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Educators, firefighters endorse in local races

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Education Association, which hasn't gotten involved in local politics outside the school board race, decided 2008 was the right time to endorse in the local elections.

The MEA 2A Coordinating Council is making recommendations in the Plymouth Township supervisor's race and the Canton Township treasurer's contest. The MEA endorsed challenger and current Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Trustee Dianne Gonzalez for Plymouth Township supervisor, while picking Joan Noricks for Canton Township treasurer.

Meanwhile, Firefighters Local 1496, at odds with the current township administration over protracted contract talks, also endorsed Gonzalez this week.

The MEA interviewed four of the five candidates — Gonzalez, Richard Reaume, K.C. Mueller and Mike Watts; Marilyn Massengill did not participate.

Though it did not endorse her for the school board two years ago, the MEA gave its endorsement to Gonzalez, who is trying to unseat incumbent Reaume, according to Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and a member of the MEA 2A Coordinating Council.

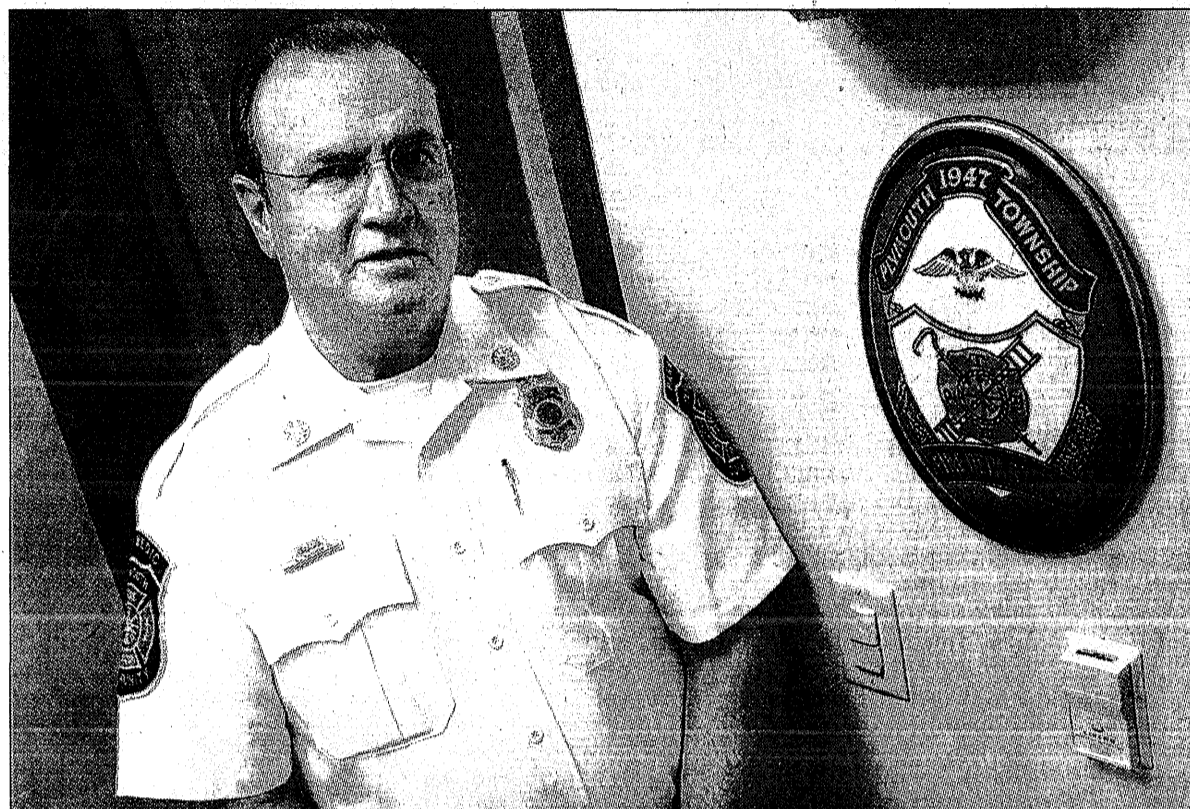
"She didn't support the (failed 2004 school) bond, and we needed candidates who supported the bond," Portelli said, explaining why the MEA didn't endorse Gonzales for school board. "(This time) we felt she was the best candidate because of her knowledge of education issues."

The firefighters are also endorsing Gonzalez, along with clerk candidate Joe Bridgman. Local 1496 President Rick Tefend said Gonzalez initiated the discussion.

"Dianne contacted the union and asked for the endorsement," Tefend said. "I think she'll bring a fresh face into the community. I think her background on the school board as well as her educational background was something we liked."

Tefend said the union arrived at its endorsement without benefit of formal interviews. The endorsements, he said, were based on personal conversations he had with candidates.

Tefend cited labor strife — the firefighters' contract expired 2½ years ago and is locked in binding arbitration — for choosing Gonzalez.



Plymouth Community Fire Chief Randy Maycock, who was born in Northville but grew up in the Plymouths, said he has no plans to move. Although born in Northville, Maycock grew up in the Plymouths and said he has no immediate plans to move away, having 'enjoyed the opportunity to serve the public.'

The fire goes out

Maycock calls it quits after four-decade run

THE MAYCOCK FILE

- Who: Randy Maycock
- Where: Plymouth Community Fire Department chief
- What: Retiring after nearly 40 years, the last four as chief
- Why: "It's time to move on to some other challenges. ... Currently, there's nothing firm, but I have some contacts out there that will hopefully prove fruitful. I'm not looking to pick up a pole and go fishing."

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While most boys growing up in the 1950s had aspirations of becoming a police officer or firefighter, Plymouth Community Fire Chief Randy Maycock admitted he only took the test to become a firefighter nearly 37 years ago to keep the then-fire chief from continually bugging him.

"The fire chief, Jim Gignac, approached me while I was working at Tommy's Hardware to take the civil service exam," Maycock said. "To quiet him, I took the test. I finished number one, and there was one open-

ing. I figured if I didn't take the job, he would hound me."

After nearly four decades as a member of the Plymouth Township — now Plymouth Community — Fire Department, the last four as chief, Maycock said it's time to move on to other ventures.

"It's an accumulation of things, one of which it's time to move on to some other challenges," said Maycock, 58. "Currently, there's nothing firm, but I have some contacts out there that will hopefully prove fruitful. I'm not looking to pick up a pole and go fishing."

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Scout's heroics earn rare life-saving honor

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When Ethan Monaghan heard his younger brother screaming for help while the two were swimming at the Rolling Oaks subdivision pool last summer, the Plymouth Township 9-year-old Webelos Scout didn't hesitate.

Five-year-old Steven Monaghan was floating on an inflatable ring and flipped, with the non-swimmer suddenly finding himself in about five feet of water and struggling to stay afloat.

"I was going to the box (with toys) at the pool and I heard Steven screaming my name," Ethan said. "I ran and jumped into the pool and picked him up by the waist and started bringing him to the stairs and put him on the ground."

To this day, Ethan doesn't consider it a big deal. However, for his bravery Ethan has been awarded the Boy Scouts of America National Heroism Award for Lifesaving.

"It's pretty cool," Ethan said. "It's



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Nine-year-old Ethan Monaghan (left) messes around with his brother Steven, 6, in their Plymouth home. Ethan is receiving the Boy Scouts Heroism Award for saving Steven from drowning after he fell off his tube in the neighborhood swimming pool.

rare and not many boys get it."

In fact, less than 300 of the 4.6 million Scouts in the United States are awarded the honor. And Ethan is the first in the 50-year history of Cub Scout Pack 781, which is housed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township, to receive the award.

It's not the only honor bestowed upon Ethan this week. He and

his family met privately with President George W. Bush at a fund-raiser Wednesday held at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"He congratulated me for saving Steven, he gave me a presidential pin and I got his autograph," said Ethan, who is also scheduled to throw out the ceremonial first pitch Sunday afternoon at the Detroit Tigers game at Comerica Park.

"Even when he was interviewed in October (about the rescue), he told me, 'I don't care if I ever get any award, I was just thankful to save my brother,'" said his father, Steven Monaghan. "He has not been, in any way, altered in his behavior by this."

Ethan's mom, Audrey, said she's privileged to have a son who is "selfless and courageous."

"This is a guy who will do very well in life and serve people very well by his gentle nature, kind spirit and what he's willing to do," she said.

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Winds and rain storm their way through Plymouth

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Strong winds and heavy rains ripped through the Plymouth community late Thursday afternoon, resulting in several homes and businesses being damaged by fallen trees.

Most of the damage came in the city; Plymouth Township officials said incidents there were minor.

Barb Sheridan said she was on the backyard deck of her Palmer Street home trying to keep her patio furniture from being blown away when she heard a loud thump.

"The phone rang and it was Amy (Presley) across the street asking me if I was all right," Sheridan said. "I said, 'Fine, what's the matter?' She then told me my (50-foot) tree in the front fell on the house."

"I heard it crack and I thought it was a rumble of thunder," she added. "My dogs are OK, I'm OK, that's all that counts. Insurance will take care of the damage."

Presley said she opened the kitchen blinds to get her 3-year-old son, Christian, to eat his dinner while watching the weather.

"He was sitting at the dinner table and his face turned white, his mouth was open and his eyes were huge and I asked him what was the matter," Presley said. "He told me he saw the tree fall on Miss Barb's house."

On South Evergreen, Eric and Beth Savalox weren't home when two tall trees were damaged, with debris scattered across the front yard and blocking the street.

"I was at my computer and I heard a huge thump and felt the ground shake," neighbor Mike Mikulan said. "I knew my house was OK and I didn't even look outside. My wife came home and asked if I saw it happen, and I said, 'What?'"

City Manager Paul Sincock was directing traffic on Main Street as his crews removed a tree which fell on the Happy Hounds Dog Day Care.

"We had incredibly severe winds that caused the damage," Sincock said. "We called the on-call supervisor from Municipal Services for the first incident and we started getting more incidents coming in. We then called additional crews and standby contractors to help us. We didn't have any reports of anyone being hurt."

Most of the damage was in the city as compared to Plymouth Township.

"There were a few incidents in the township, but by comparison the vast majority of the damage was in the city of Plymouth," said Robert Devore, Plymouth Township police dispatcher.

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Trees collapsed at the Happy Hounds Dog Day Care on Main as strong winds and rain ripped through Plymouth Thursday.

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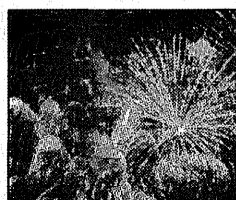
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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkadrich@hometownlife.com

Ice cream social

Plymouth Community Council On Aging will host the annual "Ice Cream Social" 1:30-3 p.m. Monday, July 14, at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Pavilion overlooking the pond. Tickets are available at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street. Edy's will again donate the ice cream for this event. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for non-members and guests. For any additional information please call (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236.

Grief support workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 19.

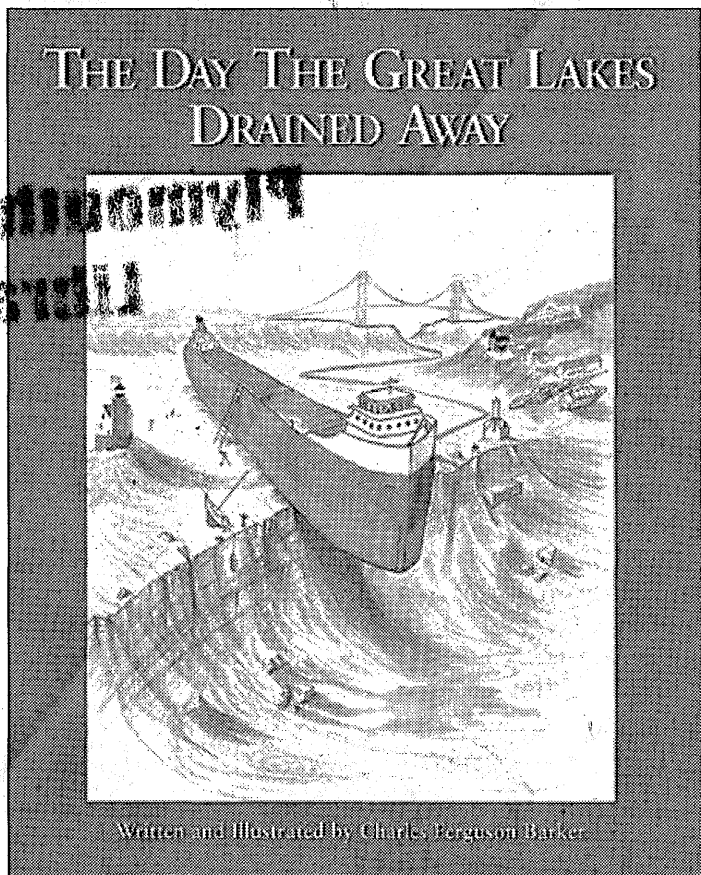
The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115.

Summer movie series

The Penn Theatre hosts the "Summer Cinema Matinee Series," through the end of August, with free passes available at Michigan Made & More and Westchester Barber Shop.

Sponsored by the Packaging Corporation of America and the Plymouth District Library, the schedule includes: July 10, Hans Christian Andersen; July



Author, author

Local author and illustrator Charles Barker presents a two-hour class on how to write and publish a children's book 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 2, at the Coffee Bean, 844 Penniman Avenue. Barker, a former Michigan Notable Book honor recipient, will share helpful information on story/concept development, how to work with publishers and how to write a book proposal. Cost for the workshop is \$20. Contact the author at cfbarker@earthlink.net or (313) 506-5643.

