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George Tait's living statue performance draws a lot of attention at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail during Friday's opening day of Art in the Park.

### Distance doesn't matter

Vendors far and wide do business at art fair

#### ARTS AND CRAFTS TIME

What: Plymouth Art in the Park When: Ends 5 p.m. Sunday Where: Downtown Plymouth every application, and when we say 'Wow,' those are the ones who get in," Quinn said. "Nobody is guaranteed just because they were in the show before. This year we had more than 100 new artists." One that apparently drew a helping to pay for this reduction." Superintendent Jim Ryan, tbruscato@hometownlife.com | (734) 459-2700 Thief robs Kroger

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#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Chris White didn't seem to be having any trouble peddling his gourmet teas and coffees Friday, despite the fact it was warm and sunny for the first day of Plymouth's Art in the Park.

That's what keeps White, a partner in Ron and Frank's Gourmet Drink Mixes of Pittsburgh, Pa., coming back to the annual art festival in downtown Plymouth.

"We've been here before, so people know us, and we do a lot of repeat business," said White, who said his company does similar shows as far south as Florida and as far west as Oklahoma. "It's the exposure that counts."

#### **Featuring:** Some 400 exhibitors with a variety of arts and crafts on display

Ron and Frank's was among some 400 vendors who set up shop under awnings, tents or other temporary cover for the annual festival, which draws hundreds of thousands of spectators to the streets of downtown Plymouth every year.

The vendors hawk a little bit of everything, from photography to furniture, from clothing and jewelry to garden decor.

Organizer Dianne Quinn said the show's selection committee sifted through some 1,000 applications, but narrowed the final list down to fewer than half that number.

"We have a committee that looked at photos and slides from "wow" from the committee was a business called Corkers, from Santa Rosa, Calif. The company makes — you guessed it — corks for bottles of all sizes.

The company uses supremegrade Portuguese cork, a nonporous material that allows the cork to be used in a variety of bottles — wine, vinegar, oils, juices, liquor

without transferring taste.
 Co-owner John Cesano had
 already had a good day in sales
 barely two hours after the festival
 opened, mostly because he's made
 the trek from the West Coast before.

"People buy them here," he said simply. "We're practical, art, (cost) under \$20 and we have a lifetime guarantee. People come back to me wherever I go."

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### **Charter One bank**

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

\$5 million in budget cuts for the

2007-08 school year. However,

Portelli said that won't stop him

from seeking a pay raise for his

"Do I expect a raise? Yes," said

Portelli. "The P-CEA is paying for

some of these cuts. We've already cut 20 teacher positions, and 30

of our teachers retired. And, we

'We didn't cut bus drivers, we

still have 11 teachers on layoff.

didn't cut a bunch of other positions," he said. "So, yes, we're

membership.

The Charter One bank branch inside the Plymouth Township Kroger at Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon suffered the latest of several robberies in the last year or so Friday morning.

Employees told Plymouth Township police a black male approached an employee shortly after 10 a.m. and handed over a note demanding money. The suspect, according to police, neither showed a weapon nor indicated he had one.

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and come to an agreement," he said.

"It's not like the old days when you'd

bring baseball bats and pound them

Rvan said there are ways to

give raises, but still improve the

financial position of the district. "Last year, the unions received

a 2-percent pay raise, but they

all moved their co-pays and out-

Ryan said. "There has always been a trade-off in our negotiations."

of-network deductibles, which, netted out as a 1-percent raise,

Bank robbery suspect

### Writer remembered as the 'sweetest person in the world'

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Dan Smith was frequently a target for some good-natured ribbing in newspaper columns written by his wife, Nancy Walls Smith, whose writings focused mostly on her life as a wife and mother.

There was the time she wrote he had chased her down the street in his underwear, trying feverishly to get something added to her shopping list. It never happened quite that way, he recalls now with a laugh, but he didn't mind her taking the poetic license.

In fact, he said, he'd give anything to see her take aim at him one more time. Unfortunately, his wife of 36 years died suddenly June 29, a pulmonary embolism claiming her life during a brief hospital stay for an unrelated minor illness.

"It's been very difficult ... it wasn't something I'd even thought about during this illness," said Smith, who met his future wife while both were attending Wayne State University. "It was just devastating."

Walls Smith, born Dec. 17, 1946, grew up in Highland Park and graduated from high school there. She went on to take some classes at Wayne State University, where she met Dan Smith.

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**Nancy Walls Smith** 

#### **OFF THE WALLS**

Some excerpts from Nancy Walls Smith's writings:

July 4, 1977 - Help! I'm being held hostage by a gang of toddlers in suburbia. I'm writing this note on the back of a Pamper with a crayon. Send troops, I'm surrounded.

July 21, 1977 - So what do you do when you've slaved over a "medium-high" stove for two hours concocting a new dish which goes by the name Tahitian Supreme Surprise only to have your loved one arrive home from work, take two bites, push the plate away and say, "Well, I wasn't that hungry anyway?" I find pouting to be appropriate in situations like this. September 1978 - Yesterday I successfully convinced my husband it would be marvelous for the psyches of the entire family if he were to take the boys out for a father-son day of doing fun things. I must confess my motives were somewhat selfish. It's been so long since I've been alone in the house for any length of time that I was curious to find out what quiet sounds like.



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### Granholm: Budget must include new revenue

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is continuing to make her pitch for new revenue sources to balance the 2007-08 state budget.

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Granholm met with the Observer & Eccentric editorial board Tuesday and said any budget agreement needs to include cuts in government spending, a replacement for the Single Business Tax (the new Michigan Business Tax signed Thursday by Granholm), reforms in state operations and new revenue in taxes and fees.

She says she's confident she'll reach agreement with the Republican-controlled Senate and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop unless they have another agenda.

"We thought we had broken the logjam," she said Tuesday. "We approved the (2006-)2007 budget because we thought the reforms would be made. My fear is that there is a strategy to push this off until Oct. 1 (start of the new state fiscal year), to cause a government shutdown. I think that would be terrible for Michigan. It may be good for him (Bishop) personally, that he held out to the last minute, but it would be bad for Michigan."

Granholm arrived at the OSE office shortly after announcing plans for a trip Aug. 19-25 with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to Sweden and Germany to attract business investment. Granholm has made several trips to Germany; this would be her first trip to Sweden. "On the Sweden side, they

have a very aggressive policy in place to encourage alternative

energy businesses and this is a sector we want to move into as a state, given both our history and geography," she said.

Granholm credited the justapproved Michigan Business Tax, to replace the Single Business Tax, and the 21st Century Job Fund as making it possible to successfully attract foreign investment.

"We want to market the heck out of Michigan and tell them to come here. We have the workforce that is willing and able," she said.

Granholm said alternative energy was a natural development for Michigan because of its unique location, surrounded by the Great Lakes, and its history as an auto manufacturing state.

"No other state has the combination of things that Michigan has to help lead the U.S.' ability to be free of foreign oil and fossil fuels. This is such a natural for us to capitalize on the history of the automobile," she said.

The governor said all these trips were about bringing jobs to the state. She said it was also important to offer training so workers can fill the new positions that are available.

The No Worker Left Behind program will begin in August. This federally funded program will pay tuition for laid-off workers on unemployment to receive job training at a community college.

"I'm not interested in throwing money at retraining if that retraining doesn't lead to jobs," she said.

On the budget crisis, Granholm said term limits may be playing a part in the partisan squabbling that has stalled talks. She has criticized the Senate for taking a vacation over the last two weeks as schools are waiting on a budget agreement. The Republican Party issued a statement criticizing the governor for her planned trip to Europe.

She said without a revenue component, the state can not reach the constitutionally required balanced budget.

"If they don't want to do the reforms or the revenues, then they need to pass a budget that reflects what we have. My guess it that will be impossible for them to do because no one wants to slash public education as would be required because of the size of the deficit we are facing," she said.

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Gov. Jennifer Granholm meets with Observer & Eccentric editors.

#### **Dizziness?**

Doctors Discover a "Missing Link" To Failed Dizziness Treatments Redford – Dizziness misdiagnosis is rampant and many sufferers don't know what to do when the medications and treatments don't work. Finally there's an explanation as to why so many dizziness treatments fail. A new, free report has recently been released that reveals the "Missing Link" discovered by doctors that have helped thousands of dizziness sufferers. TO REQUEST A COPY OF THIS EYE OPENING REPORT, CALL TOLL-FREE 1-888-281-7630, 24 HR. RECORDED MESSAGE.





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#### **BPW opportunities**

Members of the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club, here marching in the Good Morning USA Parade on the Fourth of July in downtown Plymouth, make up the local of chapter of BPW/USA and BPW Foundation. The group provides scholarship opportunities to women, many head-of-household, for career advancement or women that are re-entering the workforce, who also demonstrate financial need. For more information regarding scholarships, send a letter to Plymouth BPW, P.O. Box 5038, Plymouth MI 48170. For information regarding the national organization, visit www.bpwusa.org or plan to attend monthly meetings 6 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Plymouth Crossing Restaurant on Main Street.

will include Carolyn Jacobi of Eternal Justice, a prominent consumer rights advocate in the death-care industry.

Space is limited. The Livonia Public Library is located at 32777 Five Mile. For reservations or more information, call Cindy at (313) 531-0378.

#### **Book signing**

Award winning poet and photographer Cheryl A. Martin conducts a book signing 2-5:30 p.m. today (Sunday) at the Book Cellar & Cafe in downtown Plymouth to promote her book Woman Reclining, and her chapbook series, including Haiku For You, a children's workbook, and Cheryl's Musings, a day in the life of the author, including a how to mini-manual on writing. Her framed photographs

She'll be autographing her books, which are available through the Book Cellar and Cafe. Check out her Web site at outskirtspress.com/womanreclining, or e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net for further information.

Martin's work, Writing My Book of Poetry, was released by Amazon.com two weeks ago. This essay reflects upon the aspects of writing Woman *Reclining*, and provides the reader with valuable insight into penning her epic poetry and Haiku. Go to the shorts page and plug in the title, to order a copy.

Martin is the owner of Pero Inc., which is a full service writing, editing, consulting and publishing company. She

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can be reached via e-mail at peroinc5@comcast.net or by calling (734) 397-1626.

#### Senior Olympics

Canton Township is the host for the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, set for Aug. 20-24. Registration forms are

available at the Plymouth township hall.

with the exception of golf(\$10)For more information, call

The Plymouth Community Arts Council offers Improv through Aug. 3.

The classes are open to students ages 13-17, and meet 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Classes will culminate in a performance on the fifth day. Instructor is John J. Madonna. Cost is \$175 for members, \$200 for non-members. For more information, call

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club is moving its weekly meeting to the Canton Conev Island at 8533 N. Lilley Road in Canton.

meeting spot offers a very central location just south of Joy Road that is convenient to communities. In addition to an excellent location, the restaurant has several rooms for various meeting sizes and offers the opportunity for breakfast for the "early birds."

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The couple married June 1, 1971, and had two sons, Jason and Jim. They lived in Canton, the moved to Plymouth some 16-17 years ago. For several years, Walls Smith wrote her column for the Observer newspapers. It was, her husband said, what she loved to do.

"She was a hippie who grew up wanting to be a writer,' Dan Smith recalled. "She had aspirations of doing great things as a writer and then she became a mom. She always thought she'd write the next 'Great American Novel,' and then she'd say, 'Here I am changing my fifth poopy diaper of the day."

She used her love of motherhood as a vehicle for her columns, taking a satirical look at being a wife and mother, but leaving no doubt how much she loved both. According to her husband, Walls Smith tried to work out a syndication deal at one point, but the paperwork and the process became more than Walls Smith deemed it to be worth.

"There was too much to it, putting a portfolio together and everything," Dan Smith said. "She liked to do what she liked to do, but if it turned into 'work,' she just didn't do it.'

Walls Smith was also an artist, and had many artist friends. Her watercolors adorn the Smith home today, and Dan Smith used to do the framing for not only her work, but the work of her friends, as well.

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She got into art after her kids had grown, and she was "looking for something to do," Dan Smith said. Her solution? She took some art classes.

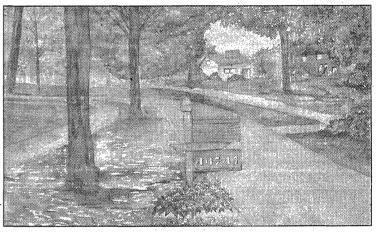
"It just sort of migrated into water colors from there," he said. "She always could draw. She had that natural ability."

What Walls Smith did best, though, according to her husband, was to share herself. flaws and all, mostly through her writing. Her column, he said, was popular, and she drew attention from people when the couple went out in public.

"She was open and honest with everybody," Dan Smith said. "It made people comfortable, because they knew she was non-judgmental, and they could be themselves around her.

"People would open up to her within about three minutes of meeting her," he said, a wistful smile crossing his face. "That was what was unique about her. She was the sweetest person in the world."

Nancy Walls Smith is survived by her husband, Dan, of Plymouth; son Jim Smith of Seattle, Wash.; her mother, Jessie Lindberg of Westland; and her brother, Richard Walls of Ferndale.



In addition to being a newspaper columnist, Nancy Walls Smith loved to paint.

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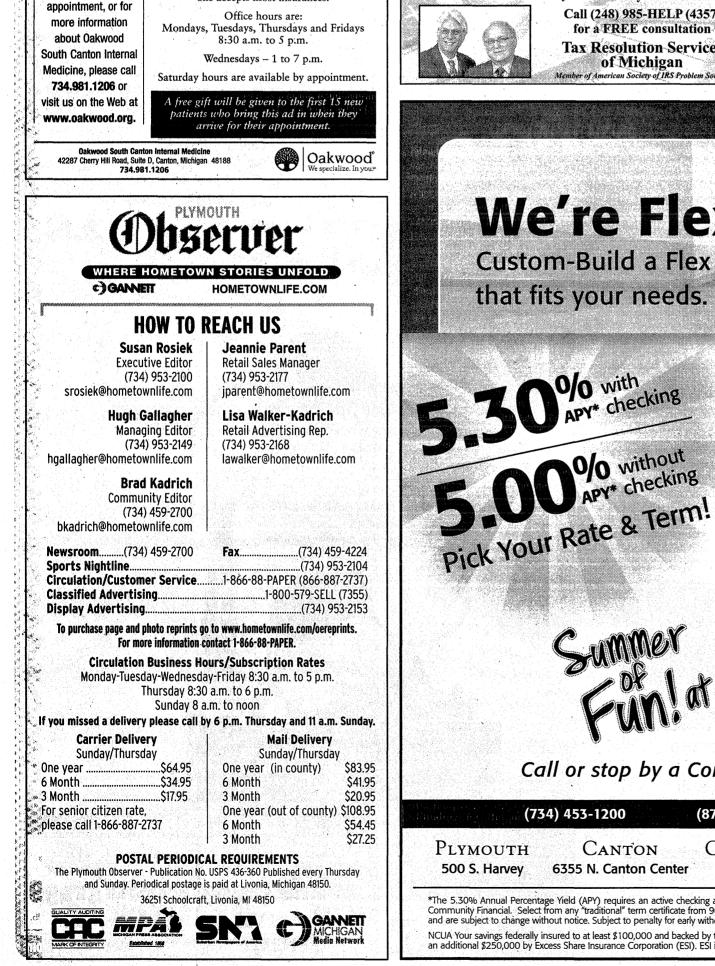
Deadline is July 31 for registration, most events are \$2 and bowling (\$5). Opening Day (Aug. 20) will feature a light breakfast with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, the opening ceremony, Fun Walk and much more.

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The bottom line is the bottom line and that is why before you invest in any investment, you must

you save end up in the most important pocket — yours. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneyinformation, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

The Observer & Eccentric and Mirror Newspapers are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Jay Towers, Shila and Bill McAllister host of Motor City Middays, on Live 97.1 FREE FM.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of the Motor City Middays crew and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in July with the trio from 97.1 FREE FM.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address.

Deadline to enter the July contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

A photograph of you and your favorite stars will be published in the Observer & Eccentric and www.hometownlife.com.

with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza. Buddy's will also present at check for \$500 to Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Ruby Blu Salon in Farmington Hills, a \$100 gift certificate to the Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming dining with stars include August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9); and September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

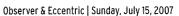
No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters.

The stars featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date is to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

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Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAllister.





Plymouth woman named law firm HR chief

Elizabeth Needleman of Plymouth has joined the law firm of Miller Canfield as director of human resources. Needleman will reside in the firm's headquarters in Detroit. She replaces William J. Parsons, who is retiring after 28 years



with Miller Canfield. Needleman is a member of the Society of Human Resources Management, the Human

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Association of Greater Detroit, WorldatWork, and the national and local chapters of the Association of Legal Administrators.

Prior to joining Miller Canfield, she was human resources director at the Pierce Atwood LLP law firm in Portland, Maine, one of New England's largest law firms.

