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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.

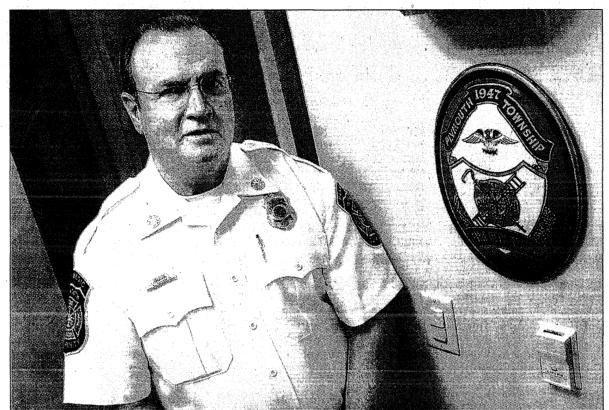
"She didn't support the (failed 2004 school) bond, and we needed candidates who supported the bond," Portelli said, explaining why the MEA didn't endorse Gonzales for school board. "(This time) we felt she was the best candidate because of her knowledge of education issues."

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.



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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.

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 blin is

to get her 3-year-old son, Christian, to ext 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

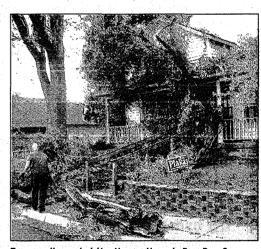
I said, 'What?'"
City Manager Paul Sincock was directing traffic on Main Street as his crews removed a tree which fell on the Happy Hounds Dog Day Care.

"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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lce 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.

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.

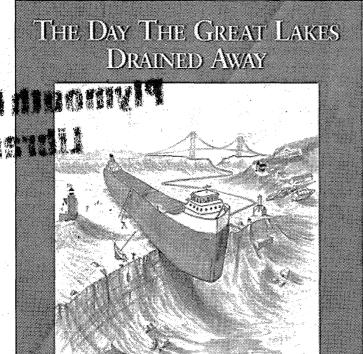
The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. 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.

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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-

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

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

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 the programs," she said.

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

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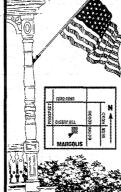
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Livonia FIRE FC is sponsored by the Livonia YMCA. This club will be playing in the WSSL (Western Suburban Soccer League).

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.



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Music in the Park

The Music in the Park "kiddie" 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

sored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield: ■ July 4: Steve King & the

- Dittilies
- July 18: Mass Transit Band ■ July 25: Bluescasters
- Aug. 1: Paul King's **Rhythm Society**
 - Aug. 8: Trilogy Band ■ Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band
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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.

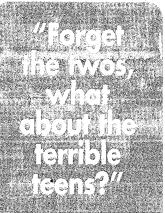
Noble, who had been at Main Street for nearly nine years, will pastor the congregation.

"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



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



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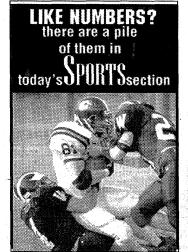




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expansion would only offer the church half of the amount needed because of the econo-

"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

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

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

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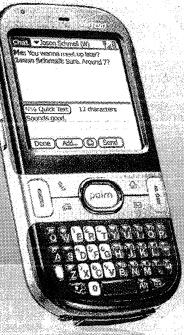
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Albion College

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 Detroit and Cathy Crowley 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 gradepoint 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:

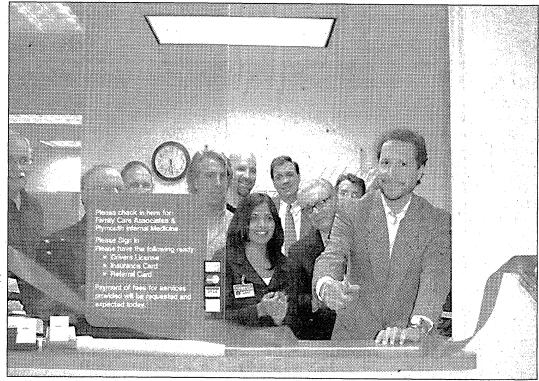
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Olivet College

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Heather Michaelsen 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. "People know when it's serious, go to Detroit. We are delighted to provide access to the world-class health care that's in Detroit to the residents of Plymouth and the surrounding areas," said Michael Duggan, Detroit Medical Center President and CEO.

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please call (734) 254-0453. 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.

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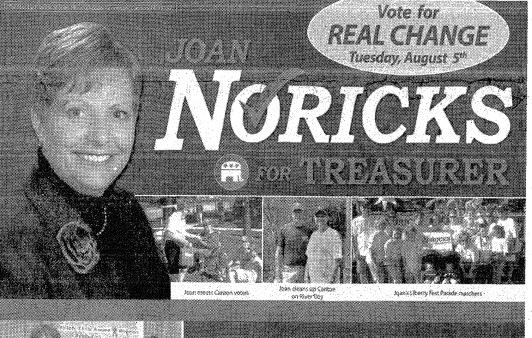
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appointed Lewis N. Walker, Ph.D. of Plymouth, president and CEO of Lawrence Technological University, to the State Higher Education Facilities Commission.

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.





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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

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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

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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 train-

ing 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, handto-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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It is a difficult question to answer because there are a lot of unknowns. First, with regards to the U.S. Savings Bonds, what interest are they paying? Is it a high rate of return or, have the bonds matured?

If no interest is being paid because the bonds have matured, I would begin a program to cash out.

On the other hand, if the



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

U.S. Savings Bonds are an interesting investment because the interest is

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would not cash

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

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 treat-

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 591/2 and begins to need income, under present tax laws, tapping tax-deferred accounts and letting the nontax-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 nonretirement accounts — in this case, the trust account — so that it can grow at a more favorable capital gains rate.

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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.

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

Your Meat & Deli

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 VisTaTech 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

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

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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 tol-

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

"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."

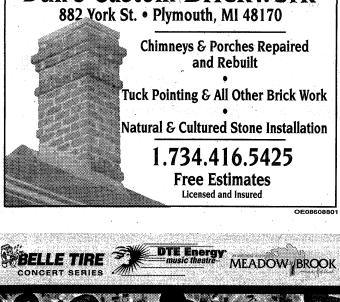
"Diversionary programs allow a person to complete probation and wipe their

