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Symphony taps familiar face for top post

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society turned to the former director of the Plymouth Historical Museum to bring stability to an organization that has undergone four leadership changes in the last nine years.

The PCSS board voted unanimously Wednesday night to hire Beth Stewart, whose 18 years as the director of the historical museum was as big a factor as her successes in fund-raising, grant writing and development of educational and volunteer programs.

"The board was impressed with her commitment to the Plymouth-Canton area," said Steve Alexandrowski of Plymouth, PCSS president. "Her nonprofit experience is exceptional and her community knowledge and contacts are simply amazing. Beth already has a deep knowledge of our organization because in her role as director of the historical museum she did a lot of collaboration with us."

Alexandrowski said the PCSS's main goals this year for Stewart are to build the volunteer base and increase individual giving.

"Those are the two areas where we're struggling with right now," Alexandrowski said. "We're doing great with corporate giving and fantastic with grants. But our individual giving is still pretty small."

Stewart, who is expected to begin working in June and take over when current executive director Jennifer Philpot-Munson leaves, will earn \$29,000 annually.

"It's a real honor and privilege to represent one of the most wonderful symphony orchestras in southeast Michigan," said Stewart, who resides in Plymouth

Township. "I hope I can help them grow and expand their audience, funding base and volunteer corps.

"Jennifer leaves some big shoes to fill, but I hope to carry on where she leaves off," added Stewart. "And, I look forward to working with Nan (Washburn), who I think is one of the premier symphony orchestra conductors in the country."

Alexandrowski said the symphony board considered "a couple of other people, but we didn't go very far down that

According to Alexandrowski, Stewart will begin work with an organization that's in good financial shape.

"We're strong this year," Alexandrowski said. "Last year was different, we had almost no grants, they just disappeared. But, we were able to replace them this year and we should finish the fiscal year (June 30) in the black."



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Beth Stewart (right), shown here with Gov. Jennifer Granholm, has been hired as the new executive director of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Orchestra.

Working hard for Police seek help 'wascally wabbits' BY BRAD KADRICH

Rabbit sanctuary aims at online grants to renovate

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What may have started as a hare-brain idea by the Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Rehome in Plymouth could turn out to be a really eggs-ellent brainstorm worth \$1 million.

The Extreme Shelter Makeover through ZooToo.org is not unlike the more infamous Extreme Makeover on television Sunday nights, except it's a contest for pet shelters. And, readers can help the rabbit rescue, housed in a warehouse on Holbrook Street in Old Village, receive an extreme makeover worth up to \$1 million by voting online.

"It certainly isn't the Taj Mahal around here, but we get by," said Debbie Toundaian of Northville Township, who volunteers at the rescue. "We had a paint job this summer that isn't finished. Everything we do is volunteer and donation based, and we do a lot of fund-rais-

Of the 3,000 pet shelters in the contest,

Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Rehome has received enough points from online voters to be among the top 20 nationwide.

"Every shelter in the top 20 gets a \$5,000 award," said Toundaian. "Then they visit each of the top 20 shelters and decide who is the neediest for a makeover. We need people to keep voting online for us to keep in the top 20 and have a chance."

Readers can register to vote for Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Rehome at www.zootoo.com/register/referrer/midwestrabbitrr. Type in Zip Code 48170 to find the local shelter. The contest concludes March 31.

The Plymouth shelter was started two years ago by Dominique Moroz of Northville Township, who rescued her first rabbit when she was 8 years old. Moroz operated the shelter in her home, but then decided to open a larger facility.

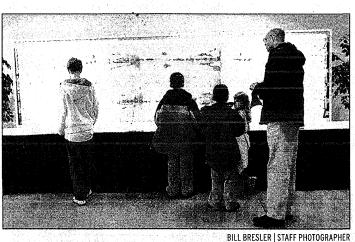
"It became obvious there were a lot of people who wanted to become involved

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Dominique Moroz runs the Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Rehome shelter in Plymouth.

Visitors drawn to Shroud of Turin exhibit



Our Lady of Good Counsel displays a replica of the Shroud of Turin.

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Eileen Pawlik admitted some of the pictures in the Shroud of Turin exhibit, on display during Holy Week at Our Lady of Good Counsel, were a little bothersome.

But the graphic nature of the photos wasn't enough to stop Eileen, 11, from . touring the exhibit with her mom,

Lynn, and 8-year-old sister Erin. Some of the pictures bothered me, because they're a little sad," Eileen

said. "But it was interesting." The traveling exhibit, which contains a replica of the Shroud of Turin, which believers say is the actual

burial cloth of Jesus, drew hundreds of visitors to OLGC, according to Pam Haase, a volunteer who also sits on the church's Religious Formation Committee.

The exhibit also contains photos depicting what some scientists believe are the wounds suffered by the man in the cloth, wounds they say closely follow the story of Christ's crucifixion.

The graphic nature of some of the photography prompted church officials to say children under 15 years of age had to be accompanied by an adult.

"(Visitors) are coming from all over Michigan, singles groups, other

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naming new canine of

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township Police Department filled the human half of its new canine team recently, naming 10-year veteran Steve Albrecht to the position.

Now, the department is looking for helping naming the canine half - literally.

Albrecht, who replaces Sgt. Steve Cheston, will pick up the department's new canine April 6 from Vonderhaus Kennels in Ohio. But the German shepherd — which replaces long-time canine Hogan, retired earlier this year - is going to need a name.

That's where Plymouth Township youngsters come in.

Albrecht and department officials are sponsoring a canine naming contest, open to students kindergarten through fifth "I thought it would be a good idea to

get the kids involved," said Albrecht, who spent a year on a police department near Saginaw before moving to Plymouth Township 10 years ago. "It gets them excited, and when they see the dog, they know they had a hand in naming him. The dog belongs to the community, not just the department."

Aside from the residency requirement, the criteria are easy: pick a name, draw and color a picture of a police officer and a dog, and send it in. The picture, Albrecht said, will be used as a tie-breaker in case multiple kids suggest the same name.

As for the names, Albrecht would like to see suggestions in keeping with a law enforcement theme. While names such as "Fido," "Rover" or "Fifi" are fine for household pets, he said, the department's canine should have a name befitting the position.

"Maybe something like 'Smokey' or 'Bandit,' something like that," Albrecht said, smiling. Grand prize for the contest is a pizza party for the winning student's entire classroom. Entries must be postmarked by April 2. Parents can find entry forms on the township Web site, www.plymouthtwp.org (go to "departments," then "police," then "forms.")

They should be mailed (or dropped off) in care of Albrecht to the Plymouth Township Police Department, 9955 N. Haggerty, Plymouth, MI 48170.

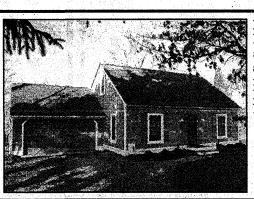
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Ring of Fire: Johnny Cash's legend lives on when the Broadway musical hits The Palace.

Comedy Night

To all aspiring comedians, think you're funny? Got your act together? Let us be the judge. Looking for comedians for a Comedy Night at the Cherry Hill Village Theater in Canton June 7 (TV audience material only).

Some appreciation prizes will be awarded based on tickets sales. The event is being sponsored by the Plymouth High School Football Booster club and all proceeds will benefit the Plymouth High School football program.

If you are interest in participating as a comic, or in attending, contact Tiffany at (313) 300-7620 or e-mail ekj90@sbcglobal.net

Moonlight madness

The downtown Plymouth merchants present the Moonlight Madness Spring Sale on Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5. Sale begins at 6 p.m. Friday, with more

sales on Saturday. Downtown Plymouth features a wide variety of specialty shops and galleries that will be offering special discounts and bargains during the annual Spring Sale.

Contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 for more information.

New Morning auction

New Morning School conducts its 32nd annual auction Saturday, April 5, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The Roaring 20s will come alive

for jaspers and flappers alike! Enjoy an elegant meal with open bar, and peruse the hundreds of offerings in our silent auction. Then, get ready to bid on the exciting packages in the live auction. Experience the excitement of bidding on unique items such as getaways to Malta, Florida, and Toronto; luxury ski & golf trips; local spa packages; fine jewelry; and a oneof-kind package to Beverly Fills, California that includes deluxe stay at the Beverly Wiltshire Hotel, dining and

celebrity-sighting at Spago, and tickets to see Dr. Phil. The huge silent auction feafures something for everyone, from sports memorabilia to

children's items, electronics, original artwork, home improvement packages, and more. Step into our Speakeasy to enjoy a specialty martini bar, live music, and learn to dance the Charleston.

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The local community is welcome to attend. Call (734) 420-3331 to purchase tickets by phone or visit www.newmorningschool.com for more information. Tickets are \$75 per person which includes seated dinner, dessert, open bar, and the silent and live auction portions of the eve-

Tigers tickets and a bus

The Plymouth Historical Museum is selling tickets to the Detroit Tigers vs. Los Angeles Angels baseball game at Comerica Park on Friday, April 25.

The tickets are in the upper deck behind the first-base dugout. A luxury coach will pick up fans at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, Plymouth, at 5 p.m., with a 5:15 p.m. departure for the ballpark. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.

The coach will leave for Plymouth shortly after the game ends. The \$35 ticket price includes one upper deck seat and a round-trip coach ride to the ballpark and back from the Museum. Tickets are at a premium this year at Comerica Park, so be sure to get your tickets and transportation from the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The Museum's hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There may be someone in the administrative offices on Mondays and Thursdays, but call 734-455-8940 before coming to the Museum on those days. Tickets can also be purchased through PayPal from the Museum's Web site at http:// www.plymouthhistory.org/ Events.html

Child seat inspections

The Plymouth Township Police Department offers **Child Safety Seat Inspections** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the police station, 9955 N. Haggerty. Inspections are by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, con-

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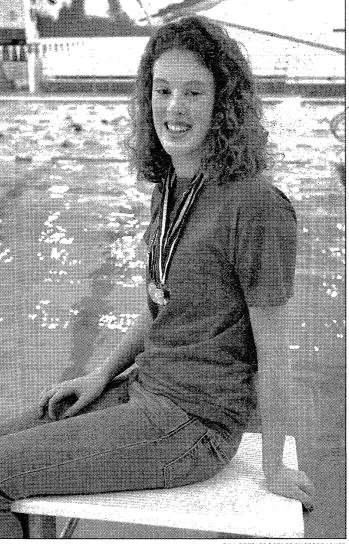
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Well-earned recognition

Canton High senior Allison Schmitt, who capped an extraordinary high school swimming career by placing first in the 200- and 500-vard freestyle events at the Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University, has been named one of the nominees for the Detroit Athletic Club's Michigan High School Athlete of the Year Award. This honor is awarded not only for athletic ability, but also for the academic and humanitarian efforts of high school student athletes. Each year six female and six male athletes are nominated to receive this honor. Winners of the 2008 Michigan High School Athlete of the Year Award will be announced during the annual Dodge National Athletic Awards, which will be held at the DAC on Monday, May 12. The program will be televised by WDIV Channel 4 and later broadcast by Comcast around the state.

tact Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3232.

Scrapbook event

Creative Memories hosts a National Scrapbook Day event 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the Holiday Inn Express in Canton.

The event provides a chance to spend the day completing album pages, as well as get a look at the newest products and techniques from Creative Memories.

Cost is \$40 per person. The Holiday Inn Express is located

at 3950 Lotz in Canton. For more information or to register for the event contact Chrissy Detary, senior consultant with Creative Memories, (734) 454-4321.

Appreciation breakfast

The annual Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast, designed to honor those at Salem, Canton and Plymouth High Schools, is set for 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, at each of the respective schools.

Organizers are in great need of breakfast casseroles, potato

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dishes, fruit bowls, baked goods, breakfast meats or monetary donations.

Anyone interested in making any type of a donation should contact one of the following chairpersons as soon as possible: Salem High School, Suzanne Zabowski, sunique7@aol.com; Canton High School, Sue Boeve, sboeve@dmc.org; or Plymouth High School, Kathy Craig, kathycraig13@aol.com

Fall festival

■ The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival, scheduled for Sept. 5-7. Ten-by-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the three-day weekend.

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

■ Businesses interested in participating in the Plymouth Fall Festival Sept. 5-7 may sponsor the entertainment venues, or have a booth downtown during the festival. Sponsorships can include ads in the Fall Festival Guide, banners on the stage, and many other great ways to get exposure for your business.

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

Corriveau coffee hour

State Rep. Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, invites residents to talk over a cup of coffee during an evening coffee hour at Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant 6 p.m. Monday, March 31.

Parthenon Coney Island and Restaurant is located at 39910 Ford Road in Canton Township.

Corriveau holds coffee hours, office hours and other events throughout the 20th District to talk with as many residents as possible about any issues or concerns. If your business or organization would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, please contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

Corriveau also holds regular office hours three times a month: the first Monday of every month at the Wayne Public Library; the first Friday

of every month at Northville City Hall; and the third Monday of every month at the Plymouth District Library. All office hours are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Girls on the run

The Plymouth Family YMCA and Plymouth-Canton Community Education have partnered to bring Girls on the Run to five area elementary schools. The 10-week character building program focuses on experiential learning through running and teaches very specific and well-defined social and personal skills. The program culminates in a non-competitive 5K race event which gives the girls a chance to shine and feel an overwhelming sense of accomplishment.

The \$95 program fee includes after school meetings twice a week with trained volunteer coaches, a healthy snack each day, program Tshirt, water bottle, and entry into the 5K event. All girls grade three through five are welcome but register quickly as space is limited. Spots are still available at Workman, Bentley and Allen Elementary Schools. Participants can register at the Plymouth Family YMCA located at 248 S Union.

For more information on Girls on the Run, please contact Jenny Roszel at (734) 453-2904, jroszel@ymcametrodetroit.org or visit the official Web site at www.girlsontherun.org

Feed the need

PBJ Outreach Inc. is sponsoring a Super Slammin' Spaghetti Jam 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 5 (following 4 p.m. Mass) at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Social Hall (47650 N. Territorial), Plymouth.

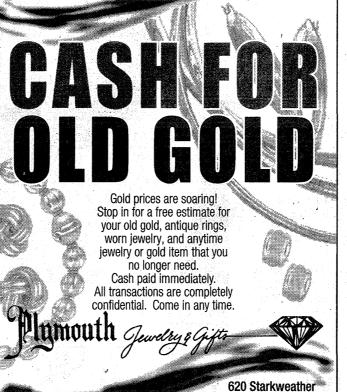
Enjoy a fun family night including spaghetti dinner, cash bar, activities for kids, and raffle/door prizes. All proceeds go toward the Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry which provides food on a weekly basis to brothers and sisters in Detroit's Cass Corridor.

Tickets cost \$7 for adults, \$3 kids (age 3-12), under 3 eat free. For tickets/information please contact Linda Barterian at (734) 459-0771.

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CORRECTION

The editorial in the Thursday, March 20, Observer should have said Plymouth-Canton Board of **Education Trustee Dianne** Gonzalez voted in favor of the contract for new superintendent Craig Fiegel. The vote was unanimous.



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The Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-Off, run by Annette and Ken Horn, recently donated \$30,900 to Habitat for Humanity.

Home, sweet home

Chili donation helps Habitat build a house

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Annette and Ken Horn of Plymouth Township raised enough money to construct half-a-home for Habitat for **Humanity Wayne County** when they delivered the nonprofit group a \$30,900 check at the its Plymouth offices this

The money was raised from the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off held each fall in downtown Plymouth – a chili and salsa competition, a restaurant chili challenge and a motorcycle bike show - and is far and above the \$20,874 raised last year.

Annette Horn said the 2007 event was the largest in 12 years with over 25,000 in attendance and more than

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"Even though we are in hard economic times, we're getting more sponsorships because businesses want to promote themselves and be at this event," said Horn. "They have a lot of fun and it's all for charity.

"It's fantastic, absolutely incredible, to be able to organize it in the town I love and have it held with local groups," added Horn. "It's very rewarding."

Michael Sage, president of the affiliate based in Plymouth, said the one-day cook-off raises about half a sponsorship for homes that cost \$80,000 to build.

"We have certain big events throughout the year, and the Chili Cook-off is one of them," said Sage. "It's become a staple of our affiliate. Not everyone is a builder, so some folks take advantage of the day to voluntor of Habitat for Humanity Wayne County, said it's encouraging more sponsors are on board to help raise enough money to build four or five homes this summer.

"We're meeting more and more people who just want to help us," said Dent. "Michiganders are really stepping up despite the depressed economy.'

One of those sponsors is BMW Motorcycles of Southeast Michigan in Canton which participated in the Chili Cook-off for the first time last

"We gave a \$2,500 sponsorship and also sponsored the charity ride that which drew about 70 riders," said John Horner, owner of the motorcycle shop. "It gave us a chance to give something back to the

High school freshman's blog makes a case against McCotter

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Remember the year 2028. That's when you should be seeing some bright green bumper stickers that say "Fitz 28."

That's when Sean Fitzpatrick will be constitutionally old enough to run for president.

Meanwhile, the 14-year-old Canton High School freshman is working hard to bring down

a congressman. While young people are often accused of being politically apathetic, Fitzpatrick of Plymouth is a fervent political blogger who maintains the Mad at Thad blog site www. madatthad.blogspot.com. Its purpose is to make the case against U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who is expected to run for re-election to the 11th District seat.

On Monday, St. Patrick's Day, Sean came to the Observer in a cap decorated with a shamrock and a vivid green Obama for president Tshirt.

"I've always been interested in politics and I saw at the time there wasn't anything about McCotter and he was the local representative," Sean

Politics has always been discussed at the Fitzpatrick din-

"My father is really into it and so is my grandmother," he said. "I guess the 2004 election I really started to get into it.'

Sean's father, Patrick, said his son's interest came early and evolved over time.

"When he was very young, when he was in first grade he used to wear a suit to school and said he was going to be president," Patrick Fitzpatrick said. "He also created a bumper sticker for himself that said Fitz 28."



Over the years, Sean has developed strong liberal

> "I think the government has a responsibility to help its people," he

said. "I look at President Bush, who is not too popular even in Plymouth, and that's because his policies' aim to help the rich, where I support policies that help the poor and middle class, like FDR and the New

For Sean, McCotter represents everything he opposes.

"He supports the war which is still the No. 1 issue," he said. "His economic policies are right in line with George Bush and Ronald Reagan. The trickle down effect that he believes in strongly I don't think has proven to work. In general he doesn't seem to represent the interest of his constituents."

So at least once a week Sean posts something on his blog site — a commentary or news about the campaigns of Democratic candidates Tom Spencer and Ed Kriewall or links to other liberal and anti-McCotter sites. His comments show a political acumen beyond his years.

He said he enjoys the political gamesmanship. In the presidential election he was originally a John Edwards supporter but then switched to Barack Obama when Edwards dropped out.