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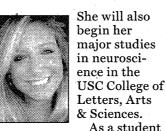
of Public Administration, specializing in Personnel Administration, from George Washington University, and her B.A. from the University of Vermont.

#### University honors

Kelly Girskis, daughter of Michael and Denise Girskis of Plymouth and a junior at Spanish River Community High School, has been chosen to participate in the Resident Honors Program at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Girskis will be one of 27 students, selected from a nationwide search, to participate in the highly competitive early entrance honors program. Girskis has been awarded a Dean's Scholarship from USC.

At USC, Girskis will be enrolled in the Thematic Option Program, an interdisciplinary honors program.



As a student Girskis at Spanish River, located

in Boca Raton, Fla., Girskis served as a representative of Student Council, team captain of the Quizbowl team and editor of the yearbook committee. She was a member of National Honor Society and volunteered as an after-school math tutor. A ballet dancer, Girskis has for the past three years been simultaneously enrolled on full scholarship at the Harid Conservatory.

#### Broadcast grant

WSDP 88.1-FM, the student radio station serving Plymouth-Canton schools, was presented a \$1,745 grant by the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association at their 21st annual charity golf scramble.

The money will be used for new remote broadcast equipment.

"We're honored to be recognized," station manager Bill Keith. "Their gift is extremely generous."

The DSBA Grant Fund was established in 1955 as a scholarship program. Since then the fund has dispersed thousands of dollars to worthy individuals and organizations. The DSBA is dedicated to serving the professional and developmental interest of its members while promoting sports broadcasting through meaningful programs and community participation. WSDP is also a member of the DSBA.

The golf scramble was held at Cherry Creek Golf Club and Banquet Center in Shelby Township, with Rob Otto, DSBA vice president and WDFN 1130-AM sports personality, presenting the grant.

### Businesses provide home care for seniors

In a recent story on home care for seniors we included a list of businesses offering that service. For those who missed it, here are those businesses.

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a black male, 23-26 years old, 5-feet-10 or 5-feet-11 inches tall, between 190-200 pounds with a muscular build. He was wearing a red baseball cap with a white "doo-rag" underneath it, red-and-black button-style plaid shirt and sunglasses.

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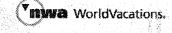
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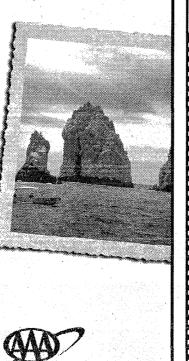
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### **Voice for community drowned** out by the anti-tax rhetoric

n 2004, our neighbors to the north voted Tommy Douglas the greatest Canadian in history in a poll sponsored by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

He beat out Prime Ministers Pierre Trudeau and Lester Pearson, Alexander Graham Bell, Frederick Banting (the man who discovered insulin), Neil Young and even Wayne Gretzky.

He was the premier of Saskatchewan in



the 1940s. More importantly, he was the father of Canada's Medicare universal health program. Despite the deluge of propa-

ganda that is generated south of Canada's border against

Hugh Gallagher

their system, Canadians selected Douglas as their greatest citizen by a wide margin.

Douglas and his legacy come up in humorist and provocateur Michael Moore's hilarious and sad new documentary Sicko. A Canadian, a member of the now ruling Conservative Party, tells Moore that pretty much everyone in Canada supports universal health care, as do the citizens of most Western European countries. It's a nonissue and a great relief.

Contrast that with George W. Bush's strong denunciation of a proposal to extend a children's health insurance program to cover more lower middle-income families, who often struggle with health bills.

For the president, this was just one more skid on the slippery slope to — gasp — "socialized medicine," warning of "ration-ing, inefficiency and long waiting lines." Not to mention a possible decline in insurance company and drug company profits and the income of medical specialists.

This debate over health care, stirred by the often over-the-top Moore, is part of a larger debate that is being waged in states all across the country about the role of government and our willingness to pay for it through taxes.

The state Republicans are doing their best to demonize all government spending, well almost all. Craig DeRoche, the previous boy speaker of the House, is shocked that the state is spending taxpayers' money on "welfare, Medicaid" and decent wages for state employees. So many buzzwords, all of them meaningless.

The Michigan Democrats seem to be a fairly moderate group from the governor on down, though the Republicans can make even the most conservative Democrat look a little pink.

In a meeting Tuesday with Observer  $\mathfrak{S}$ Eccentric editors, Gov. Jennifer Granholm was optimistic that the two parties would reach an agreement on the 2007-08 budget therehometownlife.com or by phone at (734)953-2149.

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before the Oct. 1 start of the new budget year. She is asking for new revenue sources; the opposition wants deeper cuts in state services.

"If they don't want to do the reforms or the revenue, then they need to pass a budget that reflects what we have and my guess is that will be impossible for them to do," she said. "No one wants to slash public education as would be required because of the size of the deficit we are facing." But since the early days of Reagan, many

Republicans have adopted a "starve the beast" philosophy. They figure the best way to kill programs that help people be successful is to take away the funding.

The anti-tax, anti-government people have had a long time on the forum and convinced a lot of people who are hurt by their philosophy that they are right. The case for government hasn't been made as forcefully, even by our media savvy current governor.

On Tuesday, she acknowledged that much and offered this view:

"I think since the '80s there has been a very effective voice that says it's your money and you should keep all of it and there has not been an effective voice which says we live in a community and that there are certain things that we have decided to pool our resources to fund.

"It's a tougher argument because it allegedly goes against self-interest, but it may be your money, but it's your schools, it's your roads and it's your public safety and it's your grandparents who are on Medicaid or Medicare and that voice, that collective voice that we've decided to pool, has not been as strong.

"So I don't think the case has been effectively made in a way that counters the other voice, until people see their schools get cut. At that point they say, enough is enough. The question is how far to the brink do people have to be taken before they agree that there are certain things that we pool our resources for."

And is brinksmanship the best way to run a government?

Hugh Gallagher is managing editor of the Observer Newspapers. He can be reached by e-mail at hgalla-

### May the 'n' word rest in peace – or will it?

K, the "n" word is dead and gone. Now what?

Unless you've been living under a rock in recent days, you're no doubt aware of the NAACP's (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) grand symbolic public funeral for the "n" word.

The procession was attended by a wide array of political dignitaries, business leaders and entertainment luminaries.



While the spirit behind the symbolic gesture was commendable in its efforts to educate the public about the disparaging origins associated with the word and subsequent bedding of it, the procession was misguided at best and unfocused at its worst for it killed and buried the wrong

thing.

Racism still exists in both overt and covert guises, but is no longer the elephant in the room that it was in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, and the funeral merely scratched the surface.

The truth is African Americans as a community are facing much larger problems such as glaring socioeconomic disparities, health care issues, exorbitant insurance rates, high incarceration rates among African American males and a host of other issues that have contributed to a collective self-esteem problem.

Somewhere Martin (Luther King) and Malcolm (X) are turning over in their graves over this funeral for we have gone from promoting social change by marching on the government in Washington to putting words in caskets.

The irony of this newfound consciousness is that it was brought on by the ostracizing and firing of two white men — comedian Michael Richards and radio jock Don Imus.

Symbolism needs to die and real action must take its place. Hip hop culture catches a lot of the flak for the proliferation of the "n" word and rightfully so, but hip hop is not completely to blame.

The NAACP must employ the same veracity it did in addressing the Imus debacle and focus on the radio stations, record labels and

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media conglomerates who support music that embraces the "n" word and its mentality. If organized protests, pickets and public outcries affect their pocketbooks, then dramatic changes will occur. With that said, the "n" word will not entirely disappear until young African Americans stop using it in casual conversation. If youth can better understand the historical import of the word, then they may refrain from using it.

The funeral procession was not a total loss because it dealt with a term that is a "gateway" word - a word that can lead to other negative behavioral mindsets that influence people to equate themselves with things that the "n" word typically stands for and then trying to live up to it.

But while we're dealing with gateway terms, why not take a more universal approach and eliminate words such as "spic," "honky," "cracker" or "hymie"? They are all racist, inflammatory and derogatory terms.

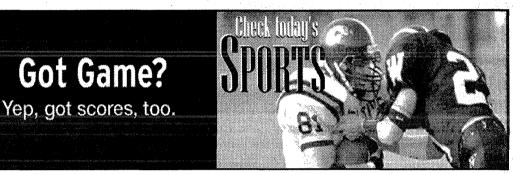
Yes, we should have buried the "n" word a long time ago, but placed it on a grave atop all the behavior and equally offensive words that have found their way into the English lexicon.

What should have been buried were the mentalities behind those words with a renewed emphasis placed on fostering cultural dignity and respect.

That truly would have made a more sweeping and powerful statement.

Chris Campbell is president of the Detroit Association of Black Journalists (local chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists). He also serves as communications chair of the Southern Oakland County Chapter of the NAACP. A former Southfield resident, he is moving to West Bloomfield in the fall.

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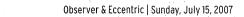
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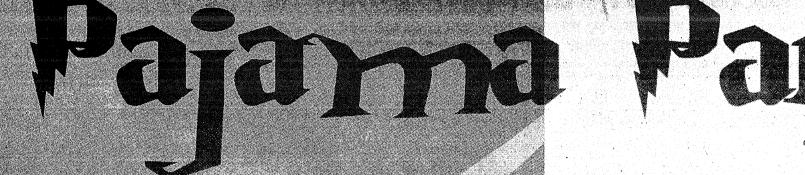
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### Dobbyn returns to old form as Hawks clip Cleveland

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Melissa Dobbyn played like the W-League MVP of 2005.

The Livonia Stevenson High grad who is entering her senior year at the University of Michigan, has been battling an offensive slump of sorts, but Friday night she broke loose for a goal and assist as the Michigan Hawks Women avenged their only loss of the season with a 2-1 soccer triumph over the Cleveland Internationals at Churchill High School.

The second-place Hawks, who travel Sunday to play the London Gryphons, enhanced their playoff chances with the victory, improving to 7-1-1 in the Midwest Division of the Central Conference.

The Hawks will meet the first-place Minnesota Lightning (7-0-1) in a showdown for the division lead, 7 p.m. Saturday, July 21 at Livonia Franklin H.S.

Dobbyn came into the game with only one goal and five assists in seven games, but quickly established herself offensively, scoring the game's first goal just 7:16 into the first half off a feed from Northville's Lauren Hill, who plays for Michigan State. Dobbyn had three good chances alone during the first half and continued to pressure Cleveland's back line throughout the second half.

After Cleveland's Rose Augustin scored from Danielle Hubka with just 13:41 left in the match to make it 1-all, Dobbyn set up the game-winner, taking lengthy feed down the right sideline from Hill and pushing a pass across to Sarah Bunco, who made no mistake in burying a shot past Internationals goalkeeper Carianne Betts with only 6:22 remaining.

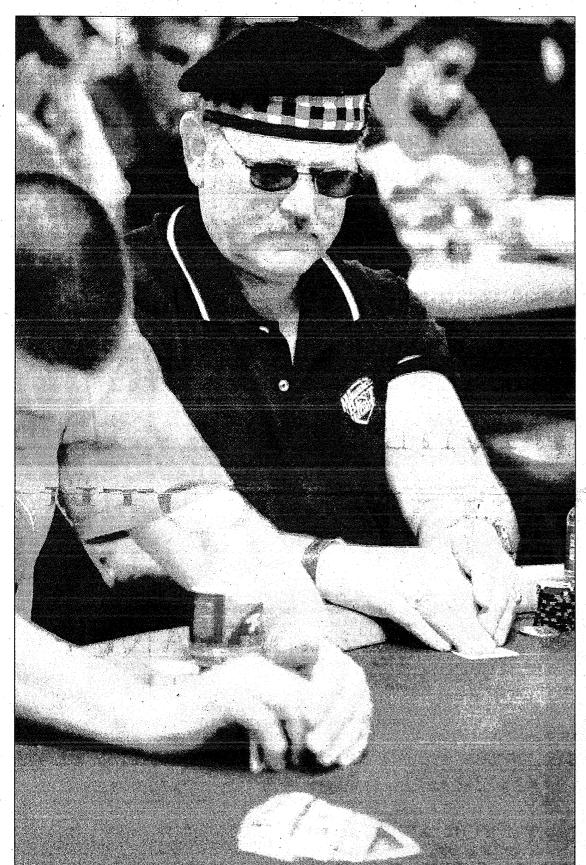
The Hawks then held on during extended time in the waning moments as

defender Stephanie Martin, backing up goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming, stopped a point-blank attempt by a Cleveland shooter to preserve the win.

Dobbyn, meanwhile, showed some of the form that enabled her to be the W-League's top player.

"I've been struggling as far as finishing and scoring," Dobbyn admitted. "It's been a mental thing, the drought. It was good to put one away and I felt good to get off shots. I should have gotten a couple more (goals), but I was happy to get it (the first goal) in."

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### **his chips** Massey proves his worth in World Series of Poker

Counting

#### BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Westland's Michael Massey acted like royalty and he wasn't bluffing.

That's because he was among 6,358 entrants competing this week in the World Series of Poker, the granddaddy of them all held at the Rio All Suites Casino in Las Vegas, Nev.

And the 26-year civilian employee of the Wayne County Sheriff's Department acquitted himself quite well, lasting three days and accu-

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mulating as much as \$125,700 in chips. Massey captured a seat

at the Texas No-Limit Hold'em Main Event, which could have cost



#### **GCYBSA** news

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association is currently accepting registrations online at www.gcybsa.com for its fall baseball program (T-ball through 14U).

Programming will begin in midto late-August and run through mid-October.

Players and volunteer coaches should visit the Web site for further information or call Coralee Ott at (734) 483-5600.

There will be an informational session for GCYBSA travel baseball and softball teams on July 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park in Canton. All - from 9U through 14U – teams will have a representative on site to answer questions about travel baseball and have information on dates and locations of tryouts. For more information, visit www.gcybsa.com.

Westland's Michael Massey lasted almost three days in the prestigious World Series of Poker held last week at Rio All Suites Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

him \$10,000, by playing in free, weekly online poker tournament on www.milbestlight.com, which is Milwaukee's Best Light Web site. In addition to paying his entry fee, Miller Brewing Co. paid for his airfare, hotel and give him

\$1,000 in spending money.

"I'd never been to Vegas, the whole experience was great even though I was just short of the money," Massey said. "It was a one-time shot. The next time I'd have to win another spot. But how could I lose? It was a free trip, a great experience and a met a lot of people. It was the experience of a lifetime and I came close."

And Massey outlasted some of the biggest names in the poker world including 2003 champ Chris Moneymaker (eliminated on day two) and 2004 champ Greg "Fossilman" Raymer (eliminated on day one). He was also just a table away from Chris "Jesus" Ferguson, another former Series champ.

The total purse for the 12-day tourney, which started

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### Local golfers notch pair of aces



Ten-year-old Canton resident Kyle Bauer registered a hole-in-one June 20 on the seventh hole of the Fox Hills Golf Course Strategic Fox layout. **BY ED WRIGHT** STAFF WRITER

It took 69-year-old Dick Kleabir over four decades to experience every golfer's ultimate thrill.

It took 10-year-old Kyle Bauer less than three years.

But while the two area golfers' waits may have varied, the level of excitement they felt were equally off the charts when they each registered a hole-in-one three weeks apart earlier this year.

Kleabir's first-ever ace unfolded on May 31 when he found the cup with his tee shot on the 139yard third hole of the Fox Hills Golf Course's Golden Fox layout in Plymouth Township.

#### **GOLDEN EFFORT**

The retired Ford employee and longtime Plymouth resident has played several legendary courses since getting bitten by the golf bug in 1966, including Oakmont Country Club, the site of this year's U.S. Open. "But nothing compared to

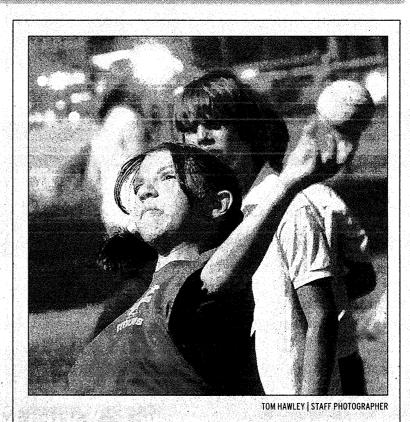
the excitement of getting that hole-in-one," admitted Kleabir, who used a Cobra Hybrid on his unforgettable shot. "I've come close before — probably within three or four inches — but this was my first hole-in-one in all the years I've been playing.

> "I heard that the odds are about 10,000-to-1 to get one, so it's pretty unbelievable."

With his three playing companions looking on, Kleabir launched a high tee shot that landed on the front part of the green. The ball then rolled toward its date with destiny.