17, Charlotte's Web; July 24, The Wizard of Oz; July 31, National Velvet; Aug. 7, Life Begins for Andy Hardy; Aug. 14, The Yearling; Aug. 21, Swiss Family Robinson; Aug. 28, The Muppet Movie. Showtimes are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; the box office opens 30 minutes before each showing; all seats \$3. The Penn Theatre is located at 760 Penniman in downtown Plymouth. For more information visit the theater's Web site at www.penntheatre.com or call (734) 453-0870.

McCotter hours

The staff of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will conduct office hours locally. McCotter's staff will meet with constituents Thursday, July 3, from 9-10 a.m. at the Summit Senior Center in Canton, and then from

12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library. This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Congressman McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

King Gemba exhibit

The exhibit, play and book of "King Gemba - Legends of Leadership" is coming to the Plymouth Community Arts Council (PCAC) this summer. Written by local author Jeanne Swanson and illustrated by PCAC drawing and painting instructor Pamela Grossmann, the children's

book weaves a story about principles of leadership. The original watercolor illustrations created for the book by Grossmann, and a synopsis of the book will be on exhibit 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the PCAC through Aug. 29. Works by PCAC pottery instructor Jeffrey Burda are also included in the exhibit. Call (734) 416-4278 for more information or click on www.plymoutharts.com

HVA 911 camps

Huron Valley Ambulance conducts its free two-day annual Camp 9-1-1 day camps for 8- to 12-year-olds at two locations in western Wayne County, where space has been donated. All camps are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

The camp is scheduled July 17-18 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth, and July 10-11 at the Michigan Boathouse at Belleville Lake, 50745 Van Buren Park in Belleville.

The day camp's activities include touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a local emergency room. HVA Paramedics and EMTs serve as "camp counselors," teaching campers about safety at home and at play, how to perform lifesaving skills on injured victims, and all about Emergency Services careers. Registration is first-come, first-served and enrollment is limited to 30 participants. There are limited spaces available.

For a registration form or more information, call Jason Trojan, Camp 9-1-1 Coordinator, at (734) 477-6781 or e-mail him at jtrojan@hva.org

'Memory Lost'

Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host "Memory Lost" presented by Four Chaplains in Westland. The presentation will be held 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth. Everyone is invited, its free. RSVP required at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.



Craig Fiegel, Ken Jacobs, Deb McCarthy and Bill McCarthy took part in the annual Educational Excellence Foundation golf outing, the group's biggest fund-raiser.

Golf outing helps EEF continue its good works

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

On a mostly cloudy day with temperatures barely breaking 60 degrees, 142 golfers turned out to support the Plymouth-Canton Schools Educational Excellence Foundation's recent annual golf outing at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center.

The event is the biggest fund-raiser for the EEF, this year contributing \$40,000 to the foundation that's been in existence for 23 years and constantly striving to support educational excellence.

"It's a non-profit organization that exists solely to support Plymouth-Canton Community Schools," said Sharon Belobraidich, EEF board chair. "It was formed back in 1985, primarily as a means to accept donations for scholarships for PCCS students. But, during the past 20 years we have grown into so much more."

The EEF, according to Executive Director Carole Kody, has \$750,000 in total assets, of which \$600,000 are donor-directed endowed and non-endowed funds. They help fund student scholarships, special projects, teacher activities, PTO groups, the Clothing Bank and dozens of other PCCS programs.

"We are only limited by our donors' imaginations as for what they want to put their money toward," said Kody. "It used to be EEF was focused

on classroom enhancement grants, summer academies and scholarships. We are positioned now to be the fiduciary for a number of different groups, and it's a big business for us now.

"EEF is also audited by an independent firm, separate from the school district, so there's plenty of checks and balances in place to make sure the administration is properly done," she said.

The EEF's overhead is low, with Kody the only employee, and she's part-time. Members of the Board of Directors and trustees are all volunteers.

"With EEF involved in so many different facets of the school district, EEF donated more than \$180,000 to PCCS projects, grants and scholarships in 2007-08 from kindergarten through high school," said Belobraidich. "Of that amount, almost \$31,000 was distributed to classroom enhancement grants to teachers for innovative classroom projects that support the existing curriculum, and gets kids excited about learning."

"This summer, EEF will donate approximately \$42,000 to summer academic programs for students who can't afford the programs," she said.

The PCCS Educational Excellence Foundation can be reached at (734) 416-2718 or on the Web at www.support-pccs.org.

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CORRECTION

The map in the June 26 Observer showing where the YMCA may build a new facility in Plymouth should have shown the property on the north side of Ann Arbor Trail.

Advertisement for Margolis Nursery, Inc. featuring a map of the area and text: 'To our customers... Happy 4th of July. We will be closed July 4, 5 & 6 and will reopen Monday July 7. Enjoy Your July 4th Holiday Weekend! See us for all your trees, plants, shrubs, landscaping supplies and services. MARGOLIS NURSERY, INC. 9600 CHERRY HILL Just W. of Goffredson Road 734-482-0771 Open Monday-Saturday 8-6'

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Music in the Park

The Music in the Park "kid-die" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and sponsored by Main Street Bank, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, takes to the Kellogg Park stage Wednesdays at noon.

- The schedule:
- July 2 - Beverly Meyer
- July 9 - Gemini
- July 16 - Like Water Drumworks
- July 23 - Jan Krist
- July 30 - Zak Morgan
- Aug. 6 - elmoThumm
- Aug. 13 - Guy Louis, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 20 - Matt Watroba & Friends

Music in the Air

Here's the schedule for the Music in the Air concert series, spon-



The Music Lady, a.k.a. Beverly Meyer, performs in Kellogg Park Wednesday at noon.

- sored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield:
- July 4: Steve King & the Dittiles
- July 18: Mass Transit Band
- July 25: Bluescasters
- Aug. 1: Paul King's Rhythm Society
- Aug. 8: Trilogy Band
- Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band
- Aug. 22: Fifty Amp Fuse
- Aug. 29: Lady Sunshine and the X Band

Large advertisement for Livonia Fire FC: 'LIVONIA FIRE FC is holding make-up tryouts June 30th, 2008 at 6 PM For U11 girls and U11 boys select teams at Jaycee Park in Livonia The park entrance is off 8 Mile Rd. two blocks east of Farmington Rd. For more information for tryouts contact: Scott Millman @ 248-914-0138 or email: dirrunner21@hotmail.com Chris Burnette @ 734-837-2724 or email: ink508@yahoo.com Livonia FIRE FC is sponsored by the Livonia YMCA. This club will be playing in the WSSL (Western Suburban Soccer League).'

Advertisement for Joe Barone: 'Joe Barone for 35th District Court Judge. Educated Experienced Involved "Our Community's Choice" Vote Barone on August 5th. www.baroneforjudge.com'

Canton church becomes one with Plymouth congregation

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When two join together, they become one. This long-held staple of marriage has become the theme of the merger between First Baptist Church of Plymouth and Main Street Baptist Church in Canton.

"We are two existing bodies creating a whole new work," said the Rev. Jeff Noble.

Affectionately called "the new church" until the official name is decided upon, services will be held at First Baptist at 45000 North Territorial in Plymouth Township. The first services of the combined churches are scheduled for July 6. Bible study will begin at 9:15 a.m. and worship starts at 10:30 a.m.

Noble, who had been at Main Street for nearly nine years, will pastor the congregation.

"Our main thing is to glorify God," he said. "It's not about denomination or tradition — God continues to be our emphasis. We are going to have the pipe organ and the praise band together."

The joining of the two churches came about after the Main Street congregation spent weeks two weeks in prayer regarding its expansion plans. The church, which had long moved to two Sunday services because of dwindling space, had discovered that the lending institution that had agreed to finance its

expansion would only offer the church half of the amount needed because of the economy.

"We spent 14 days fasting and praying and on the 13th day, we got a phone call," said Noble, explaining that the person on the other end was a member of First Baptist who proposed the idea of the two churches combining. "(The church leaders) waited on God and then we presented the idea to the church four months

later."

First Baptist, which was founded 178 years ago, and Main Street voted on the consolidation in early June and it was approved with a majority vote.

Noble said when the two churches came together for a meet and greet service, it confirmed that they had made the right decision.

"The members of First Baptist said they hadn't seen that type of enthusiasm in

quite some time," he said. "It was such a sweet spirit and I believe that this was all apart of God's plan."

And just like a marriage, the two churches are coming together with many duplicates. Noble said they plan to play the logistics of the merger by ear.

"There is no book on this," he laughed. "But I believe God wants us to come together."



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Pastor Jeff Noble will pastor the congregation when Main Street Church merges with First Baptist Church of Plymouth. First services for the new congregation are set for July 6.

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The two churches that merge will worship at First Baptist Church of Plymouth on North Territorial Road west of Sheldon.

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Albion College

Several Plymouth-Canton students were among the 444 students who were graduated from Albion College:

Candace Bean graduated magna cum laude, receiving a degree in German and theatre with a minor in women's studies. The honor of magna cum laude signifies that Bean graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.75. She's the daughter of Michael Bean of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Andrew Lulek received a degree in economics and management. Lulek is the son of James and Jancie Lulek of Canton and a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

Katherine Mills received a degree in economics and management and Spanish. Mills is the daughter of James and Susan Mills of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Carrie Oleszkowicz graduated magna cum laude, receiving a degree in chemistry with a minor in cell and molecular biology, with a concentration in neuroscience. The honor of magna cum laude signifies that Oleszkowicz graduated with a cumulative grade point average above 3.75. She is the daughter of Mark and Cynthia Oleszkowicz of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Jacquelyn Williams received a degree in speech communication with a minor in art. Williams is the daughter of Julie Willoughby of Dexter and a graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School.

Purdue University

Katie Schremser, Salem High School Class of 2006, has achieved Dean's List status at Purdue University in the College of Engineering for both the 2007 fall and 2008

spring semesters. Schremser is pursuing a degree in computer/electrical engineering and is a graduate of Purdue's Freshman Honors Engineering program. She is the daughter of Frank and Gina Schremser of Plymouth Township.

Lake Superior State

Three Plymouth students made the Dean's List for the spring semester at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie.

Christine Tople is a senior majoring in nursing. Nikolas Sellers is a junior majoring in business administration-management. Jordan Warzecha is a senior majoring in computer science.

Northern Michigan

Kimberly Mason of Plymouth qualified for the Dean's List for the Winter 2008 semester with a grade-point average of 4.0.

Madonna University

Lindsey Head of Plymouth and Carrieann Pollaccia of Canton were among Madonna University School of Business students honored with Highest Achievement Award recognition at the school's 23rd annual Honors Convocation.

Head, majoring in accounting, and Pollaccia, majoring in hospitality management, completed a required minimum of 30 semester hours at Madonna University, 15 semester hours within the past three semesters, and 40 hours of classes in their major.

Madonna's School of Business has recognized and awarded 164 students with Highest Achievement Awards and 1,262 students with High Achievement Awards since establishing the Annual Honors Convocation in 1985.

Graduates of the Winter 2008 term included the following Plymouth residents:

Julie Abunab (Hospice and Palliative Studies); Ashley Bartee (Math for Elementary (K-8) Teachers); Marianne Carter (English); Daniel Lenart (Management Information Systems); Heather Owens (Nursing); Michelle Pickard (Language Arts); Nancy Sutter (Fine Arts); and Season Williams (Interdisciplinary Studies).

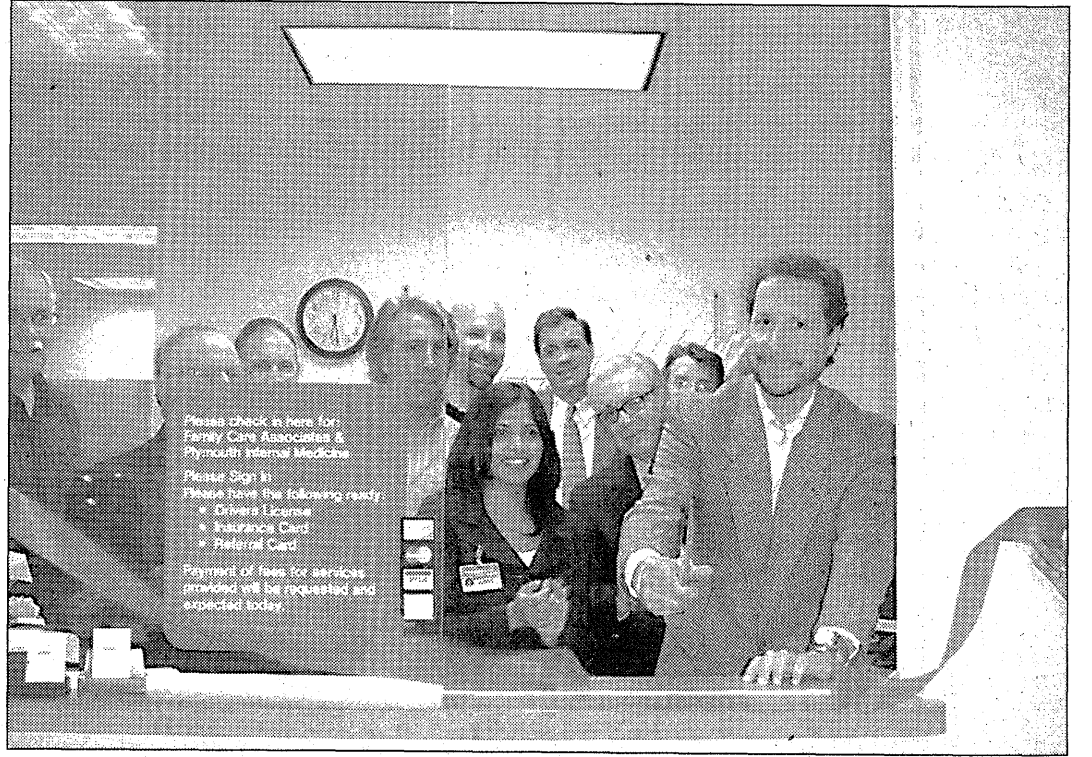
Named to the deans list in recognition for superior academic achievement during the Winter 2008 term were the following Plymouth residents:

Julie Abunab; Whitney Allmond; Angela Arbitter; Daniel Bowe; Markel Briones; Andrea Burdette; Marianne Carter; Amy Davidson; Kendall Denski; Jennifer Donnelly; Valerie Fischer; Caroline Foster; Lindsay Fricke; Cristie Golson; Fariba Iseyedssoleiman; Lindsey Head; Erika Henaughen; Kendall Henaughen; Meghan Hill; Lisa Jacobi; Joelen Kersten; Jung-Min Kim; Douglas Kinney; Christina Klein; Chris LeBlanc; Jennifer Lee; Yong Woo Lee; Daniel Lenart; Brittany Majeske; Joshua Malinowski; Stefanie Mastic; Emily McHenry; Lisa Nocera; Heather Owens; Michelle Pickard; Cynthia Richter; Derek Ryba; Angela Savastano; Joshua Sexton; Heather Smith; Sophie Stevenson; Mary Stock; Jessica Teper; Rachel Vallee; Sheila Vander; Amanda Weaver; Andrew Weaver; Marleigh Whetstone; Theresa White; Brandon Wilcox; Jem Wojcik-Shook.

