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Dianne Quinn hopes the addition of some landscaping to Kellogg Park will help her "give back" to the city.

Pretty in park

Landscaping designed to spruce up Kellogg Park

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Dianne Quinn, perhaps best known for organizing the annual Art in the Park festival in downtown Plymouth, said she's looking to give back to the city that's been home to her nationally renowned art fair the past 29 years.

Quinn said the perfect idea came after numerous compliments about the creation by Michigan Landscape Design of Plymouth, which was set in Kellogg Park for the three-day event.

We had this gorgeous landscaping and everyone loved it ... and I thought that landscaping could become a permanent part of the park," Quinn said. "With our 30th Art in the Park coming up next year, I was thinking about what I could do to give back. This would be a perfect



Organizers envision three 'modules' of two planters and a short knee wall on the Main Street side of Kellogg Park, at a cost of some \$12,000.

Jeremy Christianson of Plymouth, owner of Michigan Landscape Design, said he envisions three "modules" of two planters and a short knee wall on the Main Street side of Kellogg Park.

"It will create structure at the park, which could be used as an enhancement along Ann Arbor Trail, Penniman and Main Street to draw people and make

them want to stick around," Christianson said. "We don't want to close in the park or block traffic flow, just enhance it ... to fit in the surrounding development so it looks like it's always been there."

Christianson said the cost for the three additions would be approximately \$12,000. Quinn has already received more than half of that with seven \$1,000

"Clearly, it's a very beautiful setting and we're excited about the possibilities," said City Manager Paul Sincock, who noted he'll be seeking input from city officials and the Downtown Development Authority. "Any time you change the streetscape, or add or take things out of the park, you have to look at the big picture ... maintenance issues, future costs of the design, those kinds of things. Certainly, it was an exciting view during Art in the Park."

Progress marks work on underpass

BY TONY BRUSCATO OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials say there's "more visible evidence" the Sheldon Road underpass project is on its way to comple-

Assistant County Executive Alan Helmkamp said this week has been "a great week" in terms of progress.

"CSX Railroad really stepped up in taking the permanent tracks out of service and putting in temporary tracks," Helmkamp said. "That allows us to mass-excavate the embankment that the permanent tracks were on and start the foundation for the bridge. We'll be pouring cement for the retaining walls, and paving should start on the north and south end of the road within the next few weeks.3

The underpass project - which has been on the drawing board since 1999 and has almost doubled in cost to about \$15 million - is scheduled to be completed in

The closing of Sheldon Road for almost two years has caused a number of businesses, which have already been hurt by an economic downturn, to lose customers and profits. A manager at Caribou Coffee, located in what is commonly known as the Busch's strip mall at Five Mile and Sheldon, said business is still very slow because of construction.

"Our mornings aren't as good as they used to be because many people are not coming this way on their way to work," said the manager, who asked not to be identified. "We're still getting our industrial (park) customers during the week, but our late evenings and weekends are hurting.'

Helmkamp said he still has his fingers crossed the project will be completed by the end of the year.

"I'm feeling pretty good about things," he said. "As the bridge construction starts, people will see dramatic progress."

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Concrete is poured on Friday morning as workers lay temporary track at the Sheldon Road underpass construction site.

Township hopefuls take varied spending approaches

BY BRAD KADRICH

Campaign spending generally provides an interesting sidelight to any political campaign, and it seems to do just that in the Plymouth Township election, particularly in the race for supervisor.

The four candidates in Tuesday's Republican primary are each taking different approaches when it comes to spending, according to campaign finance reports required by the Michigan Secretary of State.

As of July 20, the last reporting date required, one candidate had spent all her money, the incumbent had outspent

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Partners asking for school supplies

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The Plymouth Salvation Army Corps is asking Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren school district residents to drive the bus in helping struggling families before the start of the school year.

The partnership is hoping to fill an entire school bus with school supplies to help families in need.

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, volunteers will be on hand at The Salvation Army

church and community center at 9451 S. Main to accept donations of pens, paper, crayons, backpacks and other supplies needed to start the school year. The supplies will then be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families a week later.

"These hard economic times are squeezing parents on every front," said Major Jim Irvine, pastor and corps officer at The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps. "The Salvation Army is seeing the outcome of those realities every day as parents turn to us for help. We're glad to partner with the Plymouth-Canton and Van Buren public school systems to ensure students have the basic supplies needed to start the school year without need or embarrassment."

Plymouth-Canton school officials, who have noticed increased usage of the district's Clothing Bank, aren't surprised by the increasing need for school supplies.

"There isn't any question we're seeing more and more families who are struggling," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "The district has always had a relationship with the Salvation Army, and we're working with them to define the needs of the community and help meet those needs."

Laurie Aren, the Plymouth Corps' director of family and community ministries, said the number of people asking for help before the start of school is certain to top last year's 36 families for a total of 113 students.

For more information, call the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps at (734) 453-5464.

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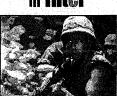
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Coming Thursday



West Bloomfield High grad Brandon T. Jackson stars alongside Ben Stiller and Jack Black in the upcoming

comedy 'Tropic Thunder.

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

Couch Potato to 5K racer

A new, free weekly running group starts Aug. 3 at 8 a.m. in downtown Plymouth.

Jaime White, owner of Core Sport Pilates studio in downtown Plymouth, is committed to helping her clients, and her community, develop healthy lifestyles. White trained in New York and then taught in Philadelphia before opening her own studio in downtown Plymouth.

She sees a lot of her clients and others who need motivation to create a more active lifestyle. She organized Family Fun Fitness activities in Kellogg Park as part of the Kidpalooza event on Aug. 2 and is following that up Aug. 3 with the New Free Weekly Running group which will meet at the Core Sport Pilates studio at 829 Penniman Ave., take a run, and then finish by stretching out together.

"It should take 45 minutes from start to finish," White said, "We will follow the Couch

2 5K training program. It is a program designed to get beginner runners, men and woman, off the couch and running a 5K in nine weeks."

For more information, follow this link: http://www. coolrunning.com/engine/2/2_ 3/181.shtml.

If you have any other questions or to RSVP, e-mail coresportinfo@yahoo.com or call Jaime White, (734) 233-5268.

Holistic moms

A new chapter of the Holistic Moms Network is forming in Plymouth and will host an open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Plymouth District Library.

The Holistic Moms Network is a national non-profit organization dedicated to supporting moms with an interest in natural health and mindful parenting. We will cover a variety of topics in our monthly meetings, including toxic ingredients in skincare and cleaning products, and easy nutritional snacks for your family. In addition, we will be forming playgroups for moms with babies and pre-schoolers. The Metro-Detroit Chapter is open to all parents in Plymouth and the surrounding communities. Monthly meetings will be held the first Thursday of the month at 9:45am at the same

For more information, contact Andrea Stevens at (313) 220-4592 or e-mail amstevens14@juno.com. You may also visit the Web site www. holisticmoms.org.

Band car wash

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band hosting its annual "PCMB Car Wash-A-Thon" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Plymouth High School parking lot on Beck Road south of Joy in Canton.

The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between onehalf cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1,000 vehicles. Donations are tax deductible.

The award-winning high school band is comprised of students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park in Canton, Mich. This is the first year the car wash will be hosted at Plymouth High School.

Literary arts class

Literary Arts Class For Children - Embark On A Creative Writing Journey

Poet and photographer Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin of Canton offers a Literary Arts Class for Children noon-1 p.m., Aug. 4-7, at the Tinkham Center off Venoy Road in Westland.

The class is designed to liven up your story telling skills by writing in your journal, learn about new ways to describe things so that all of your stories and haiku will be cool to write and fun to share with others.

Call (734) 419-2426 to register. Anyone wishing to speak first to Martin can e-mail her at peroinc5@comcast.net or call (734) 397-1626.

Citizen police academy

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts its seventh Citizens Police Academy beginning Sept. 10. The 11-week program offers residents and businesses a first-hand look into the law enforcement operations of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Participants meet 7-10 p.m. each Wednesday at Plymouth Township hall. There is no charge for the program; however, application and acceptance to the program are required. Students must be 18 years old to participate.

Deadline for applications is Aug. 17, and class size is limited.

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Exchanging of the flag

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 Plymouth/Canton member Darrell Basman (left) presents a new flag to Tim Curtis, who traded in his worn out flag last week. Chapter 528, along with Veterans of Foriegn Wars Post 6695, are exchanging brand new American flags for flags that need to be retired. They will be at Cruzin' 528, the weekly car show the veterans host at VFW Post 6695 on Mill Street on Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m. Those interested should bring in the old 3x5 flag and trade it in for a new American made flag for free until the first 100 are gone. Also, the veterans group will be collecting cell phones and accessories in conjunction with Lynn Dery from RE/MAX CLASSIC in Canton. Each cell phone or other accessory will be turned into an hour calling card to be used by our troops deployed overseas. The post, located at 1426 S. Mill in Plymouth, will be a collection point through the first Wednesday in September. For more information about either program, call Gary Bear at (734) 459-6700.

Township Police Department, 9955 Haggerty, or by calling (734) 354-3232. Application forms may also be downloaded from the Plymouth Township Web site at www.plymouthtwp.org under the heading "Forms." For more information on the program, contact Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3243.

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CORRECTION

A letter to the editor in the July 31 Observer said Plymouth resident Kurt Heise is "a key supporter of Carl Berry and officer for the 11th Congressional Republicans." Mr. Heise called the Observer to point out neither of those things is true.

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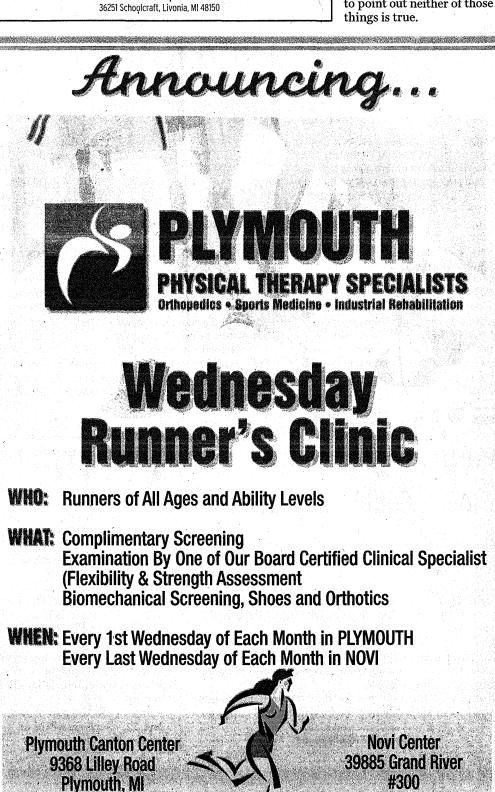
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City moves Central precinct in Cultural Center shift

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Beginning with Tuesday's primary election, all registered voters in the city of Plymouth will cast ballots at the Cultural

Center. City Clerk Linda Langmesser said access and security issues helped forge the decision to move Precinct

3 from Central Middle School

to the Cultural Center, which already housed precincts 1,2 and 4. "We had some climate control issues at Central, it was Langmesser. "And, people

either too hot or too cold," said needing handicap access to the building had to walk around to the front entrance and go all through the school to get to the annex gym.

"Also, the lighting in the parking lot wasn't really good, so it also became a security issue," she said. "It just wasn't voter friendly."

Just like the concerns of Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengil, Langmesser is warning voters the Aug. 5 primary ballot is confusing and can lead to spoiled ballots.

"Voters needs to realize they can't split their ticket when voting for Democrats and Republicans, and when they turn it over to complete the ballot to be cognizant of the party selection," Langmesser said. "If they don't their ballot will be spoiled."

Langmesser said several voters have already exchanged their spoiled absentee ballots

for a new ballot at City Hall. However, even if voters have already mailed in their absentee ballots and now realize they spoiled it by voting incorrectly, Langmesser said a new ballot can still be issued.

"If they realize they made a mistake, the can come to my office and check to see if their absentee ballot is spoiled," said Langmesser. "If it is, we can issue them a new ballot. As long as the absentee ballot hasn't been given to the absent voter counting board at 9 a.m. Tuesday, they can get a new ballot.'

Langmesser is predicting that 20 percent of Plymouth's 6,896 registered voters will cast ballots in Tuesday's pri-

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his most ardent challenger by more than 2-to-1, and one candidate decided she'd spend very little money at all.

As of July 20, incumbent Supervisor Richard Reaume had collected \$14,680 and spent more than \$9,300 of it. He still had more than \$5,300 in the bank.

Plymouth-Canton school board Trustee Dianne Gonzalez, the most outspoken challenger to Reaume, had spent more than \$4,300 of the \$10,982 she'd reported col-

lecting. Meanwhile, K.C. Mueller, a Realtor and former Plymouth Township trustee, reported she'd spent all of the nearly \$5,900 she'd collected.

Mueller's campaign, meanwhile, was buoyed this week by the announcement the Western Wayne Oakland **County Association of Realtors** had endorsed her.

Marilyn Massengill, the long-time Plymouth Township clerk running for supervisor, filed paperwork saying she planned on spending less than

Spending in the clerk's race was equally interesting. Political newcomer Mary Ann Prchlik had nearly doubled the spending of Deputy Clerk Joe Bridgman, according to reports both filed with Wayne County. Unfortunately for Prchlik, Bridgman had collected nearly twice as much in contributions.

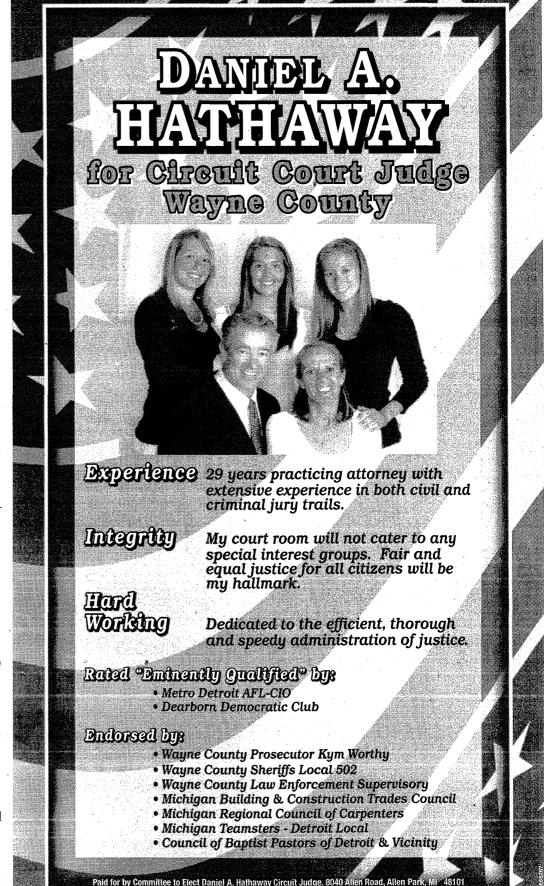
As of July 20, according to their reports, Bridgman had collected \$6,900 and spent \$6,593. Prchlik, meanwhile,

had spent more than \$14,000, but only listed some \$3,200 in contributions.

In the race for four trustee seats, the incumbents — Steve Mann, Bob Doroshewitz and Kay Arnold — led the way in contributions as of July 20. Mann had collected some \$4,000 and spent \$2,600; Doroshewitz had spent \$3,000 of his \$3,300 balance; and Arnold had collected \$3,600, but spent only slightly more than \$1,600.

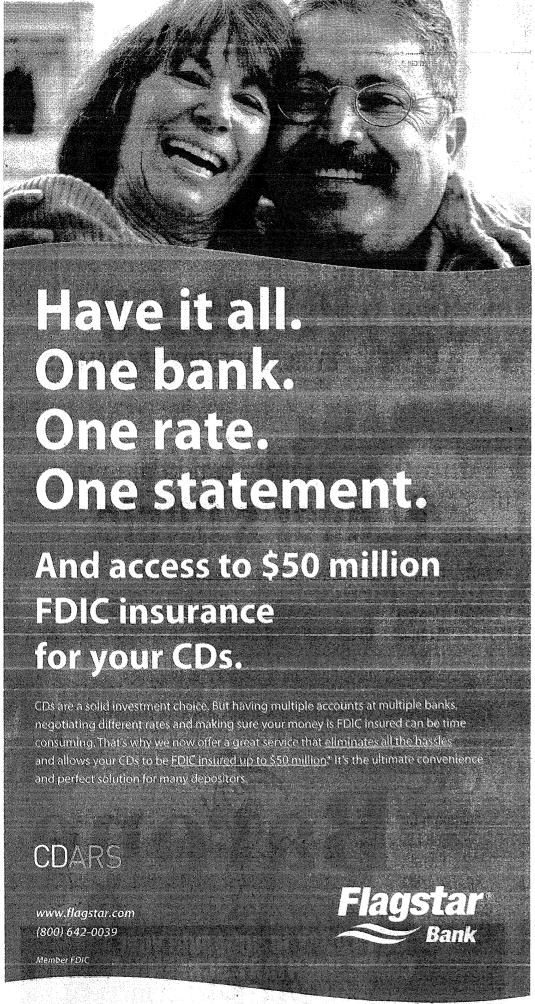
Former township police chief Carl Berry reported nearly \$2,900 in contributions and \$2,600 in expenditures. Township resident Michael Kelly, seeking his first elective office, told the state he'd spend less than the \$1,000 limit that triggers the requirement for a

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edu) at I-96 and Levan Road

The second annual Project Accessible Hollywood (PAH-fest) Motown'08 has come to a close after a week of events, contests, filmmaking, and concerts. Area artists stepped into the limelight as their stories were showcased during an awards ceremony at Madonna University's Kresge Hall, on Sunday, July 20. The ceremony, featuring movie-viewing, awards and celebration, was hosted by WXYZ Channel 7's Dennis Neubacher.

The main event at PAHfest is Mobi-Flicks, a competition where participants create and produce a sixminute film in four days. This highly anticipated award - \$1,000 cash and a digital recorder - went to a team of Livonia residents: Christina Harris, Ryan Brown, Ashley Harris, Matthew McFerris, Susan Knighton, and Madonna instructor Chuck Derry (coach). Their film, entitled 'Espranza,' told the story of Detroiter Angela Reyes, founder of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation (DHDC), which provides a fun, safe environment for local youth.

PAH-fest creator Christopher Coppola was so inspired by the creativity and enthusiasm of the children involved with Circus Vision, a PAH-fest event that took place near Hart Plaza, he made an unscheduled visit to the DHDC so the children there could participate in Cell Phone Art, which had been scheduled to take place at Madonna's campus in Livonia only.

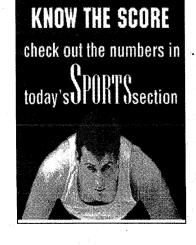
The other competitions that took place throughout the festival were: DigiPortraits, two-minute portrait shot with a cell phone; Circus Vision.

a smart phone digital treasure hunt for kids 14 and younger; Cell Phone Art, one-minute movie on a cell phone; Cellular Tone Poems, images that visually express an original musical composition are recorded using a cell phone

The awards ceremony recognized creative minds of all ages and from all walks of life. Rozell Clay of Detroit won the Circus Vision contest, receiving \$100. Mary Fairgrieve took home a \$250 prize for her Cell Phone Art entry. Nancy Boyd, 13, and Megan Griesbeck, 12, from Highland Township, won the DigiPortrait competition and also received a \$250 cash prize. Detroit resident, Lisa Dorrough, was awarded a digital recorder for her Tone Poem.