Obama has quite a few policies for open government. The one thing I was iffy about Edwards was his initial support for the war. I thought Obama was the strongest candidate, now that Edwards is out, in opposing the war from the beginning," Sean said.

He's been closely following

the controversy over counting the Michigan and Florida primary results.

"I think the best scenario, and I don't think it's all that likely, is a caucus in Michigan paid for by the candidates and primary in Florida," he said. "What I think will actually end up happening is that they'll split Michigan 50-50 and count the Florida results at a half a vote a delegate, which would leave a 19-vote advantage to Clinton, which I think Obama would find accept-

Sean said he hopes to go to law school on his way to a political career.

"I'd love to be a senator, a congressman or even a speech-

writer some day," he said. He agrees that most students aren't as interested in politics as he is but says they

do know the issues. "I usually bring it up and we get into a debate," he said. "We take one side of the argument or the other and talk about it until we're not getting anywhere or have a consensus. I'm in the mainstream as my friends go. But I have a couple Republican friends.

One Republican he hasn't met is his nemesis and fellow Irish-American Thaddeus McCotter, but he's looking forward to a meeting.

"I'm on the radio station at school and he does fund-raisers for them. I hope to meet him, I hear he's a nice guy, but that's not going to change my mind," he said.

And while he hasn't decided which of the two Democratic candidates to support, he'll continue to make his case against the war, the Republican Party and McCotter at his blog site.

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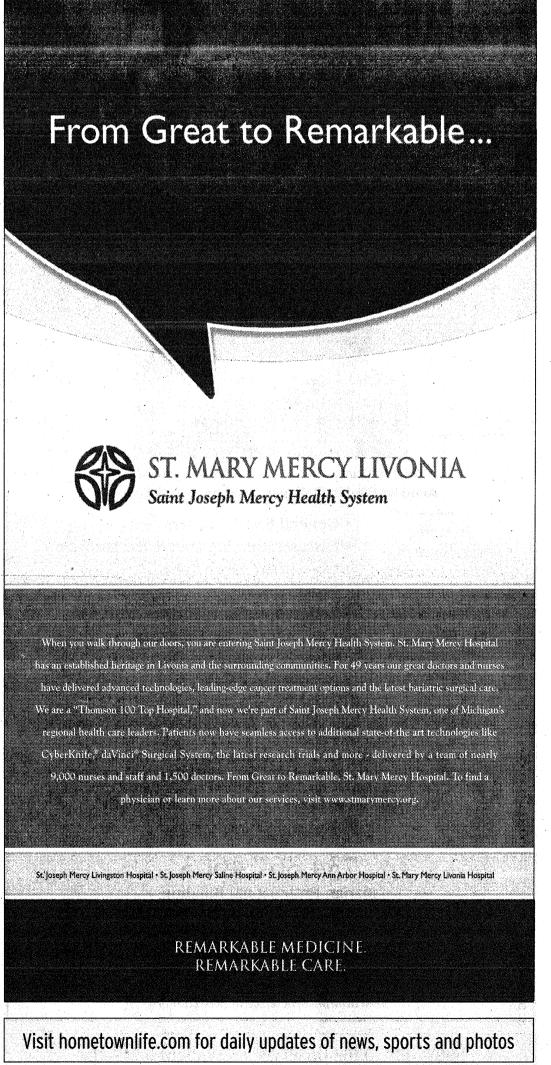


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Officials from Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Rehome are trying to get an online grant that would allow them to refurbish the facility, located in Old Village.

in it," said Moroz. "It's nice to have a place that belongs to everyone, where everybody could volunteer at their own

The shelter has about 100 volunteers who help care for the 150 rabbits for the nonprofit organization that's licensed by the Department of Agriculture. The annual budget is about \$17,000.

"These are all domestic rabbits, they cannot live out in the wild," said Moroz. "They are mostly show bunnies, like at fairs, and their owners don't

want them anymore. We also get some from people who have lost their homes and want to find a no-kill shelter. And, we take strays and rabbits from other shelters.

'We want families to come here to find out if this is the pet for them," she said. "And if not, they can still come and spend time here. Our bottom line is not to get you to buy a rabbit, but enjoy them and learn about them."

Moroz said if her group wins the complete makeover, she'd like to purchase new rabbit pens, install a new floor and add screen doors to keep the

'My pipe dream is to rent the unit next door for a confer-

ence center to offer lectures and hold our own events," said Moroz. "While we are a shelter, we are also about educa-

Just like dogs and cats, rabbits need to be spayed and neutered to make them good house pets.

"As a pet, rabbits are in between a cat and a dog," said Toundaian. "Cats are independent and don't want anything to do with you. A dog is like 'hello, I'm here.' A rabbit is inbetween.'

The Midwest Rabbit Rescue & Rehome is at 882 N. Holbrook in Plymouth. The telephone number is (734) 912-7976.

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Callan Gavigan, 15, of Northville volunteers time at the rabbit shelter.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1** Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 34, ENVIRONMENT, IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, BY AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

CHAPTER 34, ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE IV, SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. Modify the Ordinance by amending the following Article and Sections.

Chapter 34, Environment, Section 34-126, Adoption of Rules by Reference, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefore:

Sec. 34-126 Adoption of rules by reference.

Part 91 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and the Administrative Rules promulgated under Part 91 hereby are adopted by reference. A copy of Part 91 and the Rules are on file at the office of the Building Department of the City.

Each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of such rules and regulations are hereby referred to, adopted and made part hereof as if fully set out in this article.

Section 2. Modify the Ordinance by amending the following Article and Sections.

Chapter 34, Environment, Section 34-127, Municipal Enforcing Agency, is hereby deleted and the following paragraph substituted

Sec. 34-127. Municipal Enforcing Agency.

The Building Department of the city shall become the Municipal Enforcing agency in regard to Part 91, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 91), being 324.9101 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws and the Administrative Rules promulgated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as amended, within the municipal limits of

Section 3. Rights and Duties. Rights and Duties which have matured, penalties which have

incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance. Section 4. Validity

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be

declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part

therefore, other than the part declared invalid. Section 5 Ordinances Repealed.

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

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective one day after publication.

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> Linda Langmesser, CMC Phil Pursell Mayor City Clerk

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Ex-teacher likely headed to trial in sex abuse case

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Without more information, a Third Circuit Court judge decided Tuesday he would not offer a Cobbs ruling in the case of Stephanie Ann Stein, a Canton woman and former Plymouth Christian Academy teacher accused of having a sexual relationship with a former student.

Judge David Groner was asked by Stein's attorney to make a Cobbs decision — an offer of a possible jail sentence if Stein pleads guilty to the four charges against her — but will instead consult with the court's chief judge about the direction of the case.

"He wants to know where does the case go from here," said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Lora Weingarden, who added that the judge's decision isn't a win for the defense or the prosecution. "I don't think it means anything one way or the other."

Todd Flood, Stein's attorney, said he respects Groner's decision and added that he expects the case to move on to a trial.

"(Stein) is holding up as best as she can under the circumstances," he said. "We are still maintaining our innocence."

According to police, Stein, 32, had an eight-month relationship with a 15-year-old boy that she had previously taught at PCA, located on Joy Road in

The boy, who has testified that he pursued the romance, is no longer a student at the academy. Stein resigned from her part-time teaching position in June.

The mother of two, who allegedly had sex with the boy at his house, her mother's house and at a hotel, has been charged with two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct, each a 15-year felony; one count of using the Internet to communicate with a minor to commit a crime, a four-year felony; and one count of distributing obscene material of a sexual nature to a minor, a two-year felony.

Weingarden said Stein previously rejected a deal from the state to serve 30 months to 15 years in prison if she pleaded guilty to one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct. According to state sentencing guidelines, Stein could be sentenced to nearly five years to almost eight years if she pleads guilty to all the charges.

Stein's next court date has been set for April 2 and Weingarden said she would like to see some movement in the

"This has dragged on long enough," she said.



SEMCOG at 40

Organization brings 7-county area together to plan for future

BY HUGH GALLAGHER OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Intergovernmental cooperation, bipartisan consensus and research-backed decision making may be today's cutting-edge ideas, but according to Paul Tait they've been business as usual for the Southeast Michigan Council of Covernments since 1968

Governments since 1968.

SEMCOG is celebrating its 40th anniversary as the organization that brings more than 150 units of government together to plan and build for the future.

"It came out of a study by a committee of 100 influential private and public sector leaders in the region who had looked at the need for voluntary regional cooperation," said Tait, SEMCOG's executive director. "Recognizing by working together, each unit of government could make better decisions for themselves and there are just some things that go beyond the boundaries of one community."

SEMCOG serves two primary roles. It is a research organization providing critical data on population, development, shifting demographics and land use. It is also mandated by the federal government to handle planning and allocation of federal transportation funding, implementation of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act

the Clean Water Act.
SEMCOG is a voluntary organization of governments. The seven county governments of southeast Michigan — Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne — are all members. Cities, townships, villages and school districts throughout the region are also invited to be members.

SETS TRANSPORTATION AGENDA

"In the area of transportation, we're designated as a metropolitan planning organization," Tait said. "We do the long-range planning for roads and bridges in the region. With that responsibility in a major metro community like ours, the elected officials in SEMCOG are actually making the decision on what federal and major state dollars are spent in southeast Michigan.

That's approaching a billion dollars a year."

As part of their transportation responsibility, SEMCOG prepares an annual 25-year transportation plan. The agency is now working on projections for the year 2035.

"That sets the long range frame of the whole transportation system," Tait said. "What kind of projects are we going to have, how much are we going to spend on maintenance and rebuilding versus relieving congestion versus transit."

SEMCOG also develops a four-year transportation improvement program.

"If the Michigan
Department of Transportation
or road commissions in one
of the communities wants to
build or rebuild a road, if that's
not in our plan, it's not going
to happen to get the federal
money," Tait said.

SEMCOG has also been supportive of mass transit. Tait said that in the '70s, SEMCOG had drawn up some elaborate plans for mass transit but "didn't have a clue how to pay for it."

"Most of our transit dollars are replacing buses and that's important. Maintaining a core bus system is important in getting people to where they need to be," he said.

SEMCOG has received money to develop some form of mass transit between Detroit and Ann Arbor. Tait said early studies didn't look promising for funding such a project.

The decision was to use existing heavy rail lines owned by Norfolk Southern. The plan is to have Amtrak operate a commuter train with eight to 15 runs a day.

Transportation planning also helps communities decide other issues, such as where to build schools or senior centers.

"We do forecasts with federal transportation money so we know what the future looks like 25 years in the future, but individual members use that forecast by community to say what will my school system need, where are the kids going to be." To it said.

SOLID RESEARCH

Mary Blackmon, a trustee of Wayne County's Regional Educational Services Agency, is vice chair and chair-



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Mary Blackmon, vice chair of SEMCOG and a trustee and Wayne RESA, and Paul Tait, executive director of SEMCOG, discuss the organization's many roles.

elect of SEMCOG. She sees SEMCOG's research as a way to bring opposing sides together.

"Relationships are built with good research, good data that helped move us from contentious areas a while ago to where we are today, a better working relationship with all of our constituencies," she said. "It's been a long, hard road but built on trust and good research."

SEMCOG is known to the public for such programs as RideShare and Ozone Action days, which support the organization's role in transportation and air quality.

Blackmon said programs like Ozone Action Days and water quality programs have been adopted by area schools are part of their curriculum.

Another area that draws public attention is SEMCOG's regular population updates, which are often at variance with the U.S. Census Bureau. Tait said SEMCOG begins with the federal 10-year census and then uses different methodology to estimate regional population.

Tait and Blackmon said that unlike other public bodies, the SEMCOG assembly and executive committee do not engage in the usual contentious political debates. The members are all elected officials.

"It is gratifying to work for a board that comes together to discuss issues," Tait said. "Yes, everyone has a Democrat or a Republican hat or a local community hat, but it's much more about issues. We don't get into the stranglehold the legislature was in trying to work out last year's budget."

SEMCOG has also taken a leadership position in encouraging more intergovernmental cooperation.

SEMCOG is in the process of hiring a person to work full time working with communities on cooperative ventures. SEMCOG also advocates at the state and federal level with offices in Lansing and Washington.

In June, Blackmon will assume the chair position for the coming year from current chair William T. Roberts, mayor of Walled Lake. At that time, SEMCOG will formally mark its 40th anniversary at the annual General Assembly at The Henry Ford.

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Annual budget: 2007-08, \$12,090,344; 2008-2009, \$11,078,730. Two-thirds from federal transportation money, about \$2 million from local dues and the rest from state grants and contracts.

Staff: 80.

Executive director: Paul Tait

Chairperson: William T. Roberts, mayor, city of Walled Lake **Chair-elect:** Mary Blackmon, trustee, Wayne County Regional Education

Service Agency.

Outreach: RideShare, to encourage car pooling; Ozone Action Days, to alert residents when air pollution levels are high; Taubman Scholarship, supports executive training for public officials at Harvard.

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Michigan women fought for vote long before suffrage act passed

ichigan women may be seething about their votes not counting in the January primary election, but some may not realize that women's votes have counted in elections since 1919, a year before women nationwide were finally given the right to vote in a presidential election.

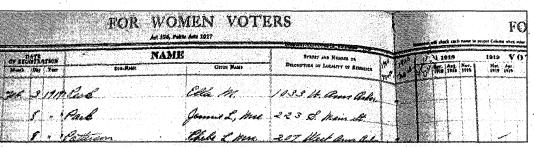
Since March is Women's History Month, and this is an election year, it seems appropriate to look back on the struggle for women's suffrage.

Michigan was the second state to ratify the 19th Amendment, which became law Aug. 26, 1920. The amendment states, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of

But Michigan women began the fight for this right in 1846, when Ernestine Rose addressed the state Legislature about the need for women to be able to vote. The Legislature was not impressed. Other attempts were made over the years, but times were different and many men did not understand the need for women to vote.

Limited success was achieved in 1867 when women taxpayers were allowed to vote in school elections; in 1881 the privilege was extended to parents and guardians of schoolage children. In 1893, the Michigan Legislature passed a municipal suffrage bill, but when the new law was tested, it was protested all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court.

That court decided the Legislature had no right to "create a new class of voters"



This register of women voters from the village of Plymouth is on record at the Plymouth Historical Museum.



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Postcards from the Past

Elizabeth Kelley

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and bond issues. Organizations both for and against women's suffrage were created in the state over the years. In 1870, the Michigan State Woman Suffrage Association was formed in Battle Creek, but it fizzled in 1874 when a woman suffrage amendment was defeated in the legislature. In 1884, the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association was formed in Flint. It was responsible for pushing the Legislature to consider several constitutional

over the ensuing two decades. The Michigan Association Opposed to Equal Suffrage, which included a large percentage of women, was formed in 1913. This group claimed that women would suffer physically if given the right

changes that were defeated



Plymouth women, including Phoebe Patterson (above), registered for their first election, to choose village commissioners, in March 1919.

to vote, and that the privilege would also be detrimental to the home, the state and the

In 1917, when the U.S. entered World War I, Michigan Governor Albert Sleeper signed a bill that granted women the right to vote in presidential elections. A state constitutional amendment granting that right was approved by voters in 1918 and women first cast ballots for statewide offices in 1919.

Plymouth women joined

their sisters at the polls in 1919. The first election in the village of Plymouth that women could vote in was to elect village commissioners, and was held on March 10. According to the Plymouth Mail of March 14, 1919, of the 221 women who had registered to vote, only 74 actually cast their ballots.

One of the women who registered, and voted, was Mrs. Phoebe Ely Patterson, who lived on Ann Arbor Trail near the railroad tracks. At the time, Patterson was 62 and a grandmother. A month later, in April 1919, she became the first woman justice of the peace in Michigan. Patterson served as a Plymouth Township justice of the peace for nearly 12 years, until her death in January 1917. Her tenure was not without controversy, when a Detroit lawver challenged her right to hold office, claiming that "a woman's services, thoughts, and actions are the property of her husband."

Patterson won the case and was held in high regard throughout her tenure.

Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens is executive director of the Plymouth Historical Museum. She can be reached at (734) 455-8940.

ingly received." Lynn Pawlik was happy to have taken her daughters, even though they rushed through it

"The pictures are a little graphic, but they're so telling," Pawlik said. "It reminds me of the Passion of the Christ movie."

a little bit.



Three-year-old Aymu Dazai of Plymouth gives the Easter Bunny a kiss on the nose with a little help from dad Masahiko as they wait for the marshmallows to fall during the annual Marshmallow Drop at Nankin Mills Park in Westland.

Marshmallow magic

Children of all ages gather for Easter time ritual

"We're going to go over the rules today. This event is not competitive, there is not a grand prize. You only need one marshmallow to receive a treat. Please do not eat the marshmallows."

With that assurance from the stage set up at Nankin Mills Park, parents and grandparents herded hundreds of children from toddlers to teens Friday toward a restraining rope for the 24th Annual Wayne County Marshmallow Drop.

Eager eyes looked up to the sky where a helicopter circled in a continuous loop. But that helicopter was a

tease owned by one of the day's sponsors, Fox2 TV. The *real* helicopter, the one

loaded with fluffy, gooey, magical marshmallows was still out of view.

Meanwhile, hundreds of cars line Hines Drive and families trudged some distance in the chilly weather toward to the park. Parents snapped photos of their children with the Easter Bunny.

Jessica Smith brought her two children all the way from Howell to visit her sister Jennifer Meyers of Westland. Nicky Smith was confident he'd get a marshmallow. His sister Danielle had a little

For a gallery of Marshmallow Drop photos see our Web site at www.hometownlife.com.

apprehension.

"I think lots of marshmallows are going to come crashing down on us," she said.

Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano officially launched the event and also put in a plug for his alma mater Michigan State in the NCAA basketball tournament, "Go Green on Saturday

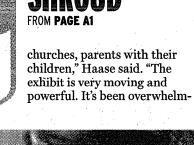
More than 20,000 marshmallows were dropped in three shifts, starting with the under 4 set.

"OK, everyone, 4 and under please go to the front of the line. Please do not run until the marshmallows have all hit the ground."

All eyes looked to the sky as the helicopter came into sight, flew off and then returned flying low above the trees. The marshmallows were released and the littlest children and their adult companions charged across the field squealing with delight.