Olivet College

Heather Michaelson of Plymouth was among 229 students have been named to the Olivet College 2008 spring semester Dean's List.

To make the Dean's List, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.



Detroit Medical Center teamed with Family Care Associates of Plymouth, for a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony.

DMC partners with Plymouth practice

Detroit Medical Center is now in Plymouth. Family Care Associates, a long-time physician practice in the area, is now affiliated with the DMC. Clinical specialties include Asthma and Allergy, Family Medicine (including Pediatrics), Internal Medicine, Orthopedics/Sports Medicine, Pain Management, Pediatric Ear Nose and Throat and Urgent Care.

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The Detroit Medical Center operates nine hospitals and institutes, including Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit Receiving Hospital, Harper University Hospital, Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, Hutzel Women's Hospital, Kresge Eye Institute, Michigan

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Governor appointments

Gov. Jennifer Granholm announced the appointment of Colleen A. Pobur to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Pobur, of Plymouth is appointed to represent Democrats for a term expiring June 12, 2012. She succeeds Virgie M. Rollins, whose term expired June 12, 2008.

Pobur's professional experience includes having served as vice president of Strategic Public Affairs, as director of new product launch strategies for Compuware Corporation, as director of concessions and quality assurance at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, as director of external relations and economic development for Ameritech Michigan, and as senior account manager for Lowry Computer Products.



Pobur

She is also a former Mayor Pro Tem of Plymouth.

The Liquor Control Commission, a bipartisan authority, controls the alcoholic beverage traffic within the state of Michigan.

Granholm also has appointed Lewis N. Walker, Ph.D. of Plymouth, president and CEO of Lawrence Technological University, to the State Higher Education Facilities Commission.

Walker was appointed to represent private colleges and universities for a term expiring May 22, 2011. He succeeds Glenda D. Price, who has resigned.

The State Higher Education Facilities Commission issues bonds in order to make loans to private nonprofit colleges and universities for various capital needs, including construction of new facilities, renovation of existing facilities, and equipment purchases.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy training

Navy Seaman Recruit Mark R. Matchett, son of Gloria C. Matchett of Plymouth, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Matchett completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

Matchett is a 2007 graduate

of Plymouth High School.

ROTC Scholarship

Richard J. Lorenz Jr. has received an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps college scholarship offer.

The cadet was selected to receive the scholarship certificate on the basis of comprehensive tests, high school scholastic achievement, and extra-curricular activities. The majority of Air Force ROTC scholarships cover full college/university tuition, provide textbook allowance, and pay most laboratory or incidental fees. In addition, at least a \$300 tax-free monthly allowance is paid to recipients during the academic year. The estimated value of the scholarship depends on the student's choice of school and type of scholarship offered.

Upon graduation from college and completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will receive a bachelor's degree and a commission of second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Lorenz is the son of Rick and Betty Lorenz of Plymouth. He is a 2008 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School

in Novi.

Marine graduate

Marine Corps Pvt. Thomas Barry, son of Denise and Thomas Barry of Plymouth, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Barry spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training. Barry and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

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Money Matters
Rick Bloom

savings bonds are paying a good rate of return, then I would not cash out.

U.S. Savings Bonds are an interesting investment because the interest is based upon when the bond was purchased. The key is to know what interest rate is being paid.

Another issue is tax bracket. In some situations, cashing out savings bonds could throw you into a higher tax bracket.

It is important to inventory your U.S. Savings Bonds so you know the maturity of the bonds and what interest rate

they pay. Deciding where to take income from is based on someone's individual situation. There are some issues that are important to consider.

In deciding whether to withdraw money from a trust, it is important to remember that a trust has different tax consequences than an IRA or U.S. Savings Bonds.

A trust is a taxable account, however, it does qualify for long-term capital gains treatment.

Long-term capital gains are taxed at a much lower rate than ordinary income. As an example, the average person is in a 25-percent ordinary income tax rate, but only a 15-percent capital gains rate. In order to get the long-term

capital gains rate, you're typically investing in equities as opposed to fixed-income investments such as bonds. Because of the favorable capital gains rate, I put equities into a trust and use that as a long-term growth portion of the portfolio.

When someone first starts needing income from a portfolio, he/she should consider the tax implications. It is important to recognize that the tax benefits of the tax deferral in the IRA and U.S. Savings Bond are somewhat offset by the fact that the money is eventually taxed at someone's ordinary income tax rate, which is typically the highest tax rate.

Assuming that someone is over 59½ and begins to need

income, under present tax laws, tapping tax-deferred accounts and letting the non-tax-deferred accounts reinvest and grow at capital gains rates is a strategy that may make sense.

You'll always need some growth portion in a portfolio. I generally prefer to put the growth portion in the non-retirement accounts — in this case, the trust account — so that it can grow at a more favorable capital gains rate.

One issue that constantly comes up with any sort of tax planning is to remember that tax laws are constantly changing. The strategy you use today

may not be an effective strategy next year.

Use the tax laws of today as a guide and remain flexible.

One mistake many investors make is to underestimate life expectancy. The life expectancy tables are only an average. My general rule is plan to live into your 90s.

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Circuit court candidates grapple with legal issues

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Nine of the 11 candidates for the Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court exchanged views Tuesday on a wide range of judicial issues at a forum at Schoolcraft College's VisiTech Center.

The forum was sponsored by four Wayne County chapters of the League of Women Voters. Questions were submitted by members of the audience.

Participating were Wanda Cal, Richard Cunningham, Sharon Grier, Robert Harris Jr., Daniel A. Hathaway, Susan Hubbard, Connie Marie Kelley, Corbett Edge O'Meara and Lynne A. Pierce. Neil Sawicki and John J. Sullivan were unable to attend, but sent brief statements on why they were running.

The field will be narrowed to six candidates in the Aug. 5 primary. Three judges will be elected in the Nov. 4 general election.

Topics raised included conflicts of interest, dealing with hate crimes, public defenders, lawyer-client confidentiality and alternative sentencing.

On the question of hate crimes, the candidates weighed the conflicting needs of stemming hate crimes while

protecting free speech. "We are guaranteed the right to free speech," said Kelley of Redford, a lawyer specializing in family law.

But she said she has zero tolerance for hate crimes.

Lynne Pierce, a municipal judge in Grosse Pointe Woods, said what's important is if there is action behind the words.

"The problem is when there are just words," Pierce said. She said our laws protect people "even when they say ugly things."

Susan Hubbard, a Dearborn attorney and former county commissioner, said it is important to protect free speech, but that statutes are there to deal with hate crimes.

Sharon Grier, a Wayne County prosecutor, said, "Crime is crime. A certain type of respect is due to the victims of any crimes."

The candidates agreed that public defenders serve a valuable role in providing legal assistance to those unable to pay attorney fees.

"Public defenders are a committed, dedicated group. My only criticism is that the attorneys don't get paid enough," Pierce said.

Cunningham of Detroit, a former judge now in private

practice, said a recent report on public defenders found that Michigan is one of the poorest paying states for public defenders.

"The best attorneys are taking indigent cases in a woefully inadequate pay system," said O'Meara of Detroit, a lawyer in private practice.

Harris of Detroit said the problem he has with the public defender system is that they are appointed by the judges and are too dependent on the judges for more assignments.

Candidates generally agreed that the United States judicial system is "the best in the world."

But Hathaway of Allen Park, who has his own law firm, said he has concerns about the family court system.

"I would like to see more resources put into these courts and keep people from being steamrolled," he said.

"One division that is breaking down is juvenile justice,"

said Cal of Detroit, who is in private practice. "But overall, the system we have is the system we know and trust."

Michigan's large prison population is a concern to all of the candidates.

O'Meara said it was time to treat substance abuse as a health issue and "to give discretion back to judges; mandatory sentences do not work."

"Diversionary programs allow a person to complete probation and wipe their record clean," Harris said.

Grier created the Drug Offense Delayed Sentence Program in the county prosecutor's office.

"It balances punishment with rehabilitation. This program is innovative," she said.

"We need to put more resources into education, reallocate funds from prison to education," Cal said. "When people have dreams, they do other things."

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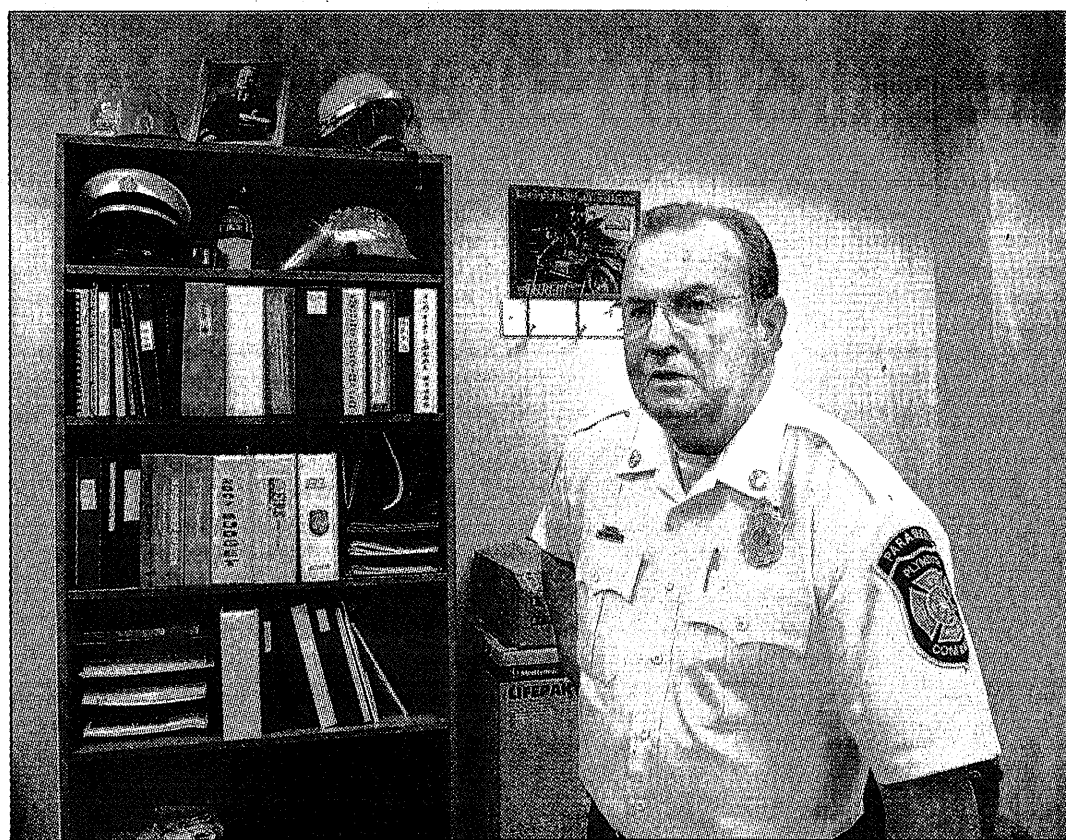
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Plymouth Community Fire Chief Randy Maycock, who joined the department Feb. 1, 1972, retires on Monday.

MAYCOCK

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Maycock said the fire department and fire fighting have come a long way since he joined the department Feb. 1, 1972.

"Ann Arbor Road was just a two-lane blacktop road, there were only three subdivisions and everything west of Sheldon Road was grass and fields," he said. "It was probably not uncommon to have 60 to 80 grass fires every spring."

And while the area's population has boomed, Maycock said fire department personnel hasn't grown that much.

"When I started we had two firemen in a station, and now we still have two firemen in a station," Maycock said of the 12-man department back then, compared to the current 24. "There's more demand on firefighters these days because of plastics and chemicals used in buildings and construction,

'This is my hometown, and I don't have any anticipation of leaving anytime soon. As corny as it sounds, I've enjoyed the opportunity to serve the public.'

RANDY MAYCOCK, retiring fire chief

furniture and decorations ... those things add to the intensity of fires today."

Maycock called his appointment as fire chief a "totally eye-opening experience."

