yahoo.com or call (734)995-9243 for further details and to give us your contact information.

CLASS REUNIONS

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

St. Philip Neri Class of 1957

A 50th anniversary, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Marinelli's Restaurant, 4924 Rochester'Road, Troy, just south of Long Lake Road. If you have information on classmates contact Harold Pryor at (734)462-5996.

Wayne Westland Class of 1977

A 30th reunion scheduled for Oct. 6, 2007. For more information and to sign up, websites: www.johnglennhigh77.com or www.classmates.com

Winship Junior High(Detroit) Class of 1967

A-reunion weekend, Aug. 24-25, 2007. For information, contact Garv Hassin:

grobert8@yahoo.com - (415) 235-1199. Avondale High School

Class of 1957 A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007, at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester, Looking for alumni, Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-

2447. **Berkley High School**

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

Birmingham Groves Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1962

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

Bishop Borgess Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by email haningk@yahoo.com. Class of 1987

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A 20-year reunion, Sept. 15, 2007, at the Livonia Marriott. Contact borgess87@hotmail.com for more infor-

mation. **Bloomfield Hills Lahser**

Class of 1976

Golf Scramble and/or casual dinner at Camp Ticonderoga, Friday, June 29, 2007. Reunion 7 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007 at Pine Lake Country Club. For information go to www.Lahser1976.com or contact Jackie (McLernon) Bean at (248)399-9054, Dean Shipman at (313)701-8544, John Wallbillich at (800)707-7170 or Jeffery Given at (248)594-2401.

Burt Elementary and Junior High (Detroit)

Class of 1967

- For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandysgarden2003@yahoo.com, Sue
- Smith Nykamp at
- suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret
- Hadcock Gallagher at

edgallagher@prodigy.net **Clarenceville High School**

All classes

Sunday, July 29 at Kensington Metro park, shelter "T,"

open to all Clarenceville alumni - grads and non-grads.

Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck. Contact: clarenceville_alumni_reunion@yahoo.co

Clawson High School Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information. e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182.

Dearborn High School Class of 1952

A 55 year reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. Reunion begins at 2 p.m. with buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Call Marianne Hoak (313)274-9064 or Carolyn Haseltine Chambon (734)420-2591.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1977 A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@cox.net with your current address and phone number. **Dearborn Edsel Ford**

Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday,

Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efhs67@yahoo.com

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Detroit Cass Technical High School Class of 1967

6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, the Fairlane Club, 5000 Fairlane Woods Drive, Dearborn. Cost \$67 per person in. advance, \$75 after June 1. No tickets sold at the door. Phone, Nedra (Custer) Friday, (313)272-6649, email Casstechreunion1967@yahoo.com or mail inquiry to P.O. Box 43912, Detroit, Mich. 48243-0912. Detroit Chadsey

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Classes of 1967, 1968

A 50th Reunion is being planned for Sept. 29, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. Looking for January, June and Summer '57 graduates. If interested in attending or know of the whereabouts of other classmates, contact Pat Gorski-Zielinski, (989) 366-9288. **Detroit Cody**

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aged to register for inclusion in memo-

www.classreport.org/usa/mi/detroit/cool

A 50th reunion is planned for Sept. 7, 8,

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Playing it safe Keeping kids healthy at camp

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

When it comes to camp, Dr. Edward Walton never grew up. The University of Michigan Health System physician loves the experience so much he returns as camp doctor for the Bellknap YMCA in New Hampshire this summer.

Walton began studying camp health 18 years ago to make participating in outdoor activities as enjoyable for today's kids as it was for him from age 11 to his second year as a medical student. Walton doesn't want to panic parents, but he is advising them to play it safe when choosing a day or away camp.

Walton stands by the American Academy of Pediatrics health guidelines for day and resident camps of which he was the lead author in 2005. It states all camps should have written health policies that have been reviewed and approved by a physician, preferably a pediatrician or family physician.

CHECK IT OUT

"It's very important to check out any camp parents are considering sending their kids too," said Walton, a clinical assistant professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School. Walton works as a physician in the pediatric and adult emergency departments of the U-M Health System. "I always think it's a good idea to talk to the camp director, what their planning has been in regards to health care, for day damps what kind of training in first aid or CPR. Have they made contact with the local ER or physicians, talked to ambulance service so the ambulance knows where to go? Has the camp done their homework?"

Parents should make sure the camp can handle illnesses and conditions that typically strike kids (sore throat, insect bites, poison ivy) as well as chronic medical problems such as diabetes, allergy and asthma which require immediate access to treatment. Parents should also provide the camp with information on a child's attention deficit or behavioral problems.

Kay Renny recommends children ages 11 and up receive a meningitis vaccination and tetanus booster before leaving for camp. Her three sons, ages 12 to 15, received both vaccines ahead of time so Renny says she



feels pretty safe sending them off to camp this summer. Meningitis presents quickly causing high fever, headache, exhaustion, a sore throat, nausea and vomiting, sensitivity to light, rash, a stiff neck, and death so it's important to seek emergency medical treatment immediately.

"Parents should check out the camp, but more importantly they need to talk to their son or daughter to protect themselves against meningitis or other communicable diseases," said Renny, an R.N. and manager of community programs for the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan. "Entering middle school they start getting into group activities, start sharing drinking cups, bottles. They should be washing their hands, avoid sharing eating utensils, water bottles, girls sharing lip gloss. If they have to cough or sneeze, cough into the elbow. It's all the things we say about flu."

KEEPING CLEAN

Personal hygiene helps kids stay healthy as well. "It's always a great idea where there are people together for people to wash their hands a lot," said Walton, "and to send their kids with a bottle of hand sanitizer and to teach them how to use it before meals and after they use the bathroom,"

And don't wait until a child steps on a rusty nail to make an appointment for a tetanus booster. Renny said, "most people think of it as the rusty nail disease

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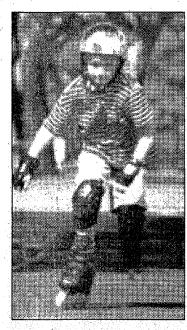


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but tetanus lives in soil." "Most kids of middle school age are in need of a tetanus booster," said Renny of Rochester Hills. "The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is now recommending when you get a tetanus booster to make sure it includes pertussis for whooping cough for which there is a resurgence!"

