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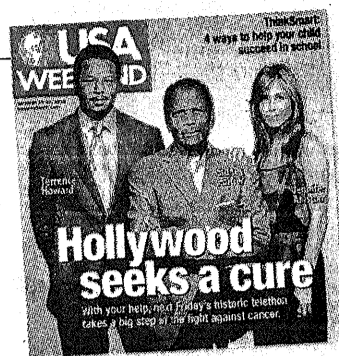


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The award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, directed by Martin Montoya, practices for the 2008 season.

Getting their marching orders

With new director, band set to make some music

WHERE THEY'LL BE

Here's the 2008 schedule for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band:

- Sept. 13 - Novi
- Sept. 27 - Trenton
- Oct. 11 - Bands of America Regional at EMU
- Oct. 25 - Great Lakes Invitational
- Nov. 1 - State Championships at Ford Field
- Nov. 13-15 - BOA Grand Nationals

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The cadence of drums, the harmonious swells of music from brass and woodwinds, the mechanical beat of the metronome have all carried for miles into the Plymouth and Canton neighborhoods surrounding the Educational Park since the mid-August, weeklong home camp.

It can mean only one thing: The nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Marching Band is on the move for the 2008 season.

"I'm really excited about this year's show," said enthused

Plymouth senior Bruno Yoshioka, who plays primarily soprano and alto saxophones and will be playing a soprano sax solo in the second movement. "I really like the music so far. The visual aspects are going very well. New members are catching on really quick and returning members are doing a lot better than they have in the past."

That's all music to the ears of Martin Montoya, just named the new director of bands. Montoya, who has served as a part-time assistant with the

Please see **BAND, A4**



David Goodman marches with the sousaphone.

New music man picked to lead band

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Martin Montoya has been overwhelmed with the tremendous outpouring of support since Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park since 2003, asked him to serve as interim director of the award-winning Plymouth-Canton Marching Band.

Whitlock stepped down from the position due to family responsibilities and is now the director of the instrumental music program at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

"When I took the reins from Marc, I had an outpouring of e-mails and phone calls from parents of members, but also from alums of the program, parents of alums and former staff members," Montoya said. "It was really cool to see such community support, even long after their involvement with the program had ended."

Montoya, who grew up in Austin, Texas, was in marching band all four years at David Crockett High School there, as well as two years with the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Director Martin Montoya, here keeping time during a band camp drill, replaces Marc Whitlock, who stepped down after five years due to family circumstances.

Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps and three years with the Texas State Marching Band. He received a master's degree in music performance from Michigan State University and it was during that time he assisted the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band a couple of days each week.

"I love the program and the kids," said Montoya, who helped out on a regular basis with the band during the 2007

season while employed at Spring Arbor University in Jackson. "(Whitlock) and I had been talking about me taking a more active role," recalled Montoya. "Then in May, when he had to make his decision, he asked me to kind of hold down the fort while the transition took place."

That transition for Montoya and other new staff members has been facilitated by current staff members, Montoya said. He had special kudos for Jenifer Leseth, color guard director for the marching band.

Band booster president Scott Ragland said the program is fortunate to have Montoya.

"You've got somebody in Martin who is very familiar with the kids," Ragland said. "They respect him because he delivers to them what they need, which is how to play their instruments better and how to be better at marching. Whenever there is change, that always breeds a little bit of anxiety among people. But this program has seen change a number of times and it has never slowed down the progress. I don't think this year will be any different."

Economy forces charity to lower campaign goal

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The fact many families are struggling financially because of job losses, the mortgage crisis and current economic conditions has taken its toll on non-profit organizations, which are finding it more difficult to raise operating funds.

The Plymouth Community United Way, which has met its campaign goal since the mid 1970s and last year barely reached its \$1.3 million goal, has announced reality has forced it to lower its asking for the upcoming campaign by \$200,000.

