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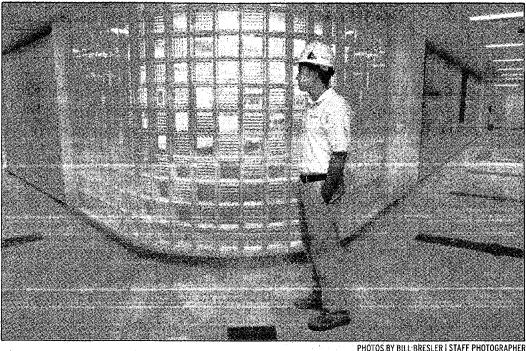
BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As staff and students of Plymouth-Canton Schools' Miller Elementary complete their school year at Washington Elementary in Livonia, second-grade teacher Jon Childs said he's looking forward to moving back home to Miller, which over the past year has undergone approximately \$4.5 million in renovations.

"We've enjoyed being here (Washington), but we're excited to be moving back,' Childs said. "It's always exciting moving from one house to another, and we're looking forward to moving into our new one."

Childs has been teaching for 33 years, all at Miller, which - when it opened in 1972 - featured an open school concept in which there were no floorto-ceiling walls or doors in the classrooms. That has all changed with the reconstruction, as Miller has been transformed into a more traditional school building.

"The new computer lab is very nice, and separated from the library," Childs said. "Before they were together and when one class had library activities and another a computer lab it was a problem. The first grade rooms are larger, which will be nice for the kids. And, the art teacher will have a room, instead of being on a cart." While 95 percent of the



Gregory Boyle, assistant superintendent for the Miller School project, takes a look at the work outside the Miller Elementary media center.

inside is complete, visitors will immediately notice changes on the outside, where there are separate school bus and parent parking lots. New asphalt and landscaping should be completed by next week.

teachers into the building. "The good aspect of the open environment was the great amount of collaboration that goes on automatically," Haire said. "I would assume that would continue, but it will be interesting



Over a barrel Fix has drivers dodging more M-14 work

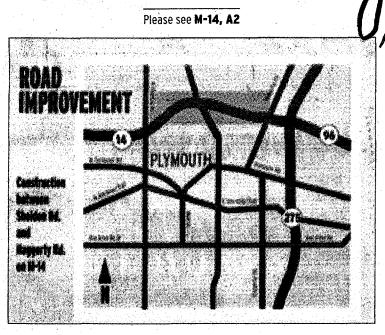
BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

First, commuters through Plymouth had to deal with M-14 being under construction for most of last year for work from Sheldon to Napier.

Then Sheldon Road was closed at the CSX railroad crossing a two-year project to build a railroad underpass.

Now, drivers are having to put up with lane closures and more orange barrels in the two-mile stretch from Sheldon to Haggerty after last year's efforts to fix deteriorating sections of the roadway served only to create more problems.

Laurel Thomas Gnagey travels M-14 to work in Ann Arbor daily. Since she gets on at Beck, she doesn't generally run into trouble on the way to work. The same can't necessarily be said of the trip home.



Principal Lynn Haire has been keeping a close watch on the renovations, visiting the work crews a couple of times a week.

"I really like the built-in storage and maximizing of the floor space in the classrooms," said Haire. "And students in grades 2-5 will have their own lockers." The school district is

targeting Aug. 6 for getting

to see how the new rooms will impact our learning environment."

Childs said moving back to Miller will provide one appreciated creature comfort not available at Washington. "It will be nice to have air conditioning again," Childs said.

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Ed Doran (foreground) and Chet Hall work on the media center at Miller Elementary.

Georgia's takes new look to new home in Livonia

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Georgia's Gift Gallery will carry the same name, but a different look, when the store moves later this month.

After 25 years in Plymouth - opening in Old Village before moving to its current downtown Forest Avenue location - the brother-sister owners will move to Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia, across from Laurel Park Mall.

"We want to give a fresh start to the type of store we've become," said Michelle Suttle, 57, who owns the store - named after their mother with her brother, Michael McCarty, 51. "People think of us as the old store."

Suttle and McCarty say the store that once flourished by selling collectibles will get a makeover, to one which McCarty calls "a gift boutique."

Things have changed with the dawning of the Internet and auction sites," McCarty said. "Michelle has done a great job of bringing in new items, like shoes and jewelry."

Suttle said, "The feminine mystique has become an amazing phenomena."

The owners say while the new facility will be a bit smaller and more cost-efficient, the new



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Michelle Suttle owns Georgia's with her brother, Michael McCarty. The store is named after their mother.

store will be closer to their Livonia homes, making it more accessible as they look to their golden years.

"When I look back, I have fond memories," said McCarty of their 25 years in Plymouth. "However, I never look back with sadness. I look forward to it as a new journey."

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Sincock gets high marks, raise

BY TONY BRUSCATO **STAFF WRITER**

Plymouth city commissioners spent less than a half hour in an executive session with City Manager Paul Sincock Monday night, giving him their evaluation of his performance during the past fiscal year.

When it was over, commissioners unanimously awarded Sincock a 3-percent raise, and agreed to buy back 81 hours of vacation time.

"After working here for 30 years, Paul knows the city inside and out, and can run it with his eyes closed," said Commissioner Michele Potter. "His biggest accomplishment is the budget. Over the past several years we've been able to pare down and run lean-and-mean, and still provide the citizens with all the same services.

We felt that given the healthy budget that we have projected for the next five

The 3-percent raise - which calculates to \$2,838

- will bring his annual compensation to \$97,457. The 81-hour buy-back gives Sincock an additional \$3,685.

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due," she said.

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factual and complete," said Mayor Dan Dwyer. "Even if I don't agree with his conclusion, I never have to question the information or his integrity. That goes a long way on how well the team works."

Sincock gave a lot of credit to his "team."

"I can't do this alone," Sincock said. "It's the employees who step up to the plate and deliver the service. They've taken on additional responsibilities as we've cut back on staff and they've met the challenge."

Before going into executive session, Sincock told commissioners budget projections are positive.

"The budget for the first time shows no planned deficit for the next five years," Sincock said. "The new budget reduces the tax rate in the City of Plymouth by 8 percent.'

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Dinner theater

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Dinner theater comes to downtown Plymouth when Barefoot Productions and the Sweet Afton Tea Room present *Later Life*, a romantic comedy by A.R. Gurney, Friday, June 22.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. and the performance starts at 8 p.m. The dinner features the flavors of New England, homemade in the kitchen of the Sweet Afton Tea Room, and the performance is a reprise of Barefoot's February hit.

Tickets are \$35 per seat, and includes dinner, beverage and the performance. Seating is limited to 30. The Sweet Afton Tea Room is at 450 Forest in Plymouth.

For more information and reservations, call (734) 454-0777.

Water Feature Class

The Rock Shoppe offers a free class on construction of a pondless water feature 10 a.m. Saturday, June 16.

Free design help will also be available. Registration can be accomplished via e-mail at rssales@tds.net. The Rock Shoppe is located at 6275 Gotfredson (at the corner of North Territorial). For more information, call (734) 5560. Suicide loss group Dr. William A. Ritter, author of *Take the Dimness of My* Soul Away, speaks at an open

meeting of the Suicide Loss Group sponsored by New Hope Center for Grief Support and First United Methodist Church of Northville (8 Mile and Taft) 7 p.m. Monday, June 25.

"In 1994 William A. Ritter's adult son committed suicide, sending Ritter and his family on a journey no family wants to face. *Take the Dimness of My Soul Away* collects the sermons he preached on the subject—the first one just three weeks after his son's death, and the final one nine years later—and chronicles his difficult and life-changing healing process."

For more information, call New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115.

Trailwood Garden Walk

The Trailwood Garden Club hosts its 12th annual "Flowers are Forever" garden walk in Plymouth noon to 8 p.m., rain or shine, Tuesday, June 26.

Tickets are \$8 pre-sale, \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets are available from Garden Club members and at Backyard Birds and Saxton's Garden Center, both in Plymouth, and Robin's Tips 'N Toes in Plymouth's Old Village. In addition to descriptions of the

CORRECTION

Plymouth freshman Kelly Hahn placed fifth in the 3,200meter run at the June 2 Division 1 State Meet at East Kentwood High School. Hahn's time of 11:13 was a personal best by 15 seconds. An article in Thursday's Observer incorrectly stated that Hahn did not place at the meet.



gardens, the ticket contains a map.

The six gardens have a variety of water features as well as many ideas that can be adapted to individual gardens.

Trailwood Garden Club's projects includes plantings in downtown Plymouth and at the new Veterans Memorial Park and new township hall, plantings and a bird feeder at the Medilodge of Plymouth, Fall Festival Perennial Exchange, Christmas decorations at the Plymouth Historical Museum, Michigan 4-H, Detroit Agricultural Network and other related activities.

For more information, call Marilyn Detmer, (734) 454-4625.

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.

'Rapunzel' auditions

Auditions for *RAPUNZEL* will be held at the Marquis Theatre, located at 135 E.

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"My route home can be interesting, as I usually exit at Sheldon," Gnagey said. "So far I seem to have timed it right and have not found too many long backups, but we do slow down and the orange barrels seem to keep changing position, adding to the excitement."

According to officials at the Michigan Department of Transportation, contractors ripped sealant off the M-14 surface and exposed concrete to moisture, which led to potholes and cracks throughout the stretch. Main Street in downtown Northville, 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

Auditions are for children ages 8-15. Children must sing Do-Re-Mi from The Sound of Music. An accompanist will be provided. Prepare a poem or monologue no longer than 90 seconds. It does not have to be memorized. For information call The Marquis Theatre at (248) 349-8110.

Kiwanis speakers

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth has lined up an impressive slate of speakers for its June meetings. Dan Mulhern, Michigan's First Gentleman, husband of Gov. Jennifer Granholm, speaks Thursday, June 14. He will be followed in ensuing weeks by 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

Walking tour

Road.

The Plymouth Historical Museum, in partnership with the Plymouth Preservation Network, hosts a historic walking tour of Plymouth's Liberty Street and Old Village 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23. Tickets are \$10 per person, limited to 25 people. Tickets

are available at the museum during museum hours 1-4 p.m.

MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said the current work is not related to last year's reconstruction between Sheldon and Napier. While that stretch was completely rebuilt, the road between Sheldon and Haggerty had only minor preventive work done.

Still, it ran into problems. Morosi said the original concrete, which was poured in the early 1970s, was made of absorbent material which included limestone and slag. When crews stripped the concrete last year, the process they used - diamond-grinding - tore off the sealer.

Morosi said the result was not the fault of the contractor, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, or they can be purchased through PayPal at www.plymouthhistory.org/ walkingtours.html.

Volunteers needed

The Plymouth YMCA hosts its 28th Fathers Day Run Sunday June 17, 2007. The race will be in downtown Plymouth, 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Contact Cindy Morency at the YMCA, (734) 453-2904.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution Northville/Plymouth chapter meet noon Monday, June 18 at Greenmead, Alexander Blue House, in Livonia

The meeting will be the group's annual Potluck Picnic Auction. For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Crafters wanted

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 7-9, 2007.

Ten-by-ten foot spots will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend. Jewelry vendors will be juried this year and have an earlier deadline of June 30.

Applications are available to download at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

Businesses at Fall Fest

Businesses interested in participating in the Plymouth

whom he said "followed all the guidelines." The state hired the same contractor, John Carlo, Inc., of Clinton Township, to make the latest repairs at a cost of some \$1 million. In addition to repairing the flaws, Morosi said, contractors will also lay a two-inch layer of asphalt.

Work is expected to be completed around the Fourth of July holiday.

"The two-inch asphalt cap will seal the pavement so we don't get moisture into the sub-base to prevent it from failing again," Morosi said. "The asphalt cap will prevent that kind of reaction again."

As a result, drivers are putting up with one lane being Fall Festival on Sept. 7-9, may sponsor the entertainment venues, or have a booth downtown during the Festival.

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Sponsorships can include ads in the Fall Festival Guide, banners on the stage, and many other ways to get exposure for your business.

Visit www.plymouthfallfestival.com for application forms or call Colleen Brown, (734) 455-1614.

Train ride

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

Cost is \$49 per person and includes a two-hour train ride, three-course meal and live jazz entertainment. The senior bus will be available. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236, for reservations.

Garden Walk

No-No's Garden Walk Adventure II features six home gardens, lectures, artists, all designed to provide a memorable Garden Walk experience. The event takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23. A free plant goes with the first 250 tickets sold.

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

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

closed in each direction during peak drive times; two lanes are closed each way at night, Morosi said.

The delays are bothersome to drivers like Gnagey, who seem to feel the job should have been done right the first time.

"I do think it is unfortunate to have to deal with a job that was not done properly in the first place," Gnagey said. "With what seems like such a methodical process with these road repairs - all the time it takes to fix a fairly small section of highway - you have to wonder how it can be done incorrectly." bkadrich@honmetownlife.com (734) 459-2700

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Library place to be for summer reading

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

It's time for kids to "Get a Clue at Your Library.

Registration began last Friday for the Plymouth **District Library's Summer** Reading Program for kids, which had more than 1,300 participants last year, from prereaders to age 12.

"We want to keep kids reading through the summer. What we really want is for them to read a little bit every day," said Carol Champagne, head of youth services at the Plymouth library. Some 350 teens participated last year as well.

This summer, Plymouth has reading programs for birth through adults, the first time in a while for adults. Champagne cited studies showing that new readers especially benefit from summertime reading, and otherwise will spend the first couple of months of school in the fall relearning.

"Oh, absolutely," she said, agreeing fun selections are just fine. "We just want them to read anything.'

On June 25, young readers can begin reporting to librarians on what they've read, using a log to keep track. There's a new component for "Edge" readers who've finished third through fifth grades this summer, "so that they can feel they're a special group."

Some of the "Edge" kids had begun to drop out at the library, Champagne said, as they weren't yet eligible for teen programs.

The kickoff for the whole family will be Tuesday, June 26, with sessions at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. You'll need



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Nithya Vijayakumar spent a lot of time with a really big dictionary, preparing for spelling competition.

Spelling whiz focuses on life after 'Bee'

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS STAFF WRITER

Nithya Vijayakumar is out of the national spotlight. The bright lights are gone, the ESPN coverage has ended and all the cameras are gone. Well, all but one.

While talking about her recent experience at the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee, Nithya flashed her megawatt smile at her father as he snapped her picture.

"It got really intense the week before (the bee)," she said of her study schedule, which involved her scanning through her entire dictionary in the weeks before the May 30-31 competition. "Once I was there, I wasn't too stressed or nervous. You tune out the cameras and the audience and you focus on the word."

Nithya, who attends Detroit Country Day in Birmingham and just completed the eighth grade, finished in the top 15 of the national contest.

There won't be another chance for her to grab the trophy because eighth grade is the cut-off for contestants. That's fine with the 13-year-old jack of all trades.

As photographs from the bee rotate on her computer's desktop, Nithya picks up a couple of the trophies she's received for karate, a science fair and an essay contest. The junior black belt, who turns 14

next week, also plays lacrosse and the violin.

For several years, she's studied bharatanatyam, an Indian classical dance.

"I wish I had another year to go back (to the bee), it was pretty fun, but it's OK," she said. "I don't have to study spelling anymore and I can focus on other things.'

Nithya, who's favorite subject is chemistry, is a fan of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie series. She missed the May 25 premiere of the latest installment, "At World's End," because she was preparing to leave for Washington.

Nithya said she plans to dive into dancing this summer, take a physics class and do some volunteering. "Oh, and I'm going to see 'Pirates'

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next week," she said with a giggle. Nithya, who mastered the spellings of "grego," an attached hood, and "zeugma," a figure of speech, was eliminated from the bee when she misspelled "pelorus," a navigational instrument. The origin of the word is unknown.

"When I got "coquillage" (a shellfish), I knew it was French so I was able to figure out the spelling," she said.

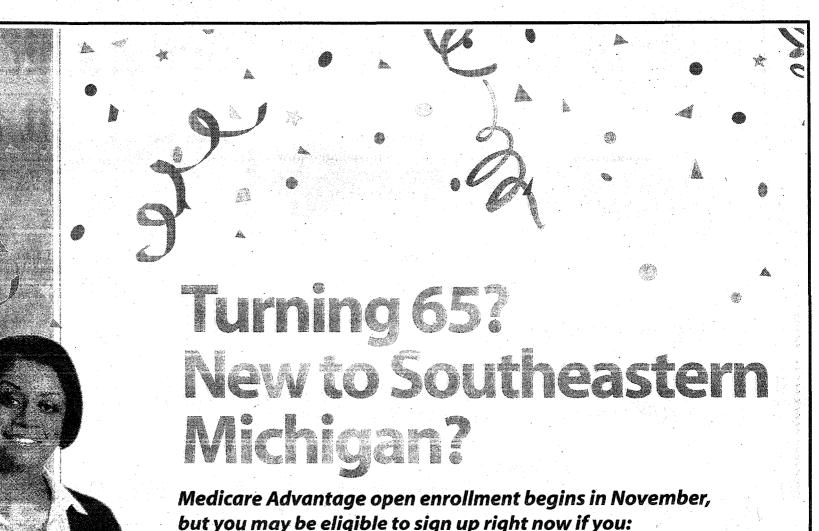
Her father, Vijay Pandiarajan, said he's proud of his daughter's performance.

'We took a very disciplined approach to her studying and it paid off," he said. 'Our goal was not just to participate but go all the way and I think she did a fabulous job."

Nithya, who wants to become a brain surgeon, said even though she didn't nab the bee's top honor, she had a great experience.

"I'd do it all over again," she said.

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are just turning 65

to register in person at the Reader's Advisory Desk and get free tickets for the kickoff, which will feature magic and comedy of Ben Spitzer.

"That is for the whole family," Champagne said.

There's also a CSI-type program on crime investigation for kids ages 5-12 at 2 or 7 p.m. Thursday, July 12. The "Edge" readers (also invited to all Summer Reading Program activities) will have a Library Scavenger Hunt at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

The Mystery Party final for each age group, involving solving mysteries, will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, for "Edge" readers and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, for Summer Reading kids.

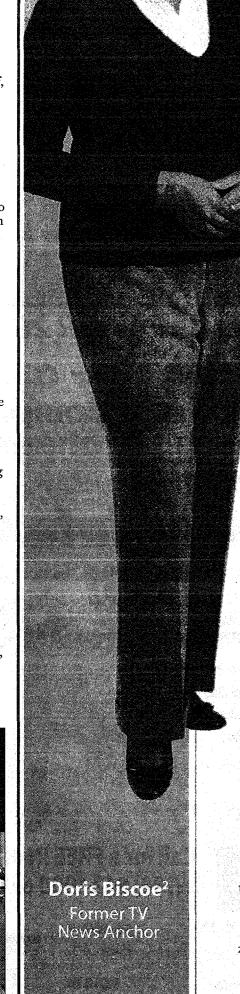
Adults will have weekly drawings for prizes, Champagne added, noting the Friends of the Library support summer reading efforts.

"We're really anxious to see how summer reading's going to be," she said. "We're hoping for big crowds."

Call the library, 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, at (734) 453-0750 to learn more. You can also participate in summer reading at the Canton Public Library, on Canton Center south of Cherry Hill; call (734) 397-0999 to learn details.

"We're encouraging whole families to sign up and read together," said Laurie Golden, marketing and communications manager for the Canton library.

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John Cova, Bill Sennett and Herb Scott (from left) participated in the Canton Community Foundation's annual golf outing last year. The event raises money for local scholarships and other community programs.