Like communicable diseases, homesickness can be prevented. In addition to checking out the camp, Walton tells parents to initiate communications with the staff and prepare the child "so everybody understands what the experience is going to be." He says children ages 7-9 are usually emotionally ready to attend resident camp, but parents have to make the determination. Some kids aren't ready until age 11, 12, or 13,

"I really feel the child needs to be involved in the decision," said Walton. "Camp is a great place to learn independence, make friends, a chance to have fun, a place to be their best selves without being graded, but a child who's suddenly told you're going to camp on Tuesday (might be apprehensive). Schedule practice time away for resident camps. Go to sleepovers at grandma's and grandpa's house and treat it like a real separation but in a friendly environment. Have the child talk to kids who've been to camp before. Parents need ive about the e kpern ence. (They might say) I know you're going to love camp, I loved it, but don't make pickup

deals. Don't say if you don't like it we can come and pick you up."

FAMILY AFFAIR

Dr. Molly O'Shea gives parents the same advice she follows when preparing to send daughter Marien, 10, and sons Conall, 6, and Declan, 8, to camp. O'Shea is a pediatrician and managing partner of Beverly Hills Pediatrics in **Bingham Farms and Sterling** Heights. For the last 10 years, she's served as a medical adviser to camps. O'Shea also does educational programming about camp health issues for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"Before camp season I have them get an annual checkup. They all have allergies and asthma. We do revised plans with the physician at that time, if there were worsening symptoms how to manage them," said O'Shea of Birmingham. "I talk to them about sunscreen and bug spray use. I tell them they put sunscreen on in the morning, before lunch, and at afternoon snack time, and use bug spray at the end of the camp session day."

As a mother, O'Shea was especially concerned about her children receiving the wrong medication or dosage so she and husband Kevin developed CampRx.com, a service providing pre-packaged medications to children at resident and day camps. Working with DirectRx, a mail-order pharmacy in Troy, CampRx.com packages a camper's medication then ships it directly to camp before sessions begin.

"It was started primarily because most camps really didn't know how to administer to children on a consistent schedule, reliably. We wanted to take the guess work out of it," said O'Shea. "If a child is taking medications for allergy, ADD, asthma, all three are packaged together in a single dose pack that reminds them of the next dose."

For more information about the pre-packaged medications, visit www.camprx.com.

For information about meningitis vaccinations available at the VNA of Southeast gan office in Oa call (248) 967-8755.



Glen from Ferndale is overweight and also has prostate cancer. He heard he could be at an increased risk of dying from the disease. He is looking for more information.

Yes, Glen, you could have an increased risk of death due to prostate cancer! A new study found that men with prostate cancer who were mildly obese had a

Peter Nielsen 46 percent higher risk of dying from the disease within five years. It is even worse for men battling prostate cancer who are very obese. They are twice as likely to die from it. Another study

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St. Mary Mercy Hospital presents Kaleidoscope of Care

ties for free 1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 3, on the north

which offers games, food, health screenings, and activi-

grounds, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-

1592 or visit www.stmarymercy.org. Open house follows

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988-6716. The parent group will have Dr. Stuart Segal

Office. Dr. Arthur Robin speaks to adult group on

Cognitive Behavior Therapy for treating AD/HD.

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6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, Treating Allergies Naturally, free

workshop with Dr. William H. Karl, D.C. at Noble Library,

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

and 8 hours respectively but may take morning medications. Clinic hours 8 a.m. to noon June 26, 4200 Highland. Waterford, (248) 738-7833; and June 14, 28800 Telegraph, Southfield. (248) 304-9533: June 7, 1703 Haggerty. Commerce Twp., (248) 926-3133; June 26, 20401 Haggerty, Northville. (248) 449-5733: June 12, 6001 Highland. White Lake, (248) 889-6810, and June 22, 49900 Grand River, Wixom, (248) 449-8533.

Cancer survivor retreat

Offered by American Cancer Society, Young Adult Retreat applications due Friday, June 8, retreat (July 12-15) is for cancer survivors ages 16-20, at St. Mary's College, Indiana. Visit www.cancer.org/retreat. To volunteer services (medical and non-medical), call (800) ACS-2345.

Volunteer training

Heartland Hospice Services is looking for caring and compassionate individuals for hospice volunteer train ing to provide companionship, support and friendly visits for patients and their caregivers. We are located in Southfield and serve the Tri-county area. Evening and day time classes available. Office support is also needed. To register, call (800) 770-9859.

Hormone replacement naturally

Natural Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapy, Anti-Aging Medicine, and How to Slow Down the Aging Process with Catherine Walker, M.D. 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at Holiday Inn Select, 1500 Opdyke at University, Auburn Hills. No charge. Couples welcome. Call (248) 267-5002 for reservations.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer guestions in a private setting on a first come first-served basis, in Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

Sharing & Caring

6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, Date Night dinner and sessions for newly diagnosed patient and partner with

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survivors, their family and friends. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting. Parkinson benefit walk

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation holds its I Gave My Sole to Parkinson's Walk-A-Thon and 5K run Sunday, June 10, at Maybury State Park on Eight Mile, west of Beck, Northville, On-site registration at 9:30 a.m. Event begins 11 a.m. Fee for walkers \$10, age 12 and under walkers \$5, runners \$15, family (immediate only) \$30. To register, call (800) 852-9781, send e-mail to mpfoffice@aol.com, or visit www.parkinsonsmi.org. Lecture

On Urinary Bladder Problems and Erectile Dysfunction with St. Mary Mercy Hospital physician John Frederick Harb 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, in the hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Use Main Entrance on Five Mile, For details, call (734) 655-8961

Sharing & Caring

7-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14, MRI for the diagnosis of breast cancer with Marc Flemming, M.D., diagnostic radiology, at Beaumont Hospital's Cancer Center, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. Sharing & Caring offers educational and support programs for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends. For information, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting.

