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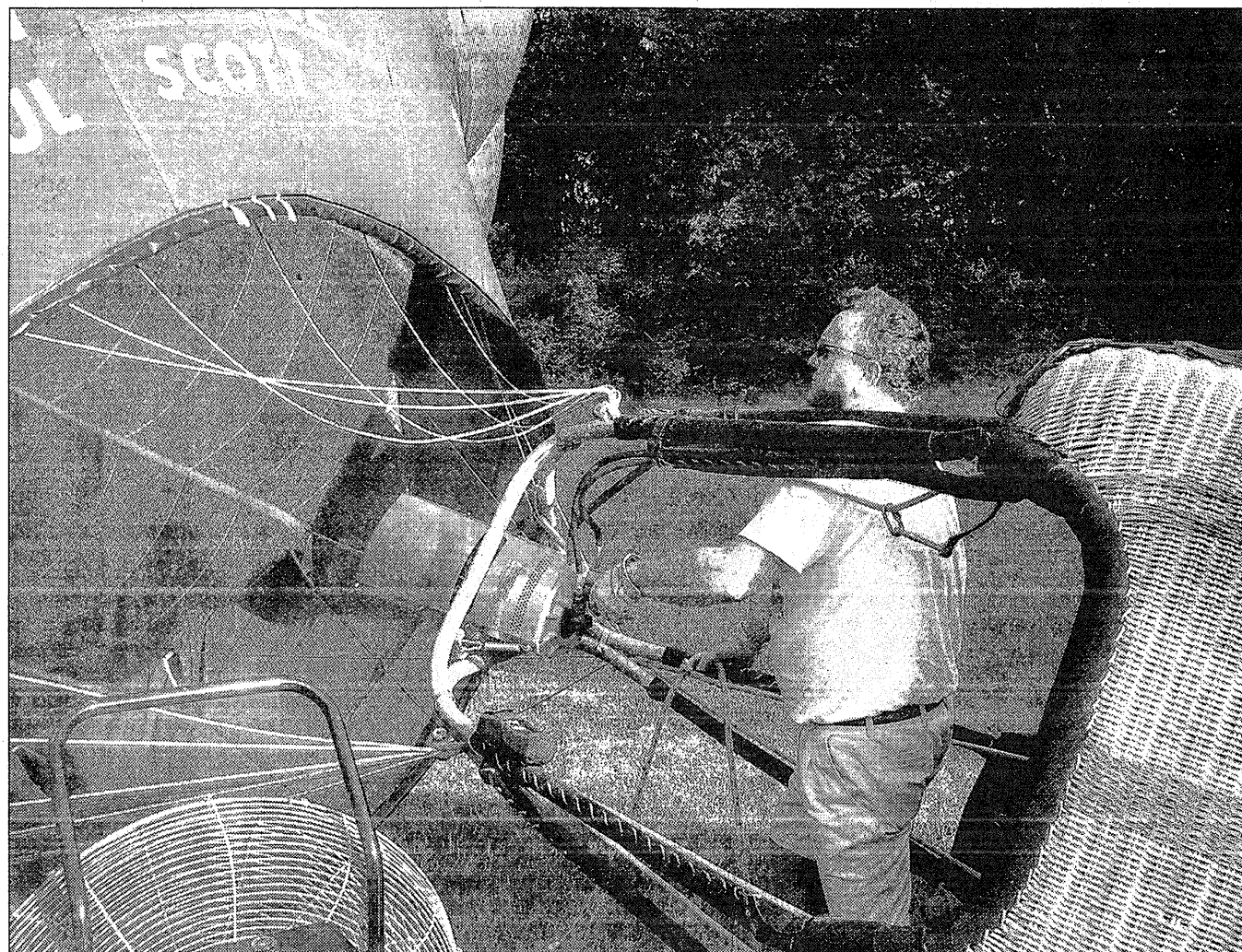
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Scott Lorenz of Plymouth put the "hot" into hot air balloon as he prepared for a recent flight.

Up, up and away

Balloonists get bird's-eye view in search for dog

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Scott Lorenz of Plymouth prepared his hot air balloon for sailing in the Kensington Metropark and Island Lake Recreational Area near Milford earlier this month, he had a double mission in mind.

First was to enjoy the friendly skies in a three-man basket 500 feet or more above the wilderness, touching the tops of trees, watching blue herons fly by and chatting with people who wave from their yards below.

The other was to help a Brighton Township woman find Blue, her 4-year-old Siberian husky, who has been missing since he walked away from home May 8. Blue is the lead dog on Sharon Young's sled dog team, and knows how to open doors, which is how he got loose.

Lorenz, owner of Westwood Balloon Co., helped organize a massive land

and air search for Blue in the Brighton-Milford area last month in search of the lost dog. Since then, every time Lorenz — or one of the other balloonists — flies passengers, they keep an eye out for Blue.

"Sharon lives inside the area we fly and sees us all the time, so she called me and wanted to hire us to fly and look for the dog," Lorenz said. "I told her we fly there all the time and we'd keep an eye out for it. I sent an e-mail to members of the balloon club, and we look for him when we take passengers up."

Blue has been spotted near the General Motors Proving Grounds in Milford, and several other areas. While five Siberian huskies have been returned to their owners, Blue is still on the loose.

Lorenz said a bird's-eye view comes in especially handy for covering many miles of heavily forested land while scouring an area for a lost dog.

Please see **BALLOON, A6**



Scott Lorenz of Plymouth gets a bird's-eye view of the landscape from nearly 700 feet in the air.

District has merit

P-CCS students among best on first-year exam

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton high school juniors scored better on the new Michigan Merit Exam than many of the surrounding districts, and much higher than other Wayne County and state-wide scores.

Students at P-CCS received higher scores in math, reading, science, writing and social studies than their counterparts in Livonia, Wayne-Westland and Farmington. However, Northville scored significantly higher than Plymouth-Canton in most of the categories.

This is the first year of the Michigan Merit Exam, which

was designed to determine how well-prepared students are for college. The new exam consists of the WorkKeys job skills assessments in reading and math; Michigan tests in math, science, social studies and persuasive writing; and the ACT college entrance exam.

"It was just a strong effort by our students and staff," said Mike Bender, director of secondary education for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "We put quite a bit of work this past year, and in years prior to that, gaining the content knowledge on the areas assessed and working hard on test-taking strategies."

Please see **EXAM, A4**

MICHIGAN MERIT EXAM						
Subject	Math	Reading	Science	Writing	Social Studies	ACT Composite Score
Farmington	59.9	71.3	68.1	56.6	88.8	70.6
Garden City	36.9	56.4	48.3	26.4	78.8	17.6
Livonia	55.3	68.5	68.3	46.9	92.1	19.9
Northville	81.7	86.3	86.9	78.4	94.4	23.3
Plymouth-Canton	69.0	72.5	73.3	57.3	92.3	21.4
Redford Union	26.2	45.2	37.3	24.3	70.2	16.7
South Redford	33.0	51.3	43.8	27.2	83.0	17.5
Wayne-Westland	78.7	49.9	44.3	21.9	87.2	17.1
Wayne County	33.6	49.3	43.3	31.7	75.5	NA
Statewide	46.5	59.7	55.9	40.1	83.3	18.8

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education

Student hike could mean more money

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Early projections show Plymouth-Canton Schools is on track to continue the trend of increasing enrollment, which could mean an additional \$1 million or more for the district's cash-strapped budget.

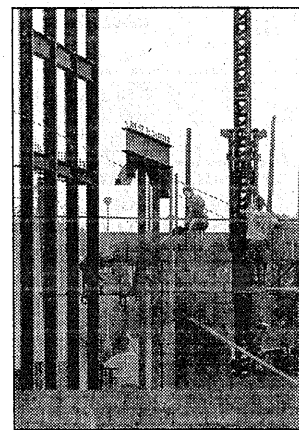
Preliminary figures given by Supt. Jim Ryan to the Board of Education this week show high school enrollment up by 235 students from last year's official state count day in the fall, middle

school is up 31 students, with elementary grades showing an increase of 55 pupils.

"Last year (at this time), we were 149 down at the elementary, and now we're 55 up," Ryan said. "We ended up about 50 down, so with 55 up so far this year that's a swing of about 100 students, which is encouraging."

"Middle school numbers are always about right. While the high school is up a lot, you never know until students pick up their schedules."

Please see **ENROLLMENT, A4**



Construction on the frame for the first structure is underway for the retail development at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

Retailers line up for development

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

While negotiations for an anchor tenant for the retail development at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty continue, progress is being made on other parts of the development.

Ground has been broken and some walls are up as developers continue to prepare for some of the other tenants to be able to move in, hopefully before the end of the year.

According to Christopher Lynn of Paramount Real Estate Services, LLC, which represents the developer, Bacall Development, the first tenants could get the keys to the place as early as November.

"The first spaces will be delivered to tenants between November and December this year," Lynn said. "Target delivery date is Dec. 1, depending on Mother Nature. But we've broken ground, Phase I is pad-ready, and one out-lot building is going vertical."

While Lynn wouldn't say what tenants have already signed on, the *Observer* has learned that two restaurants — Leo's Coney Island and the Grand Traverse Pie Company — and one retailer — Batteries Plus — have agreed to move in.

Lynn also wouldn't say what stores they were in negotiations with to become the

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Coming Thursday in **Filer**
Grand Prix racing returns to Belle Isle

Dog wash

Specialty Pet Supplies hosts a benefit "Dog Wash" noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19. Cost will be \$10 to have pets washed, towel-dried and brushed. Proceeds will benefit Guardian Angel Animal Rescue.

Specialty Pet Supplies is located at 1449 Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-6930.

Fine arts camp

Amy Sun, an eighth-grader at East Middle School, has been chosen out of 1,600 campers to play violin in the Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra.

She has played the violin for seven years, and is the concertmaster of the DSO Civic Philharmonic Orchestra and the Plymouth Canton Community School's orchestra. Amy wishes to play the violin professionally in the future.

The Blue Lake International Youth Symphony Orchestra is composed of the top high school musicians from around the country, and the orchestra tours the Midwestern United States and Europe, where musicians stay with host families while performing in historic concert halls.

The cost of this program is over \$5,000 per student. Amy Sun has already raised funds from baby-sitting and tutoring little kids, but she needs additional help. To make a donation on her account, contact Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp at (800) 221-3796.

Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club

sponsors a Perennial Exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8.

The exchange is open to members of the community on a "bring something, take something" basis at no charge. The club, a member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, will be set up at the east end of Kellogg Park, opposite the Wilcox House.

For more information, call (734) 459-7146.

Kindergarten seats

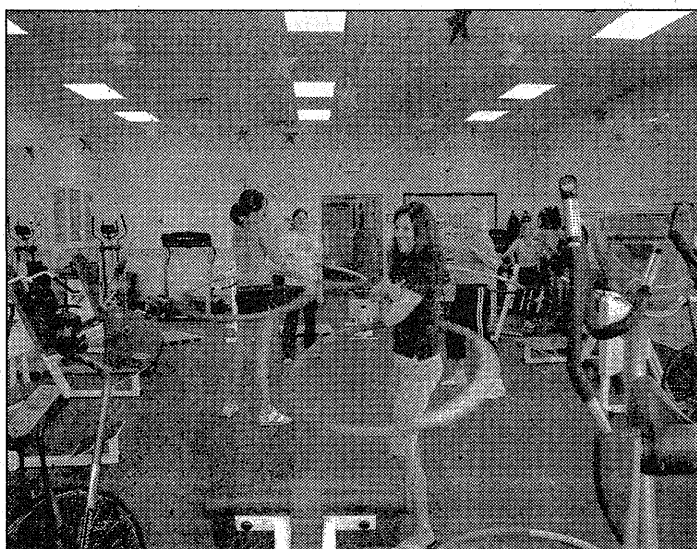
New Morning School still has several seats available in its 2007-2008 kindergarten program. New Morning School has expanded its kindergarten program so that students and their families can choose from half day classes during the morning or afternoon, as well as a full-day option. High-quality before and after school care is also available.

New Morning School offers a unique learning environment for kindergarten students ages 4-1/2 to 7. The challenging and developmentally-appropriate academic curriculum is based on the latest brain research, and focuses on hands-on, project-oriented learning. The program fosters development of the whole child, resulting in love of learning and high self-esteem.

To find out more, call 734.420.3331 or visit the school's Web site at www.newmorningschool.com

Historical walking tour

Join the Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth Preservation Network for an historical walking tour around



Hoopin' for a cause

Ladies Workout Express of Canton sponsored the first Hula Hoop for Hope fund-raiser last month to benefit the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. The event was held in memory of Sean Clark of Canton, who passed away in March of 2006 from Mitochondrial Disease at the age of 8 years old. A total of 13 people, who each hula hooped for 30 minutes, participated in the event and raised \$3,000 for UMDF. Participants included (pictured) Lauri Martineau, co-owner of Ladies Workout Express, Ann Clark (Sean's mother), and Liz Sholl (Ann's sister). The money will be used for funding of research, education and support of those effected by Mitochondrial Disease. For more information, visit the Web site at www.umdf.org, where you can also make a tax deductible donation.

Kellogg Park 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25.

Wendy Harless, Chairperson of the Plymouth Preservation Network, takes guests on an historical walk around the park. Have you ever stopped to wonder: Why we have a park? What is the oldest building around the park? Why is the Wilcox house located near the park? These questions and many more will be answered. Arrive early and enjoy free Starbucks coffee! Cost is \$10 per person with a limit of 25 people on tour. Tickets are available at the

Plymouth Historical Museum or through PayPal on the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org/walking-tours.html. Contact the museum for more information at (734) 455-8940. The Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

School supply drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is collecting school supplies to provide to needy families in its Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville service area. All types of school supplies

are needed; however, Salvation Army officials are especially hoping to collect new backpacks.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Crafter call

The Plymouth Historical Museum is seeking crafters for its second-annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Tables are \$15 each. Crafters are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, as the museum has limited room. Applications are available on the Museum Web site at http://plymouth-history.org/craft/craftshow.pdf or at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Hand-crafted items only, please.

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

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

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

Golf benefit

Conestoga-Rovers & Associates sponsors its 12th-annual Cal Branigan Memorial Golf Outing, a charity event benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne.

The event was established in 1995 to honor Cal Branigan, a former CRA employee who died of a heart attack. Branigan was a hardworking, dedicated individual who was well respected by his co-workers and clients.

This year's outing takes place at Northville Hills Golf Club, 15565 Bay Hill Drive, in Northville, Thursday, Sept. 20. Registration, cart assignment and warm-up starts at 10:30 a.m., with a noon shotgun start. A buffet dinner, with awards, prizes and gifts, starts at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 667-4653.

Financial seminars

Community Financial will host free financial education seminars Tuesday, Aug. 21 and

Wednesday, Aug. 22. Both hour-long seminars, which are open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the credit union's main office located at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

The Aug. 21 seminar is titled "Take Control of Your Money!" and focuses on how to create a spending plan, set realistic goals and track spending. It is estimated that most American consumers waste 20 to 30 percent of their money due to poor spending and planning habits.

This seminar has been designed as an interactive learning experience and will also help people identify budget busters that can destroy a spending plan.

The second seminar on Aug. 22 is titled "Understanding and Improving Credit Scores." Participants will receive straightforward answers to a variety of questions including what's in a credit report; why you need a good credit score; how to establish and improve your credit score, and much more.

"These seminars provide an excellent opportunity for us to give members and others in our community the knowledge needed to better manage their finances and achieve greater peace of mind," said Bill Lawton, president and CEO of Community Financial.

Participants will enjoy refreshments and have an opportunity to win a \$50 gas card. To register for the free seminars, call 734-582-8702.

Drive-In Night

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit is hosting a drive-in movie night Monday, Aug. 20, at the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatres in Plymouth. The theatre opens at 7:30 p.m. and inflatable toys and games will entertain children until movies begin at 8:25 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per car, and proceeds provide scholarships for kids to attend YMCA camps. Passes must be purchased online. Visit www.ymcadeloit.org for more information and to buy passes.

Tiny Tot program

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for the Tiny Tots Preschool program. For 3-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday class or a Tuesday/Thursday class from 9-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$95 per month.

For 4-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday/Thursday class from 12:15-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 per month. There is a one-time registration fee of \$35 for all classes.

For more information call (734) 453-5464 or stop by the office at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

CORRECTION

A story in Thursday's *Plymouth Observer* about the first Relay for Life event to benefit the fight against cancer should have said the team from First Presbyterian Church was the "First Presbyterian Hikers," a group of men, women and children who helped raise \$3,333.

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Debrah Davidson is the new principal at All Saints Catholic School.

Principal brings years of experience to All Saints

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Within an hour of uttering that she may throw her resume back into the Catholic school principal pool, Debrah Davidson got a phone call from a woman she had never met.

The person on the other end of the line asked the Garden City woman if she had any interest in interviewing for the principal's position at All Saints Catholic School in Canton.

While telling the story from her new office inside the 11-year-old school on Warren Road, Davidson can't help but grin at how the events unfolded, including a couple of weeks where she thought her resume had fallen by the wayside.

"That was nothing but the hand of God," she said, adding that before getting that first phone call she didn't know too much about All Saints, but had an inkling it would be a good fit for her. "I am so thrilled to be here and everyone has embraced me."

Davidson, the product of 12 years of Catholic education herself, said while she wanted

to jump at the opportunity to guide All Saints, she didn't plan on doing so without the blessing of the leadership at St. Dunstan Catholic Elementary School, a Garden City school where she had been principal. The mother of two had been at the school for eight years.

After getting the thumbs-up from the administration at St. Dunstan, Davidson then attended Mass at the four founding parishes of All Saints, including Resurrection Catholic Church, which is on the same sprawling campus as the school.

Davidson, who started her new job Aug. 1, has gone from having 175 students at St. Dunstan to nearly 600, and her staff is nearly four times larger.

In between meeting with teachers and parents and getting ready for the first day of classes Sept. 5, Davidson joked that she has yet to take a tour of the entire school.

In her office, Davidson has a lifelike replica of her cat, Chloe, curled up on a chair and several photographs of her sons, Iain, 18 and Seamus, 15.

Calling her oldest "a rock star" and her youngest "the

scientist," Davidson lets out a sarcastic sigh when recalling the years she spent as their principal at St. Dunstan.

"It was delightful and I loved every minute of it," she said, while playfully rolling her eyes and recalling the times she had to dole out school suspensions to her offspring.

Davidson, who still worships at St. Dunstan's, said she's been awed by her welcome to All Saints.

Joan T. Dudley, the woman that placed that first phone call to Davidson, is the assistant principal of the pre-K through eighth grade school and said she was talking to another person about the principal's position and they happened to mention Davidson.

"She is delightful," Dudley said. "She has good experience and good expertise and is a great addition to our staff."

For more information about the school, which is still accepting students for the new year, please call (734) 459-2490 or log onto www.allsaintscs.com.