Golfers hit the links to benefit Foundation

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS

STAFF WRITER

Fore!

It's time to hit the links for the Canton Community Foundation's 17th Annual Golf Outing.

The event takes place Thursday at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

"This is our biggest fund-raiser," said CCF President Joan Noricks. "The importance is that all of the money raised here, stays here."

The golf outing is a prelude to the township's Liberty Fest activities.

"We changed (the timing) about three or four years ago to kick off the 'Fest," Noricks said. "We are a community organization and it made sense to be a part of such an important community event. The Liberty Fest is important to Canton."

Canton Waste Recycling is the presenting sponsor of the outing. Other sponsors include Oakwood Healthcare Center, Sunset Excavating, Pride Mechanical and Progressive Canton Waste Recycling is the presenting sponsor of the outing. Other sponsors include Oakwood Healthcare Center, Sunset Excavating, Pride Mechanical and Progressive Real Estate.

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Noricks said some 175 people have signed up to participate. Sponsorships are still available. Proceeds from the event go toward the foun-

dation's scholarships and grants. Noricks said golf-only costs \$250 but for an additional \$50, participants will have their name on signage at one of the holes and be featured in the foundation's newsletter.

For more information or to register, call (734) 495-1200 or access www.cantonfoundation.org.

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Wayne County

Warren Evans

offers some

safety tips to

Sheriff

riders.

Sheriff offers free ORV safety classes for youths

Off Road Vehicles can pose a serious safety risk if the individual riding one has not received proper training. With that in mind, Wayne County Sheriff's office has scheduled several upcoming free ORV safety classes open to the general public.

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Sheriff Warren Evans says the classes can be a matter of life and death. He points out that more than 40 percent of ORV-related fatalities are kids younger than 16. Several others in that age bracket survive their accidents, but suffer life altering injuries, such as paralysis and brain damage.

Recent statistics indicate a probable cause:

One-third of ORV riders, ages 12-15, have not completed the required training

Fewer than one-sixth of ORV users ages 10 and 11 has completed training.

"Off-roading is a long held tradition in Wayne County and across Michigan and a

For additional information and registration please contact the **Wayne County Sheriff Marine** Unit at (734) 675-2660. For more information on ORV safety, visit the Wayne County Sheriff's Web site at www.waynecounty. com/sheriff.

pasttime that I have enjoyed," Evans said. "However, we need to take extra care, especially when it comes to children. We are offering these free classes so that young ORV users can ride safely." State law requires that children ages 16 and younger complete the basic training class before they can operate any off road or all terrain vehicles. Evans said.

The required classes now will be even more effective. Evans said, because participants now will receive practical training on two new

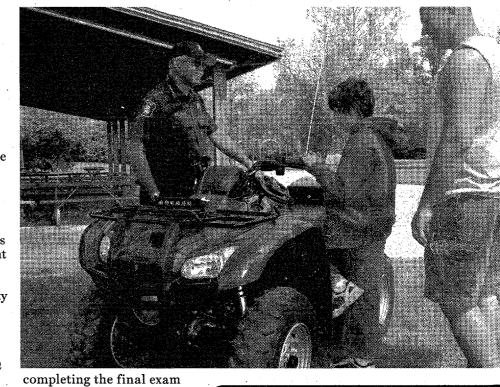
ORVs recently acquired by the Sheriff's Office through public donations to Evan's Youth & Senior Education Fund.

Upcoming dates for the two-day course July 9 and 16 and Aug. 6 and 13. All classes will begin at 7 p.m. each night and will conclude at 10 p.m.

The courses will be held at the Trenton Westfield Activity Center, 2700 Westfield Road. The Trenton Westfield Activity Center is located approximately 2 miles East of I-75 and approximately 1/2 block North of West Road. Each class consists of two nights. To complete the course, students must attend both class nights. Students must pre-register for this course. The first evening a student attends they will receive materials for the course, complete registration forms and receive instruction in offroad [ORV/ATV] vehicle

safety. The second evening

students attend, they will be



and receive certificates when successfully completed. Students must attend both class nights.

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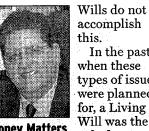
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Everyone needs a medical durable power of attorney

Dear Rick: A few years ago, my husband and I did an estate plan. At the time we did wills, a trust and living wills. I caught the end of your show a couple weeks ago and you said that living wills were not sufficient. Could you explain? If we need an additional document what's a fair price to pay?

irst it's important to explain a Living Will is a document that basically/ states if I don't have a quality of life, I don't want to be kept alive. The problem with this document is it does not define what is quality of life. It's left open to all sorts of interpretation and that is where lawsuits happen and families get torn apart.

I believe one of the goals of a good estate plan is to keep judges, courts and lawyers out of family affairs, and unfortunately Living



accomplish this. In the past, when these types of issues were planned for, a Living

Will was the **Money Matters** only document

you could **Rick Bloom** use. However, things have

changed dramatically over the last 20 years and now there is a much better document - a Medical Durable Power of Attorney.

A Medical Durable Power of Attorney allows you to set forth your medical wishes. However, unlike the Living Will, the Medical Durable Power of Attorney goes one step further and allows you to appoint the individual who will make medical decisions

for you if you cannot make them yourself.

A Medical Durable Power of Attorney can be very general or very specific. For example, if you are morally or religiously opposed to a certain type of medical procedure, you can state that in your Medical Durable Power of Attorney. I believe all adults need a Medical Durable Power of Attorney. As far as I am concerned, anyone 18 years or older should obtain this document. In the past, husbands could make decisions for wives and vice versa. However, those days are long gone. We all saw the fiasco that happened in Florida a few years ago in the Schiavo case and no one wants that happening to their family. I believe that every adult needs to obtain this document and to do it now.

The Michigan Legislature has authorized a fill-inthe-blank Medical Durable Power of Attorney that anvone can obtain for free. The form is known as the Michigan Patient Advocate Form and is available in public libraries and on many Web sites. Go to www. bloomassetmanagement.com, click on "Articles, Forms, Email Newsletter, Q & A" and you can download a Medical Durable Power of Attorney for free.

In the past, estate planning only dealt with death. That is no longer the case. In today's world a good estate plan deals with how to handle a family emergency. I believe a Medical Durable Power of Attorney is an essential document to handle family emergencies. Dear Rick: My daughter just

graduated from high school and we received an e-mail saying that she qualified for a free scholarship. They asked for some financial information and said there would be a small service fee. However, they guaranteed my daughter a scholarship. What do you think?

A: Delete the e-mail and block all further e-mails from this company. This time of year the scam artists come out of the woodwork offering all sorts of bogus scholarship deals. Some of these offers may be legitimate, however, whenever an unsolicited e-mail asks for financial information, the red flag goes up.

I also begin to see offers where companies convince parents to come to a free seminar and then entice them through high pressure sales tactics to pay a fee so

they can do a scholarship search for their child. Once again, the majority of these deals are not on the up-andup. I would avoid them.

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I recognize many parents are beginning to be concerned about how to pay for college. Looking for scholarships and favorable loans does make sense. A Web site I recommend is www.finaid. org.

The internet has been a great boom to us in doing research on a variety of issues. However, the scam artists also have learned how to use it.

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

Community band to open Stars in the

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maestro Damien Crutcher, the FCB is a non-profit organization sponsored by indipatronage. The band is guided and operated by a 30-member all facets of the community,

with the purpose of maintaining a quality musical group that would not only entertain audiences, but also provide an outlet for this area's many tal-

The remaining "Stars in the Park" concerts include: June 21: Motown Revisited by Serieux; June 28: Barbara Bailey Hutchison; July 12: Rock and Soul; July 26: Farmington Community Jazz Band; Aug. 2: Randy Brock Group; Aug. 9: Chris Roach Band; Aug. 16: Farmington Community Chorus; Aug. 23: Saline Fiddlers. For more information, call (248) 473-



Riding the rails: Museum on track with train exhibit

The Plymouth Historical Museum re-opens June 13 with its new exhibit "Plymouth Rides the Rails."

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Trains came to Plymouth in 1871, with the opening of both the Holly, Wayne & Monroe Railway line (north-south) and the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railway line (east-west).

The Holly, Wayne & Monroe Railway merged with the Flint & Pere Marquette Railway (later Railroad) in 1872. The Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railway was reorganized several times and by 1893 it was part of the Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad. The crossing of the two lines in Plymouth created the Plymouth

Junction, with a roundhouse and a turntable for changing train directions.

Plymouth was also served for a couple decades by the Detroit, Plymouth & Northville Railway, later known as the Detroit United Railway. This line was nicknamed the "Interurban" and consisted of electric trolley cars that ran between cities. The Interurban line ran through downtown Plymouth from 1899 until 1927, when the line was abandoned.

"Plymouth Rides the Rails" explores the history of trains in Plymouth, from 1871 to the present," said Liz Kerstens, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

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"Plymouth's livelihood is still greatly affected by trains, as is evidenced by the two-year reconstruction of Sheldon Road to create an underpass for the east-west CSX line (Flint & Pere Marquette Railroad merged with Chesapeake. & Ohio in 1947; the latter is now CSX)."

A major component of the exhibit is the myriad model trains loaned to the Plymouth Historical Museum by local collectors. Most significantly, the museum received a \$1,000-valued model train of the Pere Marquette Streamlined Passenger Train from the Chesapeake and Ohio era (1950s-60s).

The train was donated by the Lawrence Scripps Wilkinson Foundation Collection of Famous Trains, and is on display in the Pere Marquette Train Station on the museum's Main Street.

Additionally, the Plymouth Historical Museum received a \$2,000 grant from CSX and \$125 in gift cards from Home Depot for this exhibit. With the money, Kerstens said, the museum was able to build a new permanent display on the museum's Main Street that includes a part of a 1900s-era Pere Marquette caboose. Visitors will be able to walk up onto the back of the caboose; the education department will use the caboose to teach children about train safety. There is something for everyone in the new exhibit. Even Thomas the Tank Engine can be found here - children can play with a Thomas the Tank Engine layout loaned by Tony's Mower Shop & Trains.

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Once the exhibit opens June 13, the Plymouth Historical Museum will be open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for students under 18, and \$10 for families. "Plymouth Rides the Rails" exhibit runs through Nov. 1.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-8940.

Research opportunity

Andy Brown of Canton will spend the summer in Ann Arbor, having won a grant from the University of Michigan's Undergrad-uate Research Opportunity Program. He will conduct research, learn data collection techniques, and ultimately present their results at a public forum. Brown will receive a \$3,500 stipend. This is the first time the U-M has offered this program to community colleges, although it has existed for many years for U-M undergraduates. "This is a service learning project," said Colleen Pilgrim, assistant professor of psychology. Pilgrim has worked with the UROP program director, Dr. Alba Rueda-Riedle, for several years, helping teach the UROP students how to present research findings. When Rueda-Riedle received new funds to expand the program, she offered the opportunity to Schoolcraft students.

They will spend through Aug. 17 working on their projects and once a week they will conduct a three-hour semi-

appointment, or for

more information



progress, learn from each other and get assignments. In October, they will present the results of their research for all of

Brown

at a forum that is open to the university and the public. Brown, a second-year student who plans to spend a third year at Schoolcraft in biomedical engineering, currently is president of Phi Theta Kappa, the honors society. Brown will work with Recycle Ann Arbor, doing research related to solar panels.

"I'm very excited about this," said Brown. "I plan to transfer to U-M in Ann Arbor and I know that internships are hard to get. Ideally, I can use this as a stepping stone for more complicated things. Brown will work with the City of Ann Arbor - Recycle Ann Arbor on a project to examine the potential for

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solar energy in the city's residential homes. He will create a solar access inventory for single- and multi-family residences using geographic information systems, city aerial maps, street numbers, mapping the locations for potential solar panels. Madonna Dean's List

Named to the Dean's List in recognition for superior academic achievement during the past term at Madonna University in Livonia were the following Canton residents: Stacey Alcorn; Sandra Balewski; Jo Ellen Baringer; Ruth Beckman; Scott Benner; Kristina Birch; Nadine Bonnet; Sherry Browning; Marianne Carter; Nicole Chambo; Carrie Cluff;

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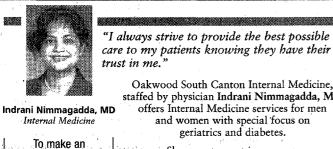
Keith Arnold, Nursing; Ruth Beckman, Nursing; Jennifer Jablonski. Psychology-Business Concentration; Christine Keena, Child Development; Christina LaDuke, Nursing; Cheri Opaski, Merchandising Management: Janice Payne, Psychology; Andria Quigley, Business Administration; Nifiah Nurenna Reid-Sanders, Nursing; and Sara Veneziano, Nursing.



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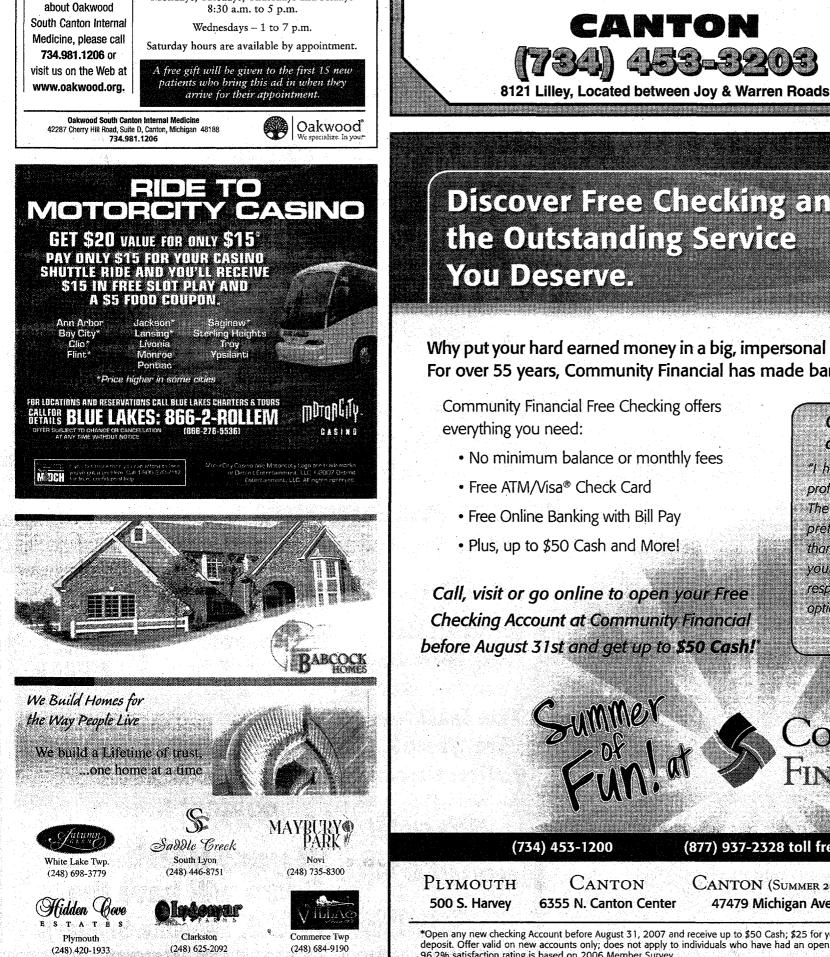


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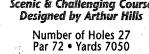
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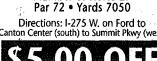
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Exhibit goes 'Behind the Lens'

Pioneer Middle School, in partnership with the Plymouth Community Arts Council, this week showcased a unique photography exhibition, "Behind the Lens, The Good Life" at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts.

The exhibition portrayed some professional-standard photographs taken by Pioneer Middle School eighth-graders who went on a photo-journalism field trip to New York City in March that focused on the topic of "The Good Life."

Plymouth Community Arts Council staffers helped transform the photographic display into a museum-quality exhibition incorporating text panels with people's voices that tell the story of the universal human experience.

Insightful and thoughtprovoking quotes and mythbreaking facts made the exhibit something everyone can relate to.

More than 120 people, including award-winning students, parents, arts council and

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Plymouth Community Arts Council board member Patrick Olson views the Behind the Lens exhibition.

school district board members and staff attended the opening-night reception and awards night Friday, June 1. More than 100 people attended the open houses at the Arts Council last weekend.

Ten students received special recognition awards: Marguerite Wooley, best composition; Marina Zabowski, best portrait: Katie Shelton, best use of lines; Morgan Randle, best contrast; Eric Olech, best lighting; Tommy Halewicz, best use of scale; Emily Hahn, best movement; Rhianna Fleisher, best subject; Katie Davis, best in show; and Dominica Convertino, most creative.

"Projects like these make the Arts Council an integral partner in education," PCAC executive director Paula Gangopadhyay said. "This is a classic partnership project that is all about arts-infused education and we are so glad we have become partners with Pioneer Middle School and plan to do this project every year."

Pioneer Middle School's Visual Art Teacher, Carmen Johnson and Language Arts Teacher, Claire Swisher, who



The top ten award winning eighth-graders of the Behind the Lens project pose with their framed-photographic art at the exhibition opening and awards night June 1.

came up with the original idea of taking the students to New York in order to get this indepth educational experience, were thrilled with the project outcome.

Claire Swisher commented, We are always trying to get the kids to make this self-toworld connection," Swisher said. Added Johnson: "We gave the kids a series of elements

Canton and in New York ... we wanted them to make the connection between the two."

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The exhibition closes today (Sunday) at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth, with viewing available 10 a.m. to noon. Partners are working on traveling a section of the exhibition to other public places so that more people can enjoy and learn from the exhibition.

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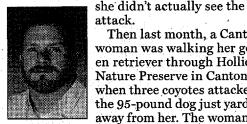
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It seems coyote paranoia is running amok in suburbs

on't look now. There might just be a coyote stalking you, ready to pounce and nake you its lunch.

While that may be an exaggeration, it seems in recent months our entire area has been overrun by these sly varmints. They are popping up everywhere - from downtown Detroit, to suburban parks and backyards.

In April, a pregnant coyote led animal control employees on a wild goose chase through the streets of downtown Detroit before it was captured and relocated to a rural area. In March, a Westland woman who lives next to Hines Park reported that her bloodied poodle had been attacked by a coyote or coyotes in her backyard, though



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attack. Then last month, a Canton woman was walking her golden retriever through Holliday Nature Preserve in Canton, when three coyotes attacked the 95-pound dog just yards away from her. The woman grabbed a stick and waved it at the coyotes to chase them off. They backed off, but she says they followed her to her

car.

Kurt Kuban

Since then, it seems coyote paranoia has taken grip of the area. Channel 7 recently did a story about a couple who discovered what they thought was a coyote den in Canton's Wagon Wheel Park Other media sources have done similar stories, which has really just inflamed this paranoia even further.

Unfortunately, many people now see coyotes as a major threat - one that needs to be eradicated by any means necessary. They see them as a threat to humans and their pets. These news stories and the fear mongering of pest exterminators have only reinforced this alarmism

However, the reality is there have been very few incidents of coyotes attacking humans - none that I can think of in this area. In fact, people are much more likely to be attacked by a dog than they are a coyote, or any wild animal for that matter.

Pets are a different story, though. Coyotes, like all predators, are opportunistic hunters. If a cat or small dog wanders nearby, they are likely going to attack. I remember reading a story a couple years ago about a coyote den that was found in South Lyón that had several animal collars inside.