"The staff in the stations have a preconceived idea of what goes on behind the management wall, and once you're behind it you see the realities of what goes on," Maycock said. "The issues are beyond the simplicity of wishing we had more firemen, you also have to finance them. Then you start getting involved in the politics of municipal operations, aspects you don't see in shifts at the fire station."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume

has known Maycock for the nearly four years he's been in office and has noticed his leadership in the department.

"He has the respect of the firefighters, and his years of service in the fire department have given him a base of knowledge others in the department look up to," Reaume said. "In the interim, assistant fire chief Mark Wendel will run the day-to-day operations."

Although born in Northville, Maycock grew up in the Plymouths and said he has no immediate plans to move away.

"This is my hometown, and I don't have any anticipation of leaving anytime soon," he said. "As corny as it sounds, I've enjoyed the opportunity to serve the public. It's emotionally rewarding to be able to help people in their darkest hours with medical assistance or saving their properties and memories."

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OUR VIEW

LETTERS

Play it smart with fireworks

With Fourth of July just around the corner, it is a good time to remind people about fireworks and the fact that there are no such thing as safe fireworks.

Fireworks contain black powder and the amount of black powder determines whether the fireworks are for consumers or for displays. Just knowing that an explosive is involved should be enough for people to exercise caution, but accidents will happen.

Just ask the 6,400 Americans who spent part of their Fourth of July holiday last year in the emergency room. Fireworks can cause blindness, third-degree burns, permanent scarring and even death.

There are plenty of "safe" fireworks available for people to have their own ground display, but there are also businesses willing to break the law and sell illegal fireworks. Cherry bombs, M-80s, M-100s and silver salutes are just a few types of illegal fireworks.

Even fireworks that are labeled as safe for consumer use can cause injuries. As children, we've all enjoyed waving sparklers, but they have caused more injuries to children under age five than any other type of fireworks. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees. They're hot enough to melt some metals, imagine what they can do to a child.

If you plan to incorporate fireworks into your Fourth of July celebration, follow these Consumer Product Safety Commission tips:

- Never allow young children to play with fireworks.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Avoid buying fireworks that come in brown paper packaging. That's often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional shows and could pose a danger to consumers.
- Never have any portion of your body directly over a firework device when lighting the fuse. Move back a safe distance immediately after lighting.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not fully functioned. Douse and soak with water and throw them away.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.

We all want to have a star-spangled Fourth of July, but we urge you to do it safely. Don't use illegal fireworks. And if you want to see an aerial show, watch the Plymouth Township fireworks at dusk Thursday, July 3, at Hilltop Golf Course near Plymouth Township Park.

Shocked by speech

June 20, 2008, was a sad and embarrassing day for the residents of the 11th Congressional District. For it was on that day that our Congressman, Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, took to the floor of the House and gave what I consider a horrible partisan speech. The speech is titled, "How to Speak Democrat." On a day when the House was considering the serious issues of preventing child abuse and FISA, he chose to go on the floor and give a speech that would make a novelty T-shirt vendor proud.

In trying to be funny (on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives), Rep. McCotter tried to explain that when members of the Democratic Party speak, they often mean something other than what they say. However, he did not phrase it that eloquently, instead he chose to call the members of the Democratic Party — Democrats or Democrat. For those of you who missed his great oratory style and speech on C-SPAN, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EcQ03qRE1s>

His disjointed speech along with visual aids contained the following quotations: "Government means socialism. Democrats support proactive government. Translation, Democrats support proactive socialism." "Invest translates into waste. Again used in a sentence. Democrats will invest your money. Translation, Democrats will waste your money."

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I was shocked to see that Rep. McCotter chose to waste our tax dollars with this drivel. His taxpayer-funded fliers that he sends to my house, always contain this little reminder: "I work for you." Well, this speech did nothing to advance the interests of the residents of his district. To the contrary, it more than likely alienated him and us from the majority party to which he is not a member.

The 11th Congressional District needs a representative who is willing to work on the tough issues. Someone who is willing to debate the issues of the day and someone who is willing to work with those members who may not agree with his/her positions. Engaging in partisan name-

calling on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives does not accomplish those goals and only adds to the already deeply divided partisan atmosphere in Washington, D.C.

It is my sincere hope that the residents of the 11th Congressional District will remember this little incident in November and send someone to Congress who will not waste the taxpayers' time or money.

Jennifer Thor
Westland

Re-elect McCotter

Your recent article, "11th District Democratic exchange views," seems to be a way off the mark on its representation of Congressman (Thaddeus) McCotter. The Democratic challengers seem to be utilizing an old liberal Democratic tactic — say anything and do anything to be elected!

I have had the opportunity and honor of talking to Congressman McCotter and have found him to be very attentive and concerned about his constituents' needs in our district. The congressman has held town hall meetings to listen to the concerns and issues in the district of all constituents, regardless of party affiliation.

The statement by the so-called Democratic challenger that the congressman yells and storms off is misleading and a serious misrepresentation. Maybe the Democratic challenger needs to take a look at who controls Congress at this very moment.

I hope the constituents in the 11th District will keep this in mind when they step into the voting booth this election season. Congressman McCotter deserves to be re-elected!

Stephen H. Chopek
Westland

Smoking ban overdue

The ban on smoking in public places is long overdue in Michigan. Other states have enacted smoking bans. Michigan is behind the times, but it's never too late to pass this needed legislation. What has taken us so long to get to this point?

Jim Wachlarz
Canton

Political contributions important

Ms. Pondell, in her letter ("Who's funding campaigns," June 26), addressed the issue of the campaign election contributors, who are contractors, sub-contractors

and Realtors doing business in Canton. Perhaps it would be helpful to Ms. Pondell and others to expand her knowledge of the work of Realtors in the Canton community.

On her behalf, we encourage/endorse trustees, who believe that: the pop-up tax needs to be eliminated because it is a burden to sellers and buyers, which forestalls the Michigan economy; that open house signs on weekends be allowed to be visible to encourage traffic to a house for sale (this could be her house); to fight for her right to retain her property rather than lose it under the eminent domain provisions; to encourage the local governments to contact owners of foreclosed properties to keep the exterior of their homes in good condition rather than looking like they have been abandoned. This could be in her neighborhood.

We encourage those to run who are dedicated to bringing new business to the community. New business means new jobs. New jobs means the purchase of more homes. This could be her home if it were for sale.

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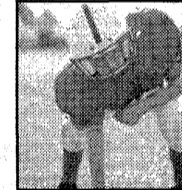
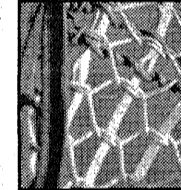
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We encourage those to run who believe in holding the line in spending, so that the community isn't faced with a deficit budget thereby affecting the viability of that community. This is the community in which Ms. Pondell lives.

Candidates are interviewed extensively on all of the above-mentioned issues before any endorsement is given. Further, we interview those running for seats in the Michigan House and Senate as well. I, therefore, take exception to her statement that "it is obvious they are unable to take a thoughtful view of planning and expansion." On the contrary, Ms. Pondell, please re-consider your opinion. The work runs far deeper than what you or most people realize.

Nancy Austin
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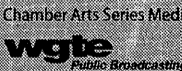
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Bum knee shelves Terek's Olympic Games quest

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia decathlete Paul Terek will be driving up to Eugene, Ore. for this weekend's USA Track and Field Olympic Trials, but he'll be strictly a spectator.

The Franklin High grad's quest to make his second Olympic team and earn a trip to Beijing, China for the 2008 Summer Games has been way-



Terek

laid by bothersome left knee, which required surgery in early March for a torn lateral meniscus. The 28-year-old Terek, who finished 21st in the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, Greece and has competed in three

IAAF World Track and Field Championships, notified USATF officials late Wednesday night that he was a scratch.

Terek, who trains year-round in San Luis Obispo, Calif., was considered a favorite again to garner one of the three U.S. Olympic Team decathlon spots. But after testing his bothersome knee earlier in the week in an all-comers warm-up meet

in nearby Atascadero, he decided to pull out.

The men's decathlon, which is scheduled to start Sunday, is a grueling two-day event which includes a 100-meter dash, long jump, high jump, shot put and 400 on Day 1; followed by the 110 hurdles, discus, pole vault (Terek's strongest event), javelin and 1,500 run on Day 2.

"Every event requires my left leg and it's frustrating because

if it was my right leg it might have been different," said Terek, a former Big Ten track and field standout at Michigan State. "And if I can't put 100 percent into it and I'm limping, I can't beat half those guys. It affects my performance because I can't drive my leg, push or sprint, so I'm officially out."

Terek's last competition was

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Sidelines

Hole-in-one club

The Strategic at Fox Hills in Plymouth recently produced a pair of hole-in-ones.

On June 22, Mitzi Saunders, 40, of Plymouth, used a 9-iron to ace the 117-yard No. 16 hole.

Thomas Laichalk, 70, of Livonia, used a 9-iron to ace the 105-yard No. 10 hole on June 19.

P-C-S lacrosse players honored

Three members of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team earned All-State honors recently at the Michigan Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association honors meeting.

Lady Warrior Stephanie Matusiak was named to the second team Division 1 All-State contingent while her teammates — Kate Spangler and Kaytlin Moore — earned All-State honorable mention accolades. The trio played in the state All-Star game, which was held June 14, at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

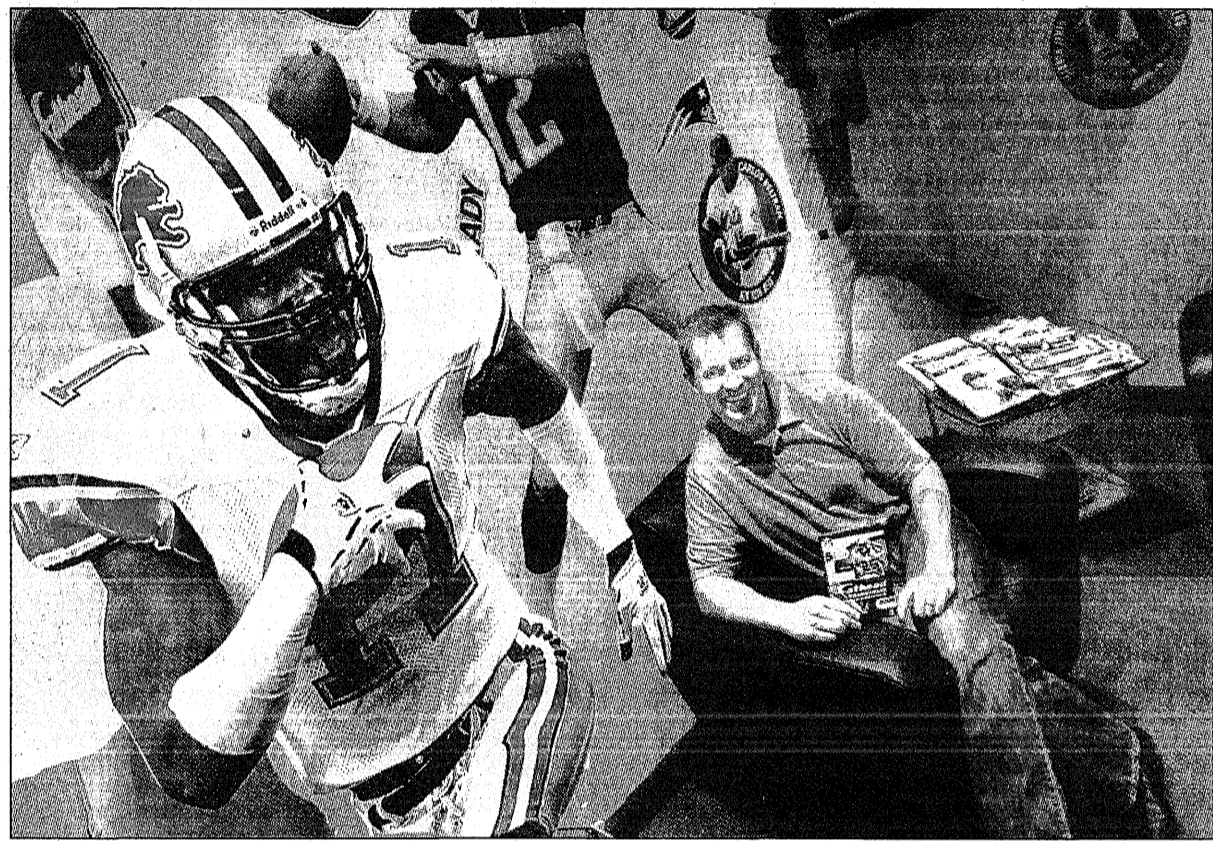
The Lady Warriors placed third in the nine-team All East Central League.

PC Pride crowned

The PC Pride 12U Stars slow-pitch softball team placed first in the 18-team Livonia Storm USSSA World Series qualifier held June 20-22. It was an all-Pride final as the team defeated the PC-Senkbeil team, 4-0, in the championship game.

The Stars played eight games in less than 48 hours, allowing just 16 runs. The effort earned the Stars a berth in the USSSA World Series at Disney's Wide World of Sports in July.

The team consists of: Aubrie Cragg, Megan Webster, Kaitlyn McIntosh, Elliott Mitchem, Elaine Gerou, Catherine Porter, Katy Meade, Jessica Webster, Lauren Hayes, Shannon Watson and Casey Bias. The team was coached by Kevin Bias and Mike Gerou.



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Fathead Chief Executive Officer Brock Weatherup (seated) has led the company to incredible growth during the past two years. Pictured to Weatherup's right is a life-size Roy Williams Fathead.

THE POWER OF 'WOW!'

