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# **Leaders tout** communities at breakfast

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

As the price of gaso-line escalates closer to \$4 per gallon this summer, Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell believes it could actually be good news for the local economy.

"If the price of fuel does go through the roof this summer, I think that also creates some opportunity for us," Pursell told nearly 150 Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce business leaders Wednesday morning at the annual State of the Community Breakfast. "A lot of people might not be traveling this year, and I take that as an opportunity for us to work with merchants, retailers and restaurants and see what the city can do to help them bring business to town. With Friday night concerts in the park, Art in the Park, Chili Fest and Fall Fest there are a lot of things people come to our town for to have a great time and spend money."

At the early morning breakfast meeting, Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume touted jobs, development and commerce being generated by a number of companies that are expanding and moving into the township's industrial parks. Reaume also had some good news for motorists traveling North

Territorial Road. "Now that the Sheldon Road underpass is closed, there are 200 trucks a day each way - that need to getin and out of the area and it's (North Territorial) taking a beating," said Reaume. "As soon as Sheldon Road is open, we're going to work with Wayne County on a plan, and we hope to get that road completely resurfaced within three years."

Ken Jacobs, interim **Plymouth-Canton Schools** superintendent, said the remaining remodeling and site work projects at a number of school buildings paid with \$110 million in bonds passed by voters in September 2004 should be completed next year.

"We've been able to capitalize on a favorable bidding climate, otherwise known as the poor economy," Jacobs said. "Next year we'll finish the bulk of our work, that's a year and a half early ... we purposely escalated that to take advantage of the economic climate. We've been fortunate to come in on every single project on time and under budget."

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Dot Ross, Cecelia Jones and Jo Reid are three active residents of Plymouth's Tonquish Creek Manor.

# Another option

# Manor gives Plymouth seniors a place to go

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

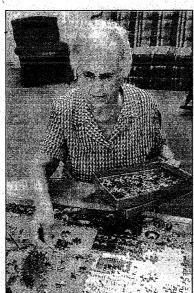
Among the first thoughts for anyone looking to move is generally location, location, location.

And, when it comes to senior living, none may be located better than Tonquish Creek Manor, nestled in a park-like setting only a block from downtown Plymouth.

Tonquish Creek Manor is a joint effort between the City of Plymouth and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, providing 108 units of subsidized housing for seniors over 62 years old. Each apartment features one bedroom, a kitchen, dining area, living room and a walk-in closet. Income restrictions to move in, according to HUD, are \$39,150 for a single person and \$44,750 for a couple.

'Our residents never have to pay more than 30 percent of their income, ever, to live here," said Sharon Thomas, director of the **Plymouth Housing Commission** the past 30 years. "Generally, it's about 28 percent because there's a deduction for medical. We tell them they will always have enough money for food and prescriptions.

"It doesn't cost anyone to put in



Jo Reid assembles one of Tonguish Creek Manor's extensive collection of puzzles.

an application, and we encourage people to do it because their circumstances can change anytime," she said. "Many times they wait until their backs are against the

It was somewhat like that 27 years ago for Dorothea Ross, who moved from her Canton Township mobile home to Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth after some

life-changing events.

"I returned home after seeing my son in California and the pipes underneath were frozen," said Ross, 89. "I then had to dig my car out from the ice and I felt pain. That was my first heart attack I've had four and two bypass

"I began putting my name in at various apartments, including here (Tonquish Creek Manor)," she said. "Three months later they called me and said they had a place. I'm very comfortable here and I feel great."

For Ross, and 104 other residents, Tonquish Creek Manor may be the best-kept secret in Plymouth. Located only a block from downtown, the federally subsidized apartment complex on Sheridan Street is not only home, but also an activity center, for

"I play euchre on Monday and bingo on Wednesday. Thursday is Bible reading or church," said Ross. "I'm on the committee for potluck dinners, we have pizza parties, in the summer we have hot dog barbecues where everyone brings a dish."

Please see MANOR, A8

# After trial, families try to move on

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

They faithfully wore their Detroit Red Wing jackets as the Wings began the hockey playoffs. They followed the progress of American *Idol*, including one of their picks, crowd favorite David Archuletta.

But for Jim and Kim Sorensen of Westland, nothing took the trial of Jean Pierre Orlewicz very far from their consciousness. Orlewicz, 18, of Plymouth Township was convicted

appeal verdict, A6.

Wednesday of killing the Defense lawyer will Sorensens' 26-year-old son, Daniel. By Michigan law, he'll spend the rest of his life in prison following his May 12 sentencing.

But there is no Michigan law for how the Sorensens move on, though they know they have to. But it isn't easy. From the moment I wake up until I kiss

Dan's picture when I go to bed, this has been the focus," Kimberly Sorensen said. "(The trial) has been the total focus." In addition to providing justice for the vic-

tim, Orlewicz's trial was also a way for friends of Sorensen to start to close the wound. Jennifer Palmer of Livonia was away tak-

ing care of personal business when she got the word Sorensen had been killed. She said the trial was cathartic.

"When Dan died ... I wasn't around," Palmer said. "It means a lot to everyone in his whole family that he gets some kind of justice. This is my personal closure."

Kim and Jim Sorensen were quick to point out in the immediate aftermath of the trial they weren't the only family in pain following the conclusion of the trial. Pete and Diane Letkemann of Westland will watch their son,

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

While James and Kimberley Sorensen of Westland are glad their murdered son, Daniel, received justice, they feel for the families of the two teens going to prison for his murder.

# City Hall work crews discover asbestos in floor tiles

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

City Manager Paul Sincock has been working in a makeshift office at City Hall the past couple of weeks after a crew that was installing new carpet discovered floor tiles containing asbestos under the old rug.

While they were taking out the old carpet some of the tiles underneath came up and there was some indication by the crew that the tiles may have asbestos," said Sincock. "We stopped the project to have it tested and found there was a small amount of asbestos in the tiles. We did the prudent thing and had an abatement company come in and take care of it.

Mark Halloway, project consultant for Soils Material Engineering in Plymouth Township, said since the asbestos was contained in a solid material there is little chance that it is dangerous.

"If you can't crush the material (tile) to powder with your hands it's not a hazard," said Halloway.

"It's when it gets airborne that it becomes a problem, like with pipe insulation and ceiling tiles which can become easily dislodged and can crumble. Then, if it breaks down into small fibers and you breathe it into your lungs it can cause various diseases."

Sincock said other parts of City Hall probably have the same tile under the carpet. He said the tiles will be removed whenever new carpet is installed.

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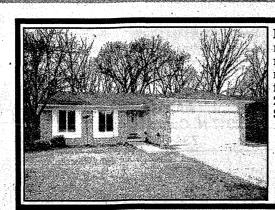
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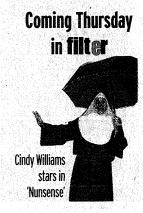
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# Miller Woods walk

Come celebrate the arrival of spring weather by taking a walk through Miller Woods. Guided walks showcasing the procession of spring wildflowers are planned for April 27 and May 4. The walks are scheduled for 2, 2:30, and 3 p.m. on those days.

Miller Woods is located on Powell Road, between Beck and Ridge Roads in Plymouth Township. Please note, this is a nature preserve and dogs are not permitted.

# Hazardous waste day

Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth once again host a joint Household **Hazardous Waste Collection** Day 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck in Plymouth Township.

The event is only open to city and township residents. Acceptable wastes include paints/stains, automotive fluids, batteries, computer equipment, propane cylinders, fertilizers and pesticides.

Among the unacceptable items: televisions, smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, PCBs, ammunition and fireworks and medical waste.

A full list of acceptable items can be found on the Web at www.plymouthtwp.org/ Community/SpecialEvents/ HHWDay2.htm. You can also call the township at (734) 354 3270, Ext. 4, or the City of Plymouth, (734) 453-7737, for more information.

### Park clean-up

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox hosts the fourth-annual Park Clean-Up Day Saturday, May 3 at the Bennett Arboretum and Northville Recreation area. Parking is located across he street at Cass Benton. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.;

work goes from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (313) 224-0946.

### **Seniors seminar**

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts an educational seminar for seniors 10 a.m. to noon Monday, April 28. The seminar will cover financial and legal issues including prolonging retirement income, IRA distribu-

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tion planning, wills and trusts, elder law, asset protection, wealth transfer strategies, estate planning, gifting and charitable giving, long-term care, Medicare, Medicaid, college planning for grandparents, taxation, dispute resolution and ethical wills.

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The seminar takes place in the downstairs social hall at OLGC, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township. Reservations must be made by April 25.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (734) 453-9730.

### Spring concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents its Spring Concert, a Salute to Stage, Screen and Television" 8 p.m. Saturday, May 3, and 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

Performances will be held at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six mile Road, Northville. From the concert and Broadway stages to the silver screen and television, this concert is sure to bring back fond memories. From movie classics like the "Over The Rainbow" to Broadway favorites like "Send In The Clowns" — "A Salute To Stage, Screen and Television" is sure to help you relive some of the great and not-so great songs that made a lasting impres-

For more information or to order tickets visit us on-line at www.beckridgechorale.org or to order using our business phone call 734.416.9885.

### 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 expo-



sure for your business.

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

## Author, photographer at luncheon

The Friends of the Plymouth District Library join the Friends of the Canton, Northville and Novi libraries in presenting author Loren Estleman and photographer Monte Nagler at the annual Book and Author Luncheon, May 14 at Fox Hills Country

The two have recently collaborated on "Amos Walker's Detroit", a collection of photographs of Detroit areas found in Estleman's popular Amos Walker mystery series.

The mystery and western novels of Loren Estleman have been translated into dozens of languages and are read around the world. He has received eighteen national writing awards from such organizations as the Private Eve Writers of America, the Western Writers of America and Popular Fiction Monthly. In 1987, the Michigan Foundation of the Arts presented him with its award for literature. In 1997, the Michigan Library Association named him the recipient of the Michigan Author's Award

Fine art photographer Monte Nagler has won numerous awards. His work is found in many private and public collections including the Detroit Institute

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# **Enjoying the** limelight

Canton's Elisabeth Crawford, Miss Michigan USA 2008, had the opportunity to meet with Donny Osmond in Las Vegas during the Miss USA competition last week. Donny and Marie Osmond hosted the 57th annual MISS USA Pageant from the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino, which was broadcast live April 11 on NBC. Crawford didn't win but was thrilled with the experience. "Working with Donny and Marie was an exciting and wonderful opportunity and re-inspired me to redouble my efforts to encourage children to eat responsibly to prevent cancer - a cause close to my heart," Crawford said.

of Arts; the University of Michigan Museum of Art; the Dayton Art Institute; the Grand Rapids Museum of Art: the Center for Creative Photography and The Brooklyn Museum.

The Book and Author Luncheon is open to the public; tickets are \$25. They can be purchased at any of the participating libraries, including the Plymouth District Library. For more information, call 734-453-0750, Ext. 242.

### McCotter to speak

The Canton Rotary Club will host U.S. Rep. Thaddus McCotter as a guest speaker at its weekly luncheon at noon, Monday, April 21 at Carrabba's Italian grill 1900 Haggerty Road in Canton. McCotter, who is up for reelection this fall, will be speaking about his efforts on preserving and promoting manufacturing and small business, as well as fighting to reduce taxes and the size and scope of govern-

All local citizens and business owners are welcome to lunch -- cost is \$11. For more information, contact the Rotary Club at (734) 844-7400.

### **DIA lecture series**

The Plymouth Community Arts Council together with the Plymouth District Library presents the Detroit Institute of Arts Speakers **Bureau Evening Lecture** Series. Monday, April 21 at 7 p.m. topic to be announced.

Contact the PCAC one week before the lecture to hear the topic. Held at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth. (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com

# 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 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

### First Step event

First Step and The Plymouth Coffee Bean are taking part in recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. During this month, The Plymouth Coffee Bean and First Step will be joining with people throughout the state and the nation to focus the public's attention on this important issue.

The Plymouth Coffee Bean hosts the sixth-annual Coffee Bean Event coordinated by Jessica Klein and First Step, Saturday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.. Join us with a great cup of coffee and community as we hear from local bands; Tristan and Mary, from Just Jill; The Next Romantic; and Fallsway Downs. The event starts with a candlelight vigil. Following will the be the musical performances, coffee, and great company. All proceeds will go to First Step of Plymouth and Safe House of Ann Arbor.

At First Step, over 360 victims of sexual assault and their friends and family received services last year alone.

For more information on Sexual Assault Awareness Month, contact First Step at 734/416-1111 during business hours. If you or someone that vou know has been sexually assaulted, confidential help is available 24-hours a day, seven days a week at (888) 453-5900.

# 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

### Cruisers walking

The PCCA Cruisers Walking Club brings community seniors together to enjoy a low

impact form of exercise. The group meets at the Plymouth Township Park at 9 a.m. Thursdays from May through October, to walk together on the fitness walking trails.

Call the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, (734) 453-1234, for more information.

## 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







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# **Driving for dollars**

# School, Dodge dealer hook up for charity

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Field Elementary in Canton Township is among 49 schools across the nation driving for a \$5,000 prize in the National Dodge Journey Drive for the Kids School Challenge to raise money in support of literacy and student enrichment pro-

Nearly 130 parents and friends of Field Elementary took a test drive of the new Journey crossover vehicle in the parking lot Wednesday night, raising \$880 dollars for school programs. Chrysler donated \$5 for the first 100 test drives of any one of the four Journey models supplied by Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth, and \$10 for each drive over 100. The school that raises the most money will receive an additional \$5,000.

Jason Scott, general manager of Dick Scott Dodge, said they've been participating in the Chrysler-run program at Field the past four years.

"I have a couple of kids in the Plymouth-Canton schools district and we want to stav involved in the community and other charitable events," said Scott. "There's not enough money to go around for the

kids, so every little bit helps." Ann Marie Rockov, co-president of the Field PTO, called



Parents of Field Elementary School students were the first to test drive the all-new 2009 Dodge Journey as part of the National Dodge Journey Drive for the Kids School Challenge to help raise money in support of literacy and student enrichment programs.



Drive for the Kids combines a fund-raiser for Field Elementary School with an opportunity for parents to try out Dodge's newest crossover, the Journey.

as many people as she could to

"I'm glad they called us back to do it, and \$5,000 would come in handy for the school," said

Rockov. "Last year we raised \$600, and we were hopeful of raising more this year."

Field was the first school of the 49 to participate the

national contest. David Moraco, who has three children attending Field, said the program allowed him to possibly look for another vehicle to replace one of his family's two vans and help the PTO.

"The program is great, we sure could use the money for the school," Moraco said. "The kids need books and other things, and we all know how tough the economy is ... we're sure not going to get much from the budget anymore. It's nice that the dealership comes in and supports the local schools."

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# Friday evening film series runs through May 9 at MU

The 11th District Citizens for Peace and Madonna University will continue their spring film series with three more films shown at 7 p.m. Fridays at Madonna University.

Donation is \$5 per event, with parking available free in the lighted lot.

Films are provided by the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (MCHR) and will be shown at different times and dates in Royal Oak and Macomb Community College.

Coming films include: ■ Beloved Community on April 25 — Hitting close to home, this film looks at Sarnia, Ontario, and its toxic legacy of Canada's petrochemical industry. Discussion will center around the questions of how industrial communities can arrive at a healthy balance between a community's economic livelihood and health and environmental impact.

The film will be shown in the Science Lecture Hall.

■ American Blackout on May 2 — A 2006 Sundance Film Festival winner, this film examines the contemporary tactics used to control our democratic process and silence voices of political dissent. This film chronicles the recurring patterns of voter disenfranchisement while following the story of former Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney. It will be shown in Kresge Hall.

The Big Sellout on May 9 — This political documentary, shown in Kresge Hall, depicts the stories of the everyday life of those who have to deal with the effects of privatization failures. Basic public services such as water supply, electricity, public transportation and even health care are exam-

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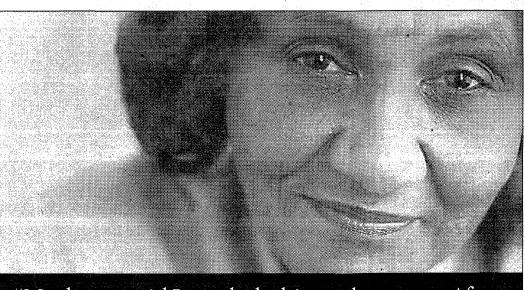
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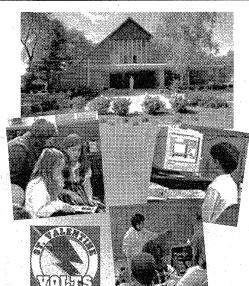
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# A special tradition (and a coincidence)

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

The annual tradition Diane Montagano has with one of her former kindergarten students was sweet enough on its own, but now that a second generation is following their lead, she says it's unbelievably cool.

"I am going to assume that no one else on the planet is doing this," said Montagano, a retired Fiegel Elementary teacher.

For the last 39 years, Montagano and Michael

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Stevenson of Canton have celebrated their mutual birthday of Dec. 14 by having lunch together.

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Stevenson, a married father of three, said he was floored when he learned his youngest daughter, Jessica, shared the same birthday, April 9, as her future kindergarten teacher, Jean LaPointe.

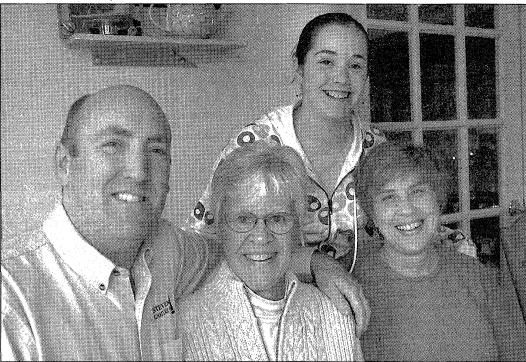
"When we took our oldest daughter (Julia) to kindergarten round-up, I told her about my kindergarten teacher and then just casually asked when was her birthday," Stevenson said. "When she said April 9, I couldn't believe it."

LaPointe, who teaches at Tonda Elementary, says she was also thrilled by the coincidence and later told the school's principal, "Make sure I get Jessica Stevenson in my class."

Jessica, now 11, and LaPointe of Plymouth have been having their own birthday lunches for six years.

When the two celebrated this year on April 10, Jessica and LaPointe were joined by her husband, David, Montagano and the whole Stevenson family, including wife, Debbie, daughter, Julia, 12 and son, Michael, 9.

"This is the first time that all of us have been together," Mike Stevenson said. "The great thing about this is that right from the second (LaPointe) found out, you could tell she was excited about having her own life-long relationship with Jessie. It's not forced on either end and



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reluctance. "But it's not until

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how special this is. This has

LaPointe agreed and said

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This is one of those of

she's happy that she and

been phenomenal."

to be apart of this?"

day tradition.

Mike Stevenson and his daughter Jessica both share their birthdays with their elementary school teachers Diane Montagano (center) and Jean LaPointe.

really, the whole thing cracks

As they dined on a meal of

chicken salad, Montagano

and Stevenson toss out random stories from their 39-

vear relationship and Jessie

laughing and joking.

and LaPointe sat side by side

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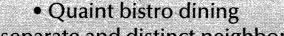


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Alexander, be sentenced to 20-30 years in prison for his role in Sorensen's killing, and William and Charlotte Orlewicz will see Jean Pierre be remanded to the state's custody for the rest of his life May 12.