From my viewpoint, the lesson here is that pet owners, especially those that live near woodlots and parks, need to keep tabs on their animals. Because there is no question that coyotes have adapted to our society, just like other small critters including raccoons,

Whether we like it or not, coyotes are here to stay. Our close proximity to these animals is partially our fault, because we have built subdivisions and homes in formerly wooded areas where they live.

skunks, opossums, and foxes. Our suburbs provide them with the perfect environment. They have the habitat and the food sources to survive and thrive. More importantly, they don't really have any predators to fear.

Adult coyotes weigh between 20 and 45 pounds, which is smaller than most dog breeds. But people who are lucky enough to see them often overestimate their size because their long fur hides their scrawny frame. A couple years ago, I was walking my Labrador retriever during a snow storm in a park in the city of Wayne, when we came upon an unsuspecting coyote. At first glance, I thought it was a wolf. After it saw us, it took off, but I was surprised to see my dog's paw prints were twice the size of the coyote's.

Whether we like it or not, coyotes are here to stay. Our close proximity to these animals is partially our fault, because we have built subdivisions and homes in formerly wooded areas where they live. If we want to avoid problems like the ones mentioned previously, we need to follow a few precautions.

Never approach or touch a coyote. Never intentionally feed a coyote. Eliminate all outside food sources, especially pet foods. Put garbage out the morning of pickup day. Clear out wood and brush piles; they are good habitat for rats and mice and may attract coyotes. Do not allow pets to roam free when coyotes are present - consider keeping pets indoors or accompany them outside, especially at night.

Personally, I have encountered coyotes on a half dozen occasions (at parks or golf courses), and have considered myself lucky each time. You have to give coyotes credit for being able to survive where man has decimated the natural habitat that was once there.

But we need to be cognizant of their presence. That means don't let your pet run free in a nature preserve or a woodlot. I see nothing wrong with exterminating a problem coyote, just like I have no problem destroying a dog that has attacked somebody. But I just wonder how many of these incidents could have been avoided had humans acted a little more responsibly.

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Coming to districts near you: Political parties run the schools, lives of kids

oming to districts near you: Political parties run the schools

Politics have always been alive in school districts, I am not denying that. Any time more than one person, a group of individuals, comes together to make a decision, politics are involved. Whether it is at work, in your family, or with friends, politics play a part in choosing

the final answer to any question. Political parties are usually not involved in

these decisions, though. Not in your personal life, and until now, not in decisions made concerning your school district. However, things are about to

change. Lansing is working on passing a bill (HB 4507) that would require school districts to hold elections in November. Sounds

great, I only have to go vote once a year now, you might say.

And perhaps it is. However, let me give you another viewpoint.

Steven

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Through 2004, school districts ran their own elections, usually in June. The costs of holding these elections were minimal and made it affordable for local candidates who were citizens in the community (with or without children in the schools) to run for their local school board.

Then in 2005 the state mandated school districts use local city, township, and county polling sites and their workers to hold elections in February, May, August or November. Costs for holding these elections skyrocketed to four or five times what it cost the districts to run their own elections.

A small number of districts moved their elections to November to save costs. It still costs more than it did when they ran their own elections, but they found it to be somewhat less when they shared the ballot with other government positions that were up for election.

However, many districts chose not to move to the fall as they felt their non-partisan elections would get lost among the votes for president, senator, representative, state senator and state representative and other local political offices up for grabs.

And that is where the issue comes in to play. Moving school board elections to November will cause political parties to become involved with choosing school board members. It is not inconceivable that Democrat and Republican leaders would place party members in strategic school districts to run in November elections. This appears to be the wave of the

What is the advantage to a political party? The ease of pushing a political agenda on to our schools. Don't want to raise taxes? Want school boards to raise class size from 28 to 40 kids in a classroom so you can use the dollar savings for a pet political project instead?

Get one of your party members on the board and you are that much closer to making this a reality. Get two or three more elected and the job is done.

This will also enable the parties to use the school boards as political breeding grounds. You might think otherwise, but it has been a long time since a school board member in our district moved on to an elected job in Lansing or Washington.

Now you will see aspiring candidates moving to high-profile districts that they have no attachment to with the sole purpose of advancing their political careers. This is never good for our schools and our kids.

Political parties have done such a poor job recently running Lansing, do we really want them running our schools? Gone will be the days of school parents and other local citizens being able to afford a successful campaign for school board. Without large-sum contributions, only candidates that are financed by a political party will have a chance to be successful in November elections.

To some, this may seem like a positive step and you will probably get your wish. To the rest of us, this appears to be one more choice taken away from the people who live in the community where the decisions are being made.

In my mind, all current and former school board trustees, no matter how they feel about their school board's handling of the budget, curriculum, and policy should be against this removal of local authority. Please speak out.

And to the citizens of all school districts, if. this move seems a step in the wrong direction to you, contact your state legislator, contact the governor, ask them to halt their continual attempts to seize local decision-making. Ask them to return election authority to the local district. Perhaps restricting district run school elections to specific non-political dates once 🔍 or twice a year such as June and/or February would be a good compromise.

We need to be represented by people who have our kids in mind, not their political aspirations or the agendas of a political body.

Steven Sneideman is a Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board member.

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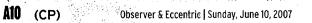
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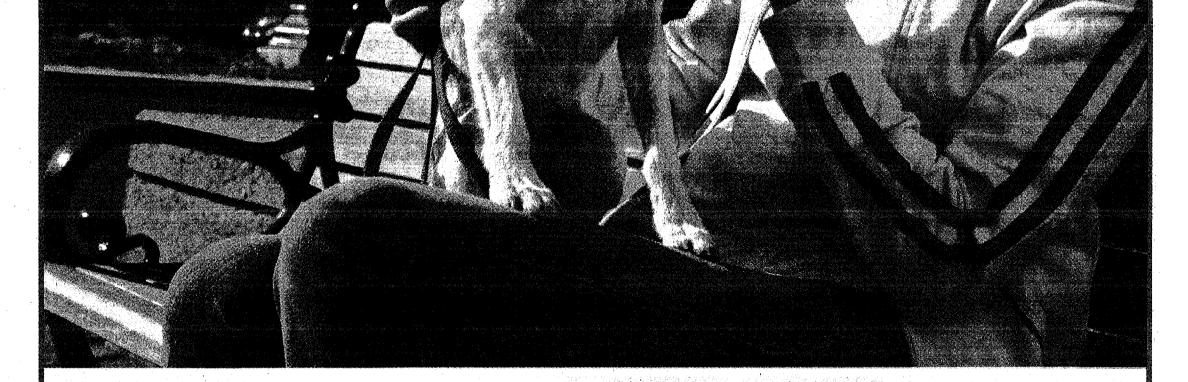


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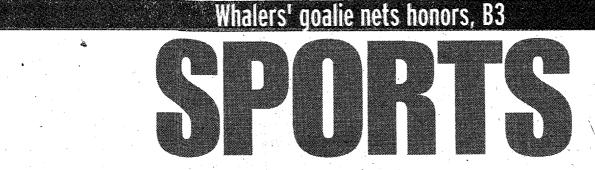
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Canton Soccer Club Academy players (from left) Sheila Rebar, Casey Muglia, Sarah Willett and Ryen O'Meara work on their passing skills Thursday afternoon at Independence Park in Canton Township. The players are part of the two-year old program that offers enhanced coaching to pre-premier level players.

CSC'S GOAL-DEN IDEA Soccer academy offers young players more in-depth instruction

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Soccer-loving kids throughout Observerland can receive premier coaching before they're old enough to play in premier leagues thanks to a 2-year-old program coordinated by the Canton Soccer Club. The CSC's Youth Academy pro-

The CSC's Youth Academy program offers high-caliber training and competition for 6-, 7- and 8-year-old boys and girls whose passion for the sport goes beyond what is offered by recreational programs.

Premier- and select-level play is generally not offered until a player turns 9.

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Livonia gives athletes OK for dual sports

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Livonia Public Schools have approved guidelines which will allow dual-sport participation for any current high school athletes affected by the recent sports seasons litigation gender equity lawsuit case.

This spring, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a petition by the Michigan High School Athletic Association to review an opinion and order of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, which now directs the MHSAA to change seasons for the following sports in 2007-08: girls volleyball (from winter to fall); girls golf (from spring to fall); and boys tennis (from spring to fall).

The decision affected 16 student-athletes alone at Churchill High including Shannon Warner, the two-time Division 1 state medalist in golf and backrow reserve for the Chargers' state Class A championship volleyball team. A total of nine Churchill volleyball players now have conflicts with other sports.

The decision to allow dual participation for current freshman, sophomores and juniors presently conflicted by the seasons changes was approved by the LPS Athletic Council and endorsed by Superintendent Randy Liepa and Director of Secondary Education Rod Hosman.

In a recent memo sent to administrators at Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson, the option is open to participate in dual sports if the following steps are followed:

■ Inform the Athletic Administrator of the desire to participate in more than one sport in a given season. This notification should occur before the end of the school year prior to participating in two sports in one season. (A student could always withdraw and participate in only one sport.)

Discuss with each coach the modifications needed to participate in their sports during the season. In this meeting, the student-athlete will need to designate one as their primary sport and the other as a secondary sport. The Athletic Administrator will assist with this meeting. It is expected that both coaches involved will work toward an effective schedule for the student athlete.

Carefully reflect on the impact of this decision will have on themselves and the team which they



Tuttle selected

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Livonia Stevenson senior pitcher Matt Tuttle, who went 8-1-1 this year with a 2.05 ERA and 100 strikeouts in 65 innings, has been named to the East squad for the 26th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Baseball Classic, which begins at 7 p.m. Monday, June 18, at Comerica Park.

Tickets are \$5 at the gate. Other East team selections from the Observer & Eccentric area include Colin Kaline (Birmingham Groves), D. J. LeMahicu (Birmingham Brother Rice), Brian Robinson (Troy), Torrey Stimson (Walled Lake Central). Northville left-hander Bryce Jenney also earned a spot.

Ciarrocchi signs

Livonia Churchill outfielder Kirk Ciarrocchi recently signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball at Concordia University.

Ciarrocchi, a three year varsity member ** senior co-captain, made All-Lakes Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association and helped the 17-17 Chargers win their first district title since 1999. Ciarrocchi. who plans to study 🛬 business, is a five-time. scholar-athlete and Academic All-District the past two years. He joins Livonia Stevenson High grads Jason Christopoulos and Tony Pounders on. the Cards' roster. 'Kirk has everything you look for in :a student-athlete, Concordia coach Karl Kling said. "He is very athletic combining a 🔬 strong arm with goo speed. Equally impo tant is that Kirk is a very good student."

gram was sparked in 2004 when the United States Youth Soccer Association challenged its member clubs to focus more on player development and to implement programs that offered high-level soccer without excluding any interested players.

"The Canton Soccer Club's Academy was started in 2005 to give the younger kids and parents the opportunity to do more than just having one practice and one game a week," explained CSC Director of Conching Pete Alexander. "Most of the rec teams are dad-coached, which there is nothing wrong with, but there are a lot of dads out there who have never played the game. The Academy's coaches have played at least through college and they all have coaching licenses."

Matt Smith, the Academy's director, said the program's participants Matt Smith, the Director of the CSC's Youth Soccer Academy.

learn new skills with a fun and effective incentive-laden format.

"We have set up a testing program that has helped the kids improve their skills quicker and in a fun way," said Smith, who played two years of professional soccer in his native England. "We give them a goal in, let's say, passing, and once they meet the goal, they get a gold star. At the end of the year, we have a party for everyone and pass out certificates. The kids really seem to enjoy it."

"My daughter absolutely loves (the academy) -- she can't get enough of it," said Cesar Muglia. "It's a great training program for kids who really

enjoy the sport and want to stay with it. The Academy gives the kids a chance to learn advanced soccer skills earlier than they normally would.

Alexander, a former head soccer coach at Madonna University, said the cost of participating on an CSC Academy team falls somewhere between the fees for a recreational team and those of a select or premier league.

The Academy is divided into two divisions: a 28-week, skills-based program; and competitive league

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are choosing to participate.

Commit to completing both sport schedules by staying a team member in good standing and following the plan worked out at the start of the season.

"If it can be worked out with the coaches, we'll do so in order so that they're not caught in the crosshairs of this decision, "Churchill Athletic Administrator Marc Hage said. "This does not include athletes who want to participate in two sports."

As an example, the LPS will continue to observe its long-standing policy which precludes soccer players from participating as kickers on the football team. Also, incoming freshman will be excluded from the plan, which only affects the 2008, 2009 and 2010 graduating classes.

The LPS memo also states: "If one or both of the teams the student-athlete chooses to participate on is a 'cut sport,' the coach will keep one additional student-athlete on the team so that no one will have an opportunity to be member of a team eliminated."

Canton names new hoop coach

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball program didn't have to look far for its new leader.

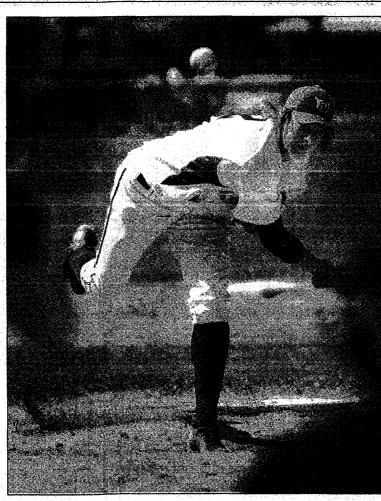
Dan Colligan, the school's junior varsity coach for the past three seasons, was named the Chiefs' new head coach earlier this week, Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman confirmed.

Colligan, who is a teacher at Canton, succeeds Charlie Paye, who resigned in April due to a worsening case of arthritis. - "Dan is great person, a great coach and a terrific teacher," said Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman, who headed the hiring committee. "He's highly thought of by the student-athletes and the parents who he's worked with the past three years. The committee felt Dan was the best person to

take over our program." Before joining Paye's staff three years ago, Colligan coached as an assistant coach at Novi and Northville high schools.

Paye, with Colligan's assistance, built Canton's program into one of the mostsuccessful in the area over the past three seasons when he led the Chiefs to a pair of Class A District titles and a near-miss in 2005.

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Detroit Tigers Friday drafted Redford Union pitcher Toby Matchulat in the 37th round of the amateur baseball draft.

Tigers draft RU's Matchulat

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Redford Union righthanded senior pitcher Toby Matchulat Friday was selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 37th round of the amateur baseball draft, keeping with the big-league club's organizational strategy to load up on power arms.

On Thursday, the Tigers drafted hard-throwing high school pitchers Rick Porcello (Seton Hall) and Joey Hamilton (Stanhope Elmore) with early picks and kept to that blueprint in the later rounds with the drafting of the 6-5 Matchulat, who throws in the high 80s to low 90s.

"Actually, he reached 96 (mph) during practice this week," said Redford Union head coach Mike Taylor, elated to see a Panther drafted for the first time since Rick Berryman in 1995. "I hope he pans out to be something special. I'm happy for him."

Taylor said RU athletic director Brett Steele received the news about Matchulat's selection at No. 1,132 - and immediately came out to the baseball field to pass on the good news, briefly interrupting Friday's final tuneup practice before Saturday's regionals at Novi High School.

Matchulat certainly must have impressed Tiger scouts Tom Osowski and Mark Monahan during

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LJAL helps Marlo

"Friends for Life," a benefit for Livonia Junior Athletic League football volunteer Marlo Kelly, who is battling cancer and undergoing chemotheraphy, will be Saturday, July 14 at Coach's Corner on Seven Mile and Farmington, in Livonia.

Tickets are \$10 per person or \$12 at the door. There will be a spaghetti dinner with three seating times at 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Drink specials will be available for adults only after \$7 p.m., along with raffles and donations. A portion of the bar proceeds will also be donated to Kelly, who us unable to work while facing mounting medical bills.

Call Lesley Hodge at (734) 674-4828; or Debbie Rotter at (248) 476-2698. Donations (check only) can be made payable to Marlo Kelly to: 36708 Curtis, Livonia, Mi. 48152 (c/o Debbie Rotter). Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, June 10, 2007

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WaCo Wolves bring home USSA crown

The 12-and-under WaCo Wolves, a Livonia-based team, won all five games to captured the 2007 U.S. Specialty Sports Association National Invitational Tournament Memorial Day Classic at the Canton Softball Center.

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The Wolves defeated the Raisin River Dawgs of Tecumseh in the championship game, 4-0, to qualifier for the USSSA World Series, July 22-29, in Hutchinson, Kan.

Demetrius Bryant, the starting pitcher, went the first five innings before giving way to reliever Donald Goodson, who pitched a scoreless sixth to combine on the shutout.

The top-seeded Wolves took a 1-0 lead in the first on an **RBI single by Justin Williams.** An RBI groundout by Grant VanLiew and an RBI single by Wiliams made it 3-0 in the third. Jared Terrill's RBI single in the fourth scored Jake Keeley.

In the semifinals, the

Wolves battled back from a 3-2 deficit to beat the Midwest (Ohio) Renegades, 6-5, on Williams' game-winning **RBI** single scoring Daniel Cameron, who had three hits in the win. Jamarl Eiland added tow hits and two runs.

Goodson, who pitched the final three innings in relief, struck out six to pick up the win. In pool play, the Wolves defeated the Romeo Red Dawgs, 13-2, as Brady Hardin led the offensive attack with four RBI.

Bryant and Williams combined for the pitching win in a 17-2 victory over Michigan Sports Academy Silver.

Cody Cowart scored three runs, while Jacob McCullough contributed three hits.

VanLiew had three hits and three RBI, while Keely pitched the shutout in an 18-0 win over the Southfield Padres. The coaching staff includes Bill Hardin, Dave Cowart, Art Cameron and Adam Bryant.

McCatty is sharp in Rams 3-0 win

PURE ENTERTAINMENT S NOT

Shane McCatty tossed the three-hit shutout as the Michigan Rams evened their Livonia Collegiate Baseball League record to 2-2 with a 3-0 win Wednesday over the 22-and-under Eagles at Ford Field.

McCatty, who played at Grand Rapids Community College, struck out 10 and walked five while working out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the seventh.

Losing pitcher Dan Welch also worked all seven innings, allowing just one hit, but it was costly one as first baseman Western Michigan University's Max Kelmigian doubled in all three runs witha shot to leftcenter scoring Eric Vojtkofsky, Mike Kittle and Drew Churchward.

Otis Young, Tim Cross and Alex Harvey had the lone hits for the Eagles, who slipped to 0-3-1 overall.

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2007 FINAL OBSERVERLAND BOYS TRACK & FIELD BESTS SHOT PUT

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Friendship and Fun) Running Club will be running every Sunday beginning today

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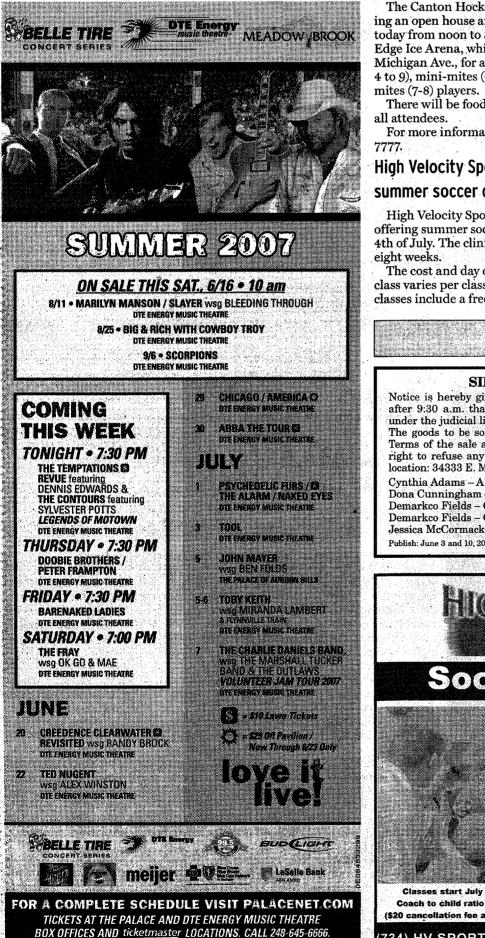
Canton Hockey open house

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Schedules and fees are available on'

Daran Carey (Churchill) 11.1



PROGRAMS AND DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The Canton Hockey Association is host ing an open house and registration session today from noon to 3 p.m. at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave., for all learn-to-play (ages 4 to 9), mini-mites (6 and younger) and mites (7-8) players.

