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Township police nab flasher suspect

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The suspect in a series of indecent exposure incidents along M-14 and I-275 in Plymouth Township may finally have been exposed.

Plymouth Township police said they've arrested an Oakland County man, whom they estimate to be about 50 years old, after a witness spotted him standing along the expressway nude and fondling him-

"Since July we've been receiving calls from motorists that a middleaged man has been exposing himself on M-14 and I-275 on various days," Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "We've had maybe seven or eight calls from people."

Tiderington said the bulk of the calls would come in around 2 or 3 p.m. When a similar call came in on Aug. 6, township officers happened to already be in the area.

According to Tiderington, officers spotted a vehicle parked in an unusual location along Hines Drive near I-275. While they were observing the vehicle, he said, a white male came darting out of a wooded area nearby.

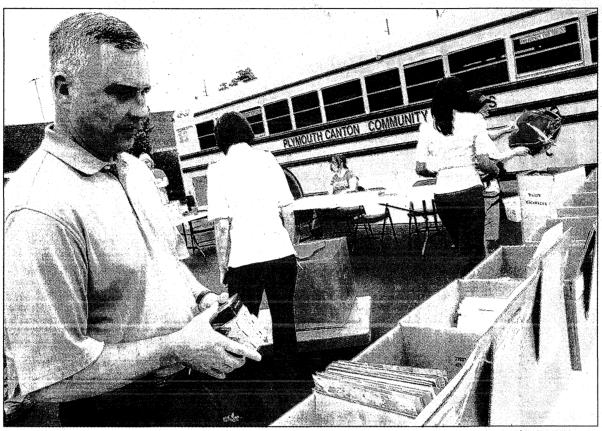
Questioning from officers and a back-track by the department's canine, which traced a path directly from the suspect's car to the site he was last seen helped police determine they had the right suspect.

The man, whose name is being withheld pending charges by the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, has four prior convictions for the same offenses, dating back to 1974, according to Detective Ryan Krebs.

"The prosecutor is reviewing potential charges, but he's looking at either indecent exposure or aggravated indecent exposure," Krebs said.

Indecent exposure is a one-year misdemeanor and/or a \$1,000 fine. Aggravated indecent exposure is a two-year misdemeanor and/or a \$2,000 fine.

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Supt. Dr. Craig Fiegel sorts out donations during the Back to School Blitz at the Salvation

Drive fills bus with needed school items

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Gayle Berner of Canton Township arrived at the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps parking lot off Main Street with several bags of back-to-school items Friday morning.

Berner said she heard about the drive sponsored by the Salvation Army and Plymouth-Canton Schools to fill a school bus with school supplies, and showed up with several shopping bags loaded with notebooks, pens, markers and

"I want to help out the kids who can't get the supplies themselves," said Berner. "It's a good thing to do, and makes you feel good.

Maj. Jim Irvine, pastor and corps officer of the Plymouth Salvation Army, witnessed a flow of people who delivered supplies – rulers, paper, pens, pencils and backpacks - Friday during a oneday, 12-hour drive.

"Parents are being squeezed on every front and they're having



Salvation Amy Maj. Jim Irvine sorts donations during the Back to School Blitz Friday morning.

a difficult time getting the kids the supplies they need to go back to school," Irvine said. "And yet, people from all walks of life, at all abilities, have come to help."

Fourteen-year-old Angela Moser of Plymouth volunteered to sort the donations.

"I just wanted to do it to help other kids," said Moser, who noted there were times when her family needed similar help. "It's hard to

ask, but it feels good to help." Sarah Lee of Flat Rock represented employees of the Comcast Call Center in Plymouth Township who donated school supplies.

"Sometimes you don't realize how something like this can tax somebody's family," said Lee. "And, it's nice to know that in two weeks some kid will get a brand new ruler that he wasn't going to get, or new pencils or a box of crayons."

A \$2,647 grant from Comcast, along with \$2,000 from the Wilcox Foundation and Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, will allow the Salvation Army to give families \$40 gift certificates to purchase new shoes.

The kids in the corps' day camp also got involved, donating change each day that raised \$567 for new shows. It helped them win a bet to throw a pie in the face of Irvine who said "It was worth it."

CVS donated 12-hundred packs of pencils, and Frito Lay employees at the distribution center in Plymouth Township also donated supplies.

County may help Plymouth YMCA with tax break

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Wayne County may be willing to package up to \$10 million in tax incentives to the developer of the 16-acre Trail Head project on Mill Street to fund construction of a Plymouth YMCA.

Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak is considering building a recreation facility on the property, which would be leased by the YMCA as an anchor for a mixed-use plan that could include a medical office and commercial space, plus multifamily and senior housing.

"The biggest hindrance to development of the property has been at least \$10 million in hazardous remediation," said Turkia Awada Mullin, assistant Wayne County executive and executive director of the Wayne County Land Bank. "Under the Land Bank there are various economic development tools which open opportunities for places like Plymouth, especially in cases where an industrial site has been off the tax rolls for 20 years.

"A YMCA could be a great anchor for hat development, which will be used by thousands of participants and encourage other development," Mullin said. "It will require a City of Plymouth commitment to go along with the YMCA and the developer ... a classic example of public-private partnership."

Connectiv's Dennis Griffin said the costs associated with the remediation of hazardous materials, burying utility lines and other infrastructure expenses would make the project prohibitive without the tax incentives.

"No developer can absorb those costs on his own," said Griffin. "The rate you'd have to charge a tenant to recoup your costs would eliminate them from

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Renovated schools will be ready for first day



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Construction manager Fred Summerton leads school trustee Dianne Gonzalez and other board members through Tanger School.

BY TONY BRUSCATO **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

It's become a commonplace theme for construction projects in the Plymouth-Canton school district: On time and under budget.

That theme appears ready to play out again this year as Deputy Superintendent Ken Jacobs said despite what it may look like at some of the buildings being renovated this summer, all will be ready for the first day of school Sept. 2.

"We come down to the last day and it usually all comes together, that's pretty typical of our projects," Jacobs said. "Some will be in a more complete stage than others, but we knew that coming in.

Schools will be ready for the first Jacobs said East Middle School

may have some hallways and rooms which won't have tile, with work to continue on the second shift when most students are gone. Tanger Center is a bit behind schedule because of roofing and flooding issues from heavy rains this summer. And, work at Canton High School continues to be sequenced until completion, much like last year at Salem.

The renovations are among the projects from the \$109 million bond issue approved by voters in 2004, with much of the work being completed earlier than scheduled.

"It's been a busy summer based on our conscious effort to escalate

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our construction schedule to take advantage of a favorable bidding climate," said Jacobs. "We remain about \$5 million under budget."

That hasn't gone unnoticed by Judy Mardigian, president of the Board of Education, who is watchful of the bidding process for each project in the district.

The 2004 bond the community gave the schools was an incredible gift because we've been able to renovate every building in the district, except those built after 2000," Mardigian said. "We've seen some wonderful improvements such as Low E glass, high energy heating systems and the creation of additional classrooms."

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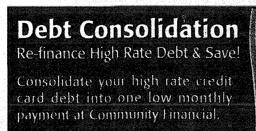


A large gymnasium hosts a full-court pickup basketball game. A climbing wall is at left. A walking/jogging track can be seen behind the banners on the far wall.

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Three suspects caught in township home invasion

The three suspects in a home invasion in Plymouth Township will be back in court this week after being arraigned Aug. 16 in 35th

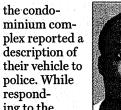
The three men - 19-yearold Christopher Cole of Detroit, 18-year-old DiAnte Andrews of Southfield

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and 17-year-old Steven Williamson of Romulus - are charged with two counts of home invasion, one count of possession of burglary tools

and two counts of larceny from a building.

The three men were nabbed after witnesses who saw them allegedly removing items from



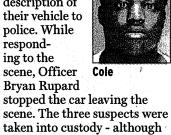


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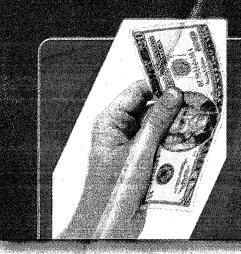
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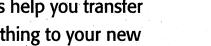
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Canton Democrat headed to Denver as Hillary delegate

BY KURT KUBAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

While much of America will be tuning in to the Democratic National Convention in front of their televisions, Canton's Brandon Hynes will be on the raucous convention floor with all the other delegates and VIPs.

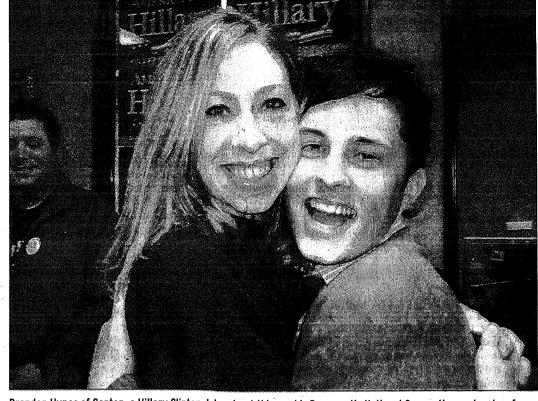
Hynes, 20, is the youngest voting delegate from Michigan. He will be among the state's 157 delegates who will attend the convention in Denver and witness the Democratic Party's coronation of Barack Obama — their presidential nominee.

However, Hynes will be attending the convention as a delegate for Hillary Clinton, who he campaigned hard for during the primary campaign. In fact, Hynes was chosen as a delegate at the recent district convention because of his unflinching support for Clinton. He said he is one of three delegates from the local 11th District (Carol Larkin and Dave Curson are the others).

The main objective of delegates, he said, is to choose a nominee, and also vote on a platform. Although he will be voting for Clinton, he said Obama will be the party's presidential nominee.

Hynes, who is currently managing the campaign of state representative candidate Dian Slavens, said the convention will be a heal-

ing endeavor for the party. "After such a contentious primary campaign, it will be a way to bring unity to the



Brandon Hynes of Canton, a Hillary Clinton delegate at this week's Democratic National Convention, gets a hug from Chelsea Clinton at a campaign stop earlier this year.

party — to bring catharsis, as Hillary said," Hynes said.

Hynes said he is excited about the convention, which will be his first. He plans to attend plenty of events, including a party Clinton is holding for all her volunteers. Hynes campaigned for her in Nevada, New Mexico and Ohio - all states she won.

"I'm just looking forward to the whole thing. It's going to be a great opportunity to meet people from all over the country and Michigan," he said.

Hynes can't wait to hear Hillary address the convention on Tuesday night, but he thinks the highlight will definitely be Obama's speech on Thursday night, which is

Have A Dream" speech.

"Barack is going to be moving, especially since it's going to be the anniversary of Dr. King's speech. It's going to be a special, historic evening. I'm just so excited to be able to be

also the 45th anniversary of part of it," he said. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I ...on the Waterfront in Algonac City Park FREE ADULT RT CLASSES

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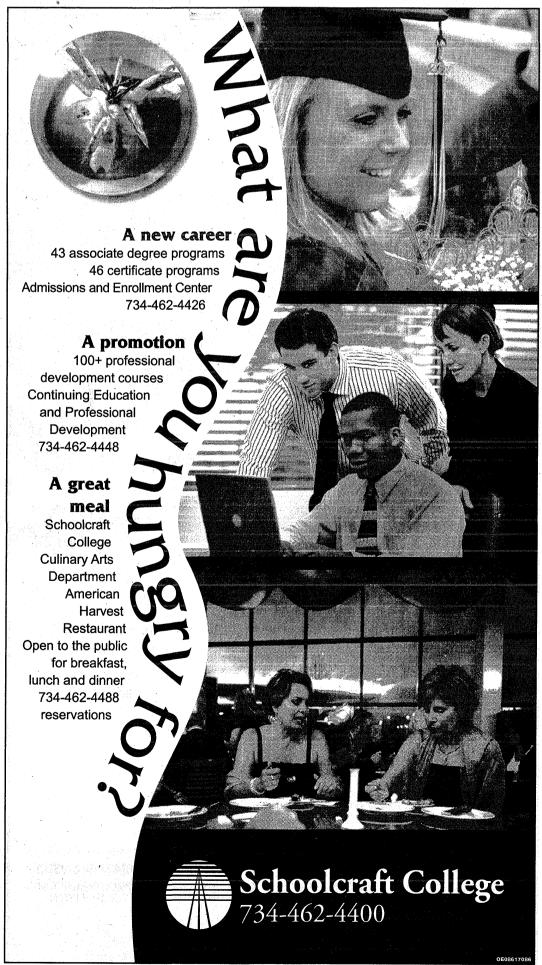
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Symphony Society meeting

The Plymouth Canton **Symphony Society conducts** its annual meeting and offers a "sneak peek" at the 2008-09 season at the Plymouth District Library 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3.

The event is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served in honor of the 10th-anniversary season for award-winning musical director and conductor Nan Washburn.

This year's "A Seasoned Celebration" will feature the music of Broadway, the music of the movies, Grieg's Piano Concerto with former Michigan artist David Syme, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and much more! The **Plymouth Canton Symphony** Orchestra is entering its 63rd season and this year will continue to feature the celebrated classics along with new compositions by American composers including a World Premiere by Michigan's own composer, James Aikman of his new work, "Tempus Fugit (Time Flies).

For tickets and more information on the Plymouth Canton Symphony's 63rd season visit their Web site www. plymouthsymphony.org

Rotary A.M. speaker

The Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. welcomes Nan Washburn, Music Director of the Plymouth Symphony, as guest speaker at its meeting 7 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the

Plymouth Cultural Center. Washburn has, among her many achievements, 17 ASCAP awards for adventuresome programming, Distinguished Service Award (New York Women Composers) and the "Women of Leadership' award from the city of West Hollywood, Calif. She is in her 10th season with the Plymouth Symphony.

All are welcome to attend the meeting.

Masters dance

Kathy King, Director of Michigan Dance Project, Denise Caston, Founder of Motor City Tap Fest and



Eagle eyes

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Five scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1537 of Plymouth — (from left) Nathan Spala, Michael Conger, Adam Schubatis, David Catalan, and Cory Hurst — attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Eagle Scout requirements include organizing and leading a community service project. Spala's project benefited the troop's charter sponsor, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. A playground, nature trail, and fire pit were created. Conger refurbished Shearer Cemetery which is one of the oldest in the Plymouth Community. Schubatis worked to improve the playground at Miller Elementary School in Canton. Catalan organized a collection of clothing and supplies for the Maternal Infant Health Program of Michigan. Hurst refurbished and rehabilitated the Miller Woods Nature Preserve in Plymouth Township.

Heather-Dawn Sipler, former member of the Broadway National Tour of 42nd Street join the master faculty of Metro Dance for a week-long Masters Dance Intensive at their Plymouth studio Aug. 25-28.