Coppola, who officially has become a member of the Madonna broadcast and cinema arts faculty, presented the University with the first Spirit of PAH award, for its enthusiasm and dedication to helping make Hollywood accessible to all. In receiving this award, Madonna University sets the bar for all other PAH-Fest hosts around the world.

The second annual PAHfest Motown took place throughout the week of July 14-20 at Madonna University's main campus in Livonia, as well as in Detroit. The free, digital media festival travels to cities throughout the U.S. and internationally, giving people of all walks of life a chance to tell their stories through movies. PAH-fest is the brainchild of Christopher Coppola, nephew of director Francis Ford Coppola and brother to actor Nicholas Cage.





PAH-Fest award winners, left to right: Chuck Derry (coach) Susan Knighton, Matthew McFerris, Ashley Harris, Ryan Brown, Christina Harris and, PAH-fest organizer Christopher Coppola.







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Poison ivy is bigger and badder than ever

irst: an annoying little itch. More likely than not, you pay no attention. Next, tiny blisters appear. And if you are not particularly sensitive, that may be all that happens. But for many Oakland County residents, itching intensifies, your skin may become inflamed and fluid filled oozing rashes become unbearable and sink summer fun. You scream out "Benadryl" and race for the dermatologist. Your misery lasts for weeks. You are just one more victim of an extreme case of rhus dermatitis. Poison ivy got you good!

And it is not your imagination that poison ivy of today is bigger and badder than back in



Nature

Jonathan Schechter

rough bar of laundry soap and leave you to soak in an oatmeal bath. Studies are confirming what some sci-

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entists were suspecting. Rising levels of carbon dioxide are producing more potent, more vigorous poison ivy. And that is not good news if you are part of the 85 percent of the population that is sensitive to this plant.

If all you know about poison ivy is the old adage, "Leaflets three, let it be," the summer of '08 may be your downfall. Many plants have three leaves; one of my favorites is wild strawberry.

And poison ivy takes on many different forms. Poison ivy can be found on the ground, but it also takes on thick bushy forms in open fields. In woodlands and along park trails it is often an enormous high climbing vine thick as your arm. And from that vine monstrously large face-slapping leaves reach out on branches five or six feet

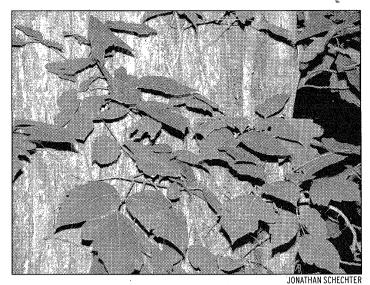
I think back to the worst case of poison ivy I ever saw. It was an area fire chief about 15 years ago. You had to feel for that guy, for after his exposure his face looked like the Pillsbury Doughboy with sunburn and measles. He was one miserable guy.

But a few days later I cut fire wood and failed to notice a poison ivy vine clinging to a log. It rubbed against my bare belly as I hauled wood resulting in a

raging rash of misery that also appeared in locations where the sun never shines. I still remember the look of puzzlement on my doctor's face, "You got this how?"

Here's the hard facts. Urushiol is the active ingredient in poison ivy. No one is immune. Sensitivity varies and an allergic reaction is usually only a matter of time. Urushiol can retain potency for up to five years on dead vines and hand tools. And if your dog romped through a poison ivy patch today and you stoke his fur tonight, that annoying little itch may join you tomorrow. And as many wildlands firefighters have discovered this fire season the oil readily bonds to smoke particles and cause serious skin and lung irritation.

Avoidance is the best prevention, but we've progressed a long way from the days of "Where's that pink lotion?" Many lineman and forestry workers use both pre-contact and after-contact lotions. Now for my true testimonial. Last summer while backpacking on a sweltering day in Ohio's



Face-slapping high poison ivy vines cling to tree trunks in the Ortonville State Recreation Area.

Zaleski State Forest my trail partner and I suddenly discovered we were entering a kingdom of poison ivy of all shapes and forms.

With no turning back, it was time. We rubbed on "IvyX Pre-contact Towelettes" (www. forestrysuppliers.com) and plodded on past potent ankleembracing, leg-hugging, faceslapping, urushiol-oozing ivy leaves.

And after making camp we slathered on a post-exposure cleanser: Technu (tecnuex-

treme.com). Two days later back in Michigan the only rash I had hatched from other summer wonders: mosquitoes and stinging nettle. My summer day pack now contains both pre- and post-exposure towelettes along with the usual compass, matches and mini-

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way and is certified in Advanced Wilderness Life Support by the Wilderness Medical Society, Reach him at oaknature@aol.com.

Skipping tax payment can cause problems with IRS

Q: Dear Rick: I currently pay a quarterly tax estimate and would like to know if skipping a payment and then doubling up on a subsequent payment will cause me

penalties or other problems?

Unfortunately,

if you miss

a quarterly

payment it

can cause you



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

problems with the Internal Revenue Service. Under tax laws, in

order to avoid a penalty you have to make four installments. If any of the installments is paid late, interest is charged. Interest is determined by the number of days the payment

is late. In addition, although it is rare, the IRS can also assess you with a penalty for a late payment.

The 2008 due dates for taxpayers required to pay quarterly are April 15, June 16, Sept. 15 and Jan. 15, 2009.

If you miss an estimated tax payment, there is a possibility the penalty can be waived. Form 2210 is the form that you would file with your 2008 tax returns to take advantage of one of the exceptions to the

Q: What is your opinion on the Westcore Plus Bond as opposed to bank CDs? Is the difference in yield worth investing in this bond fund?

A: I like the Westcore Plus Bond Fund and I believe it is a very good bond fund to have in your portfolio. However, it is a different type of investment

than a bank CD.

The Westcore Plus Bond Fund is an intermediate term, investment grade bond fund. The fund typically invests in very secure corporate and government obligations.

In fact, more than half the funds in the portfolio are rated

The fund has also had a very solid long-term track record and is one I use in many portfolios that I manage. The fund is rate five-star

fund by Morningstar and has very low expenses. It is noload, which means it can be purchased without having to pay any commission. Although I recommend it, it is different from a bank CD.

The bank CD is insured up to \$100,000. The Westcore Plus Bond Fund is not governmentinsured. The other difference is there is no market fluctuation in a CD. The principal of your investment cannot go down.

The Westcore Plus Bond Fund, like all bond funds, has market volatility. In bond funds, if interest rates go up, the value of the bond fund goes down. If interest rates decline, the value of the bond fund

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Advantages of a bond fund are the yield (currently, the yield of the Westcore Plus Bond Fund is higher than the return on CDs) and greater flexibility than in a CD. In a CD, you're locking your money up for a period of time, where in a bond fund you have access to your money penalty-free.

If you consider yourself a very conservative investor, I recommend the CD over the bond fund. However, if you are conservatively moderate or above and do not mind principal fluctuation, the Westcore Plus Bond Fund is an excellent investment.

One note for CD investors. If vou buy a CD at a bank, make sure to shop around. Consider Michigan banks, Internet banks and out-of-state banks. After all, the money is federally insured and if you can make a few extra dollars on your money, why not?

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).

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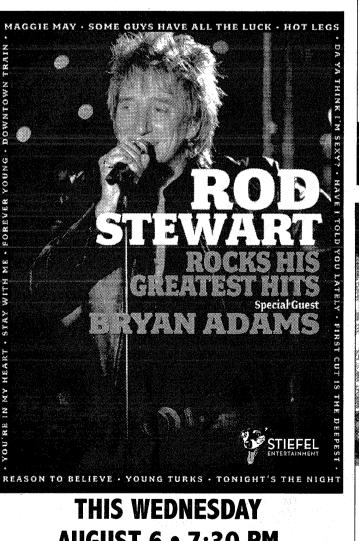
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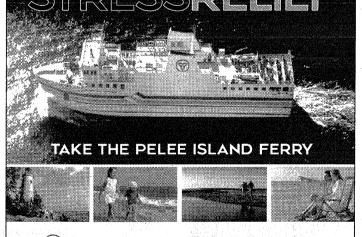
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13 candidates vie for county treasurer Foreclosure process

Nine candidates have filed to run against incumbent Wayne County Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz in the Aug. 5 Democratic primary, Two Republicans are seeking the GOP nomination. The county treasurer serves a four-year term.

The position pays \$128,768 a year. All candidates were asked to respond to an online questionnaire by Gannett Newspapers in Michigan for our online voter guide. Three Democrats, Wojtowicz, County Commissioner Philip Cavanagh and Beverly Kindle-Walker and two Republicans, former county auditor Brenden Dunleavy and Timberly Robinson responded.

Kevin Kelly of Grosse Ile, Thomas Marciniak of Plymouth, Robert John Nozicka of Deaborn, Brian O'Donnell of Dearborn, Catherine O'Meara of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sigmunt John Szczepkowski of Riverview, Keith Windham of Detroit,

and Linda Kay Zebrowsk of Garden City did not respond to the questionnaire.

These are the responses of the Republican candidates to the questionnaire. Answers from the Democratic candidates who responded ran in Thursday paper.

For responses in this and other contests. go to the Voter Guide at www.hometownlife.com.

is major issue What makes you the most qualified **BRENDEN DUNLEAVY**

to hold this position?

As Wavne County Auditor General, I have reviewed the operations of the Wayne County Treasurer's Office and I can tell you what's right and what's wrong with the current operation, and because I am not "beholding" to current politicians or contractors, I can provide innovative solutions. What are the two most important issues facing the office you are running for, and how would you address them?

1. Property Foreclose Process 2. Dwindling County Revenue and Investments. I would meet with legislators in Lansing to amend current laws governing delinquent property taxes. I would work with city officials countywide to establish specific policy or procedures to maintain and physically safeguard properties held in the county's name.

As the number of properties foreclosed and/or owned by the county increases, it is imperative that controls are developed to safeguard and maintain properties. To assure that all appropriate, process and procedures are followed with respect to county investments.

I would make informed, impartial recommendations regarding the investment and management of county funds to insure the largest yield possible with the least amount of risk. The appointment of honest, competent and qualified deputies and staff will be one of my first priorities in assure that all the functions of the office are performed



Party: Republican **Age**: 48 **Marital** Status: Married to Eileen M. Dunleavy

Family: Kathleen 18, Colleen 16, Brendan 15, Maura 14, Molly 12 City/Town: Plymouth Township Education/Degrees: B.A. Accounting, Michigan State University, Masters of Science-Finance, Walsh College **Occupation**: Senior Financial Advisor

Experience: EXPERIENCE October 2004 to Present-Michigan Financial Companies, Southfield Michigan, Senior Financial Advisor. September 1997 to September 2004 Wayne County, Wayne County Auditor General, Detroit Michigan July 1991 to September 1997 -- Wavne County, Wavne County Auditor General, Detroit Michigan October 1984 to July 1991 -- Ernst & Young, Audit Manager, Detroit Michigan June 1983 to October 1984 -- Star Line Corporation, Williamston, Michigan Community Involvement: Active member of Our Lady of

Michigan.

Purpose Driven Life, by Rick Warren

Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth

What is the best movie you've seen in the last 12 months? No answer

Passion is to see neighborhoods restored

What makes you the most qualified to hold this position?

I have worked for Wayne County for five years and understand the diverse needs of the communities. Individuals who have not spent much time driving from Belleville to River Rouge then to Hamtramck might not spend too much time thinking about accessibility of services. My diverse background has given me experience working with local and federal government in addition to experience in the private sector.

I will be able to oversee operations effectively because I have performed responsibilities in human resources. information systems, vendor payments, finance and organizational operations. My passion is to see neighborhoods restored. It's not just a dream, it must be a reality or the quality of life for our residents will diminish.

What are the two most important issues facing the office you are

Tom Stanton, author of

award-winning books on

baseball and American life.

has been awarded the 2008

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running for, and how would you address them?

Improving Customer Service is essential.

I will analyze current operations to determine a method for adding evening hours because it's difficult for residents to conduct business between the hours of 8-4:30 p.m. Providing

Wayne County Tax 101" workshops will be implemented with the assistance of educators and the business community.

My goal is for every high school student to understand how taxes should be incorporated into budgets while considering whether or not a house is affordable. I want the County Treasurer's Office to launch some of these workshops at large corporations like DMC, Oakwood, Henry Ford and factories during "Brown Bag" lunches. Protecting homeownership is a top priority. Meet with city leaders

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are \$25 to hear Stanton speak

at the award presentation lun-

cheon on Friday, Oct. 24.

For more information,

visit the Michigan Library

istration.

Association Web site at www.

mla.lib.mi.us/events/annual

and access the conference reg-

TIMBERLY ROBINSON



Party: Republican Age: 41 Marital Status: Single no children Family: Mother, 2 brothers City/Town: Detroit Education/Degrees: BS, Biology, Wayne State

University, MBA, e-Business, Davenport University Occupation: Project Coordinator (WSU) services in support of Perinatology Research Branch/National Institutes of Health/ Eunice Kennedy Shiver National Institute of Child Health and Human

Development (NIH/NICHD) Experience: WSU (2003 - present), Risk Management Consultant, DPS (2002-03), Wayne County (1997 - 2002), Human Resources, Detroit Newspapers (1995 -1997)

and university professors who specialize in acquiring funds to address social and urban development issues. As a collective body, more resources may be available.

Just a few, quick, personal trivia questions: What was the last book you read?

I'm actually reading "Never

Stanton writes about the

memorable players and places

baseball is part of American

Fiercest Rivals," the story of

"The Final Season" was

named Baseball Book of the

Year as the winner of both the

Casey and Dave Moore awards.

It is a memoir of the last year of Tiger Stadium. In "The Road

Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb's rival-

life. His newest book is "Ty

and the Babe: Baseball's

ry and friendship.

of baseball, but most of all, how

Baseball writer wins Michigan Author Award

Again" by John Ashcroft. What is the best movie vou've seen in the last 12 months?

Ironman is at the top of my list. I loved the cast. A well written script that had a social message. The action scenes were fun and the ending definitely made me want to see a part two.

to Cooperstown," Stanton ful-

fills the dream of a family trip

to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

"Hank Aaron and the Home Run That Changed America"

tells the compelling story of

the Michigan Center for the

Book and its programs, visit

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Gonzalez has new ideas

This is a critical election cycle for Plymouth Township. The electorate is presented with clear choices; to move the township forward, and allow it to assume its rightful position as a leader in southeast Michigan with the dynamic leadership it deserves, or to stay the course returning to office those that carry the baggage of cronyism, lethargic effort and the outdated policies of the past.

Dianne Gonzalez, candidate for supervisor of Plymouth Township, represents new ideas, boundless energy and a genuine. concern for her neighbors as evidenced by her leadership and contributions to the Plymouth-Canton school board.

What is currently lacking in Plymouth Township governance is aggressive, well-thought-out, yet pragmatic and containable strategic planning. A cogent strategic plan would allow Plymouth to chart a course for the future, shared and understood by all residents, taxpayers and stakeholders.

Township residents have reaped the benefits of a workable and effective Plymouth Township Master Plan that has served us well for two decades. What is mandatory in these times of diminishing resources is a strategic plan which anticipates tomorrow's needs, based on realistic assumptions for revenues, and provides prioritized alternatives that are pro-active rather than "fly-by-the seat our your pants." This is not a time to muddle through and plod on.

I would urge that the qualifications and capabilities of Dianne Gonzalez be carefully considered in advance of next Tuesday's primary. A vote for Dianne Gonzalez for Plymouth Township supervisor represents an understanding of the unique challenges Plymouth Township faces going forward, and an endorsement of her past leadership and performance and an understanding of what Plymouth Township requires to maximize the promise and potential of all its

residents.

No one else offering themselves in this election brings her vision and willingness to lead the way, the right way for our future.

> Kenneth Black Plymouth Township

Reaume goes extra mile

My sisters and I spent years bouncing around the foster care system. My uncle, Richard Reaume, who had taken care of us at various times through our struggles, finally realized if we were to have any stability at all it was going to be with him.

He sacrificed many things in his personal and professional life to become our foster parent and ultimately adopt us. My uncle is my hero who went the extra mile to ensure a happy, healthy and secure life for my sisters and I.

Going the extra mile isn't something my uncle does for just my family, it is something he does every day as the supervisor for Plymouth Township. He works very hard to keep the township running smoothly and meet the needs of every citizen.

I know he has my vote, respect and gratitude for the progress he has helped make in my life and in the wonderful township we live in.

> **Jasmine Millwood** Plymouth Township

Supporting Miller

Our dad, Cameron Miller, is running for judge here in our community's court (35th District), but we would like to tell you something about our dad that you might not know.

Everyone knows he has the most experience in the 35th district, 2,655 cases since 1997 when the next closest candidate has 149 cases. What you may not know is what a great dad he is and how much he cares for our community.

He is a past president of the Goodfellows and has sold papers with the Goodfellows for 30 years, helping kids have a Christmas who might not

Viable Change in the Community

otherwise have one. He even got our friends and us involved by getting us to help with the shopping for, and wrapping of, the presents.

He is a past president of the Jaycees, and was in charge of the fireworks in town for eight years and the Easter Egg Hunt for seven years.

When we joined the Steelers junior cheerleading, he served on its board of directors and even was the announcer for four years. Later when we went to high school, it was our dad who stepped up and became president of the cheerleading booster club for three years. He has been a Rotarian in town for 14 years and even in charge of this year's chicken BBQ.

Did we mention that from Steelers cheerleading, through high school cheerleading and lacrosse, he never missed one of our games? Well he didn't. because that's the kind of dad he is. And that's the kind of judge he would be. The kind of judge that cares. Who listens, and does whatever needs to be done.

Please join us in voting for our dad, Cam Miller, Aug. 5.

Courtney and Jillian Miller Plymouth

Snow deserves vote

I've known Martha Snow for just under three years. Since I first met Martha at Leadership Canton in 2005, I was struck by how personable, professional and dedicated she was to the community. My few community volunteer activities paled in comparison to her numerous commitments and demonstration of leadership.

Filling the role of 35th District judge, as the honorable 35th District Judge Mike Gerou points out, requires a whole host of character traits to faithfully execute the duties of that office.

I believe that Martha unequivocally possesses those essential character traits. Whether it's honesty, kindness, hard-working, experience, compassion, or courage, Martha's personal and professional values are beyond reproach. I know this because I've worked alongside her in numerous volunteer opportunities, served with her on the Canton Chamber Board, and witnessed her professional and hard work as an attorney.

Based on my personal and direct experience, I have no doubt Martha will make an exemplary 35th District Court judge and is the best qualified candidate worthy of your vote.

Hussien Fawaz

Backing Plakas

The position of district judge requires a person with integrity, good judgment, honesty and compassion. I have known Jim Plakas and his family for many years and can state that his character and behavior exemplify what is needed to represent the 35th District.