"We lost a son, but for the rest of his life, the Orlewiczes have lost the companionship of their son, too," said Kim Sorensen. "We hope the community remembers them in their prayers, too."

The Orlewicz family has declined to comment throughout the case. Orlewicz's attorney, James Thomas, said following the trial his client would appeal.

There will be no such appeal for Alexander Letkemann, the 18-year-old former Livonia Churchill High School student, following his April 1 guilty

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The family of murder defendant Jean Pierre Orlewicz waited for the verdict then, through their attorney, vowed to appeal their son's conviction.

plea to second-degree murder. It was Letkemann's chilling description of the murder that

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ultimately convinced jurors to convict Orlewicz.

Letkemann's role in the trial drew praise from a surprising source: the victim's father.

'Please understand that I have anger toward Alex," James Sorensen said. "That being said, I'm very proud of Alex. He stood up like a man and took responsibility for his actions."

For Letkemann, the trial was but a subplot on the

rest of his life. His parents said they paid some attention to the trial, but remain focused on their own son. Pete Letkemann, who called the Sorensens "amazing people," said his son always wanted to "tell the truth."

We love Alex and we believe, as does Alex, that his testifying was the right thing to do," Pete Letkemann said. "I don't mean the right thing to do for Alex, but the right thing

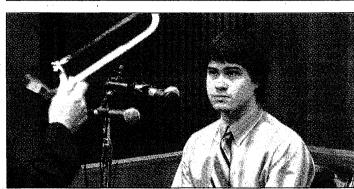
### **APPEALING THE VERDICT**

James Thomas, the lawyer for convicted killer Jean Pierre Orlewicz, said he'll appeal Wednesday's guilty verdict.

Orlewicz, 18, was convicted of first-degree murder, felony murder and mutilation of a corpse. He faces a life sentence without possibility of parole when he's sentenced May 12.

Thomas said he'll appeal based on Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry's decision to keep out evidence of victim Daniel Sorensen's criminal past, including personal protection orders taken out against him by four individuals.

Thomas spent much of the trial trying to paint Sorensen as a violent bully, and said those PPOs would have substantiated that claim.



Alexander Letkemann of Westland, a former Livonia Churchill student, describes the killing of Daniel Sorensen during testimony in Wayne County Circuit Court Wednesday.

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to do, period."

The elder Letkemann said his son is anxious to get Wednesday's sentencing hearing behind him so he can move on and rebuild his life from prison. Alex Letkemann,

calling the following:

who amused observers during his testimony by describing himself as a "beatnik," has an interest in music.

"This is his chance for redemption," Pete Letkemann said. "He wants a second chance."

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1. Z 08-06 886 N. Mill

Non-Use Variance Requested Rear Yard Setback for Lot Split Zoned: MU, Mixed Use Applicant: Dominic Maltese

2. Z 08-07 915 Linden

Non-Use Variance Requested Front & Rear Yard Setbacks Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Kathleen & Stephen Owsley

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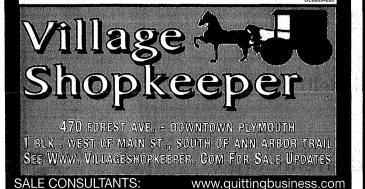
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### PLANNING COMMISSION HARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, May 5, 2008, in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 4.01 (OFF STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS), 6A.09 (EXEMPTION TO SIGN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS), ARTICLE 6A.12 (SIGNS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS), AMEND SECTIONS 1.03, 6.02, 16.02, 17.02, 21.00 AND 22.00 (INDOOR PET BOARDING FACILITIES) AND CREATE SECTION 2.29 (TEMPORARY PORTABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S., prior to Thursday, May 1, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman Publish: April, 20, 2008

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **MAY 8, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. The following agenda will be discussed:

# Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Steven Johnson, Dawn Zuber

# Acceptance of Agenda

Joseph and Linda Ringer, 47870 Picadilly Court, Canton, MI 48187 for residential property, located at same address, south side of Warren Road between Beck and Ridge Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback. Zone R-2

Parcel 029 03 0132 000 (Building)

31 Canton Associates LLC, 2025 West Long Lake Road, Suite 104, Troy, MI 48098 for residential properties located at 50810 Mott Road, 5230 Barr Road, and unimproved Mott Road acreage, north of Mott Road, between Barr and Ridge Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02.b, Lot dimensions and

proportions, and Article 27.00, Section 27.05.C.5, Approval period. Zone R-1 and R-4

Parcels 123 99 0004 000; 123 99 0015 000; 123 99 0005 000 (Planning)

# Approval of the March 13, 2008 Minutes

All written comments need to be submitted to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, prior to 5:00 PM on the date of the hearing.

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### CITY OF LIVONIA LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Proposals will be received by the City of Livonia-Housing Commission, Michigan as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, through the NAHRO Electronic Procurement System at www.nahro.economicengine.com, at which time said proposals will be publicly announced. The announcement will take place at the Livonia Housing Commission - Newburgh Village, 11999 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI. 48150.

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The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Housing Commission.

> JAMES M. INGLIS, Housing Director JACK KIRKSEY, Mayor CITY OF LIVONIA

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### PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN **WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008** 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

1. SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

SP 08-05 376 S. Harvey

Parking Lot Addition Zoned: O-1, Office Applicant: Mike Gladchun

2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF:

Recreational Vehicle Parking

3. SITE PLAN APPROVAL:

605 S. Harvey SP 08-06

2nd Floor Addition

Zoned: O-1, Office Applicant: Steven Cupchak & Shale Lapping

4. EXTENSION OF PUD APPROVAL

PUD 08-01 101 S. Union

Project Completion Date Extension & **Building Revision** Zoned: PUD, Planned Unit Development Applicant: Daisy at Plymouth

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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# Women voters enthused about 2008 presidential race

BY JULIE BROWN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Sally Fedus of Plymouth Township is excited about the possibility of a woman in the Oval Office.

"I am strongly in favor of supporting a woman as president," said Fedus, who retired from the Internal Revenue Service about six years ago. "I think it's long overdue."

She sees U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, the New York Democrat and former first lady, as the first viable woman candidate.

"I'm excited about the possibility of breaking that (gender) barrier. I'm equally excited about breaking the race bar-

She favors Clinton over U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, the Democrat from Illinois. because she believes Clinton has more experience. "I'm supporting whichever of the Democratic candidates get the nomination," said Fedus. "I would prefer Sen. Clinton. In order to be an effective administrator, I think you need to have some connections."

Fedus has worked on political campaigns in the past, and will become more involved after the Obama-Clinton race is decided. She didn't see the April 16 debate between the

"I read the (Detroit) Free Press every morning," said Fedus, who also relies on CNN and MSNBC. She enjoys a lot of political discussions with

friends, which also help to shape her views.

The Iraq war is a major concern for her, "we will hopefully get out of the mess we're in." A national health care policy also ranks high for Fedus: "Of course, the economy is a big issue, too." She's concerned about economic policy going back to the presidency of Ronald Reagan, Reaganomics, and the impact of subsequent Republican administrations

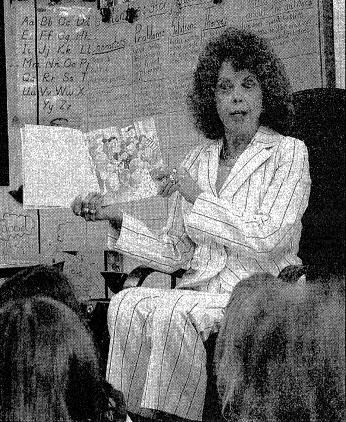
Fedus had earlier advocated Obama as a vice president candidate. "Unfortunately, the politics have become a little nasty and they've picked on one another." She'd be pleased to see Clinton and Obama together on a ticket, but acknowledges Clinton likely wouldn't take the No. 2 job.

on the economy.

Fedus would like to see more women and minorities at the polls this year. "I hope that this will stimulate more interest" in voting.

Fedus, vice president for finance for the Plymouth-Canton branch, American Association of University Women, supports political candidates with her own money, including Clinton last year. She's supported Gary Peters in his bid against U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, an Oakland County Republican; Fedus has supported financially and voted for GOP candidates with whom she agrees.

Members of Plymouth-Canton AAUW were looking forward to their spring lun-



BILL BRESLER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mickey Edell, a speech and language pathologist for the Plymouth-Canton school district, is state president for the American Association of University Women. She's among women voters taking active roles in this year's election.

cheon April 19, and the chance to both catch up on what's new and discuss politics. State President Mickey Edell of Canton shared her thoughts on the presidential race.

"I am supporting either one of the Democrats who are running," said Edell, a speech and language pathologist in the

Plymouth-Canton schools. "I feel almost equally comfortable with either candidate."

Edell, who works at Hoben Elementary in Canton, likes that Clinton is strong and a seasoned politician. She also likes Obama's "message of change. Frankly, I think a ticket with both of them would

be ideal." She'd like for Clinton to consider the vice president

"There just hasn't been much activity going on," said Edell, who's been active in past political campaigns and has supported candidates financially. She's done work through the Michigan Education Association, her teachers union, and with the Democratic Party.

The war in Iraq concerns Edell. "I think we need to look very closely at the billions of dollars that are being spent." She also lists women's rights, education and affordable health care "so that all people can have access."

Edell relies on TV for news, along with the MEA and National Education Association. She uses the AAUW Web site, which offers voting record information, and also likes discussions "with people who are well-versed.'

"I think it's exciting," she said of a woman and black person seeking the top office. There are so many other countries in the world that have had women leaders.'

Edell initially thought women she knows would support Clinton. "I've had the gamut of response," with not all support for Clinton. "Just because she's a woman isn't the deciding factor for women." Edell agreed it's important to get women and young people to vote.

Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth Township, a retired Plymouth-Canton elementary teacher, is one of those being courted, the undecided voter. "I don't know," said Belobraidich, vice president for programs for the state AAUW, of her vote. "I really haven't made up my mind. I won't vote Republican because I don't believe in the war. I'm really in a quandary.

Belobraidich will donate money to a candidate if she feels strongly, and has done millage calls, but doesn't consider herself a "political person. I try to listen to what they say. I listen to all kind of different programs" across the political spectrum.

She reads Time and Newsweek, and other magazines with different slants. Belobraidich listens to debates, and will vote in November, although she's unhappy about Michigan's delegates not being seated at the Democratic convention.

Social Security's future is an issue for her, along with the Middle East. "I think the economy is a mess," said Belobraidich, who liked Mitt's Romney's business background when he was in the GOP race.

Terrorism isn't as much of an issue for her ("You educate the children"), but she worries seeing friends lose their homes in Michigan's economy.

"It's just a sadness what's happening in this country because of greed," Belobraidich said.

# Forum focuses on '60s civil rights movement

Oakland Community College will present a unique program featuring the memories of children and other relatives of Michigan's civil rights leaders of the 1960s.

Titled "A Civic Forum" the event will be held in the Smith Theatre of OCC's Orchard campus in rariimigio Hills, 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 23. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

Presenters include Detroit City Council President Kenneth Cockrel, Jr., son of the late attorney, broadcaster and journalist Kenneth Cockrel; Dr. Kim Logan-Nowlin, niece of Michigan Chronicle publisher Sam Logan; Conrad Mallett, Jr., son of labor leader and educator Dr. Conrad Mallett; and Judge Wade Harper McCree, son of the late Judge Wade Hampton McCree, solicitor general of the United States in the Carter administration.

The presenters will respond to audience questions posed by the program's four facilitators – professors Les Biederman and Peter Stine of the Orchard Ridge Campus faculty, and Drs. Jackie Shadko and Gordon May, presidents of OCC's Orchard Ridge and Highland Lakes campuses, respectively.

For further information call the Orchard Ridge Campus president's office at (248) 522-

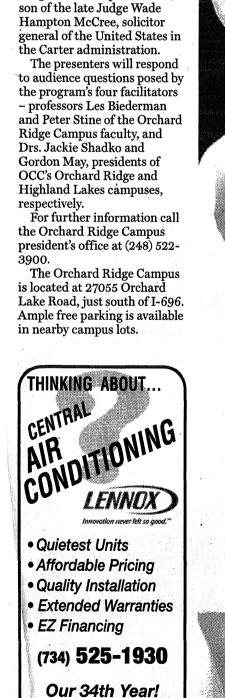
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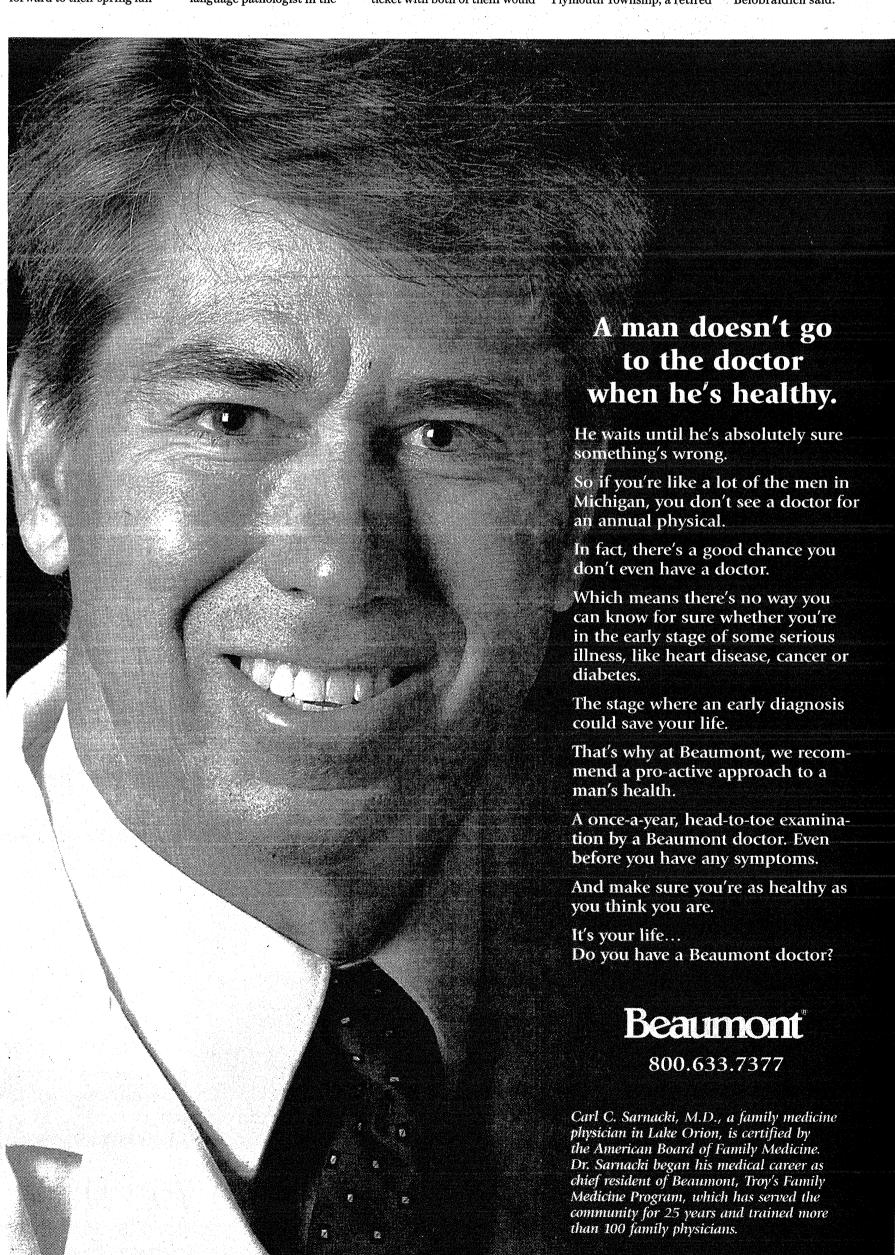
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Cecilia Jones said she'd never been to Plymouth before moving into Tonquish Creek Manor from Warren nearly 10 years ago. That's when her daughter-in-law from Canton suggested the housing complex to be closer to relatives.

"When I sold my home I went into an apartment, but I didn't like it because everybody worked and I was alone all day," said Jones, 84. "When I moved in here, it was only a couple of days before I went outside to sit and someone came up and asked my name. And, then she introduced me to everybody who came out.

"I went to bingo and met more people there, and then at coffee hour," said Jones, who volunteers in the Tonquish Creek Manor library. "If you

want to sit in your apartment that's fine, but there's plenty of things to do here if you want to participate.'

Thomas said preference during the application process is given to people who live in Plymouth. The average wait for people not living within the city limits can be from onefour years.

"People scramble to live in downtown Plymouth," said Thomas. "And if one block is too far, we have a van that will take them there.

"The advantage of our building is it has common halls, so during the winter they don't have to walk outside, like garden apartments," she added. "It makes it easy to be sociable, they don't have to go outside to take out their garbage, to the library or laundry, or go to the beauty shop."

Annette Stutrud, service coordinator for the Plymouth Housing Commission, said even if applicants make it to

the top of the waiting list, there are options for those not ready to leave their homes.

You can turn it down once and stay where you are on the list, we just couldn't call you for 90 days," said Stutrud. "After 90 days you would be the next person on the list. After a second turndown, you would have to re-apply."

Thomas said the average age of Tonquish Creek Manor residents is about 82. And, unlike when she started working at the complex 30 years ago, there are about 18 men now living there.

Applications are available Monday through Friday at Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applicants who can't pick one up in person can call (734) 455-3670 and an application will be sent in the mail. Tours of the senior living facility are available upon request.

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# Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind

Dr. Sheldon Smith fits use during operations,' special glasses to help those with macular degeneration and other eye conditions keep reading and driving.

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 improves the patient's

says Dr. Smith. "That's how powerful and convenient they are.

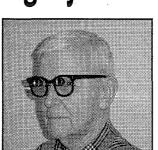
Special prismatic reading glasses and microscopes help make reading a little easier. Telescopic glasses primarily focus on distance objects like TV, passing neighbors or scenery. Telescopes can also be adapted to closer tasks like playing cards or computers. "Telescopes can even help people meet the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



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 their own goals," s Dr. Smith. "I am committed to helping patients do what matters most to them and improving their quality of life."

Special reading glasses start at \$600 and custom telescopes can cost from \$1800 to \$2,500.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their vision, call Dr. Smith to find out how low vision care can help. There is help available. You just need to know where to find

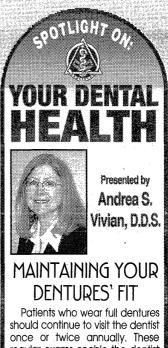
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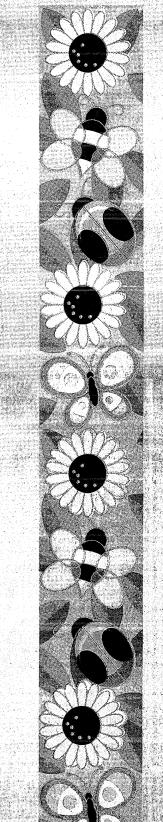


regular exams enable the dentist to screen for infections and check for signs of oral cancer. In addition, the patient's occlusion (the way that teeth bite together) must be evaluated to make sure that the dentures fit properly. Dentures rest tissue that overlies the bone that holds the natural teeth in place. In their absence, this bony ridae aradually shrinks. In addition, edentualous (tooth-

free) gums change shape over time. As a result of both bone and gum shrinkage, denture fit must be regularly modified to ensure against slippage and declining ability to chew and speak properly.