Classes are designed for advanced-level students and adults and include Latin Ballroom, Jazz, Ballet, Modern, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Hip Hop and Tap.

Registration information is available in studio and on-line at www.MetroDanceCompany. com. Contact Metro Dance Company at (734) 207-8970 or info@MetroDanceCompany.

Perennial exchange

The Trailwood Garden Club, member of Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, sponsors a community perennial exchange at the Plymouth Fall Festival 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6.

It will be located on the corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Union, at the east end of Kellogg Park. Please bring your healthy, labeled plants and exchange them for something new. Members will be available to answer questions about our club, we are always looking for new members, as well as general garden ques-

For additional information call (734) 459-7146.

Scrapbook Classes

The Salvation Army of Plymouth is looking for people who are interested in learning about the popular hobby of scrapbooking.

An "Intro to Scrapbooking" class will be taught 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, or Tuesday, Sept. 30. Anyone ages 15 and up are welcome to register, and those ages 11-14 are welcome to sign up if a parent is also registered. The cost is \$15. There are also two other scrapbook classes being offered, "Mini Albums" and "Cool Tools."

Visit www.usc.salvationarmy.org/plymouth for more information, or call Cassie at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth.

Calling All scrapbookers

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts Croptoberfest, a fund-raiser for its Coats for Kids Program, on Saturday,

Sept. 20.

Scrapbookers can come to crop all day, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., for \$35, or a half-day, either 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or 3-9 p.m., for \$20. The cost includes your own eight-foot table and all vour meals for the time you've registered for. There will also be door prizes, contests, and goodie bags avail-

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Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma **Education Society hosts its** annual juried handmade-only Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at West Middle School in Plymouth.

Organizers are expecting some 1,500 customers for the show, which also features food

and drawings. For more information, call Sandy Downs at (734) 340-4229 or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE 716@COMCAST.

Barefoot auditions

Barefoot Productions of Plymouth announces auditions for its next production, Playing With Fire (after Frankenstein)," a play by Barbara Field, with performance dates Oct. 23 to Nov. 2.

Auditions are 7-9 p.m. Aug. 25 and Aug. 26 at the old Walker/Buzenberg furniture store, 240 N. Main in Plymouth.

Barefoot officials say the

production "is a faithful and stunning adaptation of Mary Shelley's Gothic Horror Novel, 'Frankenstein." Roles are available for four males (ages 19-25), one female (age 19-25) and one male (age 40-60). Auditioners should bring headshot, resume and a prepared monologue (if available.

For more information contact director Craig A. Hane at (734) 582-9688 or write Admin@justgobarefoot.com

Tiny Tots Preschool

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool is still accepting registrations for two classes this fall. There are openings for 3-year-olds in a Tuesday/ Thursday morning class, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. There are also openings for 4 year olds in a Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45

Tuition for either class is \$95 a month, plus a one time \$35 registration fee. Classes begin the week of Sept. 8. Visit www. usc.salvationarmy.org/plymouthfor more information, or call Sheila at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Senior Fest picnic

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts its 23rd annual "Senior Fest Picnic" 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, at Waterford Bend Park, located at 6 Mile and Northville Road.

Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 8 at the PCCA office. (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236. Tickets are \$6 for PCCA members, \$7 for non-members and guests, and include box lunch from Lee's Famous Chicken in Plymouth, entertainment and For free transportation call

Senior Transportation at (734) 459-8888

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors an eight-week grief workshop, "From Grief to New Hope," beginning Sept. 8. This free workshop is

open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar

The workshop will meet 7-8:45 p.m. for eight consecutive Monday nights at Ward Church, located at 6 Mile and Haggerty in Northville. For registration information call Barb at Ward Presbyterian Church at (248) 374-5943. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115.

Lotsa Helping Hands

Officials have announced Lotsa Helping Hands, a network of volunteers through Plymouth First United Methodist Church. Plymouth First United Methodist Church, located at 45201 North Territorial in Plymouth. is providing a matching service, through LHH, of community needs and volunteers.

Having volunteers available to deliver meals, run errands to pharmacy & grocery stores, drive a person to chemo or doctor's office, or offering a simple act of kindness is worth more than words can say. Other non-medical services include, but are not limited to, helping children with their homework, providing daily check-in for homebound recipients, assisting new moms with childcare for older children, prayer requests and English as a second language (free) starting in October (first 20 applicants).

LLH is serving Plymouth City residents at this time and plan to expand to Plymouth Township and Canton within the next few months. Anyone needing the service or knowing someone who needs it - or businesses wishing to sponsor - can e-mail helping-hands@com-

Exhibitors wanted

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters is hosting its Holiday Arts and Crafts Ensemble 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22. Exhibitors who hand-craft their own items are invited to submit an application to exhibit at the fundraising event to be held at Plymouth High School in Canton. The juried art event is produced twice each year by the PCMB to assist the music programs at the Plymouth-Canton Education

Artists and crafters who are interested in applying for consideration to exhibit should visit www.pcmb.net/artcraft to download an application and submit with photos by Sept. 1. Only 100 exhibitors will be permitted to exhibit at this artistic event. Over the last four years, over 6,000 attendees have visited the PCMR Arts Ensemble.

Plymouth High School is located at 8400 Beck Road in Canton. In addition to over 100 exhibits, there will be food, a raffle, and entertainment by local musicians and artists throughout the day. Admission is \$2.

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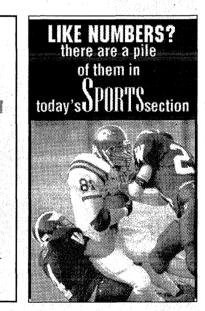
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the market, and the property would remain abandoned."

Plymouth Mayor Phil Pursell said having a YMCA in Plymouth would be a plus for the city, however ...

"It takes a lot of work and money for those great ideas to come to fruition," said Pursell. "If the city does choose to participate by a vote of the commission, that will lower (YMCA membership) rates for Plymouth residents.

"There's not too much in the city fitness-wise we can look to, but how much you want to put up for that is another question," he said.

Scott Landry, executive vice president of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, said as the major tenant the Y is waiting for figures from Griffin to decide how much it will cost to least the building, and where the money will come from.

We're now at a point where this project is looking more real, and from this point

forward we'll start talking money," said Landry. "Does the city want to put up capital to pay for a pool, or do they want to put up operating money by underwriting memberships?'

Landry said it's not unusual for communities to contribute money. In give-back by the Y could be discounted memberships for city residents, or allowing the pool — for a nominal cost — to be open to the public during specific hours during the week.

As Wayne County considers its financial commitment to a Plymouth YMCA, it wouldn't be the first time the county and Y have crossed paths.

"The Southgate outdoor pool (at the YMCA) is a county pool and we manage it under contract, and we also manage Chandler Park in Detroit," said Landry. "We don't have confirmation they will be part of this project ... but, they expressed an extreme willingness to work with (Griffin) to make it work.

"It could be a fabulous collaboration if we can pull it off," he said.



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Dr. Yasser Awaad is a pediatric neurologist who was employed by Oakwood Healthcare, Inc. until 2007. Since Dr. Awaad left Oakwood, the law offices of Benner & Foran have been retained by a large number of parents who believe their children were misdiagnosed with epilepsy and/or seizures by Dr. Awaad. If you think your child or children may have been misdiagnosed with epilepsy/seizures by Dr. Yasser Awaad, please contact the law offices of Benner & Foran for a free, no obligation consultation.

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Plymouth-Canton teacher Maria Dismondy wrote a book about Lucy, who she says represents any child of the past, present or future who has been teased or bullied for being



Teacher's book based on life experiences

BY KELLY MURAD STAFF WRITER

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own childhood experiences to pen the book she hopes will empower children.

"My mom actually gave us spaghetti in a hot dog bun and we were teased about it, and I was always teased about my big hair," she said. "(The book) is really about having the courage to be who you are. Instead of changing who she is, Lucy continues to be herself. She's kind of like a little Punky Brewster."

As a second-grade teacher in the Plymouth-Canton School District, Dismondy inspires kids in the classroom every day, but she wanted to do more.

"As a teacher I reach 25 kids a year, but I wanted to reach more," she said.

"I'm going on my eighth year of teaching and I know children struggle with this all the time. I'm really excited to get the message out to children."

Although this is the first book Dismondy has published, she already has ideas for the second.

"I'd like to do another book about the same concept of bullying," she said.

"I'd love it to be a series because I think she's (Lucy) such a great character." Even though it didn't take Dismondy long to write the book, it took about a year before it was picked up by Northvillebased Nelson Publishing and Marketing.

"I'm very wordy, so (the book) started off 1,900 words," Dismondy said. "It was cut down to half of that. You want to paint a picture, but I learned it was better to show through the illustrations than tell with the words."

And thanks to the talents of Plymouth resident Kimberly Shaw-Peterson, the colorful illustrations do just that.

The official launch of Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun was Aug. 16. The book is available for \$9.95 at Barnes and Noble, Borders, Amazon.com and www.mariadismondy. com.

Dismondy dedicated the book to her husband of three years, Dave.

"He was such a big supporter," she said. "He comes to all my meetings, he's my financial advisor."

Dismondy will be at Biggby Coffee, at 31208 Beck Road, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 13.

For more information or a list of upcoming events visit www.mariadismondy.com.

Fall Festival seeks crafters and cars

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for its Craft Show that takes place during the Fall Festival Sept.

Once again, the craft show will be on Union Street. Tenby-ten foot spots will be \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Applications are available to download at www. plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information, call Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614.

CAR SHOW

Registrations are also being taken for the annual Antique Car show (1978 and older) that takes place during the Fall Festival (Sept. 6-7). This year, festival officials are bringing back the pre-registration cruise night Friday, Sept. 5, beginning at 6 p.m.

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No meeting planned to resolve county budget dispute

BY HUGH GALLAGHER **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

A heated dispute between Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Sheriff Warren Evans over a proposed 10-percent cut in the sheriff's budget may have to wait until after the Democratic National Convention to be resolved.

Evans said Friday that many county officials and staff members are attending the convention that begins Monday in Denver. He said he didn't expect any resolution on the budget until after the convention ends Thursday. He said he would not be attending the convention.

Ficano has proposed 10-percent cuts for all county departments. He is proposing a \$17 million cut in the sheriff's budget. Evans said that the cuts would force the closing of the Dickerson jail in Hamtramck and the layoff of 300 deputies.

The Wayne County Commission was scheduled to vote on the 2008-09 budget Thursday, but Wednesday the Ways and Means Committee voted to delay action so that Evans and Ficano could work out their differences. The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

'We need County Executive Ficano and Sheriff Evans to sit down together and work this out," said Commissioner Bernard Parker, who chairs Ways and Means. "Their individual staff members have been meeting on the budget for several weeks to no avail. Now it is time for the chief elected officials — Mr. Ficano and Mr. Evans — to resolve this situation."

The county is facing a \$34 million budget shortfall.

On Tuesday, Evans sent a press release proposing a change in the way medical services are provided at the jail. The sheriff said Wayne County spends about \$21 million to provide medical services to a daily population of 2,500 inmates, while Oakland County will spend only \$8 million to care for its population of 1,800 inmates.

The difference, according to the sheriff, is that Oakland County was able to negotiate a rate lower than Medicaid for prisoners and has a "lockdown" ward at a local hospital for

Based on the average cost per prisoner, the CEO is overpaying for inmate medical services by \$10 million. If Mr. Ficano will commit to following the Oakland County example, he can save a major portion of the funding needed to keep our jail open and keep 18,000 prisoners over the course of a vear locked up," Evans said in the release.

On Friday, Evans said this is not a new proposal, but he never got "much response" from Ficano's staff when it was offered.

Vanessa Denha, speaking for Ficano's office, said Friday they have yet to see the sheriff's proposal.

"He continues to negotiate his budget via the media, which does not work for us," she said. "It is a bad way to do business. It is difficult to comment on something he has not shared with us and we have only read about in the media. He has to find ways where he can cut in his department."

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

On Monday, Azzam Elder, deputy county executive, said there were many areas where Evans could cut his \$131 million budget by focusing on his primary responsibilities for the jails, courts and county parks. He said other activities by the

sheriff are not mandated.

"Regrettably, we are in a difficult economy," Elder said. "It you look at the general fund budget, we are spending 75 percent on the sheriff, the courts and juvenile justice. We cannot manage without cutting the sheriff."

Evans said Friday that the other programs of the sheriff's department do not significantly affect the budget.

"They wish I would get out of police work, but it is jail and the courts where cuts have to be made to get to that \$17 million. What is the point of nibbling around the edges?" he

Elder suggested that Evans could close a police academy at Wayne County Community College and send his deputies to Schoolcraft College.

Evans said he didn't start the police academy, which has been in operation 20 years, and that its operations are not paid from the general fund.

"The cost is in replacing the 30-35 officers who have to attend," he said. He said moving to Schoolcraft wouldn't change that.

Elder said the sheriff's department has added 120

officers over the last four years. He also said the mounted unit has gone from 18 horses to 22 horses.

"He says he gets the money from private sources, but every horse has to have a deputy on it," Elder said.

Evans said the extra police officers are paid from grants and other sources outside of the general fund.

On the mounted unit, he said, "A bale of hay is not going to save \$17 million. They want me to stick to the jails and parks, but the mounted unit is the park patrol."

He said Ficano's office has asked for the services of the mounted unit 12 times this year. He said related costs are covered by private contribu-

"His priority is all the police activity he does and it's all extracurricular," Elder said. "Managing a jail is not sexy, but that is his main responsi-

bility." Evans' response is, "If it doesn't affect the general fund, why would they care?"

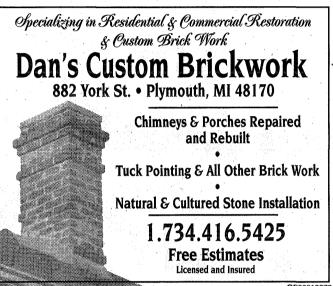
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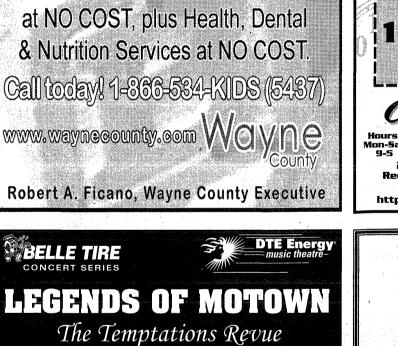


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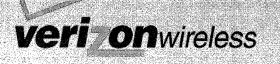
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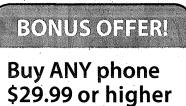


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Because locally produced food is fresher, it lasts longer and doesn't turn moldy before you have a chance to eat it. According to Local Harvest, an organic and local food Web site, most produce in the United States is picked four to seven days before being placed on supermarket shelves, and is shipped for an average of 1,500 miles before being sold.