There will be food, prizes and games for For more information, call (734) 487-

High Velocity Sports

summer soccer clinics

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering summer soccer clinics after the 4th of July. The clinics are once a week for

The cost and day of the week for each class varies per class from \$60 to \$90. All classes include a free T-shirt.

available clinics include "Future Stars" (2- and 3-year-olds), "Small Stars" (3-4), "Kicks With Kids" (4-5 and 6-7), a Skill Acceleration Camp (8-9 and 10-12), "Beginning Booters" (8-11) and a women's clinic for adults.

For more information, call (734) HV-SPORT.

HVS will also offer skill development classes with Detroit Ignition players on Thursdays beginning June 14 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for those who are already registered for spring or summer clinics at HVS or \$10 for anyone else.

Finally, HVS will offer a summer soccer camp for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$110. All HVS summer camps are buy one, get one half off.

F5 Running Club

The F5 (Faith, Fitness, Family,

through Aug. 13.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot on the east side of Hines Dr., approximately a half-mile north of Six Mile.

The group runs on the nearby crosscountry course, which is part of the Bennett Arboretum (also known as Cass Benton).

The club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in Hines Park near the soccer fields on the north side of the road, just west of Haggerty.

"All athletes are welcome to join the club, whether they plan to run cross country in the fall or if they simply want to stay in shape," said Steve Spreitzer. "There will be runners and walkers of varying ability, making a comfortable space for everyone."

For more information, contact Spreitzer at (734) 451-0017 or spreit281@aol.com.



LOCAL SPORTS



High-flying Eagles

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The Plymouth Christian Academy baseball team captured a Division 4 District title last weekend at PCA. The Eagles took a 10-10 record into yesterday's Regional tournament. Pictured (front row from left) are David Baum, Trevor Zinn, Matt Saagman, Devyn Govan, (second row from left) Alejandro Diaz, Charles Cane, Justin Govan, Josh Johnston, (back row from left) Kevin Bottorff, Coach Joe Bottorff, Michael Geracz, Brent Zinn, Reid Barber, Coach Keith Saagmnan, Josh Lowman and Coach Kurt Johnston.

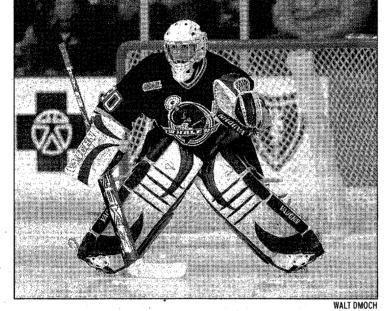
Whalers' goalie nets honors

It's been a busy offseason for Plymouth Whalers' goaltender Jeremy Smith.

The Brownstown Township native was recently named recipient of the USA Hockey's Dave Peterson "Goaltender of the Year" award. Smith also shares the Ontario Hockey League's Dave Pinkney Award with fellow goaltender Michal Neuvirth. Smith and Neuvirth teamed up to lead the OHL in fewest goals allowed (73) during the 2006-07 season.

Smith, the top-rated North American goaltender for this summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft June 22-23 in Columbus, compiled a 2.59 goals-against average and .923 save percentage in 34 games this season for the Whalers, who won their second OHL championship in their 17-year history. Last summer, Smith played for the U.S. Under-18 Select Team in the 2006 Memorial of Ivan Hinka Tournament and appeared in all four games as Team USA won a silver medal.

Plymouth goalies have now won the Dave Pinkney



Plymouth Whalers goaltender Jeremy Smith was presented with USA Hockey's Dave Peterson "Goaltender of the Year" award recently.

Gridiron, Court, Pool, Arena, Greens, Diamond

We're there!

Jason Bacashihua and Drew (2001-02); and Drew and Jeff Weber (2002-03).

Smith spent the last few days in Toronto participating in interviews with NHL's Central Scouting in prepara-

the games. Whalers trade Plymouth dealt veteran defenseman Ryan McGinnis to Oshawa for second- and fourth-round draft choices in 2009. McGinnis enjoyed his

Gavoor takes over for Holmberg as Spartan's harrier coach

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The torch has been passed, Paul Holmberg, who launched the Livonia Stevenson girls cross country program in 1975, is stepping down after 32 seasons as the Spartans varsity coach.

He will be succeeded by assistant coach Nancy Gavoor, a 1974 Stevenson grad.

"Paul Holmberg will be missed and it's a compliment to him that Nancy Gavoor will follow in his footsteps being that Paul is Nancy's friend and mentor," Stevenson Athletic Director Lori Hyman said. "Nancy is an excellent motivator and is truly dedicated to assisting her athletes to reach and surpass their potential. We are excited that she is the Stevenson girls cross country coach. We also thank Paul Holmberg for what he has done for the Stevenson cross country program."

Holmberg took 20 teams to the state finals with 13 top ten finishes. His 1976 team won the state title as an open invitational just prior to the Michigan High School Athletic Association's sponsorship.

Holmberg guided the Spartans to 13 league and seven regional titles. The Spartans were also runner-up in the regional five times. He helped produce 13 All-Staters including three-time honorees Julie Voyles, Kelly Travis and Andrea Parker.

The first Stevenson girls team he coached had only two runners, but the participation level quickly caught

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage an introduction to target archery class from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturdays on June 9, Aug. 18 and Sept. 22, at the Archery Range, located on Glendale Avenue off Farmington Road between I-96

on. His state championship squad included sister Karen and Kathy Schmidt, Sue Ostrander, Jan Niemiec and Voyles, whose daughters Lisa and Linda, ran for Spartans as well.

"That was the start," Holmberg said. "I fought to have it (girls) added to the schedule. That's when I coached both girls and boys. "The sport has gotten so

much better, it's incredible. As a whole, the sport has developed by leaps and bounds."

Holmberg retired from teaching in 1999 and gave up the varsity girls track and field program at Stevenson after the 2003 season. He has spent the winter months at his second home in Florida.

"It's been 40 years and I said to myself that maybe it's time to move on and do other things," Holmberg said. "I always had an idea. Every year you always had somebody to come back and coach. You always have those kids you hate to leave, but the fact that I had so many seniors last year ... it seemed like the right time to do it.

"My wife and I are going to do some traveling in the fall. I also have four grand kids and it will give me more time to be with them."

Gavoor ran track as a sprinter at Stevenson under Liz Embree and was of Eastern Michigan University's first three women's track and field athletes.

Among her collegiate coaching stops in both track and cross country include Tufts University (Mass.), University

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of New Mexico, Ohio State, Ohio University (head coach), Colorado State, Odessa (Tex.) Community College and Schoolcraft College (2000-02).

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Gavoor guided Odessa to the NJCAA women's track and field national title in 1989, as well as a third-place finish with Schoolcraft in the 2001 NJCAA national women's cross country championships.

Gavoor, who currently teaches physical education at Orchard Lake Middle School in West Bloomfield, joined Stevenson's staff as an assistant in track and field under Holmberg in 2001 and continued under Kelly Graham after Holmberg retired in 2003.

"I've had a lot of experience, but not as a high school coach," Gavoor said. "I learned a lot from Paul, about his system. I followed him around for seven years. He left a legacy and I'm part of it. And I also learned a lot from coach Graham."

Stevenson is coming off a third-place finish at both the regional and Western Lakes Activities Association meets. The Spartans took 25th in last year's Division 1 state finals and return Courtney Calka, a two-time All-Stater, who will be a junior this fall.

"It's exciting, but it's going to be tough chasing (Livonia) Churchill," said Gavoor of the Division I state runner-up (coached by former Stevenson runner Sue Tatro). "But we have goals and we want to compete as a high level."

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bring their own equipment. A limited number of instructional bow, arrows and other supplies are available to use at no additional cost. Class participants may also bring a lunch if desired. A half-hour break is schedule during the workshop.

Call (734) 466-2410.

Award six times, including five straight seasons from 1998-2003. Other Whalers who have won the award include **Robert Holstinger and Rob** Zepp (1998-99); Zepp and Bill Ruggiero (1999-00); Zepp and Paul Drew (2000-01);

tion for NHL Entry Draft. He handled sharing the Whalers goaltending situation this season with Neuvirth with maturity, especially in the playoffs when Whalers head coach Mike Vellucci decided to go with Neuvirth in most of

best offensive season with the Whalers last year when he tallied six goals and 24 assist in 60 games.

In all. McGinnis logged 223 games for the Whalers, which puts him 13th on the all-time list.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Solstice Run

The Solstice Run, sponsored by the Foresters and presented by Comcast, will be Saturday, June 23 at Ford Field in downtown Northville.

The 10-kilometer run starts at 7:30 a.m. followed by the quarter-mile Kids Fun Run at 8:35 p.m. and the 5-kilometer run-walk presented by Newgen at 8:45 a.m.

Live entertainment will be from 7-11 a.m.

Pre-registration (before June 23) are \$30 (10K), \$25 (5K) and \$10 (Fun run). Race day fees are \$35 (10K), \$30 (5K) and \$12 (Fun Run).

Packet pick-up is from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, June 22 at Northville Square, 133 Main Street. Race day packet pick-up is at 6:30 a.m.

Event winners will compete for \$1,000 prize money and gift awards. Medals will go to the top 500 overall in the 10K; 100 overall in the 5K.

For more information, visit www.solsticerun.org.

Livonia Y leagues

The following leagues are now underway for registration at the Livonia Family YMCA including:

Co-ed T-Ball, coach-pitch and kid pitch league (ages 4-10) and pee wee soccer (ages 3-6), July 7-Aug. 11; fall soccer (starts early Sept.) instructional (ages 3-8) and recreational (boys and girls under-9 through under-14).

New sports camps and offseason sports training are also offered. Prices vary.

For more information, call (734) 261-2161.

Recumbent ride

The Wolver-Bents Recumbent Cyclists will stage a self-pace bicycle ride beginning at 9 a.m. at the Willow Metropark pool shelder, located off I-275 (Exit 11)

The event is open to all cyclist, especially those in recumbents.

For more information, call (734) 487-9058; or visit www. wolverbents.org.

WYAA football signup

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association

Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road). The WYAA has two units.

The Westland Meteors practices at Voss Park (Henry Ruff and Palmer) and play their home games at Wayne Memorial High School. The Westland Comets practice at Marshall Middle School and play their home games at John Glenn High School.

Age groups for both units include freshman (8-10), JV (11-12) and varsity (11-14). Players are subject to weight restrictions. All players who register must product a copy of their birth certificate (not hospital certificate) and a recent school photo.

For more information, call the WYAA during normal business hours at (734) 421-0640.

Instructional football

Registration is under way for the WYAA's new instructional football program for ages 7-8 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford road).

No scores will be tabulated and coaches will be allowed on the field for instructional purposes. Games will be played prior to Meteors and Comets on their respective game dates. Participants must have a maximum weight restriction of 115 pounds and must supply a copy of their birth certificate to the league.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org

Hockey coach sought

Redford Union athletic director Brett Steele is accepting applications for the vacated position of boys varsity head hockey coach. The coaching vacancy is for the combined Redford Unified team, which includes players from RU and Thurston, although administrative duties for the squad are taken care of by Steele.

Larry Singer, who coached the team the past three seasons, recently told Steele he football will be from 7-9 p.m. increasing family and profes-

sional demands.

Those interested in applying, should contact Steele at (313) 242-4270.

Men's senior golf

The Michigan Publinx Senior Golf Association openings for its flighted/handicapped tournaments in its Saturday/Thursday events. Men age 50 and older are eligible. For more information call (734) 207-PUTT (7888) or go online to www.mpsga.org.

GC adult softball info

For more information about signing up for any of the Garden City Parks & Recreation adult softball leagues, contact Daniel Plamondon, recreation/arena supervisor for the parks and rec department, at (734) 793-1886 or e-mail him at dplamondon@gardencitymi.org. There are several men's leagues (Class D and Class Super D) as well as women's and coed leagues, with doubleheaders slated now through June both at Garden City Park and the lighted softball field at Garden City High School. Plamondon said the leagues, affiliated for the

first time with United States Sports Specialty Association (USSSA), will play a pair of seven-week sessions, with games continuing until mid-September.

WYAA cheerleading

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association cheerleading will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon Saturdays at the Lange Compound Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

Registration for the Westland Comets and Meteors cheerleading squads is open to all girls ages 6-14 (as of Sept. 1).

Both units will cheer for the Meteors and Comets freshman, JV and varsity football squads during the season and also participate in the Western Suburban Junior Football League cheerleading rally.

Call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours or visit www.wyaa.org.

SK8 Jam

The City of Livonia

Department of Parks and Recreation will stage its SK8 Jam for boys and girls ages 7-and-up beginning at noon Saturday, June 16 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center Skate Park, located at 15100 Hubbard Road (at Five Mile).

Registration is from 11 a.m. to noon the day of the event (cost \$5). Pre-registration is underway at the LCRC (cost \$3). Prizes will be awarded for beginner, intermediate and expert skaters. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Zanglin Downriver Run

The Zanglin Downriver Run will celebrate its 25th anniversary Friday, June 15 in downtown Trenton.

The 1-mile fun run starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by the 8kilometer race at 8 p.m. Entry forms are available

online at www.zanglinrun. com; or by visiting Total Runner, 15265 Dix-Toledo Road, Southgate. You can register in person at Total runner through June 10 for \$18; June 11-14 you can register and pick up your registration packet for \$20. Race day registration, which begins at 5:30 p.m. at the corner of W. Jefferson and St. Joseph streets, is \$25.

Online registration is also available through June 14 at www.active. com. For more information, call

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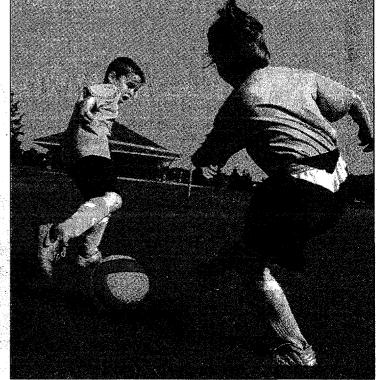
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The City of Livonia Department of Parks and **Recreation Youth Fitness meet** for boys and girls ages 7-14 will start at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 28 at Rotary Park. Free registration is from 9-

9:45 a.m. on June 28. Youths must live in the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts to participate.

Among the events include standing long jump, running long jump, chinning, dashes, agility course and softball throw.

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Canton Soccer Club Academy participants Ryen O'Meara and Sheila Rebar polish their passing skills Thursday afternoon at Independence Park in Canton.

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play.

The seven-month training program begins in September with registration running from July 1 through Aug. 15.

The Academy will sponsor a maximum of six teams - three for each gender -- that will compete in the Western Suburban Soccer League. A selection day for these teams

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recent weeks with his array of four pitches and ability to overpower high school batters. Entering Saturday's regionals, Matchulat sported a 1.71 ERA and 68 strikeouts in 43 innings, walking just 15.

When Taylor announced to Matchulat and his teammates that he was picked by will be held Friday, June 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 16, from 1-3 p.m. at Independence Park in Canton.

For more information, visit www.cantonsoccerclub.com.

Prospective players do not have to be residents of Canton to participate. SII

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the Tigers, "he got a round of applause and gave that Toby grin."

After Redford Union's season concludes, and if Matchulat does sign, he likely would then go to a developmental camp.

"He throws hard, he has four different pitches and still has room for growth and improvement," said Taylor, about what intrigued the scouts. "The big word is potential with these guys."

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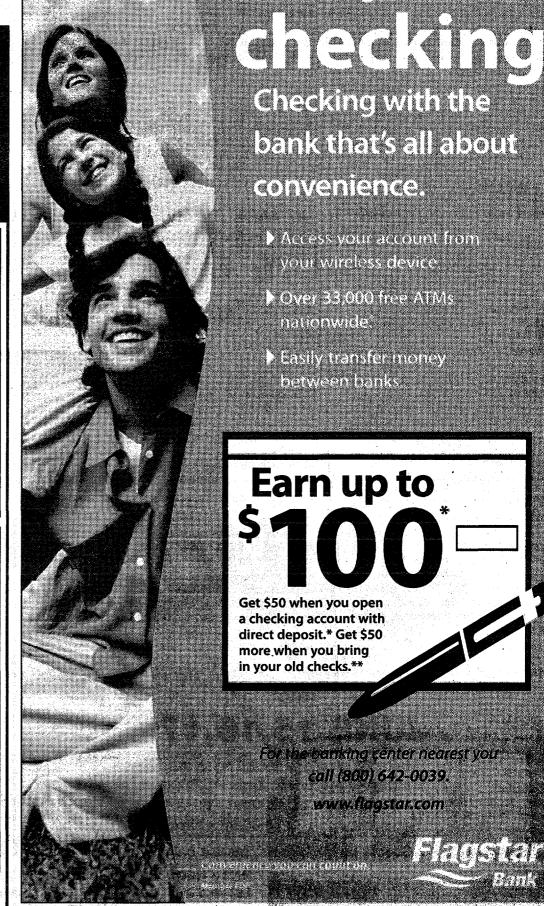


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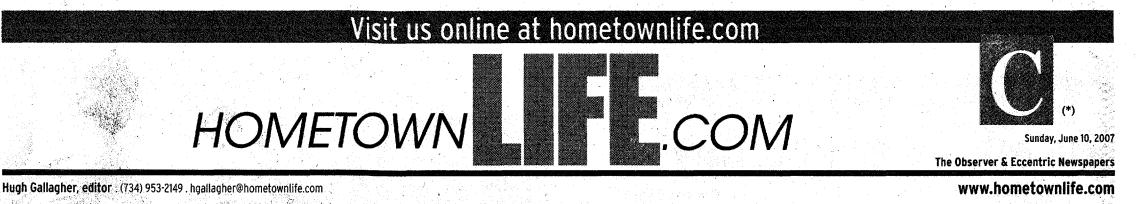
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Addiction, depression are linked

pproximately 4 million people with drug problems also have mental illness problems. This means that about 30 percent of those with a drug or drug and alcohol problem also suffer from a serious mental illness including personality disorders, major depression, schizophrenia



and bipolar disorder. Addiction and depression often go hand in hand. If one is using or abusing addictive substances or engaging in addictive behaviors it is very likely that person is also suffering from depression. Likewise if one is

depressed one may

Chat Room Paul Melrose

self medicate as a way of denying or coping with the difficulties and pain that depression brings.