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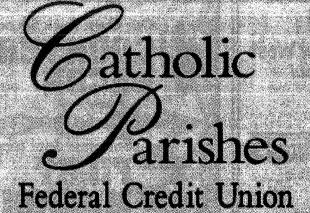




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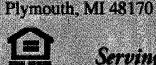
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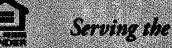
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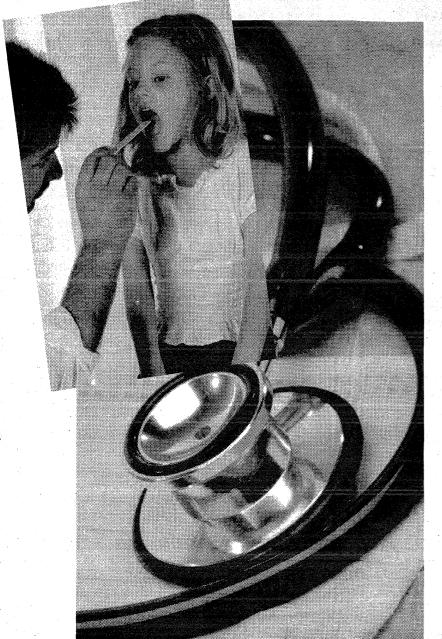
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By Elena Lombardi Most of us take things like reading, watching TV or playing cards for granted. But poor vision from conditions like macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes or cataracts makes these tasks difficult or even impossible. When people have insufficient vision to do the things they want to do, they have low vision.

Today Michigan Optometrist Dr. Sheldon Smith has the answers many of these people have been seeking. Dr. Smith, a Low Vision Specialist, helps people with these types of eye diseases see better. A Fellow of the International Academy of Low Vision Specialists, Dr. Smith is one of a select group of doctors serving the visually impaired.

"People don't know there are experienced doctors who can help them with specialized low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "Many people are told by their own doctors that nothing more can be done for their eye condition, but there are ways to improve vision" says Dr. Smith "We fit special devices to help patients meet their various visual goals."

Patients often end up using weak, clumsy handheld magnifiers trying to help themselves see better. Conversely, Dr. Smith prescribes hands-free devices that are easier to use. "We use the same telescopic devices surgeons

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits use during operations,' says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

> Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the driver vision requirement" Dr. Smith explained.

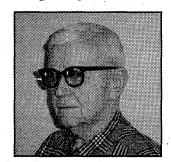
Michigan is one of 46 states that allow bioptic telescopic glasses for driving.

Mr. Leo Hakola, age 85 of Livonia, Michigan saw Dr. Smith last May. Macular degeneration,

cataract, stroke and double vision were causing reading and driving problems. Dr. Smith prescribed a complete low vision system which included telescopic glasses for driving and special prismatic glasses for reading. The entire cost was \$2789. Leo said "the telescopic driving glasses really help me see traffic lights and street signs down the block. And reading is much easier and single now with these special reading glasses. I am glad I found you, Dr. Smith."

In addition to the spectacle vision aids, Dr. Smith offers training to help people accomplish their daily activities. Visual aids help patients use their remaining vision to its fullest capacity while rehabilitative training

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Leo Hakola wearing telescopic driving glasses

ability to carry out necessary independent activities. And of course safeguarding present vision levels is crucial. Sun filters and nutritional supplements can improve vision and prevent further

"Each patient has a unique amount of vision and their own goals," says Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

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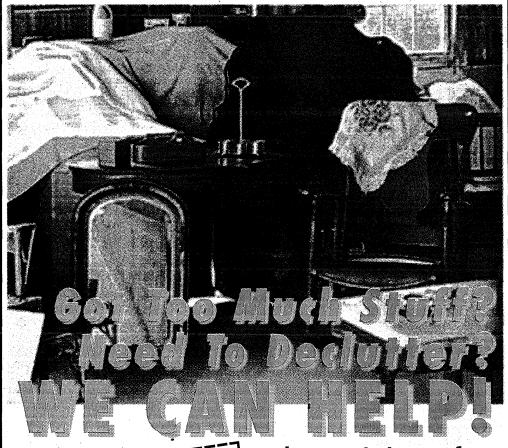
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OUR VIEWS

Easter message is one of hope meant for all

It's Easter Sunday, and Christians worldwide are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ more than 2,000 years ago.

Believers are gathering in churches adorned with white lilies to hear trumpets blare, choirs sing and pastors proclaim that, through faith in Jesus, they too will live eternally in

It's a message of hope for a world that, at times, seems hopeless.

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It gives them that joy and peace that surpass understanding to face the trials of their daily lives, knowing those trials are only tempo-

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Let jury decide

I would like to know why The Observer has turned into the PR agent for Letkemann.

First, and most egregious, The Observer broadcasts a page one headline implying that Letkemann is innocent.

After reading the article below the attention-drawing headline, it turns out this is only about trying to pressure the prosecutor into dropping the first degree murder charge and instead making it second degree murder. What a crock!

Why is this so important that it has to be put on page one as a headline? Are you trying to unduly influence the jury and the prosecutor?

Next we are constantly getting letters to the editor implying that poor Letkemann is being railroaded since he apparently is still charged with first-degree murder.

I am not an attorney, but the last I heard, lie detector tests (and their results) are not allowed in court. Apparently the courts do not allow lie detector tests since they are not reliable.

The trial can determine if Letkemann should be charged with first-degree murder. The prosecutor may have additional evidence showing that a first-degree murder charge is warranted. Let the court and the jury decide.

> **Bill Piner** Plymouth Township

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a column titled "Don't forget about our soldiers in debate on Iraq." Here's a news

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flash: Only the military is fighting the war on terror (called within the military the "long war"), while America is at the

The American people are oblivious to this war, being fought thousands of miles away, similar to the country in the 1960s during the Vietnam War. I fought there Feb. 1967- Feb. 1968 with the 1st Cavalry

Division (Airmobile) as an infantryman, and furthermore spent 20 years in the military as a infantry soldier (combined active and reserve duty in the 1960s, 70s, 80s and 90s) with a 10 year break in ser-

Kuban wrote, "However, if you want to get a glimpse into what their lives have been like, do yourself a favor and rent the movie, No End in Sight." This is like all the couch potato soldiers that saw Saving Private Ryan and feel they know what war is all about. No way Jose! If Hollywood truly wanted its audience to experience war it would use special effects like strapping you into you seat, filling the theater with the smells and odors of war and then use maximum use of the old 3-D effects to drive home war and its effects.

The Detroit newspapers recently stated that since March 19, 2003 some 3,987 military personnel had died in the war. How many more die is unknown. That's the price the country pays when politicians commit the nation's treasure to war. The military doesn't differentiate between a "good" war and a "bad" war. It's just plain war!

The bottom line in the pre-November 2007 debates, between the candidates, is how we as a country insure that we don't again repeat Vietnam where we abandoned an ally (for the 1st time in our history), which triggered a bloodbath of millions in Southeast Asia. If we are not extremely careful in Iraq; this lesson can and will be repeated.

Roger L. Kehrier **Plymouth**

Column made good point

Kurt Kuban's column ("Don't forget about our soldiers in debate on Iraq," March 13) was well written. I do agree with the things he wrote, wishing that I could assemble words to express myself as well as he has. He presents good points and covers one hell of a lot of areas in the article, looking back as well to the future, not praising Trustee Todd Caccamo, but doing him justice in his endeavor to help those serving in Iraq. We should be very concerned about the number of lives lost, wasted by some counts, as well as those who will live the remainder of their lives minus limbs and/or with everlasting scars both physically and emotionally.

However, I do personally question if a change in American leadership will bring change in our Iraq intervention just as I question whether change will take place in Detroit with new leadership (if by some miracle that happens). Aging has definitely contributed to the degree of pessimism I bear.

Ron DePentu Canton

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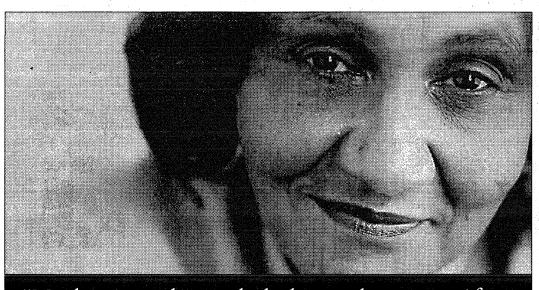
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Single mother should make statutory will first priority

Dear Rick: I am a single mother with a young child. I have not saved for college nor for my retirement and I have no will or life insurance. I can't afford to do everything at once. What is more important?

Since you have a young child it is important to do some estate planning. The Michigan Statutory Will, which is free, should fit your situation. You can get a copy at most public libraries or download one from my Web site at www. bloomassetmanagement.com, just click on "forms."

The most important issue is who is going to raise your child if something happens to you. This person is known as the guardian. Another important consideration in your Will is the choice of personal representative, the individual in charge of closing up the final affairs of your life.



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Rick Bloom

In order to protect **Money Matters** your child if something happens to you

There is no

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same person

as guardian

and personal

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it is important to have some life insurance. I recommend term insurance which is the least expensive. There are a variety of Web sites where you can shop for term insurance or if you would like to deal with someone locally, I recommend Mark Orechkin of the Orechkin Agency in Southfield, (248) 356-8820. I recommend at least a 20-year term life policy.

College is expensive and it will take a while to save

enough for your child's education. However, you don't necessarily have to save enough for his/her entire education but rather to have some resources to supplement any financial assistance your child may receive. I recommend the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP). All money invested in the MESP grows tax-free. In addition, you can deduct your contribution on your state tax return. What makes the MESP so good is it only takes \$25 to begin a program. The MESP can set up an automatic investment program to withdraw money from your checking account on a regular basis. The key is to save on a regular basis. You would be surprised at how fast your money will grow once you

begin a saving program. There are a variety of

different investment options within the MESP and in your situation I would recommend one of the age-based programs.

And while saving for your child's college education you also should begin saving for retirement. I recommend a Roth IRA which allows money to grow on a tax-free basis. In your situation, I recommend the T. Rowe Spectrum Growth Fund, (800) 638-5660, www. troweprice.com. The fund allows you set up an automatic investment program for a \$50 minimum. Once again, you'd be surprised how fast your money can grow once you begin to invest on a regular

I know it can be a daunting challenge to get and keep your financial house in order. Keep the focus on what you can do from today on to make your

situation better. Keep in mind, the first step is the hardest. Dear Rick: I don't own a house. I live in an apartment and all my investments have beneficiaries. I went to a seminar and was told I need a living trust. Why would I need a living trust if all my money avoids probate?

There are a couple reasons why you may need a living trust.

If you're in a situation where you have a large estate and you have a spouse, then even though your assets avoid probate they may not avoid estate taxes upon both you and your spouse's death. For individuals with large estates, a living trust can be the most effective vehicle to avoid estate taxes.

The other reason is if you wish to control your assets upon your death. If your beneficiaries are young or cannot handle their inheritance you may wish to control your money past

your death. A living trust is the most effective vehicle. For example, if your beneficiaries were teenagers, you may not want them to receive their inheritance in a lump sum at age 18. Through the use of a living trust you can spread that money out for as long as you choose.

I do believe living trusts are sometimes oversold. They are not for everyone. However, living trusts can be an effective vehicle to reduce or eliminate estate taxes, avoid probate and to control your money past your

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Culinary gala April 5 to benefit Schoolcraft scholarships

The Art of Fine Dining will be experienced by those in attendance at this year's VisTa Gala on Saturday, April 5.

Patrons of this annual event will have the opportunity for an intimate look inside Schoolcraft College's six state-of-the-art culinary kitchens while mingling with world-class culinary chefs and instructors.

Guests will also enjoy a meal of adventuresome cuisine featuring Montreal beef with caramelized onion and roadhouse barbecue sauce; smoked cod cake with wilted greens and mustard aioli; wood grilled rack of lamb with rosemary sauce; sushi; sea bass, rock shrimp and lobster in light pastry with chervil, glazed cucumber and caviar sauce;

corn and shrimp bisque; panseared Hudson Valley duck foie gras and more. Of course, the perennial favorite, "Grand Pastry Display," and assorted chocolate desserts will top off the menu.

All dishes are prepared by the award-winning Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of Executive and Certified Master Chefs. Tickets are \$150 per person, \$90 of which is tax deductible. All proceeds will assist in funding scholarships

for culinary art students at Schoolcraft College.

The optional black-tie event will be held at the VisTaTech Center on the college's Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Complimentary valet parking will be provided. The evening's festivities will

6:30 p.m., Wine and Hors d'oeuvres; Complimentary Photos (available until 9:30 p.m.); Silent Auction bidding begins.

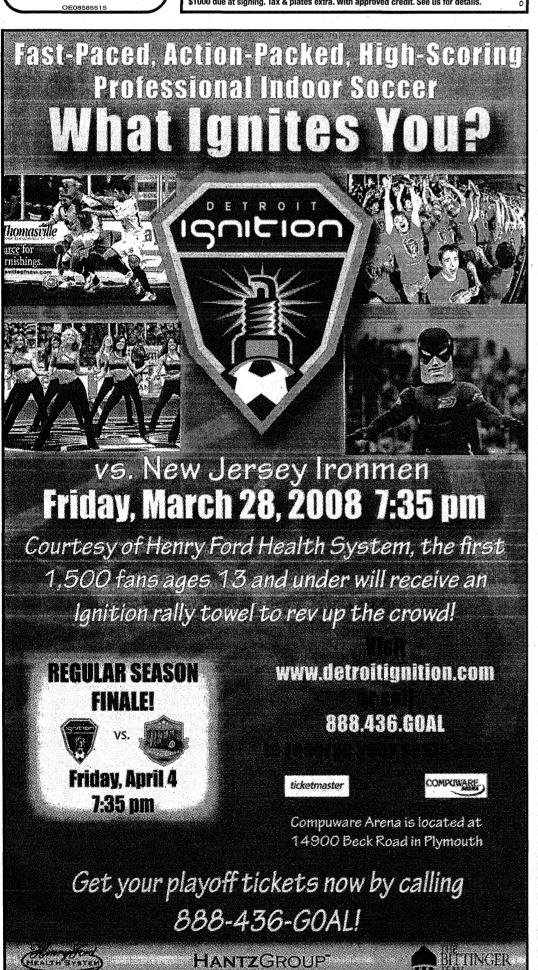
7:30 p.m., Plated Salad and Welcome.

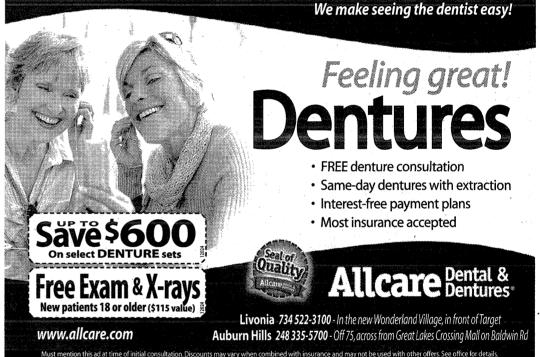
8 p.m., Strolling Dinner through the American Harvest Restaurant and the production, charcuterie, bake shop, pastry and demonstration kitchens; Silent Auction bidding continues.

9:30 p.m., Dessert Buffet; Silent Auction winners announced

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Kitchener drops Whalers in Game 1

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The Kitchener Rangers validated their No. 1 seed in the 2008 Ontario Hockey League playoffs Friday night in their Game 1 quarterfinal match-up against defending OHL champion Plymouth.

The Rangers struck early and often in their 9-2 triumph over the Whalers before a crowd of 6,132 at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium. Game 2 was set for Saturday night at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Kitchener, which earned the top seed by racking up 53 regular-season victories, scored four goals in both the first and second periods and never looked back. Nick Spaling, Justin Azevedo and Matt Halischuk did

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most of the damage for the winners, combining

for 14 points. Halischuk exploded for two goals and three assists, Spaling contributed a hat trick and an assist while Azevedo notched a trio of helpers.

Ben Shutron, Yannick Weber and Nazem Kadri also lit the lamp for the Rangers. Chris Terry and Patrick Lee scored the

Whalers' goals. Kitchener's special teams shined as the Rangers scored on 5-of-10 power-play opportunities. Plymouth, on the other hand, cashed in on just 1-of-8 man-advantage situ-

Steve Mason made 25 saves between the pipes for the Rangers.

Plymouth's Jeremy Smith, who missed the previous two weeks with an injury, stopped 38 shots. Kitchener outshot Plymouth, 47-27. The

biggest shots-on-goal differential came in the first period when the Rangers unleashed 24 shots compared to the Whalers' eight. Terry's goal came with 7:40 left in the

opening period and his team trailing, 3-0. He was assisted by Smith. Lee's lamp-lighter came with 5:21 to play

manding 9-1 advantage. Tyler G. Brown and Christian Steingraber

in the game and the Rangers holding a com-

2008 PCEP Lacrosse report



Pictured (from left) are representatives of the four P-CEP lacrosse teams that will take the field in early April (or whenever the snow melts): Justin Scott (Canton), Mark Paponetti (Salem), Laura Hahn (Plymouth-Canton-Salem Lady Warriors) and Connor Martin (Plymouth).

Sport's appeal reflected in growing number of teams

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Sticks in hand, close to 30 fully uniformed members of the Salem boys lacrosse team jogged at a steady pace along a sidewalk that runs parallel to Ann Arbor Road one afternoon earlier this week.

Ten years ago, the sight of that many lacrosse players together in southeastern Michigan would have been shocking, given that the sport was almost exclusively an East Coast

Nowadays, seeing high school-aged kids playing lacrosse is a common

occurrence as the sport has imbedded itself into the area's sports culture much like soccer did in the early-80s.

This spring, the number of Michigan High School Athletic Association-sanctioned teams at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park has quadrupled compared to last season.

Each of the three PCEP schools will have its own boys team — Plymouth, Canton and Salem fielded one unified team previously — and the PCS girls unified team has officially joined the ranks of the MHSAA following two years as a club sport.

The LAX-plosion doesn't surprise

Plymouth coach Mike Costello.

"I think it's become popular with kids simply because of the nature of the game," said Costello, who served as the PCS Warriors head coach since the team's inception in 2003. "It's fast-paced, it takes a lot of skill and it's fun to play. I've always said that all it takes is for someone to watch a game for five minutes before they're

First-year Canton coach Kevin Riley said lacrosse has caught on because it's a hybrid of several other popular sports.

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Canton's Jessie Murray was recently named the recipient of the "Michigan Senior Gymnast of the Year" award.

Canton gymnast wins coveted award

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Earlier this month, Canton gymnast Jessie Murray was judged on a scale that went well beyond the normal 1-10 range.

And the scores she received from members of the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association were off-the-charts fantastic.

Following the Division 1 state meet at Plymouth High School on March 8, Murray was presented with the prestigious "Kim Rennolds Memorial Michigan Senior Gymnast of the Year Award," which is presented annually by the MHSGCJA to the athlete who possesses both outstanding skills and enviable character.

The award is named after Rennolds, a former Canton standout gymnast who was one of 105 people who died aboard Valujet Flight 592, which crashed into the Florida

Everglades on May 11, 1996. Along with a plaque, Murray received a \$500 college scholarship to the university of her choice.