"We've reduced our campaign goal from \$1.3 million to \$1.1 million in order to reflect

Golf outing raises \$200k, A4.

the estimated impact of the economic conditions in the metro area," said Howard Behr, PCUW board treasurer. "While our community is continuing its very generous support, the size of the workforce has been greatly reduced. We felt we had to have a target which would be realistic and reflect the estimated shrinkage of contributions."

The Plymouth Community United Way financially supports nearly two dozen local agencies, including the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, Plymouth Salvation Army, Angela Hospice, Growth Works, First Step and Community Opportunity Center.

Third escapee found, returned to state

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

When the Detroit House of Corrections for Women was up and running in Plymouth Township back in the 1970s, the fences were shorter and security measures lighter than what prisons use today.

That's why, according to Michigan Department of Corrections officials, so many prisoners — the state currently has some 110 escapes, many from the 1970s — found it fairly easy to get off the grounds.

But for at least four escapees the old adage about being able to run, but not hide (at least not forever) has turned out to be true in the last eight or nine months.

The latest to learn that lesson: 59-year-old Barbara Corley of Piedmont, S.C., who agreed to be extradited to Michigan, where she had been serving time for assault.

Corley climbed a six-foot fence in 1973 after being convicted of assault with intent to rob while armed; carrying a concealed weapon; passing a bad check and another jail break, according to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

Corley's escape wasn't all that rare back then.

"DeHoCo in the early '70s didn't have the security measures we have at more modern facilities," said Michigan Department of Corrections spokesman John Cordell.

"Women who chose to leave could just scale the fence."

Corley waived extradition to Michigan and will be brought back soon. Cordell said he wouldn't say exactly when, but "typically it takes place within one or two weeks," he said.

Corley is the third DeHoCo escapee and the fourth prisoner overall to be found in the last eight or nine months, according to Cordell. On Aug. 1, investigators from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office found Rebecca Hatcher, who escaped in 1975 while serving one-15 years for assault with intent to rob, living near Memphis, Tenn.

Police brought Susan LeFevre, 53, back from San Diego to finish serving a 10- to 20-year prison sentence for a 1975 conviction on drug charges. LeFevre escaped from jail after twice selling heroin to undercover officers.

A fourth prisoner, Roger Chipman, was found in Wisconsin. He escaped from a Marquette prison back in the 1970s.

Cordell said the timing of the recaptures is coincidental and not part of an organized effort to target 1970s escapees.

"There's no integrated effort; it just happened that ongoing efforts led the recovery of these women," Cordell said. "Our Absconder Recovery Units, the Wayne County Sheriff's, the U.S. Marshal Service — they all do a great job."

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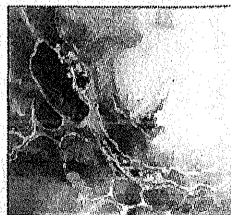
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Coming Thursday in filter



Art & Apples Festival

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

Holiday collection schedule

There will be no trash, recycling or compost collection on Monday, Sept. 1, due to the Labor Day holiday in Plymouth Township.

Trash collection will be delayed one day to include Saturday. Residents should have items out to the curb on the day following their normal collection day by 7 a.m. Those whose normal collection day falls on Friday, Sept. 5, will have rubbish collection Saturday, Sept. 6.

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 questions.

For additional information call (734) 459-7146.

Library closing

The Plymouth District Library will be closed Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7, because of the Fall Festival.

The drive-up drop box will remain open as will the Library's Web site, plymouth-library.org

Donnelly road race

The 2008 Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race for breast cancer awareness and the Salem High School Cross Country team takes place Sunday, Sept. 21.

The races - a 3.1-mile run and a 1-mile walk or run - having starting lines on Farmer at Theodore in the City of Plymouth and finish at the Central Middle School track. Parking is available in the Plymouth Cultural Center parking lot. Prepaid and race-day entries get a short-sleeved T-shirt while supplies last. Races take place in a variety of age groups from 13-under to 65 and older.