Besides lasting longer, local produce can be healthier. Some of the nutrients in some produce diminish after it is picked. Shopping at the farmers market usually shortens the time between picking and eating so the food has more of what your body needs. And, locally grown produce almost always tastes

Shopping at farmers markets also keeps money circulating locally. Says Dr. Susan Smalley, director of the C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at Michigan State University: "If you spend a dollar at the farmers market with a local farmer, he or she will invest some of that dollar back into the farming operation — helping to pay the mortgage, perhaps at a local bank, paying local people who work on the farm, purchasing gas for the tractor locally, etc. Some of your dollar will hopefully be profit — profit that provides the farm family with its income and keeps the land in farming. If you spend a dollar on food in the supermarket, only about 20 cents on average makes it back to the farmer.

For your health and the health of the local economy, enjoy produce this fall from these area farmers markets.

Royal Oak — The Farmers Market in Royal Oak, owned and operated by the city of Royal Oak, is open weekends all year and additional days May through December. The market is at 316 E. 11 Mile Road two blocks east of Main Street. Hours are 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Southfield — The Southfield Farmers Market, sponsored by the Cornerstone Development Authority and Providence Hospital, will be held 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Thursday through Oct. 30 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, across the street from Northland Center.

Farmington — The Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 25 at the Walter Sundquist Pavilion on Grand River, east of Farmington Road, in downtown Farmington.

Livonia — The Livonia Farmers Market, operated by Friends of Wilson Barn, is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 11 at the Wilson Barn on the northeast corner of West Chicago and Middlebelt.

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Canton — The historic Bartlett-Travis property in Cherry Hill Village, which includes an old house and restored barn, is the site of the Canton Farmers Market every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 26. The weekly event features entertainment, as well as vendors.

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Why object to FOIA?

I'm surprised Jerry Vorva is shocked by a Freedom of Information Act request of his background information considering what his own Republican cronies did only two years ago to its own candidate for this

Was he outraged by the way Republican Beth Stewart was maliciously attacked by the Republican machinery in Plymouth that systematically set out to destroy her fine reputation with grossly exaggerated, almost career-destroying allegations of wrongdoing, just so their Republican candidate could win the primary?

"You'll get over it!" they told her. These people must have taken lessons from Karl Rove's bag of dirty tricks, then they said she'd get over it! Well, Jerry Vorva will likely get over it, too, though I've not seen any dirty tricks yet, only a request for already publicly held information.

I don't understand why he objects to a formal request for information that he already apparently made public years ago. As a former police officer he must know our democracy allows the public to obtain public information. If he doesn't he has no right to expect the fine citizens of Plymouth to elect him to a job as its representative. Get over it, Mr. Vorva!

Persons in the Republican Party, his own party, tried to destroy Republican Beth Stewart's career and besmirch her good reputation, only to tell her afterwards to "get over it." Maybe she did not get elected and she and the museum, her life's work, are still trying to recover from the damage they sustained by the nasty allegations and shenanigans of her Republican brothers, but they are finally getting over it.

Mr. Vorva should know that what goes around comes around, as they say. He should get over it! If he doesn't like the roller coaster ride he's currently on he should get off now.

He complained about releasing already oublicly released information. His strongly worded objection might lead this relatively naïve reader to delve more deeply

into this old information. If he fears its re-release, what don't we naïve readers

LETTERS

Perhaps we should all read it before we decide whom to vote for in November. How can we have "a full and open debate" if we don't have "full and open" disclosure of all information that might be relevant? Public employees, as I was for my entire career, are subject to more scrutiny than privately employed persons. If there are no hidden issues relevant to his campaign isn't he wasting time objecting to the FOIA request? Why does he object to anyone gathering information legally available to all U.S. citizens?

This request is not unlike a title search one does when contemplating the purchase of real estate. As Mr. Vorva should know, no reputable Realtor would recommend a property purchase without doing a title search. If there is nothing to hide, a seller should never object to a title search. You would never recommend to customers that they purchase property without a title search, would you? So why would Mr. Vorva object to information that is already a matter of public record?

Give me a break!

Sally Fedus Plymouth

Ready to lead?

I write to add my two cents on John McCain's TV advertising campaign. I watch his TV ads criticizing Barack Obama. Unfortunately, all that I can see now is a man who can not even take on Paris Hilton. John McCain always concludes his TV spots saying that Barack Obama is not ready to lead. Well, I just don't think a man who loses in the battle of wits with Paris Hilton is ready to lead America either.

I mean does John McCain really think Barack Obama is responsible for high priced gasoline? When two oilmen, George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, took residence in the White House, gasoline cost \$1.56 per gallon. It is quite a bit higher. I think George W. Bush and his

followers, like Joe Knollenberg, are more responsible for the high price of gasoline.

Farmington Separate church and state

The new "reality" show starring Rick Warren and the presumptive nominees for president of the United States appeared under the illusion/assumption the American public needs and wants this type of TV program. It featured McCain pandering to the Religious Right with Obama convincing viewers he is Christian. The crack in the wall separating church and state is widening.

McCain stated the U.S. was founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs. This is false. Adams, Jefferson, Madison and other founding fathers designed the Constitution as a secularist document. The Constitution guarantees freedom of religion as well as freedom from religion. James Madison, Father of the Constitution, said, "The number, the industry, and the morality of the Priesthood, & the devotion of the people have been manifestly increased by the total separation of the Church from the State." A visiting professor of religion and public policy at Wake Forest University Divinity School has stated, "If it is to be a spiritual force, religion must always transcend partisan politics." "... when the government acts, it must do so in ways that promote the common good rather than any narrow religious end. Religious and nonreligious people can and should work together for the common good. Partisan politics poses many more risks for the integrity of religion.

We have endured eight years of the intrusion of theocratic ideas into governmental policies. The devastating results of U.S. involvement in the religion-based civil war in Iraq and other parts of the Middle East continue and worsen. It is time for non-Christians, secularists, atheists, agnostics, humanists and reasonable people of faith to say, "Enough."

Hannah Provence Donigan

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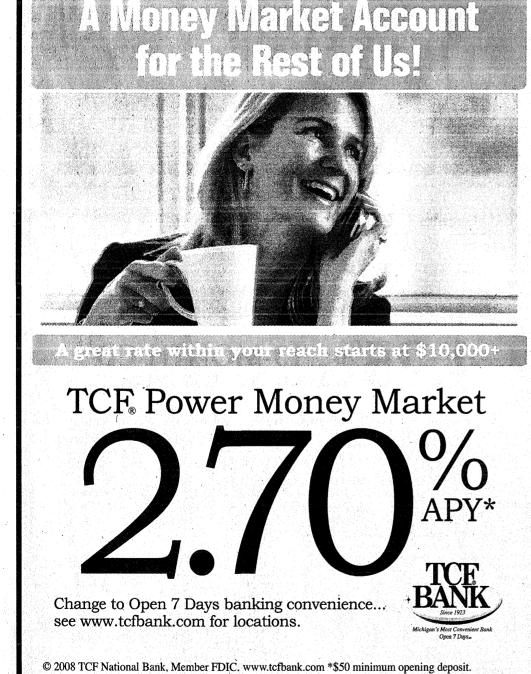
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Detroit Shock a winner to Orchards foster kids

BY SUSAN STEINMUELLER STAFF WRITER

Eric Robertson, 8, had no trouble answering when asked whether it was more exciting to get a new school backpack stuffed with supplies or to meet and make a few free throws with Detroit Shock players.

"Meeting the Shocks and playing basketball," said Robertson, of Detroit, still bouncing a basketball on the makeshift court outside of Orchard Children's Services on a sunny Wednesday morning in Southfield.

Nevertheless, he knew the importance of the school supplies, donated by the professional women's basketball

"I'm looking forward to going to college and being a Piston and meeting the Shocks - the whole team, not just a few of them," he said.

Robertson was one of the foster care facility's clients who turned out for its annual Backpack Day.

It included a Women's National Basketball Association "fit clinic" with activities hosted by Year Round Hoops Director Aaron Smith; and hotdogs, fruit, vegetables, ice cream and pop.

Giving back

Shock player Taj McWilliams-Franklin, who attended with team member Deanna Nolan, said she finds it rewarding to give back.

"I love doing this. I love kids," she said.

The mom of three and Auburn Hills resident added "I know the challenge and importance of back- to- school shopping and how expensive it

They had earlier shopped for the backpacks, along with team member Elaine Powell. They were bought at a discount



Shock players Taj McWilliams-Franklin, left, and Deanna Nolan unpack backpacks for donation Wednesday.

at Meijer, the Shock's presenting sponsor.

The Shock is currently on a break as team member Katie Smith goes for Olympic gold in China as a member of the U.S. women's basketball team.

Jamie Murdoch, Shock community relations assistant, said the donation of 240 backpacks will ease the budget for foster parents in a tough economic year when even school supplies cost more. Murdoch said according to a recent survey, parents spend \$600 on supplies for returning K-12 students and one-fifth of parents are using some of their economic stimulus check to pay for them.

Role models

It's the first year the Shock has hosted the agency's backpack day, although they've worked with them in other

Michael Williams, president and CEO of Orchards, said "grateful is an understate-

"The Shock players understand the value of education and show it by providing our children and families with the necessary tools to start the year on a positive note," he said.

Among parents attending were Brenda Perrin, of Taylor, with her two adopted daughters, Kidesia, 14, and Kimberly, 17. and foster daughter Porshe Moss, 17. Perrin said the backpack received for Moss is a big help.

She also praised the Shock saying, "They are showing children that whatever they accomplish, they must give back to the community.

Shirley Davis, 54, of Detroit, said she was touched with Orchards' invitation to the basketball event, as she has transitioned from being a foster mom to the adoptive mom of eight daughters, ages 9 to 16. She is also the mom of four grown biological children and multiple grandchildren.

Her daughters were not eligible for backpacks, but they love the Shock team; They were all having a wonderful time, she said.

"I think the world of Orchards," added Davis.

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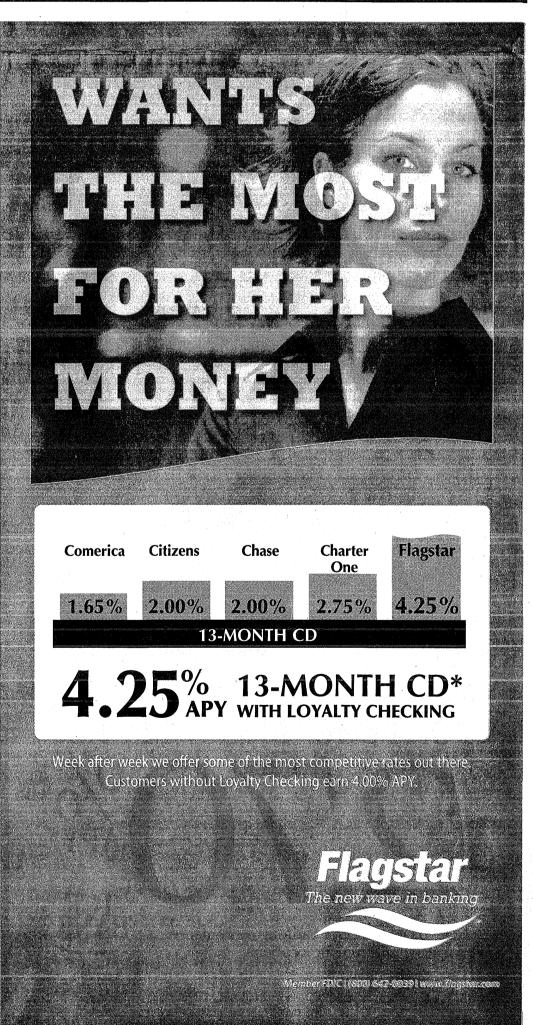
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Plymouth YMCA fall sports

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall sports programs, which are filled on a first come-first

Fall soccer leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Practices begin the week of Sept. 15 and games start

There is one practice a week and one game a week. The cost is \$63 for members and \$95 for community members, and all participants need a YMCA Youth Sports reversible jersey, which

Girls Volleyball leagues are forming for children between the ages of 8 and 11. Practices begin the week of Sept. 15 and games start Friday, Sept. 19. There is one practice a week and one game a week. The cost is \$65 for YMCA members and \$97 for community members, and all participants will need to purchase a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey for

Volunteers, referees and anyone else needing more information can call (734) 453-2904.

Alumni soccer

All former Salem and Canton boys soccer players are invited to participate in the annual "Alumni Game" on Saturday,

The alumni game will follow the Rocks and Chiefs varsity game, which is set to

Former Salem players interested in playing should call Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846. Former Canton players should contact George Tomasso at (734) 812-2290.

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Canton's Allison Schmitt wears her bronze medal as she displays a USA Olympic flag that is decorated with signatures of her fellow U.S. swim team members. She was part of the U.S. women's team that took third place in the 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay. Schmitt returned to Canton Monday following a 13-hour flight from China.

Bronze medal, golden memories

Olympic experience 'Like a dream come true' for Canton's Schmitt

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

She posed for snapshots with LeBron, Kobe and George W. — all within the span of a few days.

She loosened her muscles in the same Olympic warm-up pool as swimming icons Michael Phelps and Darra Torres, both of whom she calls not only teammates, but good friends.

And to give you an idea how crazy wonderful last week was for Allison Schmitt, all of the above didn't even come close to claiming the No. 1 spot on her list of personal highlights.

When you win an Olympic medal, everything else comes in a distant sec-

Hollywood has produced feature films that have had far less excitement than what the 18-year-old Canton resident soaked in last week at the Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

The epic experience that included meeting basketball royalty (LeBron James and Kobe Bryant) and the most powerful man in the free world (President Bush) was elegantly capped when she earned a bronze medal as part of the U.S. women's 4 x 200 freestyle

relay team. "The whole week was an amazing experience," Schmitt recounted Wednesday afternoon while sitting at



Allison Schmitt holds her bronze medal alongside the USA Olympic flag that holds the signatures of all of her U.S. swim team members.

"When we were standing on the podi-

um for the medal ceremony, I couldn't

stop smiling. It was like a dream come

true. I still don't really believe it all. It

very special."

was so cool just to be able to participate

in the Olympics. To get a medal, too, was

the dining room table of her family's Canton home. "I will cherish every

moment of it for the rest of my life.





Schmitt is pictured with Kobe Bryant during a break at last week's Summer Olympics in Beijing. China. Bryant was a frequent spectator at the swimming events.

Home, sweet home

Schmitt left the Olympics last Sunday so that she could spend a few days with her family before she departs for the University of Georgia, where she'll be a freshman member of the Bulldogs' women's swimming team this fall.

"I've been gone for over two straight months, so it's definitely good to be home," said Schmitt. "I had mixed emotions when I left Beijing though because my teammates became like family to me. I'm going to miss being around them every day."