Depression and other psychiatric illnesses increase the risk of addiction. Of all people who are diagnosed as having a psychiatric illness, 29 percent are alcohol or drug abusers. As many as 37 percent of people who abuse alcohol and 53 percent of people who abuse drugs have at least one serious mental illness. Depression, already common in the general population, is even more common among alcoholics and drug abusers. There are several reasons that a

person who is depressed might be abusing drugs of some kind. The easiest reason to appreciate is that using drugs takes one away, temporarily, from the painful feelings of worthlessness, sadness, and guilt. When the drugs wear off, those feelings return. This cycle may create or increase the addictive cycle. Often depression creates in the person a desire to withdraw. When one is forced to be in public situations it may be so painful for that person



Livonia resident Brenda Bachman sits in her back yard which will be on the upcoming Garden Walk to benefit Greenmead.

Growing secrets

Walk offers bounty of gardening ideas to take home



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

isitors won't have far to walk to enjoy two of the seven gardens on the Friends for the Development of Greenmead's Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23, in Livonia.

A wicker basket filled with pink begonias welcomes visitors as they enter the gate to the backyard of Kathie and John Sterbling. Once inside a world of flowers and plants color the nearly one-acre landscape.

Just next door a grass pathway links Brenda Bachman's and Philip Kraemer's gardens which Brenda says are rarely seen by others. Meander through the deep dark shade garden with a dry creek bed. It's like being in the woods of northern Michigan. The walk offers an abundance of creative ideas in themes ranging from patriotic to a natural garden reminiscent of the ones found in Tuscany or the south of France. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 on the day of the event, and available at Livonia libraries, Community Resources Department at Livonia City Hall (33000 Five Mile), and the Greenmead Historical Village office (20502 Newburgh). For information, call (734) 425-4855.



A couple of ceramic rabbits sit among the Verbena in Brenda Bachman's garden.



that he or she will use drugs to cope. There is also the professional opinion that one who is depressed may be more prone to abuse substances.

On the other side of the coin addictions may be the first step to depression. Abuse of drugs or engaging in addictive behaviors may create conditions psychiatric problems. There are some psychotic symptoms that occur because of the use of cocaine.

Hallucinations, anxiety, and mood disorders are just a few. Depression can be a byproduct of substance abuse. Treatment of the substance abuse will lift the depression that occurred during that time.

These "dual diagnosis" situations, as they are called, are often difficult to properly diagnose and then to treat. Substance abuse must be addressed before the depression can be looked at. Many of the stresses in life can easily lead to depression, substance abuse or both.

These are recognized and serious medical conditions that require treatment and for which treatment is available. Sadly there is still the stigma of recognizing substance abuse or mental health conditions and then following through. Caught early treatments can at least lessen the severity many of these conditions if not make it possible to manage.

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



Kathie Sterbling makes use of old objects throughout her garden.

The shoe garden along one path in Kathie Sterbling's back yard.

Proceeds from the Garden Walk benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead, a recreation of early Livonia. Over the years the Friends have raised nearly \$300,000 for the historic village which is part of the walk.

"We like to have small and large yards, different neighborhoods," said Jan Bennett, Friends president. "We never run out of homes to feature. This is the

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Members celebrate 70 years of preserving Swedish culture

STAFF WRITER

Marie-Louise Capote remembers her father talking about his Swedish heritage but never fully experienced the culture until joining the Jenny Lind Club.

In May she helped celebrate the 70th anniversary of the organization founded in 1937 to raise funds for the American Swedish Museum in Philadelphia which was about to open. The club honors the legendary Swedish soprano Jenny Lind.

Capote does everything she can to keep her Swedish background alive including serving on the board of the Swedish Club in Farmington Hills and singing with the women's Scandia Chorus based there. She joined the Jenny Lind Club four years ago. The celebration took place in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia in mid-May. "Jenny Lind was born in 1820 in Stockholm and was known as the Swedish Nightingale. She debuted at age 17. P.T. Barnum brought her to America in the 1850s to perform 137 concerts in 37 different cities in 21 months," said Marie-Louise Capote of Plymouth. "She was not only revered for her voice but gave all her proceeds to charitable organizations in the U.S. and Sweden.

"The club first met in Grosse Pointe in 1937. I understand from some of the members in their 80s that this was a very snooty club. You had to be invited to join. That's changed dramatically. Until 1½ years ago you had to be married to a Swede or have Swedish blood. We changed that. We want other people to come in."

Margareta Anden went through 70 years of files to compile a booklet on the club's

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Eleonara Charlson, Ann Nickoloff and Margareta Anden at the 70th anniversary celebration of the Jenny Lind Club in May. Charlson and Anden co-chaired the event at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College.



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Rescue groups needed for adopt-a-dog day

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The K-9 Academy Training Facility is still looking for animal rescue groups to take part in their first annual Rescue Dog Adoption Day 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23, in the building at 3441 Filbert, south of Michigan Avenue, east of Venoy, Wayne.

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The purpose is to find the dogs their forever homes. There is no fee to participate. Simply come with the adoptable dogs and meet prospective new owners in the comfort of the facility. Groups are requested to bring everything they need for the dogs for the day - leashes and collars, crates to put the dogs in if you must leave them unattended, a water bowl, treats, etc.

For more information or to sign up for the event, call (734) 641-9507 or send e-mail to mail@k9atf.com.

The staff of K-9 Academy will be working to promote this event. Fliers will be sent to all of their clientelle as

well as area veterinarians, pet stores, and supermarkets. As an incentive for prospective pet owners there will be a raffle for T-shirts, dog treats, leashes, and toys. In addition, each new owner will receive a \$50 coupon for an obedience class through K-9 ATF.

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

Greenmead a good place to spend the day

The staff at Greenmead distorical Park has scheduled Variety of activities through the month of June. For more information, call (248) 477-

Greenmead's Model "A" Sunday takes place 1-4 p.m. June 10, at the historic village on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile in Livonia.

Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 students. Parking is Free.

Members of the Livingston County Model "A" Club will be cruising onto the Greenmead grounds so come out and see the cars, talk to the owners

and tour the historic buildings at Greenmead. Refreshments will be available on site. Greenmead is one of the stops on the Livonia Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 on the day of the walk.

Along with the gardens at Greenmead, the 18th annual walk features 7 residential gardens.

Maps will be available on the day of the walk. In addition to special events, volunteers host tours of the historic village from 1-4 p.m.

Sundays through October and December (no tours on holiday weekends).

Tickets are \$3 adults, \$2 students. Parking is free.

Each tour building features period artifacts and furnishings.

Visitors are invited to stroll through the flower gardens of Hill House or take a walk on the Virginia B. Matley Nature Trail. Pack a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon enjoying the park.

Proceeds from all events and activities benefit historic Greenmead.



This photograph shows Jenny Lind Club members in 1937.

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history. She was born and raised in Sweden then moved to the U.S. 35 years ago.

'In the first year of starting the club they arranged bridge parties, socials, luncheons and raised \$200," said Anden, a Birmingham resident who joined the club in 1975. "During the war years they became active in raising relief funds for the American Red Cross, the Save the Children

Federation. They celebrated certain Swedish traditions, Lucia around Dec. 13, which was based on a saint. In Sweden the oldest daughter dresses up in a long white robe, wears a wreath of green and carries a tray of sweets. The tradition was picked up by the Jenny Lind Club and signifies the start of the holidays for us."

Ann Nickoloff's parents immigrated from Sweden so it's important for the former Plymouth resident to maintain traditions. She's especially proud of th

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e scholarship the club awards annually to a young woman pursuing a career in vocal performance in Michigan schools.

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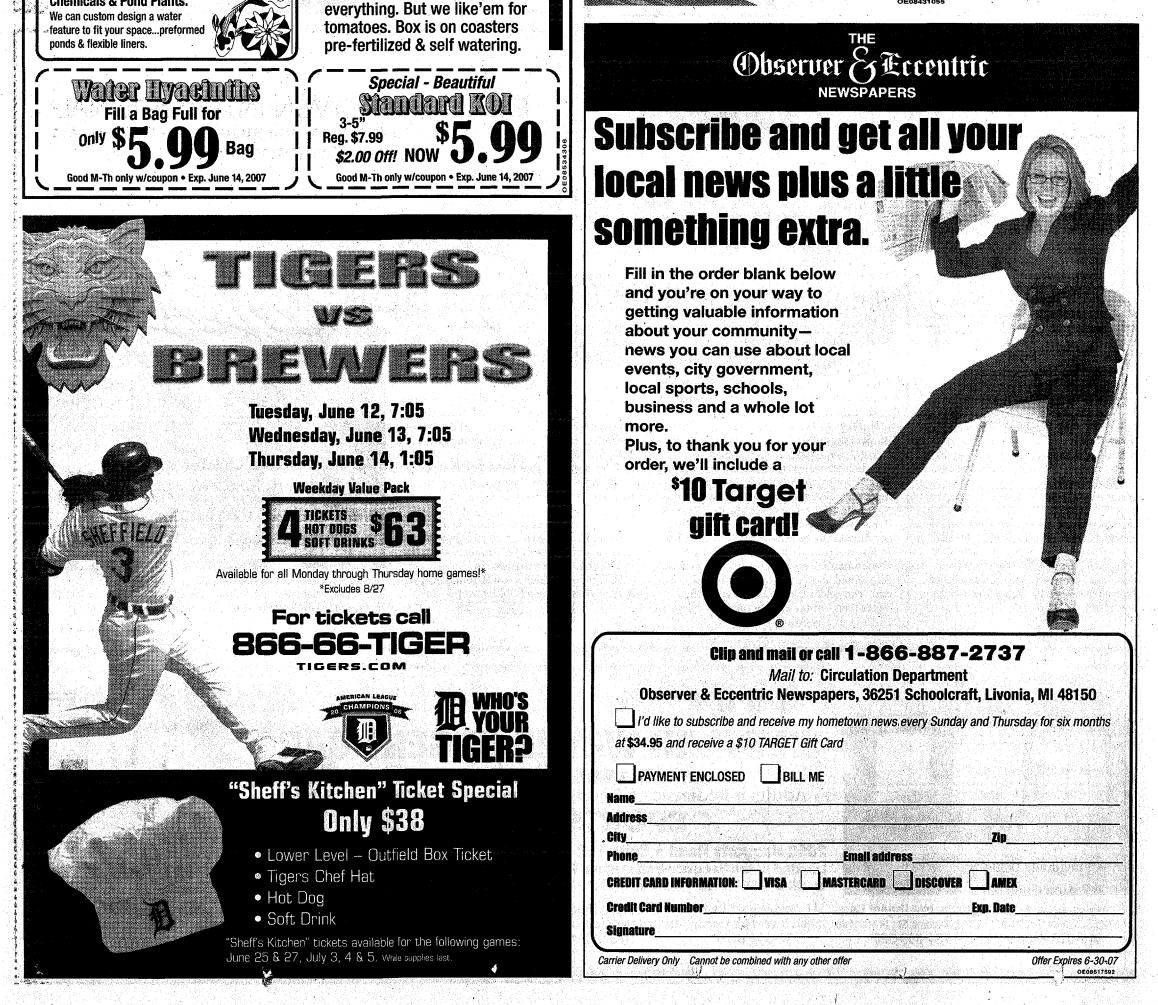
"The purpose of the club is what attracted me," said Ann Nickoloff of Northville. "We want to preserve Swedish culture and we're looking for anyone interested in those goals. We started out as public service to the community and to preservation. I believe in continuation of a family's heritage. Whatever background you have it's important that you maintain those traditions, that your children and grandchildren understand their background."

For more information about the Jenny Lind Club or Swedish Club, call Capote at (734) 459-0596.

The Swedish Club hosts a mid-summer celebration on June 16 which is open to the public. The event includes a breakfast and dinner in addition to entertainment by the Swedish Club's Scandia Chorus and men's Arpi Chorus.

'We'll have a Maypole and folk dancing around the Maypole," said Čapote. For details, visit www.swedishclub.net.

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18th garden walk. Gardens have really changed in Livonia in that time. So many people around town are doing much more of interest in their front and back yards. What I find fascinating is the variety of plants. There was a time when only 6 to 7 standard plants were used.'

Kathie Sterbling grows about 1500 annuals and vegetable plants under lights on her kitchen counter, among them Way Ahead, an heirloom tomato. Outside the home's back brick wall is a planting workbench with Sweet 100's cherry tomato plants that will grow in hanging baskets.

Lately, Sterbling has been

"I like growing unusual

"I have these creative ideas," said Sterbling pointing to an old wheel barrow filled with flowers and an old metal tub from a Plymouth Historical Museum garage sale. "I like to use old things in the garden like an antique cultivator, antique school desk. I make wreaths out of grape vines for accent pieces."

Back in 1985 when Sterbling began working on the gardens an inground pool took up space in the yard so she had it removed and brought in dirt for the island of plantings that attract hummingbirds and 14different species of butterflies.

"It's such a joy. I don't consider it work. I say I'm going out into the yard and play," said Sterbling who uses her wheel barrow as a walker and shovel as a crutch due to a disability. "This is one of my most

"We have an evergreen gar-



Kathy Sterbling works in her backyard garden which will be featured on the upcoming Garden Walk to benefit Greenmead.

the shade garden with a dry

corner and not be able to see it will have that look," said Bachman who sees the garden as a work in progress. a garden shed out of stone to

of Kraemer's. He's currently the view of the gardens even more pleasing.

partial shade gardens," said Bachman. "I don't have any other hobbies. I started workthe summer off. This is very therapeutic. It's good exercise and relaxation. It's a pastime and a passion."





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Burton-Bell

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Theresa and Frank Burton of Livonia announce the engagement of their son, Erik R. Burton to Kathryn Bell, daughter of Kathy and David Bell of Norman, Okla.

Erik is a 1990 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central and a 1995 graduate of Wayne State University, where he earned a bachelor of science in criminal justice. Erik was also selected male athlete of the year 1994-95 for his outstanding achievements in football.

Erik resides in Los Angeles and is employed by Comsys as accounts manager.

Kathryn is a 2003 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice. She is employed by C.B. Richard Ellis

James-Rosol

Shannon Nicole James and Kurt Craig Rosol will be married June 23, 2007, at First United Methodist Church in Garden City.

Shannon is the daughter of Sharon James-Rapnicki and stepfather Cass Rapnicki of Plymouth. She is a 1999 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and works as a cash applications specialist at Optioncare SCP in Ann Arbor.

Kurt is the son of Keith and Susan Rosol of Plymouth. He is a 2000 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and is employed as a commercial painter at Schultz Painting Co. A reception will follow the wedding at Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland.

The couple will honeymoon

Schilk-McKee

Dan and Roslyn Schilk of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Elizabeth, to Scott James-Ralph McKee of Canton.

Kristen is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is a teacher at Taylor Exemplar Academy in Taylor.

Scott is the son of Gary and Carol McKee of Canton. He is a 2001 graduate of Canton High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University.

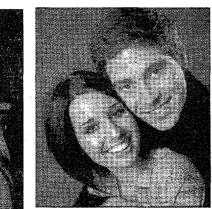


in Los Angeles as a recruiter. A March 1, 2008, wedding is planned in Napa Valley California "wine country."



in Maui, Hawaii. They will make their home in Plymouth.





Cox-Koueiter

Susan and Gary Cox of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Marie Cox of Brooklyn, N.Y., to Michael George Koueiter, also of Brooklyn, son of Paula and George Koueiter of Grosse Point Woods.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Troy High School and the University of Michigan. She is the art director at Crain Communications in New York.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Grosse Point North High School, the University of Michigan and the John Marshall Law School. He is an associate attorney at Condon & Forsyth, LLC.

The bride will be attended by Matron of Honor Julie Cox Gustavsson, Maid of Honor Kelly Brickner and bridesmaids Kathryn Schox, Michelle Koueiter and Delia Dumitrescu.

The groom will be attended by Best Man Joseph Fikany and groomsmen Jeffrey Schox, Michael Burke, Daniel Granger, Richard Krakowski and Jess Thibodeau.

An Oct. 13, 2007 wedding is planned in Sacred Heart Chapel at Margrove College, with Father Karl Kiser officiating. After the reception at Henry Ford's Lovett Hall, the couple is scheduled to honeymoon in French Polynesia. They will reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.



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

REUNIONS

St. Mary of Redford All classes

St. Mary of Redford School Alumni "All Class Sock Hop" (Reunion) will be held Saturday, October 6; 4 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m. Reunion. For further information, please contact: Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@ wadetrim.com or (313) 363-6153 or Jamie Sloan at jes521970@aol.com or (248) 391-0607. The Sock Hop will be held in the "Old" SMR Gym on Mansfield in Detroit. Reservations required by

REUNIONS

Sept. 14. **Fordson High School** Class of 1969

Planning a reunion for 2007. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: 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 to Paula at 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.

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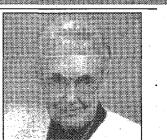
A 20-year reunion 1:30-8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2007, John BarleycornÖs Bar & Grill, 112 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens. Tickets are \$30 a person or \$60 a couple. Web site www.1987hamtramckhigh. com. For more information, contact Jayne Panicker at (630)338-9622 or email itsabouttime1987@comcast.net or jayampanicker@yahoo.com.



WILLIAM ALBERT APPLE

Age 59, of Detroit, MI, passed away Thursday, May 31, 2007 at Botsford General Hospital. Bill was born in Highland Park, MI on February 6, 1948 to the (late) Edgar William & Julie Katherine (Ferris) Apple; was a graduate of Bentley High School, Livonia, MI; attended Schoolcraft College, Livonia, MI; was a U.S. Navy veteran serving during the Vietnam Conflict; was an electrician with a contracting company with 12 years of service; a member of the American Legion Post #232, Dearborn Heights, MI; past member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Post #259, Taylor, MI; member of the Christian Motorcyclist Association #74189 Arkansas; had associations with the Prayer Baptist Church, Westland, MI; Victory Baptist Church, Farmington Hills, MI and Christ Church of Redford, Redford, MI. Graveside service and Interment 11:00 a.m. Thursday at the Houston Cemetery with Rev. Dan Poole officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Veteran's Elite Tribute Squad. Arrangements in care of Bridges-Stocker-Fraley Funeral Home, Covington, OH.





CAROLINE T. CLINE

Age 97, passed away in Rochester Hills, Michigan, on June 4, 2007. Beloved wife of Samuel A. Cline, who preceded her in death in 1950, and cherished mother of children Jacqueline A. Reynolds of North Platte, Nebraska, and Samuel A. Cline of Macomb, Michigan. Caroline was born on September 26, 1909, in Evart, Michigan to Thomas N. and Myra (Loring) Ballantyne. She married amuel on October 3, 1935. Caroline's life work was education. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Central Michigan University in 1934 and her Master's from the University of Michigan in 1954. She loved education and educating, and taught at all levels, from a one room school house through college. After retiring from the Michigan Public School System in 1972, she continued to teach individual classes at Ferris State College. Caroline was preceded in death by her husband, brother Carlos Ballantyne and son-in-law Richard Reynolds. She is survived by her children Jackie and Sam, and a granddaughter, JulieLynn Reynolds of Los Angeles, California. At her request, there will be no viewing or memorial. She will be laid to rest next to her husband in Forest Hill Cemetery in Evart, Michigan, on Wednesday, June 6th. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Congregational Church of Rochester, Michigan, of which Caroline was a long-time devoted member. Arrangements by Pixley Funeral Home of Rochester, 248-651-9641

BERNARD MARION SALLOT

June 5, 2007, 89, of Farmington Hills. Bernard was born in Cleveland, Oh on March 4, 1918. Graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1935; graduated John Carroll University in 1939. Married Jeanne Edel in 1942, was a WWII Navy Lieutenant Commander, moved to Detroit in 1951, Director of Technical Operations for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (S.M.E.), and founder and Executive Director of R.I.A.-Robotic Industries Association (formerly Robot Institute of America). Beloved husband of the late Jeanne for 62 1/2 years; loving father of Judith Anne Sallot and Anne Edel Sallot (James A. Winslow); cherished grandfather of Stephen (Victoria) rown, Eryn Edel Brown and Joshua James Sallot Barnes; great grandfather of W. Parker Bernard Brown and Daschel Stephenson Scott Brown. Funeral Mass Saturday, June 9th, 11:00 AM (in state at 10:00 AM), at the Servant Church of St. Alexander, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills. Those who wish to further honor Mr. Sallot's memory may do so by making contributions to the Servant Church of St. Alexander. Arrangements entrusted to the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). heeney-sundquist.com

RICHARD A.SIMMONS

He is a nurse at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Kristen and Scott are planning an August 2007 wed-

Steele-Schultz

Richard and Patricia Steele of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Joanna Steele, to Jason Schultz, son of Eric and Karen Schultz of Walker, Mich.