"The hole was in the back right part of the green and the ball rolled right toward the pin," he said. "I heard a 'clang', but I thought the ball probably hit the pin and bounced away. But when we got up there and looked in the cup, there it was. We all jumped around and my playing partners gave me a high five."

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Lefty launch

Rachael Reynolds, 12, of Farmington Hills unleashes a throw during the softball toss during the Redford Junior Olympics. Complete results from the event and more photos will appear in Thursday's Observer.

#### **Grizzly tryouts**

The 13U Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking players for the 2008 season. For more information, contact Rob Sudz at sudzy190@aol.com.

#### **Glenn football**

Westland John Glenn will stage a football camp stressing fundamentals, which is open to anyone in grades 10-12 from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 16-20, at the high school.

The cost is \$50. For more information, call Todd DeLuca at (734) 419-2329 or (734) 751-0015.

#### **O&E** Golf Open

The men's and women's Observer & Eccentric Open will be Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 11-12, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses.

The men's 36-hole medal play is 18 holes Saturday at Whispering Willows and 18 holes Sunday at Fox Creek.

Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current USGA index to participate. The women's 18-hole medal play is Saturday, Aug. 11 at Whispering Willows. The fee is \$50.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.

For more information, call (248) 476-4493. Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, July 15, 2007

### **Bowl-4-Animal Rescue event** at Country Lanes set Aug. 11

ometimes a certain sort of bowler might be described as an animal.

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loving care and sanctuary to animals, encourage adoptions. and promote respect, responsibility and compassion for all animals," said Michelle Mullen, co-host and pro champ. The \$25 registration fee

includes three games, food, shoe rental, door prizes, Chinese Auction, 50-50 draw-

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The loss dropped thirdplace Cleveland to 6-3 in the Midwest Division. Only the top two teams in the division make the W-League's post-season playoffs.

"We felt it was a must win because had they (Cleveland) had won, we'd each have two losses,' 'Dobbyn said. "We feel it's a lot of weight off our shoulders and there's less pressure now (to make the playoffs)."

Cleveland, which thumped the Hawks 6-1 at home on July 5, was missing three key performers including UCLA's Danesha Adams, who had four goals in the victory, and Notre Dame's Amanda Cinalli ing, raffles and ticket for lucky strike pot.

Bowling format is 9-pin notap. A cash bar is also available. You can have fun with

PWBA champions Aleta Sill, the first lady ever to achieve \$1 million in prize money, hall of famer and legendary Detroit Dream Team athlete along with Mullen, a four-time champion, USDA Gold Level coach and author of Bowling Fundamentals.

event to benefit (Let one of these pros throw a strike for you.)

Each person turning in \$125 or more in pledges will get their registration fee back when they come in. Corporate and business sponsorships are available at different levels.

Stop by Country Lanes for pledge sheets and entry forms; or phone (248) 615-9060.

YourBowlingCoach.com for more information. You must register by Aug. 4. Walk-ins will be accepted if space is available. Registration is at 6 p.m. and bowling starts at 7 p.m.

Hope to see you there. The Michigan Majors

- both of whom are representing the U-21 National Team at the Nordic Cup in Finland. Also gone was another U-21 National Team pool player Jessica Rostedt (University of Virginia)

"We didn't want them to score so early like they did the last time," Dobbyn said. "That put us down right away and it was a bad feeling. Those Under-21 players work very good together."

Last year's W-League MVP, Kristi Swaving (Oakland University), exited the game after just 14 minutes.

She has been suffering from chronic fatigue symptoms, according to Hawks coach Doug Landefeld.

The Hawks were also without another starter, Erin Doan, Bowling Association has a rich and storied history that spans many decades. It's where local area bowlers have excelled in the highest level. You don't enter MMBA unless you are

really, really good. In the most recent event held at Belmar II Lanes in Trenton, Bob Chamberlain, Jr. of Holly captured the title. He joins his father Bob Chamberlain, Sr., formerly of Auburn Hills and now residing in Florida, in the winner's list. Bob Sr. was a fine bowler and great champion as well.

During the qualifying rounds, Livonia's Mike Norris set a new MMBA record with 1,625 for six games. Averaging 270 with games of 250-289-300-258-238-290. The previous record of 1,599 was held by Nick Wissinger in 2002.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. Harrison recently was recently awarded \$225 from the U.S. Bowling Congress after taking the second-place prize in the 2006 USBC's Writing Competition. He can be e-mailed at: tenpinallev@sbcglobal.net.

who had a toenail removed.

"Some days she (Swaving) can go longer, but today she was sick again," the Hawks coach said. "She ran as long as she could, but was spent after 15 minutes.

"Melissa (Dobbyn) has struggled, but she plays well off other people. (Lauren) Hill has been great. She's been leading our team in scoring (eight goals, two assists). Dobbyn has been thinking a little bit too much, but she knows she can score. With a goal and assist, we'll take that. Finishing comes natural to her and maybe she feels the pressure. But she's been great as far as every other aspect. And if Kristi is healthy, all three would be in the top ten in scoring (in the W-League)."



#### **Winning Wilde**

The Michigan Sports Academy 16U girls softball team, which consists of several Observerland-area players, captured first place at the Jim Wilde Memorial Tournament in Toledo earlier this month. The team went 7-0 and allowed just three runs. They defeated the Ohio Peppers, 3-0, in the title game. Pictured (bottom row from left) are Ashley Beal, Jill Brennan (Plymouth), Heather Weidenhamer (Walled Lake Central), Beth Heldemeyer (Plymouth), (second row from left) Alyssa Abramoski (Livonia Ladywood), Katie Martin, Megan Mosher, Jackie Pyles, (third row from left) head coach Marlo Mobley, Stayci Cook, Randy Martin, Kaitlyn Kenyon, Lani Ernst, Caleigh Shaw, Jim Beal and Dave Demey. Not pictured are Nikki Hughes, Chelsea Gónzalez and Vivien Reece.

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July 6 and ends this Tuesday, is

\$59,784,954. (Last year's winner Jamie Gold took home \$12 million.)

"I started out well, then I went up and down," Massev said. "I was just short of the money (payouts started at \$20,320 with the top prize \$8.25 million), so that was the only thing that was a little disappointing."

Among the celebrities going out day one include singer and four-time Grammy Award winner Nelly, who Massey played against; former Major League slugger Jose Canseco, actress Jennifer Tilly, actor Ray Romano, former NHL player **Rick Tocchet.** 

Massey also beat out talk



Kleabir said the experience was both exhilarating and a

show host Montel Williams and actor Jason Alexander, both day two casualties. (Actor Tobey Maguire was still alive on day three.)

"I had a great time," Massey said. "I outlasted 5,800 people and got beat by a pro. He had aces and fives, and I had aces and fours.

Massey began playing Texas No-Limit Hold'em five years ago at Greektown Casino, where is he a fixture once or twice a week. He is also an avid watcher of the year-long World Series of Poker, which is aired each Wednesday night on ESPN.

"I always played, but not on a consistent basis," Massey said. "What's the secret? It's a lot of skills and a lot of luck. You have to know when to bet and how much to bet because you

chances were 1-in-12,750, the story said, making Kleabir and Bauer's achievements even more remarkable.

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can't control the cards." Massey said he gained some valuable insight while playing against the best in the world.

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'You've got to get a read on other people," he said. "It's not managing cards, it's managing people. You have to be intensely aware of everything going on at the table. They study every person intensively."

Massey, who was accompanied on the trip by his girlfriend Sue Tkachuka, spent nearly 15 hours at the table during the opening day. And you'd think that he'd be up for a break after three demanding davs.

"I'm here until Saturday," Massey said. "Actually, I'm waiting to get into a game as we speak.'

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in," he said. "The guys I was playing with told me, 'Nice job.'

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little unnerving.

"I was on 'Cloud 9' for a while," he said. "It also got to my nerves a little, too, because I ended up shooting a 100 when I usually shoot around 90."

An article in a 1999 issue of Golf Digest reported that one insurance company estimated that the odds of a PGA Tour pro recording a hole-in-one were 1-in-3,756. An amateur's

Bauer, a sixth-grader-to-be at Discovery Middle school, defeated the lofty odds three weeks after Kleabir when his tee shot found the bottom of the cup on the 90-yard seventh hole of the Fox Hills Strategic Fox layout. He used his trusty seven iron to register his first ace.

"I hit it high, it bounced about three times, then rolled

hockey on Bauer's list o favorite sports.

"Hockey is first; golf is tied for second with baseball," he said.

"Kyle called me from the course right after it happened and I could tell he was pretty excited," said his mom, Michelle Bauer. "He has two older brothers and they didn't believe it at first. But one of his friends' mom was with



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### Ignition add 15 in Supplemental Draft

The Detroit Ignition selected 15 players during the 2007 Major Indoor Soccer League Supplemental Draft, Ignition President Greg Bibb announced on Thursday.

The Ignition held the ninth and final selection in each of the 15 rounds based on the team's MISL-best 18-12 record during the 2006-07 regular season.

Draft order was determined by a team's winning percentage from the 2006-07 regular season with the league's three expansion teams - the Orlando Sharks, New Jersey Ironmen and MISL Monterrey - selecting first, second and third, respectively.

Detroit tabbed goalkeeper Nicolas Platter with the club's fist pick. Platter, 26, is currently playing outdoor soccer for the Minnesota Thunder of the United States Soccer League's First Division.

The University of California-Davis product has allowed just three goals while appearing in five games for the Thunder this season.

The Ignition then selected midfielder Sebastien Le Toux of the USL First Division Seattle Sounders with the club's second pick (18th overall). The Rennes, France native currently leads the Sounders and is tied for 10th in the USL First Division in scoring with 10 points (four

goals and two assists).

"We are very pleased with the talent we are able to add during this draft process," Bibb stated. "We are hopeful that several of the players will be wearing an Ignition uniform during the upcoming season. I look forward to watching them compete for a roster spot with our current signed players and amateur draft picks."

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

### Rams keep Eagles winless as Collop hurls 2-hit gem

**SPORTS SHORTS** 

Justin Collop yielded just two hits to pick up the victory Friday at Ford Field as the Michigan Rams earned a 5-2 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League triumph over the winless Detroit Eagles.

Collop, who played high school baseball at Wayne Memorial, struck out six and walked only three in going the distance. Both runs were unearned for the University of Toledo right-hander.

The 20-and-under Rams,

who got two hits, including a homer and three RBI from Drew Chuchward, evened their LCBL record at 12-12-2.

Mike Wiseman went 3-for-3 and knocked in a run, while Nick Plinka contributed an RBI and scored twice.

The 22-and-under Eagles, who dropped to 0-24-1, got a double from Ryan Sharp and a single from Otis Young. John Carrier and Tim Cross scored runs for the Eagles in the opening inning.

Losing pitcher Matt Middleton gave up five runs on eight hits over six innings. He struck out six, walked two and hit a batter.

It was the same story Wednesday as the Eagles lost 3-2 to the Rams in an LCBL encounter Wednesday at Ford Field.

Winning pitcher Joe Kennedy, who allowed just two runs on four hits for the Rams. He struck out six and allowed just one walk in seven innings.

Kennedy outdueled Alex Harvey, who gave up only four hits, a pair of walks and two hit batters in six innings.

Offensively, Nick Urban went 1-for-3 with a pair of RBI. Kyle Gendron also hit a hit in two at-bats with an RBI. Mike Wiseman, Collop and Andrew Stafford scored runs for the Rams, who tallied on in the first and two in the second.

Cross had an RBI triple and scored a run for the Eagles. Ali Sarafa also had a hit and RBI.

#### **City Golf Challenge**

The 2007 City Championship men's and women's golf tournament will be Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton Township.

The event pits golfers from Canton, Wayne, Westland, Livonia, Romulus and Plymouth, along with an Open Division.

Tee times are noon both days. The \$60 entry fee includes 18 holes of golf and awards (carts not included).

Golfers must reside in the city they represent. Each city must have six golfers or will be put into the Open Division. The tournament is base on actual scores over both days. Golfers will be placed in flights based on first day scores. The top three finishers in each flight from each city will receive trophies. Senior flights available from all cities.

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#### **Elks Soccer Shoot**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will stage the annual Elks Soccer Shoot at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at the Livonia **Community Center soccer** fields, located at Five Mile and Hubbard roads.

Boys and girls age divisions include 7-and-under, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 (determined as of Aug. 2007).

#### Run Like Wind 5K

The ninth annual Run Like the Wind 10-kilometer run and 5K run-walk starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 at the Nankin Mills Picnic Area in Hines Park in Westland

All proceeds will go back to the sport of running through support of youth track clubs and the Michigan Running Foundation Scholarship Fund. Pre-registration fee (before

Aug. 25) for the 10- and 5K events is \$15 (with shirt) or \$10 (no shirt). Race day fees are \$20 (with shirt) and \$15 (no shirt). Awards and a special prize will got to the overall and masters (40-and-up) male and female winners. Medals will also be awarded tot he top three finishers in each age group.

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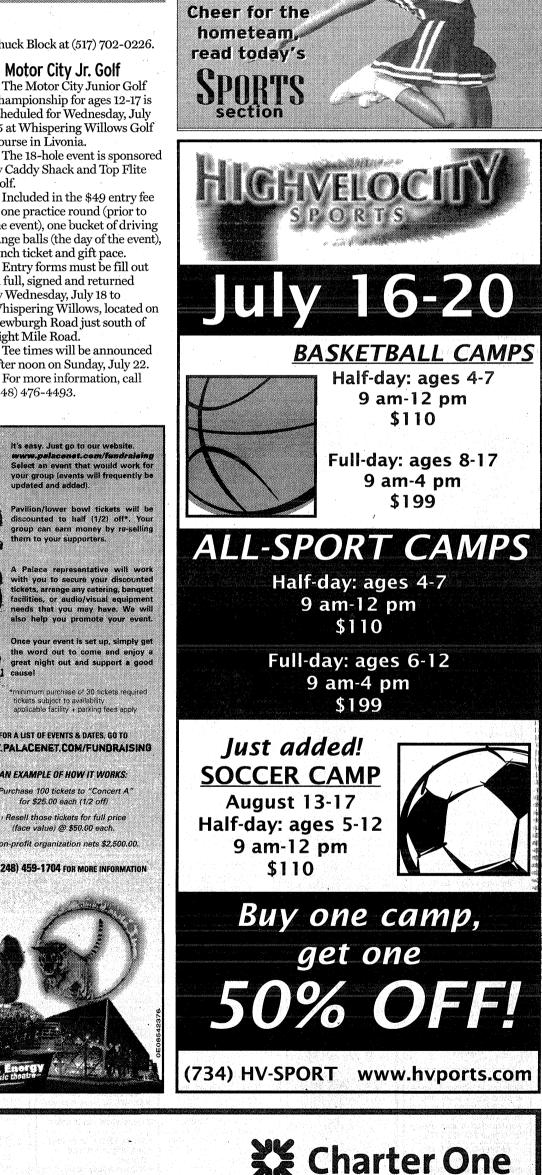
Entry forms must be fill out in full, signed and returned by Wednesday, July 18 to Whispering Willows, located on Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