Over the past several weeks, Schmitt has gotten an opportunity to see a side of legends Phelps and Torres that the general public rarely gets to see.

Please see GOLDEN, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth senior quarterback Matt Skubik unleashes a pass during a two-a-day practice last week. Skubick was instrumental last season when the Wildcats advanced to the playoffs for the second time in the past three years.

Poised to strike

Speedy Wildcats look to reach 'next level'

BY ED WRIGHT OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The last time we saw Plymouth's football team in action, the Wildcats were giving Livonia Stevenson all it could handle before losing, 26-20, in a 2007 first-round playoff game.

The last time we saw Livonia Stevenson in action, the Spartans were playing in the 2007 Division 1 state title game -afact that reveals all you need to know about the direction Plymouth's up-and-coming program is headed.

Stocked with dazzling overall team speed and a number of returning starters at critical positions, the Wildcats are poised to reach the destination that is printed on the back of their official T-shirts: the "Next

"We're way ahead of where we were last year at this time," said second-year Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk. "Last year, the kids had to get used to a new system

and a new coaching staff. This year, they're a lot further along and they're more comfortable with what they're doing.

"Our strength is our team speed. We're fast on both sides of the ball, but especially on defense. Our defense has been swarming to the ball."

The Wildcats will be led this fall by senior Ronnie Goble, a two-way standout who is being recruited by several Division 1 college programs, Sawchuk said. The linebacker/tight end is a punishing blocker and tackler who also possesses advanced receiving skills.

"Michigan State and a lot of the MAC schools are looking at Ronnie," said Sawchuk. "He's 6-3, 225, and he power cleans 320 pounds. He likes to hit and he's a dependable receiver, too."

Goble will be the primary target of senior quarterback Matt Skubik, who gained valuable starting experience in 2007.

Please see 'CATS, B2

ALL ABOUT THE 'CATS

Head coach: Mike Sawchuk; 2007 record: 6-4 Returning starters: 15; **Key returners**: Ronnie Goble, Sr. TE/LB; Matt Skubik, Sr. QB; Terrance Guthridge, RB/DB; Connor McKinney, Sr. WR/DB; Connor Martin, Sr. LB; Darrell Cohn, Jr. DL;

Coach's outlook: "We're way ahead of where we were last year at this time. Our strength is our team speed. We're fast on both sides of the ball, but especially on defense." 2008 SCHEDULE

(all games start at 7 p.m.) Thursday, Aug. 28 - SALEM Friday, Sept. 5 - BRIGHTON Friday, Sept. 12 - @ Canton Friday, Sept. 19 - WAYNE Friday, Sept. 26 - @ Churchill Friday, Oct. 3 - JOHN GLENN Friday, Oct. 10 - @ Franklin Friday, Oct. 17 - CROSSOVER Friday, Oct. 24 - @ Romulus

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"Matt's a gamer," said Sawchuk. "He might not look real great in practice every day, but when he gets in the games, he gets it done. He's a great competitor — the kind of kid vou want playing quarterback for you."

Skubik will be backed up by junior Ryan Barrera, who Sawchuk described as having "a cannon for an arm.'

The bulk of the Wildcats' ground-game responsibilities will be handled by senior speedburner Terrance Guthridge, who displayed flashes of brilliance as a junior.

"He's bigger and faster than he was last year and he was very fast last year," said Sawchuk.

Junior Thomas Whitlow is expected to get an ample number of carries, too, in relief of Guthridge.

If there's a question mark on the Wildcats' roster it's their young and relatively inexperienced offensive line, which returns just one starter from last

"If our young linemen step up, we'll be pretty good," said Sawchuk. "Up to now, they've been doing an awesome job -Icouldn't ask for much more."

The 'Cats' O-line will be anchored by its lone returning starter — junior Jordon Birman, who should also see time on the defensive side of the ball.

Others who will be paving the way for the team's fleet of fleetfooted backs will be senior Jacob Gilbert, junior Keith Choma, junior Chris Belanger, junior Matt Priebe and sophomore Brennen Bever.

Joining Goble on the receiving

'Matt's a gamer. He might not look real great in practice every day, but when he gets in the games, he gets it done. He's a great competitor - the kind of kid you want playing quarterback for you.' MIKE SAWCHUK, Wildcats head coach

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end of Skubik's aerials will be Alex Minch — who hauled in a long TD pass in last year's playoff loss to Stevenson — senior Connor McKinney and senior Zach Hamed.

When the offense stalls inside the opponents' 30-yard line, Sawchuk won't hesitate to send in sophomore kicker Kyle Brindza.

Kyle is one of our biggest weapons," Sawchuk emphasized. "He's been kicking the ball through the end zone on kick offs and he can kick field goals from 50 yards and in.

"When he went to the University of Michigan kicking camp this summer, he was the only underclassmen (Rich) Rodrieguez kept after to talk to."

A pair of defense-only linemen - junior Darrell Cohn and Joshua Kruger — will spearhead the Wildcats' defense. Cohn was a force as a sophomore last fall. The team's line-backing crew

Martin and senior Travis Mewton, all of whom started last year. The secondary also returns intact led by free safety Mike

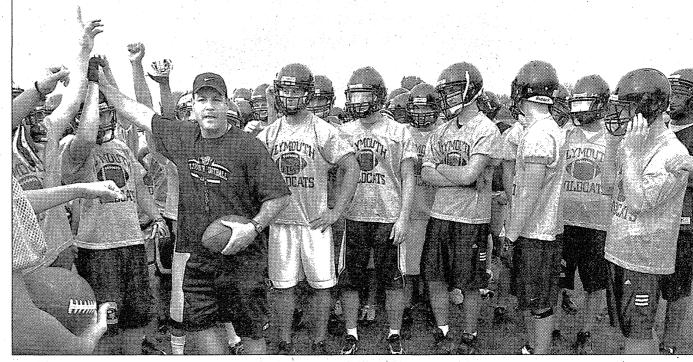
will be led by Goble, senior Connor

Rose, strong safety Matt Rosochacki and cornerbacks Kelly Waite and Guthridge. Plymouth opens its 2008 slate on Thursday when it hosts cross-

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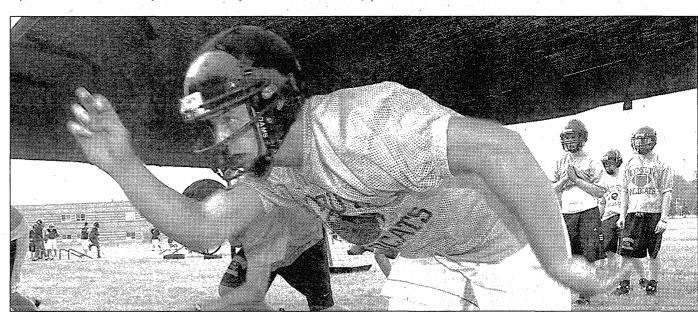
campus rival Salem at 7 p.m. at

the PCEP varsity stadium.



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Plymouth coach Mike Sawchuk gathers his team together toward the end of a practice last week.



Plymouth senior Ronnie Goble, pictured running under an agility tent during a two-a-day practice last week, is being recruited by several Division 1 college football programs.

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Friday, Aug. 29
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Madonna vs. Ashford, noon.
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Saturday, Aug. 30
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MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

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Schoolcraft at Kellogg CC, 4 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29

Madonna at Point Loma (Calif.), 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 30

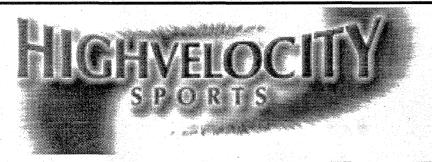
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Wednesday and Thursday will
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public. Both days' scrimmages will
run from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Camp will conclude on Friday with a 10 a.m. on-ice practice that is open to the public.

The Whalers will play their first pre-season game Saturday at 2 p.m. against the Windsor Spitfires. Plymouth opens the regular season on Friday, Sept. 19, in Kitchener. The home opener is

the following night against Erie. Tickets for all Whalers home games can be purchased at the Compuware Arena Box Office by calling (734) 453-8400.

The Whalers, who finished 34-28-2-4 last season, bring back a full roster for the 08-09 campaign, including local players Jeremy Smith (Brownstown), Josh Bemis (Clarkston), R.J. Mahalak (Monroe), Beau Schmitz (Howell), A.J. Jenks (Wolverine Lake), Tyler J. Brown (Westland), Mike Yovanic (Highland), Austin Levi (Farmington Hills), D.J. Hastings (Grosse Ile), Brendan McLeskey (Pinckney), Myles McCauley (Sterling Heights) and Ali Dakroub (Dearborn).

COLDEN

"I've been teammates with Michael on Club Wolverine since December, so we've become pretty good friends," she said, referring to the winner of a record-setting eight gold medals. "He's just like a normal person out of the pool. He's a lot of fun. We tease each other a lot and joke around.

"Darra's a lot of fun, too," she said of Torres, who won three silver medals at the age of 41. "She doesn't act like she's 41; she acts like she's our age.

"She knows how to get ready for a race. But she knows how to have fun and laugh, too."

Star-studded fans

Schmitt said the members of the U.S. men's basketball team were regulars at the Water Cube, the site of the Olympic swimming events.

"We got a chance to meet the whole team, which was pretty cool," she said. "They were very nice, very friendly. They probably came to four or five sessions, so they really got into swimming."

Schmitt barely missed an opportunity to double her medal total when she failed to qualify for the 200-meter freestyle finals by one-hundredth of a second.

"I was disappointed, but I wasn't devastated," she said. "I made it to the semifinals, so I couldn't complain. Plus, I had one more race to go (the 800-meter freestyle relay), so I had to get prepared for that."

Schmitt's life has definitely slowed down a notch or two since she returned to Canton, but it hasn't come to a complete halt. She's attended a string of ceremonies on her behalf, including stops at Xerox in Southfield, where her father Ralph works, and at Ford Motor Company in Dearborn, where her mom Gail is employed.

On Thursday evening — the night before she leaves for Athens, Ga. — she'll be honored at halftime of the Canton-Brighton high school football game that is being played at the PCEP junior varsity field, which is located just south of Plymouth High School

Plymouth High School.
Schmitt said she's already motivated to improve upon her performance at the next Summer Olympics, set for 2012 in London.

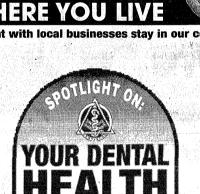
"Seeing what my teammates did in Beijing and watching Michael win eight gold medals, it really was a great feeling watching it all," she said. "I definitely want to work hard and get back to the Olympics and, hopefully, win gold in 2012."

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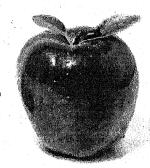
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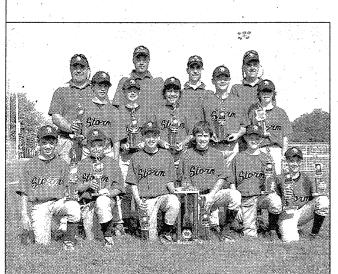
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Storm front

The Canton Storm 11U tournament team captured the Royal Oak Invitational earlier this month when it defeated the Oakland Raiders, 7-6, in the title game. The Storm went unbeaten in the four-day event. Pictured (front row from left) are Alex Zoltowski, Mike Noe, Josh Hejka, Kyle Bauer, Pete Carravallah, Matt Bocketti, (second row from left) Dante Toppi, Colin Staub, Ryan Watson, Tyler Brooks, Ty Robinson, (back row from left) coach Mike Noe, coach Pat Watson, coach Todd Robinson and coach Bryan Staub.

Ladywood's Gorski moving on to Concordia

Blazers' head coach.

Cannon went 4-17 in his

Cannon said. "Sal called me

"It happened pretty quickly,"

only season at Stevenson.

and asked me if I'd like to

come back. For me it was a

difficult decision because I

had a good relationship with

the people at Stevenson. The

kids are fabulous, Lori Hyman

(athletic director) was a great

boss, and they allowed me the

"But the way it came down,

dream job. I was part of build-

ing the program under Andrea

and it made sense for me per-

Malek, meanwhile, is con-

"I'm delighted for Andrea,

she did a great job developing

Pat will do a great job. He was

there for 10 years as both a JV

our program," he said. "And

fident there will be a smooth

this (Ladywood) was my

space to grow.

transition.

BY BRAD EMONS OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Andrea Gorski, who had been fixture as the varsity girls basketball coach the past 12 years at Livonia Ladywood, is moving on to the collegiate

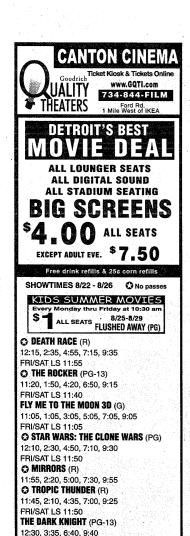
In a surprise move, Gorski stepped down as the Blazers' coach last month to take the women's head coaching position at Concordia University where she will succeed Joshua Steffen, who left for a similar job at Concordia (Ill.)-Chicago after posting a 14-17 mark in 2007-08.

Gorski guided Ladywood to an overall record of 184-99, including a 20-4 mark last winter, to go along with 11 district and two Catholic League A-B Division titles.

The former Bradley University (Ill.) standout guard and Dearborn Divine Child High grad will also work coach and Andrea's assistant." at Concordia as an assistant sports information director after leaving her marketing position with Valassis Corp. of

"It was very hard to leave Ladywood because I've been there 12 years and I loved it there," she said. "But I'm excited about the new challenge and a full-time opportunity to be working in athletics. And it's a chance to coach kids at the collegiate level and it's good fit for me. I'm anxious to build a program, get more kids in there and promote the

school. In a related move, Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek announced that former Gorski assistant Pat Cannon, who spent the past season as the varsity coach at Livonia Stevenson, will return as the



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BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Madonna University's men's soccer team would love it if the 2008 season went full circle.

If it does, the Crusaders will happily make two trips to California. Madonna will open the schedule this weekend with three matches in San Diego. But should the Crusaders make the NAIA national tournament for the second year in a row, they will competing for all the marbles in Fresno.

That scenario would be more than fine with Madonna head coach Timo Scicluna — the 2007 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference coach of the year after guiding the Crusaders to a title (14-4-2 overall, 10-1-1 in the WHAC). But he is only concerned about getting the current team up and running for the conference matches that begin Sept. 13 at

'We're using California as preparation for our regular sea-

son," said Scicluna late last week. "I'm looking to get as many guys healthy and get all our guys ready to go."

Scicluna knows from the get-go that the Crusaders' lineup is going to have somewhat of a makeover after losing several key players.

Goalkeeper Kristofer Lyons, defender Darrel Quinn and midfielder T.J. Djokic all graduated and dangerous goal scorer Makesi Lewis (a team-leading 11 goals) left the college.