Sports fans love Livonia-based Fathead's wall-to-wall coverage

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The second you walk into Suite 180 of the Quicken Loans office building that sits just east of I-275, you're greeted not by a receptionist but by a guy who specializes in receptions — fully uniformed Detroit Lion wide receiver Roy Williams, who appears anxious to run over any defensive back who comes within a straight-arm of him.

Although the greeter is not the in-the-flesh Williams, the life-size image of the 6-foot-3, 211-pound Lion is so realistic that it makes many visitors take a step back and go, "Wow!"

That's exactly the reaction the suite's occupants — employees of Fathead — want to hear from their growing legion of customers, who are drawn to the two-year-old company's vast collection of life-size wall graphics that includes everyone from Joe Montana to Hannah Montana.

Going strong

In the past two years — and in the midst of a worsening economy — Fathead has flourished, growing from three employees to 60.

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FATHEAD Q&A

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What are the most popular Fatheads? Over the past 12-month period, Brett Favre's image was the top seller, but the 10 top varies depending on the season and athletes' performances. Among the top 12 recent best-sellers on the company's Web site are Dale Earnhardt, Jr.'s No. 88 car; Boston Celtics Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce; and, not surprisingly, the Red Wings' logo and a detailed image of the Stanley Cup.

What's next? The company is on the verge of releasing a tradeable line of products that are reduced versions of the giant Fatheads. Purchasers will receive five 5-inch-by-7-inch wall graphics in each \$12.99 package.

How can you find out if Fatheads are available? Visit www.fathead.com.

Officer Brock Weatherup, a resident of Birmingham. "It's not a poster, which people realize right away when they see one or get one for the first time. In fact, it's not anything close to being a poster, so its value is not what a poster's is.

"Equally important is convincing moms, who say, 'OK, does it really peel on and off the wall? Does it really not stick? Does it really not leave a residue?' — things moms care about."

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Clarenceville star Stewart opts for EMU

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Livonia Clarenceville's Jamie Stewart is committed to bringing the Eastern Michigan University men's basketball back into the limelight.

The program that produced the likes of George Gervin, Grant Long and Earl Boykins got a verbal commitment last week from the 6-foot-4, 180-pound swingman, who averaged 22.4 points and 6.2 rebounds per game last season for the 18-3 Trojans.

Stewart, expected to sign in November, is the Eagles' first commitment for the 2009-10 recruiting class. He can play either the two-guard or the three-position.

Stewart made his decision after Clarenceville completed a week of team camp at the EMU campus. Stewart played his last two games on main court of the 8,000-seat EMU Convocation Center.

"I was real comfortable with the coaching staff and I had a good relationship with the players," Stewart said. "They're a good bunch of guys. Guys like Justin Dobbins (Cleveland, Ohio) and Brandon Bowdry (Taylor Truman), we're friends, we talk on the phone. It's the best fit for me because it's not too far and not too close to home. My family and friends can come and watch me play."

Stewart also had offers from two other Mid-American Conference schools, Central Michigan and Bowling Green, but decided to head to Ypsilanti where he plans to study business. EMU finished 14-17 last season under second-year coach Charles Ramsey.

"I could have waited, but I didn't want to drag things out throughout the school year," he said. "I wanted to focus on school, my season and my grades."

Stewart, who honed his game as a youth in his old Detroit neighborhood at Rosemont Park (near Schoolcraft and Wyoming), plays during the summer months for the 17-and-under REACH Legends, an AAU squad which features Detroit Pershing's Keith Appling and Dion Sims.

"I'm working on being a team leader, improve my ball-handling and being in the weight room consistently," Stewart said of his off-season.

Stewart, earned Class B All-State honors a year ago while shooting 54 percent from the floor, including 39 percent from three-points range, along with a 75 percent free throw average.

The first-team All-Observer pick led the Trojans to an outright Metro Conference title before being ousted by Detroit Renaissance in the Class B district tournament.

"It's a good fit for Jamie because he can go somewhere where he can play right away if he continues to work hard," Clarenceville coach Corey McKendry said. "He's been to a few of their open gyms and he likes the facilities and likes the players. They have some good young players. He feels he can win there and play right away."

"The whole (EMU) coaching staff did a great job, especially (assistant) Carl Thomas. Jamie played the same position (as Thomas), who played in the NBA. Jamie also likes coach (Charles) Ramsey a lot."



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Summer's bounty

Take advantage of fresh produce to eat for health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Summer is a great time to start eating for health by taking advantage of the season's bounty. Produce is fresh, loaded with vitamins, and 90 percent water.

Increasing fluid intake is important during the hottest months of the year. Registered dietitian Gail Posner suggests eating hydrating foods in addition to drinking plenty of water. Blueberries and cherries are coming into season as is kale, which Posner says is a powerhouse vegetable nutrition-wise.

"The fresher the fruits and vegetables are the more nutritious it is," said Posner, who sees clients at Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield. "This is a good chance to go to your local farmers (market) but cook them right away. Don't let them sit in the fridge for a week. You have to consume them right away so go often. It's a great time to grill vegetables, mushrooms, portobello, zucchini, eggplant, broccoli, onion, asparagus."

While grilling is a good way to make sure your family gets

their daily servings of vegetables, eating undercooked meat or burnt food can be hazardous to health due to carcinogens and bacteria such as E. coli and salmonella. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends eating only ground beef and hamburger patties cooked to 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Eliminating the pink color in meat is not enough.

Use a meat thermometer and separate cutting boards, utensils and dishes for raw meat, fish and poultry. After cooking keep hot foods hot, at least 140 degrees.

For more information, call (800) 535-4555 or visit www.fsis.usda.gov.

"If it burns cut it off," said Posner. "Eat the leanest cuts of meat with words ending in loin and flank steak. Trim the fat off. Half your plate should be vegetables. Look out for hot dogs which are high in fat. Don't assume turkey burgers are low in calorie. Most veggie burgers are fine."

Posner has a word of warning about drinking empty calories as well. Instead of drinking sodas and sugary lemonade, go for vitamin water which is half the calories. And



skip the margaritas or at the very least drink wisely. A 12-ounce pina colada contains 700 calories. Instead Posner suggests sipping water jazzed up with lemon or lime.

Darlene Zimmerman is always looking for ways to reduce calories in recipes rather than eliminating favorite foods from the diet. A reg-

istered dietitian, Zimmerman teaches cardiac rehabilitation patients about healthy eating through the Heart and Vascular Institute at Henry Ford Hospital and Henry Ford Medical Center-Livonia. She also writes the Heart Smart recipe column in the *Detroit Free Press*.

"Potato and coleslaw salads

can be loaded with fat because they're mayonnaise," said Zimmerman. "One cup of potato salad could typically be 29 grams of fat. For a woman that can take a big chunk out of the fat allowed for the day and at 350 calories one innocent cup of potato salad added every day she can expect to be 30 pounds heavier at the end of the year."

Zimmerman provides lighter versions of potato and macaroni salads and coleslaw at www.henryford.com/heart (click on Heart Smart recipe box).

"Almost every day some new study comes out about the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables," said Zimmerman.

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Donate blood during the critical post-holiday drive

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, July 7, the American Red Cross will once again hold a critical post-holiday blood drive for businesses and residents in the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park area at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites located off of the southbound M-5 Service Drive. To schedule an appointment, call (517) 545-7712 or sign up online at www.givelife.org and enter the sponsor code FARMFWYINDPK.

Summer is an especially difficult time to collect the 900 units of blood needed daily to fulfill the requirements of hospitals in southeastern Michigan. Platelets have a shelf life of only five days and are necessary for treating patients undergoing cancer

therapy, open heart surgery, leukemia, and aplastic anemia. One donation of blood will help three hospital patients.

During the summer months, there is a significant decrease in the number of blood donations and an increase in usage. Demand for blood spikes in the summer since travel and outdoor activity-related accidents increase. A person injured in a serious car crash may require from four to 40 units of blood. Donations drop because high schools and colleges are on break or short schedules. Students donate about 20 percent of the blood collected through the American Red Cross.

All blood types are important and we encourage everyone to

come out and donate. In particular, type O+ and O- are in high demand to meet the needs of accident victims and newborn babies in crisis. Type O blood is the universal red cell blood type that can be transfused to any patient in an emergency and is often in high demand.

To help encourage participation, the Red Cross will be giving \$8 Cedar Point coupons to any one attempting to donate. In addition those attempting to donate will be entered into a drawing for a one-year lease on a 2009 Lincoln MKS. Other prizes include \$25, \$50 and \$200 gas cards, plus a raffle from Ford Racing for an all expense paid week in Miami and tickets to several NASCAR races.

Protect your eyes from fireworks

Doctors from the Michigan Optometric Association want to alert Michigan residents to remember to protect their eyes when using or viewing fireworks.

To avoid serious eye injuries, they recommend people stay away from private firework displays and instead enjoy displays

conducted by professionals. Respect the safety barriers set up by pyrotechnicians and stay at least 500 feet away from displays.

If you are going to light fireworks, wear some sort of eye protection such as goggles. Don't touch unexploded fireworks and never relight a dud.

Keep a bucket of water or a hose nearby in case of accidents.

Did you know bystanders are most likely to be injured by fireworks? The eyes are the second-most common body part to be injured by fireworks. Even sparklers can reach 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit (982 degrees Celsius) — hot enough to melt gold.

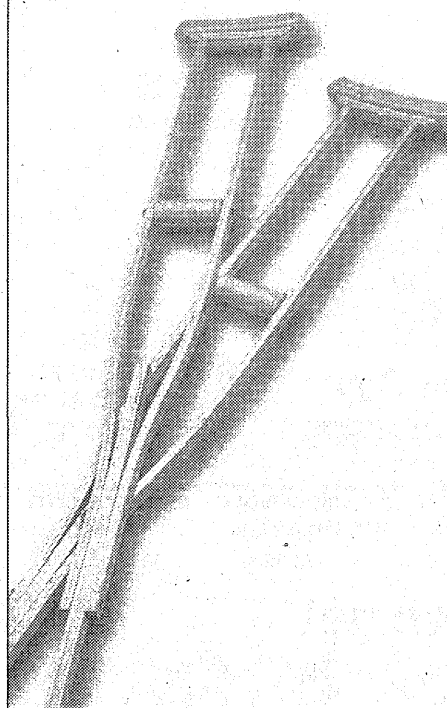


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Reiki I & II

2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Reiki treats the whole person: body, emotions, mind and spirit. There is a fee. To register, call (734) 655-1162.

UPCOMING

Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyne will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come first served basis, in room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Alzheimer's support group

The next Alzheimer's Support Group meeting is 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 10, at Marycrest Manor Nursing Home, 15475 Middlebelt, Livonia. The group meets every second Thursday of each month in the Conference Room. It is open to all persons in need of a support. For more information, call

Brenda or Cynthia at (734) 427-9175.

Volunteers needed

For the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi which is scheduled to open Sept. 5. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities including responsibilities in the Emergency Center, surgical lounge, pediatric department, gift shop, and visitor services as well as duties in the areas of spiritual care, transporter, clerical, patient greeter. Must be age 18 and older and able to work a minimum of one, four-hour shift per week. To request a volunteer application packet, call (248) 465-4096 or send e-mail to volunteerservice@stjohn.org.

TEREK
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back in February at the USA Track and Field Combined Events Championships held at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill where he pulled out after Day 2. His surgery was performed at the Stanford Medical Center (Palo Alto, Calif.) by the San Francisco 49ers team surgeon. Terek, who was encouraged by his training prior to his injury, said his recovery process following the surgery "went back and forth." "It got better, then it felt great, then it got worse," he added. "I was told there could

be some issues that could arise and I had to be smart, but I was not going to hurt anything. I don't have an MRI in front of me, but I think I had a stress reaction on one of my non weight-bearing bones, either the fibula or the tibia. "I'm done for the year and I'm not going to do any other meets. I could not get the knee healthy enough to sprint at the Trials." Terek said what also factored in his decision to pull out was allowing enough time to get healthy again to compete at next year's 2009 World Championships in Berlin, Germany. "I'm going to take two months off and I'll definitely be competing next year," Terek

said. "I want to let the injury heal and get a spot on the Berlin team. I want to compete as long as my body can withstand the training." Terek, however, can't hide his disappointment about not being able to compete for the chance at going to Beijing. "Unfortunately it (the knee) did not cooperate," he said. "So I'm going to drive up and make it a fun road trip with a couple of friends, come back home along the (Pacific) coast and do some fishing. "I'll be the first to admit that sitting there and watching there will kill me. But I can't control it and I can't change the world either."

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FATHEAD
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worth it," Weatherup said. "To the contrary, we receive e-mails every day with photos of bedrooms, dorm rooms and entertainment rooms that have been decorated with Fatheads. "One guy took the time to cut a NASCAR Fathead up into 30 to 40 pieces and attach them to his vertical blinds. It looked really cool. That's just an example of how passionate people are about the product." Hitting close to home Weatherup experienced an up-close-and-personal Fathead moment earlier this year when he brought home Cinderella and Tinker bell Fatheads for his two young daughters. "Needless to say, they were thrilled that I was finally

bringing samples home that weren't images of Brian Urlacher or Brett Favre," Weatherup said, smiling. "When we put Cinderella up, my 6-year-old put her hands on Cinderella's hands and starting dancing with her. That's something parents would pay \$1,000 for." Fathead has unintentionally bruised a few professional athletes' egos. "At the past couple of Super Bowls, we've had a presence at some of the many gatherings that take place," Weatherup said. "When word gets out that we're in the building, athletes will come over and pitch themselves to be Fatheads. They'll say, 'Why am I not a Fathead - I had a great year,' which is incredible because professional athletes never ask to be in anything. We just smile and tell them, 'Hey, once you get there and you're Fathead wor-

thy, you'll be there." The company's work environment is utopic for hard-working sports fans. The spacious first-floor office on the ground floor of the Quicken Loans is decorated with authentic pro and college football helmets, Fathead products and there are as many wall-mounted plasma TVs as you find in a typical sports bar - all airing ESPN's SportsCenter. "Some of our meetings consist of sitting around and debating what athletes are worthy of becoming Fatheads," Weatherup said, grinning. "I tell everybody, 'This is something you'd be doing anyway over a beer without being paid a dime - and it's our job. We all realize how fortunate we are to be working at a job we're this passionate about."