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Speaker series in conjunction with Our Body exhibit at Detroit Science Center. Admission to lecture is free with paid general admission. RSVPs required to attend lectures. Seating limited. To RSVP, send e-mail to events@sciencedetroit.org with event date and names of those attending. Museum hours extended to 10 p.m. on lecture dates to allow attendees to view exhibit. There is a separate admission charge for exhibit. Series includes 7 p.m. June 14, Does Family History Accurately Predict Your Future Health? Our Body exhibit tickets \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets on sale at www.detroitscience center.org. Exhibit continues to Sept. 3. Call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

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Tips to avoid Lyme Disease this summer

Before venturing out this summer make sure you take precautions against Lyme and other diseases which can be transmitted through the bite of an infected tick.

Protect your family by wearing light-colored clothing which allows you to see ticks easily.

Wear a hat and long-sleeved shirt. Tuck your clothes in - shirts into pants and pants into socks.

Use an insect repellent with DEET on exposed skin.

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When hiking stay in the middle of the trails and try to avoid underbrush, fallen trees and tall grass.

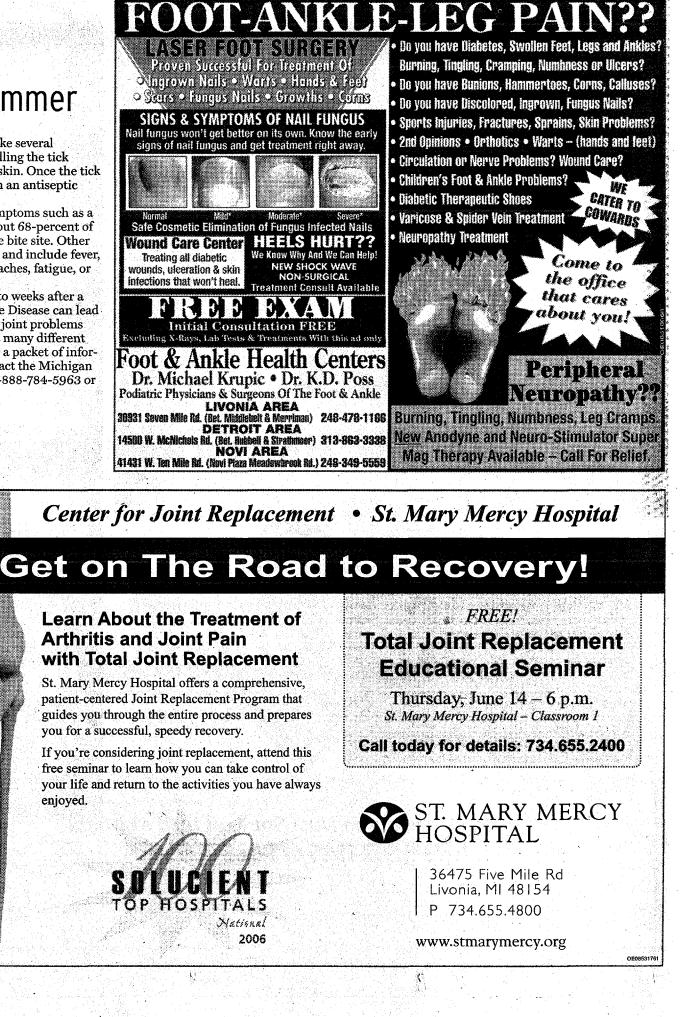
Always perform a tick check when returning in from outdoors or when outdoors for extended periods of time.

If you do find a tick use a pair of fine-pointed tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull gently and slowly but firmly

until tick releases. This may take several attempts. Avoid crushing or killing the tick while it is still attached to the skin. Once the tick is removed, clean the area with an antiseptic such as alcohol.

Lyme Disease may cause symptoms such as a rash which only appears in about 68-percent of cases and not necessarily at the bite site. Other symptoms may appear flu-like and include fever, muscle aches, joint pain, headaches, fatigue, or weakness.

Symptoms can appear days to weeks after a tick bite. If left untreated Lyme Disease can lead to heart, neurological, eye and joint problems because the bacteria can affect many different organs and organ systems. For a packet of information on Lyme Disease, contact the Michigan Lyme Disease Association at 1-888-784-5963 or visit www.mlda.org.



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THE KNEE CAP AS A SOURCE OF PAIN

When you come to your doctor with knee pain, it is the responsibility of your physician to clarify as precisely as possible where that pain originates

The knee includes the knee joint, the knee cap, the tendons that run over the knee cap, and the sacs or bursa that separate the tendons from rubbing over the hard tissues of the knee. With this number of components to consider, it often happens that you feel knee pain, and appear to have knee joint swelling when the joint itself is not involved.

In many cases where the knee cap, knee tendons or bursa are inflamed, the pain you feel is exactly what you would experience if your problem was knee joint arthritis. You would note pain on walking, worsening with further ambulation and relieved by rest or being off your feet.

Your doctor determines the source of your knee pain by examining not only the knee joint but the knee cap, the tendons around it and the various bursa that intercede between the tendons and the bony structures of the knee. However, at times, x-ray views of the knee joint may reveal changes in the structure of the knee cap, or show that it sits in an abnormal angle in its relation to the knee joint.

In many cases of knee pain coming from bursa or tendons, injection therapy resolves the proble m. In instances where the knee cap is at fault, the best approach is physical therapy to realign the knee cap to the knee joint.