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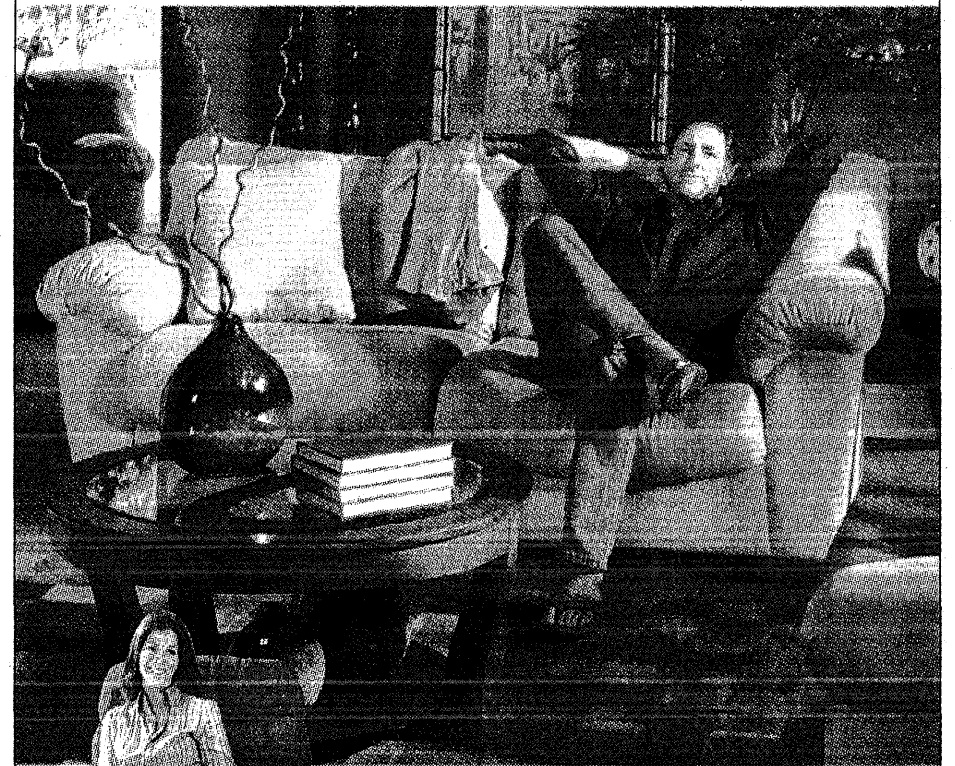
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EXAM
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Statewide, more than half of Michigan's high school juniors failed the math and writing portions, with less than 60 percent passing reading and science.

"These results are about what we expected in this first administration of the Merit Exam," Michigan Board of Education President Kathleen Straus said. "As the new rigorous state graduation requirements are implemented, and

students are exposed to more knowledge, we will see an improvement in the scores."

Despite scoring higher than many districts throughout the region and state, Bender said it's difficult to assess how well students did compared to the previous MEAP tests because of the differences in the exams.

"We have to treat this as a baseline year," Bender said. "When you look at each of the categories, the state has blended the results of the different assessments, making it difficult to compare."

"As always, our process is to examine closely the results

and make some decisions to continue to do the things we do well, and strengthen those of greatest need," he added.

Plymouth-Canton juniors received a composite ACT score of 21.4, compared to the state-wide average of 18.8.

Bender did not have the final number of students who qualified for the \$4,000 Michigan Promise Scholarship by passing the math, reading, science and writing portions. Students who failed to receive the scholarship can retake the test as seniors in an attempt to qualify.

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ENROLLMENT
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Ryan is sticking to his prediction the total increase for the 2007-08 school year will be about 200 students.

"I still think we're a destination (district)," Ryan said. "If

we can get a little money from enrollment, a better audit and if the state can get it together, I think there's hope to get the budget deficit manageable."

The school board, in its budget projections, estimated 183 new students for the coming school year. Patricia Brand, the assistant superintendent for business services, said that

would result in about \$1.1 million in new money for the district. However, Brand said she'll wait to see what the final tally is on official count day before counting on the money.

"The reality is what number we get in the fall, not what's on the sheet today," Brand said.

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More than 400 expected to compete in Senior Olympics

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Last year, Gloria Cifaldi won a silver medal in the football toss. Or, wait, maybe it was the frisbee toss. Or it could've been the ring toss.

Either way, Cifaldi, 64, of Canton says she had a ball in the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics and is thrilled about this year's activities, which kick off Monday.

After throwing out a couple of the competitions she was in, Cifaldi chuckled and said she thinks she got the silver for the frisbee toss.

"That was great, but it wasn't about that. I was there more for the fun," she said.

The Olympics will open Monday, Aug. 20, with an 8 a.m. 5K run in Heritage Park. Other activities include the traditional breakfast at 9 a.m. and the opening ceremonies at 10 a.m.

Janet Brady, Canton's senior program supervisor, said more than 400 people from 16 communities have signed on to participate in the festivities.

The five-day event, which includes competitions such as tennis, baking, creative writing, swimming and shuffleboard, will feature residents from Westland, Livonia, Plymouth, Garden City, Redford Township, Wayne, Belleville and Van Buren Township.

"It's amazing to see this," Brady said. "All you can say is 'wow.' We are all very excited."

Open to western Wayne County men and women age 50 and older, gold, silver and bronze medals are up for grabs — even if not too many people seem to want them.

"It's a fun thing — my friends and I cheer each other on," said Rose Treusch, 73. "We get a little chuckle out of it. It's more fun than competitive."

Treusch of Canton plans to participate in the ring toss, soccer kick, softball throw, frisbee toss and photography contest.

"I'm always going around taking pictures and a couple people said, 'Why not get in that photo contest?' I'm not a professional, but I think it will be fun," she said.

The 2007 Olympics include several new competitions, including a 12-mile bicycle contest.

"I think people really enjoy being with each other and being active," Brady said. "They get out there, have fun and form friendships."

The event will close at noon Friday, Aug. 24, with a banquet at Fellows Creek Golf Club. Spectators are welcome to attend the competitions. For more information, call (734) 394-5485.

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Daimler without Chrysler should be a good investment

Dear Rick: About two years ago I inherited Daimler Chrysler stock. I have been holding on to it and it has risen nicely. Now that Cerberus has purchased Chrysler, what is supposed to happen to the stock and do you advise keeping it or selling it?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

The sale of Chrysler to Cerberus Capital Management is complete. The new Chrysler is now owned by Cerberus (80 percent) and Daimler (20 percent).

If you owned Chrysler stock and it was later converted into Daimler-Chrysler stock you would retain an interest in Daimler. You will not own shares in the new Chrysler.

If you are looking for a

both parties.

The merger of equals, which the Daimler-Chrysler deal was advertised as, was in effect a takeover of Chrysler. The cultures between the two companies never meshed and, coupled with problems U.S. automakers face, it was difficult for the merger to

long-term investment, I see no problem retaining Daimler-Chrysler stock. I believe the "divorce" between Chrysler and Daimler eventually will be good for

succeed.

The share price of both companies suffered. The break up will allow both companies the flexibility needed to succeed in a global economy.

Even though Daimler paid a heavy price to separate from Chrysler, I believe the company's future looks bright.

Dear Rick: You had a caller on your radio show who had tax-free bonds in an IRA. You told the caller to sell the bonds. I didn't hear the entire answer. I have tax-free bonds in my IRA. Should I sell?

Anyone who has tax-free bonds in an IRA should sell immediately and look for better investment opportunities.

People purchase tax-free

bonds as part of an IRA under the mistaken belief that when they take a distribution it will be tax free. This is not the case.

In a traditional IRA where you deduct your contribution, you have no basis in your investment and whatever is removed is subject to income tax. It does not matter what the investment is, the money withdrawn is taxable. Because tax-free bonds pay less interest than a taxable bond, there is no reason to purchase one within an IRA. Understanding the basics of tax laws is important and can save money. As a taxpayer you should know the difference between ordinary income and capital gain income.

Capital gains is typically

income you earn from the buying and selling of investments. The capital gain bracket is most likely your lowest tax bracket. The maximum capital gain rate is 15 percent.

Ordinary income is what you earn from your labor. The ordinary income bracket is typically your highest. For most people, the ordinary income bracket is 28 percent but can be as high as 35 percent.

When investments grow tax deferred (401k, IRA or a variable annuity) the money is taxed at one's ordinary income bracket when it is eventually withdrawn, not the

more favorable capital gain treatment.

Understanding the basics of taxes is important for investors. Knowing that tax-free bonds do not belong in an IRA and knowing what investments go where in the portfolio can allow you to keep more money in your pocket — where it belongs.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His Web site is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick live from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400). If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please e-mail Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Jordan named O&E marketing manager

Choya Jordan, formerly general sales manager of WGPR-FM, is the new marketing manager at the Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers. She replaces Cathy Young, who moved to Arizona earlier this year.

"I'm excited about working with such a well-respected media organization," Jordan said. "I'm impressed with how many people who say 'this is my newspaper' and how many people feel connected to their Observer or Eccentric."

Jordan, 40, holds a bachelor's degree in communications from U-D Mercy and a master's in management from Lesley (Mass.) College.

Jordan has extensive experience in sales and

marketing. Before becoming general sales manager at WGPR, she worked as an account executive for Crawford Broadcasting. She also worked as a district sales manager for GM in the Chevrolet Division.

"Choya will add a new dimension to branding the O&E and Mirror," said Peter Neill, vice president and general manager of the O&E/Mirror Newspapers. "Her approach to marketing the products and keeping us connected with the communities will benefit not only our papers, but the communities in the O&E and Mirror distribution area. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to an arena which



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Choya Jordan is the Observer and Eccentric's new marketing manager.

is constantly being redefined in the fast-changing world of multimedia."

Jordan, 40, is a Detroit resident. She volunteers at Let Them Come Baptist Church in Detroit.

Jordan can be reached at (734) 953-2142 or via e-mail at cjordan@hometownlife.com.

Laurel Park launches Internet, phone service

Laurel Park Place in Livonia announced the launch of a new service which allows consumers to find any product, brand or sale available in the mall using the Internet or mobile phones.

Detroit area shoppers can now search the mall before they visit (at the mall Web site) or while shopping (using their cell phone), and have all coupons, sales, and product information at their fingertips. This unique service is powered by NearbyNow, Inc., the first company of its kind to provide

Internet and mobile search technology for shopping centers and retailers to drive in-store foot traffic.

To search the mall from home, consumers simply go to Laurel Park Place's Web site at <http://www.laurelparkplace.com> and use the search box to quickly search over 600,000 products at the mall. When shoppers find products they want, they can click "reserve this product" to put an item on hold at the store.

Shoppers already in the

mall can use the mobile search service to locate products and sales by texting the letters "LP" to NEARBY (632729). Next they will receive instructions on how to search hundreds of sale items in the mall by typing "jeans", "shoes", or any other item they text. Shoppers can also find mobile-only sales and special offers available at the mall.

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Osteoarthritis is the best known reason for knee pain. However, other conditions can make the knee swell and cause you to limp. These other problems include a medical or lateral meniscus injury, strain on the knee ligaments, or a tear in the quadriceps tendon. In addition, the prepatellar, anserine and fibular bursa that are near the knee, can become irritated; you feel the result as knee pain.

The different causes of knee pain require different therapies, therefore your doctor must evaluate your knee carefully. Examining the joint allows him to determine if fluid is present, an important finding, as the composition of the fluid invariably provides diagnostic information.

Examination also indicated if the problem comes from the knee or the surrounding structures such as the bursa or quadriceps tendon. Furthermore, if examination shows that your pain is greatest behind the knee, your doctor can be more confident that the source is the knee itself. The reason is that strain and pain follows from the hamstring muscles splinting the knee joint against sudden movement.

The results of the examination guide your doctor as to what imaging tests, if any, he will order. For arthritis, weight bearing, (standing) films suffice. For possible ligament tears, an MRI is in order, as that procedure is that best way to visualize the ligaments and special cartilage structures that make up the knee joint.

In sum, since arthritis is only one of several reasons for knee pain, almost all knee pain needs evaluation.

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BALLOON

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"Look how much you can see, it's a view you could never get from the ground," Lorenz said, pointing down from nearly 700 feet above while flying a couple of weeks ago. "If the dog was in the swamp down there, you would never see it from the ground."

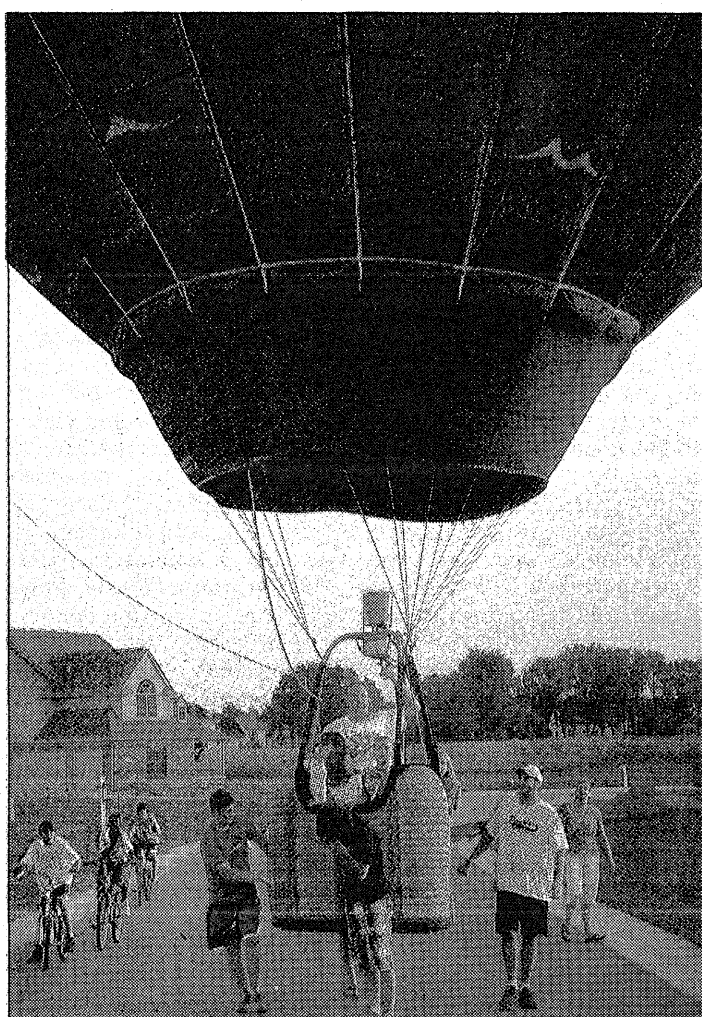
Young said she won't give up until her companion is found, and is grateful Lorenz and his fellow balloonists keep a look-out for Blue.

"Scott is a great guy, and I appreciate his help," Young said. "Because of him, and the efforts of the other balloonists, there are so many people who know about Blue."

"It's been incredible, I get calls all the time," she added. "I could never have gotten this much attention from just handing out fliers. I won't give up until I find him."

Lorenz said he'll continue to keep a watch for Blue when he takes to the skies.

"We usually do this just looking for a good time," he said. "If I can help her find Blue, I'm happy to do it."



With a little help from their parents, Plymouth's Scott Lorenz gives rides to kids in the Lyon Township neighborhood where he landed his hot-air balloon.

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Citizens for Peace to host film festival

Madonna University and the Livonia-based Citizens for Peace will continue their series of films highlighting peace and nonviolent themes with a three-theater movie festival next month.

The movies, all centering around the themes of peace and nonviolence, will be shown from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, in Kresge Hall and the Science Hall at Madonna University.

Theater one will show "Living Luminaries," "The Secret" and "Humanity Ascending." Theater two will show "The Peace DVD,"

"Howard Zinn: You Can't be Neutral on a Moving Train" and "Peace One Day." Theater three will show "Critical Mass" and a series of highlights from the Department of Peace conferences held earlier this year and two years ago.

Admission to all three viewing sites, all day, is \$15. Admission to one site is \$10 and all proceeds benefit the Peace Alliance in its push to create a cabinet-level department of peace.

For more information about this event, contact Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

DEVELOPMENT

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development's anchor, other than to say they are "talking to a number of grocery stores and gourmet markets."

"We recognize there's a need for an upscale market for the Plymouth, Canton and western Livonia communities," Lynn said. "We've been approached by non-grocery anchors interested in the site, but we're holding out for a grocery."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the developer still has to put in underground utilities and a parking lot, as well as adhere to the aesthetics required by the township in the Ann Arbor Road corridor.

"The plan is to put all the landscaping improvements along Ann Arbor Road before any tenants move in," Reaume said.

Lynn said once that's done, the development — Plymouth Towne Center — will be a top-notch development.

"It's going to have a park-like setting, monuments, fountains, seating areas, brick pavers," Lynn said. "It's going to be a Class A development, unlike anything that's in the surrounding communities right now."

Lynn said Phase I should be done by Dec. 1, while Phase II, which would include the anchor, is scheduled to be completed in the first or second quarter of 2008.

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The event, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., takes place 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, rain or shine. Club officials said most proceeds from the event will go toward Rotary A.M.'s special beneficiary: The Tanger School's "Field of Dreams," a proposed playground for youngsters and others with special needs.

The dinner's main course will be prepared by Joe's Deli & Catering. Dinner consists of pasta and diner's choice of authentic Italian meat or marinara sauce, tossed salad with Italian dressing, garlic bread, a chocolate chip cookie, a cold beverage and coffee or decaf. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the tent on the day of the event or in advance from any A.M. Rotarian.

The Rotary A. M. Spaghetti Tent will be located in the northeast corner of Kellogg Park. In case of nasty weather, drive-up "to-go" service will be available at the corner of Union and Ann Arbor Trail.

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With a few attitude adjustments every community can be 'cool'

Perhaps no initiative by Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been more ridiculed and maligned by her opponents than the Cool Cities Initiative.

Republicans love to grumble that the state needs jobs, not more coffee houses and fern bars. Makes a great soundbite, but deliberately misses the point that certain kinds of amenities, certain styles of human interaction, invite the kind of economic growth that creates jobs and the people who will fill those jobs.

Many communities are now trying to find those key ingredients that will attract young adults to their communities. In an interview session, the three candidates for mayor in Livonia all mentioned the need to attract and keep young adults in their community, a community that was successfully built on a different model.

At one time Livonia was the cool city, a city without a center, a city of subdivisions. Many of those subdivisions had large lots and no sidewalks, defying anyone to take a stroll. But in postwar America, Livonia was a model of the good life.

Those big, leafy yards were a stark contrast and break from the tight lots of Detroit. In the age of the automobile, who needed to walk around town when you could drive to a mall or a strip mall? A thriving industrial zone along a rail line guaranteed a steady tax base to support solid government services and an excellent school system.

That was a good model, one that worked for generations of Livonia families; and other communities (Canton, West Bloomfield, Troy) in metro Detroit were built in the same way. And many of those communities formed strong neighborhoods within their municipalities.

But it was hard to attract and keep young people, who couldn't afford those homes and didn't like not having a town center where they could walk and interact. And the model also didn't appeal to older residents who remembered the closeness of traditional small towns and city neighborhoods, where every need was within walking distance, where people sat on their porches or met in the town square. Something had been lost.