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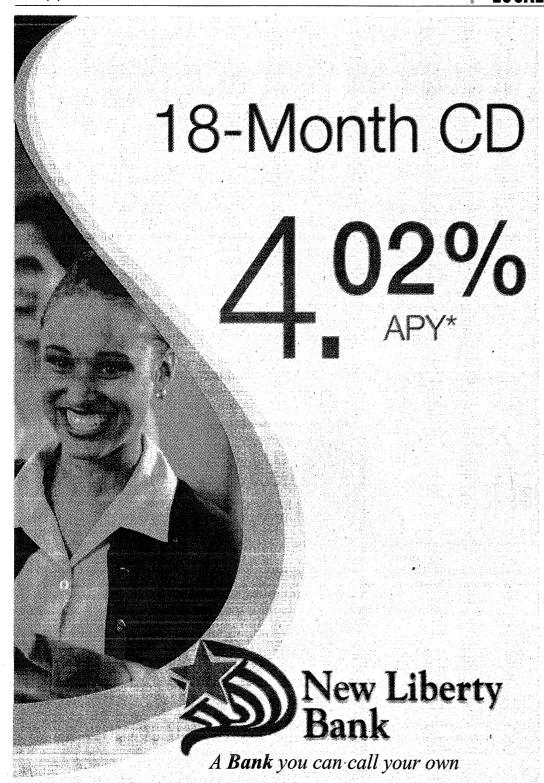
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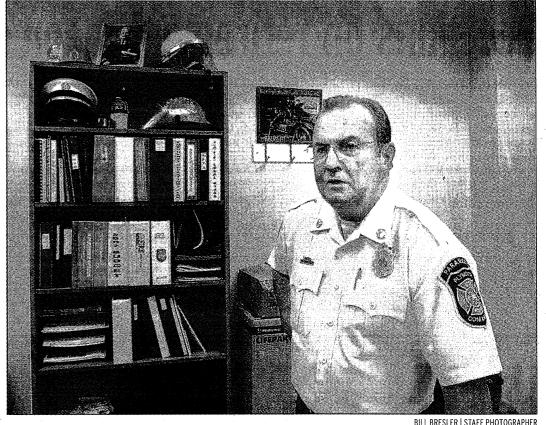
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Plymouth Community Fire Chief Randy Maycock, who joined the department Feb. 1, 1972, retires on Monday.

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

"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-today operations."

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

"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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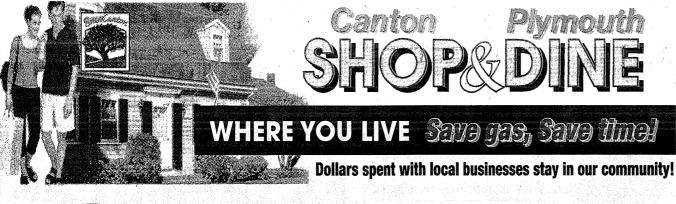
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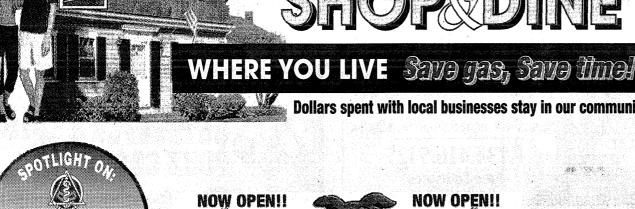
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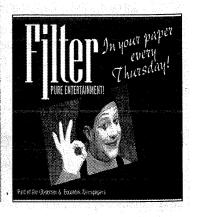
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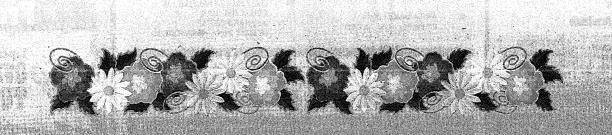
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Play it smart with fireworks

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

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

- 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 consum-
- 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
- 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 Hillton 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 Tshirt 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-

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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

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

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

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.

We participate in builders' focus groups, so that they will build homes that have floor plans and amenities that the people want when building a new home. This could be the home she is living in.

We encourage those to run for office who to give careful consideration to the issues of rising SEVs and rising taxes to prevent unfair taxation in a faltering economy. This could be her home. We Realtors provide documentation, free of charge, to those choosing to appear before the board of appeals regarding their tax increases.

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** Realtor, Canton

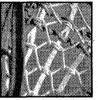












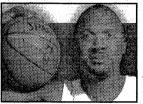
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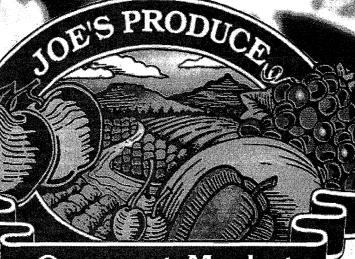
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Bum knee shelves Terek's Olympic Games quest

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-



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

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 leg and it's frustrating because

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.

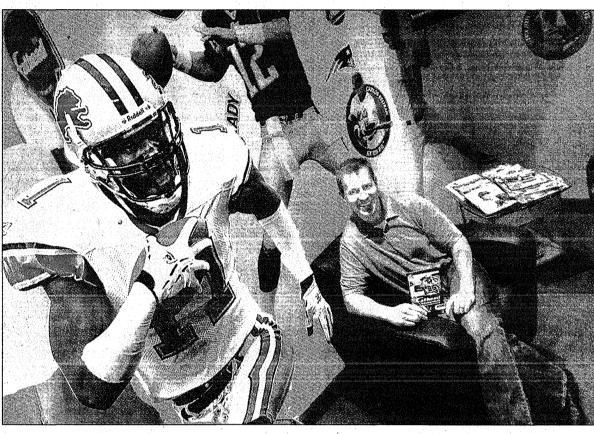
"Every event requires my left

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

I'm officially out." Terek's last competition was

drive my leg, push or sprint, so

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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 'WO'

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.

And sales have elevated like LeBron James dribbling through a triple-team and soaring in for a spectacular dunk.

"Probably the largest challenge of our business is people getting it," said Fathead Chief Executive

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FATHEAD Q&A

What is a Fathead? It's a colorful, life-like, life-size wall graphic of sports and

entertainment stars.

What athletes and entertainers are offered? There are over 450 wall graphics available, including athletes from all of the professional sports, to moto-cross riders, Disney characters, Sports Illustrated swimsuit models and college football helmets and logos.

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

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 of list of Fatheads 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."

Fatheads are produced when high-definition photographs are blown up and printed onto a material that has a patented adhesive

And - pay attention, moms! - the company ensures that walls will not be damaged when Fatheads are removed or transferred from one room to another.

Cost effective

The 450-plus Fathead offerings including representatives of all the major professional sports leagues and many Disney characters - range in price from \$39.95 to \$99.95.

"We've never had someone who has purchased one of our products write or call us and say it wasn't

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Clarenceville star Stewart opts for EMU

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

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-



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 and can come and watch

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 Ramsev.

"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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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 9iron to ace the 117-yard No. 16 hole.

Thomas Laichalk, 70, of Livonia, used a 9-iron to ace the 105yard 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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State champion Cougars set the standard

FIRST-TEAM Hallie Minch, Sr., P, Garden City: Garden City's march to the school's first-ever state title had Minch's name written all over it. In her fourth year as a varsity starter, she went 28-3 for the season with an 0.76 ERA, but most impressively mowed through eight postseason opponents — including a 2-1 win in 14 innings against Alpena in the Division 1 state final

"Hallie's had an incredible career at GC and is finally getting her due," said Cougars' head coach Barry Patterson. "... Our entire team fed off the confidence and composure she exhibited both on and off the field. Her passion for the game and her commitment to winning was truly a godsend."

Minch, an All-State selection, also drove in the titlewinning run against Alpena, batting .440 for the season. She also was picked to the All-Mega Red, All-District and All-Region teams.

Minch will go to Madonna University, where she likely will step into a key role on the varsity softball team in 2009.

Briana Lee, Fr., P, Salem: The ninth-grader made a sudden impact on the Rocks' fortunes, compiling a 22-6-1 record, which earned her All-Lakes Division honors. She registered one perfect game and 10 shutouts, striking out 238 while walking just 45.

"Briana's stats speak for themselves," said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "She will for sure be someone to keep an eye on the next few years. She's certainly off to a great start here at Salem."