During my time working with Jim on our homeowners association, he consistently demonstrated a keen ability to analyze both sides of issues with an even temperament and commitment to achieve fair and equitable results.

Additionally, throughout the years I have known Jim and his family, there is no doubt that he is a man of compassion deeply committed to upholding strong values.

I encourage all voters to pick Jim Plakas for 35th District judge.

Debbie Grant-Kelterborn Northville

Plakas right choice

I was recently amused by a letter sent to the Observer by a law student who took it upon himself to interpret the Code of Judicial Conduct where he incorrectly concluded that "it is inappropriate for judges to endorse certain candidates."

He further mistakenly concluded by endorsing a candidate for judicial office, the judge is engaging in "political activity inappropriate to judicial office." This letter-writer has taken these provisions out of context and given them his interpretation instead of the correct one.

Judges can only endorse other judges and candidates for judicial offices. Judges may not endorse a candidate for political office running as a member of a political party.

It is not uncommon for judges to endorse candidates for the judiciary because we have usually observed that person in our courtrooms, know of that person's reputation in the legal community, and are able to determine the candidate's demeanor in a courtroom setting. Our objective in endorsing a candidate for judicial office is to let the public, who know little or nothing about a candidate, know that we feel that person possesses the integrity and background to undertake the enormous responsibility of being a judge, an obligation we feel we owe to the public.

I have chosen to endorse Jim Plakas because I have seen him function as our prosecutor in

the 18th District Court and have watched him grow into the fine attorney he has become. Besides being an excellent, thorough and knowledgeable attorney, he is a person of great integrity and possesses the type of demeanor necessary to interact in a courtroom with attorneys and litigants, and treat all people that come before him with respect.

C. Charles Bokos

chief judge, 18th District Court Westland

Supporting Prchlik

I am writing in support of the candidacy of Mary Ann Prchlik for Plymouth Township clerk. Ms. Prchlik is currently employed as the accounting manager for Herriman & Associates, Inc., a firm that manages condominium associations.

My CPA firm has provided auditing or review services for year-end financial reports of more than 50 condominium associations managed by Herriman & Associates, Inc. In the process of auditing or reviewing the books and records of each association, we have become familiar with Herriman's & Associates, Inc. day-to-day accounting operations, which are managed by Ms. Prchlik.

In the 15-plus years that we have serviced mutual clients, we have never encountered a material discrepancy, nor have we ever found it necessary to qualify an opinion as to the accuracy of the statements of financial condition or the results of operations for the Herriman-managed associations.

Ms. Prchlik clearly has the professional skills necessary to manage an accounting staff and to manage day-to-day accounting operations skills, that are required of Plymouth Township's next clerk. I urge you to vote for Mary Ann Prchlik for Plymouth Township clerk.

Michael G. Thomas Northville

A time for change

Are the real issues being addressed? Leadership is at stake. "Doing business as usual" is not leadership.

In 2001, Steve Mann initiated the formation of an Elected Officials Compensation Commission to determine a fair and equitable compensation package for the supervisor, treasurer, clerk and trustees.

During the last meeting of the commission (Nov. 19), a compensation package was submitted for the board's review based on the review of nine relevant and comparable communities and their averages. Michael Kelly, supported by Daniel Herriman, motioned to accept the package, which increased the supervisor's salary to \$102,404 and the clerk and treasurer's salary to \$96,231. Fortunately for the citizens, three members Jack Dempsey, Judity Spriggs and, surprisingly, Michael Kelly — voted against the package.

The motion was defeated. The meeting minutes reflect that Daniel Herriman, whose wife, Mary Ann Prchlik. is running for township clerk, made a motion, supported by

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Michael Kelly, that Resolution 11-19-07-01 be reviewed and passed. Resolution 11-19-07-01 provided a 4-percent increase in 2008 and 5-percent increase for 2009 for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer and no increase for the trustees. It passed unanimously. The increase represented a salary package of \$93,760 in 2008 and \$98,454 in 2009 for the supervisor. The clerk and treasurer salaries increased to \$87,027 in 2008 and \$91,378 in 2009.

The compensation package by the commission does not address the commitment required to fulfill the duties of the positions nor a performance criteria in which to judge the basis for further increases. It has been reported that Plymouth Township salaries were among the highest in Wayne County. In 2005 figures based on the Council of Western Wayne County indicated that Canton Township population, 84,884, has higher salaries. Official salaries in populations matching Plymouth Township's population of 26,980 have lower salary packages. The only criteria used appears to be other communities' compensation packages. Is this not comparing apples to oranges?

It's been reported that supervisor Steven Mann and treasurer Ron Edwards in 2004 "orchestrated" the opportunity for Richard Reaume to register just before the deadline for the supervisor position by not announcing his decision to vacate the position until the last minute. Was this a coincidence or uncanny timing? You make the call.

Another issue to be addressed is accountability. Accountability is a mark of leadership. Interfacing with other governmental units and bringing in new businesses is only one aspect of leadership. Being responsive to citizens' issues relating to ordinance enforcement and citizen welfare is also critical.

A case in point: The "back room maneuver" by township officials to deny the use of the township facilities to hold a "Meet the Candidates" forum to help citizens be better informed. Rather than welcome such an open discussion, township officials chose to cite a legal opinion to deny this service to the citizens.

What better purpose can these buildings serve than to be used for the community's welfare rather than the personal needs of the township officials? Yet another incident has come to light wherein township officials are exercising the power of their office to thwart residents legally gaining pertinent information through the Freedom of Information Act by delaying their response as long as legally possible. Such actions are a sign of doing 'business as usual."

It is time for a change. New people need the opportunity to bring new ways to do the business of Plymouth Township and give credibility to the Plymouth Township motto: "People: The Priority."

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Faulty arguments

Re: Trustee Doroshewitz's letter, did he write this from the Manoogian Mansion? If you research the facts, Act 312, Binding Arbitration, consistently results in a near 50/50 split between the municipality requests and the union's, similar to a divorce action or a plea-bargained criminal suit.

I'm not sure if Trustee Doroshewitz is an actuary or not, but his analysis of what a 22-year-old firefighter, hired today, may make in 2058 is like me saying gas is going to cost \$50 a gallon in 2058!

Re: his "gross wages" paid, what were the "total" salaries/benefits paid in 2007 vs. 2006? The township administration chose not to hire retirement/replacement firefighters thereby costing large amounts of overtime, but no additional benefit costs! If we didn't replace Clerk Massengill and asked Supervisor Reaume to work overtime to do her duties, what would his "total" wages have been?

Why didn't he mention that fire stations have been "closed" recently due to lack of manpower? Must have slipped his

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ON STAGE

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The Music in the Park "kiddie" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and sponsored by major sponsor McCully's Educational Resource Center, Main Street Bank, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., and Huron Valley Ambulance, takes to the Kellogg Park stage Wednesdays at noon.

The schedule:

- 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, sponsored by the Plymouth



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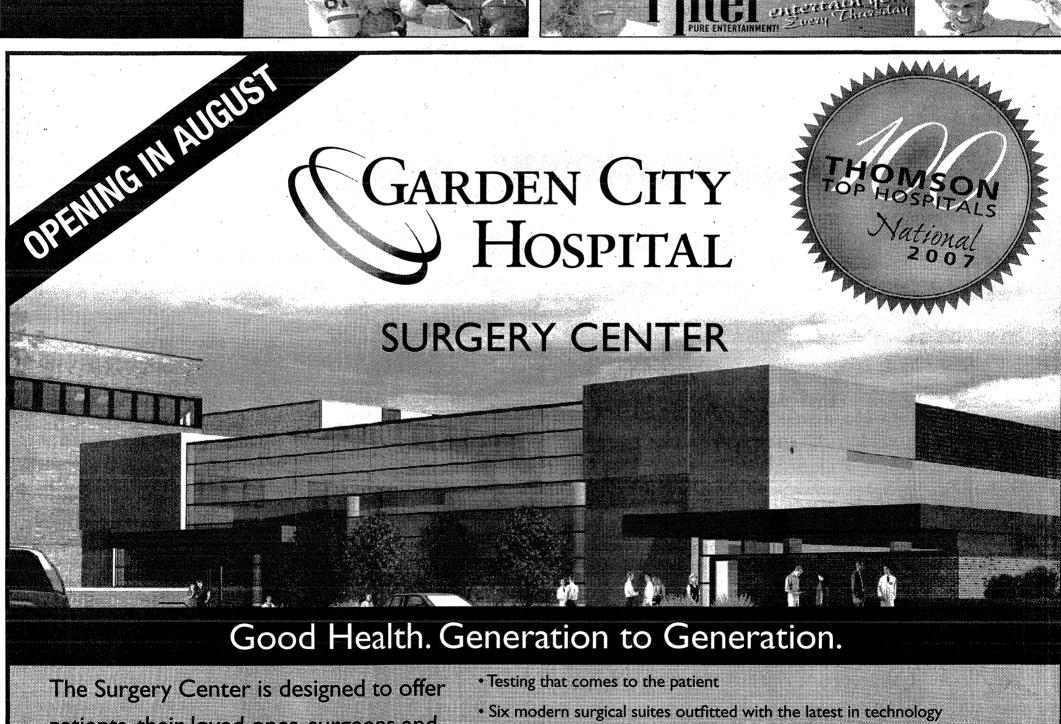
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A piece of Plymouth

Greenfield Village 'mill street' has piece of history

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Life certainly was different in the 1800s, as evidenced by the Gonsolly Carding Mill at Greenfield Village.

"Girls, I hate to tell you, but this would have been your job. No TV or shopping at the mall," said historic presenter Debby Krzyske, demonstrating a carding paddle. The paddle's much like a dog or cat brush, "a very laborious process, very time-consuming," she said during a recent demonstra-

The Gonsolly mill, now at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, is noteworthy in that it operated for years on the Middle Rouge River in Plymouth. John Gonsolly ran the mill from 1850 to 1890,

and often kept some of the wool he carded for customers as a payment for his services.

The sign outside the mill building notes that later, larger mills took away business from small ones like Gonsolly's. The structure dates to 1850 and was built in Plymouth.

"The water wheel would have been on the lower level," Krzyske told her attentive audience that Saturday. The mill served farms for about 40 miles around, and Gonsolly also ran saw mills and a cider mill.

"Plymouth was a big mill town, a very busy place," Krzyske said.

Among interested observers was Kathe Telingator of Chicago, accompanied by her husband and two kids. She

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FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE HENRY FORD

This circa 1929 photo shows the Gonsolly Carding Mill at its Plymouth site, prior to its relocation.

enjoyed learning about the

way wool fibers were processed.

"It's fascinating," the Greenfield Village visitor said. "I didn't know anything about how wool was made before. "I have been to Plymouth

before but it was a long time ago," the Chicagoan added.
"One of my college roommates lived in Plymouth."

During the mill's heyday,

raw wool from sheep was transformed into straightened lengths of wool, the first step toward finished cloth. By the mid-1880s, faster and more efficient carding machines at mills replaced hand cards women traditionally used at home for the process.

Auto pioneer Henry Ford played a key part in bringing the Gonsolly mill to Greenfield Village. Henry's father, William, took wool from his sheep the two- to three-hour trip by horse-drawn wagon to the Plymouth mill. Young Henry often went along and his memories inspired him to relocate the building later when it was no longer being

"I'm familiar with Plymouth," historic presenter Krzyske said before her demonstration of the equipment.



FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE HENRY FORD

This 2003 photo shows the Gonsolly Carding Mill in a more present-day light. The mill was run by John Gonsolly in Plymouth from 1850 to 1890, and later relocated by Henry Ford to Greenfield Village.

"My mother lived there a long time ago." Krzyske, who's been at Greenfield Village about seven years, has a sister-inlaw and other family who call Plymouth home. "I remember going

through Plymouth," she said.
"Plymouth still retains its
small-town atmosphere which
is really nice."
She told her listeners

Michigan was big in sheep raising and the Gonsolly mill would have been busy in the spring. The first machine, hand cranked, to card wool was developed in England in the late 1740s, and water power added later.

Krzyske demonstrated the picking machine, of which Gonsolly had at least three in his prime, "until finally he has obtained wool that is nice and fluffy, has no tangles." A strategically placed mirror allows all to see the

process demonstrated.
Farmers paid 10 cents per pound for the finished product, said Krzyske, who noted the machine's relative quiet and the different size teeth for different wool on the finishing

machine. The machines at the modern-day mill are from the

correct era, she added, but not

from the actual mill.

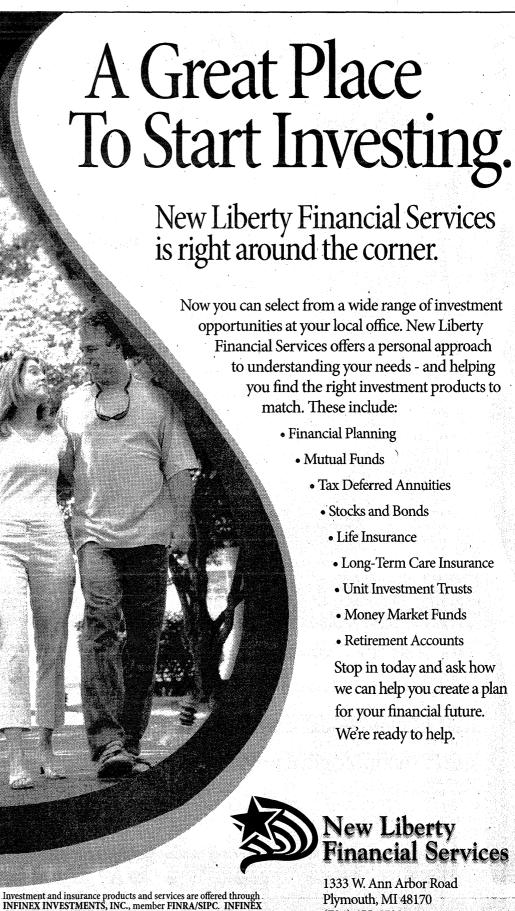
John Neilson, director of Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, added this: "Visitors to Greenfield Village really enjoy the Carding Mill, its connections to Henry Ford and his early life growing up on the farm. But I think it is seeing actual equipment in operation,

equipment in operation, showing how processing wool moved from a hand-operation to a mechanical process, which really fascinates

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Our picks in Tuesday's primary election

Voters head to the polls Tuesday to elect new officials in Plymouth Township, a new judge at the 35th District Court, a Democrat to face Thaddeus McCotter in November and to vote on a millage to sustain the Detroit Zoo.

Here are our recommendations:

We think Richard Reaume has done enough to earn a chance at a second term. Reaume has proven adept at certain aspects of the job, even as he's undergone a great deal of on-the-job training. He works well with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to make it convenient — and, more importantly, profitable — for businesses to make Plymouth Township their home. Since 2005, more than a dozen companies have either located or expanded here, retaining nearly 3,000 jobs and adding 1,100 new

Reaume works very hard, and long hours, to get his job done. While the township hasn't undertaken a great number of new plans in his first term, Reaume is respon-

law and everything else he needs to run the clerk's office efficiently. He's taken the classes, attended the meetings and done the homework necessary to make himself the best



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candidate for the job. He's got the

educational credentials: a bachelor's

degree from Cleary University and

an associate's degree in account-

ing from Schoolcraft College. That's

key, because the accounting func-

tion in the clerk's office is an impor-

Incumbents Kay Arnold, Robert

Doroshewitz and Steven Mann,

along with political newcomer

Michael Kelly, are our picks for the

Mann seeks his second term as a

trustee, his third term overall (he

served as supervisor from 2000-

04). During his term as supervi-





Doroshewitz

supervisor), and her experience and historical perspective are valuable to the board. As a long-standing member of the planning commission, she's also intimately familiar with development issues the township faces.

Kelly wants the board to take a long, hard look at things like salaries and benefits. We believe Kelly would bring a fresh voice, an outsider's perspective, that would be beneficial to a board loaded with entrenched long-timers, much the way Doroshewitz did four years

35TH DISTRICT COURT

We believe Jim Plakas is the best choice to replace retiring Judge John MacDonald.

Plakas seems to have been training for this particular job most of his career. He's been a prosecutor, a city attorney and a defense attorney. He's handled all manner of cases in

legal background, has a sound judicial temperament and has the backing of many judges. His list of endorsements includes MacDonald, who has served with distinction; the Hon. Robert Brzezinski of Livonia's 16th District Court; and the Hon. Chuck Bokus — three of the most



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candidates in the field, and recom-

mend Jim Plakas for 35th District

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nomination in the 11th

Congressional District will have

a long, uphill battle to unseat

incumbent Republican Thaddeus

known elected Democrat since his

first congressional race against

then Redford Township Supervisor

Kevin Kelley. That holds true in this

election. Livonia attorney Joseph

Larkin has never run for elected

office. Former Novi City Manager

Edward Kriewall served in appoint-

ed government positions. Both can-

didates are running as relatively

Larkin and Kriewall share many

of McCotter's views on immigra-

tion, gun rights and even trade

agreements. Larkin describes him-

self as a pro-life Catholic Democrat.

They both say the war in Iraq is a

major reason they decided to run.

conservative Democrats.

McCotter hasn't faced a well-

We believe Plakas' breadth of





energy, fair trade and measures that would help people keep their homes in the foreclosure crisis. We support Joesph Larkin for the Democratic nomination.

ZOO MILLAGE

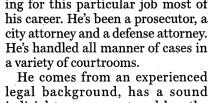
These are tough times to ask taxpayers to approve yet another tax. Voters in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will vote on a 10-year, 0.1-mill tax to support the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak and Belle Isle Nature Zoo in Detroit. If approved, the tax would generate about \$12 million annually and cost the owner of a \$200,000 home \$10 a year. The annual operating budget of the zoo is \$24 million. The rest of the zoo's budget would be covered by admission fees and private dona-

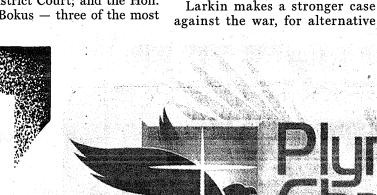
Zoo officials have argued that the new tax is needed to fill an \$8 million annual operating shortfall created when the city of Detroit, which owns the zoo, terminated its annual subsidy and turned over operations to the Detroit Zoological Society.

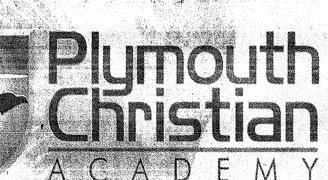
We believe the zoo is a major asset to the Detroit area as a regional tourist attraction and a valuable educational institution with numerous school programs. We agree with proposal supporters that the tax is reasonable for the benefit.