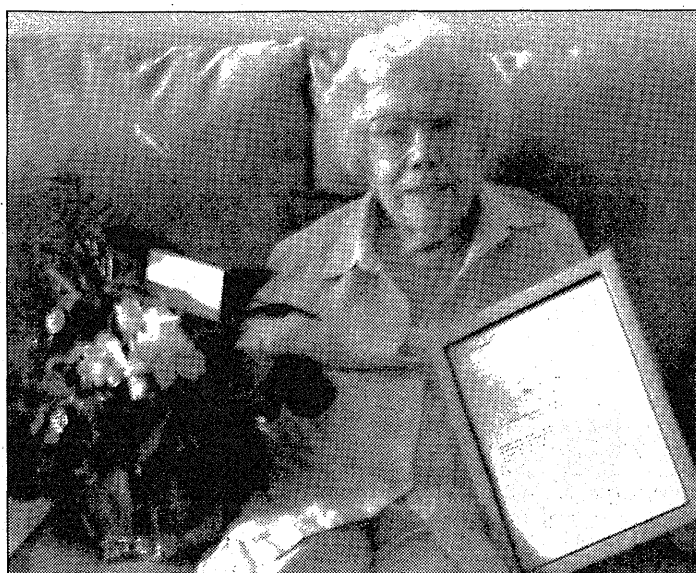
Entry fee is \$16 if post-marked before Sept. 12, \$20 after Sept. 12 and on race day. Registration goes 7-8 a.m.; the 5-k run starts at 8:15 a.m., the 1-mile run and walk at 9:10 a.m. Award presentation comes at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, e-mail obsports@comcast.net

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,



Hitting 100

Alva Davies, a former Plymouth resident now living in Dearborn, celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 23. Davies is the wife of the late Rev. Canon David T. Davies, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church from 1951-1969. The couple was on hand when the church moved from Maple and Harvey to the newly built church located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. On her birthday, she was presented with a plant, flowers, many cards and a letter of 'recognition and celebration' from The Rt. Rev. Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., Tenth Bishop of Michigan. She said, with a smile, "When you live this long, people sure do remember you!"

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).

LHH 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@comcast.net

Fall fashion show

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church presents its "Fall Fashion Fling" dinner and fashion show Friday, Sept. 19, in the OLGC Social Hall, 47650 N. Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township.

The event, featuring ladies, men's and teen fashions and accessories, starts with a preview from 5:30-6:30 p.m., a buffet dinner from 6-7 p.m. and the fashion show itself at 7 p.m.

The event also features door and raffle prizes, wine and beverages. Tickets are \$30 for adults (\$15 tax deductible for debt retirement) and \$20 for ages 16 and younger (\$5 tax deductible for debt retirement).

Contact one of the following participating boutiques for reservations: Bridal Couture, (734) 455-1100; Fine Threads (Men's), (248) 349-5097; Gigi's Mode, (734) 254-8774; Maggie & Me, (734) 459-5340; Van Dam's, (248) 449-4282.

Potters Guild openings

The Village Potters Guild has openings in their Wednesday morning and evening classes.

Adult students of all levels are welcome and will be instructed in using the potters wheel, hand-building, glazing and firing their pieces. The 15-week classes begin Sept. 10. Cost is \$300, which includes instruction, 75 pounds of clay, glazes and firing.

For more information e-mail info@villagepottersguild.org or call (734) 207-8807.

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.

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

McCotter hours

The staff of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (Michigan District 11) will conduct office hours in Plymouth and Canton.

This time is set aside so that the citizens served by the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one-on-one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

Congressman McCotter's staff will be available Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Canton Summit Senior Center 9-10 a.m., and then again at the Plymouth District Library from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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

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 your meals for the time you're registered for. There will also be door prizes, contests, and goodie bags available.

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.

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 JBSTONE716@COMCAST.NET

OLGC Fall Fest parking

Life Teen, the high school youth group at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, will be providing close-to-town parking during the Fall Festival, Sept. 5-7.