Brittany Taylor, Jr., C, Liv. Franklin: The junior catcher earned All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors after batting .526 (60-for-114) with 13 doubles, three triples, six homers, 52 runs and 27

The first-team All-Area repeat selection also posted an on-base percentage of .585 and had 30 stolen bases.

Taylor led the Patriots in eight offensive categories including hits, bunt singles, walks, runs, doubles, homers, batting average and stolen bases.

Defensively, Taylor threw out 20-of-28 base stealers with 18 putouts and 28 assists.

"Brittany has a very strong and accurate throwing arm," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "As a catcher she is extremely quick blocking balls and in her release to the bases.

"She's a very tough out and it enables her to maintain a high batting average. Like Briauna (her twin sister) she comes to every practice and game with a positive attitude and high energy, ready to compete." Emily Pitcole, Jr., C, Salem:

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2008 ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM

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FIRST TEAM
P-Hallie Minch, Sr., Garden City
P-Briana Lee, Fr., Salem
C-Brittany Taylor, Jr., Liv., Franklin
C-Emily Pitcole, Jr., Salem
IB-Alyssa Abramoski, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
SS-Briauna Taylor, Jr., Liv. Franklin
SS-Christina Seward, Sr., Garden City
SS-Stacey Klonowski, Soph., Plymouth
3B-Kristina Susalla, Sr., Garden City
3B-Amanda Burnard, Soph., Plymouth
OF-Christina Parsons, Jr., Salem
OF-Amy Bondy, Sr., Plymouth
OF-Miranda Rysdorp, Jr., Canton
AL-Kelsey Weekley, Sr., Redford Union
SECOND TEAM
P-Natalie Sanborn, Jr., Liv. Franklin
P-Kristie Carnevale, Sr., Ply. Christian
C-Erin Rodes, Jr., Plymouth
C-Kyla Suchy, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
IB-Emily Helwig, Sr., Huron Valley
2B-Beth Heldmeyer, Jr., Plymouth
2B-Rathleen Hoehn, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
SS-Sarah Sanders, Jr., Redford Union
SS-Breanna Taylor, Soph., Red, Thurston

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SS-Mary Cox, Jr., Salem
OF-Shannon Pietruszka, Jr., Garden City
AL-Amy Dunleavy, Soph., Canton
AL-Katelyn Shattleroe, Jr., Garden City
AL-Jamie Johnson, Sr., Liv. Stevenson
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A three-year varsity player, Pitcole earned first team All-WLAA honors after hitting .390 with an on-base percentage of .483. She also led the team in walks and compiled four home runs and 17 RBI.

"Emily is a very patient batter and is a power hitter," said Southerland. "She's the only player on the team who was back in her position from the previous season. She calls pitches and blocks the plate very well.. She has a strong arm, a quick release and was our offensive MVP."

Alyssa Abramoski, Sr., 1B, Liv. Ladywood: The senior first baseman earned All-Catholic League and All-Observer firstteam honors for the second straight year after batting .418 (46-for-110) with five triples, seven doubles, 29 runs scored and 24 RBI.

Abramoski also had a slugging percentage of .573 and an on-base average of .496.

"Alyssa is a tremendous hitter," Ladywood first-year coach Scott Combs said. "She hits with powers, slapped, and produced runs all year long. She was a captain and will be very difficult to replace."

Briauna Taylor, Jr., SS, Liv. Franklin: The junior shortstop batting .518 (59-for-114) en route to All-Western Lakes,

All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State honors.

The first-team All-Observer repeat selection had 11 doubles and four triples, along with 26 runs and team-best 33 RBI. Taylor had an on-base percentage of .545 along with 21 stolen

Defensively, Taylor finished with a team-best 87 assists to go along with 67 putouts.

"Briauna has great range and soft hands at shortstop," Jimenez said. "Her athletic ability on offense and defense is unbelievable. Briauna is a pleasure to coach, she's a good listener and a positive role model for her peer. She also works very hard in the offseason to improve her softball skills and physical condition." Christina Seward, Sr., SS,

Garden City: Patterson said the always-smiling Seward brought the "heart of a Cougar" to the 2008 D1 champs. She started the season willingly moving from second base (where she was a three-year starter) to shortstop and played it flawlessly, earning the team's Gold Glove award.

Seward, a four-year starter on varsity, chipped in with plenty of determination, leadership and a .327 batting average. For her efforts, she was named to the All-Mega Red and All-District teams.

"How appropriate was it for her to squeeze that final out in the state championship," Patterson said. "Her experience and hustle on the bases led to many extra runs and are rivaled by very few players in the state."

Stacey Klonowski, Soph., SS, Plymouth: Only a sophomore, Klonowski filled the No. 3 slot in the Wildcats' batting order admirably, hitting .561 with eight home runs. She was voted to the All-WLAA first team.

"In a word, Stacey is a powerhouse," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She's someone you really want at the plate when your team really needs a run. She's not only talented athletically but academically as well, as she has a 4.0 gradepoint average."

Kristina Susalla, Sr., 3B, Garden City: "Sus' is the consummate team player," Patterson said. "I think if you look up the word coachability in the dictionary, her picture would come up right beside it."

Susalla, the senior class valedictorian who is hopeful of walking on to the Wayne State University softball team, batted .419, slugging six doubles, two homers and driving in 32 runs. She earned selection to the All-State, All-Mega Red, All District and All-Region

Many of her hits were in key situations, none bigger than a game-tying single with two out in the seventh against Lincoln Park in the D1 state regional

semifinal. Meanwhile, she made just two errors all season.

"Her workmanlike approach and her calm yet confident demeanor was a stabilizing influence on us all," the coach added.

Amanda Burnard, Soph., 3B, Plymouth: Burnard batted clean-up for a reason for the District champion Wildcats. The sophomore is armed with explosive power, which is mirrored by her four home runs, .420 batting average and .535 on-base percentage. The All-Western Division player is also a stellar fielder at the hot corner.

"Amanda is like a vacuum at third base," said Canfield. "She's also a very good catcher, but a knee injury prevented her from playing behind the plate this season. She was our cleanup hitter, so she provided us with a lot of power."

Christina Parsons, Jr., OF, Salem: The junior co-captain earned All-WLAA and All-District honors during her third year on the varsity squad. She hit .325 with an on-base percentage of .389 and she led the Rocks in stolen bases.

"Christina is a great team player; she's very coachable," said Southerland. "She covers a lot of ground in center field, has great range and is a great communicator on the field."

Amy Bondy, Sr., OF, Plymouth: Bondy was the catalyst of several important rallies for the Wildcats during her season She was voted the team's MVP after hitting .402 with an onbase percentage of .502 and a fielding percentage of .958.

"Amy puts everything she has into the game," said Canfield. "She's someone the opponents could never figure out because she could hit it hard or lay down a nice bunt. She has a 4.1 grade-point average and will be attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn's honors college in the fall.

Miranda Rysdorp, Jr., OF, Canton: Rysdorp enjoyed a spectacular season for the young Chiefs, hitting .430 with a four home runs.

She was also a solid outfielder, robbing several opponents of hits this past spring. Her efforts earned the junior All-WLAA first team honors

Kelsey Weekley, Sr., At-Large, **Redford Union:** Weekley, who will In his 22nd season with the play softball at Alma College, capped off an excellent prep career by batting .438 with 10 doubles and four homer runs and also striking out 229 batters in 131 innings of pitching.