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Father's Day brunch to raise funds for Michigan Jazz Festival

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

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Midge Ellis is especially looking forward to this year's Father's Day Brunch to benefit the Michigan Jazz Festival on July 15, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Every Father's Day the festival's committee presents the best in jazz together with a gourmet brunch prepared by the college's Food Service under the direction of Tom Savage. This year's event features a tribute to legendary jazz pianist Oscar Peterson, from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 17, in the VisTaTech Center on campus at 18600 Haggerty, south of Seven Mile. The program features the Richko-Keller-Siers Trio performing music from their new CD To Oscar, With Love: A Tribute to Oscar Peterson.

Tickets are \$25 and include the gourmet brunch served from noon to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the 13th annual Michigan Jazz Festival which is free thanks to sponsors and fund-raisers like the brunch. For tickets to the Father's Day Brunch, call (248) 474-2720. Tickets will be available until June 12, or until sold out.

"The group is a tribute to Oscar Peterson and it's kind of wonderful," said Midge Ellis of Livonia. "Steve Richko (the trio's pianist) has written a tune for Oscar and he's loved him since he's little. It's a big fund-raiser for us and comes less than a month before the festival so it's a busy time."

Richko has been playing Peterson's music since the Dearborn pianist first heard a recording by the veteran jazz musician. Bassist Paul Keller and drummer Pete Siers are big fans as well.

"It was my personal introduction to jazz," said Steve Richko. "I was about 12 years old. I'm 27 now. He's regarded as the legend of the jazz piano."

The CD which was recorded at Solid Sound, Inc. in Ann Arbor in November 2006 was released a couple of weeks ago. The trio is selling the CD wherever they play including the brunch and a concert 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. For details, call (734) 760-2999, e-mail kch@kerrytown.com, or visit www.kerrytownconcerthouse.c om. The CD is \$15, and also available at www.pkorecords.com.

"Our executive producer Ian Mulhinch, who courageously battles ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), approached the trio and wanted to do a project that would also benefit charities for ALS. A portion of proceeds go to charities that help find a cure for ALS."

Brunch guests will be treated to selections from the CD as well as new arrangements of jazz classics in the style of Oscar Peterson. The program includes the piano legend's Tangerine, Noreen's Nocturne, Place St. Henri and Wheatland from his Canadiana Suite, and Peterson's version of Maria from West Side Story.

"I wrote the title track To Oscar With Love as a ballad," said Richko. "I knew I wanted to write a composition for the record and at first wanted it to be an up, swinging number, but then chose a balled because I wanted to show his piano artistry. All of the compositions on the CD are special. Oscar Peterson to me promotes perfection and swing and that's something that we love about him."

Richko always had a piano in his home as a small child. Wherever he went – to his grandparents, aunt – there was a piano. After he heard Charlie Parker play he wanted a saxophone but couldn't afford it so he began teaching himself piano.

"To Oscar With Love demonstrates our respect and admiration for the man and his incredible music," said Richko.

"OP is not only the greatest jazz pianist of all time, but my personal favorite jazz musician of all time," added Paul Keller of Ann Arbor. "I've loved and studied his music and glorious career since I was a teenager. I have waited 30 years to make this OP tribute CD. We needed to find a pianist that could fill the job, that not only had the desire but also the ability to fill



Pete Siers (left), Paul Keller and Steve Richko perform a tribute to legendary jazz pianist Oscar Peterson at Schoolcraft College.

such a difficult task. Steve Richko is that pianist. One of the things that I love about Steve Richko is he is inspired by and channels the spirit of

OP without directly copying Peterson."

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Plymouth, Michigan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO

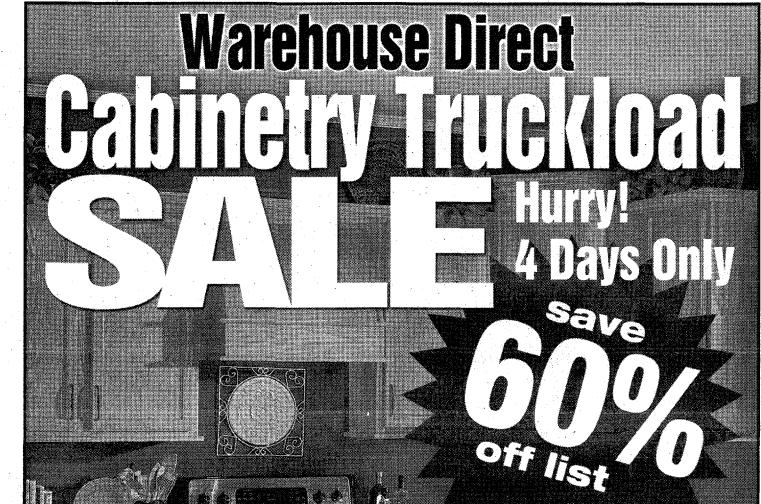
REVIEW THE PROPOSED 2007-2008 OPERATING BUDGETS

PUBLIC ACT NO. 43 OF 1963 REQUIRES SCHOOLS DISTRICTS TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007 – 7:00 P.M. E.J. McCLENDON EDUCATION CENTER 454 SOUTH HARVEY STREET, PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

The purpose of this hearing is to review the proposed operating budgets, receive testimony, and comply with the formal legal requirements prior to adopting the 2007-2008 Operating Budgets.

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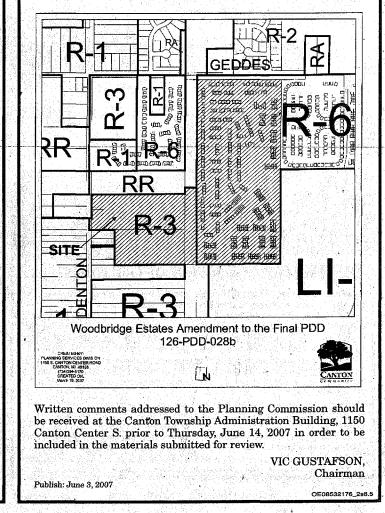
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 18, 2007, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WOODBRIDGE ESTATES PDD AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FINAL PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 126 99 0011 000 (4555 DENTON), 126 99 0013 003 (4711 DENTON), PART OF 126 99 0006 000 (48903 GEDDES) AND 126 02 0001 000 THROUGH 126 02 0476 000. Property is located south of Geddes and east of Denton Road.