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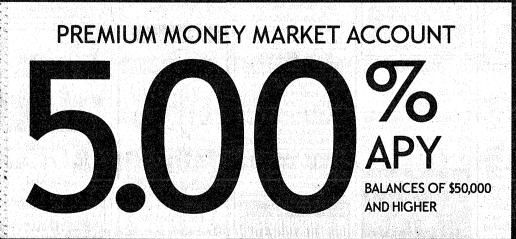
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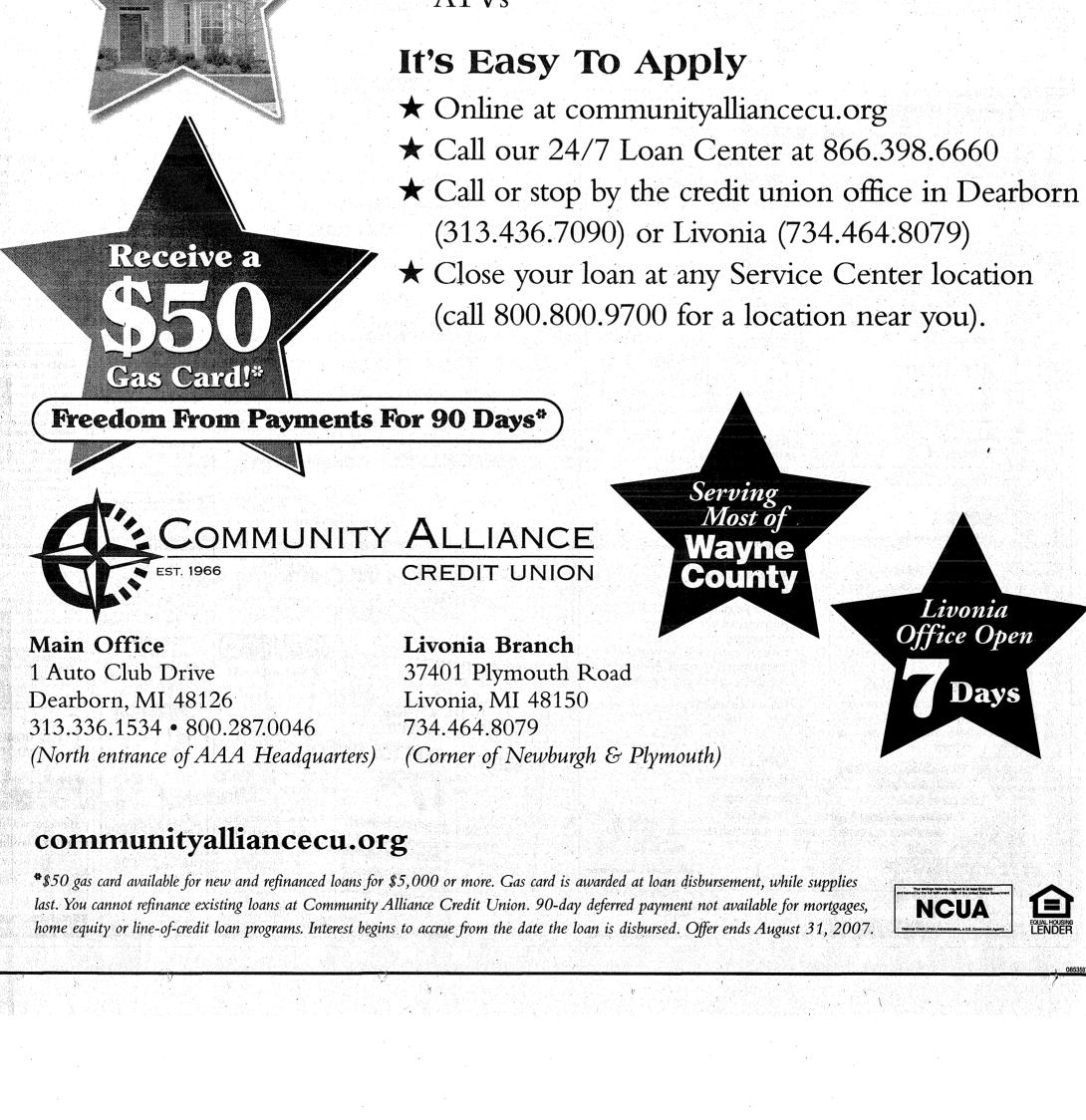
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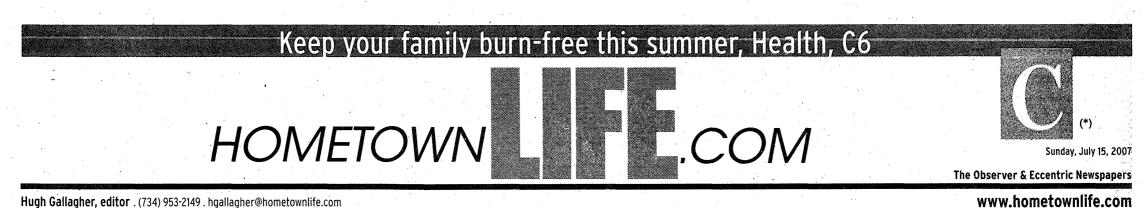
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### How to control your anxiety

Anxiety in its worst form is worry. Max Lucado, a noted Christian writer and pastor, tells us that worry, understood in an earlier biblical meaning translates as to divide. Worry divides the mind from itself; it splits us between today and tomorrow. Further, we are anxious about what happened the day before. So living becomes more burdensome because our mind, our energy is divided and not united. We



know that this kind of living, this living based on a split mind and focus, called worry, can cause diseases of many kinds. Lucado also reminds

us that Jesus, in Matthew's Gospel,

(Matthew 6:27)

says, "You cannot add

any time to your life

by worrying about it."

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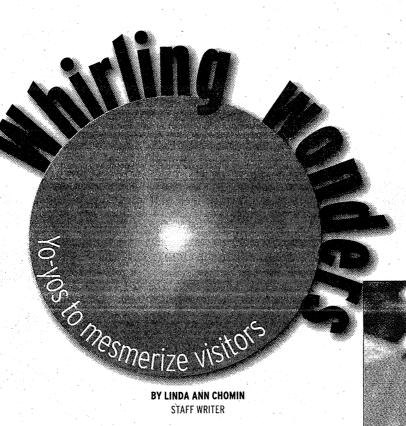
**Paul Melrose** 

Yet, at the same time worry is just one kind of anxiety. Anxiety also serves a useful purpose for us. Anxiety is a signal of something to be paid attention to, often of something dangerous. In that sense it is essential for survival. As one writer shares it, "Without it (anxiety) you would cross the street without concern about being hit by a car. Anxiety becomes a problem when it interferes with your life and dictates your decisions. It's the smoke detector when there's no smoke."

So the worry that we are talking about occurs when our anxiety is based on fears. And fears that become out of control lead to the anxiety that is burdensome, or worry. Some simple things we can do to address this kind of anxiety or worry would not be limited to but would include:

See a doctor. Is some kind of antianxiety medication needed?

Listen to your body. Author Dr. Michael Bloomfield notes that anxiety can stir up excessive adrenaline which can get out of control and affect many body organs and functions. Pay attention to how you feel physically, not just mentally and emotionally



t's hard to take your eyes off the whirling object attached to the string in Jake Maloney's hand. There's a mesmerizing quality about the yo-yo. While some consider the spinning sphere nothing more than a toy, Maloney uses yo-yos to compete and entertain crowds. In fact, he's become so good at Walking the Dog and other tricks, the 18-year-old Canton teen has been ranked the No. 10 player in the world since 2002.

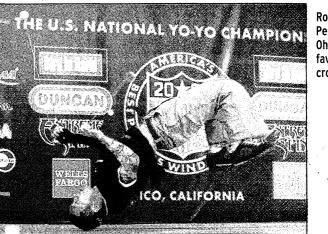
#### **MIDEAST REGIONAL YO-YO CONTEST**

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, in Kellogg Park on Main Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman, Plymouth Cost: No charge for viewing; \$5 entrance fee to compete Details: Visit www. vovojake.com or send e-mail to yoyogenius@comcast.net

Maloney travels frequently to perform at a variety of venues and compete in National Yo-yo League contests throughout the country. This week, Maloney was in Ohio to do 13 shows at libraries, but local residents can watch him strut his stuff during the Mideast Regional Yo-yo Contest, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Maloney is organizing the event to promote yo-yoing. It is being sponsored by the city of Plymouth, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Duncan Toys and other yo-yo manufacturers. The top three winners receive prizes. First place in the 1A division earns a seed (definite spot) at the national contest in October. The Mideast region encompasses Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee.

"It's fun to watch, especially two-handed. You'll see a bunch of people with the ability to be in the nationals. It's rare to see that caliber of yo-yoers," said Maloney, who began competing seven years ago. "There will be yo-yos for sale and people around to help out if you want to learn. Like anything else, you have to practice. I've been yo-yoing nine years and still don't know every trick. It depends on how much you're willing to put into it. Eventually, it comes to a point where it's like breathing."



Rob Kitts of Perrysburg, Ohio, is a favorite with crowds.

When you worry too much, avoid caffeine, alcohol and nicotine.

Laugh.

Get plenty of sleep.

Avoid excessive worrying.

Exercise.

Pace yourself

Find ways to release your anxiety, in writing, relaxing, listening to music.

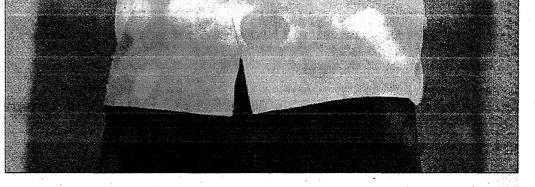
If necessary, find a good therapist. When your life is so full of worry we might feel like Thomas Merton, noted religious writer. He wrote in prayer-like form, "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me ... Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death."

There is a quality of trust necessary to handle worry. The techniques described are ways to reduce the anxiety, and to make it manageable. But the thoughts, fears, emotions that can stir up worry also need care. A sense of spiritual or religious calm, easier to describe than to achieve, helps one to settle into one's life, face the fears that scare us and give us a chance to overcome that split in. ourselves so we can move from yesterday, through today, and into tomorrow. Talk, sometimes medication, good selfcare, paying attention to your inner self through your faith, your participation in your religious life, all help to calm the nerves of anxiety.

Dr. Paul Melrose is executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached through www.paulmelrose. com or (248) 474-4701. The staff of Samaritan Counseling Center can be reached at www. samaritancounselingmichigan.com or through (248) 474-4701.

Maloney picked up his first yo-yo, a \$3 Duncan, as a third-grade student at Bird Elementary. He is basically self-taught and recommends visiting yo-yoing.com (which has videos) to learn. Yo-yos are sold locally at stores such as Meijer and on the Internet at www.yoyo.com, yoyoguy.com and yoyonation.com. For begin-

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Jake Maloney of Canton shows off his skills as the number 10 vo-voer in the world since 2002.

### New Madonna science building will be certified green

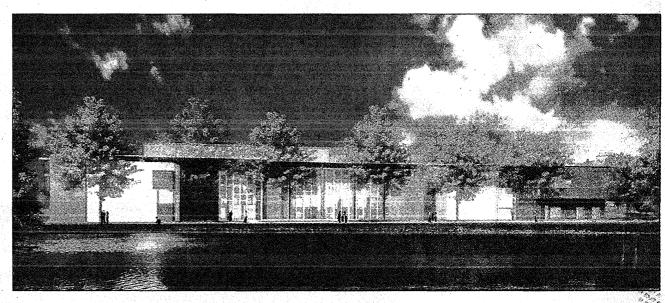
#### BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Madonna University is looking to take the LEED in green construction practices for its new \$20 million Science and Media Center, set to break ground this fall and open in 2009.

A growing enrollment and chang-ing demand for technical education convinced the university that now was the time.

"Our enrollment in the last five years has gone up 15 percent and our facilities are being used all the time from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.," said Sister Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna president. "The building has had 40 years of use and we've

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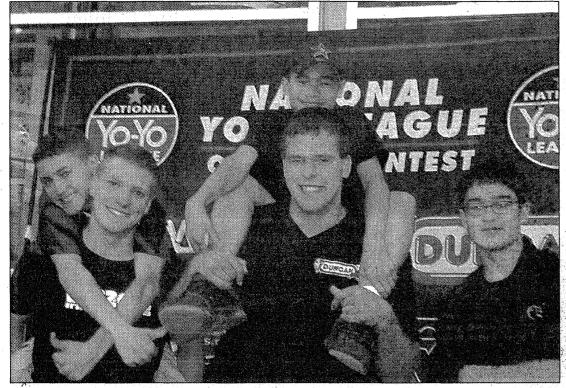


This artist's rendering shows the east elevation for Madonna University's Science and Media Center.



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Rob Kitts (left) Dennis Shatter, John Narum, Jake Maloney (center), and Alex Berenguel demonstrate the camaraderie among yo-yoers.

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ners, he suggests the Duncan Reflex. He says you can find a really good yo-yo for \$10-\$15. "It was national turn off TV week. I was a real TV junkie. Ayo-yo craze came around to my school and I was hooked," said Maloney, who's sponsored by Duncan Toys as part of a over featuring the country's top players. "I started getting good and thought this could be a big thing for me and it's been a blast. I've met people from England, Japan. We e-mail each other, send videos of tricks over the Internet. Yo-yoing is popular with a lot of people in Japan, Brazil, Singapore and Germany. I like it just 'cause it's fun. Everybody's really supportive of each other. It's been a great experience for me and I want other people to have a great experience.' Two \$400 Freehand Duncans will be inside the case of yo-yos Maloney carries to the world competition in August in Orlando. Last year, he placed 10th. Maloney admits he doesn't

practice as much as he did when he was younger.

"Yo-yoing is more popular among the younger kids, ages 7-13. You hit middle school and yo-yoing doesn't pick up girls," said Maloney, who graduated in May from Catholic Central High School, where he was a member of the football and track teams, and band. He enters Central Michigan University this fall. "There are only about three girls I know who yo-yo. It's a male-dominated thing, unfortunately."

Maloney is hoping the regional contest attracts males as well as females. Divisions vary from one-handed yoyoing to two-handed looping tricks and off-string, where the yo-yo actually separates then returns to the string.

Dennis Shatter, 20, of Livonia shares the judging duties with Malonev. Shatter's been yo-yoing since fifth grade, when a player entertained his class at Hoover Elementary. He gave up competitions in 2005 to "give younger kids more of a chance." A graduate of Stevenson High School, Shatter will earn two business degrees from Schoolcraft College next year. "I always look at precision,

accuracy," Shatter said. "The really big thing that head judges have told me is for the kids to have fun. If they have fun, you know they'll practice. It shows confidence on their part."

Debra Madonna is especially looking forward to watching Malonev demonstrate his skills. He's one of the reasons Madonna and the Rotary Club decided to sponsor the event spotlighting yo-yos, which have been traced back to 500 B.C. According to yo-yo.com, a Greek vase from this period is painted with the image of a boy playing yo-yo.

"Jake and my son Mark are good friends. His mom Gail taught my children. They used to take Mark with them to yo-yo events," said Madonna, who annually organizes the Plymouth Community Art's Council's Music in the Park series at noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park. "It's fun and something a little different and the park is the place to do it. On Saturdays, it's packed down there. Last year I had Jake as part of Music in the Park. He entertained six minutes and was a hit. All the kids loved him."

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### **Women's Resource Center** spotlights college employees

The Women's Resource Center opens its fall Luncheon Series with Dancing with the Stars Friday, Sept. 28, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia.

Bill Peterson, a Schoolcraft College dance instructor, shares his many adventures as a dance enthusiast from getting started in dance to teaching on cruise lines, and the benefits of dance as exercise. Peterson will give a short demonstration so bring your dancing shoes and plan to join in the fun.

Luncheon lectures are \$15 each. The afternoon begins at 11:45 a.m. with lunch followed by a speaker, and concludes at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. Seating is limited. Prepaid registration required, no tickets issued. Call (734) 462-4443.

The series continues Oct. 26, with Michael Swope speaking about the history of television. Swope, an adjunct professor of history at Schoolcraft College, has worked as an on-air news analyst, historian, contributor and commentator in radio and television in addition to serving as senior editor for one of

the country's foremost marketing evaluation publications. Swope will share stories about the early years of radio and television.

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On Dec. 14, Rodney Johnson talks about the art of welding. If you have ever wondered how a metal sculpture is created the Schoolcraft College welding instructor is the person to ask. Johnson has taught welding at the college since the mid-1980s. He will share insights about welding as an art form and explain how anybody, at any age, can learn to produce metal art for personal satisfaction and extra income as well.

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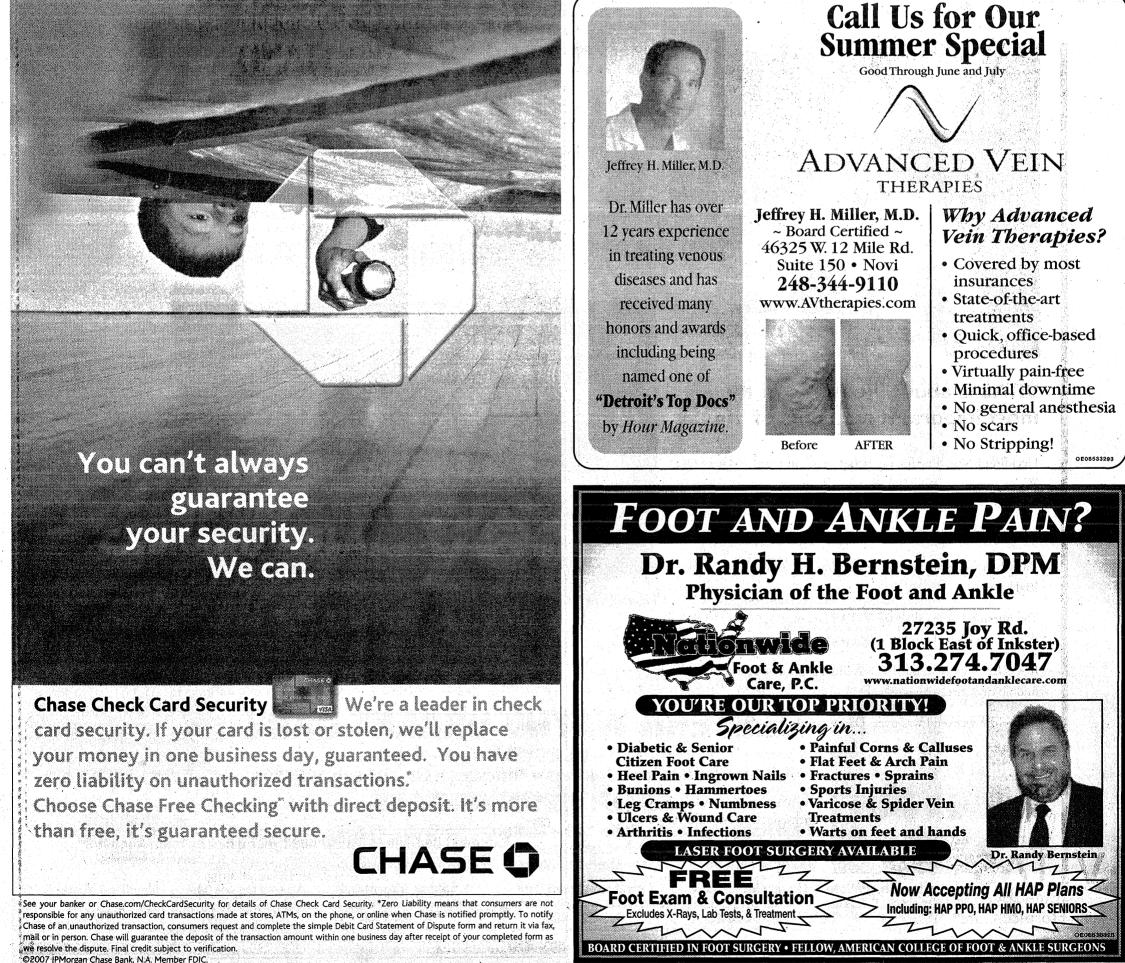
The Regional Camp will offer players three games with equal playing time; teams are coached by experienced AAU and high school coaches with daily drills, instruction and written player evaluations. A Regional All-star team will be selected for each grade division to compete on the final day.