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**OUR VIEWS** 

# For Earth Day, give the planet some love

Each year on April 22, we celebrate Earth Day. The first Earth Day was in 1970, which some say was the birth of the modern environmental movement. Back then, many of our cities were shrouded in smog and pollution clogged our rivers. While there have been many environmental successes since then, our planet still faces many man-made challenges.

Earth Day provides a reminder that each one of us makes an impact (or "footprint") on our environment — some more than others. It is also a reminder that each one of us can make a difference in trying to improve our environment. There are countless ways to do this, but it has to start by getting involved.

One way to do that locally is volunteering to help clean up the I-275 Bike Path, a 40+ mile long trail that runs through Wayne, Oakland and Monroe counties, and links many communities in southeast Michigan. It was built in the 1970s in response to the energy crisis. Today the trail, while still used by diehard cyclists and other non-motorized transportation enthusiasts, is in need of repair and general clean up and maintenance. The Friends of the I-275 Bike Path are asking for volunteers for their clean-up event, set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26.

Not only will they be picking up unsightly garbage, but they will also be improving a trail system that will encourage an alternative to motor vehicle transportation, one of the biggest sources of pollution.

Anyone interested in helping can call (248) 994-3074.

If you can't make it, organize a clean-up of your own, whether it be in a public park or a neighborhood. Better yet, take some time to think about the "footprint" you are leaving on this planet, and make an effort to be a better steward of the Earth we have inherited. Future generations will be grateful.

### ON THE AGENDA

## **Plymouth Township Board of Trustees**

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the meeting room at township hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Among the topics to be discussed is a proposal for the township to host a fireworks display for the Fourth of July.

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For information on the meeting, call the clerk's office, (734)

### **Plymouth-Canton School Board**

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education on Tuesday will discuss the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park renewal project. After the regular meeting, the board will begin a workshop session on the 2008-09 budget. The board meets at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 416-2700.

# **Supports Penn Grill**

My wife and I have lived in Plymouth and Plymouth Township for 25 years. We are, and always have been, proud of this community.

We go out whenever we can make time, and now spend the majority of our "entertainment dollars" in the Plymouth area. This has not always been the case. When we first moved to the area, we would routinely spend our money in other neighboring communities, because there was literally nowhere in town to go. The recent changes to downtown have been awesome! Main Street, Forest Avenue, Old Town and Penniman offer great variety and you should be commended for your role in reinvigorating the downtown area.

As far as recent discussions regarding the Penn Grill: We are in our 50s, and have frequented the Grill since it opened (from the previous deli). It offered a great location with perfect viewing for virtually any sporting event. It was unlike anything in the downtown area, and it was a welcome surprise. However, under the previous management, we did witness a degree of misbehavior, that probably warranted a change. Again, you should be commended for whatever your role was in this change.

Under the present LLC, we have seen a change. Before the influx of dining and entertainment downtown, we used to frequent one of the partner's restaurant, Farwell and Friends.

We went there routinely for more than 10 years. The food and value at the Penn Grill is equally as good. The food is fresh and high-quality, service is excellent and I can tell you since this LLC took over, I have witnessed zero tolerance for overindulgence, unruly behavior and have on at least three occasions seen patrons get "cut off" and asked to leave. As taxpaying "50-somethings," we feel very comfortable and safe in this establishment and welcome them to the community. We have no issue bringing our 17-year-old with us. It offers a unique atmosphere to the downtown area that would be a shame to lose.

We are extremely supportive of the Penn Grill, and the present management. We feel they bring a lot to the downtown area and would ask that you, too, support this enterprise accordingly.

Rick Hancock Plymouth

# LETTERS

# Water overcharge Are you aware the Plymouth Town

Are you aware the Plymouth Township board recently passed an ordinance which permits the township to charge you for water that you have not used?

This came as a great shock to me. The ordinance reads that the township will charge you for 10,000 gallons of water each quarter, whether you use that amount or not.

In my particular case, I used 6,000 gallons of water, for the past two quarters, which represents, in dollars, an overcharge of \$48. Is this happening to you, too?

Apparently, the board feels justified in gouging its constituents. Charge them for something never used. In my opinion, this is un-American, unconventional and a very underhanded practice. We should only pay for what we use, not for some arbitrary amount imposed by the township board.

If you agree, call our township supervisor and register your complaint.

**Jack Tornga**Plymouth Township

# So long, Tanith and Ben

I guess the skating team of Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto and their decision to leave Michigan is something only they can explain. I know it's not because of the way we have treated them. They have been treated like a king and queen since they have been here and justly so, but just because they don't win a medal in one try is no reason to fire the coaches that got them to that status they are accustomed to now and just pick up and say goodbye to a state and township that has made them their ambassadors.

This opens up a few questions. Maybe it's just the fact that they are four years older and their competition is just a little bit better. Maybe it's time for these two to look for other ways to make a living. Heck, there's lots of job openings in Michigan for aliens. I hear the Grand Hotel is looking for help.

Robert Denstedt

# Canton

# Pay-gap problem

April 22, 2008, is Equal Pay Day. It is the annual symbolic day on which wom-

en's average wages catch up to men's from the previous year.

Nationally, women earn 77 cents on the male dollar. In Michigan, the statistics are even more discouraging, because women earn only 67 cents on the male dollar.

In 2007, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Educational Foundation published Behind the Pay Gap, which examines the gender inequities experienced by college graduates. The report shows that one year out of college, women working full time earn only 80 percent as much as their male colleagues. Ten years after graduation, they earn only 69 percent as much.

Over a lifetime, this pay gap amounts to more than \$700,000 in lost wages, affecting both women and their families. Legislation to address the problem is pending in the Michigan Legislature and needs to be passed into law.

Barbara Bonsignore Rochester Hills

# Granholm is missing the mark

Gov. Granholm once again is going after small fish to shore up her dismal economic record in Michigan. Courting Hollywood to come to Michigan with enormous tax incentives is not going to help Michigan in the long run. Instead, the governor should face the realities of a dual-edged declining auto industry and state population and reach across the aisle to do the following to pull Michigan out of its long-term economic recession:

- Push for Right To Work in Michigan.
   Privatize state fairs and save \$60 million a year
- Kill prevailing wage law. Artificial wage levels on government construction projects cost taxpayers up to \$275 million
- Cut state payroll or pay by 10 percent. ■ Overhaul state pension plans, cutting benefits 25 percent.
- Approve slant drilling Michigan's oil reserves to create jobs and tax rev-

In the end, we need to look out the next 20 years and build a budget that fits within our economic means.

**Ed Johnson** Royal Oak



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AAA's 2008 edition of Your Driving Costs shows the cost of driving a passenger vehicle in the U.S. has increased by 1.9 cents per mile in the last year and now averages 54.1 cents per mile.

"While the cost of some driving expenses declined since the start of 2007, higher gasoline prices have more than offset these savings and pushed the overall cost of vehicle ownership and operation higher this year," said Gerry Gutowski, senior vice president AAA Michigan Automotive Services. In 2008, AAA estimates it will cost \$8, 121 to own and operate a new passenger car driven 15,000 miles per year. This compares to \$7,823 per year in 2007, or 52.2 cents per mile.

Costs of maintenance, full-coverage insurance and depreciation are all slightly lower this year, while costs for fuel, tires, financing, license, registration and taxes showed increases.

AAA's study calculates the average costs of owning and operating five top-selling models in three popular size classes: small, medium and large sedans. AAA's research shows the annual average cost of driving a small sedan is \$6,320 per year, while a large sedan costs \$9,769 per year. Similar savings can be realized by driving a minivan, instead of a large and less fuel efficient sport utility vehicle. AAA's study calculates the average costs of all expenses associated with owning and operating a vehicle over five years and 75,000 miles of driving. Driving costs are based on the average expenses for five top-selling models selected by AAA. By size category they

■ Small sedan - Chevrolet Cobalt, Ford Focus, Honda Civic, Nissan Sentra and Toyota Corolla

■ Medium sedan – Chevrolet Impala, Ford Fusion, Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry.

■ Large sedan - Buick Lucerne, Chrysler 300, Ford Five Hundred (renamed Taurus for 2008). Nissan Maximu and Toyota Avalon.

Though not part of the AAA composite average, SUV and minivan information has been included to help buyers estimate operating costs for these types of vehicles.

SUV models include the Chevrolet Trailblazer, Ford Explorer, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Nissan Pathfinder and Toyota 4Runner. Minivans are the Chevrolet Uplander, Dodge Grand Caravan, Kia Sedona, Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna.

The brochure can be downloaded from the Internet at AAA.com.

# Annuity investor should have paid tax only on gain

Dear Rick: About a year ago I took your advice and moved money out of a high cost variable annuity. I paid approximately \$100,000 for the annuity and when I canceled it over 10 years later, it was worth about \$110,000. When I filed my 2007 tax return, I included the entire \$110,000 as income. I had a substantial increase in taxes. Considering the tax consequence, wouldn't it have been better to keep the annuity?

It was not a mistake to cash out your annuity. After all, you held the annuity for over 10 years and during that time received a very low rate of return. Your investment earned less than 1 percent a year. Purely based upon the economics it was a smart move to cancel the annuity.

As for the tax consequence, I believe you made a mistake when you filed your tax return. You should not have reported the entire \$110,000 as taxable income. You should have reported the \$10,000 as gain. The \$100,000 that came back to you was not a return on an investment but a return of your investment.

Many people think annuities



**Money Matters Rick Bloom** 

in this case a nonqualified annuity (not part of an IRA or other qualified plan) your basis is what you initially invested into the annuity. Therefore in your case, the basis is \$100,000. When you received

operate the same

way as IRAs but

buy an annuity,

they do not. If you

gain is only \$10,000. The most you should have reported as income is File an amended return by completing Form 1040X which is available from the Internal

\$110,000 in proceeds your taxable

Revenue Service at www.irs.gov. There are two other issues that are important here. The first deals with who should prepare your tax returns. If you go to a professional, it is important to make sure that you are dealing with someone who maintains his or her skills with regards to taxes. Tax laws are changing all the time.

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this year. In late December, legislation was enacted that created a patch for the alternative minimum tax. Without this, more people would have been subject to the alternative minimum tax. The problem is the IRS did not complete the necessary forms until sometime in February. A tax preparer who wasn't aware of these changes could have cost clients a nice sum of money.

The other issue is that many people are paying more in taxes. Particularly, mutual fund investors whose funds made significant capital gain distributions last year. What is particularly painful is people are paying taxes and their mutual fund balances have been declining.

Although it is always painful to pay more in taxes, there are a couple of things to keep in mind. The first is the goal should never be to lower our taxes. The goal should be to have more money in your pocket. I know it sounds logical to think that by lowering taxes you will have more money, but it just doesn't work that way.

Recently in this area a man won a substantial lottery. Ultimately, he had to pay tens of millions of

dollars in taxes. However, I'm sure his focus is on the substantially greater amount of money that ended up in his pocket. Taxes are important and we want to be smart with them, however, to focus on merely what you pay in taxes is the wrong direction.

Another issue deals with the fact that most investors, when they received their capital gain distributions in December, had them reinvested increasing the number of shares they own. The market doesn't have to come back as much for investors to begin making money again. If you had capital gains and dividends reinvested it also increased your basis which will lower any tax consequence when the investment

Remember it's not what we pay in taxes, but what ends up in our pockets.

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

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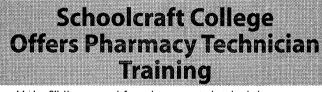
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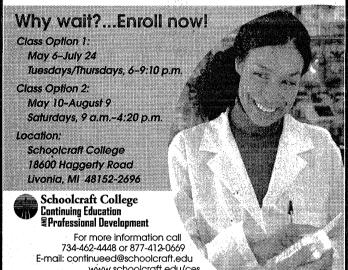
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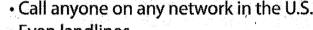


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# Ignition faces must-win match this afternoon

The uphill battle facing the Detroit Ignition may be daunting, but it's nothing they haven't scaled before.

The Major Indoor Soccer League's No. 1-seeded dropped Game 1 of the 2008 MISL Championship Series Semifinal round to the fourth-seeded La Raza de Monterrey Friday night, 15-11, in front of a rowdy crowd in Monterrey, Mexico.

The Ignition will now have to win Game 2 this afternoon at Compuware Arena (the opening kick is set for 4:35 p.m.), then score first

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in a sudden-death "Golden Goal" mini-match to advance to next week's finals against the winner of the Baltimore-Milwaukee semi-final series.

The Ignition faced the same backs-against-the-wall scenario last season before ousting the Wave in Game 2 before scoring first in the "Golden Goal."

The home team struck first in Friday's contest as Byron Alvarez netted a two-pointer off a pass from Dino Delevski, one of the league's most-explosive players, just over three minutes into the game.

The Ignition rebounded quickly, building a 6-2 advantage on goals from Hewerton, Mike Apple and Ryan Make.

Mack extended the Ignition's lead to 8-2 at 5:14 of the second when he beat Monterrey keeper Jose Bontti with a low laser.

The Ignition's advantage was sliced to 8-4 at the half on Ivan Paredes' goal.

Detroit led 11-6 after three quarters thanks to Vahid Assadpour's unassisted threereeled off a 9-0 run over the final 15 minutes to seal the win.

Alvarez finished with four goals for Monterrey, which, like Detroit last season, is an expansion squad.

His biggest net-finder game with just over three minutes left when his two-pointer gave the hosts a 13-11 lead.

Armando Teran added an insurance marker at the 28second mark.

The Ignition have now lost three of four contests against Monterrey this season.

### **MAJOR MOMENTS**

What: Game 2 of the 2008 MISL Championship Series Semifinal round;

Who: Detroit Ignition vs. La Raza de Monterrey; When: This afternoon at 4:35 p.m.

Where: Compuware Arena, Plymouth Township; How the teams stand: La Raza de Monterrey leads the series 1-0 after Friday night's 15-11 win; What the Ignition needs to advance: Detroit needs to win Sunday's game, then score first in the ensuing "Golden Goal" mini-match;

Tickets: Can be purchased by calling (888) 436-GOAL; or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

### Plymouth 'Y"

The Plymouth Family YMCA is now offering a variety of spring instructional sports programs.

The focus of these programs will be on fun, exercise and social interaction through sports instruction. The programs include: a sports sampler, Basketball, Soccer, Tball, flag football, golf, and karate.

Classes will run in the evenings and begin the week of April 28. Classes are available for kids between the ages of 3-10.

For more information, contact the Plymouth YMCA at (734) 453-2904 or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

## Canton grid camps

The Canton Chiefs football program will be offering the following three summer camps in June:

■ A T/3-4 Football Camp for kids in grades 10-12 will be held June 16 (2-5 p.m.) and June 17-19 (5-8 p.m.) at the PCEP varsity stadium. If participants pre-register by May 26, the fee is \$30; the fee is \$35 thereafter.

For more information, contact varsity head coach Tim Baechler at (734) 455-7691 or at baechlt@ pccs.k12.mi.us.

■ A Skills Football Camp will be held for kids in 7-9 grades at the varsity stadium June 9-12 from 5-7 p.m.

The registration fee is \$50 before May 26 and \$60 after. For more information, contact freshman coach Rich Mui at (248) 229-2738.

■ A fundamental Football Camp will be held for kids in 3-6 grades at the varsity stadium June 23-26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost before June 6 is \$100 and \$115 after that date.

For more information, contact Enza Lanava at (313) 300-1173 or elanava@ wowway.com.

# Armed & Dangerous

# Plymouth pitchers, hitters shine in win over Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A moon-shot home run, an out-of-thisworld catch and a star-in-the-making pitching performance proved to be key components in Plymouth's 9-3 victory over Canton Friday afternoon in a WLAA Western Division baseball clash on the Chiefs' home turf.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 4-2 overall and 1-1 in the division. Canton slipped to 4-3 and 0-2, respectively.

The towering three-run home run came in the top of the first inning off the bat of Wildcat first baseman Matt Priebe, who cleared the 355 sign in left center by close to 30 feet, scoring David Harvey and Brad Lineberry.

The Web Gem-caliber catch came in the Chiefs' half of the fourth when Ryan Neu launched a missile toward left-center field. Plymouth center fielder Ronnie Goble twisted his body twice while tracking the liner before going horizontal in the third when Kevin Delapaz led off at the last second to haul in the drive.

The sterling mound performance was

turned in by junior Cliff Buttermore who shook off a rough first inning to limit the Chiefs to three runs and six hits in a complete-game showing. Buttermore walked one and struck out four.

Erik Wright took the loss for the Chiefs, yielding four runs and three hits in two innings or work.

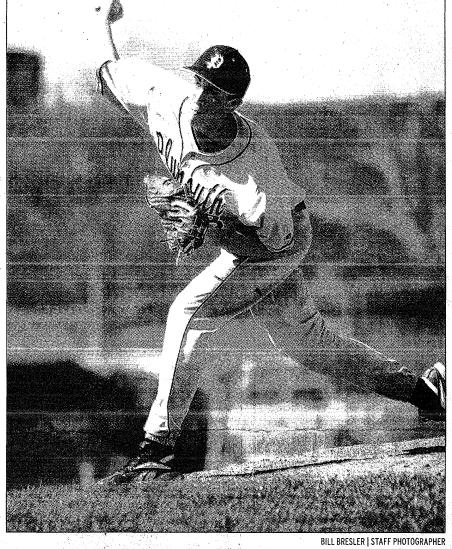
Trailing 3-0, the Chiefs cut their deficit to one in the bottom of the second thanks to singles from Dan Stoney and Alex Dixon.

The Wildcats put a couple base-runners on in the second thanks to two Canton errors, but the Chiefs escaped damage when left-fielder Stoney threw out David Harvey, who was trying to score on a Lineberry base hit with two

Plymouth padded its lead to 5-2 in the third when Priebe was hit be a pitch, Goble reached on a catcher's-interference play and they both came around on wild

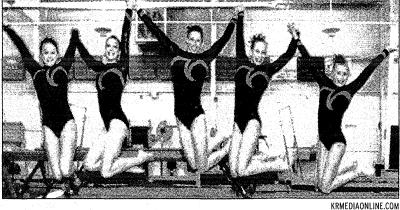
The Chiefs sliced their deficit to 5-3

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Cliff Buttermore improved his record to 2-0 Friday afternoon as he led the Wildcats to a 9-3 victory over host Canton in a key WLAA Western Division game.

Pictured are the Splitz **Gymnastics level** 9 gymnasts who fared well at the Michigan state meet April 5 and 6: (from left) Kelsey Stamm, Lindsey Russell, Emily LaFontaine, Megan Valentini and Kayla Spicher.



# Splitz gymnasts shine at state meet

Several members of the Canton-based Splitz Gymnastics levels 8 and 9 competitors shined at the state meet, which was held April 5 and 6 in Holt.

Among the four level 8 competitors who excelled was Kelly Valentini, of Canton, who placed sixth on the vault, fifth on bars, ninth on beam and fourth in the all-around with a 36.725.