The cool cities idea was a recognition of that loss and a recognition of the success that some older-style suburbs and towns were experiencing. Birmingham became a trendy downtown for the northern suburbs. Royal Oak adopted a "leave the kids alone" philosophy that created a vibrant mix of restaurants, coffee houses and music venues. It also reinvigorated the town's residential market. Plymouth and Northville began to upgrade their downtowns, suddenly realizing what an asset they are.

More recently, west Dearborn has revitalized its business district by integrating hip businesses with townhouse living. When government money

Tastes and needs change. At one time, enclosed malls seemed an exciting alternative to freezing while winter shopping in the city. As the malls developed, the big city retail center died. But over time, suburban teens, without a town center, were dropped off at the malls.

for downtowns became available, several towns tried to create downtowns where none existed — Novi and Canton.

The candidates mentioned a multiplex movie theater and a bustling rec center as examples of "cool" things in Livonia. One also advocated making Livonia a "hot city" with wi-fi connection.

Tastes and needs change. At one time, enclosed malls seemed an exciting alternative to freezing while winter shopping in the city. As the malls developed, the big city retail center died. But over time, suburban teens, without a town center, were dropped off at the malls.

The malls became less and less appealing to many shoppers. The new trend is toward open shopping areas or big box stores made to look like old-style towns.

The governor is right. Young people, especially those identified as the "creative class," do not hanker for a split-level home on a half acre of land (at least not yet). They are drawn to towns with town centers, especially college towns where all residents take advantage of what the college brings to the town. They see the suburban model as isolating, especially for those who are coming from somewhere else. They are more open to diversity in people and activities. They see a problem with sprawl and appreciate the smaller homes and lots of the older suburbs. They like the idea of working near where they live and recreate. They like mass transit. (See www.cool-cities.com)

What does that mean for our once cutting-edge suburbs? Does every community have to become "cool" based on some particular thermometer to measure "coolness?"

Livonia has an opportunity to draw on its strengths — good schools, an excellent park system, a good tax base (though troubled by the current economy) and excellent home stock. What "cool" could it and other subdivision communities add — more walkability and bike routes, more town-like developments and fewer strip malls, better connections through mass transit with other communities, more mixed use, new urban-style developments rather than more sprawling subdivisions.

Those communities will survive and thrive with the good things they offer already, but they need to adapt to fit their old model with the new (which is really a return to the old).

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Mining decision sells state's natural resources short

If you've taken a drive north this summer, you've probably seen the billboards advertising Michigan.org — a Web site promoting the state and its travel destinations. They're certainly hard to miss.

Most of the ones I've seen feature a photo of some scenic vista showcasing Michigan's natural wonders. I particularly like the one where the guy is sitting in a canoe on what looks like a wilderness lake with a brilliant sunset in the background. Just looking at it takes the stress away (especially if you're stuck in a traffic jam on I-75).



Kurt Kuban

Michigan has been blessed with some outstanding natural resources — something the billboards are trying to promote. We are trying to sell this "natural Michigan" image not only to our residents, but to the rest of the country, in an attempt to lure some of those tourist dollars away from more exotic locales.

Most Michiganders take pride in our natural resources — from the Great Lakes and thousands of inland lakes and streams, to our forests, dunes and even our farms.

You have to wonder, then, why the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has given the green light to a controversial nickel mining project in the Upper Peninsula near Marquette that will ultimately reap very few benefits for our state and its people. In fact, I would argue that this mine will do more damage than the project is worth — at least for our state. Despite guarantees from the company, Kennecott Minerals Corp., the mine could cause irreparable damage to the natural resources we profess to care so much about.

This mine is not your grandfather's mine. It would be the first "sulfide mine" in the state's history, in which Kennecott will drill into sulfide rock to extract nickel, copper and other minerals. The problem is that when this sulfide rock is brought to the surface, it leaches sulfuric acid and toxic heavy metals (acid mine drainage). The mine's opponents — and there are many — believe these toxic by-products will end up in the pristine Yellow Dog and Salmon-Trout rivers and, ultimately, in Lake Superior.

Despite Kennecott's promises of a safe mine, the fact is sulfide mines elsewhere in the world have a nasty legacy of pollution and natural resource degradation. In fact, in 2003, Kennecott was responsible for two of the five most polluting mines in the country. Is that what we want for one of the most pristine corners of our state?

Gov. Jennifer Granholm professes to care about our state's natural resources, yet it is her administration that is allowing this project to move forward, despite all the questions that still remain. And there certainly doesn't seem to be any significant opposition in the state Legislature. Our elected leaders are standing silent on this issue and refusing to fight for our natural legacy.

We know what is at stake for Kennecott and its parent company Rio Tinto, an international corporation based in the U.K. The company will reap billions of dollars of profit. Yet what will this mine mean for Michigan? Jobs? Kennecott will only employ a couple of dozen employees for the life of the mine, which is expected to be about a decade. All the profits will be shipped out to London. Certainly there will be some tax revenue, but for how long? And is it worth the cost?

The Salmon-Trout and Yellow Dog rivers are both undeveloped, and in an area that is as close as you will get to true wilderness in Michigan. The Salmon-Trout is also notable because it is the last river in Michigan to sustain a significant population of coaster brook trout, which are giant brook trout that live in Lake Superior for most of their lives, but move upstream to spawn.

The coaster has kind of been the poster child in this debate about the mine. There's a very good chance if it goes forward, we are seeing last days of its existence in Michigan, which is a shame because brook trout are not only our state fish, but they are a symbol of our wilderness past.

The other thing that scares me is, once Kennecott gets in and starts extracting money, you can pretty much count on a slew of others to follow suit, and they will have precedent on their side. As far as I'm concerned, the MDEQ's recent decision is like granny ringing the dinner bell, and yelling "Come and get it!" And once the hordes of mining companies come, what else will we lose?

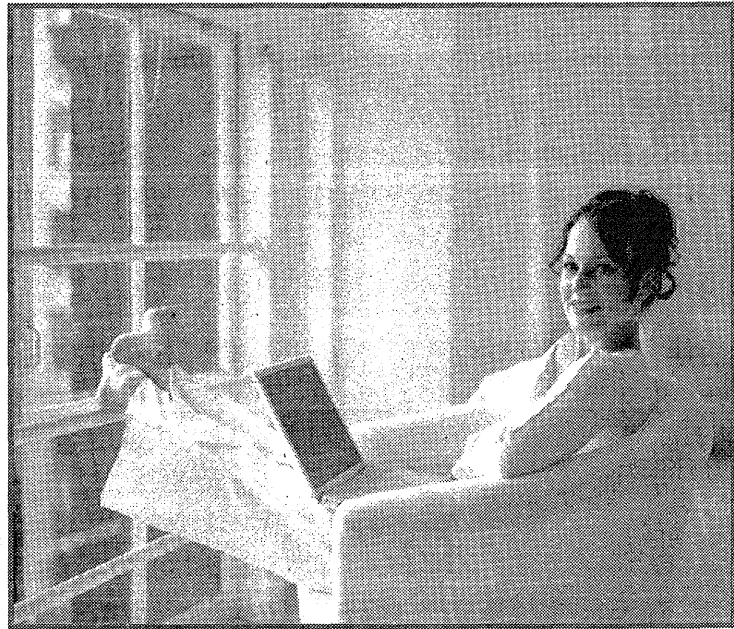
The MDEQ will hold a number of public hearings around the state about the mine in September. If there isn't a significant amount of public opposition, you can pretty much count on this mine moving ahead.

Since it seems our leaders are unwilling to do anything, I suppose it will be up to the little guy to defend our natural legacy. If we fail, some of our wildest rivers and forests will be poisoned, but at least we'll have some pretty billboards.

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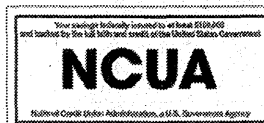
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Desk or contact Sue Patterson at the Library, 734-453-0750, ext. 241 or spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

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■ **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**, Friday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - The week leading up to Labor Day will find local hospitals with depleted blood inventory. Plan now to give - donors can safely give blood every 56 days. Sign up in the Library lobby. Walk-ins welcome too. For more information, call 734-453-0750, ext. 217.

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BY DR. ADAM MASHIKE

Back Labor:

A Possible Solution for a Painful Situation

It has been reported that between 50 and 75% of pregnant women experience back pain during labor.^{1,2} Although there is some evidence that adjustments during pregnancy may reduce the occurrence of low back pain during labor¹, many first time mothers mistakenly think back-labor is what childbirth is supposed to feel like. Let me assure you IT IS NOT.

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Reversal: MHSAA eases Randolph's suspension

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton High School wrestling coach Casey Randolph has experienced countless on-the-mat reversals during his stellar wrestling career, but none more significant or emotional than the off-the-mat one he received from the Michigan High School Athletic Association on Wednesday afternoon.

In May, Randolph was slapped with a harsh, one-year coaching ban after he broke a rule stating that high school coaches cannot coach their wrestlers in national competitions.

Randolph moved from the stands to the edge of the mat during 2007 Canton state champion Corey Phillips' opening match in

a senior national tournament in Virginia Beach, Va.

On Monday, accompanied by P-CEP co-athletic director Sue Heinzman and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan, Randolph stated his case during an appeals hearing before a nine-person committee that included MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts and several athletic directors and school administrators from across the state.

Two days after the appeals hearing, the MHSAA forwarded a fax to Heinzman that explained Randolph can retain his head-coaching duties during the regular season, but he cannot coach once the Division 1 District tournament commences in February of 2008. It was a compromise, but one that Randolph can live with.

"It's going to be hard sitting in the stands and not being able to coach in the post-season next year, but it's a heckuva lot better than not being able to coach at all," said Randolph, who said the original year-long suspension "tore my heart out."

Randolph said he emphasized to the MHSAA appeals committee that initially he never intended to coach Phillips at the national event.

"I went down there to watch Corey compete," said Randolph. "But in the first period of his first match, he suffered an injury, and I went down there to offer my support."

"I was very honest when I answered their questions and I think they sensed that."

Randolph stressed that he thought Heinzman's and Ryan's presence at the hearing was pivotal in the committee's posi-

tive decision.

"Dr. Ryan and Sue being there spoke volumes," said Randolph. "I can't thank them enough and everyone else who supported me during this ordeal."

"The past few months have been an emotional roller-coaster for me and my family. I'm relieved it's over and happy that we can move forward and put this behind us."

Under Randolph's guidance, the Chiefs have captured two consecutive Division 1 District wrestling titles — the first two in the history of the school.

In 2006, the former Eastern Michigan University wrestling standout led the Chiefs to the D1 state quarterfinals in Battle Creek.

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Walleye whiz kid

Teen cashes in on fishing skills

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Those who didn't know any better probably thought 14-year-old Canton resident Chris Merbler was just an interested bystander during the final weigh-in at the Mack's Lure 100 Walleye Tournament held last month on Saginaw Bay.

That is, until all the fish were weighed and Merbler and his fishing partner/dad, Ron, approached the podium to collect their seventh-place check of \$450.

"It's always exciting at the weigh-ins," said Merbler, who will begin his freshman year at Canton High School in two weeks. "I'm usually the only kid in these tournaments, so it surprises some of the adults who have been fishing their whole lives when I beat them."

The Saginaw Bay event was one of four stops on the 2007 Michigan Walleye Tour. One-hundred two-person teams were entered, making the Merblers' accomplishment that much more impressive.

"We were in third place for quite a while, but we dropped a little bit once all the boats came in," said Merbler.

Not far from 1st

The Merblers' five-walleye total of 19.69 pounds was less than five pounds off the first-place pace set by the duo of Chris Pavlicheck (Owendale, Mich.) and Thad McCathy (Bay Port), who reeled in \$2,500 for their efforts.

"We were fishing in 35 to 40 feet of water using Walleye Kid

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Canton resident Chris Merbler holds a pair of walleye that he and his dad, Ron, caught during the Macks Lure Walleye Tournament in the Saginaw Bay earlier this summer. The Merblers' seventh-place finish earned them a \$450 check.

Canton's Dickey steps down

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Scott Dickey, a two-sport coaching fixture at Canton High School since the mid-90s, resigned earlier this summer due to an increase in non-coaching job responsibilities and to free up more time to spend with his family.

Dickey, who runs a marketing company with his wife Emily, compiled a 223-178-1 record in 13 years as the Chiefs' head baseball coach after taking over for Ed Turek in the spring of 1995. Prior to coming to Canton, Dickey racked up a 199-48-6 record as the junior varsity baseball coach at Dearborn Divine Child, his alma mater.

"The things I'm going to miss the most is the family atmosphere that exists with both sports, and I'm going to miss working with the young athletes on a daily basis," said Dickey. "But my job has created some new opportunities for me and coaching didn't allow me to spend as much time with my kids (4-year-old Cass and 1-year-old Jani) as I would have liked."

On the gridiron, Dickey served as the Chiefs' defensive coordinator from 1998 — the year current head coach Tim Baechler was hired — through the 2006 season.

The past two seasons Dickey helped orchestrate a defense that was key to the Chiefs' trip to the 2005 Division 1 state championship game and last year's run to the D1 semifinal contest.

Baechler said Dickey's knowledge and positive mindset were instrumental in the program's medioc-

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Dickey

Sidelines

Furrey charity bowling event

On Oct. 29, Detroit Lions wide receiver Mike Furrey, a resident of Canton, will host an inaugural Celebrity Halloween Bowling Party at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Mike Furrey Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization designed to improve the lives of those that are hungry, homeless, hurting and/or hopeful.

For more information on the foundation, visit www.mikefurrey.net.

The bowling event will include bowling, food, Monday Night Football, music and a silent auction. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Several levels of sponsorships are also available for local businesses and residents.

For more information on the event, contact Alicia Maynard at (614) 588-6428; or alicia@themikefurreyfoundation.com.

Baseball tryouts

The Motor City Chiefs U12 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at UAW Local 7354, which is located at 8055 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

For more information, contact Tony at (248) 228-4317; or send an e-mail to kgaffneys@yahoo.com or goodmini@prodigy.net.

Salem lacrosse golf outing

The inaugural Plymouth Salem High School Lacrosse Golf Outing will be held Sunday, Oct. 7, at 8 a.m. (shotgun start) at St. Johns Golf and Banquet Center, which is located at 5 Mile and Sheldon roads in Plymouth.

The fee — \$110 per golfer and \$440 per foursome — includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, a hot dog, chips and soda at the turn, a barbecue luncheon, a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia, and closest-to-the-pin and long-drive competitions.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$200 per hole.

To reserve a spot in the outing, contact new Salem boys lacrosse coach Eric Bielecki at (248) 351-3824 (office) or (734) 891-3590 (cell). The deadline for making reservations is Sept. 14.

Trademark of MU soccer team: hustle

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Like a swarm of bees, Madonna University's men's soccer team will look to sting the opposition with a squad of all-out hustlers who go full-steam ahead.

There won't be any dazzling stars who look to do it themselves, such as Ryan Montague or Worth Sampson. Instead, according to Crusaders coach Tino Scicluna, a cast led by senior Darrel Quinn will play it tough and smart and - hopefully - keep the ball away from other teams.

"At the end of the game I want to be able to say we had the ball longer than our opponents because we can't afford anymore to just play counter-attack soccer," Scicluna said. "We don't have the pace, we don't have the threats necessarily to play that way."

Quinn, a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first-team defender in 2006, might be as close to a so-called game-breaker that's on the MU roster.

"Every single time you second-guess him (Quinn) he proves everyone wrong," Scicluna noted. "I'm not going to sit here and say Darrel Quinn is a superstar. But I would say he's got the potential to become that."

Scicluna is banking on the 6-3 Quinn to spearhead a solid backline, but he also will chip in at midfield when called upon.

"He's not just a defender, he's a pretty complete player," said the coach about Quinn. "When he first came here, I think he was just a hard-nosed player. But now he's turned into being a bit more complete."

"He can shoot from long range, he's very strong in

the air. He's still a very good defender, but he has a lot more than that."

Madonna's midfield depth could be a key reason it again contends in the WHAC, following last year's second-place finish of 11-6-2.

Besides Quinn, the Crusaders will rely on the talented T. J. Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), Doran Drai (six goals in 2006) and freshman-eligible Keith Sied (Stevenson/Schoolcraft College) in the center-mid.

"Our midfielders are going to have to carry the flow of the game," Scicluna continued. "In the years past, we've had players like Sampson and Ryan Montague who could just change the game and just single-handedly flip the game upside-down. I don't think we have that this year, which is OK. We're just going to have

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T.J. Djokic, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson, will be a key component on the Madonna University men's soccer team this fall.

115,000 Michigan student-athletes prepared to compete in fall

Preparations for the 2007-08 fall sports season began last week when over 120,000 students began fall practice in eight sports at members schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

This year, fall sports participation will involve approximately 115,000 of 525,000 enrolled youngsters.

The earliest game date for soccer is Aug. 20. Girls volleyball may begin competition on Aug. 24 and girls swimming and diving in the Lower Peninsula may open on Aug. 25.

This year, two football dates precede Labor Day and Thursday varsity games will take place both weeks.

Football rule changes made by the National Federation of State High Schools address illegal helmet contact, define flagrant fouls, add an enforcement option for penalties occurring on touchdown-scoring plays, and require new field markings to keep sideline personnel at

least six feet away from the field.

Illegal helmet contact is defined as an act initiating contact with the helmet against an opponent. Such contact includes: butt blocking, an act where contact is initiated against a non-ball-carrying opponent with the front of the helmet; face tackling, an act by a defensive player initiating contact with a ball carrier with the front of the helmet; and spearing, an act where contact is initiated with the top of the helmet. All illegal helmet contact -- intentional or unintentional -- shall incur a 15-yard penalty.

Teams scoring touchdowns on plays where the opponent is called for a penalty will now have an additional enforcement option beginning this fall.

The offended team can now have the penalty enforced on the kickoff following the extra-point attempt. Previously, the only option was to

have the penalty enforced on the extra point. The exceptions are penalties called on touchdown scoring plays prior to a change of possession resulting in a touchdown; and on dead-ball personal fouls following touchdown scoring plays prior to a change of possession resulting in a touchdown; and on dead-ball personal fouls following touchdown scoring plays. If the scoring team has a foul called against its opponent prior to the change of possession, it will have to refuse the penalty to keep the touchdown. Dead-ball fouls are always enforced on the succeeding play.

To provide for space for officials to work unencumbered outside the sidelines and end line, and to provide for the safety of sideline personnel, all football fields are required to have a broken restraining line placed at least six feet off the boundary lines around the entire field. Outside the

team bench area between the 25-yard lines, this area may not be occupied by coaches, statisticians, trainers, ball people, media or any other non-team personnel.

Where possible, line to gain crew personnel should also observe these lines. Such markings, and their restrictions are common at professional and collegiate venues. Game management shall have the primary responsibility for enforcement of this rule.

In soccer, the penalty has been increased for a player, coach or bench member who receives a simultaneous yellow and red card from the officials.

The penalty shall now be suspension from the remainder of that game, plus suspension from the next day of competition.

The previous penalty for what has been termed a "soft red" card was disqualification only for the remain-

der of that contest.

In swimming and diving, the MHSAA post-season tournament in the Lower Peninsula shall now be conducted in three nearly equal divisions of competition.