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added to the building to accommodate that growth. The original building was built for 1,000 students.



4,000 students using it on a regular basis." The university decided the new building would be used for the most

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technical education, science and mass media, which will require special technical needs and new high-tech equipment.

#### **GOING GREEN**

And the new 60,000 square-foot high-tech center will be green, built to LEED specifications. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The U.S. Green Building Council has created a certification program that awards silver, gold and platinum status for meeting specified criteria for green construction.

Working with the SmithGroup architectural firm of Detroit and Clark Construction of Detroit, Madonna is committed to making the Science and Media Center as green as possible.

"Recycling and renewing are part of our mentality, part of our Franciscan values," Kujawa said.

Chuck Bisel, who acts as Madonna's representative in discussions with the architect and builder, said the planning process has been going on for more than a year.

"We had interviews with various architects because of the different expertise they brought to the table," he said. "They design college buildings, are very familiar with LEED design to confirm the program we are putting together to be valid. We toured buildings they had completed."

Bisel said Clark is also familiar with LEED design. He said the "bricks and mortar" will cost around \$16.6 million, with the total project coming in at \$23 million. He said current plans put the building at silver certification, but close to gold.

"In our first meeting with the city of Livonia, we were told we'd be the first greencertified building in the city of Livonia," Bisel said.

The center will include research and instructional labs, a tiered lecture hall, a state-of-the-art television studio, classrooms and student gathering areas.

Kujawa said the university has lined up several potential donors, but they haven't allowed their names to be used.

"We have a full-blown campaign with consultants that are working with us," she said. "Money is coming in, but once we break ground, we'll be needing it at a faster pace and we will be floating a bond, the amount to be determined later."

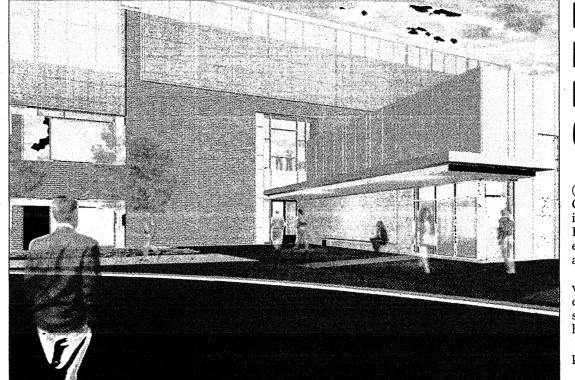
#### ACADEMIC GROWTH

When the new building is completed, the older building will be renovated.

The new facility will not be connected to the long main campus building, but stand alone in an area west of the campus pond.

The need for a new science facility developed from a master plan the university completed in 1993.

"The labs were built in the '60s and have a '60s orientation, even though they were rebuilt in the '90s. We didn't



This is an artist rendering of the west elevation of Madonna University's planned Science and Media Center, designed by The Smith Group.

really renovate them in a meaningful way," Kujawa said.

The building is part of Madonna's aggressive plans to build on its academic programs, particularly in health and the sciences. An environmental science program is just completing its first year. A forensic science program is three years old.

"We are moving toward a doctoral program in nursing practice," Kujawa said.

Andrea Nodge, Madonna vice president for advancement, said the new programs are in line with Madonna's mission.

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For Kujawa, the new building will also be a commitment to society. "This fits with our

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#### Entertainment books sale to benefit BeckRidge Chorale activities

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The BeckRidge Chorale (formerly) Plymouth Community Chorus) is selling 2008 Entertainment Books to support their educational and charitable activities.

The book pays for itself with 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts for restaurants, shows, sporting events, hotel stays, and more. The special fund-raising

The special fund-raising price is \$20.

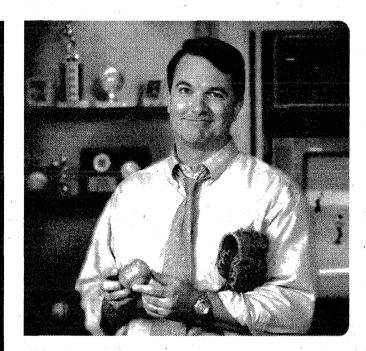
By pre-ordering now buyers can receive a 2007 book free. Supplies are limited. Call (734) 459-6829 to order. The 2008 books will

be available Aug. 12 and will be delivered.



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#### Win it! **3rd Annual PINK Picks Contest** Win a **\$500** shopping spree at



Each week, PINK highlights what's hot and what's not in our popular PINK Picks feature. Now it's your turn to pick 'em!

The reader who sends us the latest and greatest picks will be chosen as the winner of our 3rd Annual Reader Pink Picks Contests. Those picks will be featured in our August 19, 2007 PINK issue, and our deserving reader will receive a fabulous *\$500 shopping spree* at Westland Shopping Center, just in time for Fall! Three runners-up will receive \$100 gift cards to Westland Shopping Center and see their picks published in subsequent PINKs.

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Enter your choices for the PINK Picks categories below. You must submit at least **12 PINK picks** to be eligible. Use this issue's PINK Picks as an example.

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#### **AROUND TOWN**

**Real estate expo** The Greater Detroit Real Estate Expo featuring Taniya Nayak of HGTV's popular show "Designed to Sell," shares valuable information from real estate experts, including professional home stagers, real estate agents, mortgage brokers, home insurance agents and many more, on everything there is to know about buying and selling a home to get the most for your money. The free expo takes place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 29, on the Lower Level, Center Court at Fairlane Town \* Center, Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 593-1370 or go to www. shopfairlane.com

#### Natural approach

Dr. Carol Fischer, D.C., N.D., presents "Eat Your Way Thin," 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Take a natural approach to a healthier, new you. You can have the body you want and eat too! Learn why diets do not work, ways to avoid Weight gain and how to lose weight bits with diet/nutrition and exercise. When to eat, what to eat and how to eat will be discussed. Learn why Deeating the correct fat will not make or you fat. No charge for this class. Call (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation. **Blood drive** 

**Divine Savior Catholic Church will hold** an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.

#### <sup>12</sup>Mercy scholarships

This Mercy High School is granting \$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a

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#### Legion honor

Jake Marmul of Livonia accepts the prestigious scholarship award from Robert Sclesky. American Legion Post 390 commander, while his parents look on. The \$5,000 scholarship is handed out each year to an outstanding student from one of 16 high schools in the northwest metro Detroit area. The student must have a parent, grandparent or family member currently serving in or holding an honorable discharge from the U.S. military, as well as a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher. Jake is a graduate of Catholic Central High School who plans to attend Notre Dame in the fall.

new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or call (248) 893-3538. Travel clinics

#### When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis,

tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, onsite clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www. vna.org.

#### **Heartland Hospice**

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Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during

#### their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859. **Register for St. Genevieve School**

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

#### Waste to Watts

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by

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

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

#### **Hospice training**

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

#### **Literacy Council tutors**

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

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

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

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

#### Post Polio Clinic

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

#### CLUBS

#### Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094

#### **Canton Newcomers**

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

#### **Kiwanis Club**

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

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

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#### **PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD BY-LAWS**

#### By-Law Nos. 0164.1: Regular Meetings - Time, Place, and Notification

Regular meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month (except on the fourth Tuesday in July, November and December, the second Tuesday of February, and the fourth Tuesday of March; the January 2008 meetings will be held on the third and fifth Tuesdays of the month) at 7:00 p.m. at the following location (except as agreed herein) unless otherwise directed by a majority vote of the members:

> E. J. McClendon Educational Center 454 South Harvey Street Plymouth, Michigan 48170

#### By-Law No. 0164.2 Special Meetings - Time, Place, and **Notification**

Special meetings of the Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, may be called by the President of the Board, or any two members thereof, by serving on the other members a written notice of the day, time, and place of such special meetings, or by a majority vote of the Board.

#### Service of the notice shall be by:

- 1. Delivering the notices to the members personally at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
- 2 Leaving the notice at the member's residence with a person of the household at least twenty-four (24) hours before such meeting is to take place, or
- 3. Depositing the notice in a government mail receptacle enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly addressed to such member at his/her last known address at least seventy-two (72) hours before such meeting is to take place.

Services as above described may be made by a member of the Board or any employee of the Board.

PUBLIC NOTICE of each special meeting and of each rescheduled regular or special meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the NOTICE on the message board by the front entrance to the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time of the meeting.

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**Project Name:** Friendship Station Kitchen Renovations

- Sealed proposals will be received for the Bid Due Date: kitchen renovation of Friendship Station by the Charter Township of Plymouth, as Owner, until 3:00 pm on Friday, July 20, 2007 at the office of the Clerk, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.
- Description of Project: Tear-out existing wood cabinets and fixtures and renovate the kitchen per the drawings and specifications.

Funding for the project work is being obtained through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than minimum salaries and wages as set fourth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, in accordance with Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity and Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity.

The Contractor must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, July 2, 1964 (Title 40 USC 276A), the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, September 28, 1965 No. 11246, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Standards Title 29, 1, 3 and 5, and Title 18, USC Section 874, known as "Anti-Kickback Act", and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 USC 1857 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq., and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, at 40 CFR Part 15, as amended.

Plans and specifications may be examined on or after July 2, 2007 at the Plymouth Township Hall at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Copies may be obtained for a cost of \$20.00 per set.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the Contract. A bid bond in The Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

Please fax your intent to bid to Charter Township of Plymouth 734 207 2689 Attn: Mark Lewis.

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The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all proposals, either in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities therein.

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Marilyn Massengil, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction, July 17, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

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#### **CANTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007 for the following:

FORD ROAD (M-153) WIDENING WEST OF CANTON **CENTER ROAD & TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES ALONG** FORD ROAD (M-153) AT SIX LOCATIONS

> Project includes the widening of 571 feet of Ford Road (M-153) west of Canton Center Road. This widening consists of removing existing pavement and curb & gutter, placing 543 square yards of HMA pavement, placing 121 square yards of non-reinforced concrete pavement with curb & gutter, and placing drainage structures as necessary. Also, the removal of existing traffic signals and replacement with new mast arms at six locations along Ford Road.

MDOT pre-qualification is required for all prime and sub-contractors performing work associated with the removal and replacement of the traffic signals.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Northwest Consultants, Inc. (NCI), 44978 Ford Rd., Suite A, Canton, MI 48187. A nonrefundable fee of \$65.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid documents are on file and available for review at Canton Township Hall- Engineering 2nd Floor, NCI, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc.

The Canton Downtown Development Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services

The Canton Downtown Development Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

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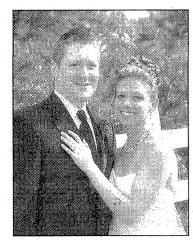
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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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#### WEDDING



#### Uryga-Pumphrey

Rebecca Lynn Uryga and Cary Michael Pumphrey were married Sept. 16, 2006 at St. Florian Catholic Church in Hamtramck with the Rev. Tomascz Sielicki officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Walter and Elaine Uryga of Canton. She is a 1997 graduate of Canton High School, a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Engineering and a 2004 graduate of Depaul Law School. She is a patent attorney in Chicago.

The groom is the son of Janice Rihn of Grand Island, Neb., and Dr. Harold Pumphrey of Lincoln, Neb. He is a 1995 graduate of Hebron High School, a 2000 graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University and a 2003 graduate of the University of Denver Law School. He received his Masters of Law from Depaul University in 2004. He also works as an attorney in Chicago

The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Michelle Elleby, a friend of the bride; Nancy Noonan, Jennifer Barnes and Kathryn Deignan, friends of the bride, and Kylie Ferguson, friend of the groom. Flower girl was Jaclyn Uryga, cousin of the bride.

The groom was attended by Best Man John Messe, Jr., friend of the groom; Anthony Perea, Phillip Romberg and Trent Maly, friends of the groom; Drew Pumphrey, brother of the groom and Steven Bokovitz, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Eric Uryga, godson of the bride.

A reception was held at the Laurel Park Marriott in Livonia. The couple honeymooned on a Mediterranean Cruise. The couple makes their home in Chicago.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

**Del Col-Howey** 

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Frank and Kim Del Col

of Plymouth announce the

Tracey Del Col, to Stephen

Tracey is a 2005 gradu-

ate of Canton High School

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Robert and Elizabeth

Harding of Garden City

announce the upcoming

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Sara Elizabeth Harding, to

Christopher Ryan Duncan.

Community College. She is

The bride-to-be is a 2004

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Donald Duncan of Miramar,

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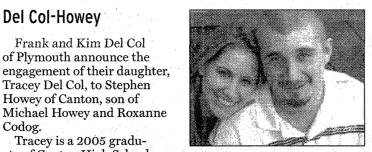
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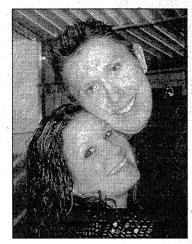
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The wedding will take place July 27, 2007, at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Following their honeymoon, the couple will move into their new home in Redford.



tion systems. He is scheduled to graduate in April of 2008. The wedding will be held at Tri-City Christian Center in Canton in August 2007.

#### **Guyot-Kotzian**

Westland.

Paul and Lynn Guyot of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Guyot, to Kevin Keith Kotzian, son of Ralph and Kay Kotzian of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn and works at Westwood Community Schools and Livonia Little Tots.

The prospective groom works for the state of Michigan Department of Corrections.

A July 28, 2007, wedding is planned for Hosanna Tabor in

#### **DeWitt-Rosinski**

Tim and Alice DeWitt of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey DeWitt, to Kevin Rosinski, son of Henry and Cynthia Rosinski

of Livonia.

Class of 1977

#### com Birmingham Seaholm Class of 1962

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

#### Class of 1977

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

#### com. Class of 1987

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

REUNIONS

#### **Burt Elementary and Junior High** (Detroit) Class of 1967

For information contact Contacts: Sandy Rhodes Luoma at sandysgarden2003@yahoo.com, Sue Smith Nykamp at suenykamp@yahoo.com or Margaret Hadcock Gallagher at edgallagher@prodigy.net **Clarenceville High School** 

#### All classes

Sunday, July 29 at Kensington Metro park, shelter T, open to all Clarenceville alumni - grads and non-grads.

Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (email for division of stuff to bring). For more info. contact: clarenceville\_alumni\_ reunion@vahoo.com

#### **Clawson High School** Class of 1962

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

#### **Dearborn High School** Class of 1952

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

#### **Dearborn Fordson** Class of 1957

A 50th reunion picnic, 3 p.m. Aug. 4, 2007, at a party barn. Contact Betty (Minnielly) Reynolds at (248)553-7618. Class of 1958

A luncheon at Park Place on Aug. 3, 2007, to celebrate 49 years. Reservations only. For information, call (313)562-3941 (Fran) or (313)278-4488 (Joyce or John). 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. Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 3 to Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007. Contact Val Schulte (Wrenbeck) at msugrad81@ cox.net with your current address and phone number. Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1967

A 40-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, approximately \$35. For information, call Cheryl Riske Brown at (313)336-0192 or e-mail efhs67@, yahoo.com

#### **Detroit Cass Technical High School** Class of 1967

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

#### Class of 1957

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

#### Detroit Cody Class of 1957

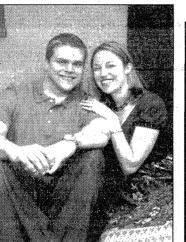
10018 A 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites, Livonia Oct. 5. 2007. Costis \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, CD, champagne toast and much more. This invitation is to all 50s graduates. Call 800-859-9502 or email loret@wideopenwest for details is \$90 per person, complete with dinner, open bar, memory book, champagne toast and much more. **Detroit Cooley** 

#### Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion, Sept. 28-29, 2007, Sheraton Novi Hotel. Contact: Sharon (248) 334-7641 or Sue (734) 632-0350 Email: shadden@med2 wayne.edu.