Making up for the offense provided by Lewis will be one of the challenges facing Scicluna and his staff, but it's an issue he's dealt with before.

"No question that we're losing great, great players and great people," Scicluna emphasized. "But that's always been the case every single year. There's a turnover in senior leadership and you wonder how you'll fill those shoes. But (younger) players have been developing and improving every year."

The Crusaders do have

hard-nosed senior "grinders" Keith Sied (Livonia Stevenson/ Schoolcraft) and Doran Drai at midfield, which could be a position of strength. Another midfielder who could be heard from is Eric Kiebert, a transfer from

Players who could pose offensive threats include junior forwards Emilio Giorgi and Mark Pikula (both listed as midfielders last year), sophomore Daniel Amaya and junior Cody Pickren (Plymouth Christian Academy).

Auburn Montgomery (Alab.).

Junior and Schoolcraft College product Nick Dordeski will be a defensive mainstay, as will junior Dan Pichler (Livonia Stevenson).

One area pretty much set is goalkeeping, led by junior Steven Besk (Schoolcraft) and sophomore newcomer Anthony DeMarco who has a "pretty high

Scicluna said Besk gained important experience late last season and during the postseason run, following an injury to Lvons.

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Beginning 9-2-08, the Charter Township of Plymouth Department of Public Works will start its fire hydrant winterization program. You may notice a temporary discoloration of your water. This should only be for a short period of time. Any prolonged problems should be reported to the DPW by calling 734-354-3270 x3.

> CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Steven Johnson, Alternate: Dawn Zuber

Acceptance of Agenda

- 1. John A. Gargaro, 33527 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48152, for commercial properties located at 255, 305, and 385 Lilley Road, north side of Cherry Hill Road between Lilley and Morton Taylor Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.15 to allow a multi tenant sign in the O-1 district; Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.22 a variance of 7 sq. ft. over the 30 sq. ft. maximum size; Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.25.2E for font size to allow 7 inch letters instead of 10 inch letters on a ground sign. Zone C-1, O-1 Parcels 055 05 0001 000; 055 05 0002 000; 055 05 0003 000; 055 05 0004 000; 055 05 0005 000; 055 05 0006 000 (Planning)
- Johnson Sign Co., Inc., 2240 Lansing Avenue, Jackson, MI 49202, for commercial property located at 44101 Ford Road (Bank of America), south side of Ford Road between Brookline and Elmhurst Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.25.2e.1, Ground sign size variance. Zone C-2 Parcel 057 01 0017 000 (Building)
- Johnson Sign Co., Inc., 2240 Lansing Avenue, Jackson, MI 49202, for commercial property located at 45850 Michigan Avenue (Bank of America), north side of Michigan Avenue between Beck and Canton Center Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Article 6A.00, Section 6A.25.2e.1, Ground sign size variance. Zone C-3 Parcel 129 99 0001 707 (Building)
- MI 48092, for residential property located at 963 Foothill, north side of Palmer Road between Scottsdale and Millbrook Roads, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02, rear yard setback variance for sunroom addition. Zone R-3 096 03 0562 000 (Building)

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Approval of the August 14, 2008 Minutes

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

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

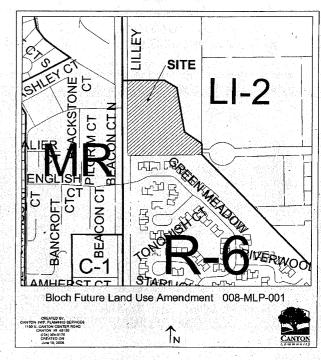
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Public Act 263 of 2001 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 8, 2008 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed

amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive

BLOCH FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MEDIUM HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO OFFICERESIDENTIAL FOR PARCEL NO.008 99 0001 707. Property is located north of Warren Road and east of Lilley Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, September 4, 2008 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman



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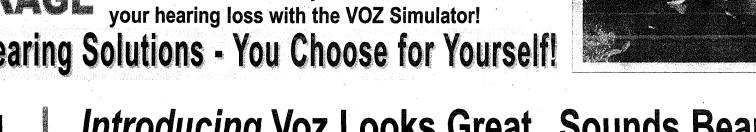
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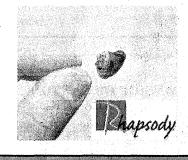


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New software saves Web videos to your PC for offline viewing

Question: I love watching movies and TV shows on Web services like Hulu and Fancast. Can I download these videos for offline viewing on my PC or iPod?

Answer: Wouldn't that be great? Then you could



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Rick Broida

download their media. Instead, it's streamed in real-time, with nothing actually getting stored on your PC. software for

vices don't allow you to

stock up on Arrested Development, The Dana Carvey Show, Firefly, and other criminally underrated shows to watch while traveling. Unfortunately, Hulu, Fancast, and similar video-on-demand ser-

And because the services rely on Flash playback, you

Applian Technologies Replay Media Catcher 3.0 (applian. com) can capture just about any streaming media and save it to your PC, where you can then watch it at your leisure (without an Internet connection) or convert it for viewing on a mobile device.

need a desktop Web browser. Sorry, iPhone owners.

Of course, if you're willing to put a little time, money, and effort into it, you can work around these limitations.

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you can then watch it at your leisure (without an Internet connection) or convert it for viewing on a mobile device.

i used the \$39.95 program to record the Jim Carrey classic Liar, Liar from Hulu. It was incredibly easy-press the record button, then start and pause the video-but it took a while to finish. That's because Media Catcher records in real-time, so whatever the duration of the video, that's how long it'll take to capture.

The program stores files in a format called FLV, which can be viewed on your PC using an included player. However, if you want to convert them for, say, your iPod or iPhone, grab a copy of Videora iPod Converter (tinyurl.com/9stry).

This free utility easily converts FLV files to an iPod-ready format. But it, too, takes time: just over an hour for a 90minute movie.

Question: I heard that Vonage just rolled out a new voice-over-IP service. What do you know about it?

Answer: Vonage Pro (vonage.com) is actually the same old Vonage service, but with a few extra features mixed in.

In case you're unfamiliar with it, Vonage offers inexpensive home-phone service via your broadband modem. You get unlimited local and long-distance calling, plus a boatload of services, for a flat monthly fee.

The new Vonage Companion software lets you make and take calls on your PC. Install it on your notebook, for instance, and you can make a call from a hotel room just as though you were calling from home. At the same time, you can receive calls directed to your home number even if you're traveling.

Vonage Pro also includes 25 "visual voicemail" messages per month. If someone leaves you a message, you can opt to have it transcribed and delivered to you via e-mail or text message.

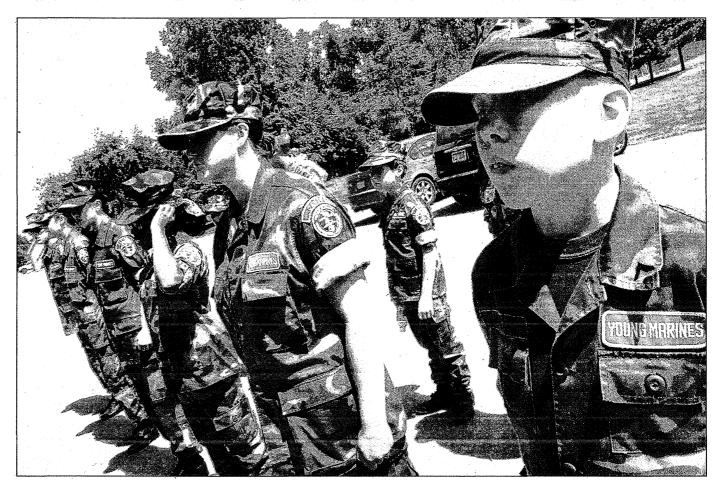
However, because humans are involved in the transcription process, I have concerns about privacy.

Vonage remains an excellent homephone service, but I don't think the new features justify Vonage Pro's higher price: \$34.99 per month, or \$335.99 annually.

Instead, stick with the Residential Premium Unlimited Plan, which runs \$24.99 per month.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/ cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick. broida@gmail.com.

Attention



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mitchell Lamarand (right), 11, of Canton falls in line during a meeting of the Canton Young Marines at the Western Wayne County Conservation

Canton young marines command respect

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Catherine Morris recently spoke to a crowd of 1,000 at a Memorial Day service in Belleville. That's quite a feat for any age but especially a 13-year-old.

Morris credits her public speaking skills to the Canton Young Marines program, which attracts boys and girls from ages 8 through high school from around the area. The youth group meets weekly to focus on character building, leadership, physical fitness, and a drug-free lifestyle. The nonprofit organization is not a recruiting tool for the U.S. Marine Corps but the focal point of its Youth Drug Demand Reduction effort. Morris does want to follow in her father's footsteps to join the U.S. Marine Corps when she's old enough.

"I like the discipline and the life lessons of the Canton Young Marines," said Morris, a student at Discovery Middle School in Canton. "It teaches you things you can use."

Many of the boys and girls join just for the fun activities and learning opportunities, like the firearms safety session with NRA certified instructor Don Gaines at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Plymouth Twp. last Monday. David Rumley, Canton Young Marines executive officer, says firearms safety is an important lesson for today's youth. It is one of many they learn at Monday evening meetings at the Summit on the Park recreation center in Canton. The next session or "boot camp" for the Canton Young Marines begins Sept. 22 and runs for 13 weeks.

"It's important that if they're at someone's house and see one, they know what to do because sooner or later there's going to be access for them," said Rumley, a Westland resident who served in the Marines 17 years, the last two as a drill instructor at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Charles Volker believes strongly in the mis-

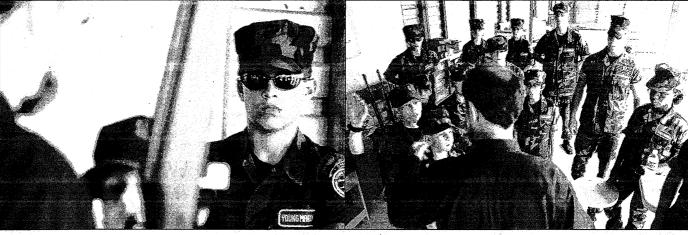
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YOUNG CANTON MARINES

What: A youth education and service program for boys and girls ages 8 through high school When: 5-7:30 p.m. Mondays beginning Sept. 22 for 13 weeks.

Parent orientation Sept. 15 Where: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton

Fee: \$45 registration plus a \$125 charge for the uniform after 4 weeks. For information, visit www. cantonyoungmarines.com or call (734) 981-5059



Fifteen-year-old Devin Stratton of Canton listens to instructions on safely handling a rifle during a meeting of the Canton Young Marines.

Members of the Canton Young Marines listen to Don Gaines, a NRA certified firearms instructor, before shooting on the range at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Plymouth Twp.

St. John's concert series spotlights variety of music

MUSIC AT ST. JOHN'S

What: Opens the 2008-2009 concert series with a performance by Scott Woolweaver, an internationally renowned violist When: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12 Where: St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge and open to the public. For more information, call (734) 453-0190

Scott Woolweaver opens the 2008-2009 Music at St. John's concert series Friday, Sept. 12.



BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O & E STAFF WRITER

Scott Elsholz says the 2008-2009 Music at St. John's looks to be an exciting series and he isn't kidding. As artistic director he's planned to showcase internationally renowned violist Scott Woolweaver, a spooktacular featuring ghastly and ghoulish organ music, a festival of lessons and carols, the Collegium Musicum baroque orchestra and choir from Eastern Michigan University, and The Saline Fiddlers at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

The church staff has been conducting a weight loss challenge to raise money for the music series so there's no charge for all but the last concert by the fiddlers which is \$7. A free will offering will be taken for the rest of the programs.

This is the second season for the series since Elsholz became minister of music at St. John's in January 2007. The Canton resident earned bachelor and master of music degrees in organ performance from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. He is currently an adjunct professor of organ at EMU and a candidate for a doctoral degree in organ performance and literature at Indiana University.

Please see SERIES, C3



St. John's minister of music Scott Elsholz (center as The Phantom) together with members of the Eastern Michigan University organ studio and James Wagner (right), an EMU faculty member, formed a tag team to perform a Bach toccata at the Halloween Pipes Spooktacular last year. Teddy Dowswell (left) was the child Elsholz randomly chose from the audience to assist them.

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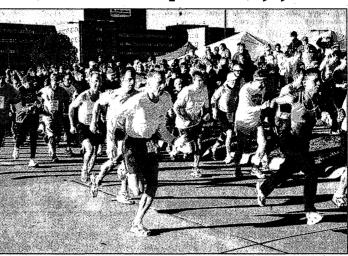
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Livonia woman leads way in supporting hospital

O & E STAFF WRITER

Roberta Palmer was looking for a special way to remember her mother when she learned the money raised by a 5K run/ walk on Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital helps uninsured and underinsured cancer patients.

Palmer's mother died at age 74 from colon cancer about 7-weeks after diagnosis. By becoming a Silver Sponsor of the race for \$1,000 the Livonia woman continues to support the hospital where she not only volunteers but has set up a living trust for cancer services. At the time of Palmer's death it's estimated the trust will amount to \$500,000. In recognition of the gift, the Image Recovery Center at the hospital was named after her mother Helen Palmer. The center helps cancer patients feel better about themselves by providing services such as prosthetic and bra fittings; medical manicures, pedicures and massage: information on problems patients incur during treatment



A 5K run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital helps uninsured and underinsured cancer patients.

such as mouth sores and nail discoloration, and Reiki, a form of hands-on healing. There is a charge for the services available to cancer patients no matter where they receive treatment, but the center also offers free head shavings and a celebratory styling when hair grows back after chemotherapy.
"This year would have been

said Palmer. "I was thinking of maybe purchasing gift certificates at the recovery center to give to patients in need and they told me they have the race to do that. Most of the money goes to the Helen Palmer Recovery Center."

Palmer first became interested in helping the hospital when her mother came to live with her while undergoing chemotherapy.

"I was having to drive to Clinton Township. It would have been a lot more convenient to have this service closer to where we were," said Palmer. "St. Mary had been talking about building the cancer center for about 8 vears. I had become a patient at St. Mary's when I heard about it so I started donating to it on an annual basis. I like that it's in this community."