'Typically, this award doesn't go to the best gymnast in the state, but to someone who is the best ambassador for the sport," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "It's based on gymnastics performance, leadership qualities and academics.

"Jessie is truly someone to be emulated." This could have been a difficult year for her as we graduated seven seniors last year, many of whom she was very close

friends with. But she handled what could have been a very tough situation very well and became an outstanding leader for our

"Jessie was our only senior and the other girls really looked up to her — both in the gym and away from it. She was truly deserving of this award."

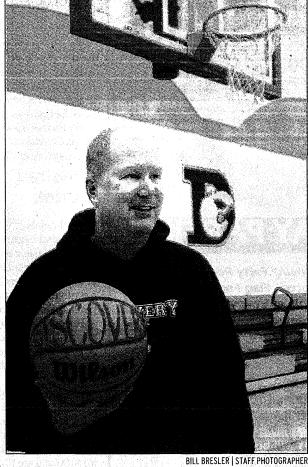
Canton's Kara Ahern won the award in

Murray, a captain, placed ninth in the all-around at Division 1 state meet with 36.700 points.

Her best performance came on the balance beam when she tied for sixth with Troy Athens' Michelle Mather.

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During his five seasons as head coach of the Discovery Middle School boys basketball teams, Dave Van Wagoner has chalked up a 78-2 record.



Discovery-ing greatness

Local middle school has built an amazing hoop record

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

One way to tell you're basketball program has reached elite status is that whenever an opponent beats you, they break out into a wild victory celebration seconds after the final buzzer sounds.

Case in point: the Discovery Middle School basketball

"After one team beat us, you would have thought they had won the World Series," said Discovery coach Dave Van Wagoner, smiling.

It's hard to blame players for getting giddy after conquering Discovery, considering the feat has proven to be almost as difficult as winning the Mega-Millions Lottery.

In the five seasons Van Wagoner has coached the Eagles' "A" and "B" squads (he missed the 2004 and 2005 seasons to coach basketball at Plymouth High School), Discovery has registered a remarkable 78-2 record.

The "A" and "B" teams each play eight games a year — two each against the other four middle schools in the Plymouth-Canton school district. The "A" team is compa-

rable to a high school varsity

squad while the "B" is similar to a JV-level contingent. Discovery's .975 winning percentage under Van Wagoner's guidance is something that would make the

Harlem Globetrotters envious. What's the veteran strategist's secret to success.

"First of all, we have great administrators here," said Van Wagoner, who has served two five-years stints (1980-85 and

1990-95) as the head coach at Canton High School. "I've also been lucky enough to get really good kids — both on the court and off - come out for my teams."

Van Wagoner listed a couple of on-the-court keys to the Eagles' dominance.

"Middle school kids don't have quite the attention span that high school kids have, so I try to keep things simple," he said. "I've learned over the years to have very structured practices so that every minute is used constructively. There's no 'goof-off' time.

"We don't run any set plays on offense and we work on defense probably 80 percent of each practice. We press the entire game. Our saying is, 'As soon as the other team steps

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Recruiting workshop

Velocity Sports Performance in Canton has been selected as the Michigan host site of the Tom Lemming Prep Football Tour, which includes a "College Recruiting 101" workshop that will guide parents and student-athletes through the importance of establishing athletic and academic goals, setting realistic expectations and seeking opportunities at the college level.

Lemming is considered one of the leaders in college-football recruit-

The featured speaker will be Bob Chmiel, a National Collegiate Scouting Association recruiting analyst and the former director of football operations and assistant football coach at the University of Notre Dame.

The event will be held Sunday, April 6, from 9-10 a.m. at Velocity Sports Performance, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Space is limited, so interested attendees must RSVP by calling Julie Thayer at (888) 333-6846 (ext. 7439).

For more information, visit www.tomlemmingfootball.com.

NBA 'Skills

Challenge' winner Plymouth resident

Caleb Hunter placed first in 7-8-year-old division in the Detroit Regional portion of the Junior

NBA Skills Challenge. The competition was held recently at the

Palace of Auburn Hills. Hunter's score of 32.13 will be ranked nationally against the other 25 firstplace finishers in each NBA market. He could earn a chance to advance to the national finals set for Orlando, Fla., in May.

The competition includes a time-based, half-court obstacle course that demonstrates fundamental basketball skills.

Approximately 42,000 youngsters participated nationwide.

OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2008 season Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the OLGC Church Social Hall, located at 47650 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades. Students attending OLGC, All Saints and St. Mary's of Wayne Catholic schools are eligible along with families that belong to the following parishes: OLGC, St. Kenneth, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a' Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection and St. John Neumann.

For more information. contact Maria Conrado at mconrado @wowway. com or (734) 416-8935.



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The Discovery Middle School "A" and "B" boys basketball teams combined to go 16-0 during the recently completed 2008 campaign. Pictured (front row from left) are Mike Kennedy, Josh Mayberry, Donte Fox, K.J. Malone, Kevin Buford, Marcus Houston, Steve Murphy, Mike Himmelspach, (top row from left) coach Dave Van Wagoner, Andrew Klenk, Parker Adams, Gavin Carney, Clay Behrman, Ryan Jankowski, Devin McMillian, Derek O'Flynn, Tyler Stewart and Marcus Oden.

off the bus, we start pressing." If you think defeating the Eagles is tough, you should try making it through the program's ultra-competitive tryout system.

As the saying goes, only the strong survive.

"There's usually about 115 kids who try out for the two teams, and we only keep about 18 (for both teams combined), so it's not easy," said Van Wagoner. "The hardest part of the job for me is looking a kid in the eye and telling him he's been cut, so I'll keep as many as 20 some years."

Van Wagoner said quite a few exceptional hoopsters who have been cut at Discovery

have gone on to enjoy stellar high school basketball careers.

"And they always come back and tell me about it," he said, laughing

Among the stars who have lifted the Eagles into their own galaxy are Dominique Washington, who led Discovery's inaugural team to an unblemished record, and Ryan Waidmann, who led Canton to a pair of Class A District titles before moving on to play at Madonna University.

"Dominique is probably the best eighth-grader I've ever coached," Van Wagoner revealed. "He had good size with guard skills. He helped the school get off to a good

Discovery's roundball success has not gone unnoticed by the school's student body.

"Our gym seats about 300," said Van Wagoner. "Most of the games, the bleachers are filled and there are anywhere from 40 to 70 people seated in charis along the opposite

sideline. "Except for some of the big high school rivalry games, some days we'll get as big of crowds as the varsity teams at Plymouth, Canton and Salem.'

While the success has been nice, Van Wagoner admitted his joy of coaching goes deeper than the layer of victories his teams have compiled.

"The most important thing is that the kids are learning and having fun," he said. "At this level - no, really at every level — kids should have fun playing basketball and my players have fun."

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Madonna softball team heats up in AZ

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A hot start in Arizona isn't

fooling Al White. The veteran Madonna University softball coach, although satisfied with an 8-4 record at the Tucson Invitational, isn't getting carried away about the 2008 season just yet.

"We're about where we thought we would be," said White, noting his 14-player team is thin on numbers and college experience. "The infield is playing very well and our pitching is doing well."

At the top of the list at pitcher is senior lefty Liz Ballinger, who went 15-7 with a 2.95 ERA for the 2007 Crusaders (34-16, 14-6 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference).

In Arizona, Ballinger, who is overcoming an arm injury, won three of five decisions in Arizona, including a completegame 13-3 win over Minot State.

Complementing Ballinger in the circle this year will be freshmen Jessica Irwin and Michelle Henning, who also had success during the western swing.

"We are going to go as far as our pitching will take us," White emphasized. "We have two freshmen pitchers. Jess Irwin has been outstanding so far as has Michelle Henning. Both threw well in Arizona for

White said it would be tough for the team to overcome another injury to Ballinger, noting that "if she goes down for the season, it's going to hurt us. "She is coming off of

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her injury and surgery and her arm is a little sore right now. (But) she threw a lot for us out in Arizona. ... She should be all right, but that is still a question mark."

AROUND THE HORN

Helping out the pitching staff is a solid, young infield featuring sophomore first baseman and Livonia Churchill product Caitlyn Sidor (.400, 4 homers, 31 RBI in 2007) at first and sophomore second baseman and Canton alum Brittney Scero (.337) at second.

Junior catcher Danielle Richardson (.321), smoothfielding junior shortstop Tedi Johnston (.292, 5 homers) and freshman third baseman Kelly Lesko of Trenton round out the infield lineup.

"Defensively we aren't going to get much better than what we have right now," White noted. "Tedi and Danielle are going to lead us on the field."

He really has high hopes for Lesko, who swings from the left side of the plate. "Kelly has been outstanding at third so

Backing up Richardson behind the plate will be freshman Ashley Shay, a Garden City native who graduated from Dearborn Divine Child. Shay's versatility could help her see time playing somewhere in the infield, too.

Senior infielder Christina Finch (.259) also brings a veteran presence that is generally lacking with the squad.

Meanwhile, White said his outfielders are inexperienced and might struggle at the beginning of the season.

He does have juniors Kathleen Smiley (Walled Lake Western) and Mary Kate Setta, who batted .235 and

.228, respectively last season. Other flycatchers vying for playing time include sophomore Rachael Kethe and freshman Tara LaMilza (who can also play infield).

One area that White is taking a wait-and-see approach is at the plate, with younger players still making the adjustment from high school. 'We have to hit."

INTERRUPTION

Although White likes the makeup of his team, he might have to wait a little while to see it on the field again. Madonna — which had games this weekend in Ohio cancelled by inclement weather is scheduled to open the home season 3 p.m. Wednesday against Spring Arbor at University Field.

But he is well aware of the cold, snowy weather that is still hitting southeast Michigan.

"If we had some blow torches to melt the snow it might be a different story and we'd be excited," he added. "But the way it looks now we might not get back out onto the field until the end of March when we head down to Kentucky. and (we) might not get to play at home the entire month.

"It's tough to go back into the gym and be indoors after playing 12 games outside and not getting to play for maybe two or three weeks now."

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Sharp-shooting Mercury

The Mercury captured the girls CEBL B League title March 18. Pictured are (front row from left) Emily Sawyer, Chelsea Janice, Makenzie Hagan, Danielle Saleem, Carly Clark, Lauren Fette, (back row from left) coach Deb Janice, Taylor Hunley and coach Bruce Fette. Mercury, girls CEBL B League team, who won Tuesday night's (March 18th) Championship game.

MU spikers sign yet another prized recruit

VOLLEYBALL

The 11-time defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's volleyball champion Madonna University added another piece to its 2008 puzzle last week when head coach Jerry Abraham announced the signing of Allen Park Cabrini High standout Karie Altman.

Abraham's fall recruiting class now includes Altman, Canton's Marie Martin and Wyandotte's Megan Fricke.

Karie is a quality, all-around athlete," Abraham said. "Our staff has liked her from the first time we saw her. In the front row, she is a terminating type of attacker who can hit from antenna to antenna.

"She has the speed, agility and the court sense to hit out of the middle or come from the outside and attack as well. She plays the game like one of our past all-Americans, Caryn Inman.'

Altman, a 6-foot middle and outside hitter from Taylor, has earned four volleyball letters during her time with the

Monarchs. This season she helped lead her squad to the Catholic League C-D Division championship en route to being named All-Catholic, All-District, All-

Region, All-State and for the

third straight year to News Herald Downriver Dream

Team. Altman has also earned a trio of letters on the basketball court, helping Cabrini to another Catholic League title this

winter and to a state semifinal

appearance in the MHSAA tournament two weeks ago. She is also a standout on

the softball diamond, helping Cabrini to back-to-back state championships and wrapping up the 2007 season with a perfect 35-0 record. "Karie has a whip for an arm

and plays with a great deal of intensity," added Abraham. "In high school she was also a standout defensive back row player who never came out of the game. She is the kind of player who makes everyone around her better and we can not wait to start working with her this fall."

MU, which earned its sixth straight trip to the NAIA National Tournament this season, returns 12 letter winners from a squad that finished 35-12 overall in 2007.

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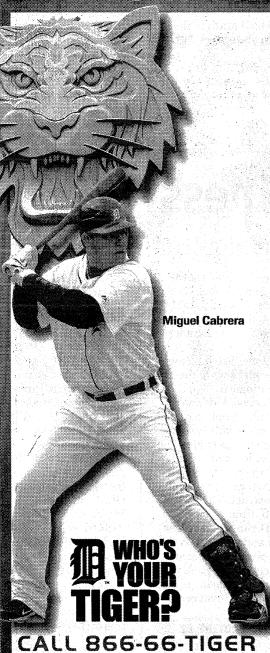
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MIKE LEE, SR. G, WAYNE: The 5-foot-11 senior guard averaged 19.3 points per game, along with three assists and four rebounds en route to All-Western Lakes Activities Association honors.

Lee, who lifted the Zebras to the WLAA playoff crown, a Western Division title and a 19-3 record, scored in double figures in 21-of-22

"Mike always played his best in the big games," Wayne coach Wayne

JAMIE STEWART, JR. G, LIV. CLARENCEVILLE: The 6-3 junior guard posted big numbers for the Metro Conference champions averaging 22.4 points, 6.2 rebounds, 2.3 steals and 2.0 assist per game.

The Class B honorable mention All-Stater shot 54 percent from the floor, including 39 percent from three-point range, and made 75 percent of his free throws.

"Jamie really matured mentally and figured out what it takes to win," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said for the Metro co-MVP. "Jamie has the ability to score on from any spot on the floor. He always played his best game in our biggest games,

both offensively and defensively. "He is constantly working on his game and with another big summer he'll establish himself as one of the top players in the state.'

EARL HARDISON, SR. F, WESTLAND GLENN: The 6-1 senior repeated as first-team All-Observer averaging 16 points and seven rebounds per game for the WLAA-Lakes Division champions.

He also shot an impressive 75 percent from the foul line. "Earl guarded the best player on the other team every game," Glenn

coach Dan Young said of the All-WLAA pick. "He was our leading scorer. His motor never stops and he was very unselfish. His great attitude was huge for us. It rubbed off on JARMEL BLOODSAW, SR. F, RED. THURSTON:

The top scorer and rebounder for the Mega Blue champion Eagles led the way with nearly 14 points and more than six boards per outing.

Bloodsaw, who as co-captain was one of the top leaders, connected on about 60 percent of his field-goal opportunities and was named to the conference first team.

"Jarmel is a really good basketball player, very conscientious about improving," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "He really improved his shooting and was our top rebounder this year.

RYAN ROSENICK, SR. F, LIV. CHURCHILL: The 6-3 senior was a three-year starter for the Chargers.

Rosenick earned All-WLAA honors averaging 17 points and 13 rebounds per game. He hit 53 percent of his field goal attempts (135-

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2007-08 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS BASKETBALL FIRST-TEAM

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SECOND-TEAM Delmichael Youngblood, Sr. F. Thurston

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of-256) and shot 60 percent from the foul line.

"Ryan is such a workhorse," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "Everything he got was through hard work and effort.

"I've never seen anybody rebound like him. He's a rebounding machine. He was always around the ball and scored in many different aspects." GRANT STONE, SR. F, SALEM: The 6-5

senior capped a stellar high school career by averaging 22 points and seven rebounds a game. Stone became the fourth all-time leading scorer in the storied high school's history in just three varsity seasons. Despite drawing the opposition's best defensive player, he was often unstoppable when driving to the

Mike Lee **Wayne Memorial**





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Martez Abney **Wayne Memorial**

WLAA recognition.

"Grant is a very versatile player who has an uncanny ability to score and get to the basket," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "He's very competitive and very coachable. He'll be missed around here next year."

SECOND-TEAM DELMICHAEL YOUNGBLOOD, SR. F, RED. THUR-STON: Youngblood's all-around game sparked Thurston to many wins this season. He averaged 13.4 points, 4 rebounds and 2.2 steals per game and was selected to the All-Mega Blue first team for his efforts.

"He gave us a lot of energy, he was one of our catalysts," said Bates, adding that Youngblood was a strong presence in the low post. "He did a lot of the dirty work for us."

TERRELL BEARD, SR. G, REDFORD UNION: Panthers head coach Brett Steele described the diminutive point guard as the "heart and soul" of his squad, and with good reason.

Beard was an All-Mega White first-team selection and RU's MVP for the second consecutive year following a season in which he tallied 16 points per game, making 60 treys and 84 percent of his foul shots as the Panthers finished 11-10.

"He is one of the three best players to wear an RU uniform in my tenure," Steele said. "Without him on the floor our team could not succeed."

LONNIE FAIRFAX, SR. G, LIV. CLARENCEVILLE: The 5-11 senior guard was named co-MVP of the Metro Conference along with teammate Stewart after averaging 11.7 points, 7.7 assists, 5.4 rebounds and 4.3 steals per game. His 91 steals rank 19th all-time in

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"Lonnie had a tremendous career at Clarenceville," McKendry said. "He was a joy to coach and one of the mentally toughest kids I have been around. Lonnie understood how to

to miss him. STEFAN MARKEN, SR. F, WESTLAND GLENN: The 6-4 senior was a major contributor for the 19-3 Rockets averaging 14 points and eight rebounds.

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He was a three-point marksman as well, averaging in the low 40 percent range.

"Stefan guarded the next best guy," Young said of the All-Lakes Division selection. "He not only scored, but also defended. He was in much better condition this season and better for longer stretches. That got him over the hump and it made him a consistent threat."

KESHAWN MARTIN, SR. G, WESTLAND GLENN: One of the quickest point-guards end-to-end ever to come out of the Observerland, the 5-11 Marken aver aged 12 points and six assists per game en route to All-Lakes Division

Marken, second-team All-Area for the second straight year, missed only five free throws all season while shooting 90 percent. "Keshawn is a great athlete and a

great kid," Young said. "He was very unselfish with the basketball and much better defensively this year."

He is headed to Michigan State on a football scholarship.

MARTEZ ABNEY, SR. G, WAYNE: The 5-10 senior guard saved his best outings for the stretch run while averaging 14 points per game for the WLAA playoff and Western Division cham-

The lefty sharpshooter was known for his explosive outbursts.

"He played better and better as the season went on," Woodard said. "He could score in a variety of ways, going to the basket or pulling up for a jump shot. CO-COACH OF THE YEAR

BRIAN BATES, RED. THURSTON: Bates and his solid staff set the tone, with a no-nonsense approach that always emphasized the importance of team

chemistry while still having fun on the court. With a handful

of outstanding players buying in to the plan, Thurston (20-4 overall) won the Mega Blue and

Brian Bates Thurston

then captured a district title for the first time in 33 years before bowing out in overtime against Brighton in the

regional semifinals. "I am very proud of this group of players," Bates said. "I am proud of them for what they have accomplished both on and off the court. ... It was one of the best years ever at

Thurston and they should always be

proud of what they accomplished."