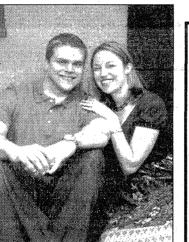
#### Classes of 1967, 1968

Reunion 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at Laurel Manor, Livonia. Discounted tickets before March 1. Contact Dave Junguist at (810)667-9131, Website www.geocities.com cooleyreunions67. All classmates are encouraged to register for inclusion in memory book at www.classreport.



Redford, followed by a recep-

tion at the Detroit Yacht Club.





#### e-mail info to kimsliasophia@gmail. com. Reunion website is www. BHSreunion1987.com for further information and details. **Birmingham Groves** A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday,

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36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia,

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REUNIONS

7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11,

2007, The Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

Please register at Classmates.com

A 50-year reunion is planned for

Sept. 15, 2007, at Great Oaks Country

Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni.

Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann)

at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at

(248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull

A 20-year reunion is planned for

Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all cur-

rent contact info for alumni from

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class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde)

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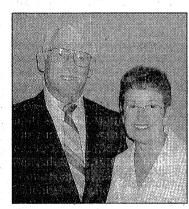
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July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.

#### ANNIVERSARY



#### **Todds celebrate 50th**

Jim and Linda (Davenport) Todd of Garden City will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31, 2007.

The Todds were married in 1957 at Garden City Presbyterian Church. The couple have lived in Garden City since August 1963.

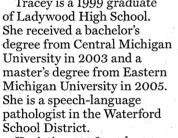
Jim retired from the Ford Motor Co. in 1987 after 23 years. Linda retired from the Garden City Public Schools in 1993 after 30 years. They enjoy spending their winters in Florida, playing shuffleboard, cards and bowling, as well as spending time with their family and friends. Traveling to Pennsylvania every July for a family reunion with Linda's family is also a favorite tradition.

Linda and Jim have two children Mike (Cheryl) Todd and Carol (Frank) Roberts and four grandchildren, Sara, Ian, Chad and Christa.

To celebrate their anniversary their children are planning a family portrait and dinner.

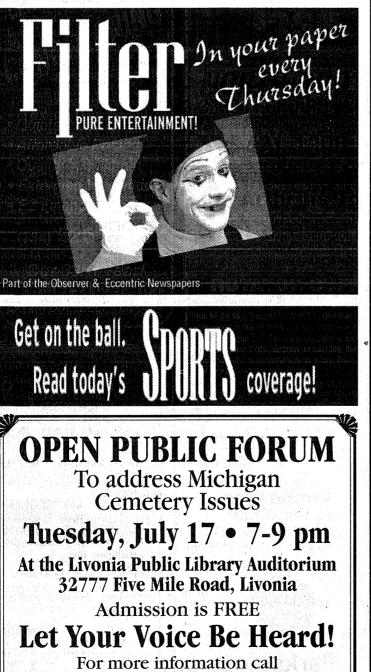


Jim and Linda Todd



Kevin is a 1996 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from Central Michigan University. He is working on his master of business administration degree at Wayne State

University. He is employed as an information technology specialist at US Farathane Corp. in Sterling Heights. 2007 wedding at St. Michael Catholic Church in Livonia.



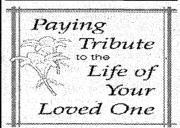
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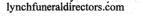
#### Mr. DARRELL IBACH, SR.

Passed away July 10, 2007 at Lee Memorial Health Systems, Cape Coral, FL. He was born August 21, 1935 in Watertown, SD, son of the late. Newton & Aria (Manska) Ibach. He attended Belleville High School and later lived in Plymouth and Canton. Darrell opened his 1st business in 1959, D & R Leonard, a Gas Station/Repair Shop in Romulus. He opened his 2nd business in 1976, D & R Auto Parts in Belleville, which he sold in 1999. He was the owner of Pro Tech Auction which opened in July 1995, which he ran with his son Butch. He also owned D & R Rental Properties. He loved to travel in his motorhome, especially to Florida, where he spent many winters in Cape Coral. He loved racing cars and spon-soring them as well. He sponsored the Rick Memorial Match, a Police Pistol Match, Taylor. Darrell was a member of the First Baptist Church. Canton He was a former member of the Belleville Lion's Club. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Norma (Eldridge) Ibach, two daughters Michelle (David) Schulze and Barbara Ibach, a son Darrell "Butch" (Arlita) Ibach, Jr., all of Plymouth, eight granchildren, Matthew (Amy) and Eric Immerfall, Nicole, Rebecca, Daniel and Philip Buzenberg, Chad & Drew Ibach, a brother Roger (Marion) Ibach, Sr. of Gaylord, and numerous nieces & nephews. Visitation Thursday 6-8 PM and Friday 1-4 PM & 6-8 PM at DAVID C. BROWN FUNERAL HOME, Belleville. Funeral Service 10 AM Saturday, July 14, 2007 at First Baptist Church, Canton. Entombment Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial to the Bethel Youth Camp, c/o First Baptist Church. Please sign his on-line guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com



MAXINE OLSON

Age 81, died July 4, 2007, after a courageous battle with leukemia. Beloved wife of Paul. Loving mother of Brad (Marcia) Olson and Tim (Karen) Olson. Grandmother of Amy Olson. Sister of Robert (Martha) Glass, Margaret Gall, DeWayne (Shirley) Glass, Shirley (Verie) Lima. Also many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Memorial service at Kirk in the Hills 1240 W Long Lake Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Saturday 10am. Memorials appreciated to Board of Deacons at Kirk in the Hills or William Beaumont Hospice. Obituary at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com





#### **ROBERT M. PRZYBYLSKI**

Age 75, of Livonia, MI, died Wednesday, July 11, 2007. Beloved husband of the late

Anna Marie Murphy. Dear father of Mark A. (Nancy) of Lake In The Hills, IL, Matthew G. (Beth) of Grand Blanc, Robert M., Jr. (Sue) of Brighton, Ronald R. (Michelle) of Howell, and Catherine A. "Kitty" (Scott) McLaren of Brighton. Also survived by 12 grandchildren. Born May 18, 1932 in Detroit, he is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Sophie (Krolczyk) Przybylski, brother Fr. Wallace F. Przybylski OFM, brother Richard J. Przybylski, sister Geraldine T. Norris, and brother Ronald R. Przybylski. Retired tool and die tradesman who worked for Burroughs Corp. and Chrysler Motors. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served in Guam during the Korean Conflict. Was a coach in the Livonia Junior Football League and also of Connie Mack League base-ball in Livonia. Family will receive friends at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile, Livonia on Tuesday, 4-9 p.m., Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial is Wednesday, 10 a.m. at St. Colette Church, Newburgh Rd. north of Six Mile, Livonia. Interment at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Southfield. Family suggests memori-als to American Red Cross.



ADELINE LYDIA RAKOZY

Age 89, died July 10, 2007, in El River, MN, formerly of Milford, MI She was born October 24,1917. Her husband of 66 years, William Rakozy died January 6, 2005 in Yuba City Adeline & William Rakozy were pre-vious owners of the Yuba City Baskin Robbins 31 Flavor Ice Cream Store for close to 15 years before retire-ment. Adeline and family were found-ing members of the Christ Lutheran Church, Milford. For over 20 years she was involved in playing the organ and worked with the church choir. She is survived by three children, Renee W. Stein, Bradenton, FL; William E. Rakozy, Elk River, MN; Kurt A. Rakozy, Dubuque, IA. Adeline will be cremated and interred next to her husband William during a family memorial service to be conducted at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN. The date and time of this memorial service have not been set. Arrangements by: Dage Funeral Home, 805 Main St., Ek River, MN 553330, 763-441-1212.



#### MARY ANN WELCHER (nee Popovich)

Age 70. July 10, 2007. Beloved wit of Bud. Loving mother of Ann-Marie James, and Dan. Dear sister of Milli Karr, Helen Generalovich, Sophie Racic (deceased), George Popovich (deceased), Donna Tiechow, and Dan Popovich. Loving "Mee-Maw" of five grandchildren; Jack, Gavin, Kaila and Aeryn & Logan. A Memorial service was held on Saturday, July 14th, at the L.A. Turowski & Son Funeral Home, 9300 Middlebelt Rd. www.neely-turowski.com

#### **BRUCE ARTHUR** ZIKMUND

Age 55, Wayne, MI. passed July 10, 2007. Uht Funeral Home

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**IN LOVING MEMORY** JOE TAYLOR

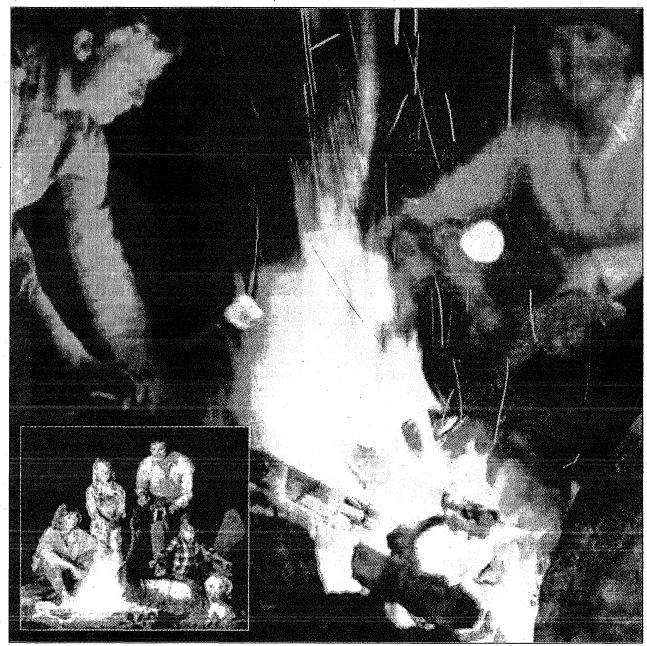
Age 44 of Detroit. Will always be remembered by his wife, sister, nieces & nephews. We miss you! Your Family

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### Outdoor fire hazards Keep your family burn-free this summer



#### **BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN** STAFF WRITER

o often in the emergency rooms at University of Michigan hospitals, Dr. Edward Walton sees children and adults burned by outdoor fires that were meant to be enjoyed. The sad part is that in most cases the pain and scarring could have

been avoided. Campfires, backyard fire pits and beach bonfires create dangerous situations with the potential of

injuring all ages, especially children. Walton cautions adults to set up No Zones where kids aren't allowed. He recommends drawing a line around the campfire or setting up a circle of chairs to keep children away from flames.

For the next four weeks, Walton doesn't expect to treat any children with burns at Bellknap YMCA Camp in New Hampshire where he serves as camp doctor. There, children are constantly supervised.

"Any time you have an open fire and children in the area, you have risk. Think about a child with a marshmallow. A 3-year-old puts it in the fire and it's a flaming torch so parents need to be very careful about supervising kids when they're cooking anything," said Walton, an assistant professor of emergency medicine and pediatrics at University of Michigan Medical School. Walton is a physician in the pediatric and adult emergency departments at U-M Health System.

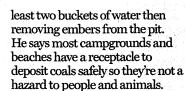
"Children don't understand the danger. People go Up North and love their fire pits. We have kids transferred down all summer with burns. We see a lot of fire pit burns at the university. Unfortunately a lot of times it's younger children who ran through the fire or walked through a fire that's been put out on the beach with sand and it looks like a sandbox. We see burns from superficial to so severe they can require skin grafting."

One of the biggest mistakes is not totally extinguishing a fire afterward.

"People just don't know when a fire is out," said Walton. "They'll cover the coals with sand. That hasn't put the fire out that's created an oven which can smoulder for up to 24 hours."

#### **DOUSE THOSE FLAMES**

Walton recommends dousing the flames with at



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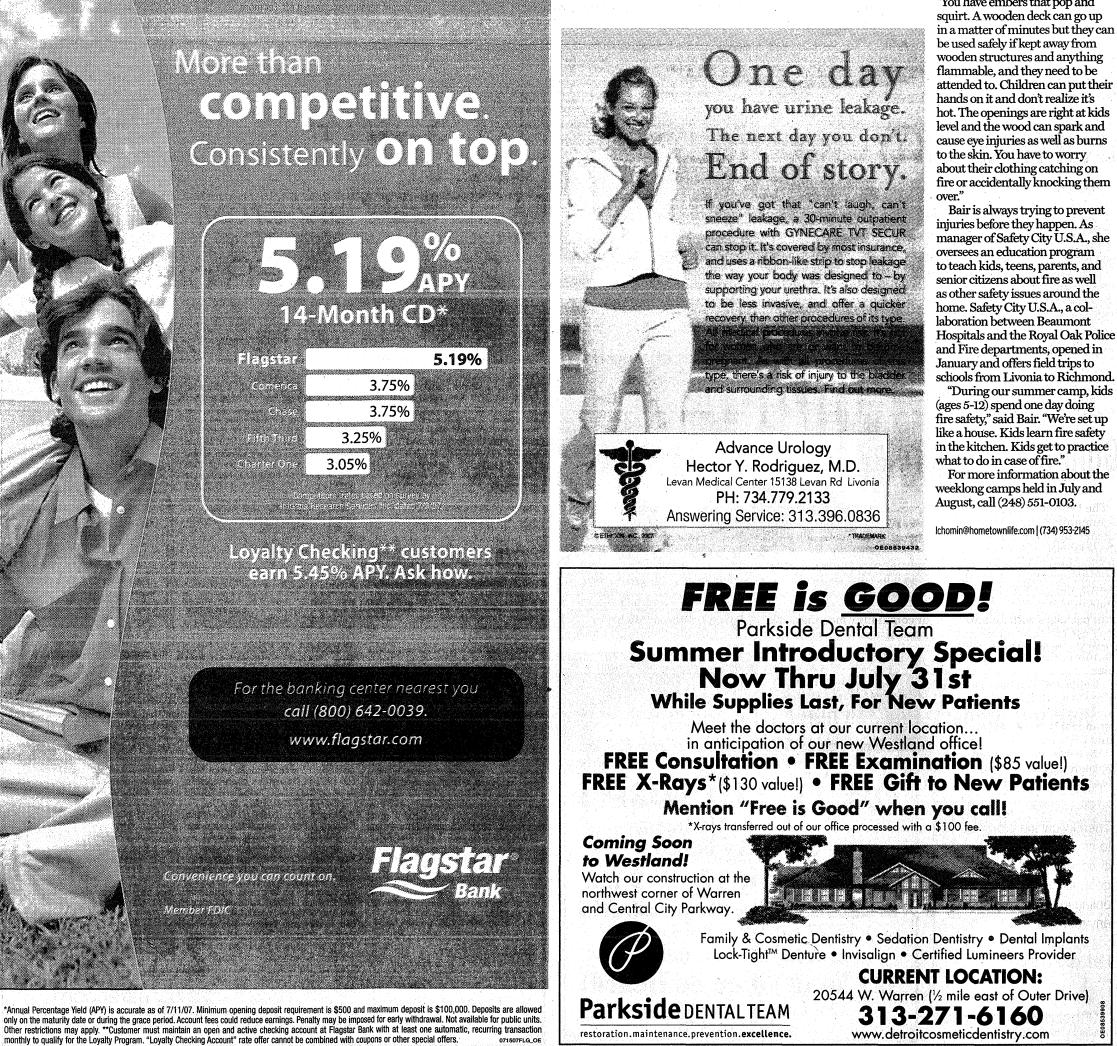
While children primarily suffer burns on the feet and hands, Walton sees adults with face and hand injuries caused by accelerants.

"A mistake all adults make is the fire's not going great and they'll use an accelerant, gasoline and lighter fluid. Once a fire's started you should never do anything like that. I recently saw an injury to someone who had been using alcohol to start a fire," said Walton. "He was severely burned trying to make the fire."