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O'Callaghan's abuzz, 'Ozzie' brings in Cup

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER



DAVE PIERCE

It's a long way from Peace River, Alberta - Chris Osgood's hometown. The beloved Red Wing goaltender, however, wanted to share his third Stanley Cup with his neighbors from his adopted hometown of Plymouth. Wearing a long-sleeved No. 15 Brandon Inge dark blue T-shirt, Osgood did just that late Tuesday night at Sean O'Callaghan's, located in downtown Plymouth. Word spread quickly on the street that the Cup and Osgood were inside the Irish pub. Lines formed outside 821 Penniman Avenue to get a glimpse of North America's oldest professional sports trophy, which is made of silver and nickel alloy. And once you gained entrance inside O'Callaghan's, it was pure bedlam. "Oh, my God, I just drank out of the Stanley Cup," said one female patron as she exited the bar. While patrons poured their alcoholic beverages into the Cup for a chance at a celebratory

three-and-a-half hours," said O'Callaghan's manager Eric Brooks. "He comes in here from time-to-time. He went with the Cup from one side of the bar to the other. It's a lot of work and he did a great job." The NHL also had non-uniformed security staffer on hand to help chaperone the event. "We called him the 'Cup Cop,'" Brooks said. "Obviously our staff knew he was coming. We did get a few phone calls during the day, so some people knew about it. Everybody was well-behaved. We had extra staff on hand and everybody worked hard to keep some semblance of order." This, of course, was nothing new for the 35-year-old goaltender, who has played 13 NHL seasons. It was his third Stanley Cup as a member of the Wings and probably the most gratifying after he came on to replace starter Dominik Hasek during the opening-round playoff series against the Nashville Predators and lift Detroit to its fourth championship in 11 years.

swig, Osgood patiently accommodated, hunched over and standing on top of the bar, while pouring the bulky 34-pound trophy. Osgood certainly worked up a sweat, sipping on water as he took mini-breaks before being summoned for another round of pouring. Random chants of "Ozzie, Ozzie" rang throughout the establishment as cameras and picture phones popped and flashed at a machine-gun rate. "He was here for about

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Heartbreak, dating, and dealing with an alcoholic friend

I have a problem that's been hurting me for like a month. I was going out with this kid and I really loved him. He broke up with me and I thought it would be okay, but ever since that day, it hurts so bad. He broke up with me because he said he didn't have time for a girlfriend, but now he is talking to a new girl. I'm so hurt and no matter what I do or say, I can't get over him. I try to tell my friends how much he has changed me, but they don't understand I'm always so sad or angry now. I punch



Monica Fulton

walls and cry for no reason, and I was never like that before. I try to like other guys but I can't do it. Please tell me what to do. I'm going insane. Sincerely Broken Hearted in Garden City

I wish I had a magic wand so I could erase all the pain you're feeling. Breaking up with someone is never easy when you're

on the wrong side of the break-up. It's very normal to feel sad, angry, frustrated and alone. Those feelings can last a long time — that's normal too! One thing that might help work out your anger and frustration is to punch pillows instead of walls (ouch!), or throw ice cubes in the shower (curtain/door closed so the ice pieces don't scatter around the bathroom).

You're friends don't understand completely because this didn't happen to them. They can't know exactly how you're feeling or why you're feeling it. But, it's important to surround yourself with friends who care about you. They may not totally understand, but they don't have to. They just need to be there for you and listen to you when you need to talk. Plus, being with friends will keep you (and your mind) busy so you'll have less time to think about this guy. Eventually whole days will pass by without thinking about him. And after that, weeks will pass by. Give yourself time. As for trying to like other guys, stop trying! You haven't met the right guy if you have to try so hard. When the right one comes along, you'll know it. It will feel normal, natural and easy to like him!

I'm 17 and I have a boyfriend who is older than me (he's not in high school anymore). My parents are fine with it and all, it's just I hate when other people look at me funny because he's older. Should I continue not to care what people think?

Fed Up in Garden City

The simple answer is — Yes! As long as your parents are supportive of this relationship and he treats you with respect, there shouldn't be a problem. At 17, you are an adult in the eyes of the criminal law, so be careful not to put yourself in situations where you don't belong. For example, if your boyfriend is 21 and is able to drink alcohol legally, make sure you make the choice not to join him. At 17, you will be ticketed and the crime will follow you for a long time.

If this guy does not treat you well, people may be looking at you funny because they don't understand why you would put up with someone who treats you poorly. Just remember to always do what's best for you and to always make choices that have positive consequences. After that, it doesn't matter what people think!

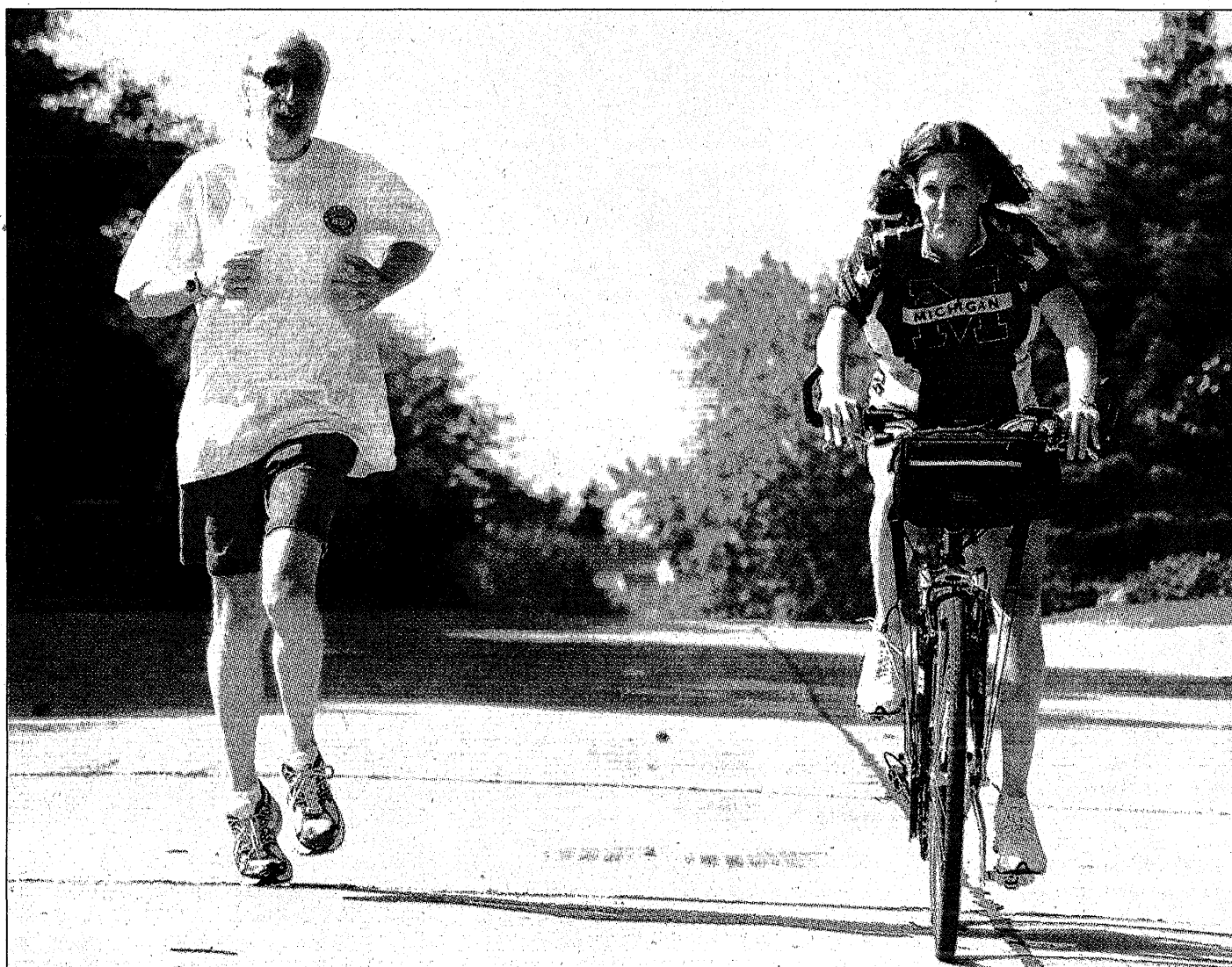
Over the past few weeks, my friend has been drinking alcohol a lot. He has been constantly drinking every day before and after school and he is always drunk to the point that I can't even bring him over to my house. I haven't really seen much of him but when I do, he is always drinking and I think he is becoming an alcoholic. Do you have any advice that I could use to help set my friend straight and help him to stop drinking all the time?

Concerned in Garden City

It sounds like your friend is in real trouble with alcohol. Underage drinking is a serious problem, not just in our area, but across the nation. Recently, there have been two deadly car accidents in our area involving minors and alcohol. It is so sad to see young lives ended because someone under the age of 21 chose to drink, not to mention drink and drive. I encourage you to get help from an adult you trust. Teens can become addicted to alcohol in less than 12 months. Yes, that's right, I said less than one year.

Most people think you have to drink for years and years and years before becoming an alcoholic. Not true, especially for teens. Don't wait to get your friend some help. Talk with an adult and ask them to help you meet with your friend's parents so you can tell them what's going on. Hopefully his parents will see that their son is in trouble and will seek out help at a local Chemical Dependency Treatment Program. Please, don't wait. I don't want to see another report about one of our local teens dying in an alcohol-related car accident!

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Farmington Hills resident Sherry Johnson (right) and fellow Team Michigan member Tim Cusatis share a brief training session together as the two prepare for the upcoming transplant competition.

Going for the gold

Transplant games celebrate organ donation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Sherry Johnson is happy just to be able to compete in the 20k cycling event at the U.S. Transplant Games July 11-16, in Pittsburgh as part of Team Michigan. Two years ago it was a struggle to even walk to the mail box of her Farmington Hills home because of cardiomyopathy. At age 35, she needed a heart transplant if she had any hope of raising her two sons, Nicholas, now age 8, and Hayden, age 5.

On Oct. 16, 2006, four days after entering University of Michigan Hospital, Johnson received a heart. She'll forever be grateful to Sue Levickas and her family for donating the woman's heart and is riding in the games in their honor as well as in memory of her own mother and brother, both who were heart transplant recipients. Johnson's mother, Sharon Jahns, was the first successful heart transplant at

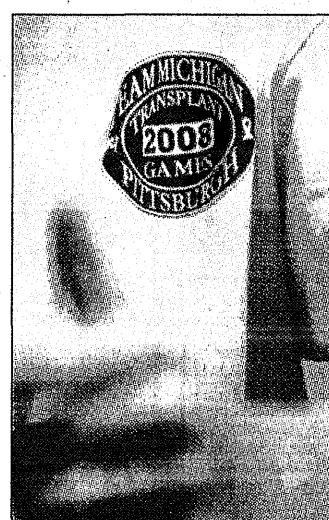
the Mayo Clinic in 1982 and died a year later. Her brother Jim Jahns died waiting for his second transplant 10 years after receiving his first heart. That's why the games are so important. The National Kidney Foundation hosts the bi-annual event to raise awareness about the need for organ donors. Johnson is especially grateful to her donor family who turned a tragic situation into a gift of life.

"It is a competition granted but that's not what it's all about," said Johnson who played basketball, volleyball and ran track at Stevenson High School in Livonia. "I now do something for an hour every day, a 10 mile bike ride today, another day I run up and down on the bleachers at Farmington High School. I belong to a gym and go 4 to 5 times a week in winter. These are things I couldn't do.

"The games are a celebration with everyone of the huge miracle of organ donation, a



Julie Baeten, who donated a kidney to her brother, talks with Sherry Johnson about the competition and what it means to her.



Members of Team Michigan for the 2008 U.S. Transplant Games wear their shirts proudly.

celebration of being here, of being a mom. I have a future where before I was even afraid to look at the future."

Julie Baeten couldn't imagine life without her younger brother Jerry Missel so the Farmington Hills woman not only gave him a kidney Oct. 4, 2004, but registered as an organ donor. Her driver's license now bears a heart sticker signifying her decision

to save or enhance the lives of up to 50 people after her death. Although donors aren't allowed to participate in the games, Baeten will be on the sidelines cheering her brother on. As part of the opening ceremonies Team Michigan will be introduced as the home of the Stanley Cup Camps and march in proudly wearing their Detroit Red Wings caps. She'll also participate in the donor recognition ceremony.

"One donor can do an amazing thing, but you need to register not just sign the back of your license," said Baeten who just weeks after donating her kidney was back at work teaching kindergarten for West Bloomfield Schools. Baeten also serves on the Team Michigan committee that organized fund-raising and designed the Team Michigan uniforms and lapel pins.

"Three to 4 years ago Jerry couldn't even swim. At the last games he won 3 golds and a bronze. This time he's swimming, biking and running in the triathlon."