COREY MCKENDRY, LIV. CLARENCEVILLE: After going 6-15 in his rookie year. the second-year coach guided the Trojans to a Metro Conference championship and an 18-3 record with the Trojans' only losses coming against three state-ranked teams (Madison Heights Madison,

Detroit Community and Detroit

Renaissance). The 25-year-old McKendry, a 2000 Clarenceville grad, played for Bill Dyer (now at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) and coached under Kevin Murphy (Clarenceville's A.D.) before taking the varsity reins in 2006-07.

He was ably assisted this year by Thomas Martin and David Conti. "We came so far as a program this



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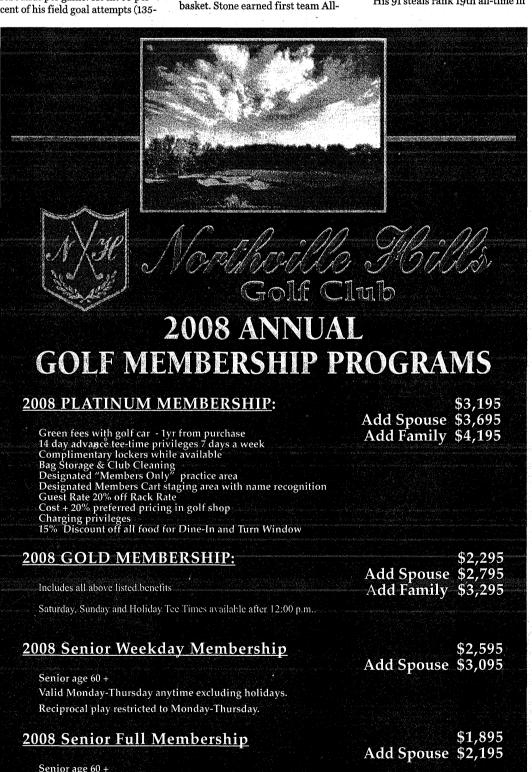
said. "The kids did a great job of buying into our defensive philosophy and they really left it all on the court. I think we learned how hard you have to play to succeed at the highest level and

year," McKendry

that will certainly help us next year."

The future looks bright for the Trojans as nine juniors, including four-year starters Jamie Stewart and Jeremy Gainer, return along with one sophomore.

We know that we took a step in the right direction this year, and we're already working on taking another big step next season," McKendry said.



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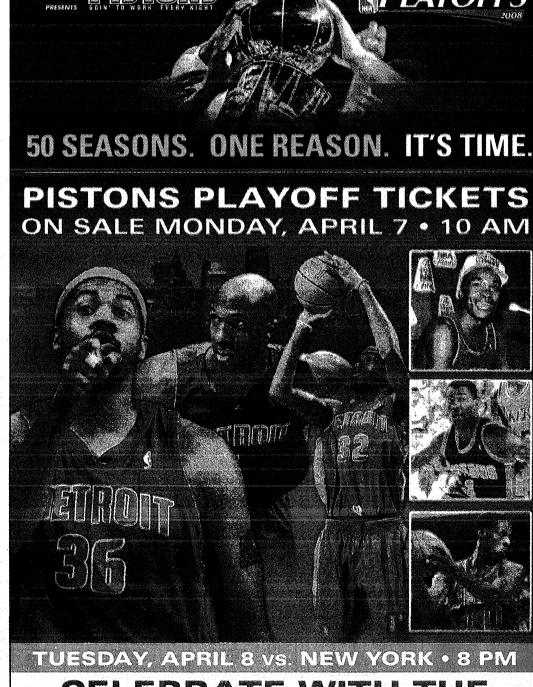
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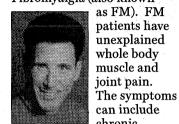
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Jill, almost 4 million Americans suffer from Fibromyalgia (also known



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and morning stiffness. **Treatments** for FM include pain relief and helping the patients sleep, but exercise can also help people with the condition. They should begin with low impact aerobics and stretching activities like yoga or tai chi. After for weeks of aerobics, it should be okay to begin

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Osteoarthritis is caused by wear and tear on the joints and runs in many families. It is particularly common if you have had a previous injury or have a weight problem. Faced with the painful condition, most people avoid exercise and unnecessary activity. That, however, is a big mistake. Exercise strengthens muscles and in turn takes the pressure off joints!

People with arthritis should do exercises that help with flexibility and posture. Start off gradually with non-weight bearing exercises like water aerobics and work your way up to walking.

Also, be sure to check with your doctor or personal fitness trainer for the program that is right for you.

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

One woman's battle with the autoimmune disease

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Joscelyn Derene Knight tried to ignore the pain in her leg. She thought maybe the fatigue was from the split shifts she was working. Then Knight started having headaches that wouldn't go away.

Her sister, Ethel, encouraged her to make an appointment with a doctor, but Knight never expected a diagnosis of lupus. That was 1984 and she was in her early 20s. Back then Knight didn't know anything about the autoimmune disease which causes inflammation of tissues in the body. After having undergone a kidney transplant, hip and knee replacement surgeries, five years of dialysis, and a number of emergencies that left her and caregiver sister Constance spending many a night in a hospital, she decided to write Lupus ... It Takes a Family from Rosedog Books. Knight's goal is to help other families struggling with the dis-

"It was a nightmare," said Knight of Redford. "I wrote the book for therapy. It was so traumatic and long. I wrote the book to get a lot of this off of me.

"I would lose control of my legs. I came from a family of eight girls and two boys. Just getting through one day was the biggest challenge. It was extremely painful. You had to depend on God and your support, my mom and dad and Constance."

SYMPTOMS VARY

Dr. Robert S. Michaels has read Knight's book from cover to cover. The nephrologist began treating kidney diseases more than 30 years ago and says Knight's descriptions of her experiences reflect those of many of his lupus patients although every patient is different. Symptoms range from joint pain to skin rash, hair loss, fatigue, loss of appetite, swelling in the legs, and a butterfly rash depending on whether the disease affects only the skin or is systemic. Complications include an increased risk for blood clotting and accelerating cardiovascular disease.

"Lupus is a disease that affects multiple organs. The lung, the heart, the kidneys, all need to be assessed to see how lupus affects each system," said Michaels, chief of nephrology at the Detroit Medical Center's Sinai-Grace Hospital.

Michaels says to develop a treatment strategy it takes a team of physicians including a rheumatologist, nephrologist, internist, and in Knight's case a transplant specialist. Knight has the systemic type of

"Nephritis is the kidney disease from lupus. We have medications that can prevent them from needing dialysis. Sometimes lupus can destroy the kidneys," said Michaels of Nephron Associates in Southfield. Michaels is on staff at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

"The current approach is to use steroids with the addition of immunosuppressant therapy which usually consists of cyclosporin, CellCept which have made a great difference for kidney survival before transplant. I look at treating lupus as protecting the kidney from the body rejecting it before transplant so maybe transplant can be pre-



Joscelyn Derene Knight (left) and her sister, Constance Broner-Knight, pose in their Redford home where Joscelyn wrote her book on lupus. Constance was Joscelyn's caregiver as she battled the autoimmune disease.

GETTING BETTER

Treatment for lupus has vastly improved from 50 years ago, says Dr. W. Joseph McCune, director of the lupus clinic in the University of Michigan Health System. McCune has been treating lupus patients for more than 20 years. He is a professor in the department of internal medicine and associate chief for clinical programs, division of rheumatology at U-M.

"Our experience has been that lupus has been detected a little bit earlier in the past decade than previously and has been treated a little bit more quickly with medical regimens that have gradually improved so overall the outlook for patients has been improving," said McCune. "In the first half of the 20th century before introduction of cortisone and prednisone patients could not be adequately treated. In the 1950s cortisone and prednisone were introduced and then subsequently immunosuppressants. The last half of the 20th century is characterized by refinement of medications most of which had been in use for some years. In the past 10 years there have been trials ongoing of new and novel biologic agents, drugs made in such a way that they're tailored to specific aspects of immune response. There are many promising drugs being tried.

"We're learning how to identify and treat lupus better. Each five to 10 years we get better. We're living in a decade when about 10 treatments will be tried. In the 1990s many new therapies were developed for rheumatoid arthritis, biologic agents. This

research has now been going on with lupus." For the last five years, McCune and Emily Somers, Ph.D., have been in the midst of research to determine the prevalence of lupus in Washtenaw and Wayne counties as part of the MiLES Project funded by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

"Previous estimates have suggested that approximately nine out of 10 patients are women. One out of every 2,000 Caucasian and one in 500 African American women

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DR. W. JOSEPH MCCUNE, director of the lupus clinic in the University

may be affected by lupus. The study is designed to confirm this estimate," said McCune. "I think we're going to find out there's more lupus than people expect."

SUPPORT'S THERE

While there is no cure for lupus, there is treatment and support. An inaugural walk for the Lupus Foundation of America will be held in May to raise funds for research and support for patients and their families Call (419) 423-9313 or visit www.lupus.org to learn more about the disease.

The Foundation is among the lupus organizations, including Michigan/Indiana Lupus Alliance and Alliance for Lupus Research, to provide support and research funding.

"We provide support and education as well, support in the form of support groups," said Bob Scherger, president of the northwest Ohio and Michigan region of the Lupus Foundation of America. "Our goal is to grow, that as complicated as the disease people can come together and share what their success of dealing with the disease until a cure is found. That's the best medicine until a cure is found."

Knight received her younger sister Sandy's kidney in 2000 at U-M. Knight has been in clinical remission ever since ever but the disease could reactivate at any time.

For more information about Knight's book, visit www.rosedogbooks.com.

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Expert warns about the dangers of sun

As Old Man Winter continues his grip on Michigan, many people have winter vacation plans to a warmer climate or Spring Break getaway. This is a good time to remind adults and children to practice sun safety - whether they're in the Bahamas in March or Traverse City in July.

"Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States," said Henry Lim, M.D., chair of Dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital, "and most skin cancer are related to exposure to

More than one million skin cancers are diagnosed annually, and one in five Americans will develop skin cancer.

"Everyone should be able to enjoy the sun. But with a little common sense and some practical sun safety tips, people can protect themselves while playing outdoors and reduce their risk of developing skin cancer,"

said Lim who recommends these sun safety tips for people of any age when outdoors:

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a sunscreen protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.

Sunscreen is designed to protect against ultraviolet B rays, which cause sunburn. Reapply frequently.

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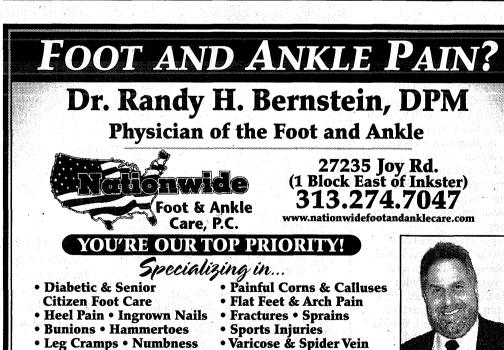
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Health seminar

Dr. Judith Reichman will be in Detroit 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, to host a digestive health seminar at the Gem Theatre, 333 Madison St., during a pre-show event before the performance of Menopause the Musical which begins at 8 p.m. For tickets, call (313) 963-9800.





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OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The fast-approaching 2008 season will prove to be a milestone year for the three Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys lacrosse teams as they set out on their own after several years as a unified contingent.

Following are brief capsules on each team, all of which will compete in the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

CANTON

The Chiefs will be anchored by senior captain Justin Scott, who is widely regarded as one of the most-talented goalies in the state. A second-team All-State performer as a junior, Scott will make opponents earn their points this season.

We've looked really good defensively so far and the biggest reason for that is having Justin back there," said Canton coach Kevin Riley. "The combination of his great hand speed and an advanced knowledge of the game makes him one of the best goalies in the state.

"Unless the ball is coming at him at 80 or 90

miles per hour, he's going to pick it up.' The Chiefs, who practice at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth, will carry a 34player roster into battle this season.

"Our goals include winning all of our home games this season and being a contender in the KLAA," said Riley.

Two players who will have a strong say in whether the Chiefs reach those goals are senior captains Mac Ganzak, a defender who was an All-WLAA football player in the fall, and Scott Wisniewski, one of the team's top mid-fielders.

"You want size back on defense and Mac gives us that — he's about 6-1 and 230 pounds — and he has great speed for someone his size," said Riley. "Scott has blinding speed and outstanding stick skills. This will be his fourth year and he's gotten better each year he's played."

A pair of freshmen - Matt Rodgers and Jordan Smith — have also earned significant playing time, Riley added.

PLYMOUTH

Under the guidance of veteran coach Mike Costello, the Wildcats will carry a 40-player roster into the 2008 campaign.

"Coincidentally, we have 10 players in each class - freshman, sophomore, junior and senior," said Costello, the former head coach of the PCS Warriors united team. "We have seven or eight guys who saw a lot of time on last year's unified team and quite a few others who played a lot on last year's JV team.

"We played in a scrimmage at Detroit Country Day last week and, I know it's early, but it looks like we have a good group of guys who are willing to work hard. Obviously, there are some chinks that

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"It offers some of the best

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The field is 110 yards long and there's a lot of running

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Lyon and Swartz Creek.

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two PCEP stadiums. "Last year, we'd practice

picnic spots.

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Lake Central.

"It's something kids of all

making substitutions."

have to be worked out since we're a first-year high school team, but I think we're going to be OK."

Costello said he feels his team's pre-season expectations are attainable.

"I met with the team captains this week and we went over our individual and team goals for the upcoming season," he said. "We talked about finishing with a record over .500, which would be a great accomplishment. I've always maintained that one of the most important team goals should be steadily

improving on a day-to-day, game-to-game basis." Among the Wildcats' leaders will be junior midfielder Connor Martin and senior mid-fielder John

"Connor is one of those guys who is a very talented athlete who has picked up the game quickly," said Costello. "We brought him up for the playoffs his freshman year, so this is his third year on var-

"John is probably our best long-stick mid-fielder. He's a hard worker who will be playing Division 1 lacrosse for the University of Detroit Mercy next

Other pivotal players Costello mentioned were senior attackman Patrick Downey, a four-year player; senior defenders Aaron Uller and Paul Gustafson; junior defender Alex Turfe; and freshmen defenders Ronny Lowe, Alex Miller and Ben Burkman.

SALEM

Based on first impressions, the Rocks could be in for a stellar inaugural season.

"We're looking solid so far — the kids are really coming together," said Salem coach Eric Bielecki. 'Our camaraderie is better than I expected it would. We have about 20 kids who have never played, so a lot will depend on how well they progress as the season goes on."

Bielecki didn't hesitate when asked what he thought his team's strength would be this season.

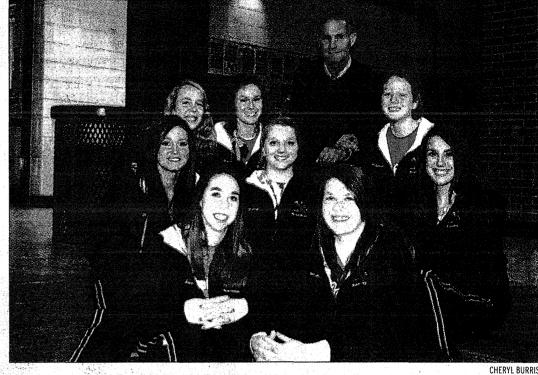
"We should be strong defensively," he said. "Our defensive core is made up of players who played last year and we've added some talented freshmen this vear."

The Rocks have a quartet of captains who should serve as catalysts during the team's initial season: sophomore defender Blake Abbey, junior goalie Ryan Winkler, senior mid-fielder Nathan Spala and junior attackman Chris Koetting.

"Blake is one of those kids who always works hard and never gives up," said Bielecki. "Ryan is moving from defense to goalie and I'm confident he'll do a good job back there. Nathan has great stick skills and Chris will probably lead us in scoring. Bielecki has set his team's goals high.

"Honestly, our No. 1 goal is to go 18-0," he said. "Now, I don't know if that's realistic or not, but that's what we're shooting for. The most important thing, though, is for the kids to progress on the field and off it."

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Pictured are the captains for the 2008 Plymouth-Canton Salem Lady Warriors lacrosse team along with head coach Dave Medley. Pictured are (front row from left) Kate Spangler (Plymouth), Stephanie Matusiak (Plymouth), (middle row from left) Nicole Sheldon (Canton), Jessica Murray (Canton), Amy Coleman (Canton), (back row from left) Laura Hahn (Plymouth), Morgan Franke (Plymouth) and coach Dave Medley.

Lady Warriors know how to win

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team will carry some serious credentials into its first official season as a Michigan High School Athletic Association-sanctioned squad.

The Lady Warriors were the state's No. 1-ranked high school club team in 2007, according to www.powerlax.com.

Coach Dave Medley's contingent is not only talented, it's experienced as 17 returning seniors dominated the 26player roster.

"I have high expectations for this entire group," said Medley. We finished the past two years as a club team believing we could win. Now it's time to prove we can win.

The Lady Warriors' offensive firepower will come from a variety of sources, including seniors Morgan Franke, Kate Spangler, Jessica Murray and sophomore Lauren Ebersole, who led the team in scoring as a freshman.

"Lauren is a very explosive player," said Medley. "When we beat Notre Dame Academy in Ohio last year, she scored six of our 10 goals. And when we beat Battle Creek United — which at the time was the No. 1-ranked club team – she scored six of our seven goals. Lauren is very athletic and she has a lot

Medley has also been impressed by the early play of junior Amanda Yang, a transfer student from Virginia who was the captain of her former team as a sophomore.

of skills."

"I am also very high on utility player Arielle Pietron for her leadership - both on and off the field," Medley said. Defensively, PCS will

be paced by seniors Amy Coleman, Laura Hahn, Kaitlyn Moore, Stephanie Matusiak and Nicole Sheldon.

Junior Nicole Rottell will

start the season as the team's starting net-minder. Medley credited PCEP athletic director Tom Willette,

former PCCS Superintendent Jim Ryan and retired Salem principal Jerry Ostoin with elevating the Lady Warriors to MHSAA status. PCS is set to open its sea-

son Friday, April 4, at 8 p.m. at home against Rochester. The game will be played at the junior varsity stadium, which is located southwest of Plymouth High School.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following item:

1. Z 08 -04 1067 Linden

Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Yard Setback Zoned: R-1,

2. Z 08 -05 744 Starkweather

Single-Family Residential Applicant: Ronald and Judith Elwell

Non-Use Variance Requested Projecting Sign Zoned: B-1, Local Business Applicant: Paul Murphy and Tim Judge

All interested persons are invited to attend.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY2008 CDBG ACTION PLAN FY 2006 "CAPER"

On April 9, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the FY 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project proposals. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2008 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$7,040; Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, 20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$3,000; Revival Outreach Center (ROC), \$2,500; Canton Township Leisure Services "Totally Canton Totally Arts," \$2,000; Canton Township Sheldon School playscape and landscaping improvements, \$45,000; Affordable Housing Activities (housing rehabilitation and lot purchase), \$170,860; Construction Contingency, \$20,000; Program administration, \$70,000. Not all project proposals are necessarily listed, and not all projects will be approved or funded at the requested amounts. The FY 2008 CDBG allocation is \$359,835. The FY 2006 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) covers CDBG program activities between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Finance Department, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194.