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Lazy days of summer full of festival fun

A variety of community events are scheduled throughout southeastern Michigan during the summer months. A brief list follows.

Birmingham

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The village fair is set for May 31 to June 3 at Shain Park in Birmingham. Hours are noon to 10 p.m. May 31, noon to 11 p.m. June 1, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. June 2 and noon to 9 p.m. June 3. Contact the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber for additional information -248.644.1700.

Canton

Canton's big Liberty Fest is only two days this year (it has been four in the past). It runs June 15-16. Jungle Jack Hanna is the big attraction this year, as well as the parade and fireworks, which both take place Saturday.

Clarkston

The Taste of Clarkston is scheduled for Sept. 30 in downtown Clarkston, with many restaurants serving up their favorite fare. There also will be live entertainment and children's games.

Farmington

The 2007 Farmington Area Founders Festival, themed "In the Good Old Summertime," will be held Friday, July 20, through Sunday, July 22, in historic downtown Farmington. The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, July 20-21, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 22.

The event includes Art on the Grand, a juried craft show, the Botsford Founders Day Parade, and the Founders Café featuring entertainment by ScootMagoo, a full-size 20horse carousel located in Riley Park and a familyfriendly film.

For more information, visit online at www.foundersfestival.com.

Independence Township The Independence Day parade will be at 10 a.m. July

4 along Main Street in downtown Clarkston. The festival also will include fire works on July 4 in Independence Township. Other features include children's games, sports contests and live music - starting about noon

Lake Orion

The annual Lake Orion Jubilee will be from June 28-July 1, with fireworks and carnival rides.

Livonia

Livonia's six-day birthday celebration of rides, games, entertainment and a massive fireworks display called Livonia Spree is June 19-24 at Ford Field at Farmington and Lyndon in Livonia. It's presented by the all-volunteer Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc.

Oxford

The Village of Oxford will have several summer time events. The Hot Barbecue & Blues Festival will be June 22-24 in downtown Oxford. It will include a blues competition and food by local restaurants.

Then Celebrate Oxford is scheduled for Aug. 4, with music, entertainment, art and classic car show being planned.

Redford Township

Redford Township hosts its three-day Redford Township Community Festival event with rides and games from June 7-10 at Bell Creek Park on Inkster and Five Mile. The township also offers its Fourth of July fireworks June 27 at Glenhurst Golf Course on Six Mile.

Rochester

The Festival of the Hills at Borden Park in Rochester Hills is Thursday, June 28. Free admission. Performances include: 7 p.m. - Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express, and 8 p.m. Fire works are at 10 p.m.

The 42nd Art & Apples Festival Set. 7-9 will include a variety of food, live entertainment and free children's art activities. The festival is held in Rochester's 30-acre Municipal Park. The Art & Apples Festival is the principal fund-raiser for Paint Creek Center for the Arts.

Southfield

The Star Spangled Southfield fireworks show is set for 6-11 p.m. Wednesday, June 27.

Troy

A Motoring Memories Car Show is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 15 at the Troy Historic Village, Livernois and Wattles.

The 16th Annual Family Festival is set for 5:30-8:30 p.m. on July 18 with music and entertainment, and a Good Old Summertime Picnic is set for noon-3 p.m. June 27 on the north lawn of the Troy Community Center, with food, music and other activities.

Rounding out the summer is the Troy Daze Festival, Sept. 13-16, at Boulan Park which will bring back the parade this year. Also included are rides, activities and food.

Westland

The Westland Summer Festival will run June 28 through July 4, ending with a fireworks display.

A parade is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Thursday, June 28. It will move north from the Wayne-Ford Civic League and then west to Westland City Hall.

The 37th annual event will be held in the city's municipal government complex, although Central City Park is expected to remain closed off until the problem of lead contamination is resolved.

The main entertainment stage will be in Tot Town, a separate, smaller park on Carlson just south of Ford. Flutist Alexander Sonjic will perform the evening of July 1. A new country musicthemed day is being organized for Saturday, June 30.

Also planned is a Vegas night and Texas Hold 'Em tournament during the festival.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2007-2008 BUDGET

Effective October 1, 2006

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> New Water Service Meter Fee = Installation Time and Material plus 15%

> There is a \$75.00 Fee for "After Hours" Water Turn on/off

ADDITIONAL SEWER FEES

Property owner is responsible for all sewer leads, pipes, and taps up to and including the connection to the City's mains. Property owner is responsible for the repair and/or replacement of any publicly owned property including, but not limited to grass, sod, top soil, trees, curb, gutter, street pavement and base material.

CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

For building or construction purposes, the daily charges shall be made for the use of water from the time of installation of the service pipe until meter installation:

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All connections to the water supply system or the sewer disposal system shall be made by and at the expense of the property owner or user so connecting, subject to any rules or regulations therefore now or hereafter established by the city, and subject to inspection and approval prior to use. A permit for such connection shall be obtained in advance from the city, and the property owner or user making such connection shall pay all inspection charges now or hereafter established by the city prior to the use thereof.

Property owner is responsible for TAP compliance with ALL Federal, State or Local Rules, **Regulations**, or Laws.

TAPS RESTRICTED

The term "tap" is used herein shall include any opening or outlet heretofore or hereafter made in the water system, for the purpose of withdrawing water therefrom for any use, public or private, either commercial or domestic, excepting fire hydrants. No taps shall be made to the system unless authorized by the proper city authorities.