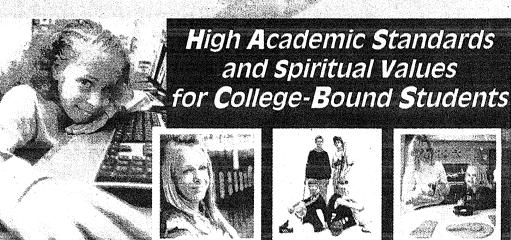
sor, recreational additions included sible for shepherding existing ideas Lake Point Soccer Park and Miller such as the new township hall, the Family Park, and he got the ball Ann Arbor Road corridor and the rolling on the new township hall. second water tower. Doroshewitz is perhaps the board's most reasoned voice. When discussions with the city about We believe Joe Bridgman should the joint fire agreement began to be the next Plymouth Township blow up because of personalities, Doroshewitz's calming influence We believe Bridgman, the depkept them from digressing into a uty clerk the last five years, has political morass. He asks pertinent used those years learning election questions, does his homework on issues and doesn't let emotion sway

his thinking. Arnold will be the board's longestserving member (if Clerk Marilyn Massengill fails in her bid for









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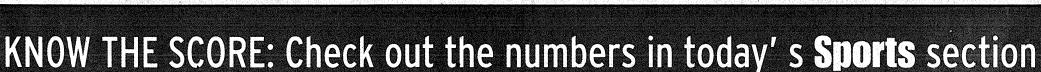
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For more information, call Bob Murray at (734) 751-4466.

Titan Tune-Up

The fourth annual Tommy Titan Tune-up will be Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Cass Benton Park in Northvill.e

The women's cross country race begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by the men's cross country race at 7:15 p.m.

The long course will consist of one college loop and one high school loop approximately 5,600 meter. The short course will be a college loop of 3,300 meters.

Individual rants are \$5 per entrant; \$25 (6-14 athletes); and \$50 (15 or more).

For more information, call University of **Detroit Mercy cross** country coach Guy Murray at (313) 993-1724; or e-mail murraygr@udmercy.edu.

Bint rules tourney

Brian Bint, a 2008 Livonia Churchill High graduate who played four years of varsity golf, captured the Boys 17-18 division with an 18-hole round of 77 in the Metroparks Tournament held July 17 at Huron Meadows.

Bint will be attending Schoolcraft College in the fall.

Wolter qualifies

First-place finisher Kyle Wolter of Canton led the way among a quartet of area qualifiers in the Boys 9-10 age division in the Mutual of Omaha's Drive, Chip and Putt and The Golf Channel's regional competition held last weekend in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Wolter, who qualified locally in Plymouth, advances to the national finals next month in Orlando, Fla.

Canton's James Piot took third in the regional after qualifying locally in Plymouth.

Joshua Stein of Plymouth added a fourth after besting a field of 35 in a local qualifier held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Canton's Jack Boczar, who placed first out of 46 in a Pittsburgh local qualifier, added a seventh in the regional which attracted competitors from Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada.

Sudden victory

Johnson rules Motor City Jr. in playoff

BY BRAD EMONS **OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER**

Jimmy Johnson thought he was "a goner" as he watched opponent Matt Keast stand over a 4-foot birdie putt during the first playoff hole in Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Livonia's

Whispering Willows.

Johnson, who will be a junior at Livonia Franklin High School, got reprieve when Plymouth's Keast rolled the slippery downhill attempt past the cup as pair - who ironically are both left-handers - settled for pars as the playoff continued.

Despite a tee shot into the woods on the 390-yard, No. 2 - the course's No. 1 handicap hole – Johnson played a layup, scrambled back nicely with a 7-iron placing his approach just 12 feet from the pin and settled for a bogey.

Meanwhile, while the Novi-Detroit Catholic Central junior took a doublebogey as Johnson earned the Boys 16-17 age division title.

"I got a little lucky," admitted Johnson, who carded a 76 along with Keast with back-to-back 38s over 18 holes in regulation. "But I don't think I missed a putt inside of 5 feet all day. It was definitely my putting and I drove the ball pretty straight." Johnson split time last spring on

Franklin's varsity and JV squads, but has improved his game by practicing at nearby Idyl Wyld, one of Livonia's three public courses. "I've come close, but have never won,"

Johnson said of his tournament con-Keast, however, was kicking himself

afterwards after missing the 4-footer.

"I was so nervous that I didn't concentrate," said Keast, who hopes to



Twelve-year-old Brian Sexton of Livonia studies his line as he prepares for his putt on the No. 15 hole during Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship held at Whispering Willows in

land a spot on CC's varsity next spring. "After missing that putt, I was pretty "I played all right, but I bogeyed

(number) three, four and five (holes) and I was mad. But I was able to parout on that nine."

Keast, who also plays hockey as a center on the Fountain Park Flyers, a Midget A team which plays out of Compuware Arena, has spent the summer honing his game on the Adams and Top 50 junior tours, as well as play-

Please see MOTOR CITY, B3

Plymouth's Eric Duprey, the Boys 14-15 winner with a 79, reacts to just missing his putt

on the eighth hole during the Motor City Junior Golf Championship held Wednesday at

PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hole-in-ones gobble up Whispering Willows

BY BRAD EMONS

Whispering Willows in Livonia.

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OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

So much for closest-to-the-pin. Apparently the par-3, No. 17 was the place to be during Wednesday's Motor City Junior Golf Championship at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf because not one, but two holein-ones were recorded on the 154-yard hole, both witnessed by ranger Dennis Neidy.

Austin Harris, an eighthgrader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, used a 5-iron to put '1' on his scorecard. Harris also captured the Boys 13-and-under age division title with an 89.

Steve Hendershot, 17, of West Bloomfield, also aced the same hole using a 9-iron on his way to

"I saw it disappear — it came

to the side of the pin and I thought I was seeing things," said Hendershot, who played JV golf this past spring at West Bloomfield High. "My dad (Bruce) tells me it's mostly luck even though the law of physics says that only five percent of even the best golfers are able to do it."

Steve Hendershot now owns bragging rights along with his father, who carded his ace at St. Clair Shores Country Club.

"I knew that if I had the same chance. God would have to develop a sense of humor," Steve said. "Ôr maybe I thought I was going blind after seeing it go in the bottom of the cup."

Harris, meanwhile, said he has come close before.

"I've been within five feet," said the 12-year-old, who earlier this summer carded an 84 on

a Meijer's Junior Tour stop at Arbor Hills in Jackson. "I hit it good, but at first I did not believe it because it never goes in. It bounced two times and went into the hole. It disappeared, rolled and stopped."

Austin Harris can now boast of his accomplishment along with his dad Mark, who recorded a hole-in-one in 1992.

Harris' older brother Avery, 13, who will be a freshman this fall at Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, was skeptical when he heard his brother's claim.

"I didn't believe him," Avery

Well, Avery, it just didn't happen once, it happened twice - on the same hole.

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Stevie Hendershot (left) of West Bloomfield and Austin Harris of Livonia both have keepsake balls after recording aces on the 154-yard, No. 17 hole Wednesday at the Motor City Junior Golf Invitational held at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Beijing fireworks? Have U.S. Olympians lost their nerve?

with the Beijing Olympics only five days away, this promises to be a Summer Games like no other.

Foreign journalists, who have already set up camp at the main press center, may have had the precon-



Brad Emons

ceived notion that they'd be choked first by the dense, thick smog rather than by the Chinese censorship control freaks who have already begun

placing restrictions on Internet access to certain Web pages which allude to China's human rights violations

and other issues which ruffle

the feathers of the Communist

government. After Beijing was awarded the a "code of conduct" for the visit-

Games, International Olympic Committee president Juan Rogge promised that China would be an open book and that reporters would be allowed unfettered access.

But as some have already learned, the Great Wall has already become a giant Fire

Before the first nation marches into the Olympic stadium for the opening ceremonies on Friday, weightlifters from Bulgaria, track and field athletes from Russia and even a women's swimmer from the U.S. have already been flagged for doping violations. (I guess the East Germans weren't the only

The Chinese, who plan to blanket the country with security to thwart off any acts of terrorism, also have developed

Idle chat about freeing Tibet or mentioning the violent crackdown on the protests at Tiananmen Square are strictly taboo.

ing fans as well. (I assume that means you can't get drunk and act like a British soccer hooli-

Of course, the large U.S. delegation of athletes — nearly 600 - have been given their marching orders as well as not to embarrass their country or their own president, who after much careful planning, is scheduled to make a cameo appearance at the

It's become a broken record in recent months and weeks that "politics and the Olympics should not mix."

My question remains: Then

why was Iraq out and now they're suddenly back in?

"Let's put aside our differences" for the 16 days, they say, and enjoy the spirit of the competition.

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Let's face it, George W. would rather us be politically correct than politically charged.

And that refrain has been trumpeted by more than a few prominent U.S. athletes over the airwaves, so much so that it almost seems like we've become the Russian robots of the 60s, 70s and 80s Olympics.

Ironically, it's been 40 years since U.S. sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos took their defiant stands on the Mexico City medals podium

raising their fists to the sky while wearing black gloves during the playing of the National Anthem.

Smith and Carlos, whether ill-advised, coerced or sincerely adamant in their views about racial oppression, certainly paid a heavy price emotionally for their actions in the following

A former Olympic gold medal boxer — Muhammad Ali (formerly Cassius Clay) — gladly received the baton from Carlos and Smith and ran with it.

Ali was cutting edge and debunked the notion that sports and politics can't avoid each other.

So how ironic is it that 40 years later Smith and Carlos, estranged from one another following the fallout from their

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Pitching prowess sets up well as Rams head to Johnstown

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Michigan Rams manager Rick Berryman has something the Tigers' Jim Leyland would kill for right now - quality pitching.

After starting their summer schedule 5-5 in the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League, the Rams finished 20-5 the rest of the way and moved all the way up to third place in the stand-

As the top 20-and-under team finisher in the MCBL, the Rams, boasting a team earned run average of 1.87, qualified again for the 16team All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) National Tournament, which is set to begin Monday, Aug. 11 in Johnstown, Pa.

Only a pair of 22-andunder teams, the first-place Michigan Monarchs (29-6-1 overall), headed to the National **Amateur Baseball Federation** Tournament this week (Aug. 6) in Toledo, Ohio, and the Michigan Bulls (28-6-1), placed ahead Berryman's squad.

"The strength is in our pitching – from the starters, to the closers, to the middle relievers,' said Berryman, who also serves at the Livonia Stevenson High varsity baseball coach during the spring. "This is probably the best staff I've ever had. We have two hard throwers who can also get guys out with good breaking balls."

A pair of right-handers, Western Michigan University's Derek Mosher and Wayne State's Brett Shankin, have been the leaders of the Rams

Mosher, who played high school baseball at Ann Arbor Pioneer, adapted nicely from

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a closer to a starter's role and won his last four games. In 33 innings this summer, he is 4-0 (including one save) with 47 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.06.

Shankin, meanwhile, has been equally impressive with a 6-3 mark and a 1.42 ERA. He has 60 Ks in 54 innings of

One of the keys to the Rams' success, according to Berryman, has been the defensive play of the outfield led by Madonna University's Shawn Little (Canton), who is flanked by WMU's Tim Cross (Walled Lake Central) and Oakland University's Dan Augustine.

"Shawn is our fastest outfielder, he's played an unbelievable center field," Berryman said. "Those guys cover a lot of ground and they have strong

The Rams' offensive attack is led by a pair of catchers by trade, Brad Herman (Spring Arbor) and Brett Mazmanian (WSU), who are hitting .411 and .402, respectively.

'We have some very good starters and we're hitting the ball O.K.," Berryman said. "It's allowed us to keep us in games.'

During the summer season, Berryman carried 17 players on his roster and was able to add three more from the MCBL including Blue Knights infielder Tony Pounders, a former Stevenson High standout who now plays for Concordia University.

The Rams manager also added Detroit Eagles righthanded pitcher John Tibaudo, via Saginaw Valley State, along with Michigan Dodgers right-hander Tom Whiting, via Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep and Worchester Poly Tech Institute (Mass.).

Thomas Cullum and Adam Yarber, 79 each 5. Jake Smith, 82; 6. (tie) Jordan Chisholm

and Conner Sexton, 83 each; 8. (tie) Kenny Banach, Brian Bint, Charles Perry, Greg

Van Gorp, 84 each; 12. Erik Newman, 86; 13. Robert Louwers, 87; 14. Steve Hendershot,

BOYS 14-15: 1. Eric Duprey, 79; 2. Riley Butcher, 80; 3. Brandon Duprey, 81; 4. (tie)

Cam Humitz and Joshua Perrin, 84 each; 6. Ben Proben, 85; 7. Brandon Kozyn, 87; 8. Jeff Thomas, 90; 9. (tie) Drake Hermann, Eric Perry and Cameron Tetrault, 93 each;

12. (tie) Ryan Carpenter, Eric Hill and Derek Pohlmeyer, 94 each; 15. (tie) Karl Allan

and Andrew Newman, 95 each; 17. Nick Lagerstrom, 96; 18. (tie) Cody Nalecz and Chris Theile, 97 each; 20. Nick Proben, 99; 21. Jake Allen, 101; 22. Ryan Findlay, 102; 23. (tie)

Kevin Louwers and Chris White, 103 each;

25. Daniel Kulakowski, 105; 26. (tie) Dominic

each; 29. David Belt, 107; 30. Nick Nelson, 114;

DeLisi, Chris Mireles and Brian Roulier, 106

Adam Smith, 99: 18, Adam Skubik, 107,

The Rams remain relatively young with only four 20-yearolds on the currently squad with the rest being 19 - something that bodes well for the future.

"We're rebuilt from last year and we're fortunate we recruited some good kids," Berryman

In an exhibition game tune-up Wednesday at Ford Field for the postseason tourney, the Rams defeated the Monarchs, 7-5, in nine innings as Mazmanian, Little, Aaron Wick (OU) and Josh Kirsten each collected two each hits.

Frank Persichino also knocked in three runs, while Mazmanian added two. Pounders and Wick also had an RBI each.

Former Ram Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne/Spring Arbor) tripled and scored two runs, while Rob Wendzlicki, Dave Brelinski and Mike Wiseman also knocked in runs for the Monarchs.

Winning pitcher Ben Schroeder (Stevenson/ Kalamazoo College) allowed three runs (two earned) on three hits and a walk. He fanned four beging giving way to Whiting, who went the final two innings to earn the save.

James Bertakis and Matt Tuttle (Stevenson/Adrian College) also worked two innings apiece in middle relief for the Rams.

Kasey Furcala, who gave up five runs on eight hits in three innings, took the loss for the Monarchs.

The Rams continued their pre-tourney exhibition schedule with a doubleheader Friday night at Mott Community College in Flint.

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JUNIOR GOLF RESULTS

ing in a Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) qualifier. "I've worked a lot on my short game, I've been going to

the range and going out and

hitting just about every day," said the lanky 6-foot-2 lefty. Also in the Boys 16-17 age group, Livonia Churchill's Adam Yarber and Livonia

Stevenson's Tom Cullum tied for third with 79 each. In the Boys 14-15 age division, Plymouth Eric Duprey shot 38-41-79 to take the crown, one shot ahead of Riley Butcher of Tecumseh,

Ontario and two strokes ahead of his brother Brandon Duprey. In the Boys 13-and-under division, Livonia's Austin Harris took advantage of a hole-in-one on the 154-yard No. 17 (see related story) to win with an 89, two strokes

better than Alexander Township and three shots

Watson of Commerce ahead of Plymouth's Ryan Rieckhoff.

Jones rules Girls 15-17

One of the happiest golfers who returned to the clubhouse Wednesday during her 18-hole round was Redford's Adrienne Jones, who carded a personal best of 93 to win

MOTOR CITY JUNIOR 31. Daniel Furlong, 117; 32. Brandon Haycock **GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS** July 30 at Whispering Willows G.C. BOYS 16-17: 1. Jimmy Johnson, 76 (won 2-hole playoff); 2. Matt Keast, 76; 3. (tie)

129. **BOYS 13-AND-UNDER**: 1. Austin Harris, 89; Alexander Watson, 91; 3. Ryan Rieckhoff, 92; 4. (tie) Connor Humitz and Shane Taylor, 93 each; 6. Brian Sexton, 94; 7. Garrison Peppers, 97; 8. Adam Findlay, 102; 9. Matthew Goldi, 104; 10. (tie) Ryan Linn and Chad Macorkindale, 106 each; 12. Ryan Keast, 112; 13. Jack Leckner, 115; 14. Cody Coleman, 116; 15. Avery Harris, 121.

and Carmela Hawkins, 104 each; 5. Katelyn Papler, 105; 6. Natalie Polakowski, 107; 7. Bethan Rizik, 110; 8. Sara Linder, 118; 9. Samantha Proben, 125. **GIRLS 14-AND-UNDER**: 1. Jordyn Shepler,

121; 2. Maggie McGee, 123; 3. Laura Shureb, 141; Jaclyn Burdette, 142.

STRAIGHTEST DRIVES Boys: Andrew Newman; Girls: Laura Shureb CLOSEST-TO-THE-PIN Boys 16-17: Steve Hendershot (hole-in-one): 14-15: Eric Duprey, 6 feet, 5 inches; 13-and-Girls 15-17: Katelyn Papler, 25 feet; 14-andunder: Jordyn Shepler, 18 feet.

the Girls 15-17 age division, 10 shots ahead of Northville's Val DiMilia, who attends Livonia Ladywood.

Southfield's Carmela Hawkins, who attends Farmington Hills Mercy, shot a 104 to tie Churchill's Jessica Burdette for third place.

Jones, who will be a junior at Thurston, juggles two sports, including swimming, during the fall.

"It was definitely a good day," said Jones, who made second-team All-Observer last fall.

"I was driving the ball

long off the tee all day long." Jones, using a Cobra Speed LD driver and Adams irons, averaged "250 (yards) plus" off the tee. She had a birdie and four pars during her

round. In the Girls 14-and-under division, Livonia's Jordyn Shepler, who will be a freshman at Churchill, carded a 121 to win the title followed by Maggie McGee (Farmington Hills Mercy) with a 123 and Laura Shureb

(Livonia) with a 141. A total of 80 players competed in the Motor City Junior Championship.

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Patriot volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Livonia Franklin volleyball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (varsity), 12:30-2:30 p.m. (JV) and 4:30-7 p.m. (freshman) on Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school fieldhouse. All players must bring a cur-

rent physical exam form. For more information, e-

mail coach Linda Jimenez at ljwestland@sbcglobal.net.

GC volleyball tryouts

Tryouts for the Garden City girls volleyball team will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. (JV players in grades 9-10) and from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (varsity players) beginning Monday, Aug. 11 at the high school.

WYAA football signup

The Westland Youth Athletic Association, entering its 50th year, is seeking football players ages 12-13-14 interested in playing varsity-level for the

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Comets or Meteors. Openings remain for both squads.

The Comets play their home games at John Glenn High School and practice and Marshall Middle School, while the Meteors' home field is Wayne Memorial H.S. and practice at Voss Park in Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA Lange Compound Building at (734) 421-0640; Meteors unit director Galen Huren at (734) 716-6047; or Comets unit director Mark Simkow at (734) 732-1176.

Girls fastpitch tryouts

■ Tryouts for the Livonia Storm girls fastball softball team will be from 10 a.m. until noon (10- and 12-and-under) and from 1-3 p.m. (14- and 16-and-under), at Bicentennial Park (fields nos. 9 and 10).

Additional inform is posted on www.livoniastorm.com; or e-mail Ken Jewell at kjewell@ livoniastorm.com.