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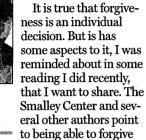
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Forgiveness issue can be complicated

t is common for people to speak of forgiveness, especially in couple relationships. It either should happen or should not. People speak about it and expect it to be there at will — when, in fact, forgiveness can be a long and complicated process. Even spiritually forgiveness gets misused. The Bible, both Hebrew and Christian versions, describes a God of forgiveness; Jesus promises it. So when we want it, it should be available. And it should be OK for us not

to forgive if we don't want



and to let go of past hurts as a critical tool for a marriage relationship. Additionally, being able to forgive is a way to keep you healthy both emotionally and physically. There are healthy aspects to forgiveness. If you hold on to old hurts, disappointments, petty annoyances, betrayals, insensitivity and anger, you are wasting both your time and your energy. Nursing a perceived hurt can eventually make it in to something more — hate and extreme bitterness. Lack of forgiveness can wear you down. Additionally, being unforgiving is not good for either your physical or your mental well being.

Here are some steps one author has for how to forgive.

Paul Melrose

Make a decision to forgive your spouse. When images of the betrayal or hurt flash in your mind, think of a calming place or do something to distract yourself from dwelling on those thoughts.

Don't throw an error or mistake back in your spouse's face at a later date.

William Menninger wrote (in The Process of Forgiveness): "Forgiveness, then, is not forgetting. It is not condoning or absolving. Neither is it pretending nor something done for the sake of the offender. It is not a thing we just do by a brutal act of the will. It does not entail a loss of identity, of specialness, or of face. It does not release the offenders from obligations they may or may not recognize. An understanding of these things will go a long way towards helping people enter into the forgiveness process.

Engaging in the tough process of forgiveness can give you and your partner more of a chance of a greater and healthier relationship.

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

'An amazing American talent'







Jody Soronen

BY STACY JENKINS **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

is fashions are donned by red carpet divas; they grace the covers of fashion magazines and they've even been spotted on a first lady hopeful on the campaign trail.

Distinctive in style and classic femininity, the pieces created by Peter Soronen are timeless, bold and not just for the skinny girls, said Ellen

Carey, owner of New York-based Seedhouse, a talent publicity firm.

"His designs give the lift, form and shape to areas of your body that you may not have seen in awhile," said Carey, noting the intricate inside work, including Victorian corset-inspired boning and seaming craft work.

The chic, always flattering designs have been worn by many celebrities, including Sarah Jessica Parker, Reese Witherspoon, Hilary Swank, Tina Fey, Jennifer Lopez, Jessica Lang and Eva Longoria. Brooke Shields co-stars on the new TV hit series Lipstick Jungle wore Soronen's designs in the series premiere and in the promotional material for A Soronen suit was spotted

recently on Michelle Obama as she took the stage with her husand, presidential hopeful Baracl Obama at a campaign rally, said

Tender, in Birmingham, exclusively carries Soronen's designs. His spring collection is now available at Tender, a boutique that supports up and coming talent, said Carey.

"(Tender owner) Karen Daskas' forward thinking has made him known in the city where he was born," said Carey. "They support

new talents, and I think that's amazing." Soronen, a Farmington Hills native, has donated seven dresses, of varying sizes, to a special event honoring his mother, Jody Soronen, an active member of the community and former Farmington Hills mayor who lost her battle with cancer in 2005.

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Hilary Swank sports a hot cherry red dress by Peter Soronen.



Michelle Obama purchased this Peter Soronen suit at a shop in Chicago.

Christine Hinkle has created a sizeable endowed scholarship fund to provide scholarships students at Schoolcraft College.



Northville woman's gift to fund Schoolcraft scholarships

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sarah Jessica Parker.

in a Peter Soronen gown.

Christine Hinkle lives simply, but comfortably in an apartment surrounded by cuddly stuffed bears, crafts and her cat, Casper. Her frugal lifestyle is one of the reasons the 86-year-old Northville woman was able to present a sizable estate gift to the Schoolcraft College Foundation.

The endowed scholarship fund

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was announced Tuesday, March 18, during a spaghetti dinner and wine glow to raise money for the college's Women's Resource Center which provides help to men and women preparing to enter or reenter the workforce.

Hinkle first learned about the center through Dorothy Gay, a friend who volunteered there. WRC offers support programs and scholarships for those in financial

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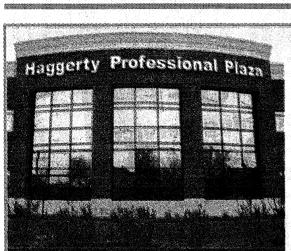
The college will begin awarding the Hinkle-funded scholarships to students enrolling in classes for the fall 2008 semester. After it's fully funded, the Hinkle estate gift will be the largest scholarship fund in the college's history and one day could provide 30 full tuition scholarships each academic year.

The Schoolcraft College district includes the public school districts of Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, PlymouthCanton, and part of Novi but

draws students from all over. "I would like to inspire people if they're able financially to inspire these young people so good minds don't go to waste," said Hinkle. "Being local they can stay at home

and find out what they want to do." Hinkle says her late husband, Lawrence, was a firm believer in education. He was an attorney who

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Spaghetti dinner to raise money for medical bills

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's tough for Rick VanOver to ask for help, but since falling and breaking his hip last October the 59-year old Livonia man's incurred an estimated \$60,000 in medical

Friends are coming together to help the out-of-work welder by putting on a spaghetti dinner fund-raiser 3-7 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Wolverine Sports and Conservation Club, 27531 Grand River, one block west of

Inkster Road in Livonia. Tickets are \$10 for adults (in advance), \$3 for children age 10 and under; \$12 adults (at the door), \$5 children age 10 and under.

For more information, call Heidi at (248) 420-0495 or Diane Hamilton (248) 231-

"Rick has no health insurance," said Hamilton, a friend. "Back in October when his fall

happened he went in for emergency surgery and resulted in over \$20,000 in bills. He had three pins inserted and his leg did not heal. It cost over \$30,000 for a total hip replacement in January. He could not put any weight on his leg, but now he's getting around on a walker and four-pronged cane. It will probably be about four months before he can even think about going back to

VanOver is presently receiving therapy three days a week while Hamilton and daughter Heidi Ray organize the fundraiser with the help of family, friends and local businesses.

"It was my daughter's idea," said Hamilton of Livonia. "Her and I both worked together thinking even if with got a few people together it would help.

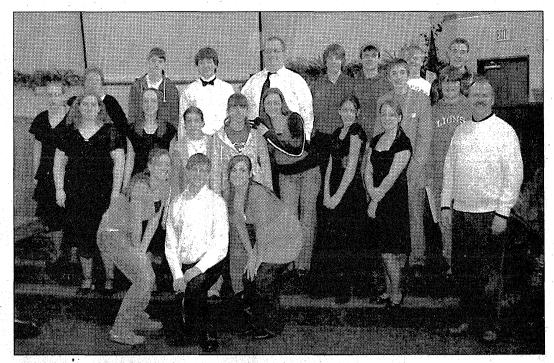
"It will be a spaghetti dinner cooked by an Italian friend of my daughter. We have people who have donated the noodles Value Center and my uncle Robert Savage, and rolls being donated by Leon's Family Restaurant in Livonia."

Ram's Horn in Livonia is donating salad along with Toarmina's Pizza on Seven Mile near Inkster Road.

An Ernie Harwell autographed baseball is just one of the donations given for the silent auction. Tickets to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Science Center, Detroit Tigers, and Toledo Mudhens, and Century Bowling are among the items up for bid along with wrestling memorabilia, hair styling baskets and gift certificates.

"Rick's very touched by the whole thing. We've gotten quite a few donations," said Hamilton. "Wolverine Sports & Conservation donated their bingo hall. We're having a 50/50 raffle, face painting and a bake sale. Rick might make some pies. He's itching to help some, but just can't be on his feet very long."

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Members of Merriman Student Ministries from Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City competed in the Area Teens Involved event at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Flint on Feb. 23. The students continue to the regional level of competition to be held April 19.

Students to go on to regional competition

Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City sent 20 students to compete in the Area Teens Involved event at **Emmanuel Baptist Church in** Flint on Saturday Feb. 23.

The event is sponsored by Word of Life Fellowship to encourage youth in Christian service.

Members of Merriman Student Ministries prepared in categories including large and small vocal groups, male and female soloists, instrumentalists, dramas, special

presentation, and preaching. Qualified students continue to the next level of competition, the regional event, which will be held April 19. All of the Merriman students qualified for this next level of competi-"We're encouraging our

students to be devoted to the Lord and serve the community by using their gifts," said Associate Pastor Jeff Buchholz "This venue gives them the opportunity to discover their gifts." Participant Nick

Walters prepared for preaching, large vocal group, and drama. Asked about the full day event he said, "Its fun to put your talents to a good use and this event was very encouraging."

Merriman Road Baptist Church has an active youth program with many opportunities for fellowship, training, and ministry for students in 7-12th grades. The church is located at 2055 Merriman. For information, call (734) 421-

Exhibitors wanted for Art from the Heart

The Livonia Arts Commission is looking for artists for its third annual Art from the Heart show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 14-15, on the grounds of Livonia City Hall at

Farmington Rd. and Five Mile. The events was formerly known as Art in the Village

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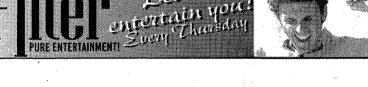
and was held at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

For more information, call Livonia's Community Resources Department at (734) 466-2540.

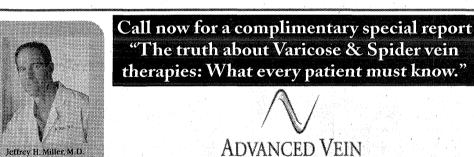
An application can also be downloaded from www.artsinlivonia.com or the city's Web site at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Admission to the annual event is free and shuttle service provided.

Additional activities and services include arts and crafts fun for children, package pickup and delivery, hourly raffles, entertainment, a sidewalk chalk-drawing contest,



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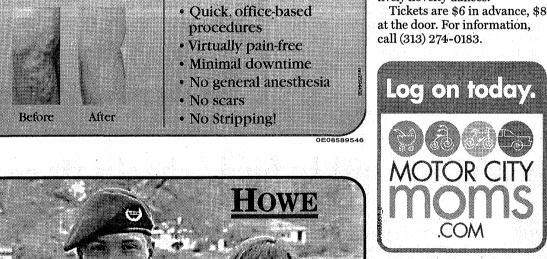


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Collectible toy show comes to Livonia Farmington Road, Livonia. Winross Collectors Club toys, Hot Wheels, model car

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Admission is \$3, children under age 12 free.

For information, call (586) 795-8281 or (248) 363-9495. The show features vendors with collectible and die cast scale dies cast trucks.

kits, promos, action figures, sci-fi, and Matchbox.

Winross is a national club that specializes in collecting American-made 1/64th

Recital spotlights traditional Polish. novelty dancing

The PRCUA (Polish Roman Catholic Union of America) Tatry Dancers are holding a recital 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Crestwood High School, 1501 Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights.

The afternoon spotlights traditional Polish dancing and lively novelty dances.

Log on today.

Golden Agers mark anniversary

The Golden Agers, a senior citizen group that operates under a neme or snaring, caring and 35th anniversary this year.

A special celebration marking the occasion will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 21, at the Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile. Main speakers are the Rev. Mark McGilvrey of Memorial Church of Christ and the Rev. Todd Lackie of Kenwood Church. Music and other special events will be presented by Joel Paul.

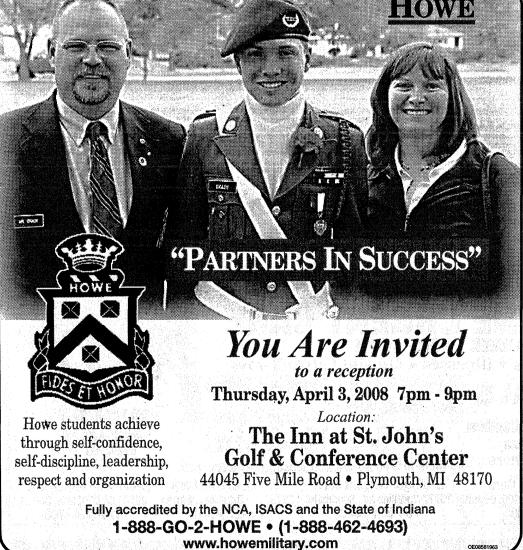
The Golden Agers began back in 1973 at Kenwood Church of Christ, where members met for 19 years. Other churches began joining these meetings and soon the group included people from 20 different communities representing three different counties.

Led by Ralph Congdon, members gather monthly, except during the summer, for fellowship, lunch, entertainment and outreach projects. They send monthly contributions to a senior retirement home called Great Lakes Christian Homes in Holt, Michigan. Members also donate craft items for a fall boutique, where funds raised are used for the residents.

Golden Agers also show their spirit by helping the American Legion with pop can rings, which are redeemed for medical equipment for hospitalized children, and performing outreach for the Lutheran Senior City in Columbus, Ohio; the Detroit Rescue Mission; American Cancer Foundation; and others.

Lunch entertainment, over the years, has included the Livonia Police Department Canine Unit, Livonia Firefighters, Silver Strings Dulcimer Society, Holmes Middle School Choir, Great Lakes Lighthouse-keepers Association, Spirit of Detroit Chorus of Sweet Adelines, USS Enterprise Exhibit and others. The group invites all retired people to join them during their

monthly gatherings on the third Monday of every month from September through May at the church. For more details about the celebration or the group, call (734)





graduated from Wayne State University. She worked her way up to management during a 40-year career with an insurance company. Hinkle said they lived on his salary and she put her money in the bank and bought bonds. She retired from the Wausau office in Southfield in 1986. Since then she's stayed active by keeping her hands busy with crafts, basket making and painting, and volunteering with the Northville Historical Society and Northville Library. They had no children.

VALUE OF EDUCATION

"He was very interested in investing. I'm doing this on his behalf also. Education was very important to him," said Hinkle of her husband who died in 1996. She moved to Independence Village in Northville not long after losing her partner of nearly 49

years. The Hinkles' longtime C.P.A. and financial adviser, Richard Gillikan, suggested the Schoolcraft College Foundation about eight months ago when Christine was trying to decide where the couple's estate would go after her death. Joanne Kwasnik, an associate of Gillikan, has been working with the Foundation to create the Hinkle endowed scholarship fund.

Kwasnik's been helping Hinkle ever since she encountered problems applying for Social Security. Hinkle was turned down because she wasn't a citizen. She never knew that her family immigrated to America from Scotland when Hinkle was 9 months old. Her mother died when she was 14 and never told her. She had to wait five years before she was able to take the test to become a citi-

"I became close with her (Christine), took her shopping. She got to know my girls," said Kwasnik, an accountant who lives in Livonia. "I think the estate gift is wonderful, the whole idea of it helping people who wouldn't otherwise go to college. I think it's amazing.



Christine Hinkle attended the Women's Resource Center spaghetti dinner Tuesday night where it was announced she created a major endowed scholarship fund for students in financial need.

Especially since I have two girls, age 16 and 12. My oldest is thinking of Schoolcraft for the first year because it's local and inexpensive.

"The Foundation created a plan and worked with her (Hinkle's) estate attorney. You can have it just tuition but hers is all inclusive, it includes the recipient's chil-

GIVING WAYS

According to John Walsh, executive director of development and governmental relations and Foundation board member, Hinkle is typical of the donors who support the college for years before deciding to develop an estate plan.

She started with small

gifts and attending different events which is the traditional path for our donors. They start by coming to a culinary extravaganza or taking a community ed course," said Walsh of Hinkle, who's taken classes at the college as a senior citizen. "The story is great because she is an ordinary person, not born to great wealth. She and her husband worked hard and saved their money. She's trying to give it away in a way that's meaningful for the future. She wants everyone to know anyone can do this. This type of gift permits us to help students

to attend school. Very often it makes a difference between whether or not a student can even attend here.

"We have a \$10 million endowed balance in the Foundation. Her estate plan allows us to grant more scholarships to more needy students only on interest earned. That means it will be perpetual."

Walsh suggests anyone considering leaving their estate to the foundation consult an attorney or financial adviser "so they're not jeopardizing their future." For more information about setting up an

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endowed scholarship fund, call the Schoolcraft College Foundation office at (734) 462-4455 and ask for Walsh or Jason Valente, director of development.

"Nationally the trend is people are doing more estate planning gifts because the federal government had made it worth their while," said Walsh. "There's a great deal of wealth accumulated by baby boomers who are now thinking about their estate and tax advantageous rulings."

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DISCOVER THE DEMMER DIFFERENCE!

The dresses will be showcased in The Celebration of Creativity fashion show and luncheon event at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 5, at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

Each dress will be up for auction, with proceeds to benefit the Farmington Area Arts Commission, an organization that was close to Jody Soronen's heart.

Peter Soronen said he's happy to participate, in honor of his mother.

"When they approached me about it, I thought it would be a great way to give back to the community that I left so long ago," said Soronen, who lives in New York.

Guests will enjoy lunch from the award-winning OCC Culinary Institute, live harp music, and a silent auction.

Peter Soronen will be on hand to pay tribute to his mother, who served as chair of the Michigan Municipal League Legislative Committee, and executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. She was active with the **Farmington Community Arts** Council, the Farmington Founders Festival and many other organizations.

Her son's interest in fashion design began in Farmington Public Schools and continued at Oakland Community College, where he took his first pattern design class. His career started in Chicago in the early 1990s, where he found his niche in turning corsets into garments.

He designed wedding gowns and evening attire, carving out his own distinct style with every piece. Soon, his business grew and moved to New York City, where his prolific work includes seasonal collections and runway shows.

"He is so successful in a difficult economy — he's truly an amazing American talent," said Carey.

Besides visiting Tender on Maple in downtown Birmingham, his creations may be seen at www.petersoronen.com.

Rita Dilanian of Farmington Hills said she's excited to present this event to the public and that she's grateful for Soronen's involvement and his generos-

"We're all so proud of him," she said. "He's a good person to offer us all of these gowns."