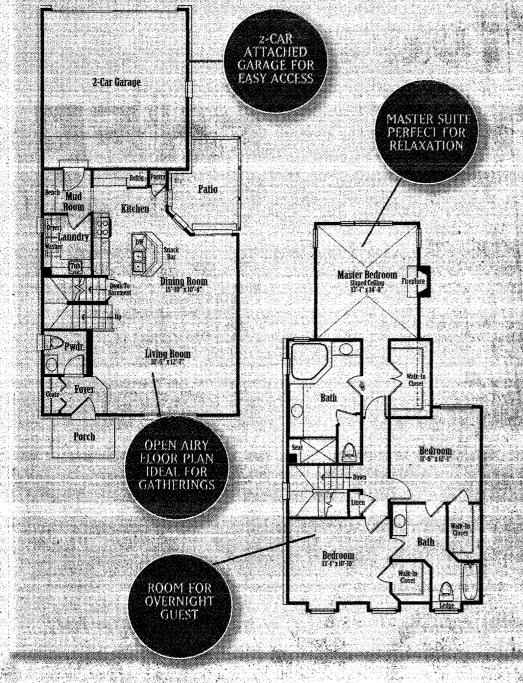
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The American Red Cross national Web site (www.redcross.org) has information on workplace safety and emergency preparedness.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Find out which natural and technological hazards can happen in your area. Get information about how to prepare your employees and clients to respond to possible hazards and provide help. Disaster safety information and CPR/first aid training are available from your local Red Cross chapter. Network with others who have or need to develop risk or contingency management plans. Attend seminars and get information from local risk management associations or chapters.

DISASTER RECOVERY

No business should risk operating without a disaster plan. As reported by the SBA in 2006, up to 25 percent of small

Even if you think you are not a major disaster like a flood, tornado or earthquake. When you start to develop your disaster plan, consider three subjects: human resources, physical resources and business continuity. Think about how a disaster could affect your employees, customers and workplace. Think about how you could continue doing business if the area around your facility is closed or streets are impassable. Think about what you would need to serve your customers even if your facility is closed.

> Here are some suggestions: Keep phone lists of your key employees and customers with you, and provide copies to key staff members.

If you have a voice mail system at your office, designate one remote number on which you can record messages for employees. Provide the number to all employees.

Arrange for programmable call forwarding for your main business line(s). Then, if you can't get to the office, you can call in and reprogram the phones to ring elsewhere. If you may not be able to businesses do not reopen after get to your office quickly after



an emergency, leave keys and alarm code(s) with a trusted employee or friend who is closer.

Install emergency lights that turn on when the power goes out.

Back up computer data frequently throughout the business day. Keep a backup tape off site.

Use UL-listed surge protectors and battery backup sys-

tems. They will add protection for sensitive equipment and help prevent a computer crash if the power goes out.

Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio with a tone alert feature. Keep it on and when the signal sounds, listen for information.

Stock a minimum supply of the goods, materials and equipment you would need for business continuity.

Consult with your insurance agent about precautions to take for disasters that may directly impact your business. Remember, most policies do not cover earthquake and flood damage. Protect valuable property and equipment with special riders.

Keep emergency supplies handy, including: flashlights with extra batteries; first aid kit; tools; food and water for employees and customers to use during a period of unexpected confinement at your business.

REDUCE POTENTIAL DAMAGE

Prevent or reduce disaster damage in your facility by taking precautions, such as:

Bolting tall bookcases or display cases to wall studs.

Protecting breakable objects by securing them to a stand or shelf using hook-andloop fasteners.

Moving to lower shelves large objects that could fall and break or injure someone.

■ Installing latches to keep drawers and cabinets from flying open and dumping their contents.

Using closed screw eyes

and wire to securely attach framed pictures and mirrors to walls.

Using plumber's tape or strap iron to wrap around a hot water heater to secure it to wall studs.

You should also consider having a professional install: flexible connectors to appliances and equipment fueled by natural gas; shutters that you can close to protect windows from damage caused by debris 🙀 blown by a hurricane, tornado or severe storm; automatic fire sprinklers.

PROTECT YOUR EMPLOYEES,** CUSTOMERS AND BUSINESS

Designate one employee from each work shift to be the safety coordinator. This person will make all decisions relating to employee and customer safety and to the safety of the business itself.

Contact your Red Cross chapter for information about how to stay safe.

Another source of useful information is Open for Business, a booklet developed by the Institute for Business and Home Safety and the Small Business Administration.



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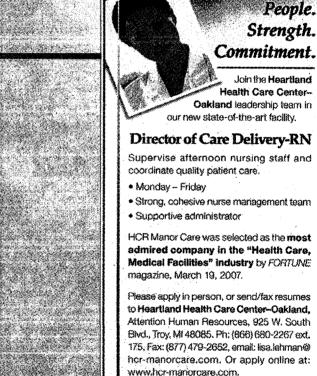
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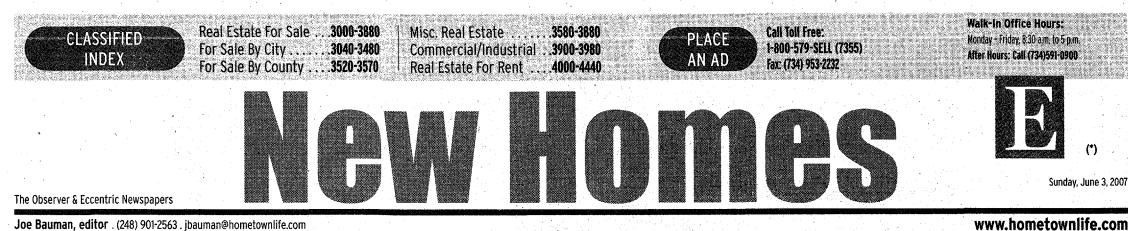
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Elegant Formosa good fit for empty nesters looking to downsize

Adding a refined elegance to the handsome exterior, arched columns frame the entryway of the Formosa. This unique floor plan has the look of a much larger home, delivering more for your building dollar. The Formosa has 1,539 square feet of living space neatly arranged in an open, two-story configuration. Empty nesters looking to downsize their current

accommodations might consider this design.