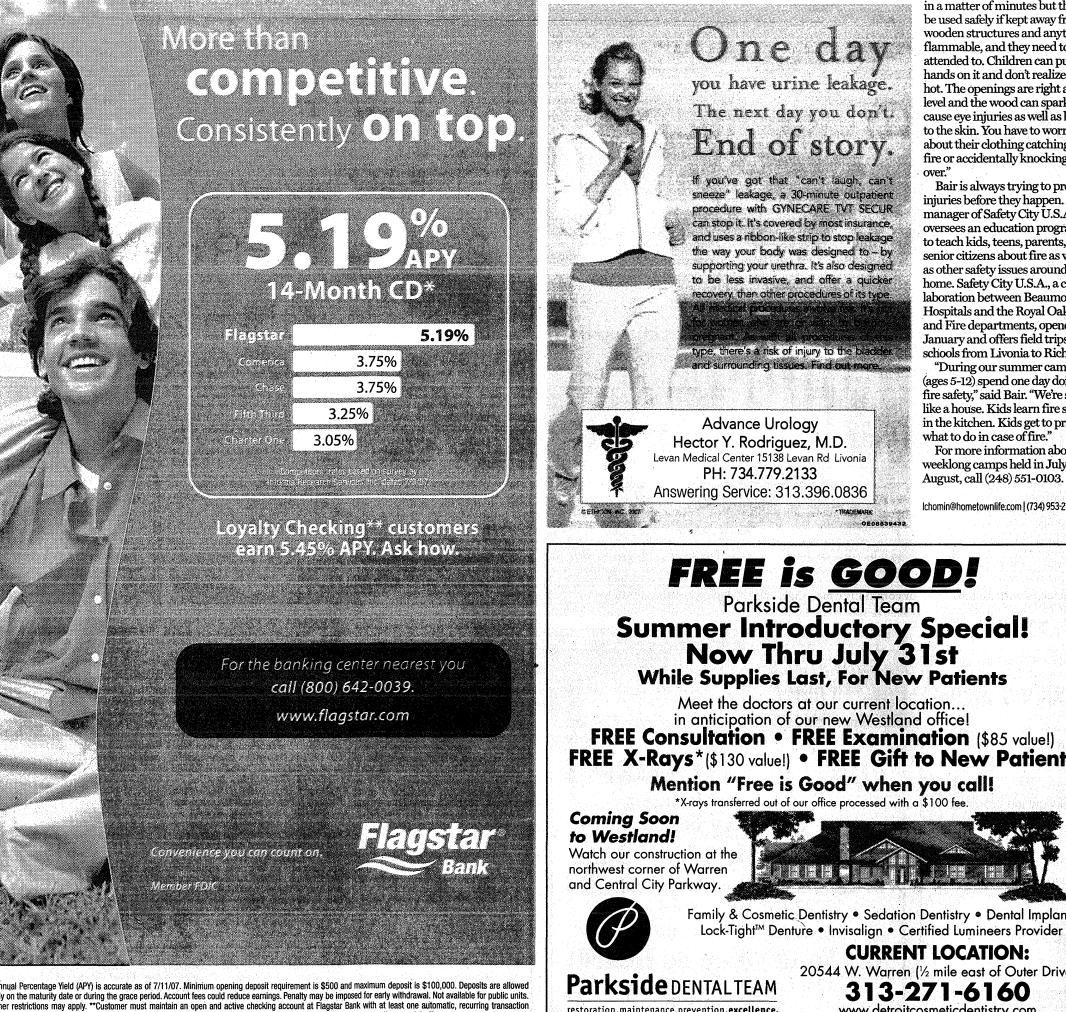
Consuming alcohol, whether around a hibachi or campfire, makes the situation even more dangerous. Holly Bair, a registered nurse, warns adults to take precautions so they don't end up in the emergency rooms at Beaumont Hospitals in Royal Oak and Troy. Every summer, Beaumont Hospitals' emergency centers experience an increase in burns related to people being around fires. As trauma program manager (Royal Oak), Bair oversees the care of patients from the time they arrive in the ER. She says trauma is preventable, especially when it comes to backyard fire pits.

#### **KEEP IT SAFE**

"The new fire pits they use on decks are very popular. The problem is they sit close to the ground and decks are made of wood and very flammable. You don't want them on wooden decks," said Bair. "You have embers that pop and squirt. A wooden deck can go up in a matter of minutes but they can be used safely if kept away from wooden structures and anything flammable, and they need to be attended to. Children can put their







#### JULY

Divorce support group Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

#### **Treating allergies naturally**

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

#### Camp Oasis

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) host its sixth annual Camp Oasis July 15-21 at Camp Copneconic in Fenton for children ages 7-17 who have Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. For information or to have application information mailed, send e-mail to michigan@ccfa.org or call (248) 737-0900.

#### **Diabetes Review**

The American Diabetes Association and Great Lakes Medical Supply hold a series of free, onehour educational seminars, beginning Tuesday, July 17, at the Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 29699 Southfield Rd. Diabetes Review is designed to educate people with the disease about proper diabetes self-care. A certified diabetes educator will speak to participants about diet, exercise, medications, stress, the importance of glucose testing and the importance of A1C testing.

To register, call Felicia McGee at (888) DIABETES, Ext. 6697. Other locations and dates include 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 29, at Walsh College, 3838 Livernois, Troy; 6-7 p.m. Oct. 9, Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. 11 Mile, and 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 3, Alfred Noble Branch Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia.

#### **Diabetes presentation**

Your Game Plan for Preventing Diabetes 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, in Classroom 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge, but registration required. Call (734) 655-8961.

#### **Raising health kids**

Nutrition seminar on Raising Healthy, Drug-Free Children presented by Dr. Joe Andris of the Chiropractic & Nutrition Wellness Center 7 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton Blvd., Rochester. For reservations and information, call (586) 731-8840.

#### Sea salt and your health

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 23, at Zerbo's Health Food Store, Livonia. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness

#### Professionals, a nonprofit organization. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 for reservations.

#### Free health class

Eat Your Way Thin presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, D.C., N.D., 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 756-6904 for a reservation

#### Sharing & Caring

Meditation for Wellness with guest speaker Melissa Privett of Pathworks Center for Life 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in the first floor classroom in the Beaumont Cancer Center. Royal Oak. For information, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting. Sharing & Caring is an educational support group for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends.

#### **Breast cancer benefit**

5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at FIGO Salon, 265 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham. Call (248) 723-7990. The staff and FIGO Salon are donating their services for one night only to raise money for team MALISTA's 3 day Breast Cancer Walk. The salon will offer a haircut and blow-dry package for \$30. Walk-ins only. The \$30 donation is completely tax deductible. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation to the walk, visit http://www.the3day.org/michigan07/ malista.

#### Fibromyalgia book signings

Sharon Ostalecki signs copies of the book, Fibromyalgia - The Complete Guide from Medical Experts and Patients, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, and 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, Borders Book Store, 43075 Crescent Blvd., Novi. Ostalecki edited and contributed to the book featuring fibromyalgia experts. For more information, call (248) 344-0896 or send e-mail to Smo23915@ aol.com.

#### Thyroid cancer support group

'Our free support group meets monthly and is open to all thyroid cancer patients and survivors as well as their family members and friends. For summer meeting dates or more information, call Gwynne at (248) 740-9759.

Treating thyroid disorders naturally Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 30, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

#### H.U.G.S. support group

Help, Understanding and Grief Support Group and counseling for parents who have suffered a pregnancy or newborn loss, meet 7-9 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-4847. There is no pre-registration required.

#### Hospice volunteers needed

Looking for caring volunteers to provide inhome 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. stight org/Hosnice

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#### AA support group

Alcoholics Anonymous and the Al-Anon (for family and friends) groups meet 10 a.m. every Sunday, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 706-1020. No pre-registration required. Volunteer training

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

#### Cancer support group

The Charach Cancer Treatment Center at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital hosts a support group for anyone dealing with cancer 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month, at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For information, call (248) 937-5163.

#### UPCOMING

**Sharing & Caring** 

Newly Diagnosed Support Group (diagnosed within past year) with William Beaumont Hospital R.N. Ruth Dein 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2. in the first floor classroom in the Beaumont Cancer Center, Royal Oak, For reservations, call (248) 551-8585. For possible schedule changes, call (248) 551-8588 prior to meeting. Sharing & Caring is an educational support group for breast cancer survivors, their family and friends.

#### **Golf outing**

August 11, 2007, The Huron Valley Regional Council of Parents without Partners is hosting a Celebration of Life Cancer Benefit Golf Outing at Woodlands of Van Buren, 39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne, from 1:30-7:30 p.m., includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, 50/50 drawing, door prizes, and more. All proceeds go to the University of Michigan. **Comprehensive Cancer Research Center. For** more information, call Pat Tokar at (248) 478-8977 or Harriet West at (734) 449-2236.

#### Health camps

Students can learn about their bodies at two camps at the St. Joseph Mercy Health **Exploration Center in Canton.** For information and to register, call (734) 398-7518. Amazing Me focuses on keeping the body healthy and features demonstrations, dissections, games, crafts, and activities Aug. 6-10 for students completing second to fourth grades.

Awesome Asthma is designed to improve selfimage and promote independence in kids with the disease. Campers learn about medications, risk factors and self-management Aug. 13-17 (students in grades 2-5).

#### Sharing & Caring event

Brassiere Bazaar with bra fittings, information on prosthesis options, complimentary skin analysis by Advanced Skin Care, make-up tips for maintaining a healthy glow 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, in Nordstroms Lingerie Department, 3rd floor, the Somerset Collection, Reservations required. Call (248) 551-8585.

#### Post-polio conference

Presented by Michigan Polio Network, a nonprofit providing information and education on the later effects of polio, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at Soaring Eagle Casino Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant. Keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Ryan, medical director, St. John Post-Polio Clinic. Cost is \$45. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 476-2477 or (313) 885-7855.

#### ONGOING

**Our Body exhibit** Our Body exhibit tickets \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets on sale at www.detroitsciencecenter.org. Exhibit continues to Sept. 3, at Detroit Science Center. For information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

#### MS support group

Family and friends of those with MS (multiple sclerosis) are invited to attend a new support group held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Botsford Hospital's A & E building in Farmington. For directions call (248) 231-1136. Volunteers needed

#### Sandcastles grief support program for children

and teens needs volunteers for Rochester. Southfield, Livonia and other sites. Sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, the programs meetings are held biweekly. Sandcastles also offers a weekend bereavement camp in August which is in need of volunteers. For more information or to register for training, call (313) 874-6881.

#### Hatha Yoga classes

Beginning and Intermediate continue 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays to May 22, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. To register, call (734) 655-1145. Hatha Yoga increases flexibility, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Includes meditation and breathing techniques. Class participates need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease.

#### TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

#### **Running 101**

Classes for beginning runner 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in Ann Arbor and Northville, Mondays. in Novi, Wednesdays in West Bloomfield, five week course of five sessions presented by Running Fit. Cost is \$39. To register, visit www. runningfit.com.

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#### **Gardasil vaccine**

Gardasil is the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer, precancerous genital lesions and genital warts due to Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend HPV vaccination of girls ages 11-12, girls as young as 9 years old may be vaccinated. The vaccine is also recommended for girls ages 13-18 to catch up on missed shots or to complete the shot series.

Gardasil is available at the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan by appointed ment 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, in Oak Park, at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600. For information, appointment or pricing, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8755.

#### Eating disorders support

Weekly support groups take place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday at Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile. west of Woodward, and 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Meetings open to all persons with anorexia, bulimia, binge eating, compulsive eating, etc. No registration required.

Support groups for family and friends meet 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month, and for parents only on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Beaumont Hospital, For information, call (734) 324-3089.

#### **Grief support group**

New Hope Center for Grief Support is starting a support group for adults who are facing the impending death of a loved one. It meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty, between Five and Sk Mile roads, Livonia. For information, call (246) 348-0115. No registration required.

#### Hospice volunteer training

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan hospice program needs compas sionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. Training sessions are held at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park. For Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park. For information, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8361 of visit www.vna.org.

#### Hospice volunteers sought

Hospices of Henry Ford is seeking volunteers who want to make a positive contribution to people in need. volumeers are support to offer companionship and family support with the support to the support of the supp for loved ones who are terminally ill in the patient's home, nursing home facilities or in the hospital. For information, contact 1-800-492-9909 or visit www.henryford. com/hospice.

### during extreme heat

Check on senior citizens

During the hot summer weather, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) would like to remind residents to check on their senior citizen neighbors.

Older adults are less efficient at regulating body temperature, which can lead to dangerous health problems. People at a higher risk include those with cardiovascular disease, kidney or lung problems, unhealthy body weight, or those who take certain medications.

Tips for keeping safe and comfortable during higher heat

days include drinking plenty of fluids; avoiding alcohol and caffeine; keeping your home cool by letting cool morning and evening air in; taking a. break during the hottest part of the day by going somewhere air conditioned like the movies, mall or library; wearing short sleeved, loose-fitting, natural fiber and light colored clothing; pace your activities; wear sunblock even when the sky is overcast, and check for air-conditioned emergency shelters in the area which may open during periods of extreme heat.

"If you have an opportunity to do so, I suggest peeking in on elderly neighbors. Just say hello and make sure they're all right. Some seniors must rely on their community to look after them and this is a perfect chance to be a part of that," said Ron . Borngesser, OLHSA CEO.

For assistance call the OLHSA office at (248) 209-2600. If emergency assistance is needed, call 911 immediately.

Information for this news release comes from caringnews. com and the Right at Home Newsletter.

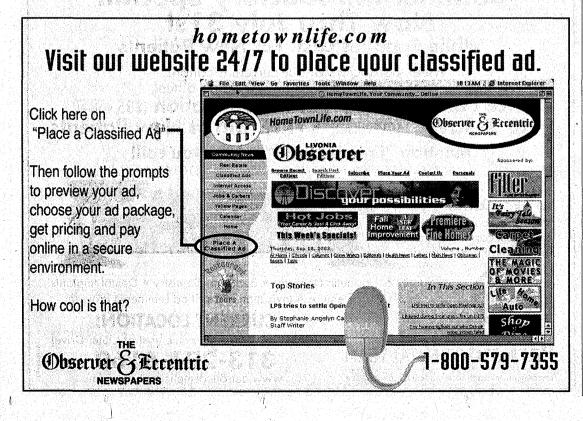
### Gum packages relay anti-drug message

The Detroit-Wayne County **Community Mental Health** Agency and its substance abuse service providers, the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance and the Detroit Bureau of Substance Abuse are distributing chewing gum packages with an antidrug use message, statement about the recent fentanyl over-

doses, and help line numbers. Part of the ongoing public education and outreach efforts by the Agency and the Fentanyl Substance Abuse Workgroup, which has distributed flyers, run public service announcements, made presentations at community meetings, and participated in educational and academic forums to address

an increase in drugs deaths in 2006 related to fentanyl-laced cocaine and heroin.

The statewide 24-hour toll free help line can be reached at (888) 736-0253, the 24hour Crisis and Mental Health Help Line at (800) 241-4949, or the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance at (800) 686-6543.



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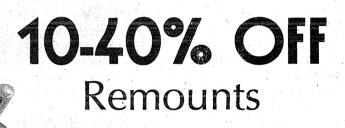
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### Government study: Most workers have some health coverage

Seventy-one percent of workers in private industry had access to employer-sponsored medical care plans, and 52 percent participated in medical care plans in March 2006, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported recently. Sixty percent of workers had access to retirement benefits, with 51 percent participating in at least one type of retirement plan. These findings are from the Summary, "National Compensation Survey: Employee Benefits in the United States, March 2006." These results can be found on the BLS Web site http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ebs/sp/ ebsm0004.pdf.

These data are from the National Compensation Survey (NCS), which provides comprehensive measures of occupational earnings, compensation cost trends, and details of benefit provisions. In addition to health and retirement plans, the survey also covered paid leave, disability insurance, and other selected benefits. The following are some of the major findings:

Most employees covered by medical care plans were in plans requiring employee contributions for both single coverage and family coverage. Employee contributions to medical care premiums averaged \$296.88 per month for family coverage and \$76.05 per month for single coverage.

Employer premiums for medical care plans averaged \$617.18 a month per participant for family coverage and \$266.50 a month for single coverage. Employer contributions were higher for those employees who were not required to contribute than for those who were.

Fifty-one percent of employees participated in a retirement plan. Twenty-percent of employees participated in defined benefit retirement plans, and 43 percent in defined contribution plans. (Some employees participate in both types.)

Paid leave was the most commonly provided employee benefit in the private sector: paid holidays were available to 76 percent of employees and paid vacations to 77 percent.

The release and Summary Report are available by e-mail request at NCSinfo@bls.gov, or on the BLS Internet site, http://www.bls.gov/ ncs/home.htm.Regional Information offices, listed on the Internet site,http://www.bls.gov/bls/regncon. htm, also are available to answer questions.

The findings also found paid jury



duty leave was common, available to 70 percent of workers. Forty-eight percent had paid military leave benefits.

About half of private establishments offered at least one type of retirement plan.