The tournament had been conducted in two classes or divisions in the Lower Peninsula since the fifth year of girls competition in 1976; and since the fifth year of boys activity in 1929, with the exception of 1935, when the finals returned to a single open class for one year.

In volleyball, the libero position will now be allowed to serve, providing an opportunity to participate fully while in the back row. The libero position, added two years ago, has generally been a defensive specialist, but often turns out to be one of team's better servers. Another new rule also prohibits the use of artificial noisemakers at all times during a match.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Aug. 24
Salem at Pinckney, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
Big Prep Showdown III
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Canton vs. Toledo CC,
5 p.m. at EMU

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Aug. 25
Salem at South Lyon
Varsity Invite, 8 p.m.
Canton at Warren Mott Invite, TBA

BOYS SOCCER
Wednesday, Aug. 22
W.L. Central at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 23
Salem at Warren DeLaSalle, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 25
Gary Balconi Invitational
at P-CEP tennis fields, TBA

BOYS TENNIS
Thursday, Aug. 23
Salem at Novi JV Invite, 8 a.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Saturday, Aug. 25
Wildcat Invitational
at Salem pool, noon

CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Aug. 25
Canton at South Lyon Invite, 10:10 a.m.

SOCCER

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to collectively get the job done."

COLLEGE PIPELINE

The arrival of Sied keeps the pipeline of talent between Schoolcraft and Madonna running smoothly.

"We've always benefited from good players coming out of Schoolcraft College," Scicluna said. "There's been a pretty close tie there for the last four years. Keith can play anywhere in the midfield and anywhere in the back, he's pretty versatile."

Adding important depth at midfield are freshmen Jacob Rosiek and Chris Lafontaine, two players who could also help on defense if called upon.

Rosiek is described by Scicluna as "another very intelligent player, good all-around. I could probably play him anywhere in the midfield and anywhere in the back. He's just a bright player who I think will contribute a lot this year."

Outside midfielder Lafontaine is a lanky speed-

ster who "can put some assists on the board and get us some easy goals."

The offense will look to compensate for the loss of 2007 graduate Pat Griffin, who contributed 10 goals and seven assists to the '06 attack. Madonna's forwards are spearheaded by sophomore Emilio Giorgi and freshman Daniel Amaya. Giorgi "came in last year, he's extremely quick, hard-working and just never stops." Amaya is getting used to the physical play of the college level, but the coach is confident "he'll leave his mark."

Back in goal are Walled Lake Central alum Kristofer Lyons (1.03 in 11 games) and Ryan Mathe (1.24 in 10 games), but Scicluna still has to decide which senior will start the season as his top keeper. "It's a good problem to have (because) both are quality."

The goalies undoubtedly will benefit from strong play on defense. In addition to Quinn, senior Pat Kolodziejczak (appropriately nicknamed "Buzz") and sophomore Dan Pichler (Livonia Stevenson) will be called

upon to cover a lot of ground in the defensive end.

"They balance each other," said the coach about Kolodziejczak and Pichler. "Buzz is hard-nosed, tough to beat and very vocal. Pichler's more of a silent leader, skillful, with good vision. He's a good reader of the game."

Scicluna said his Madonna teams during his four-year tenure have always had decent success although falling short of glory.

"All in all we've had four very successful seasons since I've been here," the coach said. "And the focus of most of the players is always how we've kind of struggled to get over the hump and to get past that. We've surely been close."

With the 2007 team, a mix of talented veterans and upstart youngsters could make for a break-through season.

"We've had a strong team every year and I'm confident it's going to continue to be that way," summed up Scicluna, whose team will open the season 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 against visiting Ohio Dominican.

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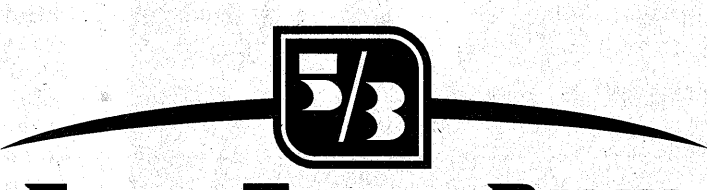
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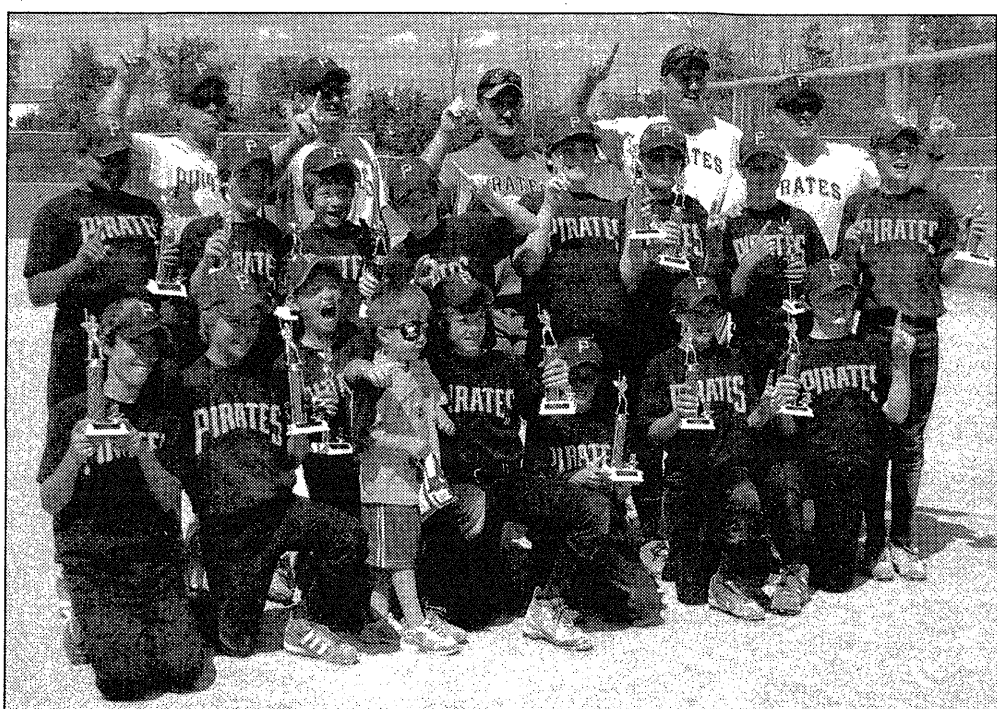
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The 12U Pirates captured their second consecutive GCYBSA championship last month when they cruised through their schedule with a 14-0-1 record. They defeated the Dodgers, 11-5, in the July 1 title game. The Pirates earned the GCYBSA 11U title last summer. Pictured (front row from left) are Michael McNamara, Alec Breckenridge, Sean Stanners, Andrew Emminger (honorary bat boy), Matt Harris, Kyle Topper, Andrew Deprez, Jake Stropes, (second row from left) Brett Skywalker, Lucas Dziadzio, Nate Emminger, Andrew Keltly, Danny Stropes, Travis McCall, Quinn Lutkenhoff, Jacob Deprez, (third row from left) Coach Jeff Dziadzio, Coach Erik Deprez, Head Coach Todd McCall, Coach Marty Stanners and Coach Tom Topper.

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Custom Crawler Harness lures that my dad and I made ourselves," said Merbler. "The best color crawler harness was one we call 'Neon Perch' — it has a gold spinner blade with orange and bright yellow beads.

"My dad and I always split our winnings," admitted Merbler. "I usually put mine right in the bank."

The Merblers placed 45th in a tournament held earlier this year on the Detroit River.

From the lake to the 'Net'

The younger Merbler's passion for fishing doesn't stop once he steps out of his family's boat. He oversees his own fishing Web site — www.walleyekid.com — and has published a book that lists information and phone numbers for bait shops, hotels near hot fishing spots and boat-ramp locations.

The Web site, which is geared toward kids and adults who share his love of lures, is stocked with information on the best places in Michigan to find walleye, how-to videos and photo galleries of kids like himself who have reeled in large fish.

Big heart

Proceeds from Merbler's information book will be donated to "Benefit 4 Kids," a charity that allows children who suffer from serious illnesses enjoy the thrills of big-time fishing and hunting trips.

"I saw an advertisement for (the charity) and thought it would be a neat thing to donate to," said Merbler.

To order a copy of the "Walleye Kid's Fishing Phonebook," visit Merbler's Web site or e-mail

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Canton Leisure Services events

Following are upcoming programs offered by Canton Leisure Services:

■ A free "Drive, Pitch & Putt" contest for kids between the ages of 7 and 14 years old will be held Aug. 25 at Pheasant Run Golf club in Canton Township. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Participants should bring a driver, wedge, putter and meet at the driving range at 8:45 a.m. to hear the rules. Awards will be presented to top three finishers in each age category. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

■ A fall adult kickball league will be held Sept. 10-Oct. 22. The Monday night league includes double-headers that will be played at the Canton Sports Center. Game times will rotate between 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 8:45-9:45 p.m. Team registration is \$250. There is also a \$10 referee fee per team per game paid at the field. Awards will go to league and playoff champions.

You can register in person at the Summit on the Park; or by calling (734) 483-5600 beginning Aug. 8.

■ A youth basketball camp will be held Aug. 21-24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Summit on the Park gymnasium. The camp will cover basic skills, game strategies and scrimmages. The registration fee is \$105 per resident and \$135 per non-resident. The fee includes instruction, a T-shirt and a practice ball.

Canton-Salem reunion soccer match

Former Salem and Canton men's soccer players are invited to participate in the second reunion showdown between the two schools that will unfold on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. at the P-CEP soccer field.

Players who are interested in participating should arrive at the field to check in no later than 5:30 p.m.

The inaugural reunion game was played in the fall of 2005 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first

season of varsity soccer at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Rocks' and Chiefs' varsity squads will square off the day before on the same field.

Detroit Ignition tryouts

The Major Indoor Soccer League's Detroit Ignition will be holding an open tryout Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

To participate in the tryout, you must fill out a registration form and insurance waiver that can be found on the Detroit Ignition Web site at www.DetroitIgnition.com.

In addition to the forms, you must also mail in a payment of \$50. Each participant will receive a Detroit Ignition numbered T-shirt, which will be worn for the entirety of the tryout.

The training fields at High Velocity Sports are field turf, so participants are encouraged to plan accordingly when choosing equipment. No cleats are allowed; turf shoes and indoor shoes only.

The tryout will consist of full-speed game play. Participants will be groups into predetermined teams and have several hours to play games in front of Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic and his staff.

For more information, contact Kyle Karns at (248) 304-2855, ext. 1264.

Labor Day HVS tournaments

High Velocity Sports will host a Labor Day weekend tournament Sept. 1-2. Soccer and flag football games will be played on Saturday and flag football and dodge ball games will be played on Sunday.

Each sport will be played 5-on-5 with a roster of five plus one sub.

The team fee is \$150 and includes a four-game guarantee. Each game will be 30 minutes in length (two 12-minute halves).

The first-place prize per sport is \$1,000 and the second-place prize is \$250 (based on a 16-team minimum per sport).

The registration deadline is Aug. 23 and the schedules will be released on Aug. 29.

Baseball tryouts

■ Tryouts for the 2008 U14 Canton Alley Cats travel baseball team will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at Heritage Park. Prospective players are encouraged to arrive 20 minutes early to register.

The Alley Cats compete in the Kensington Valley travel league, as well as in several USSSA tournaments each season.

To be eligible, players must be 14 years old as of April 30, 2008. For more information, contact Glen Potter at (734) 673-4432.

■ The Plymouth Grizzlies 13U travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 2008 season 3-6 p.m. Aug. 26 and Sept. 9 at Heritage Park in Canton Township. Players must be 13 years old or younger on April 30 and reside or attend school in Plymouth or Canton. To pre-register, contact Rob Sudz at sudzzy190@aol.com.

Cheer coach needed

All Saints Catholic School in Canton is looking for a JV cheerleading coach. This would be a great opportunity for a high school or college-age student.

The eventual coach will help prepare the squad for basketball season and CYO competitions.

Those interested in the position should contact Sharon at (734) 354-0468; or e-mail her at rslmcglinch@comcast.net.

Learn-to-Skate

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association's Mighty Mini-Mites program has openings for future hockey players who must be 4 years old by Dec. 31, 2007.

This weekly program, which is taught by experienced, certified coaches, builds skating and hockey skills.

For more information, visit <http://eteamz.active.com/PlymouthCantonMMM>; or contact Renee Corker at (734) 451-9546 or Meg Hames at (734) 495-1524.

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Starting 9-4-07, the Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Works will start its fire hydrant winterization program. You may notice a temporary discoloration of your water. This should only be for a short period of time. Any prolonged problems should be reported to the DPW by calling 734-354-3270 x3.

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Locals to play key roles on SC men's soccer team

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Rick Larson envisions his Schoolcraft College men's soccer team being as hard-working as any in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

But he also likes having talent on his squad, and he feels pretty good about his nucleus as the Ocelots look to keep up last season's success (12-3 before losing to Cincinnati State in double overtime of the regional semifinal).

"I have a real nice group coming back," Larson said. "It's a solid group of defenders, couple good attacking players, and the group that's back from my first recruiting class works extremely hard both on the field and in the classroom, which is great for our program."

Larson said his team is gearing up physically and mentally for the grind, with plenty of two-a-days in the hot August sun.

"The intensity is increasing," he said during Friday's afternoon workout. "And the excitement is starting to build going into our first regular-season game (1 p.m. Aug. 25 at home against Parkland, Ill.) and our big trip to Phoenix."

Leading the way for the Ocelots are sophomore forwards Brandon Horvath (nine goals), Matt Quirk, Brent Kempster and midfielder-defender Brad Spencer.

"They bring a great sense of what it takes to be a successful student-athlete," said Larson about his top returnees. "And that's vital to me and I know it's the number one priority here in the athletic department."

Those players also are models of consistency.

"You know what you're going to get day in and day out from each one of those kids," Larson said. "And it's a constant, consistent high-level work rate and they're all very coachable kids."

Larson is hoping some of that consistency rubs off on sophomore-eligible forward Louie Djokic, a former standout at Livonia Stevenson.

"Louie's extremely talented, probably our most-talented soccer player," the coach emphasized. "But we're trying to get him to be more consistent."

He added that Djokic is "creative, has a passion for flair and he loves scoring goals."

Meanwhile, there could be a freshman player who might step right in and contribute, in midfielder John Swiastyn.

"He's a very pleasant surprise," Larson said. "You never know what you're going to get with 18-year-olds as incoming freshmen. They've got to jump right in and

catch up to the speed of things.

"But John's not only been able to catch up to the speed of things, he's been able to dictate the game at times."

LOCAL TALENT

Plymouth High School product Ali Youssef, a sophomore forward, is another player who could bring some offensive spark.

"Ali was a pleasant surprise a year ago in terms of what he brought to the table," said Larson, adding that Youssef missed half of the 2006 season with an injury. "He's come in (to camp) on fire and we're looking for him to be a plus at forward."

In the midfield and on defense, several other Observerland alumni could make an impact.

Sophomore-eligible Livonia Stevenson product Nick Dordeski will be a cog at defense.

"Nick brings a physical presence and he also has a real sense for the game for being a big guy (6-3, 215)," Larson said. "He has vision and the skill of a midfielder coming out of the back, which is nice for us."

Canton alum Andy Huang will be slotted either on defense or outside-mid, where he can let his wheels go to work. "We're excited about him as well, he has speed and tenacity."

Two Livonia Churchill grads (Jason Gillow, Andrew Eshhaki) and Stevenson alum Robert Muradian are others vying for regular time at midfield.

Larson said Eshhaki is "a hard-working kid who can be a winger if we decide to go with three up top."

Muradian brings good positional smarts while sophomore Ryan Rowe (Plymouth Salem) is impressing coaches with his "great level of maturity."

Perhaps one of the most heartening developments heading into the season is the return of sophomore-eligible defender Plamen "Peter" Mitev (Redford Union), who missed last season due to a serious knee injury.

"It's been a long road back for Peter, but he's worked extremely hard," Larson said. "He has good size, he's strong and he thinks the game through. He's certainly going to give us some minutes."

Three freshmen are battling it out for the top goalkeeper position, Robert Lovelace (Plymouth), Sean Simney and Chris Riley.

"Goal could be a problem spot, until they get experience," Larson said. "They have potential and all have great size and ability."

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Optimism abundant for MU spikers

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Ten Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference titles in a row. Five straight trips to the NAIA Nationals.

Should anything be any different as the 2007 season approaches for the Madonna University women's volleyball team?

Coach Jerry Abraham, now in his 21st season with the Crusaders, can't help but be optimistic about his team's chances this fall.

"We have a lot of returning players, but we're still finding ourselves," said Abraham, an NAIA Hall of Famer with 809 career wins at MU. "At the critical positions we're new, so it's been a struggle to put the whole package together. Sometimes we play awesome and other times we play cautionary."

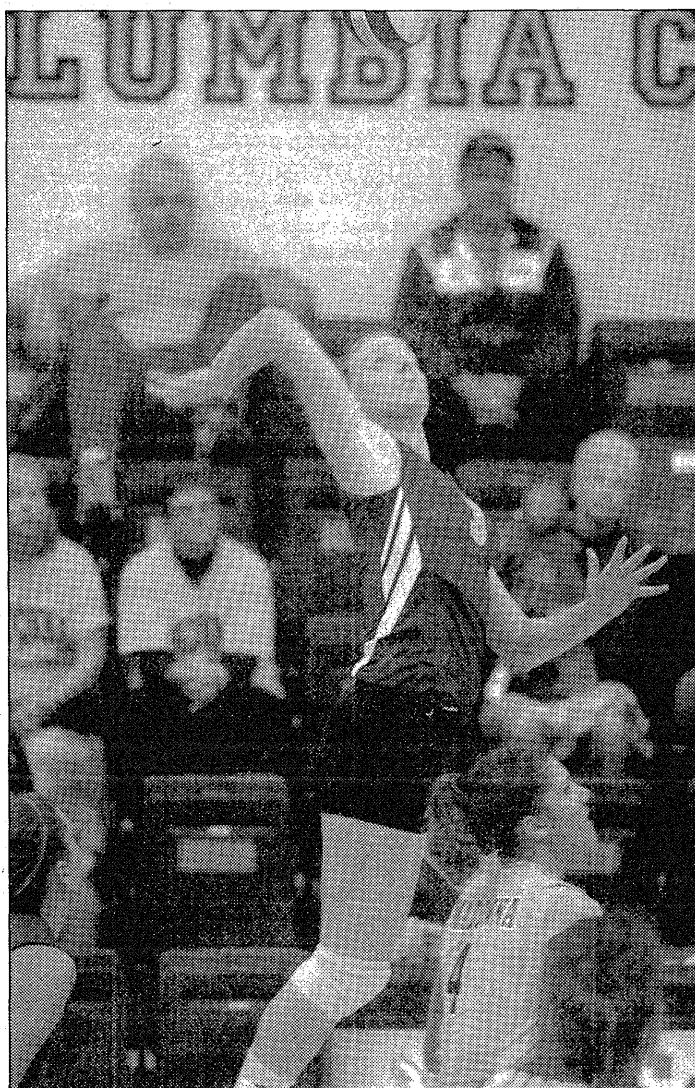
MU is ranked No. 7 nationally in the NAIA preseason poll, while National American (S.D.), 41-0 and defending national champion, is rated No. 1.