A covered porch leads you into a vaulted entry that is open to the second floor. The stairway to the top floor, with storage area underneath, is located here. A built-in hutch presents a nice showcase for gatherings and entertaining guests. A brick fireplace provides ample heat.

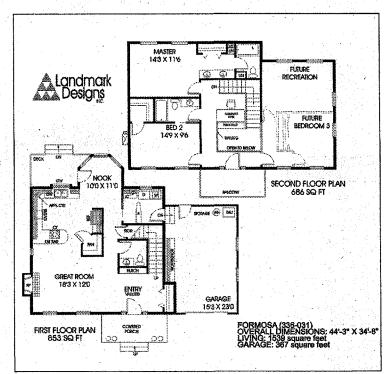
The good-sized kitchen is another advantage found in the Formosa. The walkthrough design features an appliance center, double ovens, cook top, garden window and a center island with a walk-in pantry. The adjacent nook is well-lighted and makes a pleasant atmosphere for meals. The nook opens onto a modest deck, where favorable weather

will welcome an evening barbecue.

A handy utility room, with built-in ironing board, opens to the garage. This arrangement allows you to disregard inclement weather while unloading groceries. The attached garage has a built-in workbench and ample storage area.

The sleeping areas are on the second level. The generous master suite has a large closet, linen storage, twin basins and a private bathroom. The second bedroom is a perfect setting for overnight guests. The amenities here include a comfortable sleeping area, walk-in closet and bathroom. The opposite side of the top floor allows for future development of another bedroom and perhaps a den or entertainment center. Near the stairway is a computer desk that will help you keep abreast with household accounts. A splendid balcony lends a nice vantage point to view the surrounding landscape.

For a study plan of the Formosa (336-031), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127



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Buying a home

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union will offer a free Homebuyer Seminar 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the credit union, 36111 Five Mile, Livonia. Walk through the homebuying process and learn how to maximize your purchase with industry experts. All materials will be provided along with refreshments and door prizes. Reservations needed. Call Emma at (734) 432-0212, Ext. 301, or e-mail Eteller-cpfcu@twmi.rr.com.

Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar Saturday, June 9, at 11:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Rd., Suite 100, a half block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

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Homebuying basics

Homebuying Seminar 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12. This is for first-time buyers and those returning to home ownership. Subjects included: "Mortgage 101," "Renting vs. Buying," "Repairing a Leaking Budget," 'Optimizing Your Credit Score" and "Finding the Right Realtor." Handouts will be available to take home. There will be time for questions. Location: VISTA Mortgage, 38777 Six Mile, Suite 114, Livonia (I-

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Insurance experts

A June 14 meeting to hear local insurance experts discuss the state of the volatile insurance industry and answer your insurance questions. Presented by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland at 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

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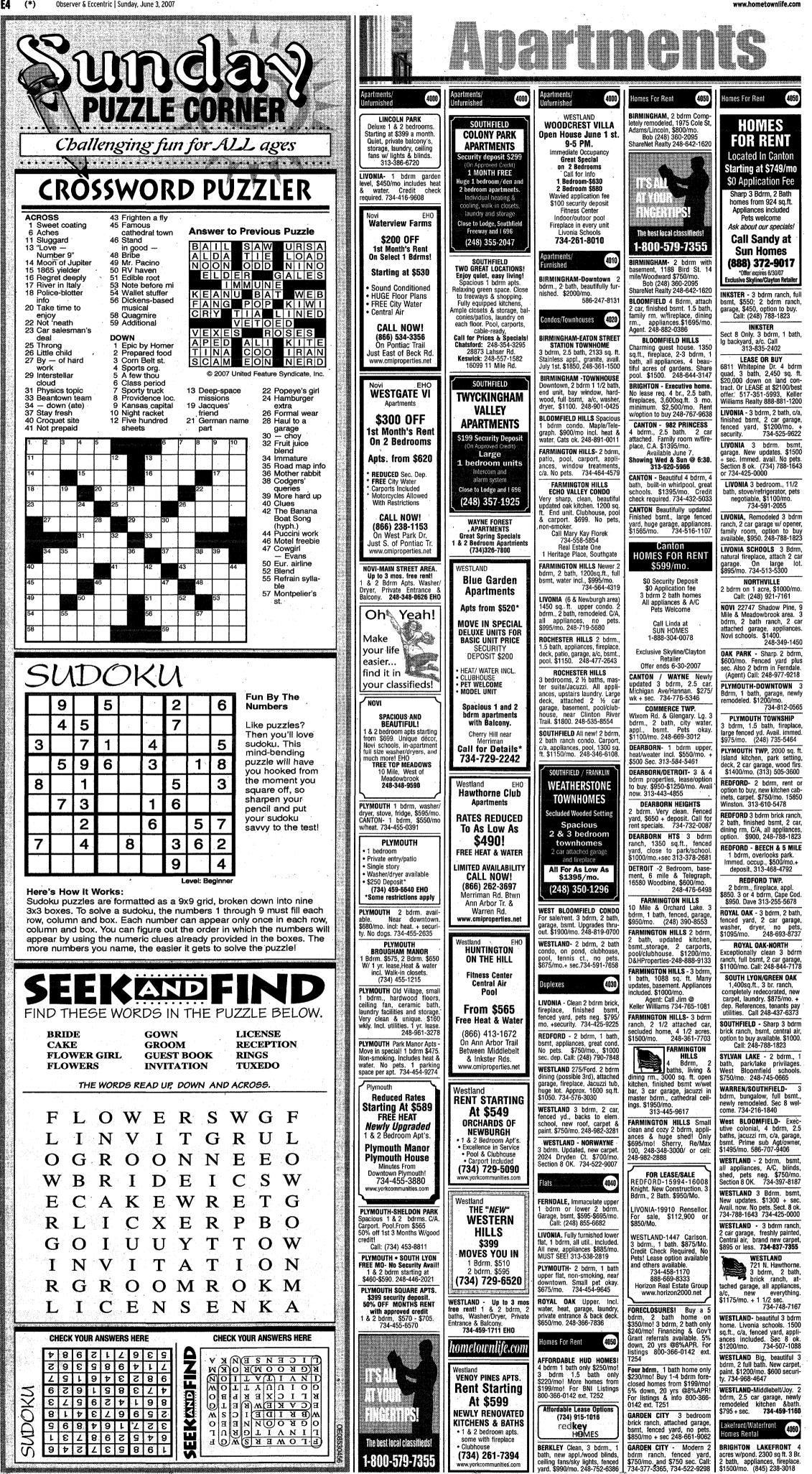
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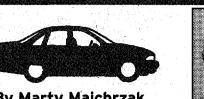