Fifty-two percent of workers had access to life insurance, and nearly as many, 50 percent, participated. Short- and long-term disability benefits were available to 39 and 30 percent of workers, respectively, and nearly all participated.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Web site notes access to and participation

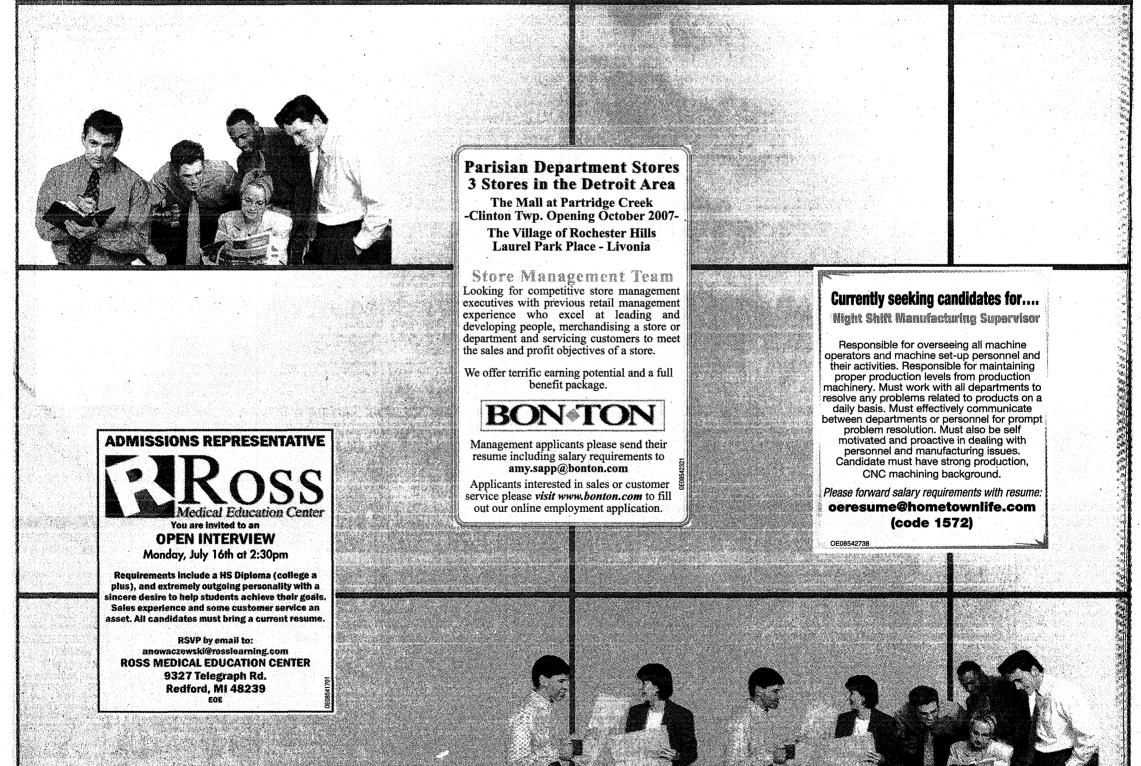
in benefit plans varied by occupational group, full- and part-time work schedule, union status, and earnings. For example, workers in white-collar occupations were more likely to participate in defined contribution retirement plans than were service workers. Union workers had higher rates of coverage for most benefits. Paid leave benefits (vacations, holidays, and the like) were commonly available to workers, but were reported less frequently for part-time and service workers. Paid sick leave, in particular, was less common among part-time workers.

Those workers in jobs averaging \$15 an hour or more were far more likely to be covered by all benefits. The difference in the incidence of long-term disability insurance between these workers and others was particularly striking: only 17 percent of those earning under \$15 had access to such coverage, compared with 48 percent of those in the higher earnings category. The difference in access to all health care benefits between these two employee groups also was substantial.

The incidence of employee benefits varied for full- and part-time employees. In particular, access to life insurance was almost five times greater, and to medical care, almost four times greater, for full-time than for part-time workers.

A higher percentage of larger establishments than of smaller establishments offered major employee benefits to their employees. Almost all larger establishments (96 percent) offered health care, compared with 60 percent of smaller establishments. Larger establishments were far more likely to offer retirement plans than were smaller establishments: 90 percent of larger establishments did so, compared with only 47 percent of smaller establishments.





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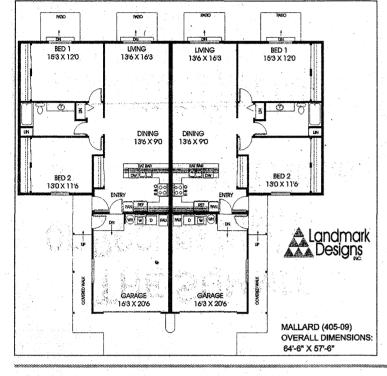


### Mallard's an ideal duplex especially for busy street

Designed to be built on a narrow lot, the Mallard (405-09) is a no-nonsense duplex with 1,129 square feet of living space on each of its two identical sides. Each unit also includes a

one-car garage, with utilities.

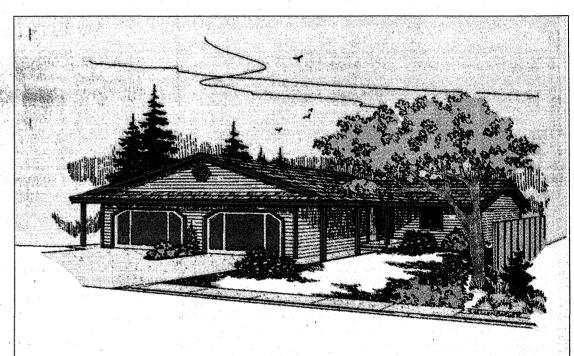
Placement of the garages in front of the units allows them to serve an additional function - that of a sound buffer. This feature is especially useful if



the home is built on a busy street.

When two families live in such close proximity, the overlap in sound environments can sometimes create problems. This floor plan gives a maximum privacy to the bedrooms' by placing them on the outer perimeter, as far as possible from the shared wall. A covered walkway runs alongside the garage to a front door that opens near the small kitchen. Filled with colorful pots of flowers and planter boxes of greenery, this colonnade sends a message of welcome to visitors. Another entrance, through the garage, is handy when parking the car at night, or carrying in groceries.

As in any small residence, counter space in the kitchen is minimal. But the long eating bar offers room for expansion when needed. It also provides partial separation between the kitchen and the daily living area, a combination dining room/living room. Sliding glass doors at the far end



brighten the space and allow access to a small patio. For a study plan of the MALLARD (405-09), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E.,

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#### **Career** Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26. The seminar will take place at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, a half block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

#### Senior Mortgage Event

Free information on senior mortgage benefits. Good credit not needed. The session will be 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at 1200 S. Sheldon, Suite 150,

Plymouth. Call Vince Lee to RSVP at (734) 259-0640.

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**CENTURY 21** Today offers career seminars Tuesday or Saturday noon to 1 p.m. through August at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Contact Steve Leibhan at (248) 855-2000, Ext. 238.

#### Auction July 25

The Auction Services Group of Benj. E. Sherman & Sons, a Chicago-based national real estate auction company, will be conducting the sale of eight single family homes, seven condominiums and

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56 home sites throughout metro Detroit. The auction will be held in the ballroom of the Troy Marriott, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 25.

Neumann Homes Inc., a Chicago-based national home builder, has elected to auction these properties to reduce the marketing time necessary to sell them in a slow marketplace. "We have experienced the same slowdown that other builders have experienced throughout metro Detroit," said Neumann President and CEO Kenneth P. Neumann. "We've made a business decision to utilize the accelerated sales method to complete a close-out of

in."

To receive an auction brochure, call the company auction line at (888) 442-8008.

#### **Builders class**

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. The seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills.

The cost of the seminar is \$205 and includes the manual, sample questions and the test

application. A \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, July 19, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. Call toll-free (800)-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register.

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com

This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.



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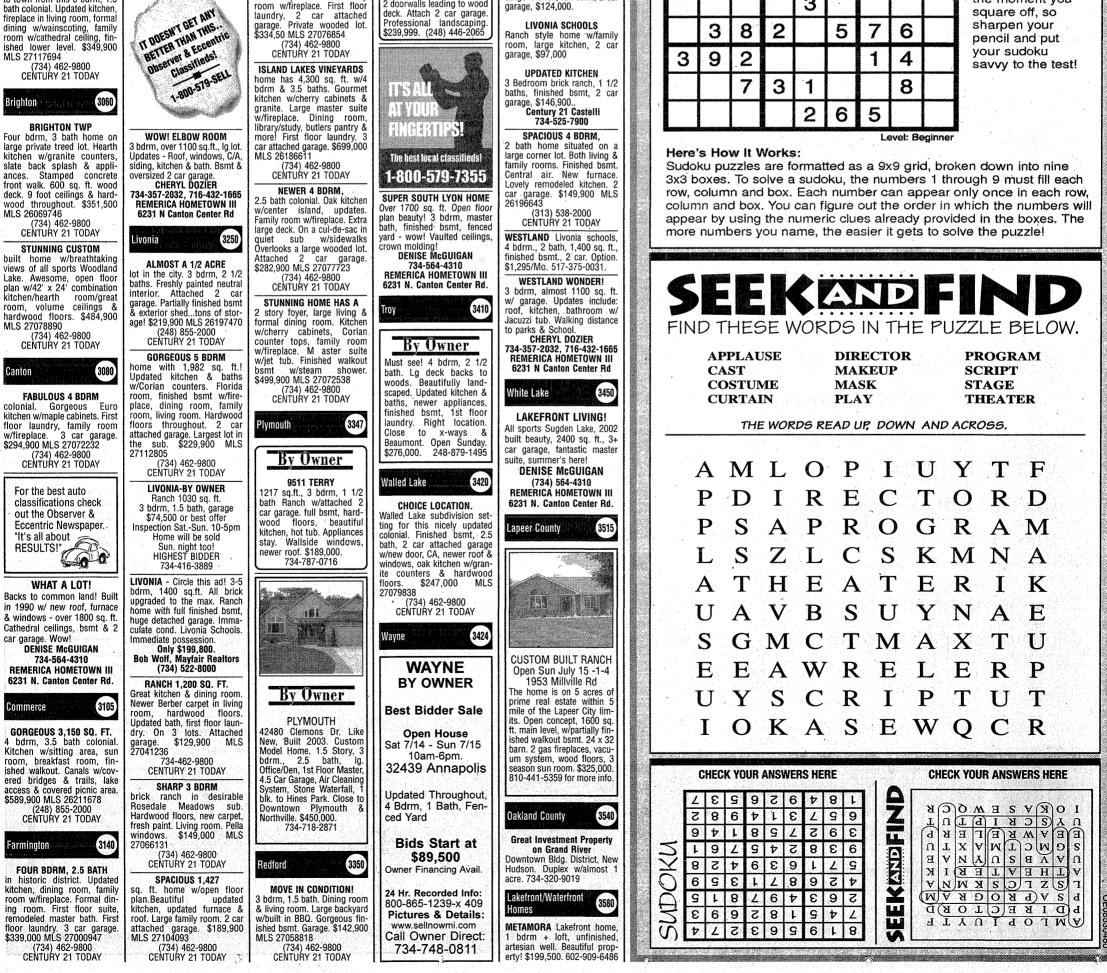
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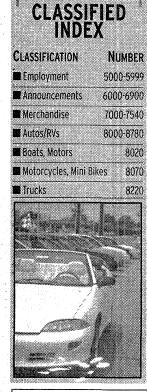




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My wife is not really a "car person." It takes a lot to get her to know, or care too much, about the vehicles I drive for this column. That's why I was a mite surprised to hear her compliment the Ford Fusion sitting in the driveway this week. Her comment, "That's a nice-looking car," may not seem like much, but when it comes to her and cars, that's saying a lot.

Ro really likes the Fusion's styling, inside and out. And why not? There are some things to like about the 2007 Fusion SEL - the top-of-the-line version of this mid-size model

Let's start with the exterior styling. The Fusion has a distinctively modern look to it; it comes with a three-bar chrome grille, 17-inch machined aluminum wheels, fog lamps, power heated outside mirrors and dual exhaust with bright tips.

The headlamps use what I can only call a "teardropsquare" shape – the beginnings of a teardrop up top, flowing into a square bottom. Keeping with the modern theme, there's plenty of chrome and aluminum, front and rear. It's a sharp package.

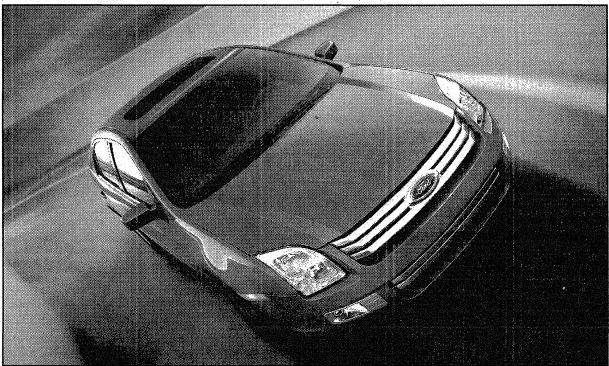
Inside, you have a choice of three interior accent themes: wood, piano black or carbon graphite. The interior layout is simple, but effective. The instrument cluster contains a tachometer, and a coolant temperature gauge, plus a trip computer that will give you information on driving distance, and miles-until-empty. Buttons for the trip computer are on the center dash cluster, right above the audio system, optional DVD navigation system and the climate control system. There are cupholders and storage bins throughout, including a small pop-up bin located on top of the instrument panel.

The Fusion SEL comes with power windows, doors and locks, automatic climate control system, leather-wrapped steering wheel, and auto headlamps. The standard audio system on the SEL version is an AM/FM/six disc CD system with six speakers and an audio-in jack for your mp3 player.

You can add an "audiophile" system (\$420) that gives you more power and two more speakers, and SIRIUS satellite radio is available as an option, too. The optional DVD navigation system (\$1895) is easy to use and features a nice

display. Unlike some integrated audio/navigation systems, turning off the audio does not make the navigation system go away - that's a nice feature.

A power moonroof is also available as an option.



#### Even the test driver's wife likes this new Ford Fusion

Even the top-of-line SEL version of the Fusion makes you pay extra for leather seats (\$895). The seats are fairly comfortable and provide good support, but adjusting them properly takes a bit of work. There's plenty of room in the Fusion for both passengers and cargo. The rear seats can actually be used for people, and they also fold down for more cargo room (the front passenger seat also folds down, by the way).

While the base S version of the Fusion is powered by a 4cylinder engine, the SEL version gets a standard 3.0-liter DOHC, 24-valve V6 engine, rated at 221 horsepower and 205 lb.-ft. of torque, and you get a choice of front-wheel or allwheel drive. Either way, it's mated with a 6-speed automatic transmission. The powertrain is a bit noisy on acceleration, but you will get off the line pretty well, and the transmission shifts smoothly and quickly. The engine is EPA rated at 19/ 26.

Handling is pretty solid on the all-wheel-drive version of the Fusion. The front suspension system is an independent short and long arm system that includes a 24-mm stabilizer bar. In the rear, it's a multi-link, fully independent system with lower control arms and a stabilizer bar. The AWD system continuously monitors vehicle speed, throttle input and steering angle to deliver the torque to the various wheels as needed. The ride is solid, without being unduly harsh.

Although the power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering system competently handles the car, the turning circle is very wide, for a mid-size car. Be careful on tight U-turns – you won't be able to do them very quickly.

We're up to 2007 now, and still anti-lock brakes aren't

standard on many vehicles, and that includes the SEL version of the Fusion. To get them, you have to first opt for the all-wheel drive system (which leaves the four-cylinder engine Fusion out altogether), then pay another \$595 to get ABS. That's not good. ABS is just as valuable to front-wheel drive vehicles as AWD vehicles. The ABS brakes do work very well, so if you're getting AWD, by all means get the ABS brakes, too.

In addition to dual-deployment front airbags, the Fusion comes with front seat side airbags, side-impact curtains, and perimeter alarm system.

The 2007 Ford Fusion SEL starts at close to \$24,000. Add the leather seats, anti-lock brakes, audiophile sound system, and navigation system and you're looking at about \$28,000 -add another couple of hundred if you want satellite radio and a few hundred more for the moonroof. And if price is really a problem, you can lose the leather and save almost a thousand bucks.

Packaging quibbles aside, there's a lot to like about the Fusion – it looks sharp, handles pretty well and gives you a comfortable driving environment. And even my wife is impressed.

Dave Menard, who's still trying to impress his wife, can be reached at mailto:Avanti1054@aol.com . @2007, Fracassa Communications LLC. Distributed by Fracassa News Group.

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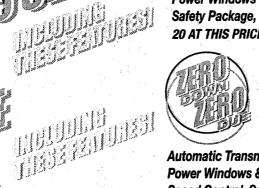
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