"We'll mix a terminating attack with finesse at certain positions," said Abraham, who has taken nine MU teams to the nationals. "We're still feeling our way. Like we always have, we'll rely on excellent defense and ball control. We'll move the ball around more than we've normally had to do. We may have some trouble blocking on the right side because of our inexperience."

Abraham must replace a pair of four-year stalwarts lost to graduation - second-team NAIA All-America Caryn Inman and All-WHAC selection Heather Spooner.

Heather (Spooner) was a steady, smart player who contributed on a consistent basis on the right side and the middle," Abraham said. "Caryn (Inman) was one of our go-to players last year. She was dominating in the middle and it was guaranteed you'd get a strong game from her each and every night."

The Crusaders return six players who saw considerable playing time from a year ago led by 6-foot-3 junior outside hitter Lubovj Tihomirova



MU SPORTS INFORMATION PHOTO

At 6 feet, 3 inches, Lubovj Tihomirova should be a force once again for the Madonna University women's volleyball team.

(Riga, Latvia).

"She (Tihomirova) has to be a go-to player," Abraham said. "We'll have to rely on her for a large amount of kills. She's big and strong, and has all the tools to be a real dominating force at the net and a leader offensively."

Expected to shore up the middle with the absence of Inman and Spooner will be 6-3 sophomore Stephanie Parslow (Macomb Dakota) and 5-10 junior Whitney Fuelling (Milford via Western Michigan University).

Fuelling and Parslow are moving full-time into new positions.

"As for (Whitney) Fuelling and (Stephanie) Parslow, our success will depend on them getting a lot of opportunities to attack with the ball," Abraham said. "Our middle hitters have

always been a major facet of our offense. Our success depends on our middle hitting attack. We have to rely on them."

After getting full-time work last year as a freshman, 5-9 sophomore setter Inta Grinvalds (Portage Central) returns as one of the conference's top returnees.

"We're going to be a good team because we have talent, speed, good defense and an excellent setter," Abraham said.

MU's back row will also be solid with the return of senior defensive specialists Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) and Amy Szymanski (Redford/Livonia Ladywood).

"We'll rely on our two senior captains - Jacqui (Gatt) and Amy (Szymanski) - to be our sparks defensively," the MU coach said. "We feel Gatt is

one of the best liberos in the country."

Gatt and Szymanski are backed up by Schoolcraft College transfer Brynn Kerr (Churchill) and Abby Long (LaPorte, Ind.), a pair of 5-7 sophomores; along with a pair of 5-7 freshmen, Amanda Koszela (Dearborn) and Anna Marie Gatt (Churchill).

Anna Marie Gatt, younger sister of Jacqui, was a member of Churchill's 2007 state Class A championship team.

The team's trump card, however, could be 5-11 sophomore transfer Mary McGinnis (Illinois State), who helped Fraser win the 2005 state Class A championship along with her sister Angie, a star at the University of Florida.

"Mary (McGinnis) is a smart player, athletic, has ability, and a variety of shots," Abraham said. "We'll rely on her experience. She's a good all-around player. She also has good defensive skills and a good jump serve. We hope she becomes a stabilizing force."

Other outside hitters include three freshman - 5-9 Amanda Lenart (Dearborn Heights Crestwood), who red-shirted last year; 5-8 Liz Dempsey (Livonia Franklin), a first-team All-Observer pick; and 5-10 Martie Mazur (Monroe), a July signee.

MU opens its season Wednesday at Spring Arbor before going to the Early Bird Classic, Aug. 24-25, at UMDearborn.

The Crusaders will also travel Aug. 31-Sept. 1 to San Diego, Calif. to play in the Point Loma Nazarene Tournament.

Both Cornerstone and Indiana Tech should provide stiff challenges this season in the WHAC for the Crusaders.

"It should be a stronger league in general," said Abraham, who hopes to return to the NAIA Nationals in Columbia, Mo. "The work ethic is good, but we're pressing right now a little bit because we want to be like the teams we've had in the past. But as we gain experience throughout the season, it will become a good team."

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DICKEY

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city-to-state-power turnaround. "Scott was not only a great assistant coach, but he's a great friend, so he'll definitely be missed," said Baechler. "When he came over our house and told us he wouldn't be able to coach any more, it was pretty emotional."

"When the Canton football program went through some tough times the first couple years I was here, Scott always stayed positive and confident that we'd eventually turn things around. The program owes a lot of its success to him."

The highlight of Dickey's baseball coaching career at Canton came in 2003 when he led the Chiefs to the Western Lakes Activities Association title.

Among the close to 20 Dickey-coached players who went on to excel on college diamonds were John Wright, who served as an assistant coach for the Chiefs last season, and Oliver Wolcott, who enjoyed four solid years at Michigan State University after walking on his freshman season.

"Oliver was probably the best player when you combined leadership and ability," said Dickey.

Dickey also mentioned current Chicago Blackhawk James Wisniewski among the top players he ever coached.

"He was probably the best power hitter we've ever had here at Canton," Dickey said of Wisniewski. "He played for the (Plymouth) Whalers, so he could only play for us once their season was over. He definitely would have played in college if he wasn't such a great hockey player."

One of Dickey's proudest baseball-related accomplishments was establishing the annual Canton Summer Baseball Camp, which annually attracts approximately 150 youngsters.

"I've had an opportunity to work with and learn from several outstanding coaches over the years, including Steve Robb, Bill Stafford, Jim Solak and Jim Kay," said Dickey. "I'm sure I'll get back into coaching down the road, once my kids get older."

The hiring process for Dickey's successor in baseball is currently ongoing.

Longtime Canton assistant football coach Jake Hauser has taken over his duties as the Chiefs' defensive coordinator, Baechler said.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Meet CHS teams

Livonia Churchill High's annual Meet the Team Night, for all 2007-08 athletes and their parents, will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at James P. Carli Auditorium.

This will be the only group meeting of the year as opposed to the previous three times yearly format. All athletes and their parents should attend.

For more information, call the Churchill athletic department at (734) 744-2650, Ext. 46117.

Churchill Pom clinic

The ninth annual Livonia Churchill varsity pompon clinic for ages 6-14 will be from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 25, at the high school gym (located on Newburgh between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail).

The cost is \$35 per person includes T-shirt, music CD and snack.

Participation is limited to the first 100 registrants.

Participants will be invited to perform their routine at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at a Churchill varsity boys soccer game.

For more information, call Robin Schwarz at (734) 464-0556.

Stevenson meeting

Livonia Stevenson will stage its Meet the Team Night from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 at the high school auditorium.

All ninth- and 10th-graders, along with newcomer athletes and parents, should arrive for sport specific break-out meetings, while all junior and senior athlete and parents will be meeting in assigned rooms from 7:45-9 p.m. following the introduction meeting at 7 p.m.

Topics include athletic and academic eligibility, new athletic participation fee of \$200, sportsmanship, varsity letter requirements, physical information, season schedule, team rules and policies, team pictures, medical information and general department guidelines.

Student (\$35) and family (\$70) event passes, along with Stevenson apparel, will also be sold. Booster club membership opportunities will also be available. Call (734) 744-2660, Ext. 48116.

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 go to the overall and masters (40-and-up) male and female winners. Medals will also be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group.

For more information, call Chuck Block at (517) 702-0226.

Area golf divots

Twins Ben and Nick Proben of Livonia, eighth-graders at Frost Middle School, shot 68 and 69, respectively, to place fifth and sixth among a field of 40 for Boys 12-14 Thursday in the Fox Hills Junior Tournament held at the par-3 Strategic Fox in Plymouth.

Youth baseball tryouts

Garden City's Michigan Blue Thunder U11 boys travel tournament baseball team will hold tryouts for the 2008 season from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 22, at the Garden City Park Baseball Diamonds (Cherry Hill east of Merriman).

For more information, call (734) 756-1090.

Individual tryouts for the 2008 13-and-under WaCo Wolves, member of the Midwest Super League, will be staged throughout the month of August. The Wolves, who will also play in a local league and travel to tournament in Tennessee, Kentucky and Nebraska, are seeking three highly-skilled and dedicated players.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 560-0820; or e-mail BJHWolves@aol.com.

The Livonia Travel Baseball Club, along with the Livonia Baseball & Softball Association, will stage 2008 tryouts for the following age groups for players who are committed to playing at a high level while preparing them for high school baseball.

Tryouts for the following age groups will be at Rotary Park (fields nos. 1 and 2) on Saturday, Aug. 25:

Under-9: 9-11 a.m.; under-10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; under-11, 1-3 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 8).

Tryouts will also be held for the following age groups on Sunday, Sept. 9 at Rotary Park including: under-12: 10 a.m.-noon; under-13: noon to 2 p.m.; and under-14: 2-4 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 15).

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The simple answer is: Just ask them! You really won't know for sure unless you ask your friends if they are mad at you. You can start by saying something like, "It seems that lately we haven't been hanging out as much as we used to ... is something wrong?" You never know, your friend or friends might have something they're trying to cope with or have been preoccupied by a new dating interest ... their attitude or behavior actually might not have anything to do with you. However, there is a chance that your friends are mad at you for something ... maybe they don't know how to talk to you about it. By stating the fact that you guys haven't been hanging out as much, you leave the door open for them to talk about what's bothering them. Hopefully, you all are good enough friends that you'll be able to work out whatever differences there might be. But, remember, it's important to respect each other's feelings and it might be necessary to agree to disagree!



Teen Talk

Monica Fulton

My friend just started smoking and has been promising me that she would stop. How can I help her or believe that she will stop the habit?
Worried in Garden City

Nicotine is a very addictive drug ... surprised? Many people don't think of nicotine as a drug, but it is! The sooner your friend quits, the better off she'll be. You can help her by asking her not to smoke around you, since we're finding that second-hand smoke is very unhealthy. Also, many people use nicotine to help them relax ... this is odd since nicotine is actually a stimulant that speeds up your heart rate and your breathing rate. So, in reality, smoking a cigarette actually gets you MORE stressed. If your friend is using cigarettes to relax, help her find other ways to relax. I've mentioned deep breathing, yoga, and other relaxation techniques in previous responses. Maybe you and your friend can sign up for a yoga class or start working out on a regular basis. These things really work! As for believing her that she'll stop smoking ... well, actions speak louder than words!

When my mom asks me to do something, I tell her I will and then I end up forgetting to do it. My mom yells at me for forgetting and I tell her I can't help my forgetfulness. She just doesn't seem to understand. What can I do?
Forgetful in Garden City

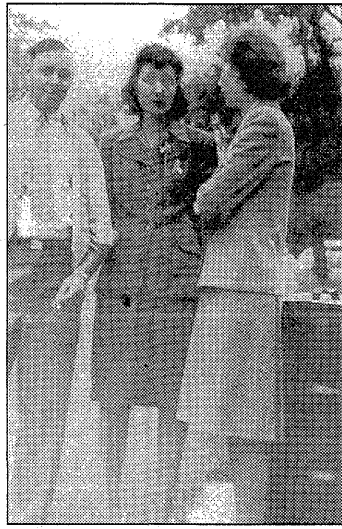
Well, you can start by putting yourself in your mom's shoes ... what if she couldn't help her forgetfulness and forgot to make dinner, or do your laundry, or go grocery shopping? What would happen then? The family wouldn't have anything to eat or clean clothes to wear! I know it can be hard to remember things, especially when we're under a lot of stress or have too many things going on. But, you should find a way to help yourself remember the things your mom asks you to do.

Are you watching TV or playing video games at the time she asks you? Maybe you're not really paying attention to what she's asking because you're so focused on the game or the show. If that's the case, ask your mom to make a written list for you so you can check it later. Or, pause the video game, and write it down yourself. Families are under a lot of stress these days, and it takes every family member doing their part to help the family run smoothly, day after day.

Single parents, especially, have too many things to do and not enough time to do them all. I know doing chores is a drag, but in the long run, you'll be contributing to your family, and helping your family reduce its stress level. And that means your mom won't be yelling at you so much!

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Family reunion



Chancey, Letha and Mary Jane at the 1947 reunion of the Wagenschultz family.

They're still together after all these years

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Their numbers have dwindled, but not the family spirit. From 1876 — when Carl and Minnie Wagonshultz left Germany and settled on a farm in Livonia Township — until today, the family has stood together. This year, they met for their 79th reunion in a barn at the Leroy and Linda (Wagenschultz) Stults home west of Plymouth. Not much has changed over the years except for the spelling of the name.

Carl was one of three siblings who originally came to Michigan in the 1870s. His brother Frederick settled in the Kalkaska area. Their sister Minnie married Wilhelm Blankenburg and lived on a farm on Newburgh between Six Mile and Seven Mile. Carl and his wife Minnie lived in Livonia Township for five years before moving to Farmington for 15 years and then to a Plymouth farm on Sheldon Road near North Territorial.

Through the years, the family held gatherings primarily in the Livonia-Plymouth area, but occasionally in Kalkaska, Petoskey, Traverse City, Bloomfield Hills, Chelsea and Britton on the third weekend in July.

"We always had a memorial service for those who died the year before. We would have a table with a white tablecloth and sing 'Til We Meet Again,'" said Connie Wagenschultz, who's



Adult members of the Wagenschultz family as well as the children have fun at the reunions.

attended many of the reunions since 1949. Her husband Chuck's grandfather, Charles Blankenburg Wagenschultz, was one of Carl's 10 children, but was raised by Carl's sister Minnie and Wilhelm, who had no children.

The Wagenschultz family was very involved with Livonia's development. Charles, or Charlie as he was known, had a son Carl who served on the Charter Commission which formed the city of Livonia. He was township then city treasurer for 35 years. His wife Hazel worked to bring St. Mary's Hospital to a location almost across from their Livonia farm, which supplied milk to Detroit dairies.



Carl and Minnie Wagonshultz left Germany in 1876 to settle on a Livonia Township farm.

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Foster homes needed for animals rescued from

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Kalin Albertson went to adopt a cat from the local humane society on a Wednesday, but wanted time to think about the decision to care for an animal the rest of its life. She returned the next day only to find half of the cats were euthanized, including the one she planned to take home.

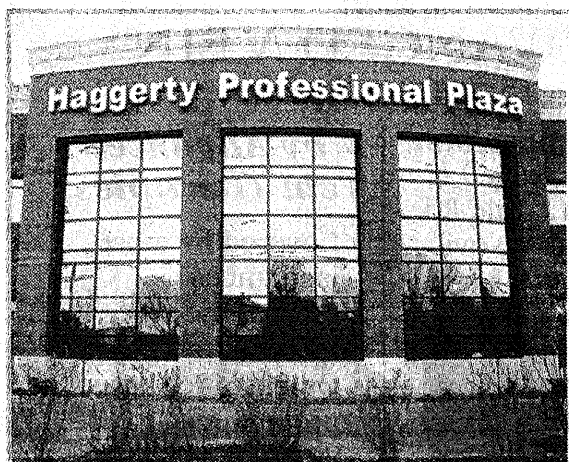
The experience left her shaken. Albertson knew she had to do something, so the Livonia woman started Shelter to Home Inc., a nonprofit with a mission to save impounded animals in the Downriver area. The nonprofit does not accept owner-surrendered animals, but those whose lives are in the greatest danger. The goal is to find

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Kalin Albertson (left), Jessica Williams and Joe Gomez with foster kittens Will, Carleton and Nicki.



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On Aug. 22, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan (GCFB) is inviting children of all ages from around the Metro Detroit area to come and show their artistic skills in a Duck Decorating contest from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at GCFB's warehouse in Detroit. For \$10 each, children will receive a rubber duck, supplies, and a snack. Reservations are requested, call (866) 453-2637, ext. 260.

The children will have one hour to use sequin, glitter, markers, feathers, and their imagination to create a 6-inch rubber duck masterpiece. When finished, the children will enter them in a category that best fits the description of the duck. Once each duck is placed in a category, a panel of judges will choose the top ducks from each category.

"This event is a great way for children to have an opportunity to have fun and help others at the same time," said Suzette Hohendorf, event chair and GCFB board member.

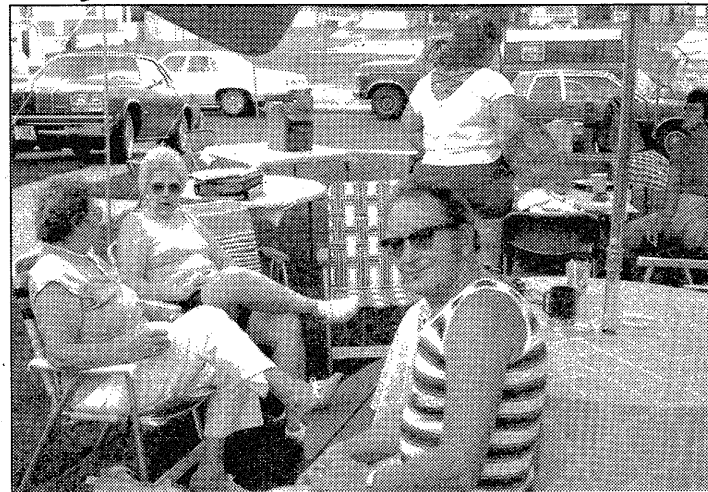
The funds raised by the children's duck decorating will help Gleaners' Summer Lunches for Children campaign as well

as provide food for children all year long. GCFB wants to ensure that students are fed during the school year as well as the summer months when free school lunch programs are not operating and the cost to families can become a burden to their budget.

This contest is part of Gleaners' 14th Annual Fall Harvest Family Event. This year, Gleaners is hosting 'The Detroit Duck Derby' on Sept. 15, when families can enjoy a nice day outside with games, a barbecue and picnic and a duck race filled with prizes.

Gleaners distribution Center is located at 2131 Beaufait in Detroit. For more information and to reserve a spot, call 866-GLEANER (453-2637), ext. 260.

In 2007, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan marks its 30th anniversary of working to nourish the community by feeding hungry people. Working with more than 400 social service partners, Gleaners distributes over two million pounds of food each year - the equivalent of 32 million meals that go directly to those who need it most. For more information, visit www.gcfb.org.



Alma (left), Joann and Howard McLellan at the 1985 Wagenschutz reunion.

REUNION

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Charlie's son Harvey hosted the first reunion on a farm on the north side of Five Mile on the west border of Idyl Wyld Golf Course. The gathering has been held annually since 1928 except for one year during World War II.

"Everybody brought something (to pass around) plus paid \$2 to \$3 a couple for extras," said Connie Wagenschutz, 77, who hosted the reunion with her husband Chuck at their Livonia home around 1970. Chuck's brother Bob of Plymouth began Wagenschutz lawn spraying. "The men always played cards and horseshoes. The ladies would visit and look at albums (of photos and announcements of births, graduations, weddings and deaths). For the kids, there were games - water balloons and a raw egg toss."

Howard and Joann McLellan of Plymouth Township have missed only one reunion in 55 years. Howard is the son of Alma Wagenschutz.