The fashion show models include: Miss Oakland County Samantha Steckloff, Marianne Carolan, Kristi Bowden, Erica Huyck, Diane Sarkisian and Susie Ellwood. Celebration of Creativity tickets are \$45 and may be purchased at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, or by calling (248) 473-

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Third, as much as possible sleep on your back and side, not on your stomach. When you sleep on your stomach, you accentuate the lordotic curve the greatest support; being on your stomach puts the lordotic curve at its maximum strain.

Fourth, stand and walk with good posture; your stomach should be even with your chest, and your ear lobes should be even with your collar bone. This posture puts the least stress on your low back, and uses intra abdominal pressure rather than back muscle contracture to

Fifth, take regular exercise, whether it is walking, swimming, or going on a treadmill, bike or track. For your back muscles to keep flexible and strong, you need to keep your body flexible and strong. After age 60, consider exercise as medicine: you need to take it once a

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A June wedding is planned

ENGAGEMENTS

Fairbanks-VanHouten Wayne and Kimberly Fairbanks of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Fairbanks,

of Cadillac.

in Royal Oak.

Yates-Underwood

in Provo, Utah.

to Gabriel VanHouten, son of

David and Linda VanHouten

The bride-to-be received a

bachelor of arts degree from

Central Michigan University.

She is employed at Organic in

engagement manager. She lives

The future groom received a

bachelor's degree from Central

Michigan University. He is

Brett and April Yates

engagement of their daugh-

Underwood, son of Dennis and

Robin Underwood of Redford.

The bride-elect is a gradu-

School and is currently attend-

ing Brigham Young University

The groom-elect is a gradu-

ate of Redford Thurston

Michigan-Dearborn.

Crandell-deVries

High School and is currently

The couple is planning a

June wedding in the Detroit

Breck and Marilee Crandell

attending the University of

ate of Livonia Churchill High

of Livonia announce the

ter, Amelia, to Remick

Bloomfield Hills as a senior

Benefit will help support veterans' trips to the World War II memorial

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, March 23, 2008

A Magical Night for Honor Flight, a benefit to help aging Michigan World War II veterans visit the national World War II memorial in Washington, D.C., will take place 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the UFCW Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights (south of 13 Mile, between Stephenson Highway and John R Road).

The evening will benefit Honor Flight Michigan, an organization that arranges flights for World War II veterans have waited more than 60 years to see a memorial to their fallen comrades.

Nearly 1,500 World War II veterans die each day. For many, prohibitive health care

BY JULIE BROWN

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Google's home page March

20, the first day of spring,

featured colorful flowers.

Westland Rotary's lunch.

Learning the ins and outs of

was the focus that day at the

"Hopefully, you'll find this a

benefit you can direct to your

own business," said Randy

promotion.

Johnston, director of opera-

tions for Westland-based VR

Metro LLC, a 10-year company

specializing in Web design and

Johnston described how

"key words" are vital in driv-

Web site, "to at least get some

search engine positions. That's

Johnston used an example

of Beste's Hydroponics Supply,

ing traffic to your business

where a customer will land

when they link to you."

search engine optimization

costs have wiped out their savings, preventing them from visiting the site. It costs \$350 to fly one veteran to and from the memorial.

Guests at the event will be treated to entertainment by animated illusionist and magician, Ardan James. A silent auction will be held. Among the items to be auctioned off are jewelry, Red Wings tickets, Detroit Tigers tickets, gift certificates, Italian dinner basket, golf packages, vintage wine basket and more.

Strolling dinner, dessert and coffee will be served. A cash bar will be available. Raffles will be conducted throughout the evening.

Donations of auction items

Speakers share search engine secrets

a client, showing how he and

and programming to increase

Hydroponics Michigan yielded

co-workers used key words

visits to the site and boost

sales. On a Google search,

spot No. 17 out of 227,000,

compared to No. 20 out of

Supplies Michigan, and not

for Hydroponics Supplies.

even in the top 100 of 860,000

"You have to do the work,"

Johnston said. "You have to

recommends site design with

a complete story of your busi-

ness (who you are, what you

do, how your products/services

provide a benefit to customers)

"They like bulleted lists, too,

to have good enough content

by the way," he added. At VR

Metro, the staff has access to

servers and he recognizes not

to get placement on search

engines.

have relevant content." He

26,000 for Hydroponics

are appreciated. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsors to date include Wolverine Packing Co., Color Media Print Service and Casa

Cost of admission is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. The public is invited. Paid reservations are due by April 18. Checks should be made payable to Honor Flight Michigan, Inc. and mailed to Melissa Downey, 10734 Borgman, Huntington Woods, MI 48070.

For further details or sponsorship information, contact Melissa Downey at (248)541-

For information about Honor Flight Michigan, visit www. honorflightmichigan.com

all business people do.

"It really comes down to the

key word phrase," concluded

Johnston, who was joined

by Ron Howard, director of

sales and development, and

J.P. Cacciaglia, of customer

ogy, for the business in the

service/information technol-

Ford-Newburgh area. It can be

reached online at www.vrmet-

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Toarmina's Pizza owner, is

a pleased customer. He gets

good placement online for

pizza, ahead of larger com-

petitors. Fellow Rotarian Gary

Bulson of Men on the Move in

Westland also likes the service

"I just really enjoy working

with them," said Bulson, who

words to boost his placement.

finds it fun to think of key

"I know it works."

Rotary president and

Lou Toarmina, Westland

WEDDING



Tolsdorf-Goffas

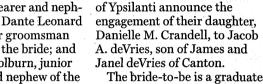
Amy D. Tolsdorf and George P. Goffas were married Oct. 13, 2007, at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Ann Arbor with the Rev. Nick Kotsis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Beverly A. Tolsdorf of Livonia and the late Bruce L. Tolsdorf. She has a bachelor of science degree from Madonna University and employed by In-House Realty as Quicken

The groom is the son of Peter and Anastasia Goffas of Ann Arbor. He has a bachelor of science degree in criminology from Eastern Michigan University and is employed

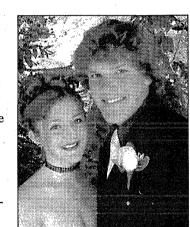
The groom was attended by Tom Goffas, best man and brother of the groom; Eric Tolsdorf, groomsman and brother of the bride; Cruz Ezra Tolsdorf, ring bearer and nephew of the bride; Dante Leonard Tolsdorff, junior groomsman and godchild of the bride; and Tommy Peter Colburn, junior groomsman and nephew of the

A reception was held at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor.



of Lutheran High Westland. She will graduate in May from Washtenaw Community College with a degree in early childhood development.

The future groom is a graduate of Lutheran Westland. He will graduate in May from Bowling Green State University with a degree in construction management.



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Bloomfield Hills.

An August wedding is planned for Ann Arbor.

Ibituaries, Memorials, Remembrances

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MRS. ELIZABETH (Betty) ANGELO

Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) Angelo of Birmingham, MI passed away January '8, 2008 at Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids. A Memorial Service for Betty will be held at 2:00pm Thursday, March 27, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. Memorials are suggested to the Clark Foundation for Benevolent Care, 1551 Franklin SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Arsulowicz Brothers, East Mortuary

616-458-1297 www.arsulowiczbrothers.com

Dominick S. Lomazzo

Age 72, March 14, 2008. Dear father of Anthony (Joy), Matthew (Heather) and Christa. Grandfather of Anthony, Jessica, Christopher, Josh, Kortney, Dominick and Cassidy. Brother of Beatrice Heafield. Memorial Visitation Saturday 1pm until a 2pm Memorial Service at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Rd. (between Ford & Warren Rds.). Luncheon to follow service. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Good Shepherd Reformed Church. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son, 734-427-3800.



In Loving Memory of ALFRED VIDRIO

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CARL VERN WYMAN

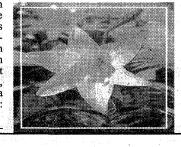
Age 85, of Higgins Lake, passed on March 19, 2008. Carl was a World War II Veteran, and retired from Consumers Energy in 1981. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, as well as cutting wood and picking blueberries. Carl died of Alzheimer's disease while under the care of Angela Hospice in his family home in Plymouth. Carl was preceded in death by his son Gary. His wife Phyllis of 64 years, son Carlton (Marna), daughter Debbie Moore (Mel) and Daughter in-law Pat (Gary's Wife). Papa loved his 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren Funeral services were held Sat. March 22nd at 1pm in Marion MI. at Fosnaught Holdship Funeral Home, Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice in memory of Carl Wyman at: www.angelahospice.org



ALVIE L. SMITH March 19, 2008 after a long

Age illness. Birmingham. Born Nov-ember 5, 1923 in Garfield, Ga., Alvie grew up in Savannah. He served in World War II with the Eighth Air Force as a B-17 bombardier, flying 35 missions. Alvie was awarded the Air Medal with silver cluster and five European Theater battle stars, ultimately rising to the rank of major during his more than 20 years of active and reserve service. After the war, Alvie earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in journalism at the University of Wisconsin. He then worked for Michigan State University and in 1955 he joined General Motors. Alvie retired from GM in 1988 as director of corporate communications and went on to work as a communications consultant and writer in retirement. He authored three books including Innovative Employee Communications (Prentice-Hall), which became a leading textbook in its field. Alvie was also an active volunteer with numerous area organizations and was a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. Alvie was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Jigger Smith, and is survived by his children Randall (Sharon), Diane Adair (James) and Amy Lynn Smith; and his grandchildren Nicholas Adair, Erin Adair, Kevin Smith and Scott Smith. Memorial service Monday, March 31st, at 1:00pm at Christ Church Cranbrook, (Lone Pine west of Woodward) Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church 12:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, 26777 Halsted Rd., Suite 100, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary

and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



CHARLES EDWARD SHAW

Age 88 of Farmington Hills, March 19, 2008 after a gallant fight with cancer. Charles joined in heaven his beloved wife, Mary, who preceded him in death two years ago, after 62 years of joyful marriage. He was born in Lansing, MI on August 18, 1919, and lived almost all his life in Michigan - Lansing, Okemos, and Farmington. He and Mary moved to Farmington Two in 1956, and raised their two loving daughters, Sally (Robert) Kirsten of Farmington Hills, and Mary Amanda (Ronald) ZumBrunnen of Northville. They strongly promoted education and both daughters graduated from MSU, as did their mother. Charles worked for Lincoln Engineering and later was National Sales Mgr for Theim Corp, creating custom sealants for automotive mfg. He was devoted to his wife and family, and was a master craftsman - especially restoration of MG, Porsche, and Alpha Romeo sports cars He could fix anything, and with just basic tools. He is survived by six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Arrangements are entrusted to McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, MI. A memorial service will take place at 1st Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills, MI at 11AM on Tuesday, March 08. Interment will be beside his wife in Lansing. Please feel free to share memories and thoughts at:

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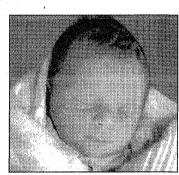
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The bride was attended by Kimberly Bigger, main of honor and sister of the bride: Laura Tolsdorf, matron of honor and sister-in-law of the bride; and Lyric Tyler Bigger, flower girl and godchild of the bride.

The couple honeymooned at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. They are making their home in Pinckney.

BIRTH



Hope Elizabeth Nashlon

Scott and Alison (Phillips) Nashlon of Belleville, formerly of Canton announce the birth of their daughter Hope Elizabeth on March 13, 2008 at U of M Hospital. She weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces and was $19^{\frac{1}{2}}$ inches long.

Grandparents are Marie Nashlon of Canton and Allyn and Carol Phillips of Ypsilanti.

Rankin-Covington Kathryn Rankin of Royal

Oak and Adam Covington of Plymouth have announced their engagement.

Katy is the daughter of Daniel and Sharon Rankin of Cedar, Mich. She is a graduate of Glen Lake High School and the University of Michigan where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in vocal performance and music education. She is currently employed by Farmington Public Schools as an elementary music teacher.

Adam is the son of William and Debra Covington of Plymouth, Mich. He is a graduate of Salem High School



and Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor of. arts degree in hospitality business. He is currently employed by a sports and entertainment food service company as a senior club manager.

The couple plans a July wedding.

REUNIONS

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill

at resource@gfn.org. **Dearborn Edsel Ford**

Class of 1968 A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313)

(248) 348-6692. **Dearborn Fordson**

Class of 1969 Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or

277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at

e-mail: Kayninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core. com.

Detroit Cass Tech

Class of 1958 A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313)882-4626

and at casstech58.com. **Detroit Christ the King Elementary** Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@bigfoot.com.

Detroit High School of Commerce Class of 1958 January, June and

Planning reunion for Sept. 13. Call J. Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834, or B. King, (248) 547-1693.

Detroit Western High School Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or email reunion-

30western@woway.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of 1-275. Anyone interested in more information can call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.

MCMLX@yahoo.com. **Class of 1989**

Need classmates to register online with names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gch-'s1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/ gchs20threunion.

The reunion date has not been set yet. **Dearborn High School** Class of 1963

A 45-year reunion planned Aug. 1, 2008. Father Patrick O'Kelley Hall, Dearborn. Contact Betsy Cushman at (313) 565-5972 or ecushman@ comcast.com

Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958

The 1958 January and June Classes of Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools are having a combined 50-Year Reunion on Saturday Aug. 2, 2008 at the Dearborn Country Club. Judy Richards Goerke at (313) 562-9031, Judygoerke@yahoo.com or Shirley Chiado Peters at (248) 348-9443, Shirley.peters@villageford. net may be contacted for further information.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

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Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School

60th Anniversary

The Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School (JACNS) in Detroit is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. A celebration and silent auction are being planned for Saturday, May 24. If you were associated with Jefferson Avenue Cooperative Nursery School at any time in the past, as either a student or parent, the school is seeking your memories. For information, email gandjack1@ yahoo.com, or call the Shields family at (313) 822-3211.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50 year reunion. Contact: Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcgloblal.net.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or email: Kayninilu@aol.com.

Milford High School Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. All interested class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. Their contact email address is: milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth High School Class of 1968

Searching for classmates for a 40th reunion on July 19, 2008. Only about 63 percent of the class have been located. Contact Sue (Keith) Johnson at (734) 451-1048 or contact phs40threunion@charter.net.

Plymouth-Canton high schools Classes of 1988

Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem classes of 1988 20-year reunion will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Contact cepclassof1988@yahoo.com for more infor-



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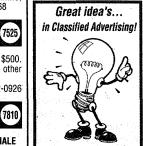
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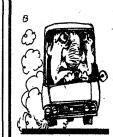
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"If we don't have music playing," he continues, "it seems as if something is out of order in the OR. Most surgeons have done procedures thousands and thousands of times. "He replaces hips and knees, which take from one to four hours. But if a previous replacement failed, he's less likely to have music on. Or if he encounters a challenge, he'll have the room silenced until everyone has worked through the rough

Like Barnett, psychologist Russell Riendeau, senior partner at The East Wing Search Group in Barrington, Ill., uses music under special circumstances -- in his case, in educational programs and motivational speeches for groups of 25 or more. Pop music from the 50s forward accompanies

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his message about personal change and generational differences so that when participants hear the same songs again, messages will be reinforced. "We might be discussing how difficult it is to work in an office environment," he says. "Where there are cubicles, there's always a strange guy. I $mention \ the \ importance \ of \ embracing \ diversity \ while \ singing$ 'Secret Cubicle Man' to the popular song 'Secret Agent Man.'

Meredith Hamilton of Clearwater, Fla.'s Expert Communications, which trains and markets professionals to be expert witnesses, also uses music for special situations when people are feeling stressed. She e-mails a ten-minute notice for the next dance break. "Then I'll play a fun song I've saved on my computer, like something from 'Grease," she reports, "or pull out a musical card, like James Brown's 'I' Feel Good,' a tune we can get silly with and smile. Somehow, it puts that break in the day, makes us more creative and productive."She also plays music when the group is assembling packets for a conference. "It gets you going," she explains.

"I mostly use music while working with clients who don't understand the concept of time," says Allison Carter of The Professional Organizer L.L.C., in Marietta, Ga. "It allows them to work for the length of a song. The song acts as a timer." She favors energetic songs to motivate people every day to clean up their desks and calming songs, such as classical and other instrumental music, for filing in three-

The experience of San Antonio's Roch Jimenez, soon-tobe a recovery business owner, suggests that corporations dislike music because of its ability to make employees comfortable. Working on a factory floor with 250 other people, he finally convinced his boss that a small portable cassette recorder was worth a try. "The music would be for where I sat with five other workers," he explains. "It would be kept low; there would be no dancing; and we would have an increase in productivity."It all came true, and other tables picked up on the trend. "When a music war between adjoining tables broke out," he continues, "justice was swift and fair -- no music for seven business days." Productivity

Barnett, the surgeon, indicates that a little sensitivity to the needs of others makes music possible in some situations. He mentions that some patients choose not to have music playing until after they're anesthetized, while others will request a specific musician or group to be played during the operation. "That's the neat thing about having the Internet," he says. "There are 100,000 songs available.

Where is music going in the workplace? Hamilton says nowhere, in terms of "a constant background noise," except where a person works in isolation, because tasks and work styles vary. "Jimenez says not where it compromises safety. "Take it out of the workplace or society," opines Riendeau,



Photo: Steven Barnett, M.D., is shown here in one of his thousands of hip replacement surgeries. He has performed so many of these surgeries that playing quiet music in the background is soothing for everyone in the OR. Barnett practices at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif.

the speaker, "and you'd probably have an extremely depressed, desensitized, unmotivated, less healthy human being, because it helps us feel better."

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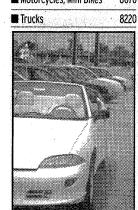


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So many SUVs are sold to people who have no intention of using them for anything resembling "sport." I have to admit I would be one of them. I'm not an off-roader, so an SUV's off-road capabilities don't matter to me much on a personal level. On a professional level, though, I know there are lots of you who want something you can take off-road, as well as look good on city streets. If that describes you, I'd advise you to take a good look at the 2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE.
Simply put, the LR2 seems equally at home no

Simply put, the LR2 seems equally at home no matter where you drive it. It's an impressive-looking SUV, with a clamshell bonnet, stepped roof, and wraparound headlights (with headlight washers). The headlights are available as either halogen lights, or High Intensity Discharge projector lamps, with Adaptive Front Lighting – which allow the lights to swivel with the direction of travel – available as part of an optional lighting package (\$1,050). Eighteen-inch aluminum allow wheels are standard as are front and rear for alloy wheels are standard, as are front and rear fog lamps.

Inside, the cabin is functional with a touch of elegance. Instrumentation includes a tachometer and coolant temperature gauge; there's a driver's information center in the middle of the instrument panel, as well. The leather-wrapped steering wheel also features audio controls and the cruise control switches.