The tri-captain and fourthyear varsity player was named to the All-Mega White, All-District and All-Region teams:

"Kelsey has been the heart and soul of the team since I've come aboard," said Panthers' head coach Alan Kruck. "She has been of the leaders on our team in all aspects of the



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Garden City, Coach of the Year

COACH OF THE YEAR Barry Patterson, Garden City: Cougars, Patterson does not seek out the limelight. But it had no other choice but to find

him after Garden City's Hallie Minch-led varsity girls softball team went 32-6 and won the first athletic state championship in the history of the high

"What an incredible ride it's been," said Patterson, who surpassed the 500-victory plateau for his career this season. "I couldn't have even imagined the feeling of jubilation and satisfaction that the conclusion of the season would bring. We

were there (finals) back in 1991 and fell just short. As a coach, you never know if you'll ever get that chance again, thankfully we did."

Patterson characteristically down played his own role in the championship. He praised assistant coaches Chuck Drewicz, Al Russell, Mark Minch for their efforts and emphasized that plenty of support from athletic director Bob Dropp, parents and staff members were instrumental.

"Let's not forget those 16 gifted players who are truly the ones responsible for it all," Patterson concluded. "Thank you girls!"

Madonna baseball coach adds duo from John Glenn

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing of eight studentathletes Wednesday including a pair of players from Westland John Glenn.

The defending Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference champions have added righthanded pitcher Robert Fraser and Chris Kangas, who is a first baseman and left-handed pitcher, both from Glenn. Also in the fold for the 2009 season are a pair of transfers from Jackson Community College - infielder Tim Duffy (Carleton Airport) and righthanded pitcher Jeff Mann (Waterford Kettering).

Rounding out the list is Brian Diroff, a infielder-pitcher from Allen Park Cabrini; Tom Hansen, a left-handed pitcher

from Rochester Adams; D.J. Jaglois, an outfielder from Birmingham Groves; and Spencer Sarel, a infielder-pitcher from Brighton. "I think we have added a

lot of talent with this group of student-athletes," Haeger said. "These players, along with what we have returning, will make up what our staff hopes is a very strong and talented team that can help us defend our WHAC titles from 2008."

Last year MU captured both the regular season and WHAC playoff titles winning 37 games, the most since the 2005 squad which posted 40 wins.

"There are a number of these signees who will be asked to step in right away and see significant time," Haeger said. "I feel that our staff has done an outstanding job in evaluating talent in the area and has found just a great beginning to our class this spring and summer. We hope to add a few more pieces to the puzzle before we wrap up our efforts."

Fraser earned three varsity letters for the Rockets and posted a 9-6 record with an earned run average of 3.00 in 95 innings ås a senior. He struck out 124 and walked only 31.

"I had an opportunity to see

Robert throw a week ago and he was hitting 85-to-88 miles per hour on the gun, which is something that is real exciting for us," Haeger said of the All-Lakes Division pick. "He's a young man that played under one of my former assistants in Tom Wakefield at Glenn.

"Robert has an opportunity to come in and do some great things with the amount of pitching we lost due to graduation."

Kangas, who missed almost half of his senior season with a dislocated elbow, earned four baseball letters at Glenn. He was the Rockets' most valuable

defensive player as a sophomore and team MVP as a junior.

As a junior, he posted a 2.56 ERA in 52 innings and set a school record with 125 at-bats, including six doubles.

"Chris really had to gut it out this year after dislocating his right elbow," Haeger said. "He is unique in that he is a right-handed hitter and lefthanded thrower. Our thoughts on staff here are that we want to see Chris become a first baseman. We look for him first to get healthy and get his swing back so that he can drive the ball the way we know he can."

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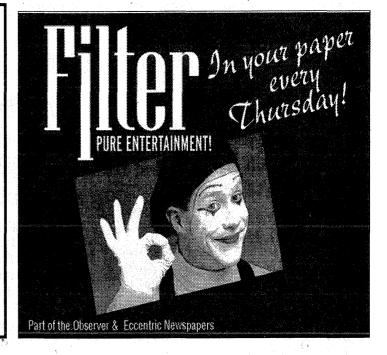
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Summer's bounty

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 12ounce 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 then 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

"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

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

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Optometric Association want

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To avoid serious eye injuries, they recommend people stay

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From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, 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

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Respect the safety barriers set

up by pyrotechnicians and stay

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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.

Keep a bucket of water or a

hose nearby in case of accidents.

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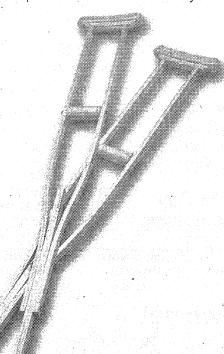
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patients undergoing cancer and we encourage everyone to Protect your eyes from fireworks "My doctor said I needed a hip replacement. After planning the surgery, I learned I needed to plan my recovery, too."

My doctor suggested HCR ManorCare, a "nursing home." My doctor told me, "they're different than you think." So, I met their physical therapists, visited their rehab area and talked to the admissions director and case manager who reviewed their successful patient outcome history. After my surgery, HCR Manor Care helped me rehabilitate my hip so I'd be ready to go home. I was surprised at how young the patients were and that many of them were receiving medical rehab and returning home.

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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-Coyle 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

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

(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.

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.

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

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER**

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

While patrons poured their alcoholic beverages into the Cup for a chance at a celebratory

DAVE PIERCE

Red Wing goaltender Chris Osgood (right) and Plymouth resident brought the coveted Stanley Cup, North America's oldest professional sports trophy, to excited patrons Tuesday night to Sean O'Callaghan's Irish pub.

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

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.

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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."

Weatherup experienced an

Hitting close to home

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 hardworking 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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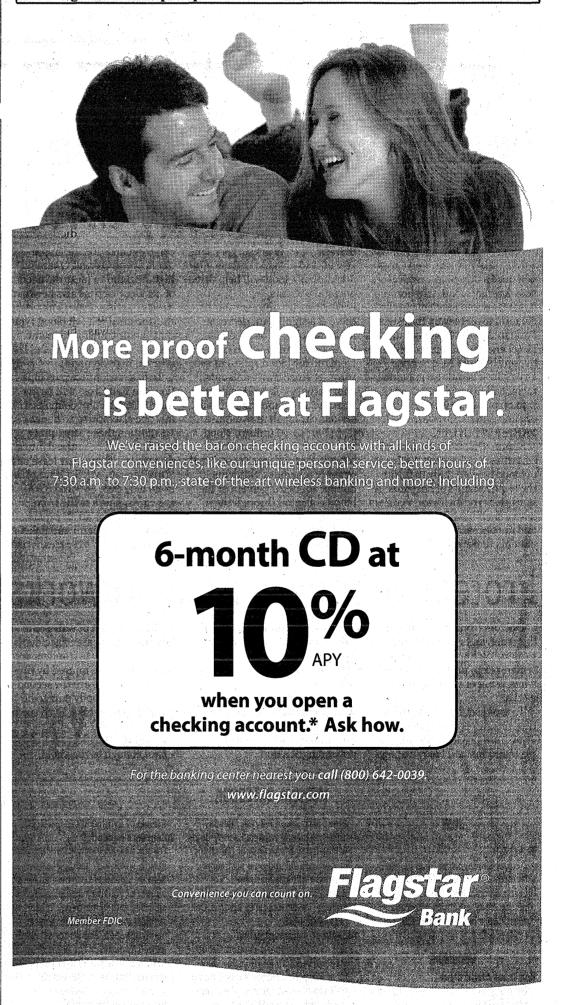




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Heartbreak, dating, and dealing with an alcoholic friend

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

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**

Monica Fulton

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 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.