"We always go," said Joann, 73. "You sit around and talk. We had a good time."

Connie Wagenschutz remembers when as many as 100 family members attended the reunion. This year the number dwindled to 49.

Through the years, members of the family have died including Chuck, her husband, in 2002. Connie left their 10-acre farm and moved back to Livonia in



Beatrice, Amelia and Duane enjoy the 1947 Wagenschutz family reunion.

2005.

"Our 44th reunion was a Peruvian cookout with Dr. Honorato Barrios of Peru, husband of Norma Jean (Wagenschutz)," said Connie, who grew up on Eight Mile, east of Merriman. She was in the fourth class to graduate from Clarenceville High School in Livonia.

Wagenschutz has always taken an interest in history. Before moving to Traverse City with Chuck in 1984, she served on the Livonia Historical Commission. Today, Wagenschutz is transcribing the diary of Ann Shaw Briggs, who first lived in the Harvey Wagenschutz home and later the Shaw House, which was moved to Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

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Class of 1987

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Class of 1969

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St. Mary of Redford School Alumni "All Class Sock Hop" (Reunion) will be held Saturday, October 6; 4 p.m. Mass, 6 p.m. Reunion. For further information, please contact: Dave DiPonio at ddiponio@wadetrin.com or (313) 363-6153 or Jamie Sloan at jes521970@aol.com or (248) 391-0607. The Sock Hop will be held in the "Old" SMR Gym on Mansfield in Detroit. Reservations required by Sept. 14.

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

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"It was a wakeup call for me that a lot of good animals are put down every day," said Albertson, a graduate student at Madonna University. "It began as a grass-roots effort in 2005 to improve conditions and adoptions at the city pound in Lincoln Park, where there's definitely more of a need for it because the euthanasia rate is very high. Downriver, every city has its own shelter through the police department. There was a whole group of us got together and went into the pounds and took photos and then put them on petfinder.com."

"That's why we're always looking for foster homes. The more foster homes, the more animals we can save," added Jessica Williams, 21, of Livonia.

In between two jobs and studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Williams and boyfriend Joe Gomez are fostering three kittens rescued by Shelter to Home. Will and Carleton are gray and white tabbies born 14 weeks ago in the same litter. These brothers have to be adopted together. Nicki is an orange tiger-striped cat about 12 weeks old and a polydactyl with six toes on each paw.

Albertson is fostering Sprocket, a 9-month-old wire-haired terrier, from the pound in Monroe, and Sabrina, a domestic short hair cat who's 4 years old, from the Allen Park Animal Shelter, which the non-profit began working with after

the Lincoln Park pound closed its doors to consolidate with another city.

"Jessica and I went down to Monroe Animal Control and saw it's not five or six cats but 50 to 60 cats. You have to pick so many from those who are going to die that day," said Albertson, who graduated from Churchill High School in Livonia.

"People can help by volunteering to foster," added Williams, a graduate of Canton High School. "Our group supplies the food, litter. All medical expenses are covered."

Veterinarian Mathew Varughese, owner of Amazon Animal Clinic in Garden City, gives the group a discount on medical services including neutering and spaying.

The group relies on donations and adoption fees to pay for the costs. Shelter to Home has taken in 179 animals this year alone.

Last year, it found homes for 29 cats, primarily by attending cat shows and holding adoption days at businesses such as PETCO in Dearborn Heights. On Nov. 16, the group will be at the Pet Expo adoption event at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

"It would also be great for people to make donations," Albertson said. "We have no paid staff, only volunteers. We can also use coupons and gift certificates."

For more information or to donate items including cat/dog food, washable pet beds, litter, cages and pet carriers, visit www.shelbertohome.com.

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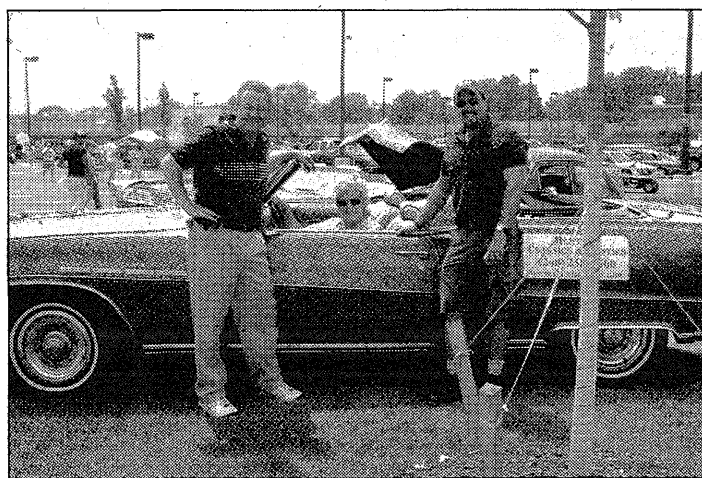
Angela Hospice cruiser is a dream

As a non-profit agency, Angela Hospice depends on donations from the community to carry on its caring programs for terminally ill patients and their families. The organization received a unique donation last month from Birmingham-based Classic Auto Rentals - a classic car worth over \$25,000.

The staff at Dick Purtan's radio station WOMC worked with Classic Auto Rentals and Angela Hospice to arrange the car donation as a way to promote Angela Hospice's compassionate services throughout the community.

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The 1969 Buick Electra 225 convertible is painted in Angela Hospice's signature blue and has



This 1969 Buick Electra 225 will be raffled off to benefit the programs of Angela Hospice. Pictured are Bob Alexander and Alice Barringer of Angela Hospice, and Ben Baker of WOMC.

52,000 original miles. It features a 430 V8 engine 360 HP, automatic transmission, power steering, power bench seat, power windows, power breaks, and air conditioning.

"Angela Hospice is very near and dear to the Zahra family," said Larry Zahra, vice president of Classic Auto Rentals. "Joe Roebuck (Classic Auto Rentals' president/owner) and I are both

happy to have contributed the Buick Electra for the wonderful cause of Angela Hospice."

Angela Hospice will raffle the car at its annual Light Up a Life Benefit which will take place Oct. 13 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

The raffle fits in with the event's theme of Groovin' and Cruisin' through the 60's. In the meantime, the vehicle will be making appearances across town. Tickets are \$100 each and only 1,000 will be sold. All proceeds benefit Angela Hospice.

Fulfilling dreams is part of the mission of Classic Auto Rentals as well, which allows its customers to rent classic and exotic cars for special events such as weddings, anniversaries, and birthdays.

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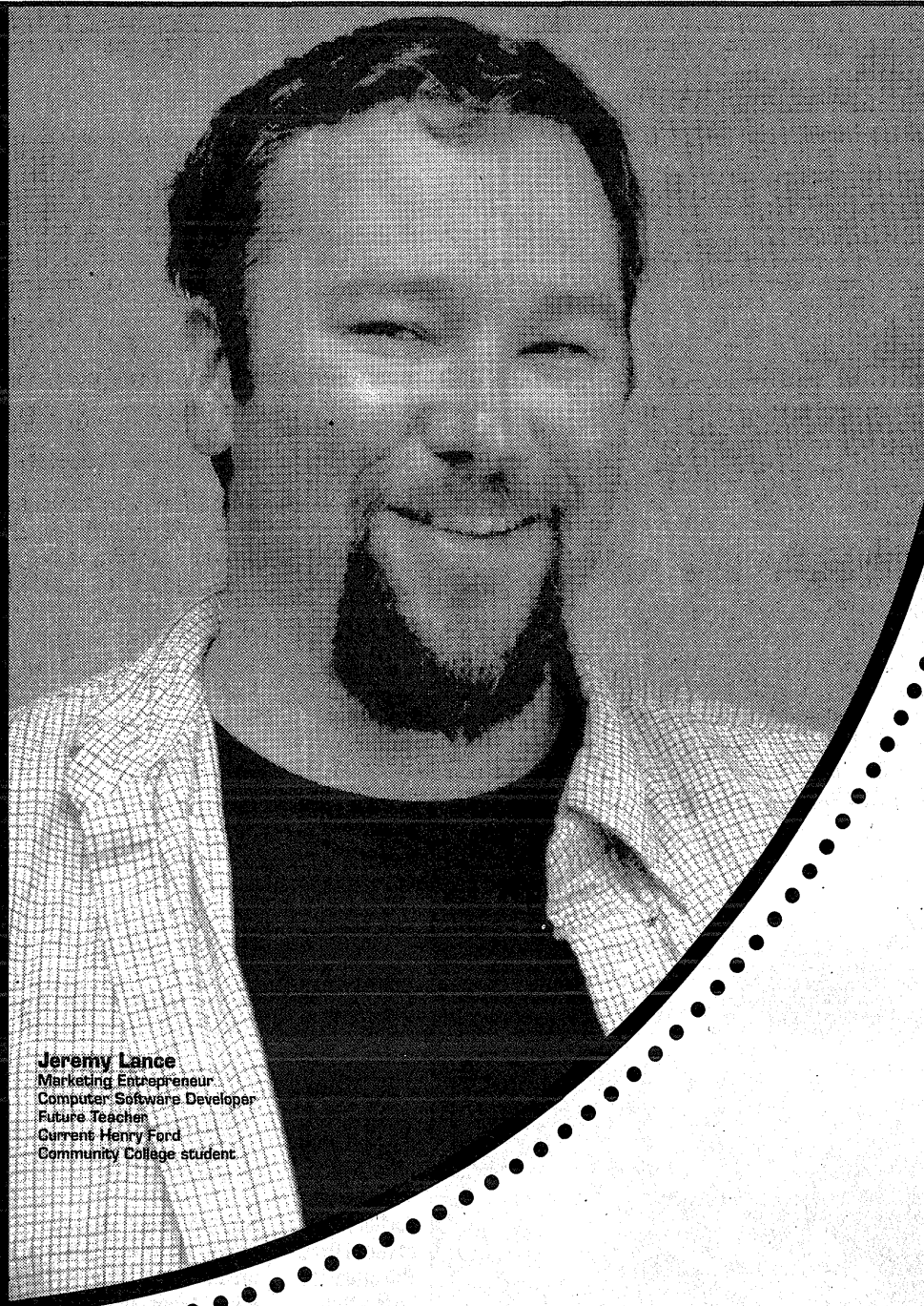
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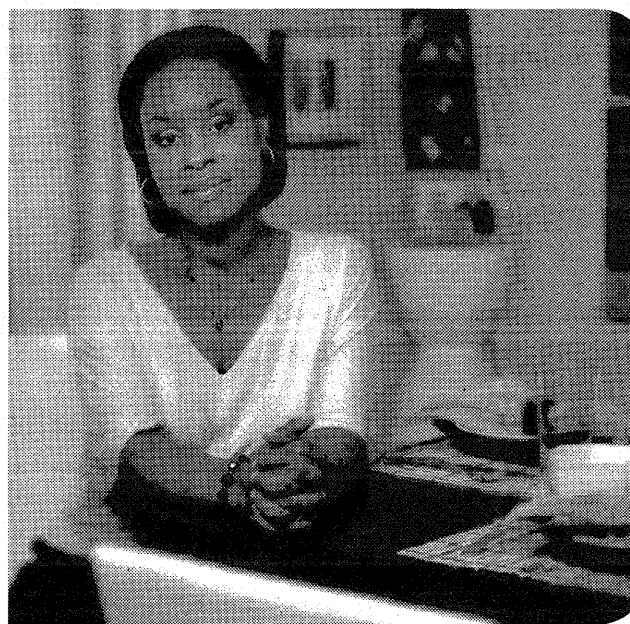


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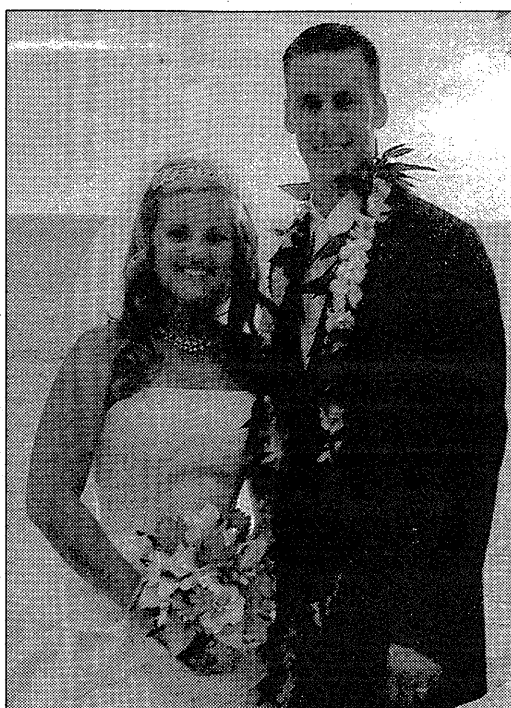
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WEDDINGS



Stanley-Studzinski
Mandra Sue Stanley and Matthew John Studzinski were married in Antigua, West Indies, on June 25, 2007. They remained in Antigua for their honeymoon. Mandra is the daughter of Timothy and Sue Stanley of Garden City. Matt is the son of David and Kathleen Studzinski of Livonia. Joe Studzinski, Matt's brother, was best man and Sue Stanley, Mandra's mother, was matron of honor. A wedding celebration was held in Livonia in July. Mandra is a graduate of Garden City High School and Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Meadowbrook Country Club. Matt is a graduate of Detroit Catholic High School and is employed by UPS. They reside in Dearborn.



Brown-Hardin
Erin Nicole Brown and David Matthew Hardin were married July 4, 2007, in Hawaii. The bride is the daughter of Richard and Katherine Brown of Livonia. She is a 1999 graduate of Franklin High School and a 2004 graduate of College for Creative Studies. She is employed as a production designer at Click Media in California. The groom is the son of Wendy Hardin of St. Clair Shores and Bill and Pam Hardin of Canton. He is a 2000 graduate of Grosse Pointe North and a 2004 graduate of College for Creative Studies. He is a senior animator at Sony Pictures in California. The bride was attended by

maids of honor, twin sister Erica Brown and older sister Katie Brown, and attendants, friend Leslie Mason and groom's sister Jenny Hardin. The groom was attended by bestman, brother Steve Hardin and attendants Justin Bott, Avedis Ekmekjian, Garrett Kelley, George Kokos and Jason Parent. The Rev. Rosemary Hill officiated. A reception was held at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club. The couple honeymooned on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. They are making their home in California.



Rzepka-Kaufman
Melissa Diane Rzepka, daughter of Steven and Helen Rzepka of Canton, and Bryan William Kaufman, son of William and Rende Kaufman of Canton, were married May 19, 2007 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, with Father Andrew Bloomfield officiating. The bride is completing her master's of occupational therapy degree at Eastern Michigan University, and is employed at the University of Michigan Hospital. The groom is completing his master's of business administration degree at Cleary University and works for the Coca-Cola Company. The bride was attended by Maid of Honor Renae Kolarik, bridesmaids Marcia Massie, Courtney Sisko and Michele Varner and flower girls Ashley Deck and Olivia Varner. The groom was attended by Best Man Brad Kaufman, groomsmen Mike Middel, Brian Rzepka and Scott Rzepka and ring bearer Brandon Massie. After a reception at The Meeting House Grand Ballroom in Plymouth and a honeymoon to Maui, Hawaii, the couple set up residence in Plymouth.

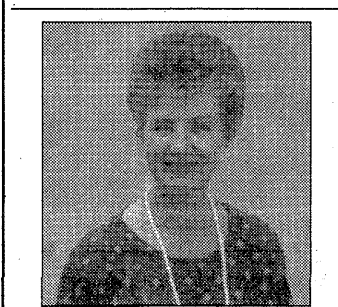


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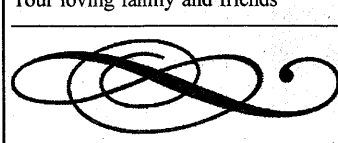
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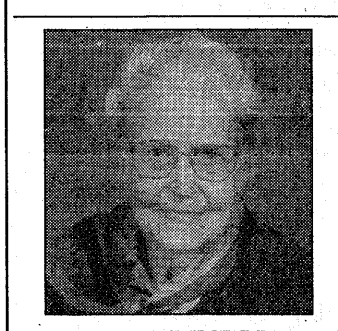
ROSE MARIE KENNEDY
Age 93 of Livonia, passed away August 14, 2007 in Livonia. She was born on September 7, 1913 in Emporium, PA to James McEachron and Margery Confer. She is survived by her son, Martin (Annette), grandchildren M.J., Karin (Loren) Hoffmann, and Melissa; and great-grandchildren Rebecca and Leah Hoffmann. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Colette Catholic Church, Livonia, MI.

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NORMA McQUEEN
It's so hard to believe that you have been gone for four years. Even though we grieve, there is always a sense that you are still with us, not in body, but in our hearts. Nothing loved is ever lost, and you were loved so much. We will always miss you and love you.



JAMES H. YOUNG
Age 76, August 15, 2007. Salesman for Champion International Paper Company. Member Don Large Chorus, "Make Way For Youth" WJR. Lifetime member of Plymouth Masonic Lodge, Past President of Highland Park Lions Club and member of The Sounds of Canton. Beloved husband of Lillian. Dear father of Elaine Young, James (Barbara) Young and Victoria (Mark) Memmer. Loving grandfather of Jesse, Alexis, Anjilla, Jeremy and Matthew. Brother of Al (Anne) Young. Uncle of Pam (Reid) Vandekerckhove and Scott (Kim) Young. Also leaves six great nieces and nephews. Services were held Saturday Aug. 18, 2007 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to St. Johns Hospice or Lions International. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

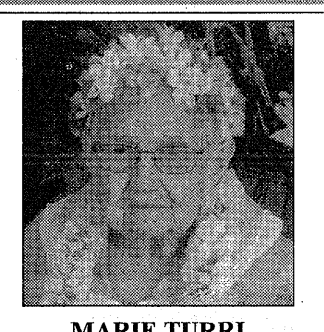


LAURA LUCELIA SUTHERLAND
August 7, 2007, age 100. Resident of Birmingham since 1954. Retired teacher for Dearborn, Detroit and Birmingham Public Schools. Beloved wife of the late Charles Sutherland, Sr. for 64 years. Dear mother of Laura Smith and Charles Sutherland, Jr. (Jim Posante). Dear grandmother of Paul Smith (Debra Wolfe). Also survived by several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile) Thursday & Friday 3-8pm. Funeral service Saturday 1pm at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. Memorial tributes to First Presbyterian Church. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



SUSAN G. KEAN
Age 47, August 13, 2007. She was born and raised in Wyandotte, and she was a member of the Dearborn Federation of Teachers. Beloved wife of Nathan. Loving mother of Jennifer, Kyle and Conrad. Loving daughter of Mike and Joan Miller. Loving daughter-in-law to Lillian Kean. Dearest sister of James Miller, Diane (Mike) Hennessy, Cathy Douglas, Sharon (Kevin) Whitehill, Linda (Jim) Szablinski, Joyce (Kip) Miles, Walter Miller, Nicole (Jason) Beaudette and Christopher Miller. Dear sister-in-law of Debbie (Dennis) Jozwik, Fran (Will) Horchem, Matt (Tiffany) Kean and the late Mark. Funeral was held Thursday at Charles Step Funeral Home in Redford. The family requests that Memorial Contributions be made to the Kean Children's College Fund.