For more information, call Jewell at (734) 266-9109; or

(313) 350-5183. ■ The Thunderbirds girls travel fastpitch organization will hold tryouts for 2008-09 on Aug. 16, 17 and 23 at

Heritage Park in Canton. Try-out sessions will begin at 9 a.m. (10U), 10 a.m. (11/12U), 11 a.m. (13/14U) and noon (16U/18U).

Most players will only need to attend one session.

Thunderbirds Softball Inc. (TSI) is a Canton-based nonprofit corporation (founded in 2000) dedicated exclusively to supporting and promoting young women's fastpitch softball. The organization is comprised of travel teams with players ranging in age from 8 to 19 years.

For more information, contact Ray Barnes (734) 927-4739 or Humaira Afzal at hafzal@comcast.net.

actions, reluctantly took the stage together in a rare appearance last month at the Espys when they were saluted and given a standing ovation after receiving ESPN's Courage Award?

In this Olympic era of Team USA Basketball players staying at luxurious resorts and Nikeannointed marketing heroes, I yearn for somebody at these Summer Games to come out and make a bold stand or statement.

The timing or the venue couldn't be better.

How about somebody coming out and not only spitting in the eye of the Tiger, but putting their foot on the neck of what is naively perceived as that lovable giant Chinese panda?

Isn't it true that all U.S. Olympic athletes believe in the inherit principle of freedom of

I'm waiting for someone like Tommie Smith and John Carlos to come full circle.

Brad Emons is a Sports Editor for the Livonia-Westland Observer. He can be reached via e-mail at bemons@ oe.homecomm.net

AREA SUMMER OLYMPIAN FACTS & BEIJING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Allison Schmitt, 18, Canton (swimming): Has recorded the third fastest time this year in the 200-meter freestyle (1:55.92) and is considered a serious medal contender. She also finished third in the 400 freestyle last month's Olympic Trials in Omaha, Neb. after and winning four MHSAA individual Division 1 state titles as a prep. Will swim one of eight preliminary heats in the 200 freestyle from 6:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. (ET) Monday, Aug. 11. The two semifinal heats follow at 10 p.m. (ET) with the finals set for 10:11 p.m. (ET) Tuesday, Aug. 12. Schmitt will also be a member of the women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team with the preliminary heats starting at 9:05 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13 followed by the finals at 11:29 p.m. (ET). Sheila Taormina, 39, Livonia (modern pentathlon): The Stevenson High grad and former

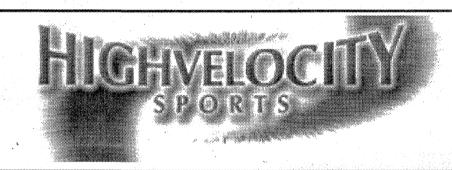
University of Georgia All-America

swimmer, now residing in the Ann

Arbor area, is making Olympic

history by competing in her

third different sport - swimming, triathlon and modern pentathlon - in her fourth Olympics. She swam a leg of the USA women's 4 x 200 freestyle relay team which captured a gold medal at the 1996 Atlanta Games and had a sixth-place finish and a 23rdplace finish, respectively, in the triathlon at the 2000 Sydney and 2004 Athens Games. Her quest in the modern pentathlon will begin at 8:30 p.m. (ET) Thursday, Aug. 21 followed by fencing at 10 p.m. (ET), swimming 2:30 a.m. (ET), Friday, Aug. 22; equestrian riding, 5 a.m. (ET) and running, 8 a.m. (ET). She was ranked 25th in the final pentathlon working ranking list for the Olympic qualification period and ninth in the UIPM World Cup standing. Considered a longshot for a medal, her best World Cup performance was March 2007 when she won a silver medal in Cairo, Egypt. Is she being considered as the U.S. flag bearer for the opening ceremonies?



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Bowl-4-Animal event on tap

his Saturday, Aug. 9, marks the third annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue hosted by former pro bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullin at Country Lanes, located at 30250

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Mile Road,
just west of
Middlebelt in
Farmington
Hills.

It is a 7 p.m. starting time with tickets at \$25 (include three games, food and shoe rentals if need-

There will be auctions (computer, digital cameras, etc...) raffles, door prizes and Karaoke.

Any bowler can also let one of the professional bowlers roll a strike for them.

The event will benefit the Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter (FFDAS) and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network (MAAN).

Both Sill and Mullen have adopted six animals between them. It is a great event to support the care, respect and adoption of animals in need. One-hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit FFDAS and MAAN.

I adopted a rescued cat a year ago and it has added a great deal of pleasure to our own household. Sill is bowling's first lady to

st Value

In Golf!

achieve \$1 million in prize money and she is a Detroit Dream Team Legendary Athlete (along with Joe Louis and Gordie Howe). She was most recently honored by her induction into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame, joining the likes of Stan Musial, Alan Trammell and Mike Ditks

Sill is the only woman bowler to win the pro tour triple crown twice in her illustrious career.

Both Aleta and Michelle have retired from the tour and are now devoting their energies to helping other become more skillful at the sport via individual or group lessons.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Aleta Sill's Bowling World at (248) 615-9060; or you can go online at michellemullen@att.

■ It is not often that I will enthusiastically boost any product but this one deserves mention. It is a nutritional supplement

called Super Collagen +C.
And for the first time in years
I am able to bowl without knee
pain. I had previously tried just
about everything, from fish oil to
Glucosamine, various pain killers

and a variety of knee braces.

The problem had been from arthritis. Knee pain not only can make a grown man cry, but also bring the average down a lot.

By endorsing this product, I can only say it worked for me.
I bought it at the local Costco

O&E area bowlers garnered

five of the top 16 places in the Budweiser Michigan Majors as the 42nd season concluded recently at Five Star Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Garden City's Terry Haines and Larry Walker led the way with third and fifth-place, including a 300 game in the process, bringing home \$500 and \$300, respectively.

Other top finishers included Doug Spicer, seventh (\$200); Terry Mariucci, 13th (\$130); and Pat Brown (Canton), 16th (\$100).

The Michigan Majors will take a short summer break and resume competition on Aug. 23 with the new season opener at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc.

Those interested in joining should contact the tournament office at (586) 775-2414; or go to the web site at www.michiganmajors.com.

■ The Alro Steel Michigan
Junior Masters Association
awarded two \$1,000 scholarships
at the seasons end in the name of
the founder Dan Ottman.

The recipients included
Michael Kiel of Livonia, a prelaw student at the University of
Michigan, and former Livonia
Ladywood High standout Sarah
Jaeger of Highland, who will be a
senior at the University of Detroit
Mercy.

Al Harrison is a resident of Southfield, and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America and the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame. He can be contacted by E-mail at: tenpinally710@yahoo.com

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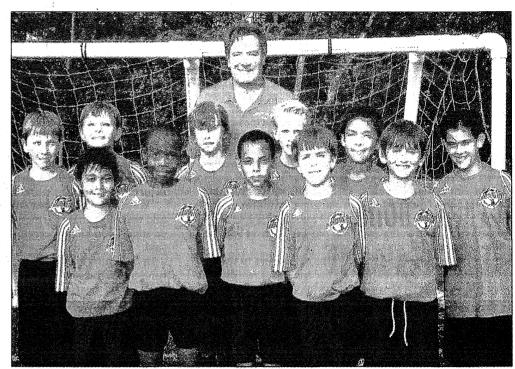
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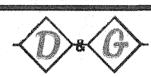
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Falcons unbeaten

Make that 60 victories in a row for the Falcons, a boys under-10 team in the Western Suburban Soccer League following an 8-0 season thanks to a late second-half goal in the season finale. The Falcons, founded in 2004, include (front row, from left): Lucas Dorzaio, Justin McChristian, Zeb Noble, Nick Joseph and Justin Barr; (second row, from left) Josh Kornaga, Sean Pastor, Brandon Gabrielson, Joe Soave, Emilio Garza and Joey Lajcaj. The team is coached by Steve King (back row) and managed by Diane Kornaga.



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If you don't want an iPhone, alternatives exist

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Question: I'm in the market for a new phone, but I don't want an iPhone. What else can you recommend?

What? Are you crazy? Everyone wants an iPhone! Well, OK, maybe not. After all, it does force you to become an AT&T customer for at least two years and pay a minimum of \$70 monthly for the privi-

had the chance to take

Rick Broida

for a spin, and let me be brutally honest: Not one came anywhere close to matching the iPhone's elegance, ease of use, stellar Web browser, superb music and video capabilities, and dazzling library of third-party applications.

That said, I recently

several "iPhone killers"

On the other hand, if you take iPhone comparisons out of the picture, some of these phones are quite exceptional. Start with the Samsung Instinct from Sprint, a real bargain at \$129.99 (with contract and after

The Instinct sports an iPhone-style touchscreen and interface, iPhonestyle visual voicemail (meaning you can browse messages onscreen and choose which ones to play), and worldclass GPS navigation.

And despite the low price, Samsung bundles a bunch of worthwhile accessories, including a 2GB memory card for storing music and whatnot, a spare battery, a travel charger, and a USB

The Web browser is just so-so, and the Instinct lacks instant-messaging software. But otherwise I think it's an incredible phone for the money.

I also came away impressed by



Though priced at just \$129.99 (with a two-year contract), Sprint's Instinct gives the iPhone a run for the money. It also doubles as a superb GPS navigation system.

Verizon's LG Dare (\$199.99 and rebate), which is more compact than the Instinct and has a better browser. The Dare

is a better music phone, too, thanks to newly added support for Rhapsody's music-subscription service (all you can download for \$15 monthly).

Verizon's **VZ** Navigator service turns the Dare into a full-featured GPS navigation system (complete with

traffic updates), but you'll pay extra for it: \$2.99 per day or \$9.99 monthly.

Finally, I looked at AT&T's LG Vu, which is noteworthy for its slim and sexy design. Priced at \$299.99 (with contract and rebate), it costs more than similar models, but lacks a key

Namely, GPS. Don't expect the Vu to help you find your way. Furthermore, it can't sync with Macs or PCs (something the Dare is no champ at either, actually), and its Web browser feels especially cramped owing to its smallish screen.

The Vu does let you watch TV on the go thanks to AT&T's optional Mobile TV service, which is excellent. And I found call quality to be excellent as well, even when using the speakerphone.

Before buying a new phone, do your homework. Read every review you can find, then visit stores so you can get a little hands-on time with each model. I can bluster about them all day, but ultimately you have to pick the phone that's best for you.

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Because of Patrick, Debbie Dayton was able to seat herself at Culver's restaurant in Westland.

Leader Dog restores Westland woman's life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN 0 & E STAFF WRITER

Patrick seems to know he has some big paw prints to fill. Debbie Dayton's first Leader Dog, Josh, knew instinctively that she was the center of his world.

At $2\frac{1}{2}$, Patrick is still a puppy but one with big responsibilities. Dayton's life and well-being depend on him. When Josh died in October the Westland woman lost her independence once again. She still was able to volunteer her time to help out at the Halloween walk in Westland, but it wasn't easy.

"Every one of those nights it was just ripping me apart standing there with my cane without my dog, what a blessing those dogs are," said Dayton. "It wasn't easy going through the parking lot trying to feel my way along with a cane. Josh was 6-1/2 and it happened so suddenly it ripped my heart out."

With Patrick's help Dayton moves around the parking lot at Culver's with confidence. She knows his sudden stop is to save her from tripping over an obstacle, in this case a curb. Dayton is organizing a classic car show at the restaurant with owner Bob Fitzpatrick and the Motor City Muscle Car Club to benefit the Westland Lions Club.

Josh made it possible for Dayton to coordinate the organization's two major fundraisers, including the golf outing being held the last Saturday in September. Ten percent of the day's receipts from the Aug. 13 car show at Culver's goes to charities supported by the Lions including Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Penrickton School for Blind Children, Seedlings Braille Books for Children in Livonia, and to provide glasses for individuals in financial need.

"When Josh died it was a



Debbie Dayton of Westland wouldn't be able to lead such an active lifestyle without her Leader Dog Patrick. She is pictured here with Pat and Orville Butzin of Canton (left); Norm Leist, White Lake; Jeff Ward, Motor City Muscle Car Club president; Jamie Bell, Culver's general manager; Dave Henwood, Livonia, and Bob Fitzpatrick. Ward, Leist, Henwood, and the Butzins show their classic cars in the Aug. 13 benefit.

CRUISIN' WITH CULVER'S

What: A classic car show to benefit the Westland Lions Club When: 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13

Where: Culver's, 6500 Newburgh, south of Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-4216

heartbreaker," said Dayton. "I lost my sight a little more than 10 years ago and realized how easy it is to take your sight for granted. When I lost Josh it was right back to the day I lost my sight, being dependent on everyone, holding onto everyone's arm. I lost part of me."

Debbie and her husband Bill both cried for days after losing Josh. By December she was back at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester for live-in training with Patrick so she could regain her independence. Josh would have wanted it that

"We're still working on being a seasoned team. It takes a year or more," said Dayton, Westland Lions Club president. "He already knows where the card store is in the mall. He's learning quickly. I am so blessed to have two dogs so well matched to me. When I got

Patrick I didn't realize I got lax with commands because Josh was reading my mind."

Pat and Orville Butzin make it possible for individuals like Dayton to receive the dogs that increase the mobility and safety of blind and visually impaired individuals. The Canton couple raises puppies for Leader Dogs. Their 11th dog, Juki, is a 10month-old Golden Retriever. Before retiring as a counselor for the Pymouth Canton District, Pat used to take the puppies into Pioneer Middle school to socialize the dogs and teach the kids about volunteer work and helping others.

"We're getting so much pleasure from it," said Pat. "You're giving somebody the opportunity for independence.

"And you get to meet the people," added Orville. "One

Please see DOG, D3

First Step celebrates 30 years of helping

O & F STAFF WRITER

When Judy Ellis first volunteered at First Step 29 years ago, battered women had nowhere to turn for help. Only one year earlier the Wayne-Westland National Organization for Women had started the agency to provide services such as temporary housing to those fleeing abusive spouses in the middle of the night.

Thirty years later Ellis is looking for survivors and everyone who made a difference in the lives of these women and their children. A Tribute Book is being assembled for celebrations in September and October.

First Step became a private, nonprofit agency to assist victims of domestic abuse and sexual

FIRST STEP

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assault in 35 communities in western Wayne County and downriver in 1978. Originally located in offices in Westland City Hall, First Step eventually moved to Plymouth. Today the agency also has outreach offices in Redford and Taylor.

"Women felt they didn't have much of a chance. There were no laws on the books," said Ellis, now the executive director. "The reason I started was because of a woman I went to court with. I didn't want her to go alone. She had her ear cut off, her tendons cut in her fingers. He got probation."

It wasn't long after that First Step started a

comprehensive volunteer program and opened the first shelter. Today in addition to offering a 24-hour help line, counseling for women and children, support groups, violence prevention programs in schools, in-court victim advocacy, and on-call assault response teams to meet with survivors at hospitals, police departments and schools, First Step is planning to replace the old shelter with a new building in the next-18 months.

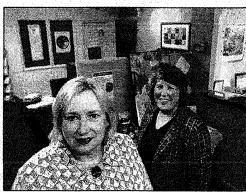
"Until opening the first shelter we would put women and children up in hotel rooms," said Ellis. "We didn't have pagers or cells. An answering service called us at home. These were the days when you could be called back at a pay phone and we did. We had arrangements with various hotels and the next day got them to a shelter out of the area. In 1983 we opened a shelter at Five Mile and Sheldon. Everybody slept in one big room, 20 women and children, but it was safe."

Thirty years ago police officers would respond to incidents of domestic violence at the same home 10 to 15 times but their hands were tied if the victim wouldn't press charges out of fear of retaliation. Today, because of changes in the laws, it's possible to prosecute a batterer without the victim's consent.

"There were no victim's rights," said Ellis. "What's changed is a greater awareness on the part of the public but it's still difficult for people to grasp the kind of fear families face when they're exposed to this domestic terrorism. We saw acts of torture 30 years ago."

Associate director Theresa Bizoe witnessed the changes as well. She began working on the crisis line as a Eastern Michigan University student intern in 1983. Bizoe was later hired as First Step volunteer coordinator. She's now an associate director involved with raising money for the new shelter while trying to gather the stories of people

Please see FIRST STEP, C3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Judy Ellis and Theresa Bizoe, of First Step.

(CP)

Bowling event to raise funds to benefit homeless animals

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, August 3, 2008

Professional bowling champions Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen will host the 3rd Annual Bowl-4-Animal Rescue 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Country Lanes, 30250 W. 9 Mile, west of Middlebelt, in Farmington Hills.

One hundred percent of proceeds from the event benefits the Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter and the Michigan Animal Adoption Network.

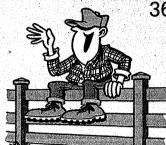
Tickets are \$25 and include three games, food and shoe rental. Reservations required. Call (248) 615-9060.

The evening also features raffles, door prizes, karaoke, and auctions for computer, digital cameras and more.

Aleta Sill is bowling's First

Lady \$1,000,000 Player, a **Detroit Dream Team Legendary** Athlete (along with Joe Louis and Gordie Howe) and was most recently inducted into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame, joining the likes of Stan Musial, Alan Trammell and Mike Ditka. She and Mullen have adopted six

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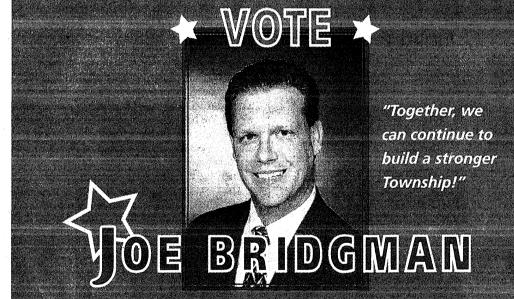
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Have faith in emotional intelligence

ow do we manage our emotions? Author Daniel Goleman introduced this idea in a book he wrote several years ago. His idea is that the better we



Paul Melrose

even relates to one's success in getting a job, and correlates to how well one does on other psychological testing.

some say that

emotional

intelligence

Some of the practical spinoff of being "emotionally" intelligent" is that one has a basic positive approach to

In this way one can be on top of one's impulses and direct them appropriately. We can be sensitive to the emotions of another we are in a relationship, or a conversation, with.

From this angle one can look at problems in relationships, even in organizations,

and wonder what the emotional climate is like and whether or not it fosters, much less sustains the kinds of emotions that contribute to not only love and compassion and the deeper emotions often related to an intimate relationship, but also a spirit of cooperation, collegiality, even toleration that is needed for larger groups to make steps forward

I just recently read an article in which a leader in the Evangelical religious movement, Joel Hunter, a former United Methodist Pastor who became Senior Pastor of Northland Church in Orlando, Fla., felt that the impact which certainly the evangelical wing of Christianity, and by implication probably other faiths, do well when they find ways to bring people together and not find themselves advocating points of view which seem to keep people apart. Here, I think, is one example of emotional intelligence at work.