The standard leather seats are comfortable and provide excellent support, even during long trips. The seats are six-way power adjustable, including heightadjustable. Driving position is excellent, and rear seat passengers enjoy an excellent view, thanks to the "stadium seating" design, which places rear passengers at a slightly higher elevation than those in the front seat.

There's plenty of room in the LR2, both for cargo and for people. Total luggage volume is almost 60 cubic feet with the rear seats folded forward and 26.7 cubic feet when the seats are raised. The rear cargo area features a reversible load floor cover; one side is carpet for those items you might not want to scratch, while the other side is a water-resistance surface on the other for sports equipment or things that might otherwise get the carpet dirty

The roof line is high enough for tall drivers, and there's



The 2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE. A capable performer no matter the terrain.

a lot of leg and shoulder room, as well. The standard power tilt-and-slid sunroof with sunblinds provides nice natural light for the cabin during the day. Visibility is excellent, thanks to the liberal use of glass.

2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE, at home on-and off-road

The LR2 comes with some nice standard features. Power windows, rear park distance control, dual-zone automatic climate control, cruise control and the abovementioned sunroof are all standard.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD system with eight speakers and a subwoofer. For \$3,500, you can upgrade to a system that features Dolby Pro-Logic II 7.1 Surround Sound, upgraded amplifier, 14 speakers, sub-woofer, six-disc in-dash CD changer, rear seat audio controls, satellite radio, Bluetooth connectivity, and integrated navigation system.

Both the upgraded audio and navigation systems are excellent; the navigation system is clear and easy to use (with a nice feature that allows you to turn off the voice guidance system, if you like), and the sound system is one of the best out there.

There is a Cold Climate Package offered as an option. This \$700 package gets you a heated front windshield, heated front row seats and heated windshield washer

I'll admit I didn't go off-road with the LR2, so I can't give you a first hand account of how it would do off-road, but I can tell you that on city streets and long highways, the LR2 is a joy to drive, and I don't say that about a lot

The ride is excellent for an all-wheel drive vehicle, and it's fairly easy to handle. You can choose for four different Terrain Response settings to get the right driving environment for you: General Driving, Grass/Gravel/ Snow, Mud/Ruts, and Sand. Each provides different responses from the gearbox, engine, chassis and center coupling to maximize traction as necessary.

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Electronic Traction control are part of the LR2's drive system, as well, allowing it to adapt to various driving

The LR2 is powered by 3.2-liter, 24-valve, in-line, 6cylinder engine. It's rated at 230 horsepower and 234 lb.-ft. of torque. It gets you get under way fairly quickly, with a 0-60 time of 8.4 seconds. Mileage is respectable for an all-wheel drive vehicle - 16 mpg in the city and 23 on the highway.

The engine is mated with a six-speed automatic transmission. You can choose a driving mode that fits your needs: sport or normal. You can also shift the gears yourself, if you like, using the LR2's Command-Shift mode. I wouldn't bother; the automatic gear selections suit everyday driving just fine.

Anti-lock brakes are standard and they are excellent. The LR2 also comes with dual-threshold driver and front passenger airbags, driver's knee airbag, sideimpact airbag for driver and front seat passenger and side-curtain airbags for first- and second-row occupants.
The 2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE starts at a little over

\$35,000. Add the Cold Climate Package, Lighting Package, and the upgraded audio/navigation system and you're close to \$41,000. Not bad really for an all-wheel drive SUV you can really take just about anywhere.

Maybe next time I will.

Dave Menard can be reached at Avanti1054@aol.com

2008 Land Rover LR2 HSE Vehicle class: SUV. Power: 3.2-liter in-line six-cylinder engine. Mileage: 16 city / 23 highway. Where built: Halewood, Great Britain. Base price: \$35,375. Price as tested: \$41.400. Price as tested: \$38,254.

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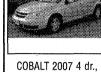
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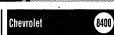


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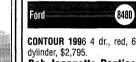
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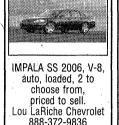


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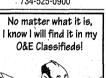
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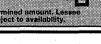














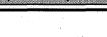










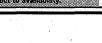


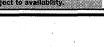


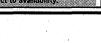


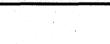
















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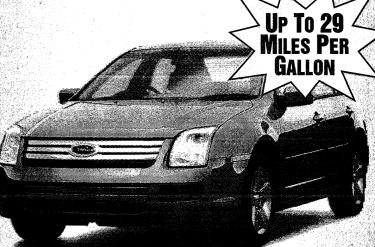
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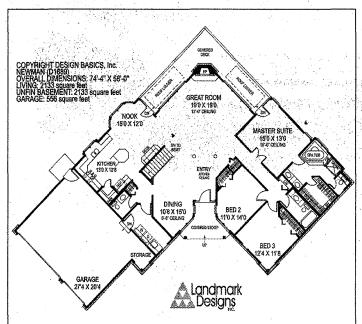
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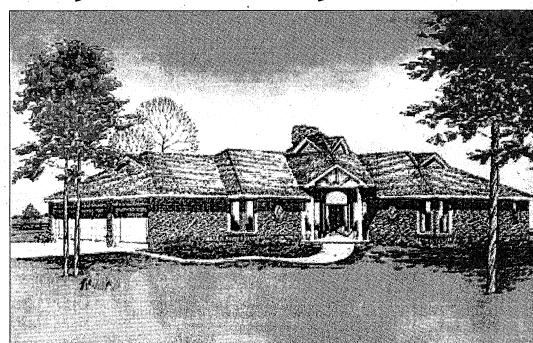
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The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present the ABCs of remodeling for homeowners from 6:30-8:30 p.m on Thursday, April 1, in Bloomfield Hills.

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Shea Company Construction. The event is free to everyone. For further information, call the Association, (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and **Construction Association** of Michigan (CAM) present The Southeast Michigan Residential & Commercial **Construction Safety Training** Workshop on Thursday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Total Sports Complex, 30990 Wixom Road in Wixom.

The seminar will include how to deal with fall protection, trenching, rigging, masonry, aerial lift, fire protection, scaffolding, asbestos awareness and more.

Registration is \$75 per person. After March 25, registration is payable at the door only and is \$90 per person. To register, call Joe Forgue at (248) 972-1141 or Sheila Denstaedt at (248) 862-1033. To register online, visit www.cam-online. com or www.builders.org

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built Training on Wednesday, April 9, from 9-10:30 a.m. at 879 Benjamin, Troy. This house built by Wake-Pratt Construction is on the east side of Crooks Road, north of Square Lake Road.

In this first of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses the technical and sales aspects of Building Green using materials and methods that result in Green Built® certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement. Training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a Certified Graduate "Design Build" course on Tuesday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPSn of Builders Professional Services Group, will teach techniques that lead to a well managed, full service building or remodeling business with increased profits and maximized customer satisfaction. He will also discuss the benefits of implementing a design/build strategy and how to make it successful.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Selling to the CAPS Generation, the New Gen X" (Certified Aging-In-Place) on Wednesday, April 16, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS of Builders Professional Services Group, will instruct attendees on how to communicate and interact with this exciting and evolving population and how to do business with one of the fastest growing market segments. Registration fees are \$15 for SMC members, \$25 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a builder's license preparation course Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein, will discuss "What's New in Michigan Construction Lien Law and Lien Procedures." Registration fees are \$75 for BIA members and \$125 for guests. For registration infor-

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Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a professional maintenance course on "Pool Chemistry and Maintenance" on Thursday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to noon at Wilmar Offices, 23975 Research Drive, Farmington Hills.

Wilmar staff will instruct attendees in aspects of pool chemistry, filtration, circulation, routine cleaning, daily testing and chemical maintenance. Fees are \$45 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a "Leasing 101: The 2008 Tour" seminar on Friday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to noon at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Led by Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site, the seminar will cover competitive analysis of what is being sold, setting up the close, telephone techniques, Internet and e-mail and meet-greet information. The seminar is valuable for newly hired leasing personnel as well as seasoned ones. Registration fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for **AAM** or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$99 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-

1033. 'Tools of the Trade'

Real estate author, speaker and expert forecaster Stefan Swanepoel will present his visionary "Top 10 Trends" for 2008 as Realcomp II Ltd. hosts its annual "Tools of the Trade" Expo, Thursday April 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. at the Ford Conference and



Stefan Swanepoel

in Dearborn. Swanepoel will serve as the Expo's keynote speaker. Free and open to all Michigan Realtors and

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sonnel, the all-day, Big Top-themed event will also feature presentations, technological displays and more than 50 exhibitors sharing industry innovations. A catered lunch will be served by Opus to Go.

Each year, the Expo provides Michigan Realtors with a comprehensive forum for networking as well as discovering new resources and information designed to enhance their business and ability to

serve their customers," said Karen Kage, CEO of Realcomp II Ltd. "As attendance for our event continues to grow, we are looking forward to more than 1,000 Realtors joining us this year. 'Tools of the Trade,' we are quite happy to say, has truly become one of Michigan real estate's most anticipated

To register for the Expo or to obtain information, visit online at: www. RealcompExpo.com.

Broker Summit

The Michigan Association of Realtors will host its sixth annual Broker Summit Conference on April 15-16. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The 2008 Broker Summit will feature industry speaker Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist and senior vice president of Research for the National Association of Realtors. Also highlighting the event will be John Tuccillo, author of The Eight New Rules of Real Estate; Sherry Chris, president and CEO of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate; Steve Harney, industry leader in real estate agent training; Greg McClelland, counsel to the Michigan Association of Realtors; Kelly Myers, of McClelland & Anderson, LLP; Nancy Haynes, director of Fair Housing Center of West Michigan; and Brian Westrin, MAR manager of Legal Affairs. An expert legal panel and MAR update are also scheduled. For more information, visit the MAR web site at http://www.mirealtors.com/ brokersummit/2008.html or contact Joe Kras at (800) 454-

Parade of Staged Homes

The second annual Parade of Staged Homes Event will be held 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 4. Proceeds of the event benefit Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. Its purpose is to showcase exceptional houses and the Realtors who understand how to use home staging as a marketing tool, as well as provide an opportunity for the public to meet **Accredited Home Staging** Professionals that are helping to market and ultimately sell houses quickly in the Detroit metro area. Those who are interested in finding a quality home or learning about the staging process to sell their properties are encouraged to attend. Houses can be located by going to www.paradeofstagedhomes.com for map and addresses. Admission is free.

Ford Community College at (313) 317-1500 to register Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers will present the ABCs of Remodeling for all interested homeowners. The event will take place at Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday, April 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and is free to everyone. The Center is located just west of Telegraph and north off 14 Mile. Homeowners will have an opportunity to speak directly with remodelers and to providers of related services. A panel of experts will discuss what homeowners need to know about major and minor remodeling for improvement projects such as kitchens and baths, home additions and insurance repairs. Also included will be information on energy efficiency, cost and financing and how to hire a professional contractor.

includes Mark Renn of H.J. Oldenkamp, John Maloney of **BOA Construction, Don Pratt** of Wake-Pratt Construction, Patty Shea of Shea Company Construction, Tim Smith of Countrywide Bank, FSB, Mike Gordon, A.I.A., of Moiseev/Gordon Architects and Don Bourdeau of Al Bourdeau Insurance. Each expert is a member of BIA and its NAHBR Professional

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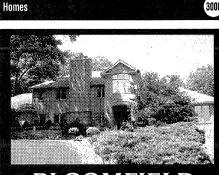
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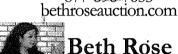


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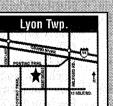
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NO DRAMA LTR
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ARE YOU HERE? SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBM, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. #269770

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BF, 5'7", full-figured, brown eyes, N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. \$\frac{\pi}{1280756}\$

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Let's get together and see what develops!
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HI LADIES
SWM, 46, kind, hard-working, N/S, seeking SB/
HF, 32-34, N/S, for sharing conversation, enjoys
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254060

FRIENDSHIP FIRST WM, 5'11", 180lbs, works in construction, looking for a woman, 38-55, to go out and do things with. I enjoy racing, the water and more. \$\pi 257001\$ GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR

WM, 6'3", dark/blue, easygoing, down-to-earth, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, dining out, Would love to meet an attractive female for dating. Foreign born a plus. 17:257029

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YOUNG-AT-HEART
SWM, 76, 6', 200lbs, N/S, retired health care professional, good natured, healthy, active, seeks old fashioned SWF, 62-70, college grad, who's affectionate, kind, for friendship first may-

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LOOKING FOR A FRIEND DWM, 49, 250lbs, overweight, enjoys life's simple things. Seeking friendship leading to love with SWF, 35-60, caring, compassionate, romantic, open-minded, who will accept me in good times and bad. \$\mathbf{T259425}\$

SWM, 5'10", 53, homeowner 's SWM, 5'10", 53, homeowner, lonely, interested in meeting a SWF, 40-45, N/S. Let's get together and see what happens! \$\frac{\pi}{2264178}\$

SEEKING LTR
WM, 52, looking for a woman to spend some quality time with. Want to meet someone to share nice evenings and the finer things in life with 30-58. \$265218

LIFE IS BEST SHARED
Secure, employed, independent SWM, 39, sociable, affectionate, kind, seeks similar lady who
likes sports, theater, romance, to share the finer
things in life, laughter and anything that comes
our way. 1232608

FRIENDLY AND FUN SBM, 48, brown complexion, open-minded, sincere, warm and patient, seeks SF, 21-60, to get to know and share all the good times in life.

HANDSOME MALE
SBM, 6', HWP, professionally employed, kind, considerate, confidence, likes concerts, travel, dining. Seeking WF, 30-58, attractive, passionate, loving, affectionate. **T984967**

HOPE ABOUT A CALL?
Loving, real separated BM, 28, business owner, father, looking for genuine, sexy, sweet, child-friendly SWF, goal-oriented and affectionate who knows how to have a good time in life.

HOPE TO FIND YOU

SM, 41, wishing to meet loving, respectful lady, 26-50, not about games, to share happiness, special times, laughter and possibly love. ##241700

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS
Cool, classy, attractive SWM 50s, 'HIV+ seeks special lady for dating and possible LTR. special la

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SWM, 43, 6'2", 200lbs, with salt-n-pepper hair, seeks thin SF, under 42, with long hair and nice legs for a life of happiness, humor and love. 1192324

HI THERE
SBM, 41, employed, likes bowling, fishing, simple times. Seeking a loving, easygoing, affectionate lady to share talks nice times, com-

TAKE A CHANCE
Sociable SM, 45, hard-working, considerate and kind-hearted, outgoing and open-minded loves horror and action films, nice times at home, snuggling and more. Seeking compatible lady who appreciates the same. Friendship/dating? panionship and togetherness. 2246214

WORTH A SHOT Outgoing SM, 35, drummer, tall, dark and hand-some, loves partying with friends, trying new things and just having fun. Seeking SF into the same, for friendship and then who knows?

SEEKS SWEET, SLENDER LADY Selective, outgoing, honest SBM, 43, 6'3", self-employed, 183bs, looking for outgoing, open-minded, slim, tall woman, homebody type, to share the good times in life. **2247600**

HOW ARE YOU?

DWM, 37, 6'1", 200lbs, athletic build, medium blond hair, employed, outgoing and fun, hardworking, looking to meet like-minded lady to share talks, casual dates, friendship more? SPEND TIME TOGETHER

Attractive SM, 37, 511", 1901bs, searching for an attractive SF, 23-44, with a nice attitude, who loves to laugh and have fun. 17249665

SEEKING ROMANCE
SBM, 50, 5'11", 172lbs, looking for an honest woman, NS, for possible LTR. I like camping, playing guitar, going to movies and dining out. 17262304

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Romantic, thoughtful SWM, 39, is looking for love, enjoys hugs, kisses and cuddling, seeks kind, attractive SWF, age and area open. 22113835

BM, 22, 6'1", brown eyes, likes hanging out, movies, having fun and more. Looking for down-to-earth, easygoing BF, 29-40, to spend time with. **1264317**

OUTGOING
SM, 18, 5'8", 160lbs, athletic build, N/S, seeks petite BF, 18-23, under 5'4" and 140lbs, N/S, to share sports, italian food, and more! \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$264980 LET'S MEET SOON!
SWM, 44, 190lbs, very good-looking, very fit, I have a good job, seeks nice woman, 25-44, to spend time with, leading to serious LTR.

HONEST AND SINCERE
DWM, 52, 5'10', 150lbs, likes roller skating, computers, biking and some old moves. Seeking SW/HF, slim to medium build, for dating, possibly more. \$\frac{1}{12}\$256288 HONEST AND SINCERE

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY
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COOL DUDE SEEKS COOL LADY SBM, 30, 6', 235lbs, dark complexion, outgoing, real and affectionate, looking for sexy, sweet, honest woman who loves life and knows how to like it to the fullow. live it to the fullest. 22252877

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SBM, 54, N/S, loves R&B, jazz, simple times, romance and time with someone special. Seeking a loving lady, medium build/full-figured, to share all lifes simple pleasures. \$\frac{\pi}{2}\$210024

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
SM, 5'10", 200lbs, grayish-brown hair, moustache, glasses, looking for SWBF, 50-55, who loves holding hands and kissing. I like bowling, long walks in the park, dining, etc. \$\pi\$259606

NICE GUYS DO EXIST NICE GUYS DU EXISI
SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, likes walks on the beach, casinos and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4'11"+, attractive, caring, ☎212428 SEEKING SOMETHING REAL
Sociable, active SM, 25, 6'3", 225lbs, brown/

hazel, strong, affectionate, lovable, loves camping, cuddling, trying new things, nice talks. Seeking loving, family-oriented, outdoorsy SF, to share lifes little pleasures and adventures. \$\mathbf{T}\$227126

HEY LADIES
SBM, 22, 6'2", brown complexion, brown eyes, 175lbs, looking for sexy, thick, shapely ladies to kick it with and have a good time. 17240995

TRY ME LADIES
SBM, 25, 5'8", 165lbs, caramel complexion, black hair, N/S, N/D, independent, self-employed, seeking a SF, 18-30, active, kind, who's ready for a committed relationship. \$\pi 243066\$ HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SM, 29, 6', 195lbs, attractive, employed, seeks SF, 21-31, kind-hearted, sweet, fit and active, to share dinner dates, theater nights,

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LOOKING FOR YOU
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LOOKING FOR SOULMATE Attractive SWM, 6'3". 165lbs, N/S, N/D, shy, fit, enjoys carpentry, riding my bicycle, gardening and more. Seeking a SWF, 50-60, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 17248074

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HI LADIES
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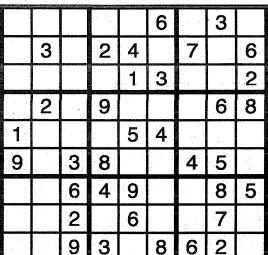


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