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By Marty Majchrzak Avanti NewsFeatures

The Voyage is class A motor home with a headturning exterior and a 7-foot-2 ceiling height that provides an incredible amount of head room. I love the new look Winnebago has given these monsters of motor homes over the last two2 years. The color combinations on the outside always turn heads as you enter a campground.

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The outside on our tester was painted a combination of four different colors. It had a white base, plus burgundy, pewter and gold, making for one sweet-looking ride. My wife Donna and I just love RVs, but living in this kind of luxury makes you feel like you took your home with you.

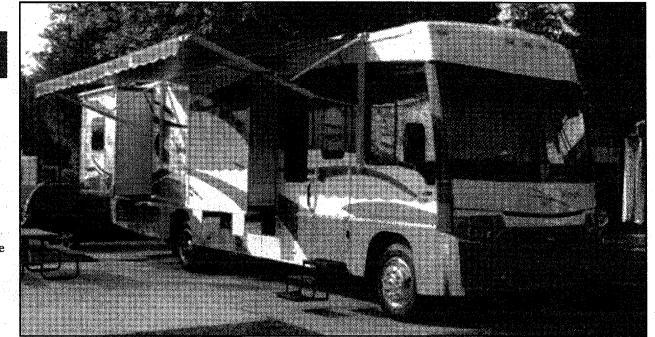
The Voyage is 35 feet of pure luxury and a couple of new additions that make life a lot easier. A rear camera was great so I could keep an eye on my Sea Ray Boat and with the additional side cameras, driving these coaches gets easier and easier.

Side cameras are mounted under the mirrors and are activated when you put on the turn signal. It shoots a view down the side of the coach and into the next lane that makes lane changing a piece of cake. You know the old saying: you can't have your cake and eat it too. With the Voyager, you can. You can also change the view from camera 1, 2 or 3 by hitting the button on the view screen. This was great!!!

The Voyage has lots of basement storage that is almost standard on all Winnebagos. It will store anything from barbecues to as many folding chairs you can pack. One of the first things I like to do is check out the basement storage because I like to bring everything we can think of.

As we pulled into our camp site at Lake Leelanau RV Park in Leland, Mich., the director took our name and directed us to follow him to our campsite. They were so busy he let us check in the next day. Now keep in mind with a total of 53 feet of motor home and boat those cameras made it a piece of cake to maneuver in a tight campground. Boy, that cake is good!!!

As we pulled into our cement slab campsite, we unhooked the boat and the park and took it to the launch with my son, Matthew. Next a quick meeting



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with the people next to us. Then I opened the coach driver's door, hit the leveling jacks power on and then hit the auto button. All four jacks came down, hit the ground and started leveling the coach. I just stood back and watched. I closed the door and turned and the people next to us said, "How cool was that?" I need more cake!!!

Next we moved to the inside of the coach and went to the back and slid out the bedroom, moved to the living room and slid it out, then turned and slid out the kitchen. Yes, new for me with Winnebago is the kitchen slideout that makes the living area huge. More room to cook, eat and pass other people by and in a pinch more room to sleep.

We took six adults with us to Lake Leelanau. The Voyage will sleep six but to be more comfortable four is a better number for me. That's where the kitchen slideout came into play. We were able to sleep two on an air mattress very comfortably in the kitchen area, only because of that slide-out.

My wife Donna liked the fact that our Voyage came with the washer/dryer combo from Italy that worked very well. The machine not only washes the clothes but dries them in the same machine as well. It took a little longer, and in the spin cycle, it shook the motor home a little bit, but not long enough to be annoying.

The Voyage I tested had a little over \$10,000 in options. However, my last Winnebago motor home was an Adventurer 37B, and that had \$23,000 worth of options and was gorgeous. With two slide-outs in the bedroom and one in the living area, my choice for that third slide-out is the kitchen area, to give you that extra room in the living area. Now if money is no problem then I would move to the RV with four slide-outs.

My favorite option was the Home Theater Sound System that had unbelievable sound and power. My kids and I one night at about 10 o'clock decided to watch the movie *V* for Vendetta. Well, let me tell you, with the big bass sound and the high pitch of fire and gunfire it was enough to have the camp director come calling at our door. I answered the door and the first thing he said was: "WOW! What great sound! But we can hear it pretty good out here. Could you please turn it down a little bit?"

The Voyage is almost \$40,000 less than my last motor home that I tested and it wasn't a Winnebago. Because of the quality and the options, this is a pretty nice coach and one that I would recommend if you can afford to buy it. I would love to purchase it myself!

Write Marty Majchrzak at marty.majchrzak@gmail.com

2007 Winnebago Voyage VEHICLE CLASS: Class A motor home POWER: 8.1-liter fuel injected V8 MILEAGE: 7.0 mpg mixed driving WHERE BUILT: Forest City, Iowa BASE PRICE: \$123,764 AS TESTED: \$123,823