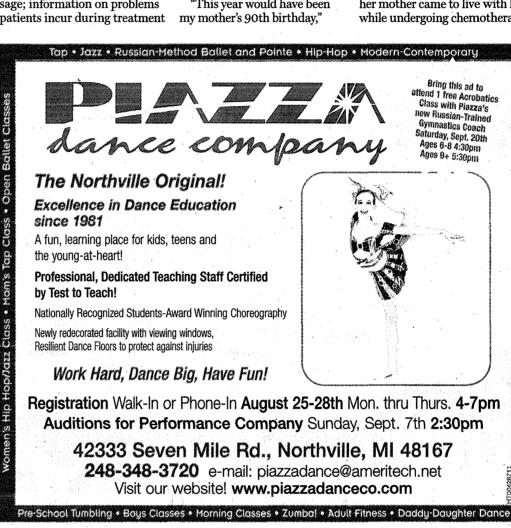
Palmer isn't only donating money as a Silver Sponsor but participating in the Celebrate Life! 5K Run/Walk for Cancer which begins on hospital grounds and winds through a nearby neighborhood. She's been working out 3 to 4 times a week at home on her tread-

"I have an inflammatory type of arthritis so I'm going to be a walker," said Palmer, 58. "They're giving out awards for different age groups so I probably have a good chance of getting an award. Last year's was quite a nice event."

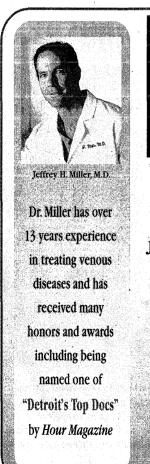
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Events support National Alliance on Mental Illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, Michigan holds its annual charity golf outing Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Western Golf & Country Club, 14600 Kinloch, Redford. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. followed by a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start, lunch at 11 a.m., a silent auction, and awards dinner. For more information, call Steve Savage at (313) 262-5100 or Marti Bush at (313) 263-2370. All proceeds go to the programs of NAMI Michigan, a grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of persons with serious mental illness and their families since 1979. In addition to weekly recovery support groups for people with mental illness, NAMI offer a free 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illnesses. NAMI is also holding a walk Sept. 28, at Belle Isle. Visit http://mi.nami.org.







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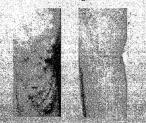
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"Our rector, Rev. Dorian McGlannan, wanted some fresh energy, wanted it to be musical outreach to the community and present a venue for good music and art," said Elsholz.

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This season internationally known violinist Scott Woolweaver performs Friday, Sept. 12, to give a recital in memory of his teacher Peg Bunge who introduced him to the instrument in fourth grade in Garden City.

Elsholz takes the stage 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, for a Halloween Pipes Spooktacular. A dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The program includes Bach's terrifying Toccata and Fugue in D Minor and a monster medley with selections from the Pink Panther and The Addams Family.

"It's a blast," said Elsholz. "We had a spooky dinner last year. Our last two events we had artists within our congregation present their work so people could look at art before and after the events. We always have receptions. We always have food."

Connie McNutt applauds Elsholz's effort "to get kids interested in good music." She directed musicals at Garden City West High School where she was a counselor for many vears

"He's introducing classical music to children and they love it," said McNutt, a church



The Saline Fiddlers perform Sunday, May 17, as part of the Music at St. John's series.



The music ministry at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth performs a Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 7, to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

volunteer who's organizing the concert by Woolweaver. "At Spooktacular they had such a ball last year."

Once the scary stuff is over the music ministry of St. John's prepares for the coming of the Christ child with a festival of Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The service

features the Parish Choir, SonShine, and the Handbell,

Youth and Children's choirs. "We have an eclectic music group called SonShine, a traditional choir with organ, a 5-octave handbell choir, youth choir for grades 3 to 6, and a children's choir for really young kids like a cherubs choir," said

Elsholz whose wife Melissa, a flutist, will also be performing. "We have a lot of soloists and instrumentalists. One of the

tenors is in a barbershop choir." Cantatas and selected instrumental works by Collegium Musicum welcome spring 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29. The early music ensemble, under the direction of Elsholz, perform music from the 17th and 18th

The season ends 6 p.m. Sunday, May 17, with The Saline Fiddlers (salinefiddlers.com) Founded in 1994, the ensemble consists of Saline Area High School students. Over the years the group has performed in 17 states and 5 countries.

"I first heard them on A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor (public radio program)," said Elsholz. "They play bluegrass type music but are very eclectic.'

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BONE BRUISE

The phrase "bone bruise" is one you may have heard when someone is talking about an injury to a leg that occurred playing football or after being hit by a hockey puck.

However, in medicine the term has a more precise meaning. Bone bruise or as the condition is sometimes called, bone edema, refers to specific changes in a bone when examined by Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). In MRI, when a bone bruise occurs, the area involved shows up as white, while the normal bone appears dark. What the white area signifies is the site where injury has caused disruption of normal bone

The most common cause of bone edema is not from an injury such as a fall or a fight. Rather, the greatest incidence is in the elderly, and the edema seemingly comes on spontaneously. The feeling among doctors is that the cause of the edema comes from a slight fracture followed by weakening of the surrounding bone. However, many individuals experience bone edema at a time when their bone density test results are

The most common area involved is the lower leg though bone edema can occur in the shoulder and hip. In the leg, the pain may move to the knee or down the leg giving the appearance of arthritis or a leg fracture. X-ray of the knee or leg shows no abnormality, prompting the physician to order an MRI. The expectation is that the MRI will reveal arthritis or a torn meniscus; instead, the imaging uncovers bone edema. Treatment consists of assurance and time: no splint or operation does better

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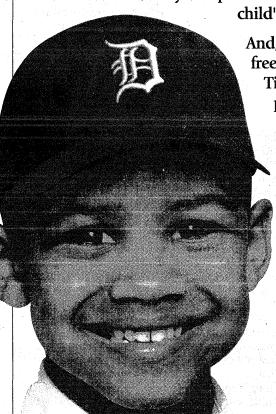
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Ash-Garrity

Jim and Margaret Ash of Livonia announce the wedding of their daughter, Mary Kathryn Ash, to Brad Thomas Garrity, son of Tom and Gail Garrity of Livonia. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Stevenson High School, a 2007 graduate of Madonna University and works as a critical care nurse for Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Brad is a 2002 graduate of Stevenson High School and works as an apprentice electrician.

The couple wed June 14 at Mill Race Village in Northville before Pastor Dennis Bux.

The bride was attended by maid of honor Christa Larabell, and bridesmaids Nichole Berkebile, Katrina Cummins and Alison Keutgen. The groom



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was attended by best man Dean Garrity, and groomsmen Ryan Anderson, Ryan Cummins and Tom Michalsen. The reception was held at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia and the couple honeymooned on Mackinac Island. They will make their home in Livonia.

Mlynarczyk-Zimpleman

Larry and Susan Mlynarczyk of Livonia announce the wedding of their daughter, Kimberly Mlynarczyk of Livonia, to Kyle William Zimpleman of Berkley.

He is the son of Gene Zimpleman and Sally Lentine of South Bend, Ind.

The bride is a graduate of Madonna University and earned her master's degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She works for Livonia Public Schools. Kyle attended Grand Valley State University and currently works for Income Property Organization.

The couple wed Aug. 2, at St. Collette Church in Livonia.

Lobbestael-Hermann

Henry Lobbestael of Westland and Karen Lobbestael of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Ann Lobbestael of Wyandotte, to William Michael Hermann of Canton. He is the son of Michael and Joyce Hermann of Plymouth and Barbara Hermann of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 2000 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and currently works at Oak Cafe in Wyandotte. Her fiancé is a 2000 graduate of Canton High School and attends Schoolcraft College where he is studying aviation management. He works at Q-Steel in Farmington Hills.

The couple met while still in high school in 1999 when they worked together at Maria's Bakery in Canton. On Aug. 5, Bill proposed to Emily during the annual Hermann family vacation at Houghton Lake. He surprised his bride-to-be by proposing on one knee while canoeing down the Au Sable River and he arranged for her family to be present later that

A summer 2009 wedding is being planned.

Young-Torres

Frank and Cheryl Young of Naperville, Ill. and formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren, to David Torres, son of John and Christine Torres of Livonia.

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Lauren is a graduate of Churchill High School and is studying at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill, where she is pursuing a degree in nursing. David is a Stevenson High School graduate and is currently at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, where he serves as an airman for the U.S. Air Force.

He plans to earn a degree in meteorology.

The couple met at the Youth Group at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

David is in the process of adopting Grace Young, Lauren's daughter, so they may be a family by their wedding day, June 4, 2010. The wedding

Fry-Goudreau

Jim and Teri Fry of Plymouth announce the

engagement of their daughter, Erin Fry, to Jon Stephen

Goudreau of Stockton, Calif. The bride-to-be is a gradu-

University and of Stockton's

ate of Western Michigan

University of the Pacific.

She works for the State of

Department at Valley

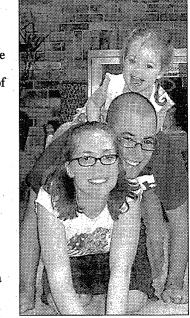
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a case manager. Her fiance

earned his bachelor's degree

from East Illinois University

Mountain Regional Center as



will take place in Michigan. David proposed to Lauren this past July 4 weekend, on top of the Ferris Wheel at Chicago's Navy Pier, with fireworks bursting around them.

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MARVEL LaRENE ADAMS (nee Gnass)

Passed away peacefully on Thursday Aug 21st after a very short illness. Married 47 yrs. to Stanley L. Adams who died 5 yrs. ago. Mother of Leslie (Thomas) Wimsatt of Frankenmuth & Julie (Paul) Witkowski of Livonia. Grandmother of four; Maureen & Gregory Wimsatt and Amy & Ryan Witkowski. Sister of Russell (Jacqueline) Gnass of South Carolina Vernon Gnass of California. Predeceased by two brothers (Jack & Mervyn) and one sister (Ethel). Marvel grew up in Royal Oak and was a 1943 graduate of Royal Oak High Outings to the Farmer's Market, the Zoo and simply walking uptown to shop were some favorite pastimes. She held several office jobs before marrying and lived in Detroit until 4 yrs. ago. She loved to dance and music was always a part of her life. Her time with us was cut short leaving those who knew her to treasure their memories. Funeral arrange-Home, 420 S. Lafayette (at 5th St) Royal Oak. Visitation 2-9 p.m. Wed., Aug. 27th with services held at 7 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Angela Hospice will be appreciated.

www.kinsey-garrett.com **RUTH HOCKING**

August 19, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Garfield H. Loving mother of Gary (Kathy), Judy Hassell, Janet Smith, Richard (Sherry), Steve and Ronald (Susan). Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were handled by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 734-522 9400. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at: griffinfuneralhome.com.

FLORENCE LOUISE "Toe" KOCH

July 24, 2008, age 90. Preceded in death by husband of 50 years, Mel and daughter-in-law Nancy Pertko Koch. Survived by sons Mel II (Mary) and Keith (Sheila) and grandchildren Mel III (Sandy), Dave (Vicki), Keith II (Ebony), Renee McKenzie, Rob (Jennifer) and 15 great-grandchildren. Family requests memorials be sent to Avalon Hospice, 2360 Stone Bridge Dr., Flint, MI 48532. A Memorial and Interment Service will be held Sunday, Sept. 7, 2008 at 1:00pm at St. Andrew Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Please sign the online guestbook at: www.rggrharris.com

HERMAN ALBERT MASTERSON

Age 80, of Crossville, TN., August 2008. Beloved husband of Maxine. Loving father of Mallory (Hal) Newton, Jim (Mary) Masterson Susan (Gary) Koch, Cathy (Rick) Lawrence. Dan (Karen) Masterson and Tom (Jennie) Newman. Dearest grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of 24. Dear brother of William Masterson and Gladys Sharp. A memorial service was held Saturday at Michigan Memorial Park Arrangements by Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646.

MARILYN JEAN McDANIEL

A former resident of Northville, passed away in Bailey, Colorado on August 15. 2008 at the age of 74. She is survived by her husband, George, four children and nine grandchildren. She was an active member of her church where she served many years on the Missions Committee. A Memorial Service was held on Tuesday, October 19 at 11:00 AM at the Platte Canyon Community Church, 4954 County Road 64, Bailey, Colorado, 80421. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Marilyn McDaniel Memorial Fund at the Platte Canyon Community Church.

BARBARA N. MORGAN

Age 84, of Livonia, MI, passed away on August 15, 2008. Born in Kinsley, Kansas, she has been a resident of Livonia, MI for 57 years. Barbara devoted herself to her husband and children. With a strong intuitive instinct she was able to guide others many times with her wise advice. Her many artistic and creative abilities included knitting, sewing, crocheting, interior decorating and gardening. She was recognized for her advocacy for prescription drug reform and was

neighborhood Predeceased by her beloved husband Harry Everett Morgan on July 4, 2008. She was dear mother of Cher (Michael) Holliday, Daryl Morgan and Candy (Greg) Sicilia. Nana to Danielle (Patrick) Sinnott, Brett (Diana) Holliday, Michael, Steven (Kristen), Mark (Malisa) and Eric Christina) Sicilia and Briana (Devin) McLaughlin. Also gandnan to nine great-grandchildrn. Interment services were held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens on Thursday. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com





DORIS MUMM

Age 80. August 19, 2008. Beloved wife of the late Floyd for 49 years. Loving mother of Linda Ramsay and Doug (Kathy) Mumm. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer, Kristen, Erik, Zack, and Katie. Great-grandmother of Hailey. Dear sister of Kenneth (Barbara) Schielke and the late Gunther (Elsie) Schielke. Funeral Tuesday 11 AM (in state 10:30 AM) at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted Road, Farmington Hills Visitation Monday 2-8 PM at THAYER-ROCK FUNER-AL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.) memorial contributions may be made to the Presbyterian Village of Redford "Garfield House". www.thayer-rock.com

JAYNE GRAY PROVENZANO

August 21, 2008. Age 86 of Redford Twp. Beloved wife of the late Eugene Rosario Provenzano. Dear mother of Judith Hazard. Pamela, Eugene Jr. "Bud" (Lee Ann), and Patrice (Robert) Suvoy. Sister of the late Harold C. Keller. Grandmother of Sean, Deidre (Mark), Denise, Jacqueline, the late Bobby, Anthony, Samantha and Gabriella. Jayne was a member of the Redford Suburban League since 1960. Services have been held.

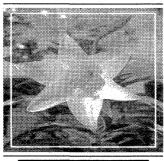


DANNY RAY

Age 59, of Arvada, CO, died August 2, 2008. Born on March 25, 1949 in Detroit, MI and attended Plymouth High, graduating in 1967. He served in the U.S. Navy and attended various universities majoring in IT Technology. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Sandy Ray; sister, Judy, brothers, Dale Ray and Zig Price; seven nieces and two nephews. We love you and will miss your wonderful smile, your laugh and your friendship. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, August 30, Woodpointe on the Woodhaven Retirement Community campus at 29711 Wentworth, Livonia, MI at 11:30 a.m. Call 734-261-0693.

DYLAN S. ROSEVEAR

Heaven needed another angel. I will miss my 6 year old little brother. Love Blake. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road (at Joy) Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Instate Monday, 9:30 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer Road (E. of Venoy) unil time of service at 10 a.m.