It is interesting, and this is a point that Goleman does not address, that studies indicate a strong correlation between regular belief and participation in a religious community and more posi-

tive relationships. No, I don't think that one can say that you get faith and all is right

with the world. But I think that this points us to examine those core values and beliefs that do guide our lives. Because that is what the intimate relationships and the people we see each and

every day will benefit from: Our approach to how we

get along with others.
We find in the consulting room that strained, trapped, and troubled emotions contribute to lives that have problems.

Emotions can bubble up destructively like a volcano eruption or flow quietly and softly like a flowing stream. If yours feel like a volcano pay attention to what they are telling you about painful and troublesome places in your life. You and those around you will benefit from the care you find for yourself.

Dr. Paul J. Melrose is Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of SE Michigan. He can be reached through www. paulmelrose.com or (248) 474-4701. The Staff of the Samaritan Counseling center can be reached through www.samaritancounselingmichigan.com, or (248) 474-4701.



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helped by First Step for the anniversary celebrations.

"We've come a long way in 30 years with police and courts," said Bizoe. "We have advocates in several locations, the Westland Police, which helps us reach out to people who don't speak English, the elderly. Violence seems more prevalent than ever on TV. It seems like we're in a much more violent culture. It's more important than ever to take a stand against it."

First Step has set a Sept. 5 deadline for the Tribute Book featuring survivors, volunteers, board members and supporters of the agency including anyone who might want to purchase an ad. A fund-raiser kicks off the celebration on Sept. 18 in Canton followed by a free family event Oct. 23 in Southgate. A video will highlight the stories of more than a half-dozen survivors.

"The stories are extremely powerful," said Ellis. "The anniversary book is an opportunity to make a statement and is a vehicle for people to be part of the written history if you played a role at First Step. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We want to remember those who died. We want to applaud survivors for the strength and courage they show and to thank volunteers. It takes thousands of people."

The help offered by First Step is needed now more than ever.

"We're seeing women we know have been killed because of domestic violence," said Ellis, referring to the Tara Grant murder. "In some cases it's become more lethal and all too common.



Most of us know someone or are a victim ourself. The ramifications are not great enough. You can do a lot of damage and it's not a

"Those who would abuse, they disguise it more. There's not enough outrage and outcry. I don't know if people have been desensitized to violence, but children grow up damaged. There are generations part of that whole chain of events."

Ellis would like to pull the community together to eliminate domestic violence and sexual assault.

One of the newest groups that's formed to take a stand is Men Speak. First Step considers men allies in the struggle. All men do not use violence, says Ellis, it's not a women's issue although perpetrated primarily on women and children.

"We need to pull the community out of apathy, to hold people accountable, to continue to bring people into the movement. We've come this far because of community support," said Ellis. "We need to bring groups together, to bring understanding to youth. It's a very big challenge.'

A Polaroid photo from FROM PAGE C1 the early

gentleman lived in the country and could finally get to his own mailbox, things we take for granted."

It's not unusual for individuals like Dayton to receive multiple dogs and that can be costly. The estimated value of a Leader Dog is \$38,000 (www. leaderdog.org).

According to Carrie Pryce, the average working life of a dog is 8 to 10 years depending on their health. Josh died of unknown causes.

"Once a graduate becomes accustomed to working with the dog it's like working without your left hand or your left hand always feeling empty, but it can be a difficult decision to come back and get a new dog because they can feel guilty," said Pryce, an instructor and apprentice coordinator. Dog

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Wednesday afternoon." One of the most important traits a dog must have is willingness to work plus a low distraction threshold for squirrels and children. Dogs are taught to stop at every curb, avoid obstacles, pay attention to traffic and if necessary use intelligent disobedience if it's unsafe to cross the street.

Training a Leader Dog takes about six months after they return from living for one year with a puppy raiser. Founded in 1939, the organization has provided almost 14,000 dogs to visually impaired individuals. Last year the school graduated 252 teams. Individuals are also taught cane skills and to use GPS systems and computers.

"Magic things happen here everyday," said Pryce. "The bond between the human and the dog is unlike any other bond."

For more information about Leader Dogs or their Nov. 23 fund-raiser, Lead in the Holidays, call (888) 777-5332.

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that drug before filling the prescription: Why are you taking the medication? You should know what the purpose of the therapy is and why it is preferable to alternatives. For example, in treating rheumatoid arthritis, the doctor should explain why methotrexate is a better choice then naprosyn or

why to start with methotrexate rather than Enbrei. Humira or Remicade. What are possible side effects of the medication? You should know the risks that accompany the medication as all medications come with possible side effects. A related question is: with what other medications is the new prescription known to interact?

In rheumatology, we obtain laboratory tests on a monthly basis to check that no

interaction has occurred in the liver, kidneys, or are ongoing to the red and white blood cells or platelets. With any medicine you should expect that similar texts are needed to What is the cost of the medicine? In today's environment, asking what a drug costs is

not an impertinent question. Because cost is such a common inquiry, doctors often know the answer. They may not know what your co-pay is, since that figure depends on the prescription coverage details of your health care contract. If your estimate leads you to believe you cannot afford the drug, you should ask if a less expensive alternative exists.

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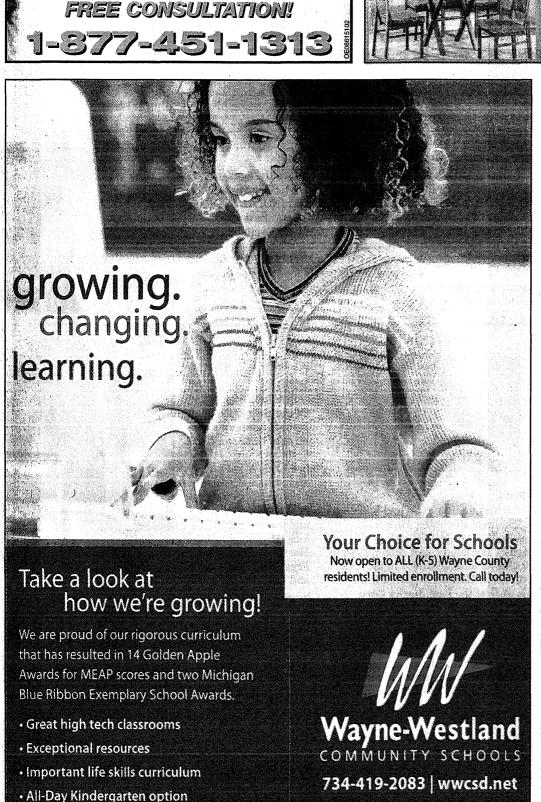
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Sam and Kathy Nastase of

Algonac announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Stacey

Robert Lambert of Macomb.

He is the son of Jean Lambert

of Clinton Township and Ron

Lambert of Fraser. The bride

High School in Livonia and of

Kalamazoo College, where she

graduated with honors in 2002

starter. She works in pharma-

ceutical sales. Her groom is a

1994 graduate of Henry Ford II

in Sterling Heights and a 1998

graduate of Stetson University

earned a four-year basketball

cal sales. Stacey and Chad's three dogs, Weimaraners Kobe

scholarship. He works in medi-

and Kase, and black Labrador Arnie are a "huge part of our

lives." The couple is planning a Sept. 19 wedding at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester and

a honeymoon to follow in the

Greek Islands.

in DeLand, Fla, where he

is a graduate of Stevenson

and was a four-year soccer

Marlene Nastase to Chad

REUNIONS

Farmington Harrison High School Class of 1998

Reunion Committee invites all graduates from to meet and mingle at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, for hors d'oeuvres, dessert and open bar. Purchase tickets in advance, \$55 per person, by sending a check payable to HHS Class of 1998 c/o K. Crites. 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, III. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available for purchase after Nov. 1, 2008. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998. Reunion@hotmail.com for further details.

Garden City High School Class of 1958

A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008. Call Willbey Pistor: (734) 261-5193 or call Jim Fill: (734) 722-4453.

Class of 1960

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

Class of 1989 Need classmates to register online. Send names, addresses and e-mail addresses to Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail. com. Visit www.myspace.com/gchs20threunion. The reunion date has not been set yet.

Grosse Pointe North Class of 1991

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Groves High School

Class of 1978 30-year reunion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008 at D'Amato's Restaurant, 222/224 S. Sherman Dr., Royal Oak. Tickets, \$35 per person, \$45 at the door, include hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.groves1978.com. Call Kathy (tepanian Albertson (248) 851-0777.

Lincoln Park High School

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

Livonia Franklin Class of 1969

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

Livonia Stevenson Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion, Aug. 16, 2008, at Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Includes DJ, cash bar, and strolling buffet. There will be information coming soon. For information, contact the Reunion Committee, Tim Oehmke at (734)637-1002 or superchargertest@ aol.com

Milford High School Class of 1968

A 40th reunion 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2008, at the American Legion Hall in downtown Milford. Members of Milford High School classes 1960's through 1970's who would like to join us in a walk down Memory Lane are also invited. Reservations must be received by July 1 and are needed to guarantee your admittance. \$20 per person covers food, beer, pop and live entertainment. For more informa tion or tickets, call or e-mail: Marti Colegrove Marikovics, (810) 629-5002, Martij2000@aol.com; Ruth Ann Clay Stover (419) 235-0446, RuthAnn@ hrservicesinc.com; or Carolyn Tyler Wisniewski, (248)684-6068, carolsw@ med.umich.edu.

Class of 1978

Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth-Canton high schools

Class of 1973 Searching for classmates for 35th reunion, 7 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Sept. 6 (Fall Festival Weekend) at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cash bar, business casual, light hors d'ouevres, donation at the door to cover expenses. E-mail Roxanne (McTurner) Gill at gillroxanne@yahoo.com or Curt Horton at curtis.horton@hortonplumbing.com.

ENGAGEMENTS

Myers of Canton announce

Myers-Schiller Douglas and Geraldine

the engagement of their daughter Taryn Alyssa Myers to Brian David Schiller of Cleveland, Ohio. He is the son of George and Mary Schiller of Cleveland. Taryn is a 2000 graduate of Greenhills School in Ann Arbor and earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Women's and Gender Studies at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio in 2004. She earned her master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio and works as assistant director of the Kent State Psychological Clinic. Brian is a 2001 graduate of St. Ignatius High School

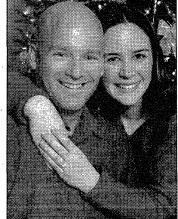


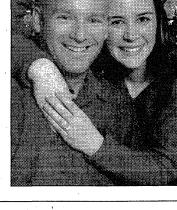
in Cleveland and earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Kenyon College in 2005. He received his master's in Urban Secondary Education from Cleveland State University in 2007 and works as a high school mathematics teacher at St. Peter Chanel High School in Bedford, Ohio.

The couple is planning a June 6, 2009 wedding in Akron, Ohio.

Bernard-Orsini

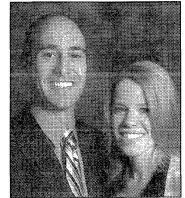
Jim and Judy Bernard of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Bernard, to Michael Orsini of Huntington Beach, Calif. He is the son of John and Elaine Orsini of Niskayuna, N.Y. Lisa is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and works as senior manager at Crosswalk in California. Mike graduated from R.I.T. and is an engineer at Boeing, also in California. The couple is planning a May 2009 wedding in Ann Arbor.





Maxwell-Shade

Rick and Debbie Maxwell of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of Stacey Ann Maxwell to Steven Christopher Shade of Pikesville, Md. He is the son of Don and Joan Shade of South Williamsport, Penn. Stacey is a 1999 Farmington High School graduate and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 2003. She received a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005 and works as an athletic trainer for Maryland Sportscare and Rehab in Eldersburg, Md. Steve is a 1999 graduate of South Williamsport Area High School. He graduated from the University of Delaware in



2003 and earned his master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 2005. He works as an athletic trainer at The Training Room in Towson, Md. The couple is planning an Aug. 15 wedding at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.



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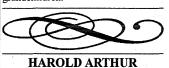
DOUGLAS M. TAYLOR

Age 26. July 24, 2008 as result of an accident. Beloved husband of Ashley. Loving son of Robert and Gail. Dear Brother of Bryan, Shawn, & Amanda. Dear Father of Joshua Goy. Son-in-law of Rich and Ann Hinrichs. Funeral Service was held at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Friday, August 1, 2008, Please sign the online guestbook at:

www.rggrharris.com

GERARD "Rod" A. **HORTON**

Age 81, formally of Birmingham, passed away July 28 in Spring Hill, FL after a wonderful life. Survivors include wife Joan of 56 years; three children: Todd of Clearwater, FL; Drew (Terrie) of Harrison Twp., MI; Dana (Larry) Dafoe, Holiday, FL & seven grandchildren & five great-grandchildren.



MERRIMAN

Harold passed away peacefully on July 26, 2008 at the age of 91 in Colorado Springs, CO. He was born August 12, 1916 to Frank and Ruth (Pohr) Merriman in Nepolean, Ohio. Preceded in death by his loving wife, Margaret Waara Merriman of 45 years, his son William Merriman and three brothers, Jim, Clarence and twin, Donald. Harold lived at the Southgate Co-op Apartments for twenty years where he met his second wife, Florence Geigler and was married four years before she passed away in 1990. Harold was active in the Southgate Co-Op community, starting as the Doorman in 1987, driving the community van, helping with maintenance and serving as Vice-President on the Board. There he had made many life long friends and enjoyed many activities. A special Thank-you to his very dear and close friend Ann. He is survived by his daughter Doreen Elliott, son-in-law Lance Elliott of Colorado Springs, Colorado. his three grandchildren, Eric and Rachel Elliott of Colorado Springs and Jamie Merriman of Coldwater, MI. Harold graduated from Ecorse High School in 1935. After high school he was accepted into Ford's Apprentice Program as a Tinsmith, he worked for the Ford Motor Company for 38 years. He retired in 1973 and soon after fulfilled a dream of owning his own farm. He purchased 80 acres in Bronson, MI, where he helped with the crops and enjoyed raising cattle, sheep, pigs and several horses. Harold enjoyed harness racing in the 1950 and 1960's with his older brother Jim Merriman and raced at Northville Downs. He moved to Colorado Springs, CO in November 2007 to be closer to his daughter and family to enjoy the beauty of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Harold had a compassion for life and he will be greatly missed by his many nieces, nephews, friends and all who were touched by his gentle and giving spirit. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 8, 2008 from 3:00-8:00 at John Santeiu & Son, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City, MI. Celebration of Harold's life will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2008 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 5885 N. Venoy Rd., Garden City, MI at 10:00am.



JAMES N. ISHAM

July 31, 2008 Age 86 Beloved husband of Jacqueline for 62 years. Dear father of Aimee Seiler (Wayne), Michael (Kathy) and Andrew Isham. Grandfather of Matthew, Jennifer, Jason, Kelli and Courtney. Also survived by several great-grandchildren. Brother of Nancy Troy. Funeral service Wednesday 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu. Rodgers & Connel Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Family will receive friends Tuesday 3-8pm. Interment Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Mercy Hospice, 281 Enterprise Ct., Ste 200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. View obituary and share memories at: www.desmondfuneralhome.com



Age 76 of Oxford, at Peace with her husband Jack Parke July 22, 2008. Beloved mother of Jean Marie (Jim) Guiles, John Philip Parke, Nancy Ann (Paul) Empkie, Richard William (Sharon) Parke, Barbara Gail Parke, David Jerome (Carrie) Parke, Robert Walter (Stacy) Parke and Susan Diana (Bob Hider) Parke; loving grandmother of Scott Dennis, Jennifer Ann, and Brian Paul Empkie, Jessica Rene and Jean Marie Parke, Paul Christopher & Stephanie Gail Hayes, Tiffany Anne, David Jerome Jr., and Darren Lee Parke, Linden Bee III, Dillen Thomas and Jessica DeLin Markel Cook, John Patrick and Jacqueline Nicole Parke, and Kayla Marie Parke; sister of Dr. Barbara Jean (Lars) Bolz, aunt of Marie (Vince) Trampus, Christopher and Thomas Pellegrini, Lara and Adam Bolz. Also survived by many other loving family members and friends. Funeral was held from St. Joseph Catholic Church 715 N. Lapeer Rd, Lake Orion on Saturday July 26, 2008 at 10 AM. Memorials may be made to University of Michigan, C.S. Motts Childrens Hospital-Cardio-Thoracic Unit. For further information please visit:

lynchfuneraldirectors.com



PEARL F. PABARUE

July 30, 2008, age 81, of Bloomfield Hills. Wife of the late James A.A. Pabarue, M.D. Dear mother of James A.A. Pabarue, Jr. (Eleanore) and Gail D. Pabarue. Loving grandmother of Emily, Kathryn, Laura and Jay. Memorial service Wednesday, 2p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to The National Kidney Foundation. A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at

www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

ROGER VAN DORPE

Age 95, formerly residing at 1819 High Street, Iowa City, died Sunday, July 6, 2008 at Windmill Manor Care Center in Coralville, Iowa. Funeral services will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2008 at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Iowa City with the Reverend Michael Phillips officiating. Visitation will also be on Monday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the lower level of St. Wenceslaus Church. Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at the Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington, Michigan. Online condolences may be sent for his family through the web @www.gayandciha.com. Roger was born on June 4, 1913 in Ghent, Belgium, the son of Albert and Caesarine (Bontinck) Van Dorpe. He was united in marriage to Betty Jean Linn on August 2, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. The couple lived in Detroit until moving to Farmington, Michigan in 1971. They were happily married for 61 years until Betty Jean's death in 2002. Roger worked for the J. L Hudson Company in Detroit. He was active in his church, singing in the choir and belonging to the Knights of Columbus. Roger and Betty Jean both enjoyed bowling leagues, playing in card clubs, swimming, and socializing at the Senior Center. Roger had a gif for writing poetry; his work was published several times, especially in "The Hudsonian." In Iowa City he was a member of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church. He was a lifetime supporter of many charitable organizations. His family includes his son, Paul Van Dorpe and his wife Jill (Kramar) of Iowa City; grandchildren, Alexander Rex, and Darlene Angelique; brother John Van Dorpe and his wife Marion of Phoenix, Arizona. He was preced ed in death by his parents, wife Betty Jean, and brother Carl. Gay and Ciha Funeral and Cremation Service is car ing for Roger's family and his services

RUSSELL E. EVERETT

Age 96, Farmington Hills, MI, passed July 27, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI



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Murphy-Lawrie

Nancy and David Lawrie of Birmingham announce the engagement of their son, Reed Elliott Lawrie, to Meghan Marie Murphy, daughter of Tina Murphy of Gaylord and the late Dr. Blair Murphy.

The bride-to-be is a 2002 graduate of Albion College and is employed as an orthopedic sales associate by Zimmer Great Lakes Inc. in Plymouth.

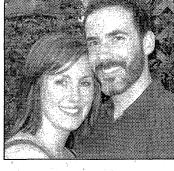
Her fiancé attended Northwood University and is an account manager at Central Screw Products in Detroit.

The couple will wed in September 2008 at the Otsego Club in Gaylord, where they

Gary and Susan Koch

Koch-Gregory

of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter. Amanda Koch of Dearborn Heights to Jason Gregory of Dearborn Heights. He is the son of Ralph Gregory of Westland and Josephine Kujawa of Gaylord. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in English and Sociology. She works as a teacher at University Prep High School in Detroit. Jason is currently completing his



Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. The couple is planning a July 4, 2009 wedding at Wellers in Saline.