JEANETTE KALUZYNY
Age 76, of Mendon, died Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo following a brief illness. She was born in Detroit on April 20, 1931 the daughter of the late Charles and Simone (Turlure) Poteau, and later graduated from Wayne High School. She was married to Gerald Kaluzny on November 25, 1954 in Wayne. Jeanette had worked for Wayne Westland Schools for 20 years in the food service department. She and her husband retired to Mendon in 1990. Here she was a member of Saint Edward Catholic Church, the GFWC Mendon Women's Club, and was a volunteer for the Mendon Food Cupboard. She enjoyed flower gardening and bird watching, and she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Jeanette is survived by her husband, Gerry of Mendon; one son, Brian Kaluzny (Margaret) of Mattawan; two daughters, Tami Kaluzny of Mendon, and Nadine Baker (Glenn) of Mattawan; six grandchildren, Rachel, Carolyn, and Karl Kaluzny, and Janell, Abbie, and Ben Baker; two brothers, Louie Poteau (Wallene) of Westland and Moise Poteau of Hershey, MI; one sister, Margo Williams of Colorado; a special aunt and uncle, Henrietta and Laverne Miller of Leslie, MI; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Eickhoff Funeral Home in Mendon, where there will be a Scripture Service at 8 p.m. Sunday. The funeral mass for Jeanette Kaluzny will be 11 a.m. Monday, August 20, 2007 at Saint Edward Catholic Church in Mendon with Father James Vinh Le officiating. Burial will be in Saint Edward Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Saint Edward Catholic Church Preservation Fund. Online register and condolences may be sent to www.eickhofffuneralhome.com



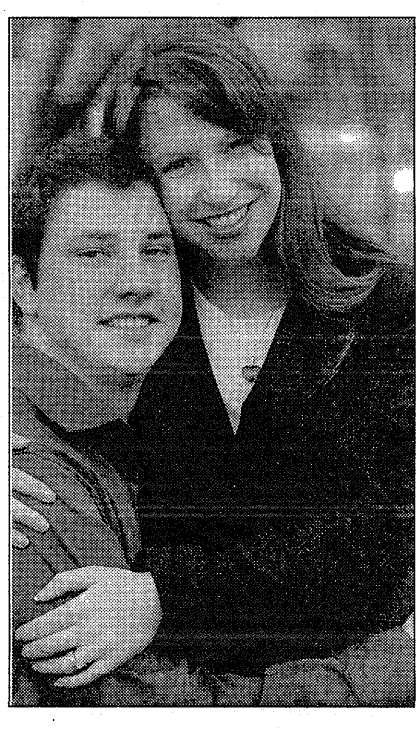
MARIE TURRI
Of Canton, age 89, died August 15, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Albert. Loving mother of Alan (Claudia) and Gary (Theresa). Dear sister of William and the late Walter and Olga. Also survived by five loving grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Marie was an avid quilter and Hawaiian dancer. Visitation 2-9 pm Sunday and funeral service 11:00 am Monday, August 20 at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford and Cherry Hill), Westland. Contributions to either Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or City of Westland Friendship Center. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

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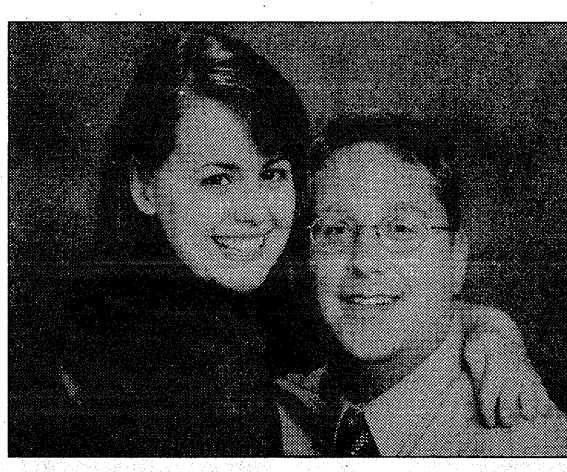


WILLIAM A. BOSTICK
Age 94, Administrator and Secretary of the Detroit Institute of Arts from 1946 to 1976, died peacefully at home August 14, of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane, son Christopher, daughter Beatrice and son-in-law Michael McGlathery. William was a talented administrator, artist, calligrapher, ceramist, graphic designer and printmaker who received numerous honors and awards for his work. He exhibited in many of the annual exhibitions for Michigan artists from 1938 until shortly before his death, and was awarded the Scarab Club Gold Medal Prize three times. His paintings are in many public and private collections, three are in the permanent collection of the DIA. As a naval intelligence officer during WW II, William designed and supervised the maps for the invasion of Sicily and Normandy (D-Day). During his long career, William served as President of the Scarab Club of Detroit, President, Board of L'Alliance Francaise de Detroit, Chairman, Michigan Watercolor Society, President of the Torch Club and the Book Club of Detroit. For his cultural efforts on behalf of France and Italy he was awarded the rank of Chevalier, French Order of Arts and Letters and Knight of the Order of Italian Solidarity. Funeral Services were held Friday, August 17, 2007 at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scarab Club, or the DIA. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

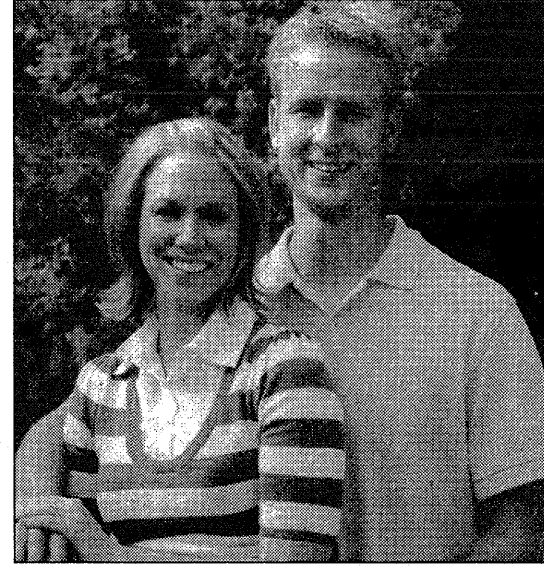
ENGAGEMENTS



Buck-Gabbert
John and Susan Buck of Redford Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Anni Buck, to Matt Gabbert of Redford Township. Anni is a 2000 graduate of Redford Union High School, a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a 2007 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She is currently employed at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Matt is the son of Mary Gabbert of Redford Township, and the late John Gabbert. Matt is a 2000 graduate of Redford Union High School, a 2004 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in English and in 2006 received his teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University. He currently is employed as a middle school teacher in Howell. An October 2007 wedding is planned in Detroit. The couple makes their new home in Farmington Hills.

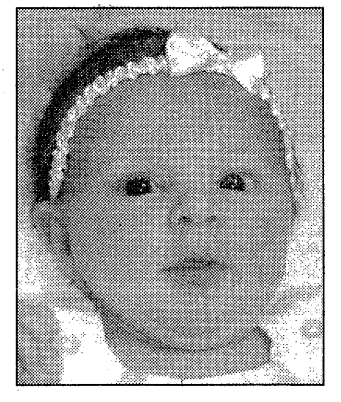


Reed-Borowski
Tom and Diane Reed of Kimball, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Lee Reed of Ann Arbor, to Kevin Joseph Borowski of Ann Arbor, the son of Dennis and Cathey Borowski of Canton. The bride-to-be has completed her master's degree at Eastern Michigan University and is employed by the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The prospective groom has completed his bachelor of science degree at Eastern Michigan University and is also employed at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. A Feb. 12, 2008 wedding is planned in Maui, Hawaii.

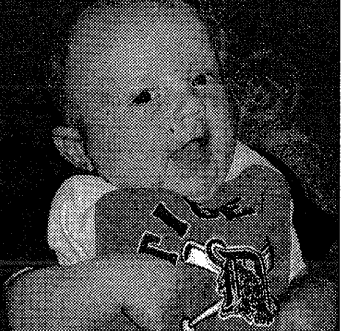


Sullivan-Kiefer
Patrick and Ellen Sullivan of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Ellen Jean Sullivan, to Zachary Kiefer of Hazel Park. The bride-to-be is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in occupational therapy. She is employed by Excel Rehabilitation in Westland. The prospective groom is the son of Kenneth and Denise Kiefer of Lake Orion. He is a 1996 graduate of Lake Orion High School and a 2000 graduate of Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. He received a master's degree from Michigan State University in Environmental Engineering in 2003. He is employed at NTH Consultants of Detroit. An October, 2007, wedding is planned for Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

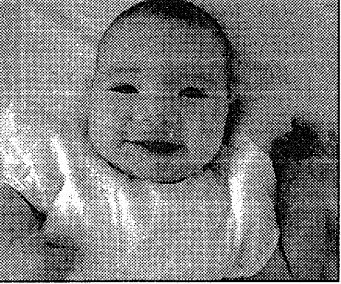
BIRTHS



Eleanor Rose Hennessy
Patrick and Monica Hennessy of Canton Township announce the birth of their daughter Eleanor Rose Hennessy at 1:19 a.m. Aug. 3, 2007, at Royal Oak William Beaumont Hospital. Eleanor Rose weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Michael and Oletta Hennessy Rodney and Leah Collins. Great grandmother is Annie Ruth Collins.



Chase Matthew McDougall
Carol and Doug McDougall of Livonia announce the birth of their son, Chase Matthew McDougall, on May 22, 2007, at Garden City Hospital. Chase's brothers and sisters are Megan, 18; Andy, 16; Caitlyn, 10; Charles, 7; and, Cassie, 5. Grandparents are Ed and Mary Ann Sulick of Livonia and Larry and Marilyn McDougall of Tarpon Springs, Fla.



Sophia Pearl Stoops
Jason and Kristin Stoops of Livonia are the proud parents of Sophia Pearl Stoops, who was born on March 25, 2007, in Royal Oak. Sophia weighed 7 lbs 14 oz and was 20 inches long. Sophia joins her big sister Gabriella Stoops. Brent and Debra Stoops of Plymouth Township and Neil and Kathleen Skaar of Birmingham are the proud grandparents. Sophia is also welcomed by her great-grandparents John and Beverly Stoops of Plymouth Township, Charles and Phil Cortright of Farmington Hills, and Daphne Such of Howell.

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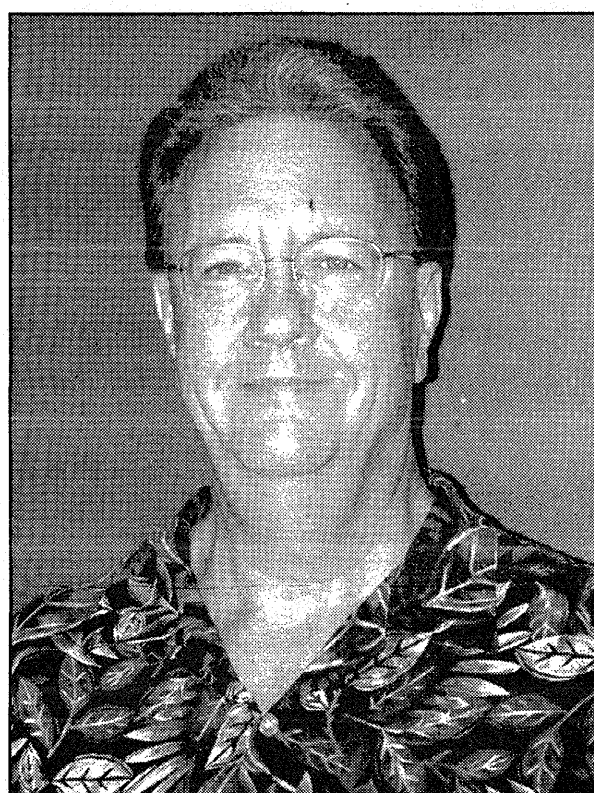
My name is Dr. Daniel Laframboise and my purpose in practice as a Chiropractor is to educate and adjust the families of Livonia back to optimal health and wellness using a completely unique and natural approach. I have been serving the health care needs of Livonia and the surrounding communities for 32 years and have received additional certification in pre-natal and pediatric Chiropractic care.

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Dr. Daniel Laframboise

flow is interfered with or "trapped," the body's chemistry goes out of balance and normal body function is jeopardized. By removing the nerver interference, the intelligence of your body is allowed to automatically re-balance body chemistry and to generate extraordinary healing capabilities. Amazingly, stress most often attacks the spine, creating misalignment and then affecting the nerve system (a condition known as subluxation). This revolutionary approach to achieving and sustaining optimal health has spawned the fastest growing drug-free health profession in the world. Millions of people worldwide, including your neighbors right here in Livonia, have adopted a new philosophy for the health and well being of their families.

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Abnormal body functions like asthma, allergies, headaches, chronic pain, fatigue and lowered immunity could be associated with a disturbance in nerve flow.

If you or a loved one is suffering needlessly, you have another choice. You can make the decision that millions of people around the world and many here in Livonia are making every month. It all begins with a thorough history and consultation, including a complete spinal exam, vital nerve testing, and specific weight-bearing x-rays. Normally this evaluation would costs up to \$310. However, through this special offer, you can **receive this complete evaluation for just a \$35 donation to Salvation Army Brightmoor CORPS, our Charity for the month of August.**

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AROUND TOWN

Dance ensemble
The PRCUA Syrena Dance Ensemble is looking for children (3 years and up) who would like to learn about their Polish heritage through song and dance. Registration begins Sept. 5. For more information, visit the group's Web site at syrenadance.com

Ballet auditions
The Ann Arbor Civic Ballet holds open auditions 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20 at Sylvia Studio of Dance, 3900 Jackson Road, Suite 6, in Ann Arbor. Experienced male and female dancers 12 years of age and older are invited to audition. Women should bring pointe shoes. Call (734) 668-8066 or visit www.annarbortivciballet.com for more information.

Gardeners meet
The Gardeners of Northville & Novi meets the second Tuesday of the month September through May at

6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org

Beating stress
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Beat Stress - Be Happy," a workshop designed to reduce stress, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile in Livonia. Learn what you can do to help increase your ability to handle stress through diet, nutrition, exercise, and lifestyle changes. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

Fall Harvest Festival
Plans for the Grass Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's Fall Harvest Festival, which takes place Sept. 15,

in this quiet farming community are progressing. Artists, crafters, and businesses will line the village main street, while five farms will be open for tours from the Jackson County Family Farm Fest event. The Michigan's Center for the Photographic Arts Fall Focus Festival will feature the photographic art of 800 children from the area, as well as hayrides, fresh cider and donuts, and horse and buggy rides through the village. Quality live musical entertainment, including the "The Shyguys," winners of the Grass Lake Third Annual Battle of the Bands, will play during the entire event in the gazebo/depot park area, and food vendors will be available at the site throughout the day. For more information on this event, visit www.dalefisherphoto.com and view or download a brochure with more information.

Health class
Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, a holistic

physician and clinical nutritionist, presents "Is It Really Your Thyroid?" 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Learn the thyroid's link to heart health, digestive issues, emotional stress and more. There is help the natural way. Help your body get back on track with safe, natural, effective alternatives. No charge for this class. Limited seating, reservation required. Phone (734) 756-6904 to make a reservation.

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

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, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or visit www.vna.org.

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


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

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.

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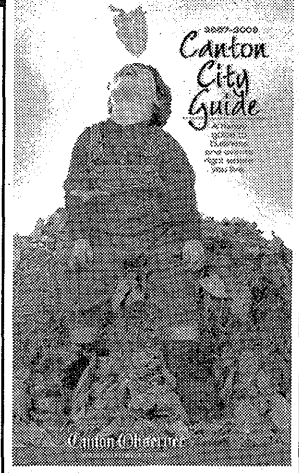
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Beware: All tobacco is dangerous to health

Mary from Waterford says her husband switched from smoking to chewing tobacco. He insists it is not as bad as cigarettes. Is this true?

Absolutely not! All tobacco is horrible for your health. Get rid of it! In fact a new study found all forms of tobacco, whether it is cigarettes, cigars, a pipe or chewing tobacco, can cause you to have a heart attack.

Researchers found using tobacco doubles and in some cases can even quadruple the risk of a heart attack. Previous studies have also confirmed any sort of tobacco use increases your risk of cancer and stroke.

Cigarette smoking is the leading most preventable cause of death in the United States. One out of every five deaths is due to smoking. That is about a half million people each year.

Our children are at risk as well! More than 5 million children today will die a premature death because of tobacco use. We need to educate them so they don't start!

Mary from White Lake is having a lot of barbecues this summer and she is also trying to lose weight. What can she serve that is healthy and delicious?

Mary, check these out!
1. Chilled soups, like cucumber dill. Research shows a low-calorie, broth-based soup at the beginning of the meal will fill you up so you eat less.
2. Grilled vegetables. They are delicious on the grill and packed with antioxidants and other good stuff.

3. Fresh fruit. Ditch the high-calorie dessert and serve fruit instead.

The best way to lose weight this summer is load up on fruits and vegetables. Produce is at its peak in summer. Besides being lower in calories, produce is loaded with vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber.

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site, www.peternielsen.com. Contact Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

Boosting immunity

Vaccines prevent contagious diseases

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Teresa Holtrop is troubled by the growing incidence of pertussis (whooping cough) in children. That's why the pediatrician is urging parents to not only immunize their children before the first school bell, but to make sure their boosters are up to date as well.

Whooping cough can cause rib fractures, pneumonia and hospitalization. In April, Holtrop sent three young patients to the intensive care unit of Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. In each case, the child contracted pertussis from a parent or older sibling. The disease could have been prevented if their family member had received a Tdap booster.

In 2005, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were so concerned about the increase in whooping cough nationally the governmental agency licensed Tdap vaccines for diphtheria and tetanus that include protection against pertussis. For years, adolescents and adults received Tdap boosters against diphtheria and tetanus only. Immunity to pertussis wanes about five to 10 years after completion of childhood vaccination, leaving adolescents and adults susceptible to pertussis, according to the CDC.