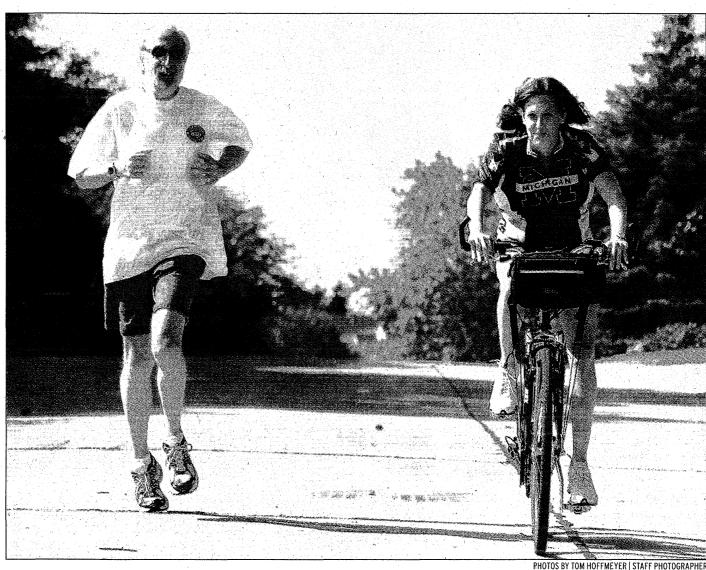
If this guy does not treat you well, people may be looking at you funny because they don't understand why you would put up with someone who treats you poorly. Just remember to always do what's best for you and to always make choices that have positive consequences. After that, it doesn't matter what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

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

organ donation 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

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.



Julie Baeten, who donated a kigney to her prother, 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

Please see GAMES, C4

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 handwoven 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 pasin 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-

Please see THAILAND, C5



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



The staff of the Philip Nolan Salon in Livonia is pitching in to hold benefits for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day in September. The walk raises money for breast cancer research.

Salon volunteers to cut hair for good cause

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

Heather Lewis could go on and on about the fund-raising efforts of the staff at Philip Nolan's Salon in Livonia. Lewis, Sheri Pullips Andrea Laraway, and Rebekah Dupuis have formed a team to raise money so they can participate in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day event Sept. 26-28.

Their latest effort is a charity haircutting noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at the salon in the Northridge Commons, 33523 W. Eight Mile, west of Farmington Road in Livonia. The cost is \$20. For more information, call (248) 478-2626.

Each of the four team members must raise \$2,200 that goes toward finding a cure for breast cancer.

"There are about eight of us working next

Sunday and other girls in the salon are helping out so 100 percent goes to the walk," said Lewis. "Our Pink Themed Bake Sale we get a lot of help from the girls here from cookies to muffins to bars."

The bake sale runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 18, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19. While the salon has held hair cuttings and bake sales before, for this year's walk one of their newest events is a golf outing 8 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at the Fox Creek course on Seven Mile in Livonia. The cost is \$100 per person.

They're also selling pink bracelets they made with Swarovski crystals for \$20 at the salon.

We've done a denim day. Once a month the whole salon wears denim and chips in \$5," said Lewis. "Every two months we do a different

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Chorus sells entertainment books as fund-raiser

The BeckRidge Chorale, formerly the Plymouth Community Chorus, is selling Entertainment Books in order to raise funds to support local charities and provide vocal music scholarships to talented local high school stu-

The book includes 2 for 1 and 50 percent discounts for shows, restaurants, sporting events, hotel stays, airfare, car rentals, and more. The cost is \$20.

People pre-ordering books now will receive a 2008 book free.

To purchase a book or for more information, call Stan at (734) 459-6829.

Books will be available for pick-up or delivery on Aug. 5.



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m., July 18, 2008. The bid opening will be at 10:15 a.m., July 18, 2008 for the following:

Request for Proposal - Hockey Services Pro Shop Lease

Specifications and bid documents are available at the city hall during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at: http:// www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

A bid bond/performance bond in the form of either a certified check or cashier's check, in an amount equal to \$500.00, must accompany each proposal.

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser, CMC

City Clerk

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

LEGAL NOTICE CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR AUGUST 5, 2008 ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that registration of Qualified Electors for the election for Tuesday, August 5, 2008, will be taken at the office of the City Clerk during office hours as enumerated below:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration will close on Monday, July 7, 2008, and no further voter registrations will be accepted for said election. Any interested person may also register at any Secretary of State Branch Office during their regular business hours. Qualifications of an elector for registration are as follows:

1. Citizen of the United States.

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by Election Day. Qualified electors who are currently registered with the City Clerk will not have to re-register. If you have a physical problem and

cannot come into City Hall, please call and make other arrangements. The telephone number is 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or Linda Langmesser, CMC

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AROUND TOWN

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.

Good Grief golf New Hope Center for Grief Support hots its 10th annual "Good Grief" Golf Outing Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person. Channel 4's newest weatherman, Eric Braate, will be special guest and emcee. For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348-0115 and visit New Hope's Web site at www. newhopecenter.net

'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.

Summer Peace Camp for Kids

Kirk of Our Savior Peace Camp takes place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24 (lunch will be served). The camp is open to children of all ages and religious backgrounds. Spend a few hours learning to work together in order to achieve success. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. For more information or to sign up, please contact Jenny at 313-532-4310.

Remote-controlled race day

Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church hosts "Remote-Controlled Race Day," 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. Racers can bring their R.C. vehicle and race it on the church's large oval track, complete with hill and jump ramp. Ribbons will be awarded to winners. No sign-up necessary. Kirk of Our Savior Presbyterian Church is located at 36660 Cherry Hill in Westland. If you need more information, contact Jenny at (313) 532-4310

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 davs.

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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Forum speaker

Eric Bacvinski of Plymouth served as the opening speaker at the recent Michigan Undergraduate Research Forum, a showcase of student research projects held at the State Capitol in Lansing. Five universities participate - U-M-Dearborn, U-M-Ann Arbor, U-M-Flint, Wayne State and Michigan State - with each school sponsoring up to 10 of its students. The half-day event features certificates presented by state legislators to the student participants. Bacyinski spoke to a crowd of some 70 people, which included multiple state representatives, U-M administration and students from all over the state, about the importance role that undergraduate research plays in influencing public policy in our state.

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

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Learn to go Beyond War The Livonia-based Citizens for Peace,

which covers the entire 11th District. invites residents the chance to join in study-discussion groups on the topic, Beyond War, during its June and July meetings. Using a study guide, the topic will be discussed in four group sessions each meeting. In July, the topics focus on alternatives to war, such as nonviolent conflict resolution processes and appropriate humanitarian foreign aid; international law and cooperation between nations; practical experience about what people and nations can do instead of war; and applying effective advocacy. Citizens for Peace meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Unity of Livonia, located on Five mile road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. A small donation is requested for the use of the church facilities. For details, contact Colleen Mills at 734-

425-0079. **Academic Pathways enrollment**

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, located at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia is currently enrolling for the 2008-2009 school year. Morning class sessions for 3-1 and 4-year-olds are available. Potty training is not required. Four-year-old class runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday. Wednesday and Friday; three-year-old class runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. More information can be found at the school's Web site www. academicpathwayspreschool.com or call (734) 261-9540.