Joanna graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 2001 and Central Michigan University in May 2006 with a bachelor of science in education. She is in her first year of teaching at Marshall Middle School in Marshall, Mich. She is the girls physical education teacher.

Jason graduated from Kenowa Hills High School in 2002 and Central Michigan University in May 2006 with a bachelor of science in business administration. He works for the National Credit Union Administration as a district



Karns celebrate 60th Gerald and Margaret Karns were married 60 years ago July 12, 1947, at St. Michael's Church in Livonia.

They have three children, Jerry Karns, Sharon Karns Hensley and Mark Karns. They have nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren with one on the way. Their family wishes them

congratulations.

ding at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton.



examiner. The couple met while attending Central and were engaged on campus in front of the school seal.

An Aug. 11, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Priscilla Catholic Church.

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Their children are:

Lesniak-Vlcko

Jessica Lynn Lesniak and Ryan Matthew Vlcko of Commerce Township will be married on Oct. 19, 2007, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.

Jessica is the daughter of Robert and Sandra Gray of Westland and Steven and Denise Lesniak of Livonia. Jessica graduated from Plymouth-Canton High School and is currently employed at Costco Wholesale in the shipping and receiving department.

Ryan is the son of Paul and Susan Vlcko of Livonia. He is a graduate of Thurston High School in Redford Township and attended Schoolcraft College. Ryan is currently a supervisor at Costco Wholesale in the fresh foods department.

The couple will honeymoon in Mexico and make their home is Commerce Township.

ROBERT LEE CAIN

Suddenly taken home to be with the Lord on June 7, 2007, age 51. His dedication to Christ gives us comfort and hope that we will one day be reunited. Bob enjoyed playing guitar with the worship team at ROC International Church. Fishing with his son-in-law Renzo and his friends were highlights of his summers. He was a skilled carpenter and many of those he loved will have lasting memories of his work. His family was his joy and the center of his life and Bob was looking forward to becoming a grandfather for the first time to Ashlee this coming September. His wife Wendy was his joy; comfort and her companionship and friendship meant the world to him. His Mom and siblings had a very special place in his heart and he would want them to know he is in a better place and will see them soon. Bob was blessed to have one of his best friends, Rick Yurgalite, with him during his last moments, He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Wendy of twelve years. Although they were step-children, Rachael Lindsey (Renzo) Carrillo and Lauren Elizabeth Kozma were loved by Bob as his own daughters. Beloved son of Ruth Cain and the late Robert S. Cain, Sr. Brother of Melissa (William) Ackerman, William O. (Lori) Cain and Cynthia (David) Hendrix. Also leaves numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 2-4pm and 6-9pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Services Monday 11am at the ROC International Church, 16115 Beck Rd, between 5 & 6 Mile Roads, Northville. In lieu of flowers, contributions sug-gested to the family for their needs.

FRANCES MARGARET PETROVICH

Age 77, of Orchard Lake, Michigan passed away June 7 due to a massive stroke. She also resided in pompano Beach, Florida. Preceded by her husband, Dr. Edward Petrovich in 1990. Born in Sarnia, Ontario, the daughter of James R. and Nina L. Feargue, on July 19, 1929. Survived by daughter, Chris (Ken) Moses, and Robin (Dave) Nunnelley, and sister Mary Jane Mc Lean. Grandchildren Eric and Grant, preceded by Nicholas. Moved to Pontiac, michigan after nursing school at Sarnia General Hospital in the 50's, and after meeting her husband Dr. Edward Petrovich, who was doing residency at Sarnia General Hospital. Moved to Akron, Ohio, then to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in 1967. Enjoyed tennis and swimming, and living on Cass Lake. Attended Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield. Family will recieve friends at A.J. Desmond and Sons 32515 Woodward ave. (between 13-14 mile) Sunday 2-8 pm.Funeral serv-ice Monday 11am at Highland Park Church,28600 Baptist Lahser road, southfield 48034. Visitation begins at church 10am, Interment Acacia cemetery. Memorial tributes to the church.

December 4, 1957 - June 5, 2007. Age 49, of West Branch, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at his home. He had lived in West Branch since 2006, formerly of Garden City. He was a member of the Eagles and the Moose Lodges, both of West Branch. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and NASCAR. Mr. Simmons is survived by his sons, Brad Simmons and Chad immons both of Garden City and Mark Halfacre of Flint; his parents, Donald and Shirley Simmons of West Branch; brothers, Donald Simmons Jr. of Chesaning, George (Beverly) Simmons of Hale and Allan (Melissa) Simmons of West Branch; his sisters, Cindy (Robert) Lond of Sanford and Cathy (Mike) Rau of West Branch; many nieces and nephews. Visitation at the Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2007 until the time of the service at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Dan Stoneback will officiate. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family.

JOSEPH A. TISON

86, of Farmington, died June 7, 2007. Mr. Tison served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. He retired from UPS after 40 years and was a founding member of the Liberty Motorcycle Club. Survivors include his wife, Earline Tison; daughters, Alanah Keesee of Atlanta, GA, Tina Rodriguez of Memphis, TN; son, Dixon Tison of Farmington; grandchildren, Ashton and Amber Rodriguez of Memphis, TN; sister, Delores Davie of Palm Bay, FL; and brother, Kenneth Tison of Traverse ity, MI. In lieu of flowers contribuons to Meals on Wheels will be porfoundly appreciated. Arrangements by H.M. Patterson and Son, Arlington Chapel, Atlanta, GA (404) 851-9900.

GLEN D. WHITE

Age 74, passed away on June 6, 2007. Mr. White was a resident of Yoder, Indiana and Oscoda, MI. He was formerly of Plymouth and Canton. He is the Dear husband of 39 years to Juanita. Dear father of John Peer, Rose (Bob) Riddle, Bill (JoAnne) Lambert, Anna (Larry) Oberti, Georgia (Jaryn) Robertson and the late Bud Peer. Dear brother of Eugene White and Cecil (Margie) Jones. Dear brother-in-law of Mary (George) Aton. Dear grandfather of 13, great grandfather of 29 and great great grandfather of three. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Mr. White was retired after 38 years at General Motors Hydro-Matic in Ypsilanti. He was a union representative for UAW local 735. Mr White served in the National Guard. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family. Funeral service will be Monday, June 11, 2007, 1pm at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Friends may visit Sunday 3-7pm and Monday 11am until service. Interment to follow at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland, Memorials may be made to charity of donor's choice.



A dinner with family is being planned to celebrate their anniversary.

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One-stop health care

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Erik Morganroth hesitates to call the new University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center a one-stop shop, but he definitely appreciates the convenience of the 350,000 sq. ft. facility opening on June 11 in Ann Arbor.

The 37-year old

Birmingham man received his second heart transplant at U-M's University Hospital in mid-March. The \$215 million heart and vascular center makes it easier for him to see specialists and go through diagnostic tests such as echocardiograms all in the same building, in the same day.

Morganroth serves on the center's advisory committee and helped refine care from the perspective of the patient. He spent hours talking about the psychological effects of a terminal diagnosis like the one he received in January before the transplant. He says, most transplant recipients aren't candidates for a second donor heart because of advanced age. Morganroth was eligible and today he enjoys going to soccer games and swimming with his wife Andrea and their children Max, 4, and Emma, 6.

"Why do I drive 1 1/2 hours each way? The biggest thing is most cardiologists and hospitals address heart related issues only," Cardiovascular Center brings in specialists to address overall health care, lifestyle changes. U-M is trying to provide a comprehensive center."

Dr. David Pinsky especially takes pride in the center's team approach to caring for patients. Pinsky is one of four directors for the Cardiovascular Center in the heart of the U-M medical campus.

"The vision we have is to be an integrated place for information, assessment and delivery of care whether that's to be preventive or treatment," said Dr. David Pinsky, a cardiologist. "With care as it's delivered today there are many practitioners, but putting a group of experts together will provide optimal care. We're a research institution as well as a care institution so we're able to bring the most cutting edge treatments to patients as well as diagnostics.'

About six months ago, Pinsky said staff began following the Lean Thinking principal adapted from Toyota manufacturing practices. By observing processes, they hope to reduce patient waiting times and redundancy by staff.

"We're learning to do things better. We've already begun the processes," said Pinsky. "We are a virtual center until we move into the building. We have to be an integrated

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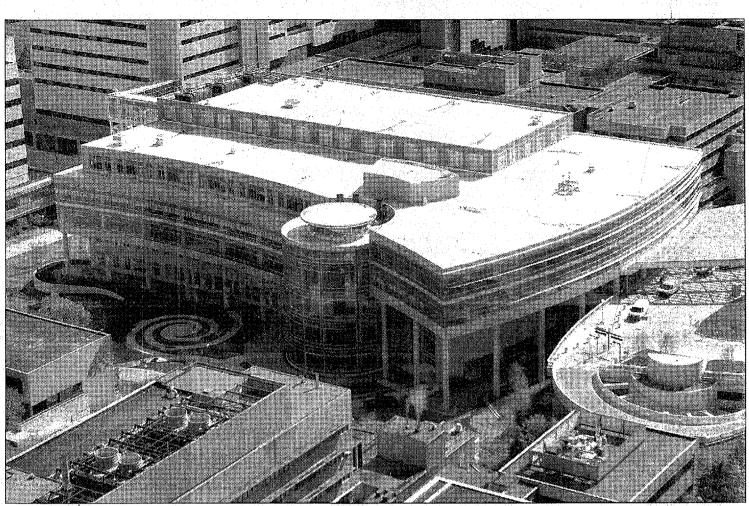
we do. We're an integrated health system." Kara Gavin compares the new Cardiovascular Center to the Cancer Center built at U-M 10 years ago.

"The heart and vascular center does the same thing for heart and stroke that we do for cancer," said Gavin, U-M Health System spokesperson who led a tour of the new facility on Tuesday. "Cardiovascular disease is a family of diseases. The same thing that causes heart attacks cause strokes, aneurysms. Here we have all the people working on those diseases. The new center doesn't combine everything. If you have a heart attack you still go to the ER at University Hospital. Kids won't be treated here, but at Mott Children's Hospital (on the medical campus)."

Architects Shepley Bullfinch Richardson & Abbot of Boston designed the center so only three of the six levels are visible from the street. The idea was that patients wouldn't be overwhelmed by the imposing building before walking into the main entrance. Patients and their families were taken into account every step of the building process. Three quiet/meditation rooms provide a place for prayer, reflection and respite. An atrium on Level 2 features a pondless waterfall with soothing sounds and glass walls that look out onto a garden.

"People can relax, have a bite to eat. Outside is a meditation spiral with plantings to walk," said Gavin of Plymouth. "Next to the indoor garden is a cafe filled with healthy treats. Ninety percent of the food and drink meet dietary guidelines for heart patients. Florine Mark (founder and CEO of Weight Watchers) is on the advisory board for the cardiovascular center and helped select items."

A medical librarian and high-speed Internet access in the Wellness Resource Center helps patients find the latest www.hometownlife.com



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Outside of the Cardiovascular Center is a spiral meditation walk for prayer or contemplation during the warmer months. The garden inside the circular

information about their illness. Level 2A is the cardiac procedures floor for stenting, angioplasty, and various minimally invasive procedures. \$44 million in stateof-the-art medical equipment fills the building located on the former site of U-M's Old Main Hospital which was demolished after opening the current University Hospital in 1986. On Level 4, 8 new 700square-foot operating rooms feature equipment suspended from the ceilings for easier patient access. Flat screen monitors are displayed at sur-

geons' eye level. "These are operating rooms for heart, blood vessel, and chest and lung surgery," said

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People with Low Vision Receive Help from Michigan Eye Doctor

People with low vision enjoy daily activities once again with help from Dr. Sheldon Smith. By Elena Lombardi

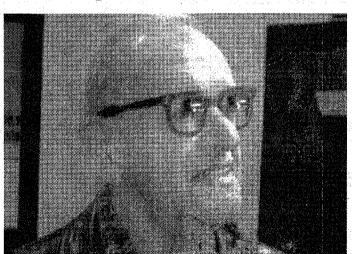
Low vision is defined as vision that cannot be corrected with regular prescription glasses or contact lenses. Affecting 3.3 million Americans today age 40 and over, blindness or low vision can be debilitating. For many, specialized low vision care is the answer they have been seeking.

Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people who have lost vision from macular degeneration and other types of eye disease.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith.

"Many of my patients find that with telescopic glasses, things look bigger, closer and much easier to see. This is like looking through a pair of field glasses or binoculars," Dr. Smith says. "These devices permit patients with low vision to see things they previously couldn't and do some of the things they want to."

The most common cause of low vision in seniors is macular degeneration. Twenty five percent of people over 65 years of age have some degree of degeneration. When the macula, a small part of the retina, degenerates it leaves a



Octavious Germany, from Dearborn Michigan, with his new Bioptic Telescopic glasses.

blind spot right in the center of vision making it hard to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test. UV light from the sun, smoking, poor nutrition, and aging all contribute to this condition.

Although there is no cure for the disease, there is hope. "My job is to figure out what devices enable the patient to function best," says Dr. Smith. For some this can mean maintaining independence or the ability to drive.

Octavius Germany, age 91, from Dearborn was seen in January. A retired architect and engineer, Octavius had a goal of driving again. With his new glasses he states, "Everything in the distance looks clearer...I'm impressed with my new lenses. This is what's going to win the day for me."

"There are different solutions based on each individual's vision needs. Bioptic telescopic driving glasses have the option of built in automatic sun-

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glasses," says Dr. Smith. Special prismatic reading glasses are another way to help low vision. They make reading a little easier. Sun filters and nutritional supplements help stabilize and protect the macula against progressing degeneration.

There are many low vision devices for the many various kinds of activities. Devices range in price from \$500 to \$2,500. "Every situation is unique. Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr. Smith. "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing the things they most wish to do."

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

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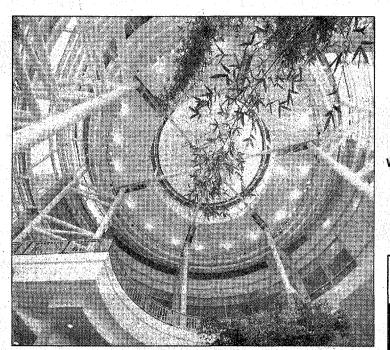


Gavin. "Kidney transplants will be moved here for a little while the 20 OR's in the main hospital are refurbished and OR's added."

After surgery patients are transferred to one of the 20 beds as they come out of anesthesiology. Later they will be moved to one of 24 private rooms on Level 5 or the Intensive Care Unit on Level 4 where free standing columns of equipment monitor a patient's progress. Approximately 1400 computers, located throughout the center, allow staff immediate access to patients' records. "About 500 new jobs

were created for nurses and technicians," said Gavin. "We have more capacity to treat patients," said Gavin. "To recruit top people to Michigan, we needed to have the facility."

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The atrium indoor garden features a 30-foot tall bamboo and a pondless waterfall with its soothing sounds of splashing water.



Possibly you have heard enough about gout to know when someone has that condition. The characteristics of gout are well publicized: it comes on suddenly, usually wakes a person out of a sleep. The attack affects the great toe, ankle or knee. The pain is intense, even a sheet over the joint or a breeze over it causes a wave of pain.

A blood test will show elevation of blood uric acid, the chemical substance that crystallizes in the toe and starts the gout attack.

The reality is that such features apply to two other crystalline conditions: pseudogout and hyroxyapatite crystalline disease. Furthermore, just because the blood test reveals a high uric acid, that does not prove the current attack is gout; the high uric acid may just be a bystander to pseudogout or hyroxyapatite disease.

The only way to prove which crystalline condition is causing the joint pain is to aspirate fluid from the involved joint, and under a microscope, identify the type of crystal present. Gout and pseudogout crystals each possess a distinctive pattern that allows a trained individual to precisely identify the crystal.

Therefore, it is important that you immediately report an attack of sudden joint pain to your doctor. Aspirating the joint early in the attack gives him the best opportunity to obtain fluid and analyze it for the type of crystal present. Armed with that information, he can answer your questions on what is appropriate therapy, best prevention, and future outlook for attacks or joint impairment.

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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. Hospice volunteers needed Looking for caring volunteers to pro-

vide in-home companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit www.stjohn.org/Hospice. Volunteer training

Heartland Hospice Services is looking for caring and compassionate individuals for hospice volunteer training to provide companionship, support and friendly visits for

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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. Health screenings

Meijer offers health screenings. Cholesterol or fasting blood glucose test patients must fast at least 10 hours 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 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. **Divorce support group** Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 12; attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions 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. 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. Our Body lecture series

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 62, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

CHAPTER 62, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES ARTICLE IV. NEW RACKS

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Modify the Ordinance by adding the following **Article and Sections.**

ARTICLE IV. NEWS RACKS

Sec. 62-100. Purpose and intent.

The city hereby finds and declares:

(1) The city has a substantial interest in promoting the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and visitors by ensuring that public streets sidewalks, and rights-of-way are not unreasonably obstructed by news racks, that news racks are properly maintained, and that news racks do not create visual blight.

(2) In recent years, the proliferation of news racks on city streets, and particularly poorly maintained or abandoned freestanding news racks, have contributed to the congestion of city sidewalks, impeded the flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, interfered with the use of streets, sidewalks and public rights-of-way,

presented hazards to persons and property, resulted in visual blight, and hindered the ability of public services such as sidewalk and street cleaning. Certain news racks have been placed in inappropriate locations, been abandoned, and are poorly maintained.

(3) The city has a substantial interest in preserving and protecting its unique visual and aesthetic qualities. To that end it is in the best interest of the city to take steps to solve and reduce the negative effects of this problem.

(4) An effective way to remedy this problem is to require that all newspapers and other publications desiring to be sold or provided in newspaper racks on city sidewalks or other public property or rights-of-way be placed in and sold from modular units which are provided by the city at locations commensurate with the locations at which newspapers and other publications are currently being sold or provided.