Osebold-Patterson

Tom and Marcia Osebold of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Osebold of Novi, to Eric Patterson of Novi. He is the son of Micki Patterson of Warren. Amy is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She currently works for the DeMaria Building Co. as a marketing manager. Eric is a graduate of Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., where he earned a bachelor's degree in food service management. He works as an information technology technician. The couple is planning a September wedding in Canton.



ANNIVERSARY



Hames

Herbert R. Hames Sr. and Kathleen J. Hames of Rochester Hills will celebrate 60 years of marriage this month. The couple wed Aug. 7, 1948 in Rochester and have lived in the area ever since. Herbert is retired from his work at the Lear Siegler Corp. and Kathleen retired from Rochester Community Schools. They both enjoy spending time with family and gardening. In addition, Herbert can often be found working on the computer while Kathleen spends time volunteering at a soup kitchen.

They have six adult children: Herbert Hames Jr. of Howell; Penny Briscoe of Vicksburg; Cherri Glowe of Kalamazoo; Denise Baker of Kalamazoo; Mike Hames of Metamora and Kevin Hames of Oakland. The couple are proud grandparents of 11 children and greatgrandparents to seven children.

BIRTHS



long. He joins brother Harvey Dennis Smith, 2, and his grandparents are Peggy and Gary Gray of Livonia, Sue Gilling of Livonia and Dennis Smith of Plymouth.

Meeks

Smith

Bradley and

Cassandra Smith of

Livonia announce the

birth of their son Clark

Sullivan Smith. He was

born July 4, at St. Mary

Livonia. Clark weighed

in at 8 pounds 4 ounces

Mercy Hospital in

and was 21 inches

Bill and Molly Meeks of Plymouth welcomed their son Garrett Matthew Meeks on June 23, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He is grandson to Walter and Mary Menard of Plymouth, and Larry and Jane Meeks of



Dalton, Georgia. His is great-grandson to Doris Menard of Canton; Mada Garrett of Cedartown, Georgia, and Lessie Meeks of Macon, Georgia.

WEDDINGS

Balko-lanitelli

Ms. Denise Balko of Westland and Mr. Richard Balko of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Ann Balko to Andrew Kenneth Ianitelli of Staunton, Virg. He is the son of Andrew and Susan Ianitelli of Westland. Lisa is a 2001 graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia Public Schools and a 2007 graduate of Madonna University. She works as a direct services associate at The Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents. Andrew is a 1998 graduate of Franklin High School, a 2001 graduate of Schoolcraft College and a 2007 graduate of the Michigan Institution of Aviation and Technology. He works as an A&P Mechanic at Dynamic

The couple wed June 14 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church before the Rev. Kurt Lambart. The bride was attended by maid of honor Dawn Balko and bridesmaids Jody Seitz, Sara Ianitelli, Carly Ferguson, Tiff O'Kane and Jess Price. The groom was attended by best man Shaun Ianitelli and groomsmen Dan Watt, Greg Sturdy, Mike Kovacs, Adam Buchanan and Karl Gallagher. A reception followed the service at Sacred Heart Conference Center in Livonia. The couple honeymooned in Niagara Falls and will make their

Esser-Czerniawski

John and Sheree Esser of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Michelle Esser, to Timothy Allan Czerniawski of Salem

Township. He is the son of Jeanie Allan of Dearborn and Alexander Allan III of Westland.

Lisa is a 1999 Plymouth Salem High School graduate. She earned her bachelor's degree in finance from Western Michigan

University in 2003 and her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 2006. She is an associate attorney for Sommers Schwartz, P.C. in Southfield and specializes in medi-

cal malpractice. Timothy is a 1995 Canton High School graduate and earned his bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He works in home improvement sales in Canton.

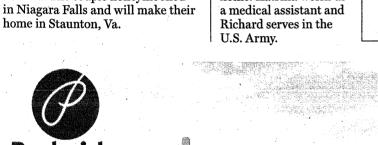
The couple wed on June 28 at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club in Clarkston. The bride was attended by maid of honor Alison Morency and bridesmaids Natalie Esser, Krista Skillman and Melissa Marisco. The groom's best man was Scott Allan and his groomsmen included Sean Allan, Rocco Foggio and Ryan Esser. The couple took a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, St. John and Virgin Gorda. They will make their home in Salem Township.

Mizak-Baumgardner

Richard Baumgardner and Katrina Miszak-Baumgardner of Livonia wed on Aug. 25, 2007 in Canton and are about to move into their new homé. Katrina works as a medical assistant and Richard serves in the U.S. Army.



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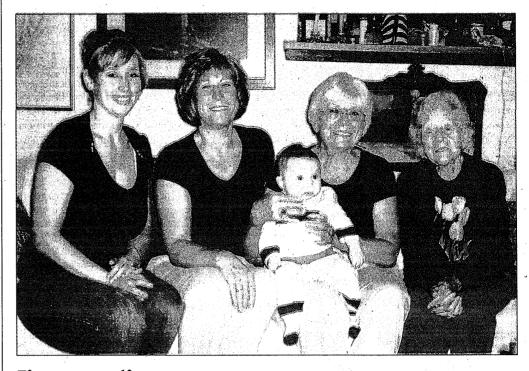
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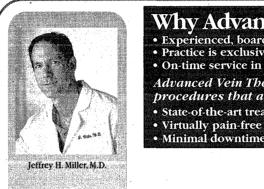
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Five generations

Pearl Rowe (right) turns 101 on Wednesday, Aug. 6. The Livonia woman is pictured here with her daughter Dee Dee Dittmar on her left: Dittmar's daughter, Wendi Stull; Wendi's daughter, Jessica Stull and her 4-month old son Tanner Stull. Wendi, Jessica and Tanner were in town from Casper, Wyoming for visit at Dittmar's Livonia home.

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Games celebrate organ donation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

David Hebestreit gets chills thinking about one special moment on the basketball court at the U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh when his team's supporters were cheering and yell-

"It reminded me of when I was really sick because the support I got from the community and coworkers in Livonia Public Schools was tremendous," said Hebestreit who received a heart transplant in March 2006. "I almost quit at two months and came home. If I didn't have the support waiting I probably wouldn't have made it."

The truth is Hebestreit wouldn't have survived if a heart donor hadn't been found it time. He waited 90 days for his transplant but some patients die wait-

Dr. John Magee has seen it happen. He's part of the transplant team at the University of Michigan Health System which was able to give life to 250 kidney and 80 liver recipients last year.

According to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, there are more than 2,500 people waiting for a kidney transplant in Michigan, and nearly 3,100 waiting for all types of organs.

The people needing an organ are either going to die from complications from their organ being ill or sick, or receive transplantation which gives them the opportunity of living a complete life," said Magee. "Dialysis is not an ideal therapy (for kidney failure). Transplantation offers people the hope and chance at life. That's why organ donors make the largest difference. Lack of donors is the largest problem. Many people think about organ donation when they're in line to be a recipient."

Sherry Johnson tries to honor her heart donor every day by taking care of her health.

Her own special moment occurred as Team Michigan walked into the arena for the opening of the U.S. Transplant Games in July. Johnson competed in cycling, one of a dozen sports. Team Michigan was sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

"I'm never going to let Sue think she didn't give her heart to a worthy person," said Johnson of Farmington Hills. "We want to honor our donors, living or deceased. At the track there were people of all different ages. Everybody's healthy. Everybody was not like that before their transplant. All these people were like me - sick - and they're not anymore. We're not even patients

Terry Gould was happy just to see the three brothers of his heart donor in the stands at the games.

"It was a big deal for me and for them to see me compete," said Gould of Plymouth. "They were really taken in to see so many people in the same category as I was competing. It gave them a big uplift. The games are primarily to bring to light the need for organ donation and that recipients can do so well. It was so gratifying for me to be able to compete, to see other recipients compete, to see all these athletes compete in all these events."

While organs like hearts need to come from deceased donors, kidneys, bone marrow, partial liver, lung, and pancreas can be donated by those still alive. For information about becoming an organ donor or to register, visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org or call (800) 482-4881.

To learn more about the U.S. Transplant Games or the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, visit www.nkfm.org or call (800) 482-1455.

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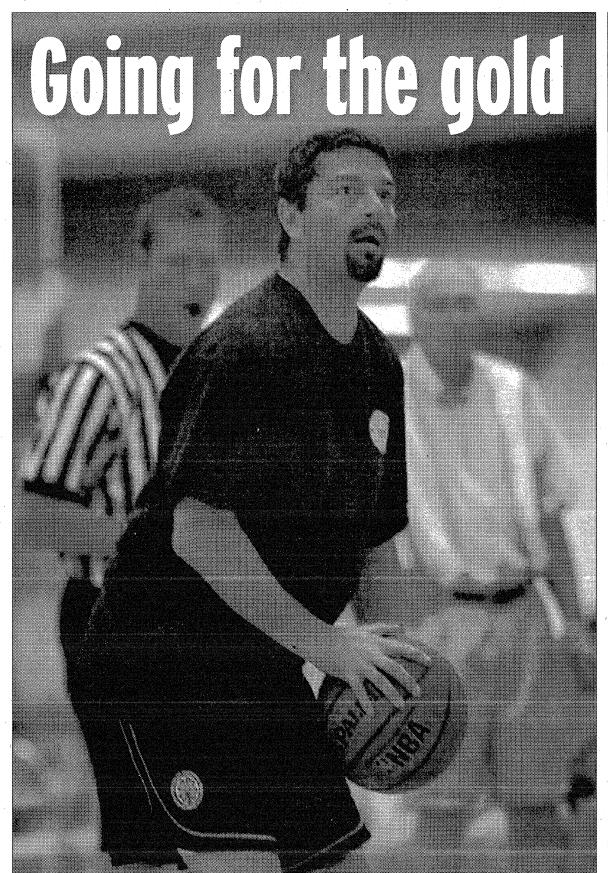


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David Hebestreit of Livonia won a bronze medal in the U.S. Transplant Games.

Transplant recipients celebrate life

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

David Hebestreit went to Pittsburgh thinking he was going to compete in ping pong and bowling, but ended up winning a silver medal for basketball. In 2010 he's going for the gold. While that's a formidable goal for any athlete, Hebestreit is a heart transplant recipient. He never thought he would be able to play soccer again let alone compete in the Olympic-style U.S. Transplant Games along with more than 1,300 organ recipients from 50 states.

Hebestreit has not only been able to return to teaching English and coaching the varsity girls soccer team at Churchill High School, men's club soccer team at University of Michigan and U-16 girls for the Canton Soccer Club, but recently won the Michigan Soccer Association State Championship with the Canton Celtic.

It wasn't long after he took a bronze in individual golf and competed in volleyball and the 5k at the 10th U.S. Transplant Games sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation July 11-16. Next year he's considering going to the 2009 World Transplant Games in Australia which like the U.S. games occurs every other year.

"Next time I'm entering everything - swimming, field and track," said the 37-year-old Hebestreit, who received a heart transplant March 6, 2006. "It was one of the greatest experiences I've ever had. Everyone is out to live a quality life and the games give them the opportunity to showcase that."

Transplantation was all about survival when Dr. John Magee was in medical school 20 years ago. Today organ recipients are living life to the fullest. Forty-Four Team Michigan athletes came home from the U.S. Transplant Games with 54 medals.

Chris Klug, a professional snowboarder, helped set the standards for recovery by being the only transplant recipient ever to compete and medal in the Olympic Games. Klug received a bronze at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

"We're taking people less able to compete and make them able to compete. The goal is to make people as healthy and productive as possible,"



Terry Gould (right) of Plymouth is shown here with his donor's brothers Brandon, Trever and Lon Coleman at the U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh.



Sherry Johnson of Farmington Hills won a bronze medal in the 20k cycling event at the U.S. Transplant Games in July.

said Magee, a transplant surgeon and director of the pediatric transplant program at the University of Michigan Health System. "Survival rates are getting good enough that we can encourage people to be active. That's actually our goal of transplants although that doesn't always happen. It depends on the organ and age of the person. We want people to be able to work and move around after the transplant. That's what we strive to achieve."

Like Hebestreit, Sherry Johnson won her first medal in her first U.S. Transplant Games in Pittsburgh. The 37-year-old Farmington Hills woman won a bronze in the 20K cycling event. Johnson played basketball, volleyball and ran track at Stevenson High School in Livonia.

"I was not into cycling before my heart transplant, but never thought I wouldn't be athletic again. That was a goal for me," said Johnson who continues to bike 10 miles a day and runs the bleachers at Farmington High School. Johnson received a heart transplant Oct. 16, 2006.

"The 20k was not easy. It was very, very hilly in Pittsburgh. I didn't even think I'd finish. It was an incredible experience. Right before crossing the finish line I got very emotional, grateful for this strong heart. I was crying. I just got this rush of emotion, just being able to finish this course, the hardest I'd ever been on. I was so happy and grateful to be able to do this. I was very athletic before and missed that part of my life."

Terry Gould was on the swim teams at Plymouth High School and Schoolcraft College, but by age 48 could hardly go up and down the stairs. He won three silver and three bronze medals and can't ever remember feeling as good as he does today. Gould, 56, received a heart transplant May 11, 2003. This was his fifth Transplant Games which include the 2005 competition in Ontario and 2007 in Thailand. He's won a total of 28 medals.

"For me personally it's mentally. and physically better for me to keep in shape," said Gould of Plymouth. "It gives me a better attitude knowing I can continually do these things. I'm still training and keeping in shape, but not as much or as hard."

"It really isn't fair if you don't take care of your organ and your health," said Hebestreit. "People are dying for that organ."

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Program to educate school personnel about diabetes

The University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's Hospital present Diabetes in the School 101, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, in the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor.

The educational session is for school personnel and provides information about caring for a child with diabetes.

School staff with medical training, as well as those without, are invited to attend.

The cost is \$20, continental breakfast and lunch included. Registration is limited to the first 150 participants due to the size of the facil-

The program includes the basics on diabetes, glucose monitoring, legal issues, nutrition, insulin, hypo and hyperglycemia, and exercise. There will be question and answer as well as hands-on time with monitors, pumps, insulin pens and glucagon.

To register or for more information, call Jennifer Schwab at (734) 615-4596 or send email to schwabja@med.umich.edu.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUGUST

Free Running Group

Couch Potato to 5K racer in 9 weeks? You can do it with new free weekly running group that starts 8 a.m. Aug. 3 in Plymouth. Led by Jaime White, owner of Core Sport Pilates studio, the running group will follow the Couch 25K training program structured as interval training. The group will meet at the Pilates studio at 829 Penniman, Plymouth. The run should take about 45 minutes. Call (734) 233-5268, e-mail coresportinfo@yahoo.com, or visit www.coolrunning com/engine/2/2_3/181.shtml.

Cool Blue Monday

The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Fund-raiser takes place 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 4, at Seldom Blues Supper Club, 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit. All proceeds from the event support programs and services to prevent and treat kidney disease. Evening includes strolling buffet, cocktails, live jazz, and silent and live auctions. Tickets \$100. Call (313)-259-1574.

The Health Exploration Station at St. Joseph Mercy Health Center in Canton brings back its Amazing Me camp to teach second to fourth grade students about the human body and how to keep it healthy. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 4-8. Cost \$169. Call (734) 398-7518.

PGA hospitality experience

To raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Michigan Chapter, tournament runs Aug. 4-10, at Oakland Hills Country Club. A 3,200 sq. ft. home overlooking the 10th and 17th greens and 11th and 18th tees is available per day. Call (800) FIGHT MS #2 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/mig.

Holistic Moms Network

Launching a new chapter in the Metro Detroit Area and will hold an Open House 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth: The Holistic Moms Network is a national nonprofit organization connecting parents who are passionate about holistic health and green living. Through an e-mail discussion loop, members of the group share life-changing information and advice on a variety of topics including pregnancy, breastfeeding, natural childbirth, positive discipline, alternative medicine, and green living. Moms, dads, grandparents, partners, and other caregivers welcome. Local businesses have donated gift certificates and products for a door prize drawing. The Metro Detroit Area Chapter will meet 9:45-11:45 a,m. on the first Thursday of each month at the library and welcomes volunteer guest speakers on holistic lifestyle topics. For information, contact Andrea Stevens at (313) 220-4592 or e-mail amstevens14@juno.com. Holistic Moms Network Web site is www.holisticmoms.org or call (877) HOL-MOMS.

Sharing & Caring

Education and support program for breast cancer survivors features Intro to Integrative Medicine including massage, Reiki and guided imagery 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, in Room 312 of the Professional Office Bldg, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

An evening with the mystic

An evening of wisdom, meditation and bliss 4 p.m. Reception, 4:30 p.m. Talk, 6:30 p.m. Book signing Sunday, Aug. 10, Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, Novi. Visit www.midnightswiththemystic.com or contact (248) 601-6362 and Detroit@ishafoundation. org. Free and open to the public. Inner Engineering

Program for self-discovery with interactive discussions, meditations and a balanced set of powerful yoga practices continues to Aug. 5, at The Birmingham Temple, 28611 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills. Program runs 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, and 7-10 p.m. Monday-Tuesday. Contact (866) 424-4742 or detroit@ishafoundation.org.

Mental illness seminar In cooperation with the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Michigan,

Oakwood Heritage Hospital presents an educational seminar 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Ford Senior Center, 23555 Goddard. Taylor. The seminar is for parents, professionals, caregivers or anyone who wants to learn and understand more about mental illness. No charge, a light lunch provided. To RSVP, call Elaine at (734) 981-2282 or Tamera at (313) 295-5385.

The two-mile Amster Lupus Butterfly Walk takes place Sunday, Aug. 10, at Civic Center Park on Hall Road in Woodhaven. Registration begins at 10 a.m., the walk at 11:30 a.m., rain or shine. A pancake breakfast will be held during the registration time. Registration is \$15 per person or \$50 for a team of four members. Team Sponsorship and Corporate Sponsorship opportunities are available until Aug. 5. For information about lupus, to register or how to donate; call (734) 671-2367 or (248) 582-2727, e-mail butterflies@ wowway.com or visit www.amsterlupus.org.