Two local girls shined in the Senior A Division: Taylor Cortis (Farmington Hills), who placed fourth on floor and Alyssa Peters of Canton, who placed fifth on bars, fourth on floor and 10th all-around with a 36.55.

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In the Senior Bage group, Nikki Pilmer of Canton placed fifth on beam, sixth on floor and eighth in the all-around with a 36.50. Pilmer was also state champ on the bars with a 9.55.

"I was very proud of the level 9 girls," said Eileen Spicher, the team's coach and owner of Splitz Gymnastics. "It's great when they can all put it together as a team."

Kayla Spicher was spectacular in the Junior A age group as she placed fifth on vault, third on bars,

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The level 8 Split **Gymnastics athletes** who shined at the state were (from top) Nikki Pilmer, Alyssa Peters and Kelly Valentini. Not pictured is Taylor

# Rymph's on-the-spot goal lifts Chiefs, 1-0

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Some nights, you can't buy a break. Other nights, they fall right into your lap. The latter happened to Canton's Tracy Rymph during Wednesday night's cross-campus clash with PCEP rival Plymouth.

Just over four minutes into the second half, Plymouth freshman net-minder Marissa Williams bobbled a save off a shot from Canton's Leslie

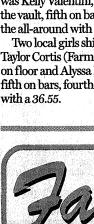
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The opportunistic Rymph secured the bouncing sphere, took one dribble around Williams then deposited the ball into the back of the net for the lone goal in the Chiefs' 1-0 victory.

The win improved Canton to 2-2-2 overall and 1-0-1 in the all-important Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division standings. Plymouth slipped to 1-2-2 and 1-1, respectively.

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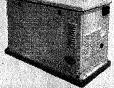
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# **Rocks remain hot with 1-0 victory**

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BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A soccer game broke out during Friday afternoon's softball game between Salem and Livonia Stevenson — at least the score

would lead you to assume that. The Rocks won, 1-0, as freshman hurler Briana Lee crafted a 16-strikeout, three-hit masterpiece. The strong-armed righthander did not yield a walk while improving her record to 4-1.

Stevenson's Jamie Johnson was nearly as good as Lee, limiting the Rocks to just two doubles and three walks while striking out seven.

"The pitchers in this league are very good this year," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "Brian was sure on today as was Stevenson's pitcher."

Christina Parsons was the offensive star for the winners, ripping two doubles and scoring the game's lone run on a passed ball.

"Then in the third inning, she came in from center field to catch, so today was a great day for her."

Stevenson's threatened to tie the game in the sixth, but they left two runners stranded.

"We really need to start producing some offense next week, or we won't be so lucky," said Southerland. "We have Walled Lake Northern on Monday and Franklin on Tuesday — both good teams and both teams that hit the ball well."

CANTON 10, JOHN GLENN 0: OnWednesday at John Glenn, the Chiefs rode the strong arm and dangerous bat of Amy Dunleavy, who paced the mercy rule-shortened contest by pitching a onehitter (14 strikeouts) while going 3-for-4 with two RBI at the plate.

SALEM, 2, CHURCHILL 0: Runs were in short supply during Monday's WLAA Lakes Division softball showdown between Salem

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and Churchill, but there was a ton of pitching to go around.

Led by freshman hurler Briana Lee, the Rocks prevailed, 2-0, to improve their record to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes. The Chargers slipped to 0-1 in the division.

Lee was brilliant, yielding just three hits and one walk while striking out eight. Churchill's Natalie Hiser nearly matched her counterpart's performance as she tossed a four-hitter.

"It's nice being 3-0, but we have a tough schedule the rest of the week with Plymouth (Wednesday) and Livonia Stevenson," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland.

Salem broke a scoreless draw in the fifth when Lee led off with a double, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Lizzy Mazorowicz's fielder's choice ground out.

The Rocks added an insurance run in the sixth when Heidi Schmidt led off with a single and scored on Emily Pitcole's hit.

The Chargers threatened in the seventh when they loaded the bases. However, Lee struck two of the last three batters to end the threat.

PLYMOUTH 9, FRANKLIN 5: On

Monday in a battle of WLAA Western Division contenders, the Wildcats prevailed in a slugfest that saw both teams combine for 25 hits.

The victory improved the Wildcats' record to 2-0.

Senior Meghan Patterson earned the win for Plymouth, scattering 13 hits and two walks while striking out four.

The pivotal inning for the winners proved to be the second when they pushed across seven runs against Franklin starter Natalie Sanborn.

"I really think our experience played a big part in the winning equation," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "We made some key defensive plays to help get us out of a few innings."

The most notable glove-work turned in by Plymouth came in the first inning when center fielder Amy Bondy when horizontal to rob a Patriot of a potential extra-base

"It was a major league catch," Canfield said. "Fans from both teams gave her a standing ovation."

The hitting heroes for the Wildcats were Erin Rodes (3-for-5, two RBI), Stacey Klonowski (3-for-4, home run, four RBI) and Amanda Burnard (2-for-3, walk, two-RBI).

Brittany Taylor swung a hot bat for the Patriots, ripping three fence-clearing home runs.

PCA 16, HV LUTHERAN 1: On Tuesday at Plymouth Christian, the Eagles mercied the defending MIAC Red Division champions with five runs in the first, six in the second and four in the third.

The victory evened the Eagles' record at 1-1. Huron Valley slipped

PCA outhit HVL, 9-1, thanks to an overpowering pitching performance from Kristie Carnevale, who struck out four with no walks.

"Huron Valley has won the league five of the past six years, but they lost their pitcher to graduation," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "The past couple years we've been on the other end of the mercies, so I was happy for Kristie with her being a senior."

Hitting-wise, the Eagles were led by Carnevale (2-for-2, RBI), Bethany Hale (2-for-2, two RBI) and Grace Talbot (2-for-3, three RBI). "This was Grace's first-ever start and she did a great job," said Hammar.

The Hawks' lone hit came off the bat of Emily Helwig.

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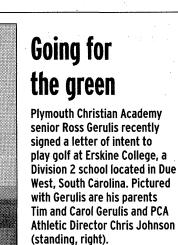
# mile relay (Josh Osinski, Jon Peck, Matt Western and Zack Spreitzer); the 3,200-meter

Blustery weather was no match

Most of the 15 schools that Division 3 and 4 and small as far as numbers. For instance, PCA

"All of the schools are small and none of them own a track," said PCA coach Jennifer Lemieux. "Our team is mostly ninth- and 10th-graders since this is just our second year of rebuilding our

team were Jordan Allen, who was fourth in the high jump with a 5 feet, 4 inch effort; and Daniel Paulson, who placed fifth in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 12:32. The lone point-earner



# **Chiefs Ahoy!**

# Young Canton track athletes place third at Pirate Relays

Canton's boys track-and-field team placed third at Saturday's 9th/10th Grade Pinckney Pirates Relays.

The Chiefs' crew of freshmen and sophomores registered 79 points, which placed them behind only Saline (108) and the host Pirates (89).

Canton sophomore Keith Zech was named one of the male athletes of the meet thanks to his all-around performance.

The Chiefs earned first-place points in three events: the high jump, in which Zech and Ben Spreitzer combined to leap 11 feet; the 800-meter relay, which consisted of August Garrett,

Josh Nolen, Jordan Wisniewski and Davion Stackhouse; and the 1,600-meter relay quartet of Wisniewski, Zech, Austin Golles and Stackhouse.

Second-place points were earned by the long-jump duo of Adam Payne and Nick Alaniva (34-3); the distance medley foursome of Paul Rakovitis, Brandon Tolinski, Zech and Zack Spreitzer: and the shuttle hurdles team of Jordan Norton, Winston Roberts, Payne and Austin Japczak.

The Chiefs placed fourth in five events: the four-by-onerelay (Osinski, Peck, Western and Ben Spreitzer); the 300meter hurdles (Wisniewski): the co-ed throwers 400-meter relay (Victor Periera; Austin Mach, Mi and Hosey); and the co-ed sprint medley relay (Jimenez, Roberts, Bedrow and Rakovitis).

Fifth-place efforts were turned in by the discus duo of Mach and Periera; pole vaulter Ryan Terrel; 300-meter hurdler Jordan Norton; and the 400meter relay team of Garrett, Nolen, Alaneva and Stackhouse.

The Chiefs' point total was capped by Mach and Periera's sixth-place showing in the shot

# PCA runners excel at Shrine Open

for members of the Plymouth Christian Academy boys and girls track teams, who turned in several personal-best efforts at Saturday's 15th Annual Shrine Open at Livonia Ladywood High School.

competed in the event were

had just three girls and seven boys competing.

track program."

Placers for the Eagles' boys

for the girls team was Jessica Soblesky, who placed third in the long jump (12-10.5), sixth in the 100-meter dash (14.62) and fifth in the 200-meter dash (29.78).

# Wildcats chip away at deficit, defeat Salem BY ED WRIGHT

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Six decent-sized steps proved to be greater than one giant leap during Wednesday afternoon's entertaining softball game between cross-campus rivals Plymouth and Salem.

The host Rocks exploded for seven runs in their half of the second inning to seize a 7-3 lead, nowever, the Wildcats chipped away with either one or two runs in four of the final five innings to earn a thrilling 9-7 victory.

Plymouth, which plated runs in all but the second frame, remained unbeaten (3-0) with the win while the Rocks slipped to 3-1.

"I tell my team every day that the key to winning is trying to score in every inning, and that proved true today," said Plymouth coach

Val Canfield. "I thought we hit phenomenally and executed when we needed to get bunts down and moved runners along."

While disappointed with her team's first setback of the spring, Salem coach Bonnie Southerland was encouraged by her team's

"I was very pleased with the way the girls came out swinging the bat inning lead on an RBI single by – 1 thought everybody was swing ing hard," said Southerland. "We had a couple hard-hit balls to the outfield — two by Heidi Schmidt - that Plymouth made good plays

"We have four freshmen who start in the infield, so we're very young and going to get better."

Meghan Patterson earned the win on the mound for the Wildcats after relieving starter Ally Ciotti in the big inning.

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the middle of the Rocks' seven-run second. After yielding four straight baserunners upon entering the game, Patterson settled down and shut the door on the Rocks the rest of the way

"It was nice to see Meghan get back into her groove," said

Plymouth grabbed a 2-0 first-Amy Bondy and KBI double off the bat of Stacey Klonowski.

The Wildcats padded their advantage to 3-0 in the top of the second when Ciotti singled and eventually scored on Bondy's bunt single. Salem erupted for a sevenspot in the second thanks in large part to Schmidt's bases-loaded triple. Lizzy Mazorowicz and Liz McLoud also contributed RBI in

### **BOYS RESULTS NORTHVILLE 77 CANTON 60**

(THURSDAY AT NORTHVILLE)

Discus: 1. Gorley (N), 139 feet, 8 inches; 2. Jason Foster (C), 119-11; 3. Taskas (N), 111-0. Shot put: 1. Gorley (N), 40-3; 2. Franceschi (N), 39-5, 25; 3. Rob Moores (C), 39-3.

(N), 39-5.25; 3. ROD MODIES (C), 39-3. **High jump:** 1. Franceschi (N), 6-5; 2.

Corcoran (N), 5-9; 3. Reid (N), 5-9. **Long jump:** 1. Araspu (N), 20-2.75; 2. Ocie

Lewis (C), 20-0; 3. Franceschi (N), 19-7.75. **Pole vault:** 1. Chris McGinnis (C), 13-0; 2. Franceschi (N), 12-6; 3. Manta (N), 11-0.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Canton (Scott Zech, Keith Zech, Josh Hurst, Paul Rakovitis), 8:28.1; 2. Northville, 8:51.

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110 high hurdles: 1. Corcoran (N), 14.3; 2.

Gerish (N), 14.4; 3. Araspu (N), 15.6.

100 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 11.0; 2. Chew
(N), 11.5; 3. Ocie Lewis (C), 11.6.

800 relay: 1. Canton (Ryan Randall, Sherif Hassanien, Tim Belcher, Eric Piwowar), 1:33.9; 2. Northyille, 1:34.0.

1,600 run: 1. Derek Hoerman (C), 4:40.4; 2. Turk (N), 4:41; 3. Josh Hurst (C), 4:45.6.

400 relay: 1. Canton (Ryan Randall, Ocie Lewis, Adam Somers, Eric Piwowar), 45.2.

400 dash: 1. Khan (N), 53.3; 2. Davion Stackhouse (C), 53.5; 3. Chew (N), 53.8.

300 hurdles: 1. Tim Belcher (C), 40.1; 2.

Corcoran (N), 40.2; 3. Hassanien (C), 41.1. **800 run:** 1. Colbow (N), 2:05; 2. Peterson (N), 2:06; 3. Scott Zech (C), 2:07.2. 200 dash: 1. Eric Piwowar (C), 23.1; 2.

Araspu (N), 23.3; 3. Cey (N), 23.5; 3,200 run: 1, Duncan Spitz (C), 10:17; 2. Zurek (N), 10:20; 3. Kyle Clinton (C), 10:30. 1,600 relay: 1. Northyille, 3:34; 2. Canton (Sherif Hassanien, Tim Belcher, Jordan Wisniewski, Chris Jahoda), 3:36.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Canton, 1-2 overall; 1-1 in WLAA Western Division; Northville, 3-0 overall; 2-0 in WLAA Western

#### **PLYMOUTH 90 WAYNE MEMORIAL 47**

(THURSDAY AT PLYMOUTH) **Discus:** 1. Hassen (WM), 136 feet, 5 inches; 2. Choma (P), 114-8; 3. Gomoll (P), 112-0.

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Shot put: 1. Gomonl (P), 42-0; 2. Richards
(P), 41-2; 3. 3. Betts (P), 40-1.25.

High jump: 1. Hanchett (P), 5-9; 2.

Dhaliwal (P), 5-3; 3. Whitlow (P), 5-3.

Long jump: 1. Powell (WM), 20-5.5; 2.

Edwards (WM), 20-1; 3. Roberts (P), 18-8.5.

**Pole vault:** 1. Ambrose (P), 11-6; 2. Bockstance (P), 8-0; 3. Sikbell (P), 7-0.

TRACK RESULTS

**400 dash:** 1. Rich (P), 53.08; 2. Wallath (P), 53.47; 3. Crayne (WM), 56.35. **300 hurdles:** 1. Powell (WM), 41.41; 2. Lomski (P), 45.62; 3. Deykes (P), 46.75. **800 run:** 1. Lewandowski (P), 2:16.01; 2.

Wallath (P), 2:16.80; 3. Buzzard (P), 2:17.37. 200 dash: 1. Freeman (WM), 23.54; 2. Hanchett (P), 24.05; 3. Edwards (WM), 24.33. **3,200 run:** 1. Huey (P), 10:26.66; 2. Schofield (WM), 10:28.99; 3. Lax (P), 10:52.12. 1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Wallath, msky, Hanchett, Lewandowsky), 3:41.97. **DUAL-MEET RECORD:** Plymouth, 2-1;

### LIVONIA STEVENSON 98.5 **SALEM 38.5**

APRIL 17 AT SALEM (CEP) **Shot put**: 1. Ed Merhi (Salem), 45 feet, 10 inches; 2. Dana Baltazar (Salem), 43-10; 3. Matt Broome

(IS) 43-4Discus: 1. Broome (LS), 133-7.5; 2. Baltazar (Salem), 123-9; 3. Chris Golonka (LS), 116-4. **High jump**: 1. Mitchell White (LS), 6-6; 2. Jace Beardon (Salem), 6-2; 3. (tie) Zack Gaskell (Salem) and Pat York (LS), 6-0 each. Long jump: 1. Myles White (LS), 21-6; 2. Beardon (Salem), 20-1; 3. Will Burek (LS), 19-5.

Pole vault: 1. Jonathon Gudeman (LS), 11-0; 2. Henry Wehand (LS), 10-0; 3. Jon Krutty (Salem),

110-meter hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 14.8; 2. Mike Giles (Salem), 16.28; 3. Scott O'Connor (Salem), 16.97.

300 hurdles: 1. Myles White (LS), 41.03: 2. O'Connor (Salem), 41.18; 3. Giles (Salem), 42.73. 100 dash: 1. Nick Anagnostou (LS), 11.4; 2. Anthony Mullins (Salem), 11.7; 3. Jacob Gudeman

200: 1. Mitchell White (LS), 23.48; 2. Jacob Gudeman (LS), 23.94; 3. Pat Patin (Salem), 24.04. **400**: 1. Derek Buskey (LS), 49.66; 2. Stephen Telenko (Salem), 54.19; 3. Stephen Pollard (LS),

800: 1. Mike Gibbons (LS), 2:04.44; 2. Mike Charara (Salem), 2:09.31; 3. Brian Fenech (LS), 1,600: 1. Gibbons (LS), 4:42.5; 2. Shawn Howse

(LS), 4:46.2; 3. Matt Devey (Salem), 4:47.17. **3,200**: 1. Howse (LS), 10:20.19; 2. Eric Plisko (LS), 11:06.19: 3. Johannse Olind (Salem), 11:14.12. 400 relay: 1. Stevenson (Jacob Gudeman, Mitchell White, Jon Pauley, Anagnostou). 44.25; 2. Salem, 46.17; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Buskey, Jacob Gudeman, Anagnostou, Myles White), 1:34.08; 2. Salem, 1:35.23; 1,600 relay: 1. Stevenson (Anagnostou, Pollard, Gibbons Buskey), 3:34.01; 2. Salem, 3:35.22; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson (Mike Green, Fenech, Adam Dabkowski, Travis Gosselin), 8:48.53; 2. Salem, 8:53.46.

Shot put: 1. Buchanan (P), 30-3; 2. McLeay (P), 28-1; 3. Askin (WM), 26-7.
High jump: 1. Simmons (WM), 4-6; 2.
Knisely (P), 4-3; 3. Jackson (WM), 4-3.
Long jump: 1. Goines (WM), 14-5; 5; 2.
Hughes (WM), 14-1; 3. Morton (P), 13-8.
Pole vault: 1. Knisely (P).
3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Brown, Green, Bagooven, Hahn), 11:00.33; 2.

100 high hurdles: 1. McManus (P), 19.44; 2. Calcaterra (P), 21.28; 3. Hamed (P), 21.33. 100 dash: 1. Simons (WM), 13.42; 2. Woods (WM), 13.64; 3. Morton (P), 13.85. 800 relay: 1. Wayne, 1:57.44; 2. Plymouth,

**1,600 run:** 1. Ahearn (P), 6:06.12; 2. Mema (P), 6:08.89; 3. Hessler (P), 6:25.83. 400 relay: 1. Wayne, 56.51; 2. Plymouth, **400 dash:** 1. Simmons (WM), 1:07; 2. Basha (P), 1:08.18; 3. Woods (WM), 1:09.

(P), 1:08.18; 3. Woods (WM), 1:09.

300 hurdles: 1. McManus (P), 53.37; 2.

Zuzo (P), 55.48; 3. Hamed (P), 56.49.

800 run: 1. Slavens (P), 2:41.41; 2.

Balgooyen (P), 2:44.2; 3. Mema (P), 2:46.45.

200 dash: 1. Goines (WM), 28.28; 2. Parker (P), 29.07; 3. Woods (WM), 29.09.

3,200 run: 1. Hahn (P), 13:11.86; 2. White (P), 13:45.85; 3. Brown (P), 13:52.64.