(5) The purpose of this article is to accomplish the following: a. Provide for increased pedestrian and vehicular safety and

convenience; b. Ensure that there is no unreasonable interference with the

free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic including ingress into, or egress from, any place of business or public facility, or any legally parked or stopped vehicles;

c. Ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and improve passage for persons with disabilities by reducing impediments to passage caused by poorly located news racks;

d. Provide reasonable access for the safe and efficient use and maintenance of sidewalks, poles, posts, traffic signs or signals, hydrants, mailboxes, benches, planters, delivery areas, loading zones, and curb ramps;

e. Reduce visual blight, clutter and litter problems associated with poorly maintained, improperly located or abandoned news racks:

f. Advance the economic interests of the city's businesses and residents, including the interests of those involved in the publication or distribution of newspapers and news periodicals through news racks; and .

g. Prevent news racks from unduly interfering with city sidewalk and street cleaners as well as other public services,

(6) In adopting this article, the city is mindful that regulation of news racks implicates rights protected by the Constitution of both the United States and the state. To that end, this article was drafted and shall be applied and enforced in a manner consistent with these constitutional rights. The content or viewpoint of the material to be distributed through modular news racks shall not be considered in administering or enforcing this article.

(7) Given the limited space available and the increasing congestion on certain public sidewalks, streets and rights-of-way, the city has a substantial interest in devising a systematic approach to news rack placement in those locales to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of newspapers. This objective may be achieved by providing modular news rack units in specified locations in the city. Utilizing news rack units and prohibiting freestanding news racks will promote the city's interest in promoting public safety, reducing visual blight and clutter, protecting the unique aesthetic and historical attributes of the

Sec. 62-104. Prohibitions.

Except as otherwise provided in this article, no news racks other than modular news rack units provided by the city may be placed, operated or maintained on any public street, sidewalk or public right-of-way or portion thereof.

(b) No news rack box or modular news rack unit shall be used for advertising signs or publicity purposes. However, each publication may attach a decal no larger than three inches high and 16 inches wide, in white script letters only, to a specified area on the front of its news rack boxes for the purpose of displaying the name of the publication contained in the news rack box. The publication shall be responsible for ensuring that any such decals are maintained in a clean and good condition.

(c) No person or entity shall violate any other section, subsection, guideline or provision of this article.

Sec. 62-105. Registration.

(a) Requirement. Registration with the city is necessary to facilitate the regulation and inspection of news rack boxes and to allocate space for the purposes set forth in this article. No person may place any publication in any modular news rack unit on a public sidewalk, street, public right-of-way or portion thereof for the purpose of sale or distribution without having first registered 'with the city.

(b) Duty to register. Each publication seeking access to a modular news rack unit shall register with the city for each location and for each unit at which the publication seeks access. The registered publication shall be responsible for the payment of all fees or penalties due or imposed under this article with respect to that registered publication's modular news rack unit(s) or news rack box.

(c) Registration. Registration for placement in a modular news rack unit shall be made in writing and filed with the city manager's office. The application package shall inform the applicant to the requirements of this article and the guidelines provided herein.

(d) Approval. Upon receipt of a properly completed application from a publication, or from the agent for a publication, accompanied by written authorization from the publication along with the required fee, the city manager shall register the publication for placement in a modular news rack unit within 15 working days of receipt of the application, unless based on the requirements of this article or the guidelines provided herein there are grounds requiring denial of the application. If an application is disapproved in whole or in part, the city manager shall notify the applicant promptly in writing within 15 working days of receipt of application, explaining the reasons for the denial.

(e) Effect of registration. The City Commission specifically determines that the approval of an application and registration of a publication by the city pursuant to this section confers a nontransferable, revocable privilege on the registered publication. In addition, the City Commission may at any time in its exclusive legislative discretion elect to repeal or amend this article and thereby render null and void any approval/registration issued pursuant this section.

(f) Fees. There shall be an annual registration fee to be paid by all publications to the city manager's office for each news rack box utilized by the publication for the sale or distribution of its publications. The amount of this registration fee shall be set forth in a schedule established by City Commission. The fee is not for the purpose of generating revenues or to reimburse the city for its costs in purchasing the modular news rack units. The purpose of the fee is to cover the cost incurred in maintaining the exterior of the modular news rack units and repairing or replacing damaged units. The fee shall be reviewed annually by the city manager, who shall propose to the City Commission, if necessary, any recommended adjustments, along with written justification for the adjustment and any necessary amendment to Appendix A. If a publication fails to pay the required fee within 30 days after it becomes due, the city manager shall provide written notice that registration will be revoked and the news rack box removed if the fee is not paid within ten days of this notice. If the fee is not paid within ten days, registration shall be revoked and the news rack box removed.

Sec. 62-106. Locations.

(a) The precise locations of modular news rack units in the city shall be recommended by the city manager and presented on a detailed map for approval by the City Commission. The following factors shall be taken into account:

(1) The locations being utilized prior to the adoption of this article, including the publications' desire to maintain these locations and the number of publications present at each location;

(2) Pedestrian and vehicular congestion, traffic and safety considerations at certain locations, including impediments to access by individuals with disabilities, and interference with public services;

a modular news rack unit in a location, such publication shall first endeavor to locate in any vacant spaces of an existing modular news rack unit before requesting that the city manager provide an additional modular news rack unit.

(f) In any circumstances where a publication decides to vacate a location or a news rack box, the publication shall promptly notify the city manager of the intention to vacate the location.

Sec. 62-108. Maintenance.

(a) The city shall be responsible for maintenance of the exterior of all modular news rack units excluding any decal or sign indicating the name of the publication. A replacement unit shall be provided by the city while it repairs or refurbishes a modular news rack unit. The cost of the maintenance and replacement shall be the responsibility of the City or the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), depending on the location of the unit. The city shall provide a replacement unit within 48 hours after being notified that a unit is damaged and the city determines that the unit needs immediate repair. If the city fails to provide a replacement unit, the publication(s) contained in the unit may temporarily place a freestanding news rack in the same location until a replacement unit is provided by the city.

(b) The publications shall be responsible for maintenance of the doors and door mechanisms as well as the interior of the modular news rack units or news rack box including all mechanical equipment. All coin-operated news rack boxes shall be equipped with a coin-return device that is maintained in good repair and working order to enable persons to secure full refunds if they are unable to receive the publication paid for. In the case of coinoperated news rack boxes, the publication shall be responsible for maintenance of the coin-operated mechanism, including the coin return. Any damage to the modular news rack unit resulting from maintenance, theft or vandalism to the coin mechanism shall be repaired by the publication.

Sec. 62-109. Appeals.

(a) Unless otherwise provided herein, any person who is aggrieved by a determination made by the city manager or an applicant whose registration is denied may file a request for review of the decision by the City Commission. Such a request must be filed at the city clerk's office not more than ten business days following the city manager's decision or the denial. The City Commission shall consider the request at its next regularlyscheduled meeting, consistent with public meeting law requirements, and shall vote either to affirm or reverse the city manager's decision or the denial. The City Commission's decision shall be provided to the city manager within two business days, and the city manager shall immediately notify the person of the decision. The city manager shall act in accordance with the decision of the City Commission.

(b) In the event that a person remains aggrieved after an appeal to the City Commission, the person may provide to the city manager within ten days of the decision of the City Commission a notice of intent to institute legal proceedings against the city. Once the city manager has received this notice, the city manager shall reasonably accommodate the person's request until the earlier of the time that a lawsuit is filed against the city or 60 days from the receipt of the notice of intent.

Sec. 62-110. Enforcement: violations.

(a) The city manager is authorized to remove without prior notice any news rack that poses an immediate danger to persons, vehicles or property or remove any news rack interfering with construction activity or public works. Such removal shall be in accordance with the notice and hearing procedures set forth below.

(b) The city manager shall provide advance notice of removal and the reasons therefore to the publications if possible. Within 48 hours after removal, the city manager shall notify the owner in writing of the removal and the reasons for removal if no advance notice was provided. The city manager shall attempt to relocate the units to a location as close as possible to the vacated location considering the guidelines established by this article.

(c) The city manager is authorized to remove and impound any unauthorized news racks in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) Notice of violation and impoundment. The city manager shall post a notice of violation on the unauthorized news rack, and shall use all reasonable efforts to immediately contact the owner of the news rack or other responsible party by facsimile and telephone where this information is contained on the news rack or available from the city manager's records. The notice attached to the news rack, and any written notice transmitted to the owner shall also inform the owner of the right to request by facsimile, telephone or in person by the close of business on the first business day following the date of the notice of violation, a meeting with the city manager to determine whether the news rack is in violation of this article. If the news rack has not been removed, and the owner has not requested a meeting with the r by the close of the next husiness day fo day that the notice of violation has been affixed, the city manager may remove and impound the offending news rack. Within 48 hours after the removal, the city manager shall notify the owner in writing of the removal and the reasons for removal. If the owner did not request a meeting with the city manager prior to removal of the news rack, the notice shall also inform the owner of the right to request, either in writing or in person, within five business days of the date of the postmark of such written notice, a meeting with the city manager to determine whether such removal was proper. (2) Meeting and decision. Upon timely request, the city manager shall provide such a meeting by the close of the next business day following receipt of the request, unless the owner agrees to a later date. The proceeding shall be informal, but oral and written evidence may be offered. The city manager shall give his or her decision in writing to the owner within three business days after such meeting. If no meeting has been requested, and/or the city manager finds that the impoundment was proper, the city manager shall notify the owner that the impounded news rack may be recovered following payment of a fine as set forth in Appendix A. If the city manager finds that the impoundment was improper and/or that placement of the news rack was lawful, the city manager shall order the immediate release to the owner and reinstallation by the city at its expense of the news rack without charge (3) Disposal of impounded news racks. News racks that are not claimed within 30 calendar days of impoundment shall be disposed of in a manner determined by the city manager in accordance with state law. The owner of an unauthorized news rack shall be responsible for restoring the sidewalk to its original condition if damaged by the unauthorized news rack. (d) A violation of any section or provision of this article is a civil infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00.

city, and advancing the economic interests of the city's businesses and residents by improving the appearance of the city and resulting in better use of space and reduced congestion.

(8) A reasonable accommodation of these competing interests can be achieved by adoption of this article, which reasonably regulates the placement of news racks in specified areas.

Sec. 62-101. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Abandoned news rack, means any news rack, which either remains empty for more than 30 business days or contains only outdated issues based on frequency of publication as set forth in the registration application. In case of a labor strike or a temporary and extraordinary interruption of distribution of publications of the newspaper or other periodical sold or dispensed from that news rack, the publication shall notify the city manager in writing in order to avoid having the news rack deemed abandoned.

City manager means the city manager of his or her designee.

Cluster of modular news rack units means two or more modular news rack units located such that each unit is within a 25-foot radius of another unit.

Freestanding news rack, means any self-service or coin-operated box, container, storage unit or other dispenser installed, used for, or maintained for the display and sale or the distribution without charge of newspapers, news periodicals or other publications, and which is not a modular news rack unit authorized under this article.

Modular news rack unit, means a news rack that is provided by the city for the placement of publications to be sold or distributed in the city on public streets, sidewalks and rights-of-way.

News rack means a news rack box, a freestanding news rack, or modular news rack unit.

News rack box shall mean the individual space within a modular news rack unit that dispenses one newspaper or other periodical, including the door, coin return mechanism and associated hardware. "News rack box" does not include any freestanding news rack.

Public property means parks, squares, plazas, and any other real property owned by the city, except for public rights-of-way as defined by this section.

Public right-of-way means land which by deed, conveyance, agreement, easement, dedication, usage or process of law is reserved and dedicated to the general public for street, highway, alley, public utility, or pedestrian walkway purposes whether or not said land has been improved or accepted for maintenance by the city.

Publication means any morning, evening, special or other editions of a publication, as well as any editions published jointly with another publisher.

Registered publication means a publication which has registered with the city to locate its publications in one or more modular news rack units.

Sec. 62-102. Scope and application.

The requirements of this article shall apply to all news racks located on public property or public streets, sidewalks or rightsof-way within the city. The city manager is authorized to establish guidelines for implementation of this article in specified areas or locations and to establish dates by which modular news rack units will be in place and all freestanding news racks must be removed and in compliance with this article. in each area or location. The deadlines for compliance with this article and the city manager's guidelines shall be mailed by first class mail to each affected publication at least 30 days prior to the implementation date in each location. These deadlines shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city at least 30 days prior to the implementation date in each location.

Sec. 62-103. City Manager.

(a) The city manager shall be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this article and for performing the duties described herein.

(b) It is the intent of the City Commission that the duties imposed upon the city manager by this article be directory in nature, and that as a result, the city manager's failure to comply with a particular procedural step shall not invalidate any subsequent action by the city manager to which the procedural requirement relates.

(3) Demand for and access to publications at the locations, including the availability of alternative channels of distribution other than through news racks;

(4) Urban blight, litter, aesthetic and historical concerns;

(5) Access to, and use of street furniture, including such access

and use by individuals with disabilities; and

(6) Sight lines and access to buildings with first floor retail spaces.

(b) Any interested person may petition the city manager to request the addition of one or more additional modular news rack unit locations. Such petition shall be in writing, and shall include written statements from publications that are willing to register for each proposed location. Upon receiving such a petition, the city manager will present the request to the City Commission within 45 days of receipt thereof to determine whether the placement of one or more additional modular news rack units in the proposed new location would be authorized under the requirements of this article and its guidelines. The City Commission shall consider a request for the creation of a new location(s) for the installation of one or more modular news rack units if the following conditions are met:

(1) All other requirements of this article have been met with regard to the location;

(2) There are no other modular news rack units within 50 feet of the proposed location;

(3) The location will not unreasonably impede pedestrian traffic, prevent the performance of essential public services such as sidewalk sweeping, and will not create a traffic hazard:

(4) The location is one at which an unsatisfied demand for publications is not met by existing modular news rack units; (5) A minimum of four publications, all published at least once

per week, are seeking to sell or distribute their publications at this location; and

(6) News racks will be oriented for pedestrian use. (c) The City Commission shall also have the option of requiring

the city manager to place a modular news rack unit at the proposed location on a trial basis for up to 60 days in order to determine the viability of the location. If the location is determined not to be in contravention of this article and the City Commission feels its addition would be proper, it shall recommend to the city manager that this new location be created. Otherwise, the petition shall be denied.

Sec. 62-107. Allocation of space in modular news rack units.

(a) With respect to publications' access to specific modular news rack units, space shall be allocated based upon frequency of publication as follows:

(1) First priority shall be given to publications which are distributed at least five days per a week, inclusive of their Saturday, Sunday or weekend editions whether or not published jointly with another newspaper;

(2) Second priority shall be given to publications between one and four times per week;

(3) Third priority shall be given to publications published between two and four times per month; and

(4) Fourth priority shall be given to publications published one time per month or less.

(b) No publication that has selected a space in a modular news rack unit or cluster of modular news rack units may receive a second space in the same unit or cluster of units.

(c) In implementing this allocation scheme as to each modular news rack unit or cluster of modular news rack units, the city manager shall conduct a meeting at which time each category beginning with category (1) daily and weekly publications will be allowed to select a position in a given location. When each publication in that category that so desire have chosen a position in that location, each publication in category (2) shall select a position and so forth through category (4). The publications in each category may agree among themselves as to the order they will follow in selecting positions. If they are unable to agree, the city manager shall determine the order within each category by drawing lots.

(d) If all available modular news rack units are filled and a publication decides to vacate a space in a modular news rack unit, the city manager shall maintain a list of publications that are interested in additional spaces as they become available, and shall provide notice to these publications when spaces become available. The city manager shall assign a publication to the available space in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section.

(e) Where a publication not previously distributed seeks (ccess to

Sec. 62-111. Severability.

If any provision, subdivision, paragraph, phrase or clause of this article or the application of this article is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this article. The City Commission declares that it would have passed each section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this section irrespective of the fact that any portion of this section could be declared unconstitutional invalid or ineffective.

Sec. 62-112. Limitation of liability. By adopting Ordinance No. 2007-02, the city is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. It is not assuming, nor is it imposing on its officers and employees, an obligation for breach of which it is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused an injury.

Sec. 62-113. - 62-180. Reserved.

Section 2 **Rights and Duties.**

Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.

Section 3 Validity.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof, other than the part declared invalid.

Ordinances Repealed. Section 4

All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed. .

DANIEL DWY MAYOR	YER LINDA L	ANGMESSER, CMC CITY CLERK
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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.

Gallery exhibit

The Lawrence Street Gallery will be exhibiting the works of Donna J. 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 galleryÕs Web site at www.lawrencestreetgallery. com

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time 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 | & II 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,

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

Waste to Watts The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts

PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its REGULAR February meeting Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, Michigan 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tape of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

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shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www. aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

Card party/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 termi-. nally 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

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Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VACATING OF ALLEY **CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm at Lions Park, (Burroughs and Harding) (In the case of inclement weather the Public Hearing will be held in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan.) concerning the question of whether or not the following portion of an alley is to be vacated.

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A portion of a certain public alley adjacent to the properties described as the east ten feet (1/2 of 20 foot wide Alley) of a portion of a certain public alley adjacent to the properties described as; Lots 155, 156, 157, & 158, 159, 160 Kate E. Allen's Addition to the Plymouth Village, TIS R8E L.22 P.54 Wayne County Records, also known as addresses 311, 297, 285, 275, 265, & 225 N. Harvey Street, also adjacent to addresses 312, 298, 288 & 272, 264 & 254 Ann street.

All interested parties will be given ample opportunity to participate in the hearing and, at the close of said hearing, comments and suggestions of these citizens participating will be considered by the City Commission prior to rendering its decision

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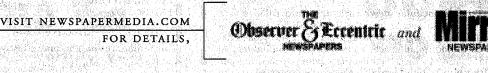
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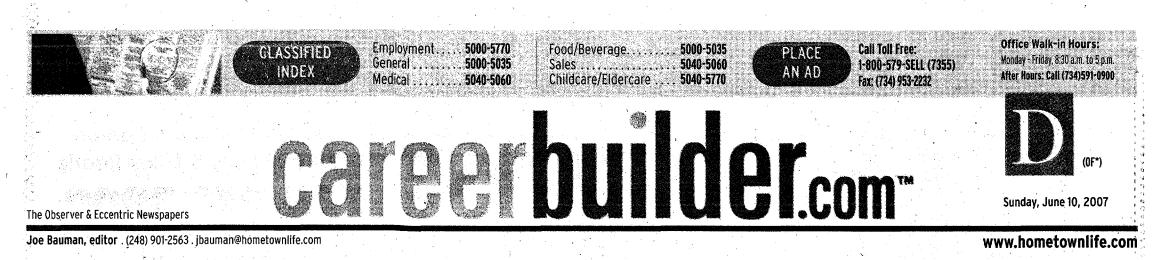
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Going to work: Pros have tips for teens starting new job

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

They're the introduction to the work world, and those who've been working for a while have some words of wisdom for teens starting work this summer.

Mark Hammar of Garden Çity will retire June 29 from his position as facility manager at the Plymouth Cultural Center. He remembers well his first job.

"My first job was working as a stock boy in the dairy section of Packers grocery store." He was 16 and went to work at the store at Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman in Livonia.

"All I did was stock the dairy section." He'd sometimes help bag groceries. Hammar recalls starting at about \$3 an hour, and had to get his Social Security number and a work permit.

"It wasn't too far so I would ride my bike to work." He recalled working overnight Memorial Day weekend, which wasn't allowed, but the bigger check came in handy.

These days, there are rink guards age 15 and up he oversees at the Cultural Center rink. Those employees help younger skaters and prevent roughhousing on the ice.

"Basically, to be responsible," is what Hammar tells new hires. "Be here on time." His mother told him years ago to keep busy at work, to find something useful to do once a task is done.

"Be prompt and be on time and work hard," Hammar advises.