SISTER MARY HELENE SCHIAPPACASSE, RSM Sister of Mercy. Teacher, Musician

(Farmington Hills, MI) - Sister Mary

Helene Schiappacasse, RSM, a Sister of Mercy for 26 years, died on August 20, 2008 at McAuley Center in Farmington Hills. She was 51. She was born in Detroit to Louis and Jane (Henson) Schiappacasse on February 1957. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1982 and made perpetual vows on August 3, 1990. Sister Mary was a highly gifted musician who earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts and music education from the University of Michigan, where she played first flute with the orchestra. She studied at Interlochen Center for the Arts, earned a master's degree in education from Oakland University and was working on a doctoral degree with a specialty in remedial reading until her final illness. Sister Mary' years as a Sister of Mercy were filled with opportunities to share her love of music and art with children. She taught elementary students Immaculate Heart of Mary and at Christ the King in Detroit, and at St. Anselm's in Dearborn. She often shopped at garage sales to find books that would interest and inspire children, especially those who could not afford new books. The Sisters of Mercy often enjoyed her musical gifts, especially at large community gatherings, and described her as a prayerful, generous and creative person who lived life to the fullest. Sister Mary also served for several years as an administrative assistant with Mercy Services for the Aging and at McAuley Center. Several days before her death. she enjoyed a weekend trip to Tawas. wanting to be by the water one final time. Sister Mary is survived by her mother Jane and brother Edward of Royal Oak, Michigan; brother Louis of Salida, Colorado; sister Judy of West Bloomfield, Michigan; sister-inlaw Barbara Schiappacasse of Salida, Colorado; niece Anne and nephews Peter, Ryan and Noah; other family members, friends and the members of her Mercy community. She was preceded in death by her father Louis brother Joseph, niece Rosella and nephew Tony. A welcoming service will be held on August 21, 2008 at 4 pm at McAuley Center, 28750 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Visitation will continue until 8 pm that evening and resume on August 22 from 2 to 8 pm, with a vigil prayer service at 7 pm. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on August 23, 2008 at 10:30 am in the

DONALD A. SHEILL Age 76, of Esmond, ND, formerly of

McAuley Center Chapel. Burial will

follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in

Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home

Farmington Hills, is in charge of

arrangements. Memorial contributions

may be made to the Mercy Ministry

Fund, 29000 Eleven Mile Road,

Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1405.

Michigan, passed August 18, 2008. Nelson Funeral Home of Esmond, Maddock, ND. 701-438-2456

Ward-Wight

Michael and Kathleen Ward of Garden City announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Kathleen Ward of Westland, to Daniel Frank Wight of Westland. He is the son of Daniel and Diane Wight of Garden City. The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2002 graduate of

Providence Hospital's School of Radiology Technology. She works as an X-ray technologist at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Daniel is a 1988 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2000 graduate of Wayne State University, where he earned his master's degree in physical therapy. He works for Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists in Livonia.

The couple are planning a



and works as a sales manager

for the Central Valley Business

The couple are planning a Nov. 15 wedding in New

Journal.

Nov. 22 wedding at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, with a reception to follow at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

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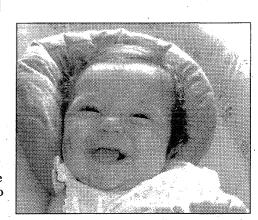
Brian and Nicole Galindo of Livonia announce the arrival of their daughter, Isabel Helen Galindo, born

She joins sister Mya Faye.

Her grandparents are Mario and Joyce Galindo of Livonia, Darla Margosian of Fenton and Ron Margosian of New Hudson.

Ann Margosian of West Bloomfield is her greatgrandmother.

And her aunts and uncles include Andrea and Dale VanWashenova of Canton and Jenny and Dave Piesko of Howell.



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sion of the Young Marines to teach honor, courage and commitment whether it's saying no to peer pressure or performing community service. Founded in Waterbury, Connecticut in 1958, today there are more than 300 Young Marine units across the country plus international units and affiliates in Japan, Germany and Australia. The Canton Young Marines was started in November 2004 and once a month the group visits the VA hospital in Ann Arbor to

spend time with veterans. "We go in and take over the bingo and go around with a tray of pop, cookies and fruit to thank the veterans for what they've done to preserve our freedom as we know it today," said Volker, commanding officer of the Canton Young Marines who leave Monday night for the Great Lakes Naval Museum in Muskegon to stay overnight on a submarine.

"During meetings they learn to avoid drugs and alcohol. We teach them to do chores, teach them responsibility, to turn in their homework on time, hang their clothes up or put in the laundry. There's a class on ironing. If uniforms look messy they get marked down. We do a good job teaching self survival."

Volker admits the youth group isn't always fun. Nathan Thompson joined because his mother wanted him to lose weight. The 10-year-old Westland boy ended up liking to camp. Nathaniel Jones, a 9-year-old student at Metro Charter Academy in Romulus, says he "wanted to learn more respect and to be nicer to people."

"There are always one or two parents making them join. They do reject it for the first couple of drills then they seem to like it. We try to help as much as possible but we're only there for 2 1/2 hours a week," said Volker. "Sometimes we can straighten them out. Every morning when they wake up they have to say 'good morning mam' or 'sir.' They have to make their breakfast. They're not allowed to call them mom or dad anymore so it teaches them respect. At night they can call them mommy or daddy. It does make a big change. We have quarterly progress reports that teachers have to fill out and then parents. Teachers say they've made such a change, do their homework without being told. They get into this habit." Devin Stratton says he wasn't

as polite when he joined a year

"I was lazy," said Stratton, a 15-year-old student at Salem High School. "I'm on the wrestling team and it helps keep me in shape during the off season." "It's a fun program and helps

me stay out of trouble," said Sean Miller, 16, of Canton. Miller has been in the program two years and recently attended leadership school at Ft. Custer in Augusta, Mich.

Sheryl Lamarand's sons Mason, 8, and Mitchell, 11, say the program is fun even though mom is a training officer and was in the marines from 1988 to 1991.

Staff Sgt. Austin Mach joined the Monroe County Young Marines five years ago. Today he is the top non-commissioned officer leading the Canton unit.

"It's taught me commitment beyond belief, taught me courtesy, leadership, honor, and courage," said Mach, a 15-year-old Canton High School student.

Tina Morris's daughter Catherine learned self discipline.

"I work full-time and am a single mom so it's difficult for me to get her in sports," said Tina Morris. "They learn to work like a team."

Rumley's wife Heather especially appreciates the respect she receives as an adult. The Westland woman serves as Paymaster, but also tutors students in the program. She teaches math at John Glenn High School in Westland.

"As a high school teacher it's not often I get called mam," said Heather Rumley of Westland. "Not everyone is into sports and this gives them an outlet and encourages camaraderie."

Like Heather Rumley, Angela Stratton of Canton can't say enough good things about the program.

"They earn ribbons similar to girl and boy scouts for swimming, junior leadership to represent the accomplishments. It's a very good environment for a kid trying to find themselves," said Stratton, Devin's mother. "It helps kids learn to say no, it's okay to be an individual and how to be an individual to become self reliant."

Pete Kyryluk invited the youth to the Western Wayne County Conservation Association after seeing a change in his daughter Lauren Greenleaf, 13.

"At that age it teaches them respect for the home. I will listen to my parents," said Kyryluk, WCCCA president. We have five children. It teaches honor, team work. We invited them to participate in the 70th anniversary of the WCCCA. We try to keep it family oriented. We don't call them weapons. We're shooting targets. We're all about conservation but also have gun ranges."

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Time to immunize

Vaccinations prevent infectious diseases

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN O&E STAFF WRITER

Just because four cases of measles were confined earlier this year to the Cadillac area 200 miles away, Pat Vranesich says there's always a fear the infectious disease could spread. As section manager of the immunization division for the Michigan Department of Community Health in Lansing, she's warning parents to make sure their children's vaccination records are up to date. There were outbreaks of pertussis (whooping cough), mumps, chicken pox, and measles in southeast Michigan in 2007.

Vranesich was able to see first hand the damage caused by these diseases while working as an R.N. at Children's Hospital of Michigan in the 1970s.

"Diseases are just a plane ride away although parents might not see these every day," said Vranesich of Oxford. "They're not really sure about these injections because they haven't lived to see these diseases. With haemophilus influenzae many of the kids lost hearing. There were rubella babies who were blind and children with mental disorders from measles. We have to be reminded that many of these diseases cause mental disorders.

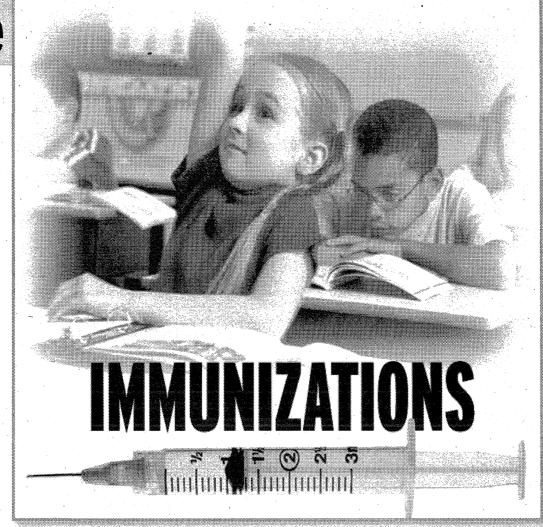
Bob Swanson, director of the immunization division is concerned as well that children aren't receiving the vaccines that protect against infectious diseases. The MDCH monitors schools and child care centers for immunization rates.

"We've seen an increase in child care centers for parents opting out of one or more vaccinations. It's setting us up for an outbreak in those areas," said Swanson. "The Olympics is an opportunity for spread because of less coverage. Measles has been an issue in China."

Some parents are anxious about a possible link between vaccinations and autism. How does a parent know what to believe? Sources on the Internet are not always reputable.

"Parents become concerned about the number of vaccines," said Vranesich. "We're exposed to so many different things that their immune system has to respond to. With the vaccines they're getting small amounts of antigens for their immune systems to respond. Parents ask how many shots does my child need. There's also a risk of leaving that office without the vaccine and going to the mall."

Sharon McMahon was surprised to see a case of measles diagnosed in the emergency room at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia about a year ago. Like Vranesich she's troubled by the number of parents signing waivers not to vaccinate their children. The



state of Michigan requires children to be vaccinated unless a waiver is signed for religious or philosophical

"It's not a normal thing to see because of the vaccines and I've been doing infection control 20 years," said McMahon, an R.N. for 38 years. Currently she works in the infection control department at St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "Because travel is so common nowadays and parents are signing waivers if not vaccinated they can get disease. Vaccination is such a simple thing we found works. Why would someone not want their child to be protected? I'm sometimes leery when any drug is brand new. How do we know long term what any therapy will produce, but with the number of people who have benefited from these vaccines, who

There is a lot of fear over vaccines being linked to autism and that has Dr. Bagir Malik more than concerned. Malik is a pediatrician on staff at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

"We are alarmed the number of parents opting not to immunize their kids because of fear. There's a lot of misinformation out there. They're getting information from sources not based on scientific or medical

sources. I recommend parents go to the Web site cdc. gov or the American Academy of Pediatrics (www. aap.org) and educate themselves. As a pediatrician it's hard to convince parents in two to five minutes that immunization is safe because they've heard so much on thimerosol, preservatives and autism but there's no evidence that they can cause any harm."

Malik has two children and both have been vaccinated.

"I highly recommend vaccination and would not give it to my kids if it's harmful but they don't have to go just on my words. As a pediatrician I have very little monetary gain giving shots to children," said Malik. "They not only do this disservice to their child but put kids at risk around them. They need to learn, read and ask questions. Hepatitis B is a fatal disease and we can do very little to treat it. Polio there are cases in South Asia and Africa and you never know when it can fly to the United States and can be fatal. Measles can cause severe high fever, rash, skin lesions, neurological damage and death, or brain damage."

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WALK-IN IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

The Wayne and Oakland county health departments offer free immunizations for children without insur-

CDC recommended immunizations for babies from birth to 15 months are HepB against hepatitis B; DTaP against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough); Hib against haemophilus influenzae type b; PCV against pneumococcal disease; Polio; Rota against infections caused by the rotavirus; Influenza; MMR for measles, mumps and rubella (German measles); Varicella (chickenpox), and HepA against hepatitis A.

For pre-teens the CDC recommends Td booster for tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis; Meningococcal meningitis, and HPV for 11- and 12year-old girls against human papillomavirus types that most commonly cause cervical cancer, and make sure hepatitis B is up to date as are MMR, Polio and Varicella (chicken pox). Adults might need hepatitis B, Influenza, MMR, Pneumonia, Hepatitis A, Tdap/Td, Varicella, and Zoster (shingles).

Oakland County Health Division provides immunizations for all ages in clinics at 1200 N. Telegraph, north of Elizabeth Lake Road, south of Dixie Highway, Pontiac, call (248) 858-1305; 27725 Greenfield at 11 1/2 Mile (Catalpa), Southfield, call (248) 424-7046, and 1010 E.W. Maple, east of Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, call (248) 926-3361. For more information, visit www.co.oakland.mi.us/health. Hours are noon-8 p.m. Monday; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. Fees are charged to individuals who are not eligible for federal and/or state programs that cover vaccination costs.

■ Wayne County Department of Public Health, 33030 Van Born at Venoy, Wayne. Walk-ins 8-10:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday, and by appointment Tuesday-Wednesday and Friday. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 727-7100. For information on school immunizations, call (734) 727-7036. For general information, call (734) 727-7000.

Walk to raise awareness about food allergies

Metro Detroit area residents are joining together in the third annual Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network Walk to raise funds for education and advocacy, and advance research 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at Kensington Metropark in Milford. Registration starts at

More than 12 million Americans suffer from food allergies including 1 out of every 17 children under age 3, and 3 million school-aged children, with the numbers increasing at an alarming rate.

"Thirty years ago food allergies were almost unheard of. especially life-threatening ones. Now one in 25 Americans are affected," said Melissa Dalton of Waterford, walk co-chair. "The walk is definitely a step in the right direction to help inform the public of the seriousness of food allergies."

Unfortunately, Erik Morganroth of Birmingham had heard about food allergies 30 years ago. He has lived his life with allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish. Morganroth knows first-hand the fears of having food allergies as a child. He also understands what parenting a child with food allergies means. Both of his children have severe life-threatening food allergies. Emma, 7, is allergic to tree nuts, peanuts, fish and shellfish. Max, 5, is allergic to tree nuts and peanuts. Although Max hasn't developed other food allergies, these can come on later in life. The peanut and tree nut allergies may stay with both of them for life just like their father. There is only a 20 percent chance either may outgrow these. Morganroth and his wife Andrea are serving as Ambassadors for the walk.