Gardeners meet

The Gardeners of Northville and Novi meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. Locations rotate between Novi Civic

Center and the Northville Library. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (248) 231-2334 or visit our Web site www.gardenersnorthvillenovi.org

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county. area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and daytime classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Card party/luncheon

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

Hospice training

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

Literacy Council tutors The Community Literacy Council (CLC)

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

Toastmasters meet

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

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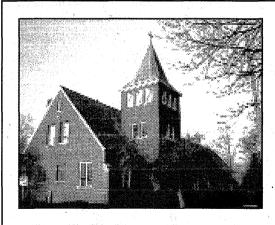
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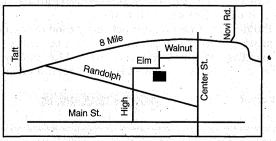
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Amateur radio operators to practice emergency skills

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, W8SXK.

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 tomir@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 cells 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."

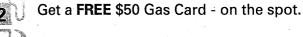


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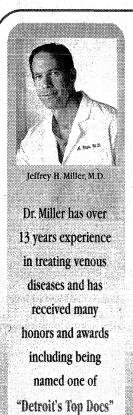






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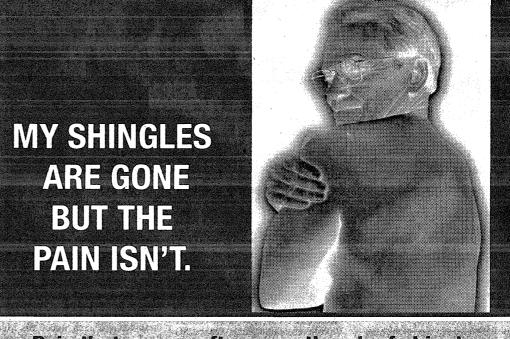
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REUNIONS

Berkley High School Class of 1958

Planning a 50th Reunion, Sept 19-21, 2008. All members of January 1958, June 1958 and January 1959 are invited. At Somerset Inn , 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy.

Events include: a Friday evening hospitality party, Saturday afternoon tour of BHS and lunch, dinner Party at the hotel on Saturday evening and brunch at hotel Sunday morning followed by a golf outing.

Contact: csingerbhs58reunion. org for access to the web site: www. bhs58reunion.org or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984

Bishop Borgess High School Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and 1974

A combined reunion. Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhsfirstfive.com

Brighton High School Class of 1989

Planning our 20th reunion and searching for classmates. Please sign up at "yahoo groups- brighton high school class of 1989" to get more information

Cherry Hill High School Classes 1962-1987

An All-Class Reunion will be held on 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2008, at Cherry Hill School of Performing Arts, 28500 Avondale, Inkster, cost is \$15 pre-paid, \$20 day of event. For additional information and a pre-registration form go to Alumni Association web page: http:// hometown.aol.com/chhsclassof65/ CHHSInksterReunionMain.html.

Clarenceville High School Class of 1988

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

Crestwood High School Class of 1968

A 40th class reunion Oct. 4, 2008. For information, contact Gail Goodall

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Tony Seran, and many colleagues and

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tions to Schiller Institute. c/o MCC,

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KEITH G. LEONARD

Born June 1, 1936 in Detroit, MI to

parents Walter and Alice Leonard.

Grew up on the Northwest side of Detroit. Attended public schools and

graduated from Cooley High in 1955.

Technology for initial undergraduate

studies, then transferred to Ferris State

University. Graduated May 1960 with

Bachelor of Science degree in

Pharmacy. Post-graduate work was

completed at a local pharmacy. Keith served as a caring pharmacist for 48 years in the retail, manufacturing, and hospital sectors. Keith married the love of his life, Victoria R. Sadurski on May 1, 1965 at Westminster church

in Detroit. Keith and Vicky celebrated

death separated them 13 years ago.

Keith maintained the same residence

in Farmington Hills for 42 years. Keith

is survived by older brother Donald

also survived by two very loving chil-

dren, Marnie (Fender) and Keith John,

their spouses, and the sparkle in Grandpa's eyes, grandson Nathaniel.

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Dearborn High School Class of 1963

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

Dearborn Edsel Ford Classes of 1958

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

Dearborn Edsel Ford January Class of 1958

A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Note the October date and location for the January class reunion. Call Nancy at (248) 851-5257 or Pat at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

Dearborn Edsel Ford Class of 1968

A 40-year reunion Aug. 2, 2008, at Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus in Dearborn. For more information, contact Janet Wszola Robbins at (313) 277-1418 or Susan Taylor Szalony at (248) 348-6692.

Dearborn Fordson Class of 1969

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

Class of 1958

com.

A 50-year reunion on Aug. 2, 2008, at Park Place. Reservations only. For information, please contact Marsha (Duza) Movesian, (313) 277-5624; or Joyce (Anderson) Mechalko, (313) 278-4488.

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BETTY E. LINDAHL

Age 82, Farmington, Michigan, passed June 26, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

LISA MOLONY

Anderson, SC - Lisa Anne Molony, 42, of Anderson, SC, died Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at Anderson Medical Center.

A native of Livonia, MI, Ms. Molony

was the daughter of Paul A. and Donna

Clark Molony of Seneca. She was a graduate of Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana and Michigan State

University School of Law. She was a

member of the Michigan and South

Carolina State Bar Association. In

addition to her parents, Ms. Molony is

survived by brother, Steven Molony

and wife, Jennifer of Elmhurst, IL: sis-

ter. Sharon Crall and husband, Brad of

Cincinnati; OH; nephew, Jay Molony;

and nieces, Mary Bridget Molony and

Reagan Crall. A Memorial Mass will

be held at a later date at St. Paul the

Apostle Catholic Church, Seneca, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be

made to Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, P.O. Box 63032, Baltimore, MD 21263-0342

JOHN DAVID MORRIS

6/7/60 to 6/16/08. Political organzier

with LaRouche movement for 26

years. Survivors include parents Hal &

Barbara Morris, brother Rob, & many

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A 20-year reunion, Friday, Aug. 22, adult gathering at Avenue Bar & Grill,

Dearborn. \$25 per person. Saturday Aug. 23, Family Picnic at Ford Field, Dearborn. \$25 per family. For details and to RSVP see www. freewebs.com/fordson88 or e-mail fordsonclassof88@yahoo.com

Detroit Cass Tech Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1957

An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

Detroit Chadsey High School Class of 1958 A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19,

2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspoterala@ comcast.net.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary Class of 1963

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

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A 50-year reunion Saturday, Aug. 23, at Farina's Banquet Center, Berkley. Contact Audrey (Bynum) Bibbs at (248) 474-2716 or Dorothy (Rodgers) McCree at (248) 224-7598.

ANNIVERSARY



Coons celebrate 65th

Betty Jean Ready Coon wed Myron Stanley Coon at First United Methodist Church on Grand River Avenue June 26, 1943 and the couple is now celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. The Coons are longtime Farmington residents. They plan to celebrate the momentous occasion with friends and family.

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alive and participating in track and field, basketball, cycling, and bowling is nothing short of amazing says Team Michigan co-manager Kathy Homan. This year 48 athletes from all over Michigan travel to the games with 35 donor family members and two living donors.