Seeing recipients who are

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Peace Corps volunteer happy to be home in Livonia

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Lindsay Dolin is glad to be home after serving 27-months in Thailand as a Peace Corps volunteer. While she misses the children in the Chiang Rai schools, Dolin is glad she doesn't have to worry about staying cool and dry during the hot and rainy seasons, or warming herself with a hot water heater in winter. The 24-year old Livonia woman lived in a concrete building that was formerly a shop. Her meals consisted mainly of sticky rice and noodles and traveling 1 1/2 hours on a bus for an occasional pizza.

Still Dolin enjoyed helping the students

learn English even though life was very different in Southeast Asia. Dolin lived in the northernmost province of Thailand in a valley in the mountains. For her 23rd birthday she received four yards of hand-woven fabric which she took to the village seamstress to make her teacher clothes. One living room chair is covered with the outfits. Every village has their own style. The pashin or skirt is stepped into and then the waist folded over.

"Two years is definitely good to see both sides of the coin. The first nine months it's like being on vacation. After you see what it's really like," said Dolin, a gradu-

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Lindsay Dolin and her students at one of the schools in Thailand.

Amateur radio operators to practice emergency skills

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tom Mellnick, otherwise known on air by call letters N8LY, can't wait for the Livonia Amateur Radio Club to join with the Ford Amateur Radio League for Field Day which continues to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29, behind Livonia Fire Station No. 6. The weekend of drills train licensed radio operators to handle critical emergency communications.

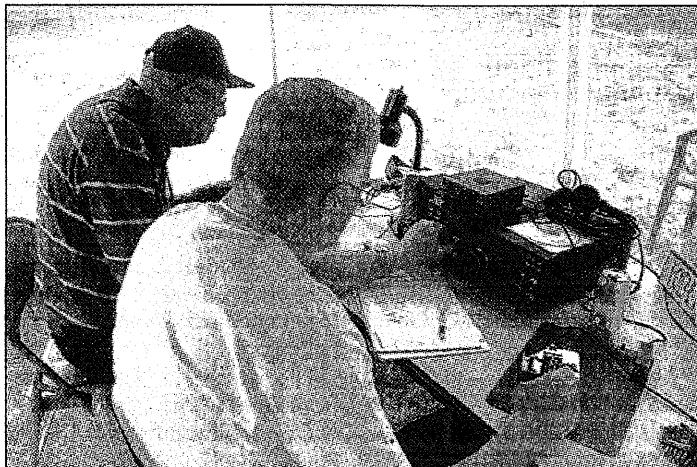
Temporary stations began operating 2 p.m. Saturday at field day locations including Plymouth Township, Garden City and Southfield.

"We hope to get the community to stop by to learn about the formal plans the City of Livonia has to deal with emergency situations such as tornados, power outages," said Mellnick, vice-president of LARC. "The main purpose is to help us prepare for natural disasters. There's a formal protocol for transmitting emergency communications. If not there would just be mass chaos."

"Three temporary operator stations were designed to get us out of our normal operating environment. We won't be using electricity but generators and solar equipment."

Licensed amateur operators take shifts around the clock. A Gota (get on the air) station allows people without licenses to see what it's all about.

"We're also going to have training sessions for how to handle emergency communications," said



John Mathey, K8AZT (right), operates a CW (Continuous Wave Morse code) station with assistance from Ray Jenks, W8SXX.

FIELD DAY

What: Livonia Amateur Radio Club with the Ford Amateur Radio League participate in a nationwide field day to train operators for emergency communications
When: Continues to 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29
Where: Behind Livonia Fire Station No. 6, 37876 Plymouth Road, east of Newburgh
Information: Call (248) 474-6367 or e-mail tomjr@mellnick.com

Mellnick, who with other operators will be participating in the national event sponsored by American Radio Relay League.

"We'll be practicing our skills with people from Alaska, Hawaii for when there are no cell phones, no Internet," said Sharon Keller,

LARC president. The Livonia resident ran the LARC Field Day from 2002 to 2007. "It's our way of offering a public service to the community. We want to polish our skills and to inform the public of what ham radio is all about. If they're not interested in the hobby then to inform them there is a means of communication in the event of a disaster. When the power grid went out in August 2003 cell phones went out. There were so many different needs for communication. You could use radio communications to help police. In Florida they use it to reverse the flow of traffic for freeways during hurricane evacuations."

LARC began participating in Field Day more than 20 years ago. "It teaches people awareness of what can be done, how fast we can set up towers and antenna and get radios on the air like 9/11 when

they relied on amateur radio operators," said Keller. "They can come out and see for themselves and it's free, get a peek at how to get on."

"It's for everybody to learn about amateur radio."

John Mathey, call letters K8AZT, has been an amateur radio operator since 1961. He's

organizing this year's event.

"I was about 13 or 14 and liked the adventure of being able to communicate with different people throughout the world. It still hasn't lost its intrigue," said Mathey, who originally was a member of the Ford club but after retiring from the company joined LARC which

is closer to his Livonia home. "For me my real joy is communicating via Morse code. Anybody can sit back and talk on a telephone or type on a computer. Many other people enjoy different aspects of amateur radio, trying to contact as many distant stations in different countries as possible."



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THAILAND

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ate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. "I'm very thankful and grateful to be home. I love being an American. It's a fabulous country with so many blessings. The strength of American is in its diversity. Thailand is not a whole lot of diversity. This is home and home is good."

Dolin plans to spend the summer with her family - mother Mary, father Kevin, brother Derek, 16, and sister Kieran, 19. Her married sister Laurel, 27, lives in Bloomington, Ind. but Dolin expects to be sharing stories as both were involved with HIV/AIDS projects, Laurel while in Belize, Dolin in Thailand.

"I plan to travel working with refugees or immigrant populations and go back to school next year," said Dolin who plans to study for a Master of Divinity and Social Work but at the moment is working part time at Thai Basil, a new restaurant in Livonia.

Dolin was in her senior year at Michigan State University when she applied for the Peace Corps that began in 1960 when Senator John F. Kennedy challenged University of Michigan students to help developing countries. Since 1961 more than 6,100 Michigan residents have taught children and worked in areas such as information technology, business and com-



Lindsay Dolin (left) in one of the outfits she had made from fabric hand-woven in Thailand.

munity development, agriculture, and HIV/AIDS awareness. Dolin served in the education program as a teacher collaboratively developing and expanding the English curriculum with local Thai teachers. She was the only Peace Corps volunteer in her province and learned to speak the language after arriving in the country.

"My uncle was a Peace Corps volunteer in Korea in the 1960s and met his wife there. I heard their stories," said Dolin who earned a degree in international studies and language at MSU. "We always had exchange students in our house when I was growing up. Being in the Peace Corps in Thailand is unique because the government pays our rent, \$75 a month. Sometimes I would cook. I had a single gas burner. My mom would mail me the cheese packages from macaroni and cheese and I bought noodles in the big city

one hour away. Saturday my activity was to ride the bus into town and buy potatoes. Thailand is the land of fruit. I had fruit for breakfast, mangoes. You can buy in the village a pineapple for 10 to 15 cents and it's warm from the sun for breakfast."

While life was idyllic in some respects, Dolin was disturbed by the conditions of one of the schools where she taught. The 27-year-old structure was eaten by termites and needs to be replaced. Dolin has started a campaign to raise half of the \$16,000 to build the new school (www.saveonechoool.org).

Dolin obviously cares for the Thai people. She's exactly the type of person the Peace Corps is looking for to join the U.S. government program which

currently has 8,079 volunteers, the highest level since 1970. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 and a U.S. citizen. There is no upper age limit.

"We have people serving in peace corps in their 70s or early 80s," said Christine Torres, public affairs specialist in the Peace Corps' Chicago Regional Office. "It's a competitive program. An applicant needs to have some combination of education, job experience or skills. We look at person as a whole, what there interests are. It could be someone who does a lot of volunteering or tutoring or has a language skill although that's not a requirement. The main thing is someone needs to have that desire to serve and help other people. The idea is for them to transfer knowledge and skills to the community so they can continue their progress."

Volunteers receive all of their living expenses from the government.

"There are no out of pocket costs. All medical and dental is covered. At the end they get an adjustment allowance a little over \$6,000 if they need



Thai New Year in April is celebrated with nationwide water fights. Here Lindsay Dolin rides through the village on a truck filled with buckets of water.

an apartment, a suit for interviews," said Torres. "Another fantastic benefit is the graduate school opportunities.

There are a couple of programs where they can do graduate studies and Peace Corps at the same time. Lindsay can now choose from fellows programs from across the country."

The Peace Corps is attracting not only college age students but baby boomers as well.

"We definitely have more


and more of the 50 plus looking at Peace Corps," said Torres. "Maybe they couldn't do it in the 60s. They were raising a family and now want to give back. There are always positions available as volunteers around the world complete their service."

To learn more about the Peace Corps, visit www.peacecorps.gov or call (800) 424-8580, option 1.

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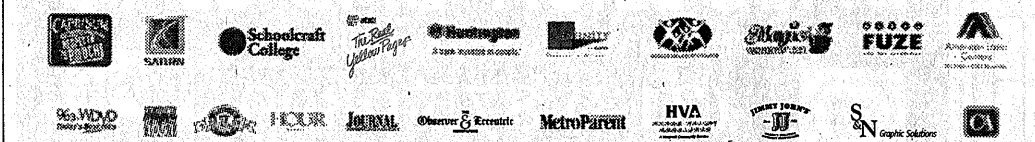
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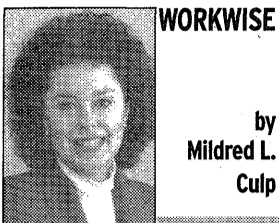
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GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT WORKING AT HOME



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Internet. She trains people domestically and internationally to "find or create home-based work." She e-mails a frightening statistic based upon more than 3,000 job leads scanned each week. "There is a 48-to-1 scam ratio among 'work from home' job ads on the Internet!" This figure is well above last year's 42-to-1 and the previous year's 30-to-1.

Sally Herigstad, C.P.A., public speaker and author in Kent, Wash., agrees. "If the main thing they're pushing is that you work from home," she says, "it's probably not a real business. What you want is a real job or business that just happens to be at home." Santa Monica's Dawn Clare, coach at Spise Bliss, disagrees and thinks the ratio too high.

MOTIVATION

If the prospect of working at home dazzles you, ask

yourself why. Clare coaches people to "determine what you're doing and if you're happy with it." Then she says to break it down into these categories:

- work product;
- colleagues; and
- organization.

She points out that if you feel less fulfilled in what you're doing, finding a smaller company might be a good alternative. Developing your own business might be also be a solution.

Herigstad maintains that motivation to "escape something in the workplace is a great reason, a positive trait. There are a lot of distractions, such as people standing in the doorway talking to you while you work and office politics. Some of us would rather get our work done."

Both Herigstad and Clare consider it a good idea to assess whether you really want to become a full-fledged business owner or you just want to earn a little money. You can often tell it's the latter, Herigstad observes, if you're "looking for something easy or quick." Clare indicates that you might not find much variety if you want Internet-based work, which "falls in three primary areas: the sale of products or services (telemarketing), consulting and administrative support."

Herigstad indicates that it's quite a different matter if you focus more on what you do well and ask yourself what product or service is missing or under-represented among

potential customers. If you can't figure out what you do well, listen to what other people say.

Clare advises you to take a hard look at finances, beginning with outlining your expenses and coming up with a plan to cover them. Be honest with yourself about whether you're disciplined enough to keep working effectively toward your objective, which is to make money. "Review the financial, professional and personal implications," she recommends.

UNEXPECTED RISK

While the financial risk of working at home should be evident from the outset, things happen after you begin the process that you might not have expected. Clare states that your deliverables will be affected if you work at home:

"You'll do a project as you think you should. You can't stop by the person's desk. The (deliverable) takes longer to get to the level the customer wants, especially with a service."

Herigstad would agree. She cites the article she wrote in four hours but consumed three days, thanks to the invisible tasks of coming up with ideas, conducting research, identifying and interviewing sources, and fine-tuning. She's concluded that larger projects are more desirable, "because there's less time gearing up and cleaning up."

"The first mistake many people make," she adds, "is telling themselves that if they earned \$30 per hour in their job, they'll choose \$40 now. You can't do that. You'll



Christine Durst screens thousands of Internet ads per month for work-at-home businesses and disseminates the results via e-mail in The Rat Race Rebellion Telework Bulletin. She is photographed here training people in developing successful home-based businesses. Durst is co-founder and CEO of Staffcentrix L.L.C., in Woodstock, Conn.

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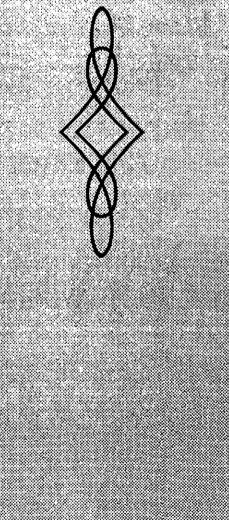
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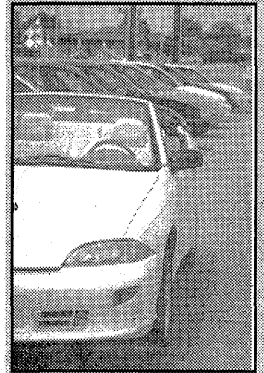
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Derived from its Concept-X car first introduced in 2006, Mitsubishi delivers a vehicle meant to convey a brand identity through unmistakable features.

From its shark-nosed front end to its enduring, taut lines that encompass a body built like a wedge, Lancer not only creates a sharp road presence, but also focuses on safety.