1600 relay: 1 Plymouth, 4:54.19

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth, 4:54.19. DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Plymouth, 2-1; Wayne, 0-3.

### LIVONIA STEVENSON 96, SALEM 41 APRIL 17 AT SALEM

Shot put: 1. Maame Adomako (LS), 32 feet, 11.25 inches; 2. Rebecca Bartek (LS), 32-10.75; 3. Kaylee McGrath (LS), 27-9.75. **Discus:** 1. Colette Fodera (LS), 97-5; 2. Adomako (LS), 92-9.5; 3. White (Salem), 83-8.5. **High jump**: 1. Kelly Determan (Salem), 4-6; 2. Holly Butler (LS), 4-3; 3. Claire LeBlanc (LS), 4-3. Long jump: 1. Linda Ling (Salem), 15-0; 2. Marci Kovsky (LS), 14-8; 3. Chelsea Pashnick (LS), 14-4. Pole vault: 1. Michelle Blackstone (LS), 9-0; 2. Lisa Black (LS), 7-0; 3. Emily Wolf (LS), 6-6.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Becky Adamcheck (LS),

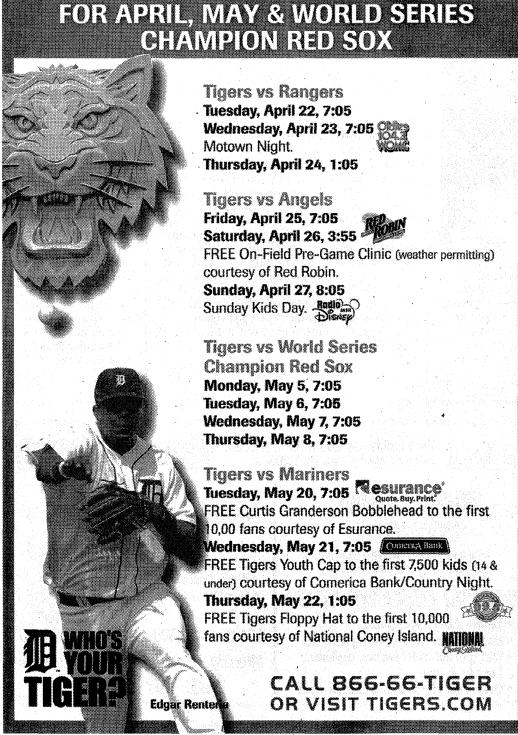
17.3; 2. Madeline Vala (Salem), 18.7; 3. Brittany Gentile (LS), 20.2.

**300 hurdles**: 1. Adamcheck (LS), 48.4; 2. Vala (Salem), 53.2; 3. Andrea Gentile (LS), 59.2. **100 dash**: 1. Deja Wright (Salem), 13.0; 2. Regular (Salem), 14.0; 3. Jenny Bartek (LS), 14.1. 200: 1. Wright (Salem), 27.4; 2. Adamcheck (LS), 327.6; 3. Ling (Salem), 27.9; 400: 1. Wright (Salem), 1:03.3; 2. Katie Glynn (LS), 1:03.9; 3. Brittany Mrozek (LS), 1:04.6. (13), 13-13, 3. Brittarly Mr. 224 (13), 1-43. S 300: 1. Courtney Calka (LS), 2:28.3; 2. Chrissy Tappan (LS), 2:34.8; 3. Katie Vidler (LS), 2:42.0. 1,600: 1. Calka (LS), 5:15.4; 2. Sarah Opdyke (LS), 5:54.7; 3. Determan (Salem), 6:03.9. **3,200**: 1. Victoria Saferian (LS), 13:03.09; 2. Lauren Olson (Salem), 13:46.0; 3. Kara Booms

400 relay: 1. Stevenson (J. Bartek, B. Gentile, Pashnick, Megan DeMarco), 54.2; 2. Salem, 55.9; **800 relay:** 1. Stevenson (J. Bartek, B. Gentile, Mrozek, Adamcheck), 1:54.4; 2. Salem, disqualified; **1,600 relay:** 1. Stevenson (Glynn, Brooke Knochel, Mrozek, Calka), 4:20.6; 2. Salem, 4:28.1; 3,200 relay: 1. Stevenson

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-0 overall





The Plymouth-Canton-

Salem girls lacrosse team

bounced back from its first

loss of the season Thursday

Northville.

forget."

night with a 13-7 triumph over

The victory improved the

Lady Warriors' record to 4-1

while the Mustangs slipped to

"This rivalry goes deeper

than just being a community

said PCS coach Dave Medley.

"Northville beat us 9-7 last

3-1 lead, however, the Lady

Warriors rebounded thanks

Stephanie Matusiak, Lauren

Cox and goalie Nicol Rottell.

winners were Kate Spangler

(five goals), Morgan Franke

Koehler, Nicol Sheldon, Emily

Multiple-goal scorers for the

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**Lady Warriors corral Mustangs** 

(three) and Lauren Ebersole

Pettovello and Megan Burke

PCS's first setback of the

2008 campaign came Tuesday

The Lady Warriors trailed

just 8-6 at the half before the

turned it up a notch in the sec-

"We didn't have the muscle

sure up in the second half," said

Medley. "We talked at halftime

game labored on, however, the

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"Defensively, I thought we played very well as a team," said Canton coach George Tomasso. "We're doing a good job of getting numbers back and I thought our defenders did a good job of handling Plymouth's pressure.

'Offensively, we have to start finishing. We're getting good opportunities; we're just not putting the ball in the net."

Tomasso praised Rymph for the persistence she displayed on her goal.

"She did a good job to follow up the initial shot," he said. "Her hard work is what earned that goal and that's what we want out of our forwards."

Plymouth's McKenzie Hengesh nearly tied the game at 1-all with 1:10 left. She controlled a slick pass from Kelly Dobbs in the box, headed the ball past a Canton defender and ripped a shot that miss left by a foot or two.

Less than a minute later, Plymouth's Kasey Webb fired a laser that soared about a foot over the cross bar.

Canton keeper Bre Bellovary was solid, handling everything the Wildcats kicked at her.

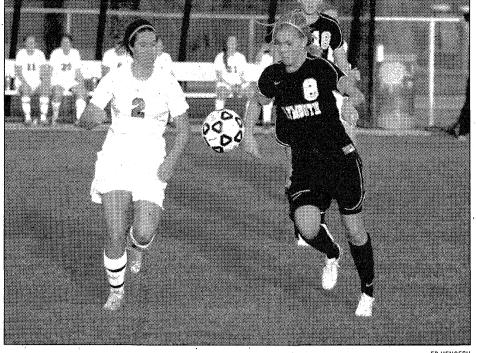
Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich had no complaints about his team's effort.

"I thought we had a great performance tonight," said Neschich. "We had that one bad break on their goal, but we had a lot chances to score down the stretch.

"We're getting better game after game. I don't like losing 1-0, but with all the youth we have, I'm happy with the progress we're making.'

Neschich praised the play of Liz Koet, Katie Moss, Webb and Megan Quinlan. "And our forwards at the end kept the

pressure on. SALEM 1, SOUTH LYON 0: On Friday at the P-CEP varsity soccer field, the Rocks continued their hot play with a defensive-minded victory over the visiting Lions.



Canton's Rachel Kain (left) and Plymouth's Liz Koet race after a loose ball during Wednesday night's 1-0 Chief victory.

Junior forward Jill Behrman was the Rocks' star, scoring the game's lone goal mid-way through the second half. She was assisted by Kristina Klusek.

"Amanda Krause started the play in the mid-field and got the ball on the outside to Kristina," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "Jill made a nice run at the net. Kristina got her the ball and Jill finished from about six or seven yards out."

Ashley Tucker and Kristen Dondzilla combined for the shutout. Tucker played the first half; Dondzilla the second.

The win improved Salem's record to

PCA 3, LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE 0:

On Thursday at Plymouth Christian Academy, the Eagles improved their record to 5-0 with an impressive shutout victory over Clarenceville. Brooke Williams scored all three goals for the winners.

SALEM 2, LIVONIA STEVENSON 0: On Wednesday at Stevenson, the Rocks evened their record at 2-2-2 overall and

1-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division with an impressive road victory over the Spartans. Senior goal-keeper Kristen Dondzilla

was flawless in net, as she stopped all five shots she face to record her third shutout of the season. Offensive, the Rocks were paced by goal-scorers Kristen Thompson (assist

from Lindsay Newton) and Rachel Gizicki, who was assisted by Kristina Klusek. "Lindsey Roy, our sweeper, played an amazing game in the back, especially for

Thompson's goal came 15 minutes in while Gizicki's insurance net-finder came with seven minutes left in the con-

a freshman," said Salem coach Joe Nora.



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### Divorce support group

Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle and/or her partner Wade Jackman of Jackman & Kasody present an overview of the divorce process, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in the Women's Resource Center (room 225), McDowell Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. (734) 462-4443.

For family and friends, presented by Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 23. Cost is \$10 and includes a class manual, two wallet cards and a barrier device. Reserve a seat at (248) 473-3100.

#### Women remembering women

Deadline for reservations for second annual Evening Tea is Friday, April 25. Event is 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at Italian American Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Call or leave a message for Diana at (248) 915-8221, Sherri at (248) 798-0635, or send e-mail to 4627officestaff7@hcr-manorcare.com. Provided by Heartland Hospice.

## **Cuisine for a Cause**

Benefits Josephine Ford Cancer Center at Henry Ford Health System, one of 10 metro Detroit charities, A wine-tasting reception will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Ford Conference and Event Center, Dearborn with live auction. more than 60 premium wines and a strolling supper prepared by Opus One. Tickets \$100. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (313) 876-9237.

Diabetes fund-raiser Women in business holding a vendor/craft event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Gallimore Elementary School, 8375 N. Sheldon, between Warren and Joy, Canton. Admission \$1, proceeds from admission, bake sale, raffles benefit American Diabetes Association. For details, send e-mail to entertainingu@gmail.com.

### Lekotek open house

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County holds an open house for its Lekotek program of play sessions for developmentally disabled children (ages 0-12) 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at The Arc, 26049 Five Mile, Redford. To RSVP, call (313) 532-8524 or send email to lana6356@aol. com. For information, visit www.thearcnw.org. Free pizza, raffles, balloon magic and ice cream.

Free meters and educational materials noon to 3 p.m. Monday, April 28, at Sam's Club, 39800 Ford Rd., east of 275, Canton. Bring a prescription for an ACCu-Check, meter, test strips and lancets. Call (734) 981-4460.

# Caregiving conference

5:30-9 p.m. Monday, April 28, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton To register, call (734) 282-7171. Conference covers legal and financial planning, home health care, adult day care, nursing homes and assisted living, elder abuse, medical equipment, and support groups

#### for caregivers. Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield, Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help community based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or send e-mail to marthapaul@ sbcglobal.net.

The self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Monday St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. For information, call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc. org. No charge, contributions collected.

# Surviving hemophilia

# Treatment advances improve lives of patients with bleeding disorders

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Dave Meuleman never leaves home without his cooler. The Canton man's health depends on factor VIII. Meuleman starts bleeding from even simple injuries like a twisted knee because of a deficiency in factor VIII. A self-infusion of the clotting factor prevents further destruction of his joints. He's already had two knees and a hip replaced.

Meuleman is a survivor. His parents first suspected he had hemophilia 54 years ago when he cut his first tooth and the gum kept bleeding. Back then there was no treatment except for transfusion. Meuleman's grandfather struggled with the primarily inherited bleeding disorder as have two of his brothers, including one who died from AIDS after receiving contaminated blood. Meuleman

contracted HIV and Hepatitis C for the same reason.

"I was also pre factor

so I have more damage

**DERBY FOR DREAMS** What: Fund-raiser featuring Southernstyle buffet, fun-filled afternoon of games of chance and live showing of the Kentucky

Derby When: Saturday, May 3 Where: Fox Hills **Golf and Conference** Center, 8768 N Territorial, west of Plymouth Tickets: \$25 individual, \$40 a couple. Proceeds to the Hemophilia Foundation of

Michigan, Call (734)

544-0015.

to my joints than kids do now," said Meuleman. "When there's a bleed the joints swell up and stay that way for weeks; the joints get distorted. One of my replacement knees, I'm going into the hospital for what they call a revision. When I was born they could never do this surgery. You'd bleed to death. Now they inject a large dose of factor VIII but it stays for only about eight hours so they have to do it again for a couple days and I have to take factor before each physical therapy."

Treatment advances continue to improve the lives of hemophilia

patients. Although there still is no cure, Dr. Steven Pipe has seen the difference research makes to patients with the bleeding disorder which mainly affects males. The University of Michigan hematologist/oncologist has been treating helhopilina since 1988. He is presently medical director of the U-M pediatric hemophilia and coagulation disorders program where his boy patients receive factor VIII anywhere from two to three times a week to every other day.

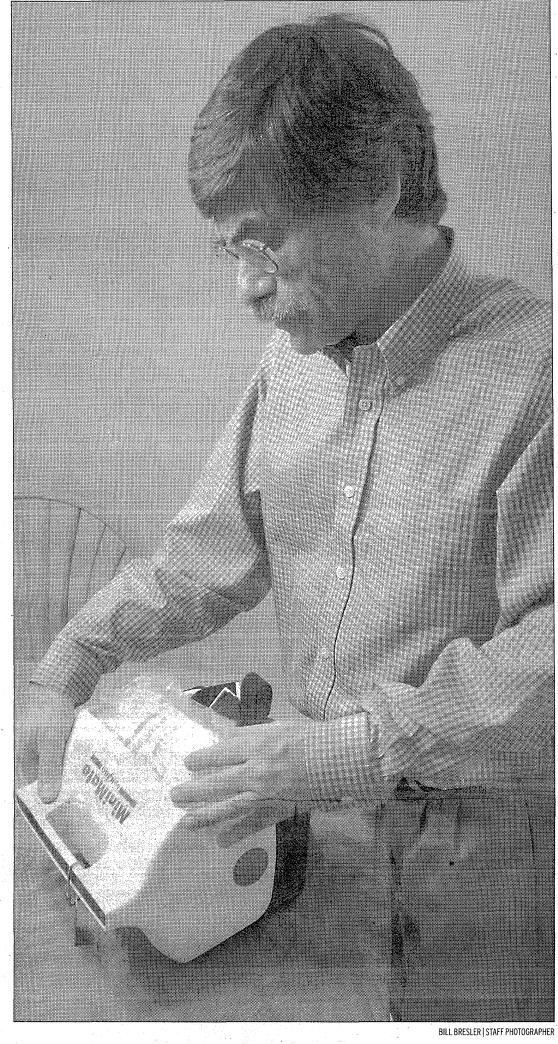
We now effectively prevent most bleeds, most importantly prevent repeated joint bleed thereby preventing joint disease as adults," said Pipes. "For the immediate future one goal is factor VIII delivery for once a week and still give them a good outcome. For the long term scientists are still working on factor VIII gene delivery to get patients' bodies to make their own factor VIII again."

In addition to reducing the number of infusions required to sustain the clotting factor, researchers like Pipe are trying to lower the cost of therapy. That's why the May 3, Derby of Dreams fund-raiser at Fox Hills Golf and Conference Center west of Plymouth is so important.

The Derby Day event raises money for the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan which provides education, short-term counseling, a camp for children, and advocacy in Lansing for underinsured and uninsured patients.

It can cost as much as \$150,000 a year for infusion therapy. The Foundation also administers federal grants to support treatment centers like the one at U-M.

"We help people wade through the insurance morass," said Ivan Harner, executive director of the foundation started in 1956. Harner estimates there



Dave Meuleman always packs a cooler that contains clotting factor so that he can quickly treat himself if he has a bleeding crisis.

are about 2,000 patients living with hemophilia in Michigan, 20,000 in the U.S. "We're a nonprofit agency that depends heavily on funds raised from the community. We're going to have a video showing young children giving themselves an injection, a little boy 7 or 8. It brings tears to your eye. Imagine sticking yourself for the first time in your vein."

Dawn Evans' 15-year-old son Dylan infuses factor VIII into his vein three times a week so he can snowboard and play baseball and basketball. Dawn Evans' father had hemophilia.

Until the 1980s treatment consisted of an infusion of untreated blood plasma which many times infected hemophilia patients with HIV and AIDS.

"They've come leaps and bounds since my dad," said Evans. "People like my dad in their 60s are no longer with us. They died from HIV and hepatitis like my dad. Today there's no human product in factor VIII. It's genetically engineered now because these older guys paved the way."

As special events coordinator, Evans is working especially hard to not only make the Derby event fun, but the Swinging for Smiles golf outing June 9.

'We selected May 3 because it's the Kentucky Derby. We decided to show it live on a big screen and have horse and roulette wheels," said Evans. "We encourage everyone to dress for the derby. There will be a prize for the lady with the best derby hat. We'll have lots of prizes from digital cameras to grills, stereos, \$100 Best Buy gift cards."

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# Workshop to help patients manage chronic diseases

On May 2, The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan will begin hosting the six-week, Personal Action Toward Health program at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile, Livonia. The free community workshop meets once a week to help residents manage chronic diseases.

The Partners on the PATH Workshop is designed to provide knowledge and skills to adults with chronic health conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, emphysema, asthma, bronchitis, and depression.

Classes are run by professional leaders and trained lay people who hold informal,

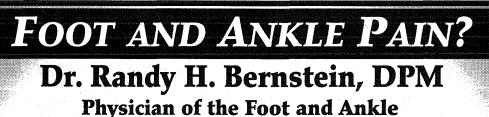
small group discussions and provide easy-to-understand course materials. Instructors provide ways to reduce pain and stress, cope with fatigue, use medications wisely, and benefit from exercise. Participants also learn about self-help devices that can enhance daily activities and are given an opportunity to ask questions about health concerns. The program is suited for both the newly diagnosed as well as those seeking more

aggressive management. The program has been proven to reduce symptoms and physician visits as well as increase self-management abilities and communication with doctors.

Pre-registration for the PATH Workshop is necessary and enrollment is limited. To register, call the Civic Park Senior Center at (734) 466-2556 or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at (800) 482-1455.

The mission of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan is to prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with

On May 6, the NKFM and **Inkster Senior Services will** also begin hosting the sixweek program at the Inkster Recreation Department, 2025 Middlebelt Road. To register, call (313) 561-2383 or (800)





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Plymouth

# Salem's Posler tosses 2-hit gem

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Salem's junior right-handed pitcher Joe Posler had the right stuff Friday afternoon against Livonia Stevenson.

Posler tossed a complete-game two hitter, striking out 10 while

yielding just two unearned runs.

"Joe pitched a great game," said
Salem coach Dale Rumberger.

"Their only two runs came on
errant pick-off throws."

The Spartans' Jeff Sorensen also threw well, yielding just seven hits in a complete-game effort.

The victory improved Salem's record to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division.

Justin Horger was the hitting star for the winners, going 3-for-4. David Loos, Kyle Powell, David Hales and Heath Parling all had one hit for the Rocks.

Salem scored three in the third inning and single runs in the sixth and seventh. Stevenson scored once in the fourth and once in the fifth.