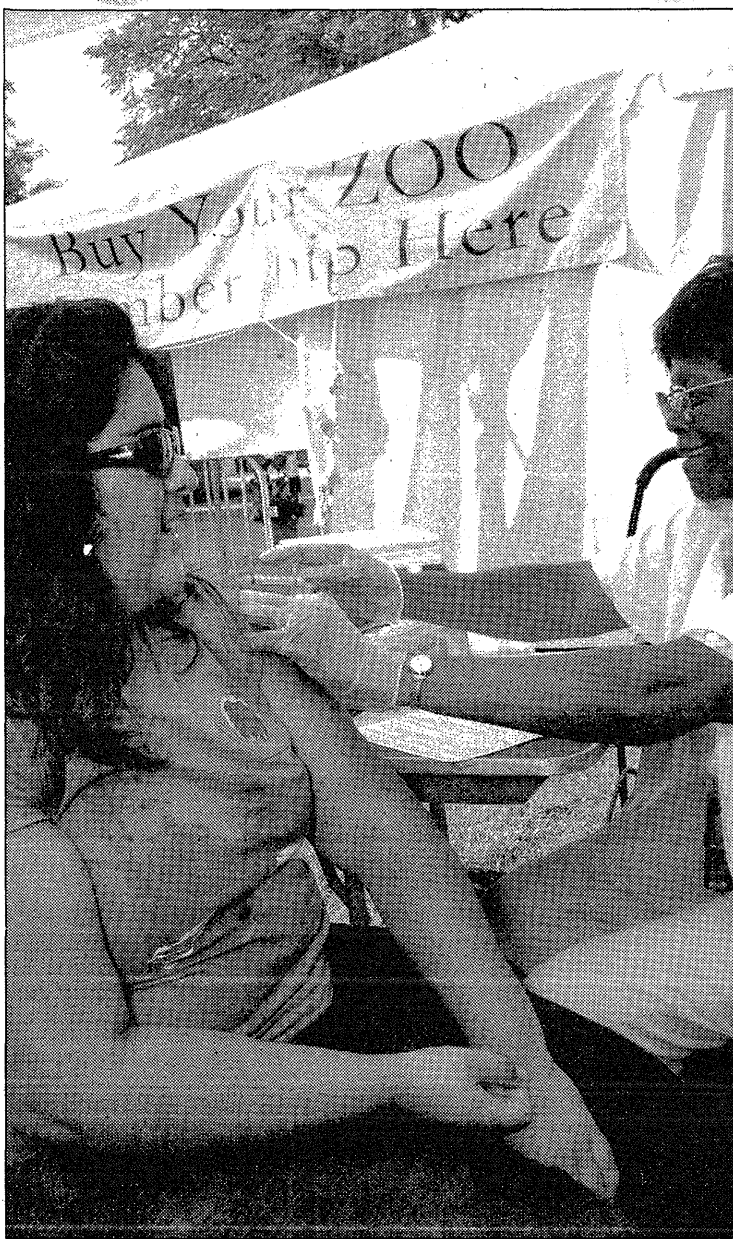
"I've been in practice 20 years and never seen this much pertussis," said Holtrop, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital in the Detroit Medical Center and director of the CATCH pediatric mobile team that brings health care and immunizations to at-risk children in Detroit. CATCH was founded in 1987 by then Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson and stands for Caring Athletes Together with Children's Hospital of Michigan and Henry Ford Hospital.

"We've had a rise in younger children getting whooping cough. Teens and adults should really get Tdap. Older folks can usually get through without too many problems, but I've treated infants with pertussis and they're really sick."

Pertussis isn't the only infectious disease worrying Holtrop as a pediatrician. In addition to recommending a second dose of chicken pox vaccine for both sexes, she suggests girls between the ages of 9 and 26 receive Gardasil to prevent cervical cancer. Her daughters, ages 21 and 16, have had all their shots.

"It's been very important to me. For most parents, if we have ever seen chicken pox it was not a big deal, but I've seen complications — infections in the eye when chicken pox blisters in the eye, mild encephalitis," said Holtrop, of Beverly Hills.

Bacterial meningitis is an inflammation of the lining around the brain and spinal



Lucretia Johnson, a registered nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan, gives Melissa Ponce of Plymouth a meningitis vaccination during a Zoo Shot Party at The Detroit Zoo on Aug. 8. Ponce is going to major in psychology at the University of Illinois this fall.

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The Oakland and Wayne county health departments offer free immunizations for children without insurance.

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cord, which can leave those who survive with amputated limbs, severe scarring, brain damage and hearing loss.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan recently held a clinic at the Detroit Zoo to vaccinate children ages 11 to 18 and college freshmen living in dorms against the contagious disease.

Kay Renny has three children, including twin 13-year old boys, so she made sure they've all had tetanus and bacterial meningitis

vaccinations.

"For bacterial meningitis, it's not only back to college, but 11- to 12-year-olds entering middle school, all of that socializing that takes place with band and club. They start sharing bottles, food items and lip gloss. These are similar actions of kids entering dorms," said Renny of Rochester. Renny, an R.N., is manager of community programs at VNA of Southeast Michigan.

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Volunteers are sought for Alzheimer's study

Every day, millions of Americans swallow capsules or spoonfuls of fish oil, hoping that the omega-3 fatty acids inside will protect their brains against memory loss and dementia, or have other beneficial effects. But even though there's some evidence linking omega-3s to a beneficial effect on the brain, the jury is still out on whether it really works — and therefore whether the supplements are worth the millions of dollars spent on them.

That's why a new national study has been launched at 51 sites, including the University of Michigan Health System, to test the effects of omega-3s in people with a high immediate risk of brain decline: those in early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

The study may provide answers on whether omega-3 fatty acids can slow the disease's progression — an important goal considering 5 million Americans currently have Alzheimer's and the number will grow quickly in coming decades.

U-M is now seeking men and women who are 50 years old or older, who have been diagnosed with suspected Alzheimer's disease and are still in the mild to moderate stages of the disease, to take part in the study. Each participant must have a loved one who is willing to be a study partner for the entire 18 months of the study.

The study is one of many offered by the Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, one of only 33 federal Alzheimer's disease centers in the nation and the only one in Michigan. The center and the study are funded by the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health. More information on the center and its studies, including the fish oil study, is online at www.med.umich.edu/alzheimers.

Dr. R. Scott Turner, the Alzheimers specialist leading the study at U-M, notes that the new study will specifically look at the effect of DHA, a specific type of omega-3 fatty acid that is thought to act upon cells in the brain.

"It appears that DHA acts as an antioxidant in the brain and can affect the production of, and protect brain cells against, the harmful effects of amyloid protein," Turner explains. Amyloid, specifically a form called beta-amyloid, is a leading culprit in the progression of Alzheimer's disease.

The new study will randomly assign 60 percent of participants to take four capsules containing DHA each day. The rest will receive placebo capsules that look and smell like the DHA capsules, but that contain no omega-3 fatty acids. Participants can continue to take Alzheimer's drugs that they've been taking for four months or more.

Only by testing DHA in this randomized, placebo-controlled manner will researchers obtain results that they can attribute to the effect of the omega-3 fatty acids, Turner explains.

The active capsules will provide a total of 2 grams of DHA per day. To further control the conditions of the study, participants may not take additional omega-3 supplements and fish oil during the study, and they must agree to limit their consumption of cold-water fish, which naturally contain omega-3 fatty acids.

The study will measure participants' thinking ability, memory and other attributes at eight points during the study, as well as take blood samples to look for biomarkers related to Alzheimer's. Some participants may also opt to have MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scans of their brain, or to provide other samples for biological testing.

Study participants must be living at home or in an assisted-living facility at the time they join the study; nursing home residents may not take part. People with a history of stroke, or with a current diagnosis of epilepsy, depression, cancer or other major illnesses are not eligible.

At the start of the study, each prospective participant will receive an evaluation that will allow the U-M researchers to confirm suspected Alzheimer's disease or determine if another form of dementia is causing the symptoms. Because Alzheimer's impairs a person's ability to make judgment decisions, both the subject and his or her study partner will be asked to sign documents consenting to take part in the study. The study partner must be someone who sees the patient at least twice a week and can accompany him or her to all study visits.

For more information on Alzheimer's research at U-M, contact Joanne Lord, Clinical Research Coordinator, at (734) 647-7760, or jlord@umich.edu. For more information on other U-M research studies currently seeking participants, visit www.umengage.org.

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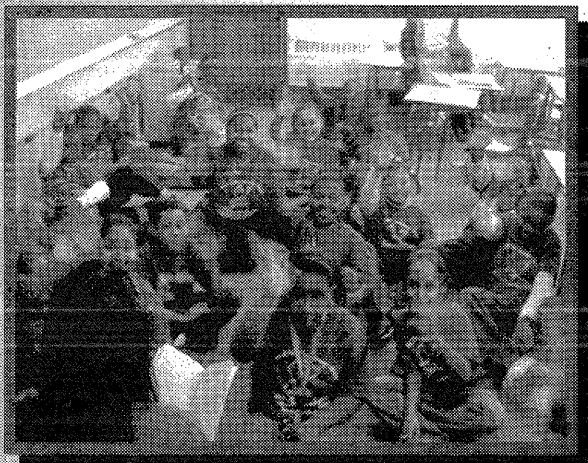
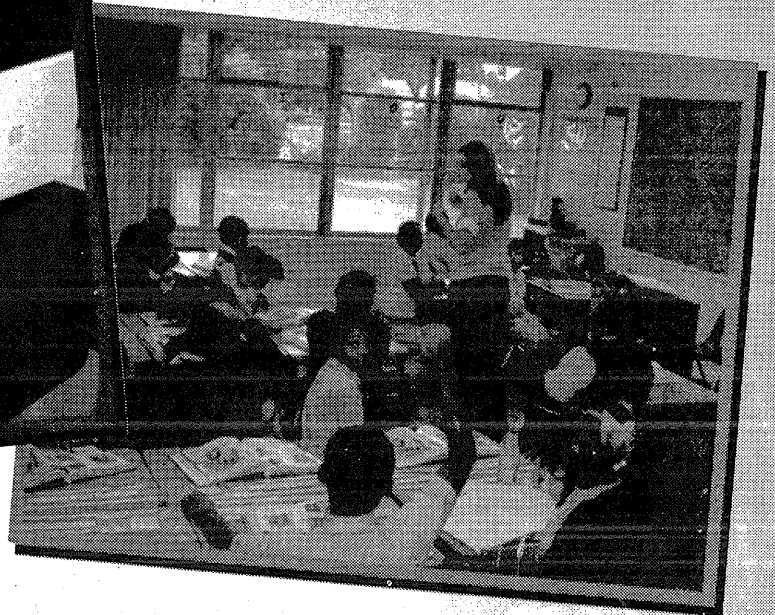
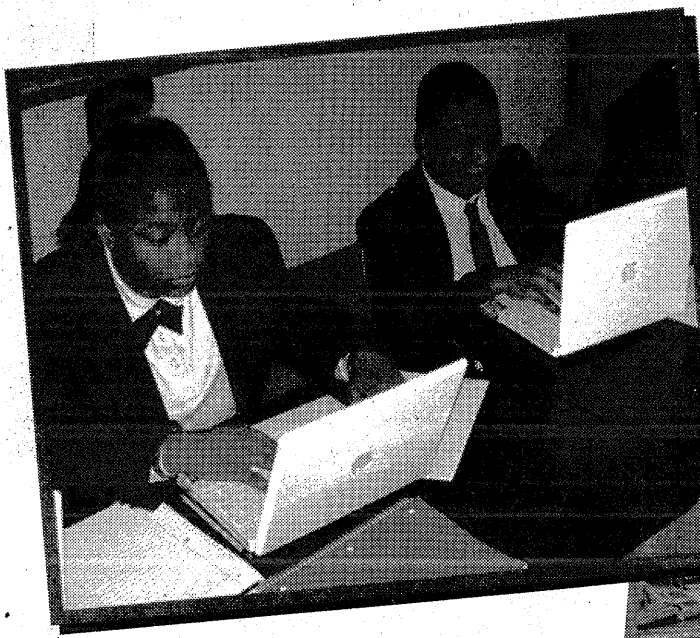
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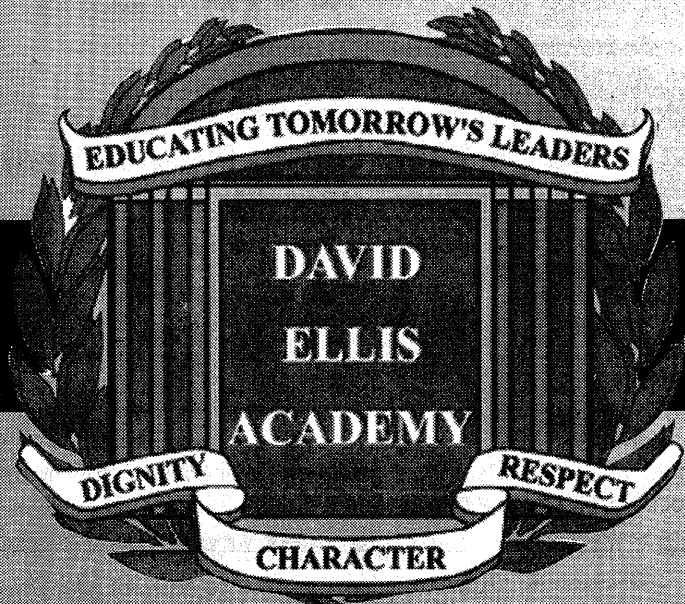


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Going strong: Older workers often enjoy career challenge

The Center for Retirement Research recently studied older workers and employer attitudes toward them. The study illuminates many key points including the fact that attitudes may be changing toward older workers, according to John M. O'Connor, president - Career Pro Resumes and Career Pro Inc, writing on carolinanewsline.

In the past, some evidence and many personal experiences and stories suggested that employers tend to shy away from the older worker. Evidence in the courts indicates that discrimination does still exist, unfortunate reality of a competitive marketplace. Privately, human resources professionals and other hiring decision makers point to not wanting to hire individuals with ingrained bad habits, the potential for higher health care costs and the "I'll do it my way" attitudes that some older workers have demonstrated at their companies.

Statistics from a number of companies demonstrate that workers over 50 sometimes have a hard time finding work. But, the reality is that today's 50-year-old is not the same as a 50-year-old of yesteryear. The argument can and should be made that older workers today are much differ-

ent than older workers of the past. For example, Boston College's Center for Retirement Research suggest that today's workers are better educated than even those of 10 years ago. They are more physically fit. Physical demands of jobs are lessening as most manufacturing goes overseas. Labor-intensive positions have been and will continue to be lessened by machines and technology advances.

In a survey of 400 private sector employers, they were asked to evaluate the relative productivity and cost of white-collar and rank-and-file workers age 55 and over and whether, on balance, older employees were more or less attractive.

Very few employers had the view that "older workers" as less productive. In fact, age seems to be a significant advantage in many white-collar jobs. A clear majority said older managers and professionals were "more productive". Despite the concerns of many, this is heartening news.

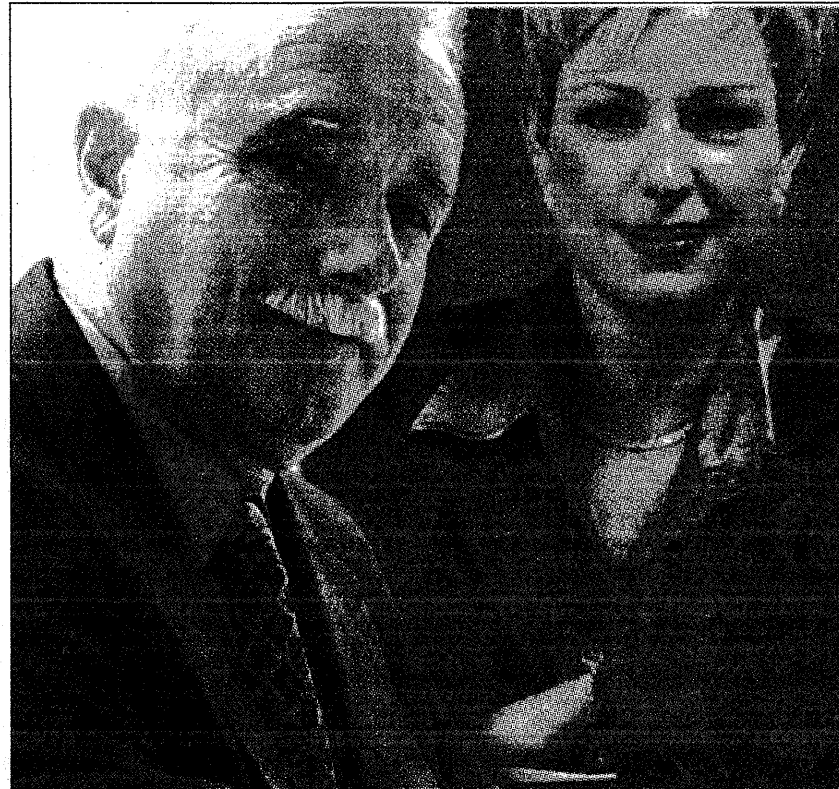
Only 20 percent of older workers were seen as less productive. An interesting point in the survey is that the less experience the employer has with older workers the more likely to view workers in a negative light. Two areas in which employers see value of the older worker is in a) having excel-

lent knowledge of procedures and understanding of job aspects and b) older workers have an ability to interact with all customers.

AARP's research suggests that older workers are NOT more expensive. A 2005 study conducted by Towers Perrin for AARP contends that the additional cost of retaining workers 50 and older is modest, ranging from zero to 3 percent a year. Those costs are much lower than the cost of hiring and training new employees, the study said. The study was based on an analysis of four industries — energy, financial services, health care and retailing.

The study acknowledged, though, that companies are slow to adapt to an aging workforce. Instead of tapping this labor pool, employers may turn more to outsourcing or push for relaxed immigration rules to fill hiring needs, says Sara Rix, a senior policy officer at AARP. "Things are changing, and more and more (companies) will turn to older workers," Rix says. "But age discrimination does rear its ugly head. If you leave the labor force, getting back is difficult. Bagging groceries may be all you get."

In most cases the cost and benefits seem to balance out; however, white-



collar workers have much better prospects working later in life that do the rank-and-file worker. Other areas of concern are that smaller businesses — those with fewer than 100 employees — were less fond of older workers. And large employers — those with

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 25 Cobbler's tool
 28 Rock's Bon - Home appli-
 29 Ohio, to Yves
 30 Patio view
 32 Three- sloth
 33 Travel choice
 37 Overwhelms
 38 Cliff inlet
 39 Racing sleds
 41 Bombay nanny
 42 First-magnitude star
 43 General Bradley
 45 Baby goats
 47 Crater edge
 48 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
 49 HBO receivers
 50 Estuary
 51 Tasty tuber

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers
 Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

	5	2	4							
4			1				7		2	
6		1	5							
		5					9	8		
1				8			5		6	
		8	7	6						
							2			
	7					2	4	6	3	
3	6	9					8		5	

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| BANK | CHECKING | SAVINGS |
| BONDS | DEPOSIT | STOCKS |
| CD | DOLLARS | TELLER |
| CENTS | MONEY | WITHDRAWAL |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

A	Q	E	U	Y	P	O	W	K	W
N	B	C	H	E	C	K	I	N	G
S	O	M	T	N	B	V	T	A	C
A	N	F	I	O	S	A	H	B	X
V	D	G	S	M	H	J	D	K	T
I	S	T	O	C	K	S	R	U	Y
N	Y	T	P	R	E	Q	A	A	S
G	R	C	E	N	T	S	W	E	V
S	T	D	D	O	L	L	A	R	S
Y	U	P	O	T	E	L	L	E	R

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5	1	8	4	7	6	9	2	3
3	9	4	2	1	2	8	6	7
6	7	2	3	9	9	4	1	8
1	2	1	5	9	7	8	6	6
9	9	6	8	2	7	1	4	1
7	8	6	1	4	6	9	2	2
8	4	7	3	7	2	9	1	6
2	5	7	6	1	9	6	4	4
1	9	1	6	8	3	8	4	7