"Everybody should experience the games once," said Homan. "It's four days of seeing how people have been through the hardest things in their life and come out with positive outlooks. The athletes are so healthy and into life and giving back to society."

Terry Gould is participating in swimming events in his fifth Transplant Games which included World competitions in 2005 in Ontario and 2007 in Thailand. The Plymouth man received a heart on May 11, 2003. He trains four-five days a week in the pool at Schoolcraft College where he does life guarding. Gould was diagnosed in 1990 at age 37 with the heart muscle disease, cardiomyopathy.

"I'm looking forward to not only competing but seeing a lot of the friends I've met over the past year and my donor family of a 20-year-old man from Millington in the Flint area," said Gould, "His three brothers are coming. I'm in contact with them all the time. They've started a Tri for Life campaign, trying to do one triathlon in every state to raise awareness for organ donation."

Tim Cusatis wouldn't be running in the U.S. Transplant Games if not for the family who donated the heart of their loved one June 5, 2006, at U-M's University Hospital. Today, Cusatis, 50, travels 5-days a week from Swartz Creek outside of Flint to Ann Arbor to work out. He's hoping the games inspire people to consider donating their organs.

Being a donor doesn't hurt, doesn't cost anything," said Cusatis.

For information about the games, call (800) 482-1455 or visit www.nkfm.org. For more about organ donation, visit giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

A special organ, tissue and eye donor registration event and fund-raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. For tickets, call (248) 770-5172 or (248) 701-2323.

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The couple is planning a September 2008 wedding at Livonia Baptist Church. The bride's attendants will be Cary Udell, Lisa Powers, Sara Krischano, Joanne Shipley, Tamra Wright, Traci Wright and Ashley Pettit. The groom

Robert and Kathy Schliewe

of Livonia announce the

engagement of their daugh-

ter, Lorine Sue Durden of Westland, to John Edward

Pettit II, son of Steven and

The bride-to-be gradu-

ated from John Glenn High

School and Eastern Michigan

University, and is employed by

The future groom graduated

from John Glenn High School

and is employed by Detroit



will be attended by Brandon Pettit, Ryan Buffalini, Jake Rathburn, Josh Utley, Matt Leith, Dennis Tomes, **Bobby Hagelthorn and Chris** Wrobleski.

A reception will follow at Orlando Familia Banquet Center.

The couple plans to honeymoon in Jamaica.

Pravato-Kaier

Jim and Patrice Pravato of Brighton announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin to Charlie Kaier, son of Muriel Kaier of Brighton and Bruce Kaier, of Livonia. Erin is a 1999 graduate of

Livonia's Ladywood High School and she will graduate this year from Wayne State University with a degree in mechanical engineering. Charlie is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Northern Ohio, where he earned an automo-



tive technology degree. He owns and operates a lawn service business in the Livonia area.

A late summer wedding is planned. The couple will reside in their home in Livonia.

O'Connor-Belknap

Michael and Terry O'Connor of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Michelle, to Dustin Grant Belknap of Wyandotte. He is the son of Eric Belknap of Wyandotte and Jill Connolly.

Kathleen, 22, is currently attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she is working toward a teaching certificate and has a double major in math and science. She works at Our Lady of Good Counsel and at the Child



Development Center at UM-Dearborn. Dustin, 23, is also attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn and working toward a teaching certificate. He works for U.S. Turbine at Willow Run Airport.

The couple has planned a July wedding at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

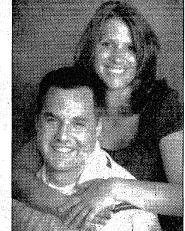
Prieskorn-Maurus

Kim and Judy Prieskorn and Cindy and Scot Kern announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Prieskorn, to Jason Maurus of Dearborn, son of Debbie Norton.

Jamie Prieskorn is a 1997 graduate of Westland's John Glen High School in Westland. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University in 2003 and her master's degree in education from Marygrove College in 2006.

She currently works as a 5th grade teacher in Monroe Public Schools. Jason is a graduate of

Dearborn's Edsel Ford High School and currently works for Grainger. He has been with the company for 10 years



and also attends Henry Ford Community College, where he is working toward his degree in secondary education.

The couple plans to wed in December at Crystal Gardens in Southgate. They live in Dearborn.

BIRTH



Nathan Henry Wood Nathan Henry Wood was welcomed to his new home by fam-

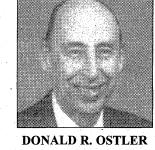
ily including grandparents Henry and Theresa Wood of Westland (right). Nathan is held by his mom Stacey Wood. Dad Kevin is left along with grandmother Diane Schwab (center). Nathan was born June 1, and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20½ inches long.





KELLIE LYNN (Sobas) RYAN Age 46, of Kalkaska, Michigan

passed away Saturday, June 21, 2008 30 years of marriage before Vicky's at her home. Kellie was born June 7, 1962, and lived in Garden City before moving to Kalkaska with her husband and daughters in 1993. Kellie is survived by her husband of 26 years and proceded by younger brother Charles and sister Lucille. Keith is Randall Ryan, and daughters Aaron (Tony) Kreyger, and Evann Ryan; arents Donald and Barbara Sobas; siblings Midge (Steve) Elkins, Roxanne (Daryl) Jenks, Kevin (Amy) obas, Scott (Melanie) Sobas, Joesph (Charlotte) Sobas; As well as twelve Saturday, July 5th at 11a.m. at First nieces and nephews. A memorial service for Kellie will take place at the Kalkaska Middle School gymnasium corner of 11 Mile Rd. and Farmington located at 1700 W. Kalkaska Street @ Rd.). Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice (14100 1:00pm June 28th. Cards may be sent to the Ryan family at their home 271 Baker Rd. Kalkaska, MI 49646.



June 25, 2008, age 80. Beloved hus band of Letea. Dear Father of Dave Kathy (Ken) Wilson and Steve (Sandi). Grandfather of Chris, Cheryl Denise, Linda, Kaitlyn, Cameron and Nolan. Great-grandfather of McKenna and Jasmine. Brother of Robert (Elaine). Visitation Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel), 36100 Five Mile Road, (One Mile West of Farmington Road), Sunday 1-9pm. Instate Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (West of Haggerty Road). Monday 10:00am until time of Service 11:00am. Memorials to Parkinson Foundation preferred.



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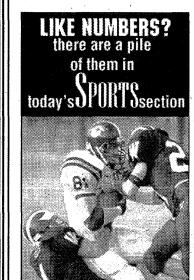
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ate of Stevenson High School in Livonia. "I'm very thankful and grateful to be home. I love being an American. It's a fabulous country with so many blessings. The strength of American is in it's diversity. Thailand is not a whole lot of diversity.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

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 handwoven 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."

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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. saveonechool.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

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

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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 prog-

Volunteers receive all of their living expenses from the government.