CHURCHILL 4, SALEM 1: On Monday, Livonia Churchill senior left-hander Shea Dwyer was sharp for all seven innings, pitching the Chargers to a hard-fought WLAA-

Lakes Division triumph over host

Salem.
The victory improved the
Chargers' record to 3-4 overall
and 1-1 in the Lakes. The Rocks
slipped to 2-2 and 0-1, respec-

Dwyer allowed just five hits, walked two and struck out nine, out-dueling Salem's Dave Hales, who also went the distance, allowing just five hits and no walks while fanning four.

Brian Runge collected three of Churchill's five hits, including an RBI single in the sixth. Vinny Carozza's suicide squeeze bunt also pushed home a run in the fifth as the Chargers scored three times helped by a Salem infield throwing error bring two more home.

Dana Lorber's RBI groundout accounted for Salem's lone run in the second inning.

FRANKLIN 4, PLYMOUTH 1: Livonia Franklin (6-3, 1-0) scored four times in the top of the sixth inning Monday to beat the host Wildcats (3-2, 1-0).

Mike Basner's 2-run double keyed the surge. He later scored on a wild pitch. Jeff McCullough's RBI groundout made it 1-all.

### PREP BASEBALL

Winning pitcher Jesse Carpenter went all seven innings, allowing just four hits and four walks. He fanned four

Plymouth starter Garrett Rebain, who was lifted in the sixth inning with two outs for reliever Matt Skubik, allowed all four hits and walked six. Rebain fanned four.

Ronnie Goble tallied Plymouth's lone run on a double steal coupled with a Franklin throwing error.

NORTHVILLE 13, CANTON 3:
On Monday at Northville, the
Mustangs took the first step
toward defending their WLAA
Western Division title with a
mercy-rule shortened game
against the Chiefs. The victory
improved the winners to 8-0 (1-0)
while Canton slipped to 3-2 (0-1).

Canton struck first with a single run in the first when lead-off batter Kevin Delapaz singled, stole second and scored on a pair of wild pitches.

The Mustangs retaliated with seven runs in the first three innings off Canton starter Ben Vaughn thanks to Damarii Saunderson's three-run home run, a two-run double by Steve Anderson and seven walks.

Joe Mitchell scored three runs and added an RBI double for the winners. Michael Collins was the winning pitcher for the Mustangs.

Among the highlights for the Chiefs were William Tidwell's two-run, fourth-inning triple and Erik Wright's 1.2 innings of hitless middle relief (two strikeouts).

SALEM 9, PLYMOUTH 2: In Game 1 of a Saturday double-header, the Rocks broke open a 2-2 game with seven runs in the sixth inning to clip the Cats.

Junior right-hander Chris Kordick was the winning pitcher, yielding seven hits and three walks while striking out four in five innings of work. Junior lefty Sam Ott closed the victory out for the Rocks with two innings of scoreless relief. Four of the six Ott was credited with were via strikeouts.

The Rocks opened the scoring in the second when Joe Posler walked and eventually scored on Dana Lorber's infield single. Plymouth knotted the game a 1-all when Matt Priebe's single scored Garrett Rebain, who had doubled. Plymouth nearly took a 2-1 lead, but Brad Lineberry was gunned down at the plate on a missile-like relay throw from Salem shortstop Heath Parling.

Both teams registered single runs in the fifth. The Rocks' run came on Matt Woster solo home run while Plymouth pushed one across on Priebe's RBI single that plated Rebain.

The big hits in Salem's sevenrun sixth-inning uprising were RBI singles from Posler, Justin Horger and Parling, and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Woster.

"I thought both teams played well for an early-season game," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "However, our starter, Brad Lineberry, had to leave the game after the fourth due to his pitch count.

"We had some problems in the fifth when we had to go to our pen. We didn't execute on a few bunts and it really cost us. Sometimes early in the a season, those things will happen. I will no doubt we will improve in that area as the season progresses."

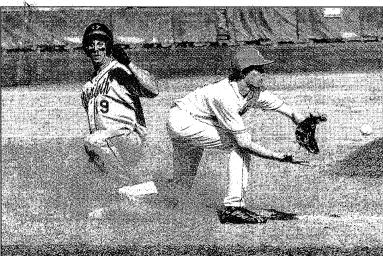
PLYMOUTH 12, SALEM 1: In Game 2 of Saturday's double-header, the host Wildcats earned a split thanks to outstanding pitching from Cliff Buttermore and a four-RBI game from Kyle Traver.

"Cliff pitched outstanding," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams, whose squad improved to 4-1. "He had great command and was able to keep Salem off balance. Our sticks came alive as well."

The Wildcats scored in all five innings (the game was shortened due to the 10-run mercy rule), including four in the third.

Matt Skubik also had a big afternoon for the Wildcats with three hits and three RBI. Other multiple-hit batters for the winners were David Harvey (2-for-4, RBI), Garrett Rebain (2-for-3, RBI), and Travis Mewton (2-for-2, three runs scored, RBI).

Kyle Powell was 2-for-2 for the Rocks. Powell's performance included a solo home run in the fourth. Senior Justin Horger took the loss for Salem, yielding five runs and six hits in two innings of work.



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**Ronnis Goble** slides in safely ahead of the tag of Canton's Nick Tomilenko during Friday night's crosscampus showdown. The Wildcats won, 9-3, to improve their record to 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

# BASEBALL FROM PAGE BI

with a walk, went to third on an error and scored on Alex Dixon's sizzling left-center field double that missed being a home run by two feet. With runners on second and third and no outs, the Chiefs failed to score as Buttermore set the next three batters down in order on a pair of K's and a fly out to center field.

Plymouth broke open the game in the fourth with a two-out, four-run rally. With one out, Harvey doubled and was plated by Lineberry's triple. Following a ground-out, Priebe walked and Goble singled before Lineberry scored on a wild pitch. Priebe and Goble were plated by Matt Skubik's single.

Canton relievers Dane Staples, Joel Schweibert and Tim Hemmelgarn did a nice job of quieting the Wildcats' bats over the final two frames.

Plymouth's leading hitters were Lineberry (3-for-3, two runs, RBI), Priebed (1-for-1, three runs, three RBI), Skubik (1-for-4, two RBI) and Harvey (2-for-3, two runs).

Canton was led by Dixon (1-for-3, three RBI), Stoney (2-for-3) and Mike Madias (2-for-3).

"I'm just thankful that all these young men got a chance to come out on this beautiful April afternoon and play this great game in front of their parents and friends," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "Today, one team won and one team didn't, but in the end it's more about getting the chance to represent your school and compete alongside your teammates. one day, the final score from this game will be forgotten, but the memories and friendships will be what lasts a lifetime."

CANTON 12, JOHN GLENN 2: On Wednesday at Canton, the Chiefs captured a mercy-rule shortened contest thanks to a sterling pitching performance from sophomore Kevin Delapaz and big hitting days from Alex Dixon Ben Vaughn and Nick Tomilenko.

Delapaz won his season-opening start by scattering five hits for 4.2 innings of work. Dixon earned the save.

Dixon went 3-for-4 at the late with a home run, triple and four RBI; Vaughn was 4-for-4 with two RBI and Tomilenko was 3-for-3 with a double and two ribbies.

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fourth on beam, fifth on floor and fourth in the all-around with a 37.50. Two girls turned in incredible efforts in the Senior A group: Megan Valentini from Canton who took sixth on vault, 10th on beam, third on floor, and sixth in the all-around with a 36.70. Kelsey Stamm of Canton also had a good day, placing seventh on the vault, fourth on the beam, ninth on the floor and seventh in the all-around with a 36.65. In the Senior B competition, Emily LaFontaine of Plymouth took third on vault, 10th on beam, sixth on floor and second in the all-around with a 37.10. She was also state champ on bars with a 9.55. All the girls have qualified for the Regional meets. The level 8's will be heading to Peoria, Ill. April 26-27 while the level 9's are competing this weekend in Lansing.



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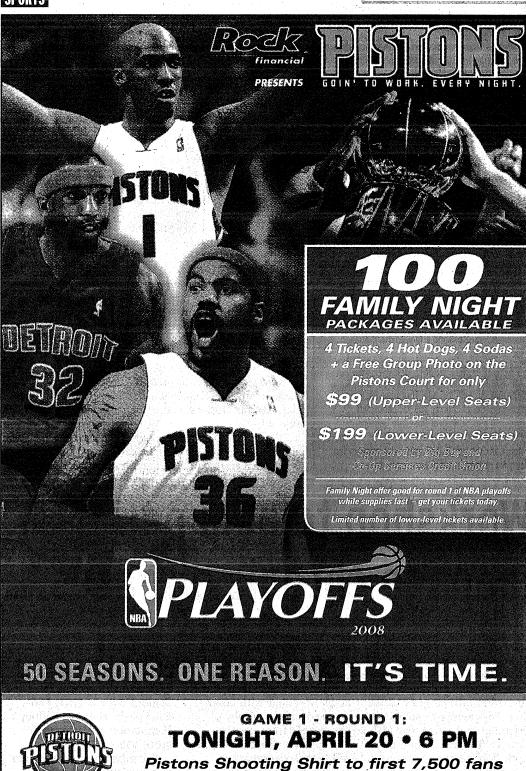
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# Family helps teen get through rejection

I'm a freshman. In the beginning of the year, my older sister told me not to get in a relationship with an older classman because I was just going to get hurt. As soon as school started, I disobeyed her and my family's wishes. Now, for eight months, through our ups and downs, I've been trying to fix my issues with this boy because I'm too attached. He said it's over, but come on, he's said that before ... right? Monica, what do I do? Attached Freshman Garden City

It sounds like you really care about this boy. Unfortunately, it also sounds like he doesn't feel the same way about you. It's very hard to cope with rejection, especially if you and this boy have been going through an on-again, off-again pattern. It can be very confusing and we tend to hold on to hope that things will work out in the end when we have proof that it did in the past. He needs to make up his mind! And, you need to decide if you're willing to settle for someone that doesn't care as much



Monica Fulton

about you as you do about him! Turn to your family for support; your sister obviously cares very much about you and doesn't like to see you get hurt. Your parents can help too; parents love us and nurture us and have a special way of healing our boo-boos

... even emotional ones! Your sister and your family may say "I told you so" but they will be there to help you. Rely on their strength and go out and find someone that deserves you!

There's this girl that I think is really hot, but I don't know what I should say or do to get her attention. What should I do? Attention Getter Garden City

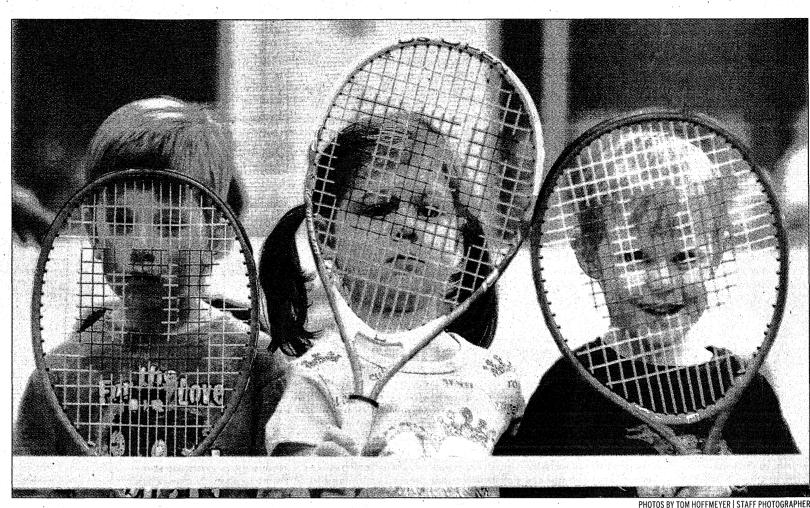
First, the best relationships begin with a friendship. Find out if you have anything in common with this girl. Do you both enjoy sports, art, drama, or music? If so, work up the courage to introduce yourself and then talk about an upcoming event that you both would enjoy. If she seems interested, ask her if she'd like to go with you and your friends. You'll get the chance to see if she's as interesting as she is "hot" in a "no pressure" situation. One small warning: Don't change who you are in order to have something in common with this girl. If you do, eventually the real you will want to be known and the relationship will end. You might miss the chance to find your soul mate by pretending to be somebody you're not!

#### My friends, and a lot of people I know, seem fake and two-faced. It's getting me mad. What do I do? Keepin' It Real Garden City

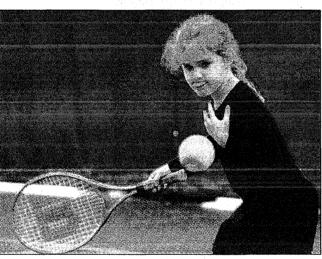
Finding out that friends haven't been acting like real friends can be very disappointing. If your friends don't really know who they are, or what they want to be like when they "grow up," it might seem as though they're acting like different people in different situations. In a way, they are! It's tough to know who you are when you're more than a kid, but not quite an adult yet. This time in your life is a time when you're discovering what kind of person you want to be.

And that means trying on different roles, attitudes, values, and even personality traits. However, if the people you're hanging with are behaving badly, acting rudely, or being just plain mean to other people, you might want to think about what qualities you want your friends to have. When you've decided what you want in a friend, talk to the people closest to you that are acting fake and let them know that you like their good qualities, not the ones they're "trying on." But, if your friends keep acting in a way that you feel is wrong, it's time to look for people that have the same values as you and make new friends!

Monica Fulton is the supervisor of the Family Resource Center in Garden City working on youth and family problems. She has a master of arts degree in clinical psychology. She can reached by e-mail at monicafulton@sbcglobal.net.



Tennis students, from left, 4-year-old Jake Kelly, Delaney O'Dowd and Nate Luyben stand at the net waiting to return a ball during tennis lessons at the Livonia Recreation Center.



Five-year-old Paige Bailey keeps her eye on the ball during tennis lessons at the Livonia Recreation Center.

# LITTLE TENNIS CLASSES

What: Six-week sessions for ages 4:5, and 6:10. Cost \$40-\$77 per session Livonia Recreation Center: Starts April 21. Call (734) 466-2900. Summer outdoor program starts June 17, (734) 466-2410 or www.ci.livonia.mi.us Summit on the Park (Canton): Begins May 6. Call (734) 483-5600 Plymouth Canton After-School: Starts May 6 and 8. Call (734) 416-2937



Four-year-old Robert Page works with beach balls during tennis lessons at the Livonia Recreation Center.

# Little Tennis

# Lessons are fun for pint-size athletes

**BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

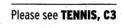
obert Page hides behind the racquet to ponder why he likes taking tennis classes at the Livonia Recreation Center. The 5-year -old boy can think of only one answer.

"It's lots of fun."

That was the consensus of the more than one dozen 4- and 5-year-olds learning the basics from Karen Buddenborg and Chris Haddad. Josie Piergientili was so excited about getting onto the court the 5-year-old Livonia girl forgot her racquet.

Buddenborg and Haddad have downsized the game and use equipment like
beach balls and bean bags to make learning enjoyable. The two Livonia women
originally earned certification from
the Little Tennis program of the U.S.
Professional Tennis Association then
came up with their own inventions like
balls on a cable to teach their students
how to swing. Little Tennis uses a gamesbased approach to hold a child's interest
long enough to receive certificates for
completing the six-week course.

"All equipment is tailored to a small child," said Buddenborg of Livonia. "They use smaller racquets, bigger balls which are easier to track for younger or less





Five-year-old Kennedy Marciw returns a ball during tennis lessons at the Livonia Recreation Center.

# Canton woman creates snail mail for lonely seniors

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Cathy Donaldson loves doing things for others, so when she had to give up volunteering to baby-sit her grandson, the Canton woman came up with an idea to make a difference from home. Every quiet moment turned into making cards for older folks who had little contact with the outside world. Before long, Snail Mail for Seniors was born and Donaldson was busy organizing workshops at the Scrapbook Studio in Canton. The next session takes place Sunday, May 4.

# SNAIL MAIL FOR SENIORS

What: A workshop to make greeting cards for seniors
When: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 4
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"My own grandmother was in a nursing home for many years and had visitors, but that's not always the case," Donaldson

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**Cathy Donaldson** (right) talks about the Snail Mail project she runs where volunteers create cards to send to seniors in nursing homes. Seated from left are Richelle Fales, Deb Otting, Sue Kalis, and Katie Stam (Donaldson's daughter).

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# Shakespeare fest seeks actors

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BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Geoffrey Kopp is excited about bringing Shakespeare to the community this July. As artistic director of the festival, Kopp is hoping that audiences gain a new understanding of the classic plays, Twelfth Night and Henry IV, Part I.

Kopp's directed Shakespeare a number of times, including Hamlet at Western Michigan University, and played the lead role in Titus Andronicus at Schoolcraft College. He taught theater and directed productions at Plymouth Salem High School for two years before becoming a stay-at-home dad.

"It's a way for the audience to be exposed to Shakespeare and it provides an opportunity for local actors interested in doing works of Shakespeare,"

The Livonia Symphony Orchestra closes its sea-

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said Kopp. "It's not done often in community theater because Shakespeare doesn't sell as well. I want them to be relevant and exciting. It's the same script by Shakespeare but presented in modern times and dress.

Kopp is already beginning the process of selecting his acting ensemble by holding auditions for The Village Shakespeare Festival 2008 Acting Ensemble Monday-Tuesday, April 28-29, at The Village Theater of Cherry Hill in Canton. The rotating repertory runs July 23-26, and July 30 to Aug. 2.

Actors need to prepare a Shakespeare monologue to audition for the festival supported by the Partnership for the Arts & Humanities.

"Part of the challenge is presenting the plays with four

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sides of the stage," said Kopp, a graduate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. "One company of actors will be in both productions so that will be a challenge for the actor. We're looking for anyone who is interested in Shakespeare from high school age on up because they have to memorize two plays at once. I've already had interest from college students and members of community theater. As long as you have a willingness to work hard and learn. For me as a director and for audience members it's interesting to see them perform diverse roles. The plays share a lot of similar scenes, one's comedy, one history. Thematically there's some similar things. If you see both productions one will inform the other one.'

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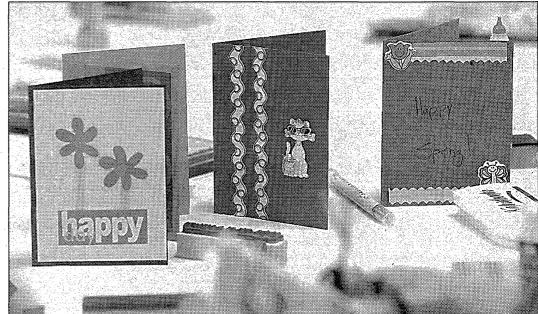
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Volunteer scrappers put their tools to work creating cards to be sent to seniors in nursing homes as part of the Snail Mail project.

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said. "Something as small as a card or something to hang up on their wall gives them so much joy, lets them know someone is thinking about them.'

Donaldson currently mails cards to nearly 300 seniors in nine nursing and assistedliving centers, including the Lutheran Home in Livonia. Medilodge of Plymouth and Four Chaplains Nursing Care in Westland, as well as private residences, every six weeks. Since August, neighbors, friends, family and strangers have created hundreds of Thinking of You notes with Donaldson's large collection of rubber stamps, but she could

always use more help. While the Scrapbook Studio is serving as a dropoff site for donations of store-bought greeting cards, volunteers are needed to assemble the bulk of the cheerful messages. The Canton Meals on Wheels program alone requires 60 cards per month. Donations of paper would also be greatly appreciated. Donaldson is paying for postage from a small stipend her grandmother left her.