He noted teens today do a lot of extracurricular activities and volunteer work, along with paid jobs. "I think the kids today have a full plate, fuller than we ever had."

Michele Hodges, president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce, agreed job hunting is different for today's teens. Her first job after baby-sitting was at "an ice cream store, which if you knew me you knew that was a good fit." She was 15 when she went to work at the J. Strika store, and learned to scoop with both arms to ensure equal muscle growth.

"It was minimum wage," she recalled. At 16, Hodges became a salad girl at the Big Boy at Nine Mile and Gratiot in what was then East Detroit.



"It was an important part of the growth experience," she said of her early work, noting she came from a large, blue collar family.

Working helped with college at Michigan State University, as well as everyday purchases. "It was nice to have that (income) and it was certainly an important responsibility," Hodges said.

Today, she finds teens need a more strategic job search. "You really can't afford to waste a step." Volunteering in a field you hope to pursue is definitely an option. Hodges encourages young people to develop a network. Her daughter recently missed kindergarten roundup, and Hodges worried she'd lack that early network.

"Even at a young age, your network is important. You carry those contacts forward with you," she said.

She found working while in college a good experience, helping her learn time management. "It's a growth opportunity, a maturity thing. If you're out and doing, that's how you gain access to opportunity." Hodges said a teen can go to a potential employer with clever suggestions, such as setting objectives that if met will net a retroactive pay raise at six months.

"You do need to stand out and you do need to make an impression," she said.

Greg Baracy, Wayne-Westland school superintendent, has down-to-earth advice for job-seeking teens. "Be humble," the Wayne resident said. "Don't be afraid of work. Don't be afraid to start at the bottom. We all have to start somewhere.

"If you work hard, opportunities will come," he added.

"I had several jobs before high school," Baracy recalled. At 15 or so, he went to work for Little Caesars.

"I started off as a dishwasher making 90 cents an hour. It was in Westland." At that time, it was a parlor-type pizzeria with tables for dining in.

"It was exciting to have a source of revenue," said Baracy, who remembers feeling responsibility and commitment to his employer. "I think it helped me develop a strong work ethic."

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several promotions as a teen, and he even had a franchise opportunity while still in school. Baracy also worked his way though college, and found that helpful. "It helps make you more responsible," managing time, building relationships, "understanding that others do depend on you. You have to honor those commitments."

He agreed a reasonable number of weekly work hours benefits today's teens well beyond extra income. Baracy senses there are probably more opportunities and better pay for young people today than in the past.

Some students, however, don't pursue work: "It's not within the scope of their aspirations," he said.

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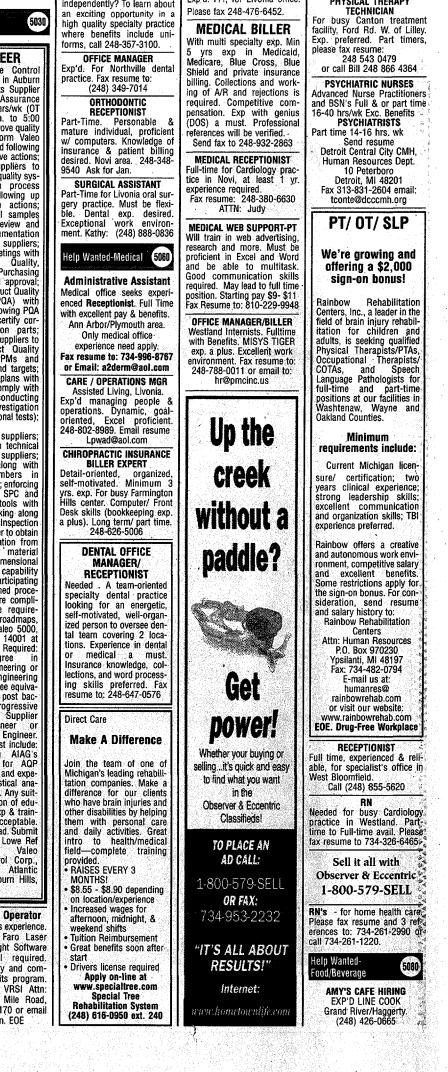
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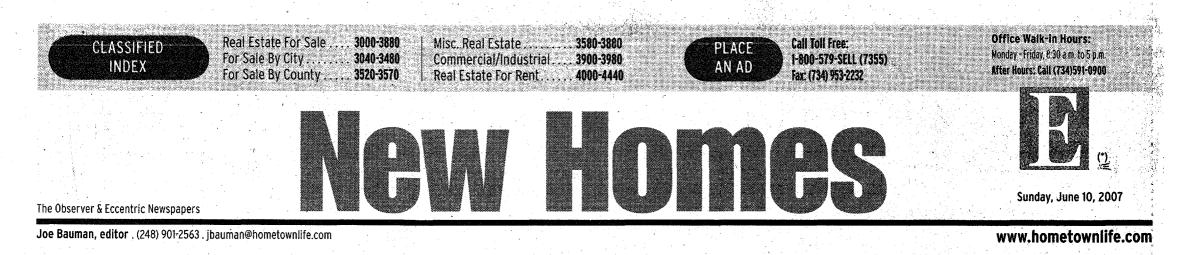
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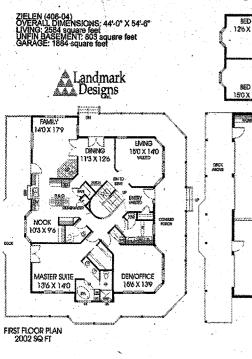
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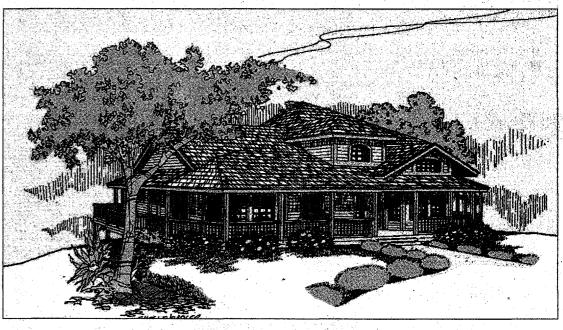
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date grandchildren, and to entertain without feeling cramped. This plan also has a full basement, with a shop area in the third bay of the garage along with a small workshop to the left of the main bays. For convenience, a dumbwaiter has been installed off the kitchen pantry directly down to the basement.

Stepping into the vaulted entryway, the first impression is one of elegance. A formal vaulted living room completes the picture. A curved stairway goes from the basement to the main floor to the upper level.

An impression of spaciousness expands throughout the home as you step through to the kitchen, a bright, open area any cook will find enjoyable. A bay window in the nook enhances the routine morning breakfast. Whole families of cooks can work together in this area, without bumping elbows, while participating in family get-togethers in the adjacent family room. The walk-in



The master suite, graced with a large walk in closet and French doors leading to the outside. is also equipped with a spa tub and a shower. A sliding door provides privacy. Double sinks are outside this area. convenient for the couple on the go.

pantry will hold more than enough supplies for the holidays; in addition there are also plenty of cupboards. This design makes excel-

lent use of interesting angles and spaces. A hutch is

tucked into an angle in the dining room, a fireplace in another in the family room, and a small half bath is conveniently close to everything.

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For the many people working at home these days, this design includes an office, roomy enough to include multiple bookshelves and a wide desk.

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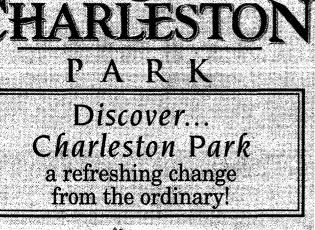
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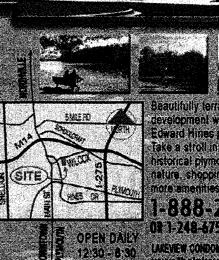
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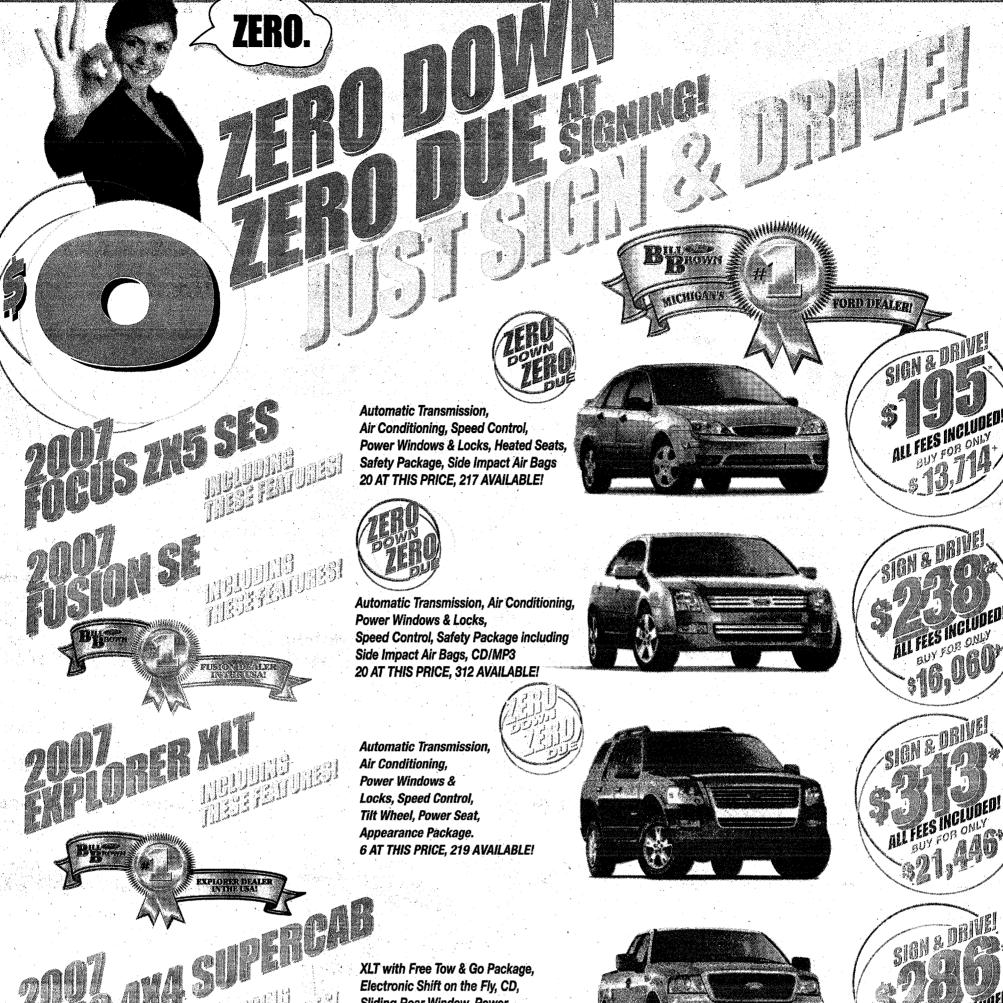


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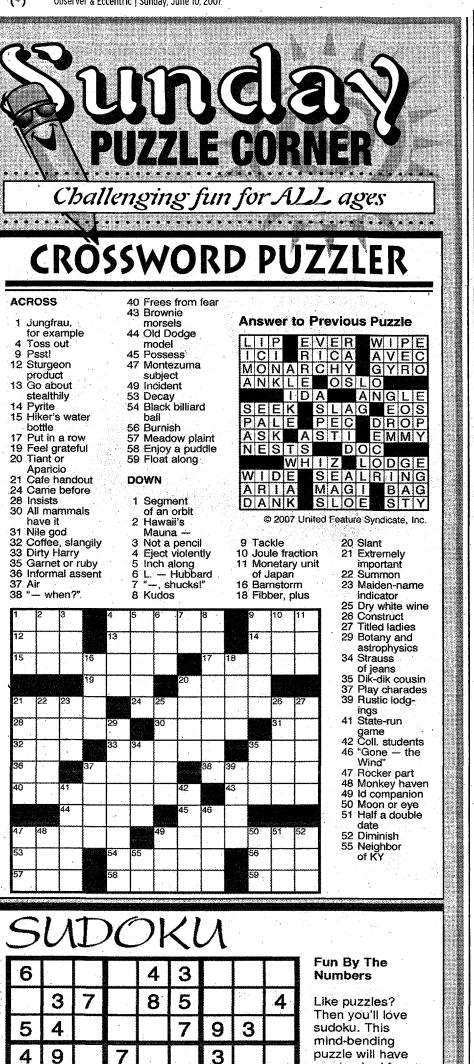






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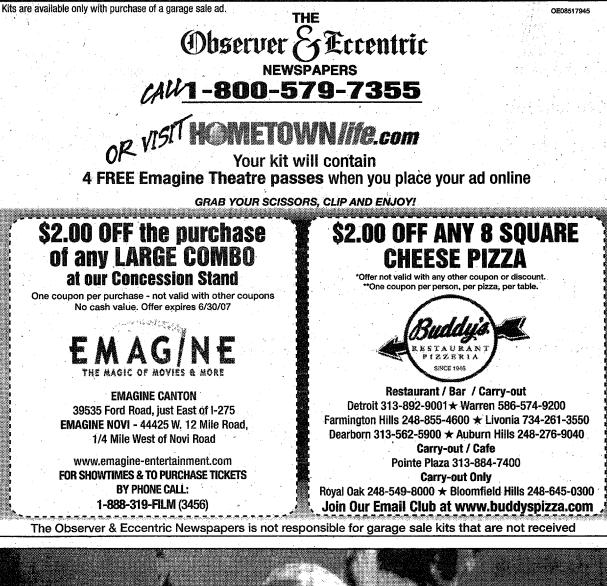
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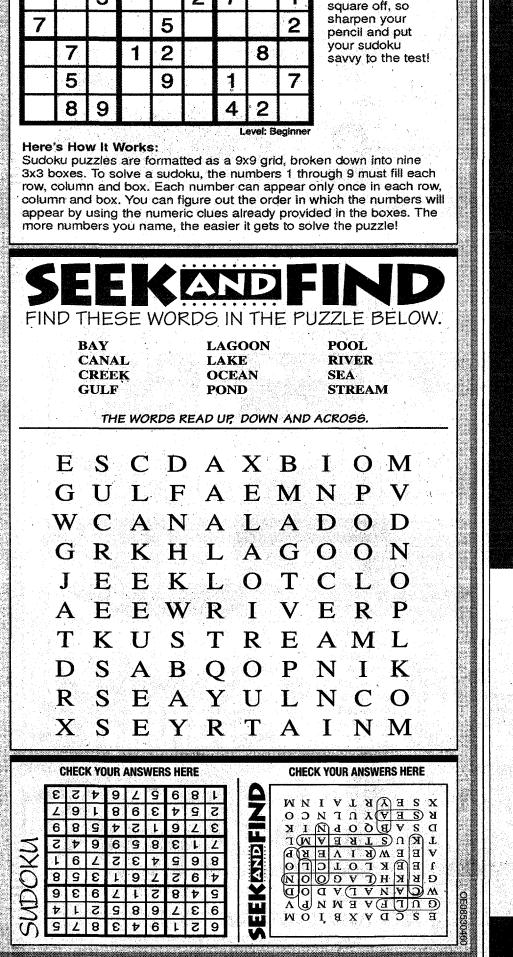
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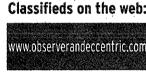
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Though it was intended to have a five-year lifespan, the 2007 Chrysler Crossfire's production will be cut short, in the middle of its fourth year.

Motorauthority.com reported in April that "given Chrysler's current financial situation, it's unlikely that we'll see a replacement model anytime soon." Daimler-Chrysler had outsourced production to Karmann, and sales have been anemic.

As reported by Edmunds.com and the Financial Times, Chrysler sold only 871 Crossfires in the first two months of this year. With an intended 30,000 to be produced a year until 2008, such a low sales amount doomed this car's future.

Despite its lifespan being cut short, the Crossfire had a good run.

The Crossfire was introduced as a concept car at the 2001 North American International Auto Show in Detroit and burst onto the market in 2003, making heads turn with its sleek lines and claims that it could accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour in 6.5 seconds.

In its class, the Crossfire competes with sports cars such as the Nissan 350Z, but with its Mercedes suspension and engineering, the Crossfire found a niche all its own – not quite a true sports car, though its handling would make any driver feel empowered.

The Crossfire comes comfortably equipped with Electronic Stability Control, front and rear anti-roll bars and factory performance tires. Actually, for the size of the car itself, the Crossfire is equipped with 18-inch front and 19-inch rear tires, making for a smoother ride and a sporty appearance.

In 2005, the Crossfire won the Autobytel Editor's Choice for Most Stylish Car, and that stylishness is what drew people to the car from its inception.

Inside, the Crossfire's main display console features a simple, sleek design and offers drivers and passengers easy access to every convenience. The smooth lines of the console continue down to the shifter area and allow drivers to enjoy the equally smooth 5-speed automatic transmission.

An in-dash mounted CD player, climate control and power everything sure doesn't take away from the indoor comfort of the Crossfire's ride, either.



It was supposed to live five years, but only lived four and a half. The Chrysler Crossfire's production was outsourced to German-based Karmann and this summer, due to declining sales, the company has halted production.

For driving fun, the Crossfire definitely delivers. Double-wishbone front suspension and gas-pressurized front shocks make for an easy ride and when compared to the Nissan 350Z, the Cross outdoes itself on the road.

The Crossfire makes use of a comprehensive stability and traction control system, used by Mercedes, and its placement in the car was the first time the system had been used on a Chrysler. According to Carsdirect.com, when engaged, "this system made the Crossfire nearly impossible to upset in tricky conditions." At 60 mph, a rear spoiler pops up just under the rear window, and though it cuts slightly into rear vision, noise from the spoiler's motor remains unobtrusive.

Again, for its size – a compact 159.8 inches, or about 15 feet long – the Crossfire offers many safety features. Fourwheel anti-lock brakes are standard on all editions, as well as front impact airbags for both driver and passenger, side impact airbags mounted in the doors and knee airbags for both front seats.

Motortrend.com rates the 2007 Crossfire at five out of five stars in rollover resistance and five out of five for front occupant side impact resistance. The Crossfire might be a compact sports car, but its occupants could certainly feel safe when riding or driving in it.

While all the safety and convenience features make the Crossfire a great buy, at a price of \$29,635 to \$39,080, the Crossfire is a lot of car for a lot of money.

The Crossfire burns more gas than many other cars to ensure its powerful engine performs the way it's intended to, but in comparison, the Nissan 350Z manages 20 miles per gallon city and 27 highway to the Crossfire's 17/25. Not a huge difference, but with gas prices the way they are (hovering just under \$3 per gallon), it can't hurt to get a little more for each dollar.

Even though it's unlikely the Crossfire will have a replacement model, Chrysler is keeping the car's stylishness around in the form of the Demon, a concept car introduced by new Chrysler owner Cerberus at the Geneva Motor Show.

The Demon shares nearly the same chassis found in the Crossfire, but the new roadster show car features a smaller 2.4 liter inline four engine. The Crossfire has a 3.2 liter V6. The Demon is intended to be an entry-level sports car, so despite its smaller engine, those miles per gallon will surely be a disappointment.

Cerberus in its promotion of the Demon refers to the three-headed guard dog of Hades, from Dante's Inferno, so perhaps it's appropriate that Chrysler's newest concept car be named the Demon.

The Crossfire might not have had the opportunity to complete its five-year lifespan, but with the Demon, its stylishness and sleekness will live on.

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