"Food allergies affect the entire family and multiple facets of every day life," said Morganroth. "Not only do we worry about what we eat, but for the children

we worry about their surroundings — what others have eaten and did they wash their hands, what are they eating at the lunch table, will food be used in the lesson plans at school, will the birthday party be safe, do teachers, administrators, babysitters and other parents understand and know what to do? It affects so much more than what's on your plate."

Eight foods account for 90 percent of all reactions in the United States: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, pistachios, etc.), wheat, soy, fish and shellfish (lobster, shrimp, etc.).

Sesame allergies seem to be growing rapidly as well and more companies are labeling for this. Food-allergic reactions result in over 30,000 emergency room visits each year. It is estimated that 150-200 people die annually from anaphylaxis due to food, including children and young adults. There is no cure for food allergies and no one knows why food allergies are growing so rapidly. Complete avoidance of the allergy-causing foods, including any cross-contaminants and encounters through touch or smell, are the only way to prevent a reaction.

"With more and more Americans reporting food allergies, especially among children, there is an increased need for widespread awareness," said Dalton. "Of those two million children with a known food allergy, 600,000 are believed to be allergic to peanuts."

To sign up for the walk go to www.foodallergywalk.org or contact Melinda Miller or Melissa Dalton at mifaanwalk@ yahoo.com.

Founded in 1991, The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network is a nonprofit organization based in Fairfax, Va. Education materials and information about special programs are available at www. foodallergy.org, www.fankids. org, and www.fanteen.org.

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AUGUST Hatha yoga classes

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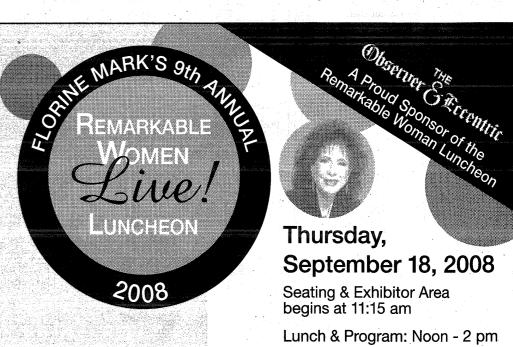
Connie S. Kelley, attorney 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

IBD symposium/update

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Charity basketball game

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) and Wright & Filippis sponsor a charity basketball game 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Franklin High School, 31000 Joy, Livonia, to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan. Teams will be the AmpuTeam Spartans sponsored by Wright & Filippis and the Saints sponsored by COCC. Suggested donation is \$10 adults, \$5 for seniors and children ages 11-18, children 10 and under free. For tickets, contact Richard Shebib at (734) 422-0278 or paschabooks@ sbcglobal.net, or Brad Shebib (248) 829-8327 or bshebib@wright-filippis.com. The Spartans are a team of amputees sponsored by Wright & Filippis. The Saints are volunteers from COCC member churches, COCC members interested in playing may contact (313) 770-3733 or fakhourn@cooley.edu.





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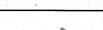


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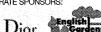




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20-somethings, as a composite, are blending some of the best of the old workplace with the best of the new. They're putting their stamp on business as we know it while simultaneously reaching beyond it.

Take Justin Miller, 27, southeast regional manager of Resource Mortgage Group Inc. (RMG), in Plantation, Fla. Raised in Lancaster, Pa., he earned a B.A. in finance and accounting in preparation for work he's wanted to do in childhood. For three years he's owned JB Mortgage & Financial Services L.L.C., but negotiated an arrangement with RMG, which pays many of his operating costs and allows him (and his employees) to close loans under RMG. This is a potential ground-floor opportunity. "My net at closing is better," he says, "because I don't have to cover any of my employees. I have more money with less stress." He may return to his previous arrangement at any time.

Talk about creating options -- and in an industry suffering from the subprime debacle! This maverick reports, "There's plenty of business, but you have to get your hands on it. There's half as much business but half as many (competitors)." He networks with realtors, through networking groups and community service, with the

not the market but how you market yourself

Toronto native Krista Neher, 28, enjoyed her career at P&G Inc., the Canadian arm of Procter & Gamble Inc., so much that she relocated to its headquarters in Cincinnati She loves the city but as far as the work was concerned, "I wanted to love it," she says. But what was "it?" She couldn't ask her friends, many of whom "complain about their jobs but don't know what they'd rather be doing. They stay for lack of better options. You can create better options for

The smaller environment in Canada suited her more; so she took her marketing skills to a new environment -- a Web site, where she'd learn about Internet space and photography for about 20 hours each week, and volunteered in smaller organizations to obtain even more experience. Volunteering gave her the freedom to leave whenever she wanted, without regret. She's now vice president of Marketing at Cincinnati's Photrade.com. Sumaya Kazi, 26, executive director and founder at TheCulturalConnect.com, noticed that traditional media media wasn't empowering young people and was equating non-profits with "financial disasters." With no business plan and no previous intent to become an entrepreneur, she started her site three years ago and has developed an e-mail subscription base in the hundreds of thousands by spotlighting two South Asians under 35 each week, one in each sector. "That started the viral chain," she says. Her efforts have spawned a virtual team of 30 and four other

profit, becoming philanthropists," she explains

STANDING OUT

These three 20-somethings believe that they're standing out among their peers, but for different reasons. Neher cites her P&G career, in addition to outside pursuits, such as serving as assistant business coach for a Dale Carnegie course and volunteer work. Kazi, who has virtual employees of as long as three years' duration, is proud of her ability to form a team "and energize it, even though it's virtual." Miller looks at himself more personally, pointing out that, unlike many others in his industry, he isn't making and spending every nickel he earns. "I get to learn from everyone else's mistakes," he says. "I don't have 10 different homes and I do a ton of reading of motivational stuff to better myself. I also send out a daily e-mail on interest rates," which reflect how current he is in the business. He's received tremendous feedback about it.

Do they have any advice for their peers on how to get unstuck? You bet:

-- "Take ownership and give something different a shot Recognize that you own your career. No one forces you to work or stay anywhere. Not being sure isn't an excuse to not try something. There are lots of things you can do while working full-time to build up experience so you can decide if you like it . . . but don't compete with your company or its



Justin Miller (I) is working with John Morgan (r), his financial planner. Although Miller, 27, is in the mortgage industry -- as southeast regional manager of Resource Mortgage Group Inc., in Plantation, Fla. -- he is thriving.

-- "Find a valuable network. Go to conferences. Introduce people. Surround yourself with people who are smarter than you" (Kazi).

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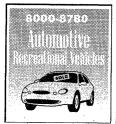
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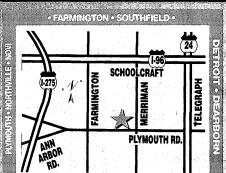
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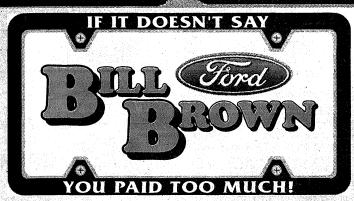
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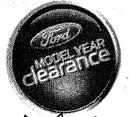
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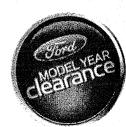












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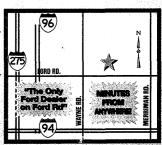


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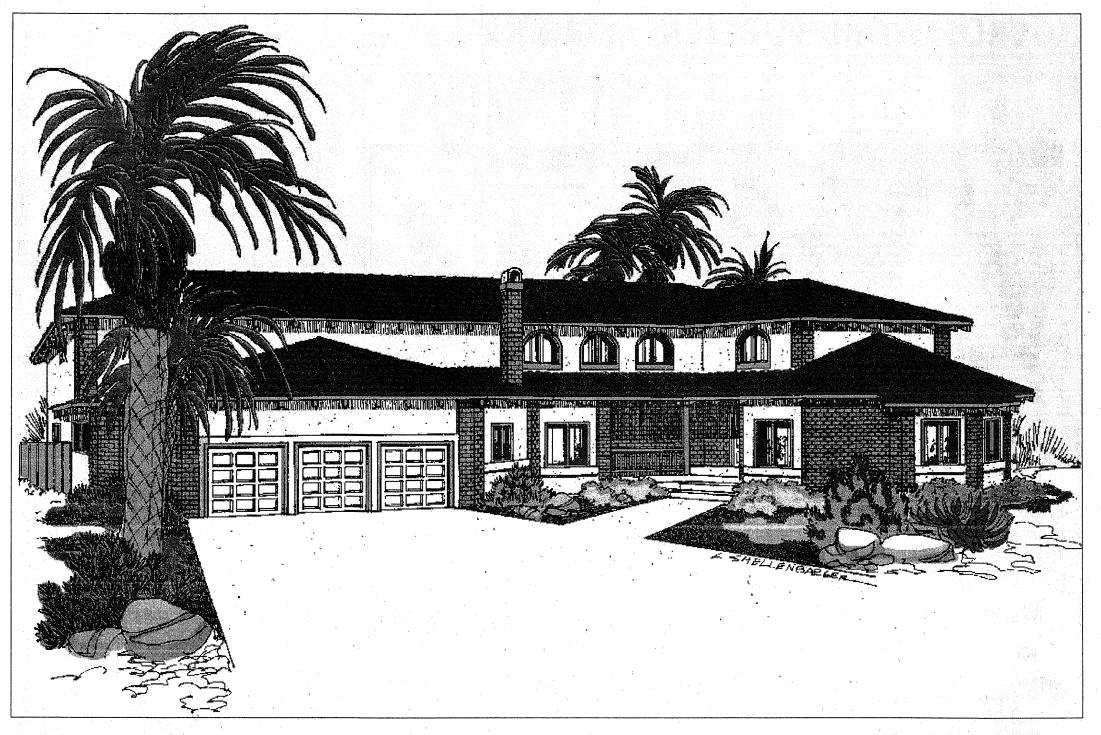


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This Summers' breezy design will make you feel fine

The Summers (406-32) with 3,297 square feet of living space, is a two-story traditional Southwestern home. Many angles give the home a unique styling, while lending well to a lot of views. The main floor is set up for the home's living quarters while the sleep arrangements are upstairs.

An oversized three-car garage offers extra storage space, as well as a workbench area. A double door entry welcomes visitors to the Summers. A coat closet serves as a partition wall from the entry to the dining room, while the vast living room stretches to the right. This space is the heart of the home, where morning sunlight pours in next to the fireplace, and evening sunsets grace the rear views.

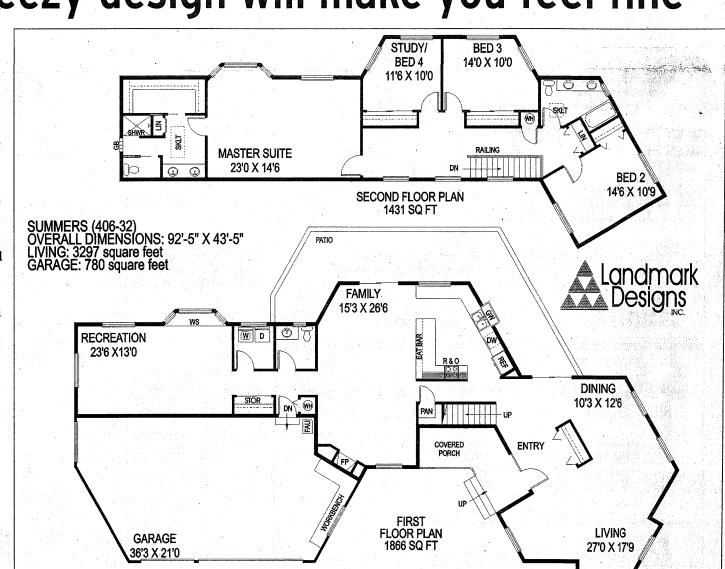
Accessible through sliding doors from both the dining room and the family room is a large wrap-around patio in the rear of the home. With the kitchen located between these two doors, it would be ideal for having outdoor feasts, using the kitchen counter as a buffet. Convenient to the kitchen is a pantry that lies below the stairwell in the hall.

From the unique shaped garage, the door opens into a hall with a large storage/ linen closet on the left and a half bath and utility lie on the right. In the rear of the garage, still maximizing on the potential views, is a spacious recreation room complete with window seat.

On the second level, two bedrooms on the right of the home share a full bath and a linen closet. Another room sharing a common wall with the master suite could be a bedroom or a study. At the top of the stairs windows brighten a space large enough for a desk or armoire. Inside the master suite the open space is accented with a bay window in the rear. The bath has an enormous walk-in closet, a linen storage, and a skylight directly over the dressing area. The master suite has been designed to accommodate the normal furniture and still have room for a sitting area.

The Summers, with its blend of tile, brick, and stucco would fit in on a prairie, rolling hills, or the desert, with all the conveniences that makes life easy. It is ideal for large families who need room for all to live comfortably.

For a study plan of the SUMMERS (406-32), send \$15 to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Rd. E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for your dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans. com. Save 15 percent on construction plans using the code (LOE48) online, mailing, or calling (800) 562-1151.



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■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and Bank of America will sponsor a Fall Parade of Homes event running through Sept. 14. Parade of Homes features readyto-move-in homes as well as under construction and pre-construction homes throughout southeastern Michigan.

Fall Parade of Homes, the 14th annual fall exhibition of new model homes located across southeastern Michigan, opened on Aug. 15 and runs through Sept. 14. Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and Bank of America Mortgage are the sponsors of this public event.

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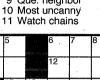
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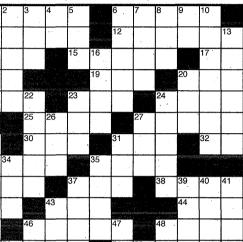
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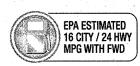
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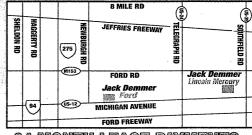


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\$285 lease payment with \$2,285

 Leather seating Dual zone auto A/C

2-row safety canopy w/sensor Driver/passenger side air bag
Heated seats, front • Anti-theft perimeter alarm

• Automatic transmission Wood shift knob • Sirius Sat. radio w/6 mos. service Reverse sensing system

Adjustable pedals w/memory

 Power mirrors w/manual fold PER MONTH*

Stock #90139 Cruise control Leather steering wheel

 Privacy glass Power moonroof with shade
Mini-OH console w/map light SYNC voice activated system Steering wheel controls-SYNC Rear cargo convenience pkg.
Interior cargo management sys

Retractable cargo cover

Roof rack with crossbars

Power 6-way driver seat

 Automatic package • 5-speed automatic **PER MONTH* FOR 24 MONTHS**

\$184 lease payment with \$2,184



 SYNC media gateway module Hands free rearview mirror

transmission 16" aluminum wheels SYNC & sun package Power moonroof

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