"It makes me feel good doing this," Donaldson said. "I love getting my kids and family involved.

Donaldson's daughter Lauren, 16, walks around the store picking up items for a scrapbook she's working on at home.

"I like doing crafts and it's nice to help people too," said Lauren Donaldson, a student at Plymouth Salem High School. When Lauren was younger, she used to draw pictures for her great-grandmother, Cathy's grandmother.

Several of the volunteers at a recent workshop were into scrapbooking. Richelle Fales, Donaldson's neighbor, likes to come with her daughter, Amber. She thinks it's wonderful Donaldson wants to reach out to lonely seniors. Deb Otting of Canton wants to support Donaldson's efforts to



work on creating cards to be sent to seniors in nursing homes for the Snail Mail project.

brighten seniors lives. Katie Stam of Canton admits she likes scrapbooking and gluing ribbons to everything, so when her mother asked her to help with the project, she said yes.

"It's important to do something for other people," said Stam, Donaldson's older daughter.

Scrapbooker Kathy Edwards of Canton decided to come for exactly the same reason.

"I thought it was wonderful they were bringing cheer," Edwards said.

Trish Geick volunteers to make the cards because Donaldson always helps her with a bowling fund-raiser for scholarships in memory of her son Brian. She was there "because it's a nice thing to do.'

Sue Kalis taught grades K-6, so she's done a lot of cutting and pasting over the years. The Canton woman belongs to a stamp club, the Midnight Stampers, who meet in Farmington Hills.

"It's lots of fun," said Kalis, who taught in the Wayne-Westland and Plymouth-Canton school districts before

retiring. Donaldson appreciates all of the help, regardless of the reason. She regularly finds cards in her mailbox from Hollyann Stewart, a student at All Saints School in Canton, and Cameron and Courtney Hunter, students at Canton

Charter Academy. Mrs.

Schwartz's class at Isbister Elementary helped make Valentine's Day cards and created bunnies for Easter. The Girl Scouts have made cards as well.

"It's growing," said Donaldson, who'd like to start a newsletter with jokes and brain teasers for seniors. "If kids 3 years old want to make something, they love anything kids make, love things that are hand-made. Any donations are welcome — or if they know someone who could use the service — donations of paper, envelopes. There might even be card stores that want to donate. We need postage stamps. If they can't come to the Sunday sessions, they can still help out."

Donaldson finds cards on eBay and at garage sales. She says she can't use get well or birthday cards, but Thinking of You or blank cards are fect.

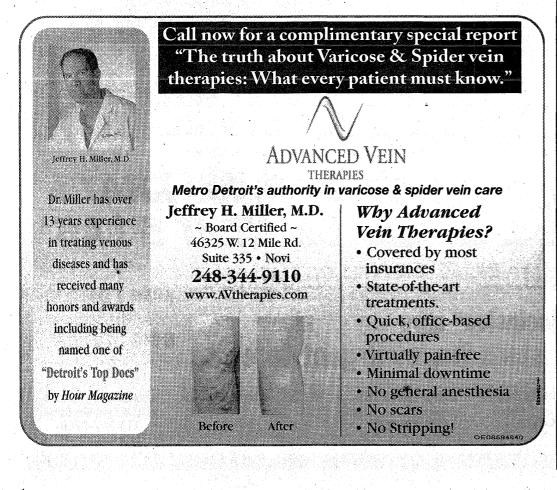
"I think it's great what she's doing," said Mary Kunka, who owns the Scrapbook Studio with her sister Michelle Gates. In the past, the two Canton women have held badge workshops for Girl Scouts and had them make cards and then gave the notes of cheer to assisted-living facilities. They donate store space for the Snail Mail workshops.

"One day, we're going to be at that age," Kunka said.

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experienced players."

Haddad and Buddenborg began teaching tennis to 6-10year-olds at the rec center in 2004 and later added the 4-5-year-old

"Parents were asking if there was anything for their siblings,' said Haddad of Livonia. "They're successful right away with cable balls then move on to balloons then beach balls then transition balls."

"Activity such as hitting over a net can be difficult. We teach them to swing along the floor first," said Buddenborg who met Haddad on a tennis court where they were taking their first lesson 17 years ago.

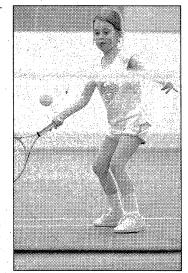
On this afternoon the two friends were having as much fun as the kids and have no plans to take a vacation anytime soon. Preschool and ages 6-10 tennis starts April 21 and 23, at the Livonia rec

Haddad and Buddenborg have a busy summer ahead with classes at Summit on the Park in Canton, Lifetime Fitness in Novi. and the after school program in the Plymouth-Canton district. An outdoor summer program is being offered through Livonia Parks and Recreation.

"It's an introduction to a wonderful game" said Pru Pfeifer of Livonia. Pfeifer was assisting Haddad and Buddenborg. "Tennis is a game you can play all your life."

Jim Page enjoys playing tennis as much as his son Robert. He and Robert's grandmother Joan Flohr were watching outside the gymnasium. Flohr played twice a week for years.

"It teaches the basics, more than just hitting the ball back and forth," said Jim Page, "and it makes him adapt to a group quicker. He goes to swimming and pre-school. It helped with all these things to join a group quicker."



Six-year-old Julia Rintala returns a ball during tennis lessons at the Livonia Recreation Center.

John Caloia brings his daughter Noelle to the classes for a therapeutic reason. The  $5\frac{1}{2}$ -year old Livonia girl was completing her second session.

"She has CP (cerebral palsy) with limited use of right extremities." said Caloia. "It helps with balance, eye-hand coordination. She has swimming in 20 minutes, ballet on Saturday, soccer. She enjoys it."

Four-year-old John Paul Jabbour dropped out after only two classes but his sister Isabella is having fun and their brother Michael, 2, is already walking around with a racquet in his hand.

"It's something different," said Moj Jabbour, their mother. "It's a good form of exercise in the winter months, something to keep them moving."

Before long class was over and it was time for the 6-10 year olds to line up at the net. The kids rarely missed the balls Buddenborg

"She started taking (lessons) when she was 5 and has been taking them on and off since then," said Jodi Krawczak of her daughter Emily, 7, a first grade student at Randolph Elementary in Livonia. "She does it because it's fun."

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# Concert to raise money, awareness for Kids Against Hunger

The Birchler family of Livonia is hosting Jamming' to end Famine, a concert to benefit Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and throughout the world. The concert begins 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Monaghan's Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. The show features five bands, The Strangers, The B-Bros, The Paisley Fogg, 2 Dayz Gone, and Scratch, with music from the '60s to '90s. The groups are all manned by members of the extended

"I am thrilled to have my four brothers and two sons perform on the same stage,' said Tom Birchler. "This will also be the 25th year reunion of Scratch, my band from the '80s and these guys are like brothers to me.

Birchler family.

Kids Against Hunger uses volunteers to set up food

packaging satellites through partnerships with humanitarian organizations. This enables KAH to deliver its specially formulated rice-soy casserole to starving children and their families in more than 40-countries.

"As the immediate pastpresident of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, I was very touched when my brother Tom suggested this event to raise money for Kids Against Hunger, our major project over the past three years," said John Birchler. "As a club we have donated over \$50,000 and thousands of hours in support of this great cause. We have now assisted Kids Against Hunger in packaging over 1 million meals."

Tickets are \$20 and available at the door or in advance by sending e-mail to tbirchler@twmi.rr.com.

For information about Kids Against Hunger, visit www. feedingchildren.org.

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Members of The Paisley Fogg band include (from front to rear) Tommy Anderson; Dave, Keith and Tom Birchler, and Ron Graham. The group performs for the Jammin' to End Famine benefit concert Friday, April 25, at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia.

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The second problem is treatment. The patient comes to obtain relief, but without a diagnosis, the physician has no guideline for treatment of the pain. The experience of the medical community is that giving trials of steroids or narcotics only causes a rebound of pain when the cortisone or Vicodin stops.

The way to evaluate and treat hurting-all-over remains an answered question in medicine today. Answers are not likely to come forward soon, as research dollars are focused on cancer, heart disease, and hypertension. When health policy makers recognize the magnitude of work time lost and personal life compromised by this pervasive pain, perhaps funds for research will

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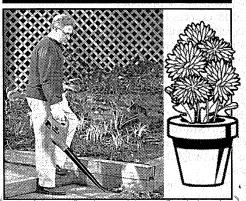
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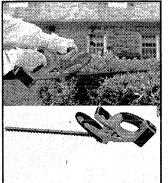
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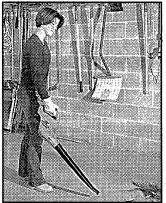
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#### **Berkley High School** Class of 1958

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#### **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@afn.org. **Crestwood High School**

Class of 1968 A 40th class reunion Oct 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall Welch 313-937-3477 or email CHS1968Sec@yahoo.com.au.

# **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.net.

# **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.

**ANTHONY ANASON** 

Age 74, of Rockford, Michigan, for-

merly a longtime resident of Plymouth, passed away after a brief

llness in Jupiter, Florida on April 17,

2008. Beloved husband of 53 years

of Marilyn, Loving mother of Kathryn (Michael) Mekaru, A. Mark (Shari),

Roger and David (Stacey). He is also

survived by his 11 grandchildren, Elizabeth, Timothy, Steven, Alexa, Brooke, Mallory, Christopher, Emily,

Tony, Nicholas and Katelin. Also,

surviving him was his sister Anna

Solomon. Tony was born on May 20,

1933 in New York and later moved to

Michigan. He was a retired employee

of the Eli Lilley Pharmaceutical

Company. Visitation will be held on

Tuesday, April 22 at the Pederson Funeral Home at 127 North Monroe

Street, Rockford, MI. Mass will be

held on Wednesday, April 23 at Our

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#### **Dearborn Edsel Ford** Class of 1968

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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) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

#### **Dearborn Fordson** Class of 1969

Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kavninilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.

#### **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 Chadsey High School** Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person, Contact, Mike Poterala. (248)548-4829 or mspoterala@comcast.net.

### **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 email 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 western1978@att.

#### 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 gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com and check out web site at www.myspace.com/ achs20threunion.

#### The reunion date has not been set yet. **Grosse Pointe North** Class of 1991

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### **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.

# 2-day bus trip a mystery for 'girls'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Sue Swims isn't telling where the Girls Just-Want-To-Have Fun Mystery Weekend is going, but she is promising a fun time.

The two day bus trip leaves Livonia 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, and returns around 6 p.m. Sunday, May 4.

Swims and her sister Cheryl Bandy started the Escape from Reality adventures as part of their Red Robin Travel business in Livonia.

"We came up with the idea after learning of a company in another state my husband heard about. I planned all kinds of trips for my own family," said Swims of Livonia.

The first day alone includes about six stops before arriving at a hotel where a small surprise awaits the "girls" in their room. The evening ends with a fabulous dinner. Sundav morning begins with breakfast followed by three more stops.

The cost is \$189 and



Sue Swims (bottom) and her sister Cheryl Bandy have arranged another of their Girls Just Want-To-Have-Fun Mystery Weekends May 3-4.

includes lodging, transportation, activities, snacks, prizes, and most meals.

"It's all about girls. You sign up with your sister, mother, friends," said Swims. "We might stop at a cute cafe, a country store, someplace where we have an activity and

contest and have prizes. It's just a ton of fun. The women just get pampered."

To learn more about May 3-4 trip, call (734) 838-0227 or visit www.redrobintravel.com.

The weekends are also being offered Aug. 9-10, and Oct. 11-12.

graduate of Eastern Michigan

University. He works at Ford

Motor Co. as a Web developer.

An August wedding is

planned at Lovett Hall in

Dearborn.

# **ENGAGEMENTS**

Bill and Susan Bresler of

Livonia announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Anne

Katherine Bresler, to Andrew John McIntire, son of John

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Michigan State University and received a

and Fave McIntire, also of

master's degree from Pace

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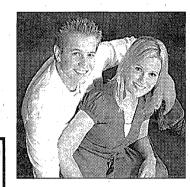
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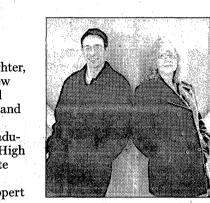
## **Drake-Wheatley**

Roger and Kathy Drake of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Drake, to Clayton Wheatley, son of Ken and Tracy Wheatley

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is employed at Northland Family Planning.

The future groom is a Western Michigan University graduate and is employed by Ford Motor Co.

A Sept. 6, 2008, wedding is planned for Canton.



### Bramlett-Kadwell Don and Ann Bramlett of Livonia announce the

engagement of their daughter, Lora Bramlett, to Matthew Kadwell, son of Terry and Nancy Hurley and Philip and Debbie Kadwell. The bride-to-be is a gradu-

ate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University.

She is employed by Koppert Biological Systems.

The future groom is a graduate of Farmington Harrison High School and Michigan State University.

# He is employed by Stathakis Painting. A May 10, 2008, wedding is planned for Mount Hope Congregational Church.

# Kurc-Jarema

Robert and Betty Kurc of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Kurc, to Carl Jarema. son of Robert and Cindy Jarema of Gran Blanc.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a graduate of Michigan Tech University. She is an engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Powers Catholic High School and a graduate of Michigan Tech University. He is a test engineer with Johnson Controls.

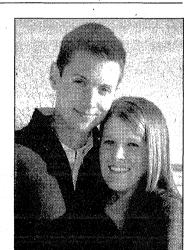
An Aug. 16, 2008, wedding is planned for Alpena, Mich.

# Wagner-Marchelletta

Katherine (Kate) Wagner of Livonia and Anthony Marchelletta of Livonia plan to marry Saturday, July 5, at St. Simon Catholic Church.

Kate is the daughter of George and Judy Wagner of Ludington. She is a 2000 graduate of Ludington High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan Universtiy. She is currently attending Indiana University in Bloomington and will complete her doctor of audiology degree in August. She is currently employed by Henry Ford Health System as a clinical audiology extern.

Anthony is the son of Tony and Karen Marchelletta of Livonia. He is a 2000 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High



School and a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in food marketing and business. He is currently a sales representative for Kethe Food Distributors.

# BIRTH



### **Aubrev Ann Singleton** Jason and Kristine Singleton

of Plymouth Township announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Ann Singleton, on March 31, 2008, at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

Aubrey has a brother, Connor Douglas Singleton, 3. Grandparents are Douglas

and Aida Kaiser of Canton Township and Jim and Veronica Singleton of Canton Township.

Great grandparents are John and Lorraine Kaiser of Woodhaven.

# VSA arts festival makes big move

Southeast Region is holding its 17th annual showcase of children and adults with disabilities April 25-26, in two different locations this year. In the past, the festival had been held at Livonia Mall. In 2008, experiential hands-

VSA arts of Michigan-

on arts activities will be provided for festival participants in addition to their performances in auditoriums located in Detroit Renaissance High School (Friday, April 25) and Clawson High School during the Arts Alive! event (Saturday, April 26). The VSAMI 2008 Emerging Artists Touring Exhibit will also be featured.

VSA arts of Michigan-Southeast Region provides access and opportunities for children and adults with disabilities to experience and grow

a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 25, at Renaissance High School in Detroit. Performers include students from Jerry White School. Pontiac schools, and Dearborn. On Saturday, the program

through the arts. Hours are 10

runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Clawson High School and includes the talents of Amy Somerville, Scott Wightman, Karen McDonald, the FAR Conservatory Band from Birmingham, Dennis Gordon, and pianist Raymond Wells of Plymouth.

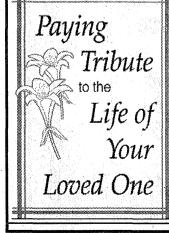
Music therapist Lisa Barnett receives the VSA arts of Michigan Educator of the Year award.

For more information, contact Jody Stark at (313) 273-7762 or catinc@earthlink.net, or Connie Lott at (248) 349-0682.

# Age 79 of Rochester for 55 years, April 15, 2008. Loving Mother of

ESTHER DUNSMORE

Lorrie (Russ) Hall of Excelsior, MN and Gale (Tom) Marion of Oxford. Grandmother Amy Rettinger, John Hall, Mac Marion and Abby Marion. Esther was born in Omaha, Nebraska, was a devoted mother and grandmother and throughout her illness, her strength and courage became an inspiration to all who loved her. She will be deeply missed by her family and will forever remain in their hearts and prayers. Memorial visitation Tuesday, April 22, 2008 6-9 Pm at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home 339 Walnut Blvd. Rochester. Memorials to Muscular Guardian Angel. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



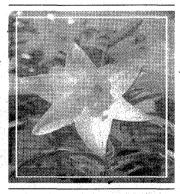
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JEAN G. KOMLOS Widow of George J., mother of Kathleen Kelley, George (deceased) and Kurt, passed on April Grandmother of five: Breeze, Corey, Piper Ann, Zachary and Jasper (deceased). Great-grandmother of Taylor Marie. She was also survived by two sisters: Lee and rances, and two daughters-in-law: Terry and Valerie. She was a longtime member of the Redford Suburban League, but lived most of her last 30

years in Plymouth, while her last year in Franklin, TN. She made many close friends throughout her lifetime and will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. A quote from Jean: "my most valuable assets are my "Friends" and "Family' Her ashes will be spread in Franklin, but her memories are spread near and far. Her love for animals requests that any contributions be sent to the



Humane Society or shelter of choice.

#### DELORES M. **MCMANAMON**

Age 79, of South Lyon, passed away on April 17, 2008. Born on December 27, 1928 in River Rouge, MI. to Lewis and Marie (Moss) Laginess. Delores was married to Patrick on June 21, 1952; they spent 37 wonderful years together. She moved to South Lyon from Redford where she resided for 34 years. Delores was a school teacher years with the Livonia Public Schools. Her spirit will lived through each and every person she touched, she will be missed by all. Delores is survived by her children, Thomas (Gay), (Teresa), Theresa (Steve) Bland, Michael (Ann), Sharon (Marc) Hackman, Karen (Fred) Stuard, and Brian (Joanne); her siblings, Shirley (Donald) McHugh, Ron (Jesse) Laginess, Carol (Ron) Mackool, and Michael (Marylou) Laginess; and 24 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Jeanne Hogan, her brothers, Raymond and James Laginess. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, April 21, 11am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 830 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Father Kenneth Chase will officiate the serv-Father ice. Donations are suggested to U of Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Center Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

# RICHARD P. NEWTON

Age 70, died April 17, 2008. Beloved husband of Marie for 41 years. Dear father of David (Kristan), Michael (Roxane), Christine (Dennis) Clark, Douglas (Yuni). Dearest grandfather of Zachary, Emily, Abby, Jacob, and Angela. Loving brother of Carol (the late Ralph), Jean (Ronald), and the late David. Family will receive friends Sunday 3-8 with a Rosary 7 pm. on Sunday at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six mile Rd., Livonia. Funeral services will begin Monday with prayers 9 am. at the funeral home and 9:30 am. Mass at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia. The family appreciates memorial donations to the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation Interment Glen Eden Cemetery Please share a memory with the family a www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com

# ROBERT H. OTTE, Sr.

Age 84, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away April 14, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

# GEORGE SKORINA

Age 81, of Canton, passed away on April 15, 2008. Born in Detroit on May 9, 1926. He bravely served our country during WWII in the United States Navy. After the war, he would graduate from Western Michigan University earning a degree in Accounting. After he retired from his career in accounting, he would enjoy gardening and traveling. Above all else he would dedicate his life to his loving family. George is survived by his long time companion Nancy Wiggle. Daughters Carol (Jeff) Morgan and Mary (Ned) Grandchildren: Stephen Elizabeth, Karl, Spencer and Troy Brother of Julia McCarty. Preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth and hi youngest daughter Kristin. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Services were held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth on Saturday April 19, 2008. Share your special

# LILLIAN R. ZAK

schrader-howell.com

thoughts and memories at:

Age 88, April 15, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Adolph. Dear mother of Jim (Jan), Rosemary (Dan) Callahan, Adolph Richard, Gerry (Kathy), Liz (Jim) Christopher and Karen (Dan) Grandmother of Lauren Michael, Andrea, Kevin, Colleen Joshua, Nathan, Scott, Tim, Danie Paul and Gabriel. Great-grandmothe of Olivia and Brendan. Also survived by close friend Vince Enriquez Services were held. Arrangements by Santeiu & Son.