The parking lot is located behind the OLGC School at Penniman and Arthur streets; individuals can park for a \$5 donation per car. All proceeds will go toward the Life Teen program for the coming year.

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 p.m.

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/plymouth for more information, or call Sheila at (734) 453-5464. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

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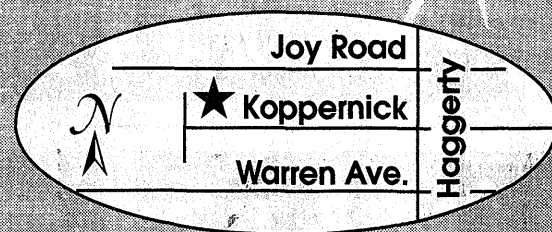
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Symphonic slate

Musical sounds abound as symphony takes the stage

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

As the strains of songs from Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* filled the room, conductor Nan Washburn of the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society had a message.

"As you can see, we're not a stuffy organization," Washburn, marking her 10th year as conductor, told members and guests at a Plymouth A.M. Rotary meeting Tuesday.

"A lot has changed," Washburn said of the symphony's approaching 63rd season. "A lot has remained the same."

The Plymouth Canton Symphony Society is the umbrella organization for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra; Orchestra Canton, which calls Canton's Village Theater home; Celebration Youth Orchestra; and Classical Music Outreach Education Program.

"So this is our 10th Anniversary," said Beth Stewart, PCSS executive director and a Rotarian. "We're thrilled to have her with us."

Washburn shared details on the opening concert, set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. The Gala Pops will feature the Canton Concert Band and the Spotlight Players with Orchestra Canton.

"We're doing a 'Best of Broadway' concert," Washburn said. She played taped classic Broadway tunes such as *I Could Have Danced All Night* and *Some Enchanted Evening*. Music from Gershwin, Irving Berlin and Andrew Lloyd Webber's on tap.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for children and students.

The music continues 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville with "Lights, Camera, Concert!" That will feature movie music with



Conductor Nan Washburn and the Plymouth Symphony have partnered for rehearsal space with the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

SYMPHONY'S SCHEDULE

Here's a look at the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's 2008-09 schedule:

- Sept. 13 - Gala Pops, featuring the Canton Concert Band and the Spotlight Players with Orchestra Canton.
- Oct. 4 - "Lights, Camera, Concert!" at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville, features movie music with the Livonia Youth Choir and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra
- Nov. 8 - "Music from the Heartland" at Ward Church
- Dec. 18 - "Pops at the Penn/Home for the Holidays," at the Penn Theatre in Plymouth
- Jan. 24 - "Mozart's Birthday Bash" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill
- Feb. 7 - "Mendelssohn, Marimba & More" at Ward Church
- March 14 - "Fanfare for Freedom" at Ward Church
- March 28 - "From Canton to Canton: The Music of China" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill
- April 24 - "Couch Potato Pops/TV Tunes," the annual fund-raiser at the Penn

the Livonia Youth Choir and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for children and students.

"He's actually going for that cool jazz sound of the 1960s," Washburn said while playing a selection of Zachary Shemon

on alto saxophone with a *Catch Me If You Can* movie selection.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, there will be "Music from the Heartland" at Ward Church, with tickets \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for children and students. David Syme will play the piano in

the PSO performance. "They called him 'The Human Jukebox,'" Washburn said of a Syme radio appearance.

University of Michigan professor James Aikman's *Tempus Fugit* will have its world premiere at the Nov. 8 performance. Also, Antonin Dvorak, the Czech composer who spent time in the American Midwest, will be represented by his Symphony No. 9 *New World*.

The season will wrap up with "Couch Potato Pops/TV Tunes," 8 p.m. April 24 at the Penn, the annual fund-raising concert with tickets \$100 per person including a pre-concert reception. Concert-only tickets are \$75.