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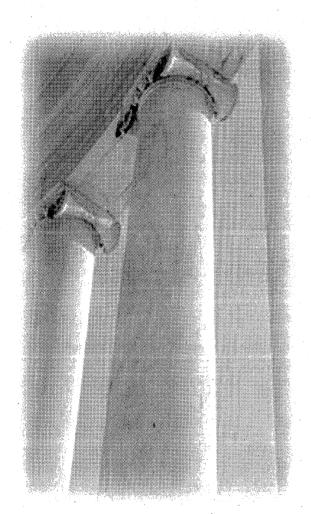
raiser for Donate Life Coalition of Michigan is being held at the Tigers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game, 7:05 p.m. Monday, Aug. 11. Tickets \$22 with a portion going to Donate Life. Call (248) 770-5172 or (248)

Kidney cancer symposium

For patients and families 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the University of Michigan Bioscience Research Building, 109 Zina Pitcher Place, Ann Arbor, www.umich.edu/urology. For more information, contact Steffanie Fineman (734) 615-9843 or ssamuels@

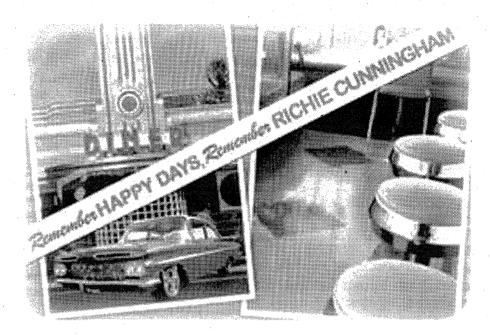
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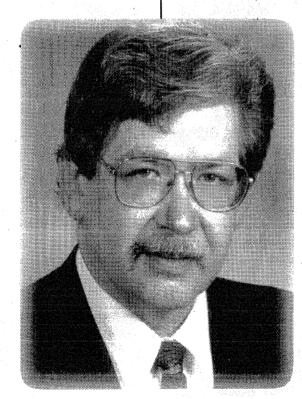
Former Recorder's Court Judge **Richard Cunningham** is seeking election to the office of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge. He is one of eleven candidates seeking three open seats. His professional experience, demonstrated leadership and commitment to public service make him uniquely qualified for this important position.

Richard Cunningham is currently an attorney in private practice. His 29 year legal career includes service as an Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor, a trial court judge, an ethics prosecutor for the Attorney Grievance Commission, and staff attorney for the Veterans Administration. Michigan Lawyers Weekly named him an "Attorney Of The Year" in 2000. His exemplary judicial service was recognized by a major newspaper, which noted that he was among the 10 Michigan judges least likely to be reversed.

Richard Cunningham serves as an elected member of the Board Of Commissioners (the board of directors) of the State Bar of Michigan. He previously served two terms on the State Bar Representative Assembly. Other professional leadership positions include a term as President of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar and three terms as Chairperson of Criminal Law Section of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association. He is a Trustee of the DMBA Foundation, and a Fellow of the State Bar Foundation.

Richard Cunningham is dedicated to the principle of "due process" for those accused of crimes, but has demonstrated his sensitivity and concern for crime victims. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Save Our Sons And Daughters (SOSAD) and on the National Board of Parents Of Murdered Children, Inc.

Richard Cunningham is involved in the community. He is the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for U-SNAP-BAC, a non-profit housing corporation. He is a graduate of Belleville High School, and was recognized in 2004 with a "Distinguished Graduate" award. He has served as an adjunct instructor at Henry Ford Community College.



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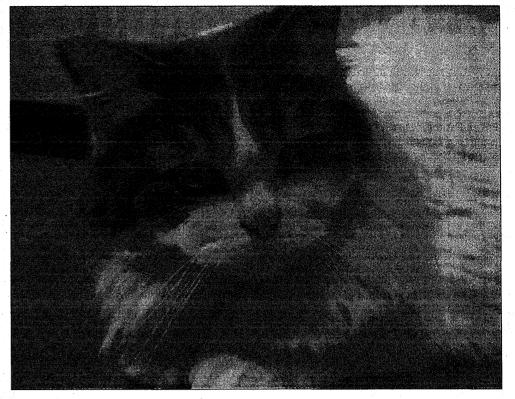


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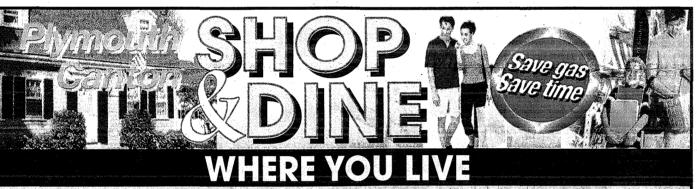
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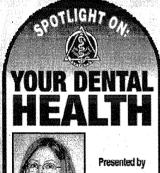
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Welcoming a second baby, disciplining kids

a daughter that is two and a half. I am worried that I will not be able to accept the new baby or love him as much as I love my daughter. My husband doesn't seem to have these same concerns and I'm afraid to tell him directly how I feel. I mean, we both were so excited when I discovered that I was pregnant again but now I'm not so sure. I don't know if it will be fair

to the new child. Everything in our

house is geared to the three of us,

how can I make

room for someone

else? I feel horrible

admitting this but

this matter. Am I a

horrible mother?

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doing.

fully, you are not a horrible mother. I think that you are experiencing normal parental doubts and anxieties. Once the joy of the new birth subsides a little, we are forced to deal with the concrete realities that come with it. Sometimes we over-think these realities and scare ourselves.

I think that this is what you are

As with any anxiety, the more we keep it to ourselves, the more power it seems to have over us. By not talking to your husband, you are providing support for the idea that you are a bad parent for feeling the way that you do. But if you spoke to him, I'm sure that he would disagree with this notion. He may even have similar fears about the new baby. The only way to know is to talk with him.

Secondly, it is vital for you to remember those times before your daughter was born and the doubts and fears that you may have had then. These will probably seem silly and misguided from this vantage point. What do you think will happen to these current fears after the new child arrives?

I would also suggest that you talk to other parents with more than one child and see how they felt before and after the second child was born. I bet that most of them can relate to the anxieties that you feel and can attest to how the additional child fit in perfectly and added a sense of completeness to the family. Within moments of

an expecting mother and also have birth, I know that your concept of vour family will have changed for-

ever ... for the better. So relax, you are not a bad parent or a horrible person. You've just let your anxieties get the better of you on this matter.

My husband and I are on different pages as far as discipline is concerned. I am the bad guy and my husband never backs me up. He thinks that he does but he really doesn't. My son knows that if I tell him "no" on something, he can go to his dad and he will get to do it. And when I confront my husband about this he says that he didn't know that I had said "no" or that it was against the rules. How can we learn to work together because my son is using this rift to get

his own way all of the time. Assuming that this is a matter of miscommunication, the strategies that we can employ are relatively simple and effective ... provided that they are enforced by both

parents. First, I suggest that a set of household rules be written down and posted in a public area. This will eliminate the argument that one person or another is unaware of the rules. It works best if every member of the family participates in the writing and clarification of these rules, but only if this participation is genuine and not an attempt to argue or undermine the effort.

Next, I would make it a rule that all major parental decisions will require the involvement of both parents. This will decrease the amount of exploitation that can be accomplished. One parent cannot be used against the other.

Also, I recommend that all parental discussion be conducted in private and the decision be presented in a unified manner. This will further diminish your son's ability to pit you against one another.

Finally, I strongly encourage you to be firm and consistent in your parenting decisions. Each time that you let something slide or fail to follow through appropriately, your rules and authority are weakened.

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Recognize warning signs for teen suicide

My friend tried to commit suicide and I'm not sure how I feel ... I feel like I should've known she was this sad and that I could've done something to prevent this. I think I'm even a little bit angry ... I'm not even sure how to act around her now ... what do I do? **Emotional Roller Coaster in Garden City**

You are not alone ... I have had



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clothes dryer.

many letters and emails about this due to the recent teen suicide and suicide attempts in our area. So, I'm dedicating this entire column to teen suicide and those of us affected by it.

Suicides among **Monica Fulton** young people continue to be a serious problem. Each year in the

U.S., thousands of teenagers commit suicide. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-olds, according to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

It is a final attempt to end pain. Someone who attempts or commits suicide has been experiencing a lot of pain for a long time. Teenagers experience strong feelings of stress, confusion, self-doubt, pressure to succeed, financial uncertainty and other fears while growing up.

For some teenagers, divorce, the formation of a new family with step-parents and step-siblings, or moving to a new community can be very unsettling and can intensify self-

For some teens, suicide may appear to be a solution to their problems and

Many of the signs and symptoms of suicidal feelings are similar to those of depression. Teens who may try to kill themselves might change their eating and sleeping habits or pull away from friends and activities they normally enjoy. They may run away from home or act violently.

Drug or alcohol use and neglecting their appearance are common, too. You might notice a change in their personality and that they are constantly bored, are having problems concentrating and are letting their

A teenager who is planning to commit suicide may also complain of being a bad person or feeling rotten inside. They might give us hints with statements such as: "I won't be a problem for you much longer;""Nothing matters;""It's no use;" and "I won't see you again."

A teen planning suicide might put his or her affairs in order by giving away favorite possessions, cleaning his or her room or throwing away

important belongings.

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If a friend says, "I want to kill myself" or "I'm going to commit suicide," always take the statement seriously and immediately tell a teacher, parent, or other adult that can help.

It would be nice if everyone who was thinking about suicide gave us these types of warning signs, but they don't always.

If you know your friend suffers from depression or another psychological disorder, has attempted suicide, has a family member that attempted suicide, or is being physically or sexually abused, you might want to talk to your friend about his or her feelings even if they aren't giving any other warning signs. These types of factors increase the risk of suicide among

Other factors that increase that risk include a lack of support, poor relationships with parents or peers, social isolation, and coping with homosexuality in an unsupportive family or community.

We usually feel uncomfortable talking about death. However, asking your friend whether he or she is depressed or thinking about suicide can be helpful. Rather than putting thoughts in your friend's head, asking this tough question will show that somebody cares and will give your friend the chance to talk about problems.

If one or more of these signs occurs, your friend's parents need to know so they can get your friend professional help from a physician or a qualified mental health professional. With support from family and appropriate treatment, teens who are suicidal can heal and return to a more healthy path of life. If you're not sure what to do, or you think your friend might be in crisis, you can call (800) SUICIDE for help.

What do you do when someone you know attempts or commits suicide? First, know that any emotion you experience is normal. Some teens say they feel guilty - especially those who felt they could have known their friend's actions and words better. Others say they feel angry with the friend who committed or attempted suicide for having done something so selfish. Still others say they feel no strong emotions. All of these reactions are normal; there is no right or wrong way to feel. When a friend attempts suicide and survives, you may be afraid of or uncomfortable about talking with him or her about it. Resist this urge; this is a time when your friend absolutely needs to feel connected to others.

When a friend commits suicide, the pain and grief may be overwhelming. Although these feelings may never completely go away, we can take steps to begin the healing process.

It's important to maintain contact with others. Find supportive people to talk with about your friend and your feelings. It's also important to keep in mind that other people around you are grieving, too, and that everyone expresses grief in their own way.

Be there for each other through the tears, anger, and silences — and, if necessary, get help and support together.

You should expect that anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays may be difficult. Important days and holidays often renew a sense of loss and anxiety. On those days, do what's best for you, whether that means surrounding yourself with family and friends or planning a quiet day of reflection.

Most of all, understand that it's normal to feel guilty and to question how this could have happened, but it's also important to realize that you might never get the answer. Healing will happen over time and will come from reaching a point of forgiveness — for both your friend and yourself.

It's important to recognize that suicide is NEVER the answer. The pain and grief family and friends endure is

Family is left with guilt beyond words and friends are left with pain that will affect them for the rest of their lives.

Allergic reactions: Fabric softener has negative side

heard an alarming news story on CBS radio the other day concerning fabric dryer sheets. It was reported that there are chemicals in these

he finds them everywhere inside the bowels of the

sheets that are not listed and these sheets will cause people to suffer allergic type reactions.

I went to the store and purchased a box of them and tried burning one in the driveway. Amazingly it didn't catch fire! Under an open flame, it melted as if I was burning a piece of

I don't know what date the fabric softener sheet came onto the market but I do know that any service technician who works on clothes dryers will tell you that

They seem to get through seals and crevices and end up in the blower housings or the gas and electric heat chambers and are a concern to us in regards to a clothes dryer fire. Have you ever gone to work only to have someone smile and tug a fabric softener sheet out of your shirt collar or sleeve?

Diane Armstrong who writes for the Timmins Times newspaper in my hometown recently expressed her views on dryer sheets. Once consumers learned that the same sheet can be cut in half and used several times, they bought fewer boxes of drver sheets. To boost sales, the consumers were told that they have more uses than originally thought.

Did you know you can put them in your clothes hamper to cut down on the odor of dirty socks? Put one in your garbage can. A dryer sheet just might mask the smell of that rotting, week-old chicken carcass. No one likes the smell of skunky sports equipment, so a dryer sheet in with those

stinky running shoes and sweat-soaked jerseys should eliminate the problem. I don't think so, but that's what the dryer sheet manufacturers sug-

These little dryer sheets come in a wide variety of scents, very few of which I could identify blindfolded. I wonder what "rain" really smells like. Or "spring"?

Is there anything wrong with clothes out of the dryer or off the clothesline smelling just like

I recently wrote a column about the advertising you see and hear which is designed to lead you to purchase certain products. Caution was stressed and everyone needs to use sheer diligence to determine what is right or wrong. I once used these dryer sheets tucked into my baseball cap while on a fishing trip to repel mosquitoes. It didn't work; they ate me alive.

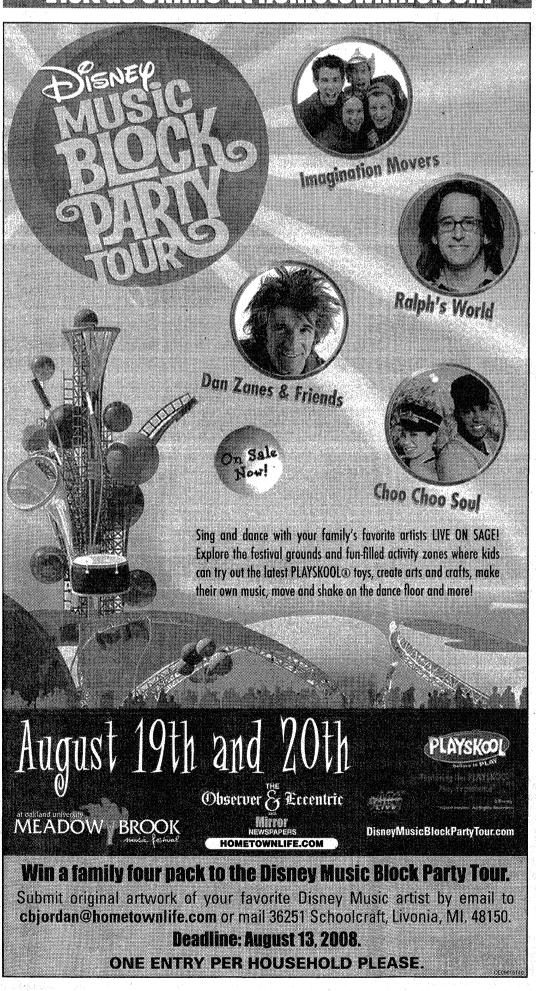
I was asked if the spray fabric softener was a

better product to use. Whatever chemical is in the spray product must be awful powerful as well. For years I've been warning consumers that if you use this spray around your washer and dryer and some of it comes in contact with the consul of these products you can expect the lettering and numbers to disappear.

When I hear a story coming of CBS headquarters in New York, I tend to pay close attention. It really shocks me that a product so commonly used by homemakers in America can contain harmful chemicals and there is no requirement that the manufacturer has to list those harmful agents. Stay tuned.

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employees -- finds that an enormous 68 percent, up five percent from last year, favor increasing responsibilities. Looking for a new job with a higher salary fares poorly -- down to 50 percent from 54 percent last year.

Most people don't view their companies as a "markets," but people in marketing-related functions can provide real insight into how to create opportunity on the job. Dan Schawbel, personal branding expert in Waltham, Mass., maintains that "a regular 9-to-5 day is not enough during this recession. Workers should take on more work these days to provide more value within their organization or build a brand outside of work that may secure them, in case of downsizing."

You benefit by being "perceived as a contributor and a hard worker instead of someone going through the motions," he continues. "If you're content on taking the

easy route, you'll be replaced by someone willing to work harder for (less)." He advocates social networking while doing the best job you possibly can, because your current work becomes "a case study" for your next

SOLVING PROBLEMS

You probably agree that self-promotion is essential at this time. Mark Roberts, managing director of Scottsdale's Pragmatic Marketing Inc., advocates the approach of the book "Tuned In," by Craig Stull et al. (Wiley, \$27.95). Take Roberts' concept that marketdriven companies will be the survivors and become market-driven within your company to determine exactly how to take on more work. Just loading up your desk with new projects isn't the best strategy. Identifying or developing ones that solve problems for your employer is.

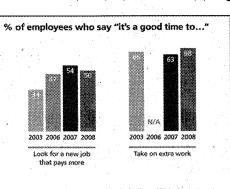
Roberts points out that businesses are being hampered by the loss of their "go-to cheap resources," or vendors. This situation in your company -- the equivalent of your market -- presents opportunities for you to fill in gaps by taking on some of the work expendable employees used to do. However, if you're already feeling overworked, Schawbel says that you must "work smarter and smarter. Punching a clock

He emphasizes that remaining relevant to the company's mission is essential. In other words, don't look for projects to clean up compulsively. Instead, hunt for problems to solve that contribute to the future of the company, which will contribute to your job security. An avid technophile, Schawbel encourages Gen Y to become tech-savvy, an area in which he finds this cohort coming up short, because "other skills might help you get a job elsewhere in the company.'

COMPANY AS MARKET

How can you convince your company that even though you're overloaded now you could contribute even more by taking on more work? "Sort your priorities," Roberts says, to focus on problem-solving. You can help companies cut costs, increase revenue or "accomplish more with less," Schawbel says. "Take a small amount of money and accomplish a lot with it (assuring) large impact.'

Such tactics might not be effective if your company is wilting financially. Company financials can tell you a lot. However, even if they do, Schawbel, the social networker, recommends that you ask around to weigh the scuttlebutt: "Everything is through people now. Spend the most amount of time networking with



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others." The end result might well be a new opportunity that evolves through what he calls "the laws of attraction" when, while researching your current company, you're also extending the reach of your personal brand.

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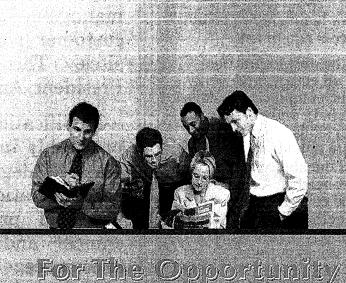
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Just to the left of the front door is the formal dining room. It has a large set of windows overlooking the front porch and yard. Separating the great room from the dining room is the stairs to the second floor and the basement.

The great room has three large windows providing an open view of the back yard. A fireplace is on the right side. The room is open to the breakfast nook with a door to the back yard. The corner kitchen has a window over the sink, a pantry cabinet, and an eating bar facing the nook. Between the kitchen and the two-car garage is the utility room with a large laundry sink. A door to the garage separates the utility and a half-bath. For convenience, a linen closet is also in this area.

The master suite is on the right side of the entry and occupies the whole side. The master bath is rather uniquely laid out. In the first part are the "his and her" sinks with a large tub. In the rear corner behind a door is the walk-in closet. Adjacent behind another door is the shower and toilet.

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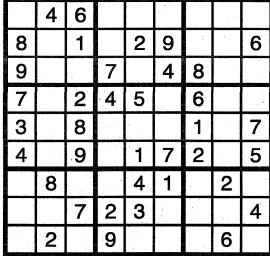
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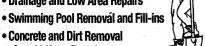
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