The comprehensive safety package comes with seven standard air bags, including Mitsubishi's first-ever driver's knee air bag. Focusing around a "next-generation" theme, the Reinforced Impact Safety Evolution contains a unibody design that deflects energy during impacts on the sides and rear. This embellishes passenger protection as well as safeguards the fuel system during a rear crash.

The unibody construction utilizes high-strength steel, which delivers a smooth ride through a sport-oriented suspension. This is in direct contrast to any previous Lancer models, which were less rigid and less enjoyable overall.

Mitsubishi refined the new Lancer's suspension calibration to deliver an international driving character more commonly found in expensive European sport sedans.

Three 2008 models of Lancers are available - DE, ES and the sport-tuned GTS. Each is distinguished by signature seating materials and interior trim.

All come with a standard 5-speed manual transmission that has a crisp shifting. The 2008 Lancer is the first Mitsubishi in North America to offer an optional continuously variable transmission -- CVT in car guy parlance -- in place of a conventional automatic.

The CVT featured in the GTS model has six steps, allowing the driver to manually control the



Mitsubishi's 2008 Lancer offers savings with pricing at less than \$14,000, as well as fuel economy at 21/22 miles to the gallon in the city and 29 mpg on the highway.

transmission operation through using magnesium steering wheel paddles shifters, a first in the segment.

The CVT contrasts sharply with automatics, which use fixed gear ratios, by operating instead on a pulley system that permits innumerable variations between the high and low ratios, and not by using separate steps or movements. It slickly adjusts to changing speeds and allows the engine to perform at peak efficiency, adding to fuel efficiency and minimizing emissions.

With a 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine, the Lancer has among the most powerful engines in its segment, with 152 horsepower and 146 foot pounds of torque.

The Lancer offers a longer wheelbase and wider track than last year, with a shorter overall length. That translates to more stable handling, along with a road-hugging capability.

Both the exterior and interior showcase fresh, precise surfaces, without gimmicks, forged from high-quality materials, with attention to detail. The instrument panel's shape and design allow for a roomier feel -- and the feel isn't an illusion. There is 94.8 cubic feet of passenger space, unless there is a sunroof -- then, it is 93.3 cubic feet.

The controls are sharply attractive, with short-stroke switches that are classy. Audio switches resemble piano keys, with a rich feel. The shifter bezel sports a metallic-like chrome and the steering wheel-mounted audio and cruise controls come in the ES and GTS models. The Lancer has a custom-tuned Rockford-Fosgate Premium sound system that yields a

powerful and clear sound, geared specially to the interior's acoustics. It includes a 6-CD in-dash unit with an MP3 playback option, and an audio input jack for an iPod or the like.

Music travels through the nine 650-watt speakers located in seven positions, including a subwoofer that has been secured in the Lancer's trunk. The system is the most forceful factory-installed one in the segment.

Of course, all trims are pre-wired for SIRIUS Satellite Radio, available in a Sun and Sound Package for ES and GTS models, where it extends to a power glass sunroof.

The GTS holds the distinction for technology perks. Equipped with Bluetooth wireless for cell phone use, it also offers a Navigation and Technology Package for travel aid as well as music server functions.

All Lancer models for 2008 come pre-wired for SIRIUS capability for popular programming. Fuel economy is reflected in the miles to the gallon: 29 on the highway, and in the city, the Lancer delivers 22 with the CVT feature, and 21 without it. Mitsubishi's bid for dominance with its 2008 Lancer offers a vehicle that goes beyond just the basics, and it can be had for less than \$14,000. At that price, who wouldn't want one of each trim? 2008 Mitsubishi Lancer Vehicle class: Compact sport sedan. Power: 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine. Mileage: 21 city / 29 highway. Where built: Mizushima plant, Okazaki, Aichi, Japan. Base price: \$13,990.

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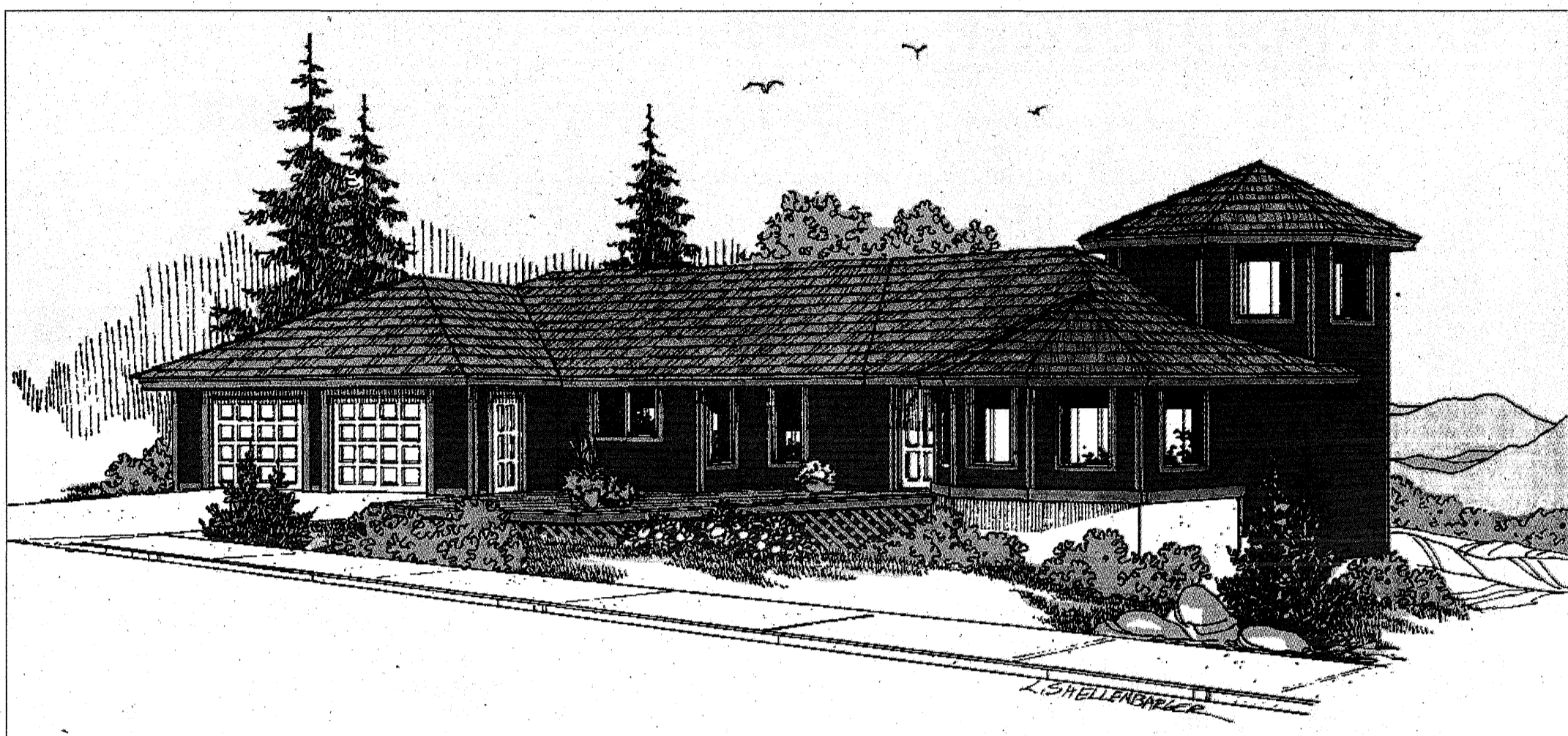


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Big Wheeler keeps on turning for your family's comfort

From a cityscape of lights below, to a pristine ocean view, the Wheeler (406-27) is designed for a sloping lot with a spectacular view. The two-story daylight basement plan contains 3,418 square feet of versatile living space, and a unique octagon shaped loft wrapped with windows.

Across a wood plank deck, perfect for keeping an assortment of plants on display, is the main entry. Inside is a coat closet and stairs leading to the basement level. Half walls determine traffic flow without being imposing.

On the left the combined living and dining area provides a very large room that is separate from the family room. Here one can enjoy the cozy warmth of the wood stove from a favorite armchair, or invite friends over for a barbecue on the deck. The guest suite is on the rear left, next to main bathroom.

Amenities include a separate sink and French doors to a deck. The utility room has been designed with a folding counter that extends around two walls. Windows overlooking the front provide a view and light, taking the drudgery out of laundry. To the right of the entry the octagon shaped kitchen is also accessible to the deck. A central island with a cook top is surrounded by counter space with several windows providing natural light. A deep pantry beneath the stairs keeps the kitchen well stocked.

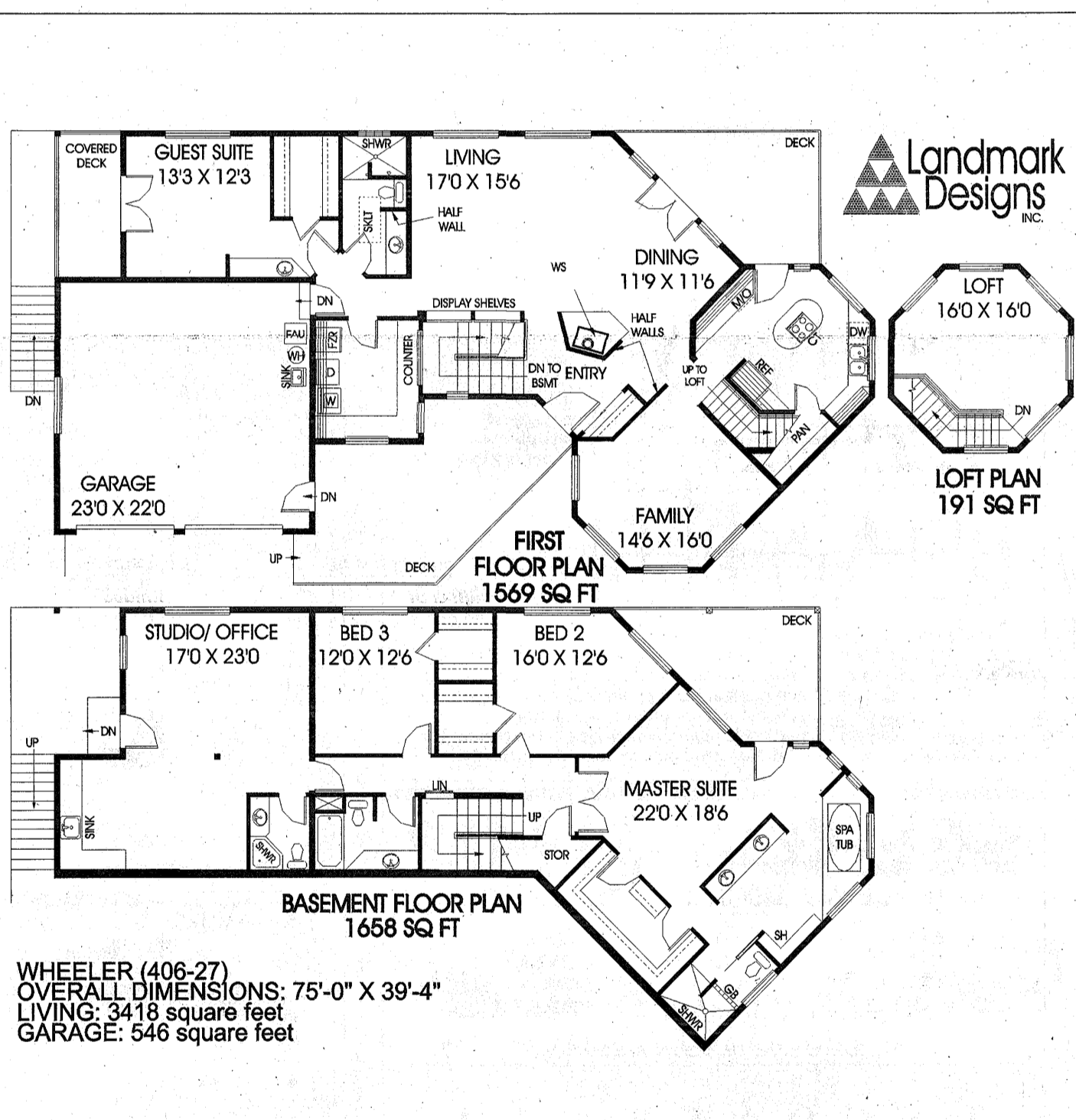
The loft above the kitchen provides a great observatory for setting up a spotting scope, or camera. At the bottom of the stairs is a daylight basement; double doors open into

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a very large master suite area. Plenty of windows keep the room bright and yield a view. The master bath is an open design with a spa tub and separate shower. Well planned for a couple with similar schedules, the closet provides a door on each side, while the two sinks share a large counter space. The toilet can be closed off from the rest of the room with a pocket door.

Bedrooms two and three each have walk-in closets and share a full bath and linen storage across the hall. At the left end is the perfect home office, studio, or mother-in-law apartment. A private bath, separate exterior entrance, and ample area for a parlor with a kitchenette make this ideal.

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The colorful display features a kid-friendly walkway surrounded by vegetable plants known as an "Edible Garden." The exhibit features a solar-powered fountain in a pond that uses the sun's energy to circulate the pond water, helping the fish breathe and making it difficult for mosquitoes to

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The schoolyard design shows ways in which a typical elementary school can use its schoolyard as an outdoor classroom that can serve

virtually any subject and educate students in nutrition, healthy living and community building. Visitors can also learn about the principles of ecological design, interconnected natural systems, natural and recycled building materials, renewable energy systems and local wildlife habitats. The exhibit is open and free to the public through Oct. 13, 2008, at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW in Washington, D.C. For more information on Sustainable Smart Growth, visit realtor.org/smartgrowth.

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