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# **WOMEN SEEKING MEN**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE? Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 46, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. 2230694

NURSE Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for NS, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **22409879** 

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. 27134425

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
a 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 57", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, N/D, N/S, D/D-free, never married, no children. Interested? Cal

BEAUTIFUL

BiBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for BiF, 25-40, race open, D/D free, H/W proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. \$\mathbf{T}271860\$

LET'S TALK SOON
Sincere, drama-free SWF, 57, 5'6", reddish-brown/brown, glasses, 165lbs, D/D-free, ISO S/ DWM, 35-62, who's interested in a friends first relationship, 2246147 SUMMER IS COMING!

BF, 45, seeks special someone to share picnics, walks in the park, quiet days at home and concerts with. If you have the cheese and wine, I have the blanket. \$\frac{12}{271006}\$

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
Classy SBF, hoping to meet mature SBM, 45-60. I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me?

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Sexy SBF, 40, N/S, seeks fun and witty
WM, 35-80, for friendship first, maybe more.
\$270132

LONELY VIRGO SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, dancing, good food, good fun. Looking for SF, 30-65, with same interests. 2269375

ARE YOU SEEKING?

DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet N/S WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. \$\mathbf{T} 630808\$

BEAUTIFUL SBF... 37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. \$\pi 271683\$ LET'S GET TOGETHER

Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. 2267624

HONESTY A MUST
BF, 42, 5'4", 186lbs, shapely, brown/brown, seeking an honest man, 40-50, N/Drugs, who enjoys the good things in life. I like plays, dancing, dining out, good company and working out. \$\pi 25608\$ HEART OF GOLD

HEART OF GOLD SBF, 39, 56", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzies, old-school lifestyle, mov-ies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance.

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic,
N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks
SWPM, 55-62, N/S, college degreed, healthy,
SOH, possible LTR. 27993381 LOOKING FOR MR RIGHT

Outgoing, laid-back SWF, 40, sincere and light-hearted seeks easygoing, fun SM, who knows how to enjoy life, to share talks, dates, friendship and possible LTR. \$255010

SEARCHING FOR A MAN. SEARCHING FUR A WAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 46-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. 2962317

NO DRAMA LTR SBF, 42, 4'11", 135lbs, N/S, mother of three, goes to college, seeks man, 30-48, who is sen-

goes to college, seeks man, 30-48, who is ser ous about life, doesn't play games. 2261544 A LOT TO OFFER 6, educated, enjoys her pets, life. Seeking male, 38-48, who is positive and healthy,

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN! SWPF, 42, smoker, seeks WPM, 40ish-60ish,

smoker, who enjoys concerts, relaxing, bowling, dining, time at home. \$\frac{\pi}{269456}\$ COULD IT BE YOU?

SBF, 44,- professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, more. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. \$\frac{\text{T235988}}{2235988}\$

HERE I AM GUYS Loving, sexy SBF, 34, caramel complexion, 5'5", 156lbs,brown eyes, independent, employed, secure, Seeking warm-hearted intelligent, commitment-minded man who wants to share something real. 25238307

HELLO OUT THERE HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys
lifes simple pleasures. I enjoys dining out, computers, movies, the parks walks, travel and life in
general. Friendship first. 27241298

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7" +, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. 27147056 BLACK BEAUTY SEEKS.

White Knight. Spontaneous SBF, 35, brown eyes, in search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out, more. \$760020

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, seerious SBM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. 2273603 I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, N/S, fun, loving, caring. \$\mathbf{T} 568059\$ MUST LOVE WRESTLING!

Full-figured, shapely SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SWM (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friend-ship first and maybe more. **TP268699** HIDDEN TREASURE

I'm the needle in the haystack, and there you will find true love. Seeking SM, 65+. 27212790 PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gen-

tleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. 22891247 HELLO THERE

Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, N/D, N/S. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. 79:1139011

TAKING A PEEK Attractive SWF, 20 years old, loves to be outdoors and have fun, enjoys clubs, movies, relaxing at home, ISO male who likes the same, and wishes for friendship, maybe more.

GORGEOUS SMILE! GORGEOUS SMILE!
SBF, 26, 5'6", 130lbs, slim build, smoker, D/D-free, seeks BF, 18-60, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. I enjoy movies, dining, televi-sion, cuddling. 22:257889 SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, N/S, good sense of humor and good values/ morals: 2207254

SEEKING SAVED MAN SBF, 27, N/S, seeks one good man, 29-51, N/S, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. \$\frac{\pi}{265509}\$

HI THERE! Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SWM, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! \$\frac{\pi}{268278}\$

LADY IN THE WOODS

SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. 2210247

DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, N/S, with good sense of humor. 22200296 LOOKING FOR A COMPANION

Tall, attractive WIWF, 60s, enjoys good conversation, walks, playing board/card games, antiques and more. Looking for honest gentleman, 64-80, with a wide verity of interest to share all life offers. \$\mathbb{T}\$236416 LIVE LIFE 2 THE FULLEST

SF, 18, enjoys music, architectural design and trying new things. Seeking SM, creative and fun, with passion for the same, to share friendship, good times and then who knows? \$\frac{\pi}{2247152}\$ ACTIVE WOMAN

SWF, dark hair and eyes, N/S, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more, If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. 2262181

A WOMAN OF CLASS SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it

WORTH A CALL
SWF, 55, loves movies, trying new things, sporting events, motocross, sewing and more. Seeking sociable SM, with similar interests, to share the special times in life. Friandship first WORTH A CALL the special times in life. Friendship first, possible LTR. 2245505

BEAUTIFUL MAKEUP ARTIST
Sincere, kind SWF, 53, proportionate, 5'6",
124lbs, professional, attractive, intelligent and
educated, loves music, dancing, motorcycles,
outdoors, movies and creative pursuits. Seeking
attractive gentleman, 42-53, with like interests/
qualities, for friendship/LTR. 27245846

LOOKING FOR ME? Attractive SBF, 54, full-figured, sincere and warm, enjoys reading, cooking, walks, people. Seeking loving, good-humored, Christian genteman, 49-57, 511"-6"2", employed, easygoing and kind to share all life offers. 2246987

ARE YOU OUT THERE? SBF, 5'3", long hair, student, seeking a SBM, 19-23, handsome, honest, fun, good personality, for friendship and more. **2248542** HELLO

SAF, 49, 5'2", 110lbs, slim and pretty, independent, loving, caring and down-to-earth, loves movies, fine dining, travel and quiet times home. Seking well-educated SW/AM, 47-55, clean-cut, handsome, independent and warm.

**WORTH A LOOK** 

SBF, 30, 5'7", 195lbs, nurse, loves music, trying new things and just having fun. Looking for good-hearted, open-minded man to share the good times in life, friendship and maybe more.

IT'S WORTH THE CALL
SBF, 20, 5'3", 250lbs, hard-working, student, no kids, seeking a cool guy, to chill with, get to know, have good times and see where it goes.

COUNTRY GIRL Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWPF, 54, platinum/blue, 5'5". H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing, Seeking SWM, 55-65, N/S, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. **27759845 FUN & OUTGOING** 

SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. \$\frac{1257908}{257908}\$ 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

GET TO KNOW ME

es. N/S, social drinker, looking for a gentleman, 45-60, to share good, clean fun with. 22260756 WHY NOT CALL?

SBF, full-figured, seeks a SM, 37-80, for friend-ship, possible LTR. Call me, let's get together and get to know each other. \$\mathbf{T217234}\$ GET TO KNOW ME Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attrac-tive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Pos-

sible LTR. 27963760 READY FOR A FRESH START? READY FOH A FRESH STAHT?

DWF, 47, 55°, 12018s, long blonde/blue, wellproportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1"+, 2251bs+,
good sense of humor, energetic, traveler,
outdoorsman, adventurer, manly gentleman.

STILL SEEKING SBF, 56, 5'3", 122'lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, N/S, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. 22113198

# MEN SEEKING WOMEN

COULD IT BE YOU?

DWM, 37, 6', 230lbs, N/S, N/D, with old-fashioned values, hard-working, with varied interests, love the outdoors. ISO SF, 18-45, commitment-minded, caring, sweet and sociable.

LOOKING FOR MZ RIGHT
WiWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, funloving, enjoys a variety of activities, indoor/
outdoor, Looking for LTR, with the right person.
7265340

BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS WANTED

COUGAR LOVER Some things do get better with age. Blue-eyed, handsome SM, mid 40s, physically fit, laid-back, good sense of humor, seeks woman, with like

s, who likes travel, music, exercising, etc.

LAID-BACK GUY
BM, 6', 175lbs, athletic build, likes going out sometimes. Looking for a BF, 19-45, who enjoys life. 17272875

A WALK AND A TALK
Try this easygoing, lovable SWM, 50, good listener, who enjoys book stores, coffee shops, nature and concerts. I seek a like-minded coun-

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 510°, handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. 127269646

LOVES THE OUTDOORS WM, two grown daughters, likes bowling, walks in the woods, fishing, some travel, going to movies and more. Hope to find a WF, 40-58, who enjoys these kinds of things. 27270367

FRIENDSHIP FIRST SWM, 6', 145lbs, enjoys hiking, kayaking, road trips, walking my dog, music, hanging out with friends and more. Looking for SWF, 18-42, to spend time with. **2271027** 

and LTR. 27256288 ARE YOU OUT THERE?

LOVE ME FOR ME
DM, 49, 5'10", 160lbs, bright blue eyes, works
afternoon shift, loves sports, watching movies,
campfires. Looking for LTR with SWF, 45-52,
who has a sweet personality. 2272813

HELLO SWEET LADIES SBM, 45, educated, degreed, enjoys canoeing, basketball, cycling, jogging. Seeking a special, kind, Christian lady, 25-40, slim-medium build, D/D-free, to share the good things in life.

JUST ME AND MY DOG
WM, 5'11", 180lbs, short dark/green, likes roller-blading, biking, running, the outdoors, animals, more. Looking for SF, 21-37, with a cool per-sonality and can appreciate an awesome guy. m272374

SWM, 62, good listener, enjoys cards, travel, the arts, walks and more. offering a good friendship to a warm-hearted woman, with inner/outer beauty. \$\mathbf{T}233588\$

HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Laid-back, affectionate, good-humored SBM, 36, 5'11", 165lbs, goatee/beard, hazel-brown eyes, looking for drama-free, good-hearted woman, communicative and compassionate to share hopes, dreams, happiness, friendship and maybe something more. 27250650

COUNTRY BOY-AT-HEART

NEW TO THE AREA SWM, 35, 5'11", 200lbs, brown/.hazel, smoker, seeks woman, 25-40, for dining, movies, quiet times at home. 17269861

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

TALL, ATHLETIC
SWM, 49, 6'2", 200lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. 7551308

EASYGOING
Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. WLTM SWF, for dating and fun times. \$\alpha\$187614

INTERESTED?
WM, 5'11", brown/blue, goatee, moustache, looking for a worman who wants to start a relationship. Seeking WF, 18-45. 27265007

GOOD MAN FOUND Recently divorced BM, 43, 5'8", 200lbs, educated, enjoys movies, nights out, intelligent conversation, weekend trips, seeking easy going, smart, affectionate female. \$\mathbb{T}267088\$

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC
Tall, athletic SWM, 48, 6'2", 200lbs, brown/blue, never married, no dependents, college-educated, clean-cut, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks friendly SF, for fun. Age/location open. \$75,87,540

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

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 dat-

**GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR** WM, late 30s, 6'3", dark/blue, enjoys sports, concerts and going to movies. Looking for an attractive Latin/Hispanic female, 25-50, for datatasets.

LETS GET GOING!

GOOD BETTER BEST! SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. #1992943

FRIENDLY AND FUN

DOWN-TO-EARTH SBM, young looking 48, N/S, 6', 250lbs, laid-back, family-oriented, likes bowling, dinner, travel. Seeking a SF, 30-45, race open, N/S, who's caring, honest and laid-back with sense of humor. \$\frac{\pi}{2221121}\$

WORTHA SHOT

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

1247556

Selective, outgoing, honest SBM, 43, 6'3", self-employed, 183lbs, looking for outgoing, open-minded, slim, tall woman, homebody type, to share the good times in life. \$247600

HOW ARE YOU? DWM, 37, 6'1", 2001bs, athletic build, medium blond hair, employed, outgoing and fun, hard-working, looking to meet like-minded lady to share talks, casual dates, friendship more? \$\frac{\pmathbf{T248129}}{\pmathbf{T248129}}\$

Attractive SM, 37, 5'11", 190lbs, searching for an attractive SF, 23-44, with a nice attitude, who

HANDSOME & FUN-LOVING
Sincere, fun-loving, down-to-earth SBM, 44.
ISO romantic, honest, intelligent BF, 25-55, with great SOH, for companionship, possible LTR.

2968147

HOPE 2 HEAR FROM U SOON
SWM, 43, in shape, 5'8", 170lbs, brown/brown
looking for older woman 50-60, fit and attractive
easygoing and secure, who knows how to have
a good time in life. 27251226 EUROPEAN GENTLEMAN

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SM, 45, hard-working cook, likes sports, mu-sic, romance, good company and quiet nights in, Looking for good-looking, happy, affection-ate lady to share friendship and maybe more.

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SM, Black and Native American, 43, 5'8", 175lbs, enjoys camping, soft rock music, fishing. Looking for a nice, honest, caring SW/HF, 30-43, average with few extra pounds, for possible LTR. 27257062

WEST SIDE SBM, 36, 5'9", 150lbs, light brown eyes, smoker, seeks woman, 20-40, race open, who is openminded. 2260319 HARD-WORKING

SBM, 20, 5'6", slim build, N/S, seeks BF, 20-26, for friendship, possible romance. Call me! \$\frac{\pi}{269003}\$ EASYGOING GUY

Funny SWM, 25, N/S, no children, likes cudding, laughing, and being there for the woman in my life. Seeking similar SF, 18-40. \$\frac{\pi}{270261}\$ 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. \$\mathbb{T}247784\$

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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. \$\mathbf{T}265218\$ LET'S MEET

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NICE GUYS DO EXIST SBM, 6'1", 250lbs, likes walks on the beach, casinos and movies. Searching for a H/AF, 18+, 4'11"+, attractive, caring, \$\pi 212428\$:

DWM, 53, 6', average build, likes bowling, concerts, movies and motorcycling. Seeking a lady, 40-55, that can enjoy my things and have you add your fun things to the mix. 2243739

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TRY THIS ONE
Romantic, affectionate SBPM, 24, 5'8", 160lbs, caramel complexion, nice smile, pretty eyes, likes candlelight dinners, day trips, cuddling, movie nights and togetherness. Seeking similar lady to share these and more. 27247598 LOOKING FOR YOU SBM, 31, 6'2", brown complexion, 250lbs, muscular employed, loves sports and just chilling at home. Seeking attractive SBF, for friendship and maybe more. 2247207

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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. \$\mathbf{T}248074\$

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ties, conversations, or watching a good movie. 2249180 NO LIARS
SBM, 19, 6'2", 190lbs, looking for cool, down-to-earth SBF, 18-27, no drama, disease-free, who keeps it real. 12249020

A GOOD CATCH Simple, easygoing SM, 18, 5°10°, 155lbs, caramel complexion, likes chilling, working, trying new things. Seeking independent, cool, honset woman goal-oriented and real, to share the good things in life. Friendship/LTP. 27249983

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OPEN MINDED? SBM, 6'1", seeking SF, 21-29, who enjoys intelligent conversations, eating out, drinking, liberal views, laid back, open-minded, seeking friendship or more **12**251893

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE Sociable SM, 57, 577, graying brown/blue, mustache, loves music, cooking, Italian food, reading, writing action and romance films, qualify conversation nd romance. ISO good-hearted creative, BF to share these. \$\frac{\pi}{223744}\$

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SWM, 50, 5'11", 185lbs, seeks SWF, 35-52, who
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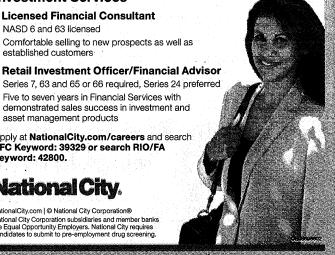
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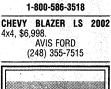
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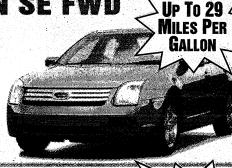
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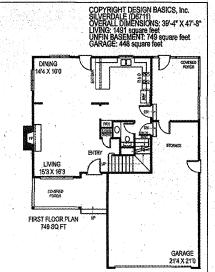
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**■** Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor a lien law seminar on Wednesday, April 30, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Marty Burnstein, of the Law Offices of Marty Burnstein,

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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

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.

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Apartment Association of Michigan's (AAM) Property Management Council (PMC) will sponsor a seminar on "Before The Bedbug Bites" on Thursday, May 1, from 9-11 a.m. at Headquarters in Farmington Hills. Bob England and Steve Hodges of

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "Recovery By Design" on Wednesday, May 7, from 8:30-11 a.m. at Emagine Theater, 44425 W. 12 Mile, Novi (Fountain Walk, Novi Road & I-96). The presentation will cover what people can do as an industry to overcome the challenges of Michigan's economy. Topics include how

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Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present "The ABCs of Collection" on Tuesday, May 13, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Association Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, in Farmington Hills.

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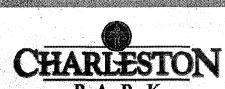
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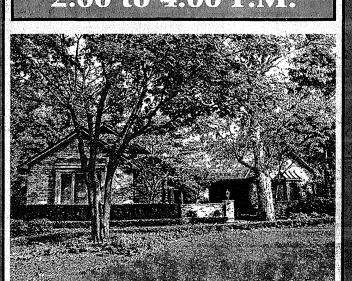
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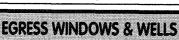
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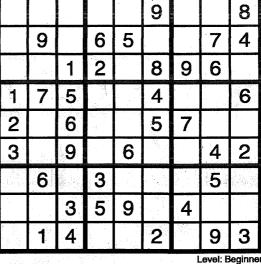
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