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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

"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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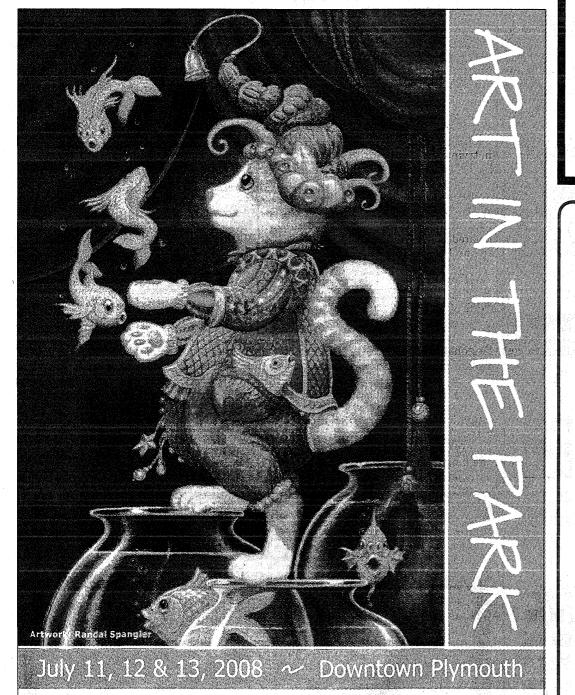
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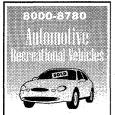
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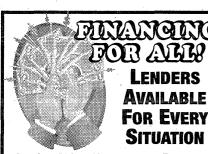
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your dream job on the Internet. She trains people domestically and internationally to "find or create home-based work." She emails a frightening statistic based upon more than 3,000 job leads scanned each week. "There is a 48-to-1 scam ratio among '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

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 Internetbased 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 finetuning. She's concluded that larger projects are more desirable, "because there's less time gearing up and cleaning up.

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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 homebased businesses. Durst is co-founder and CEO of Staffcentrix L.L.C., in Woodstock, Conn.

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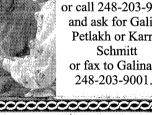
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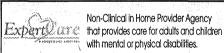


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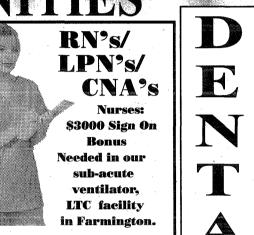


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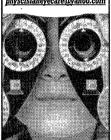
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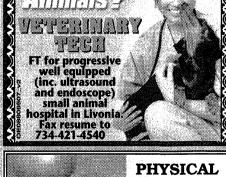
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Mitsubishi delivers value with new Lancer

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By Wendy Clem Avanti NewsFeatures

MITSUBISHI was already living in the year 2008 in 2006 with the debut of the new Lancer, the latest in the compact sport sedans.

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

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Lancer offers savings
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as fuel economy at 21/
22 miles to the gallon
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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 factoryinstalled 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 proffers 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

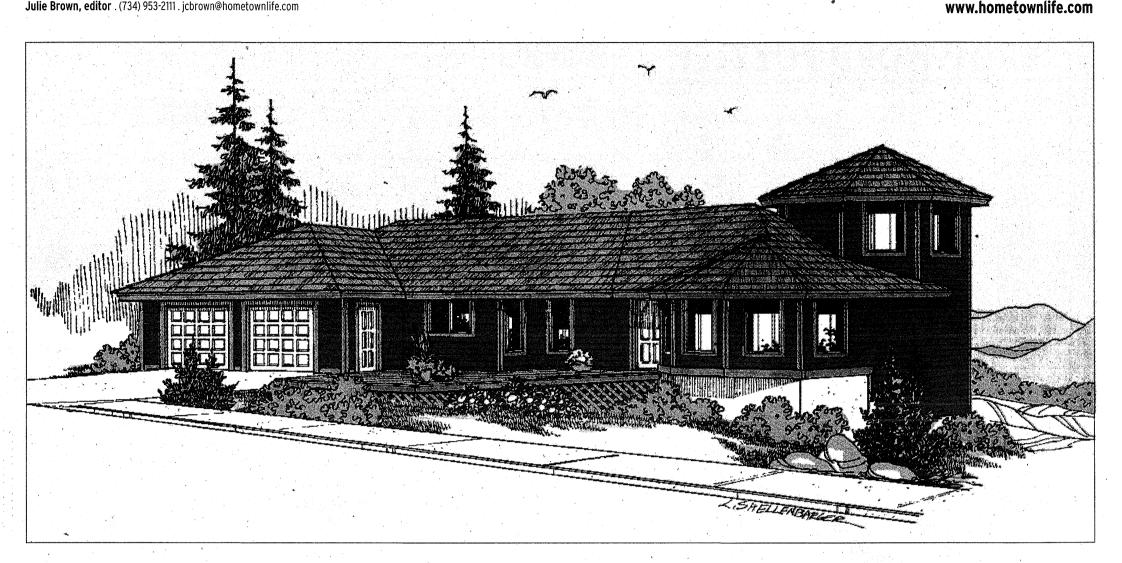
Vehicle class: Compact sport sedan.
Power: 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine.
Mileage: 21 city / 29 highway.
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Big Wheeler keeps on turning for your family's comfort

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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 iving 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.

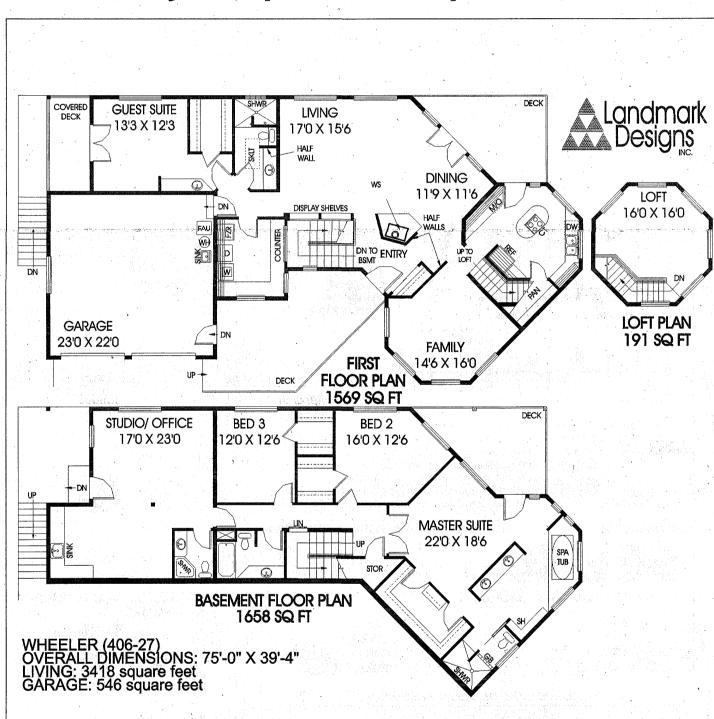
The loft above the kitchen provides a great observatory for setting up a spotting scope, or camera. At the bottom of the stairs is a daylight basement; double doors open into

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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 prov 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-inlaw apartment. A private bath, separate exterior entrance, and ample area for a parlor with a kitchenette make this ideal.

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education as well as recreation. 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

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lay eggs. The Schoolhouse Rooftop is designed to channel rain water to a nearby barrel, where the water is stored for later use in the garden to give plants the moisture they need to grow.

"Realtors build communities, and supporting education is an important part of that," said NAR President Dick Gaylord, a broker with RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, Calif. "The Botanic Garden's Sustainable Schoolyard illustrates outdoor classroom concepts, ecological teaching tools and creative play ideas that can be easily replicated in any schoolyard in

America." 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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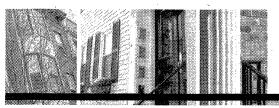
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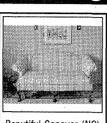
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