To order tickets, visit www.plymouthsymphony.org online or call (734) 451-2112.

Washburn also pointed with pride to a CD for kids, "Magical Tunes and Marvelous Tales," due out this fall. Schoolcraft College is assisting with graphic design. "It's a very exciting thing for us to be presenting," she said.

Teenaged driver in fatal auto accident waives court hearing

BY KURT KUBAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth teenager charged with negligent homicide in connection with an April 22 fatal accident in Canton waived her preliminary exam Friday in 35th District Court. Elizabeth Ann Koet, 17, was bound over to the Third Circuit Court in Detroit, where she is scheduled to be arraigned on Sept. 12.

Koet, who is represented by Mount Clemens attorney Michael Cherry, has been charged with the two-year misdemeanor for her involvement in the April 22 crash that killed motorcyclist Diane Arlene Eickmeyer, 48. The accident

took place at the intersection of Ford and Ridge roads.

Eickmeyer of Gregory, Mich., came in contact with Koet's minivan as the teen, who was traveling south on Ridge Road, attempted to cross Ford Road. Police have said neither speeding, drugs nor alcohol were factors in the collision.

Eickmeyer died of her injuries April 25.

Originally Koet's preliminary exam in 35th District Court had been scheduled earlier this month, but it was postponed until Friday so Cherry could meet with prosecutors to see if they could reach some kind of plea agreement.

Koet remains released on a \$5,000 personal bond.

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BAND
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marching band for the past three years, replaces former director Marc Whitlock, who stepped down from the daytime teaching position and the demanding schedule of the marching band for family reasons. Whitlock now directs the instrumental music program at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

"These are some of the hardest working people I have ever met," Montoya said of his 170 marching band students and his staff. "I've worked with a lot of different programs, but nothing like this. The work ethic is greater than anything I've ever seen before."

That work ethic is something that has paid off over the years for the band that has captured the Flight I State Championship title 21 times in the Michigan Competing Band Association's 28-year history, not to mention consistently placing among the top bands in the nation at the Bands of America Grand National Championships, marching off



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Trombonist Josh Kempfer and the rest of the band members practice their routines over and over.

with the championship trophy in 1990, 1991 and 1999.

"This band has one of the longest-lasting national reputations out there," said Montoya. "Every year we go to Nationals in November and people always expect a great product. We're looking forward to another great year."

This year's show is titled, "Kaleidoscope," an approximately 10-minute, fast-paced extravaganza of music and color in motion.

"The program is coming together nicely and the group has been working hard," said band booster President Scott

Ragland. "I think everybody is excited about the show and how it is coming along. It's going to be colorful. It's going to be fast. It's going to be true Plymouth-Canton."

Montoya couldn't agree more.

"We've got a good start and we're all really excited about it," he said. "We think it's going to be a real crowd-pleasing performance this year."

Part of the reason for that good start, Montoya explained, is due to the strong leadership skills band members develop over the years. "This is my fourth year

with the program so it's great to see some of the kids, who were freshmen when I started working here, taking the leadership role," he said. "One of the things this program does is, by the time the students get to that senior level, they're ready to take on the leadership role and help bring up the younger kids."

That's something Salem senior Stephanie Torok, one of this year's drum majors along with Caroline Williams and Kayla Ragland, takes personally.

"This is the year that you make your legacy," she noted



Kecie Liubakka plays trumpet as the P-CEP Marching Band gets ready for the 2008 season.



Drum Major Caroline Williams.

about her last year with the band. "It's where leadership really takes place. You inspire the kids who are going to be the future leaders."

Salem junior Alex Rodriguez, a second-year flutist with the band, concurred.

"The section leaders this year are absolutely fantastic

and they're stepping up to the plate," she said. "Teachers can tell you to do stuff, but it's up to the kids to actually apply it. Band has taught me to lead myself and to get that encouragement from within myself, but also to help with other people. It's been a growing experience."

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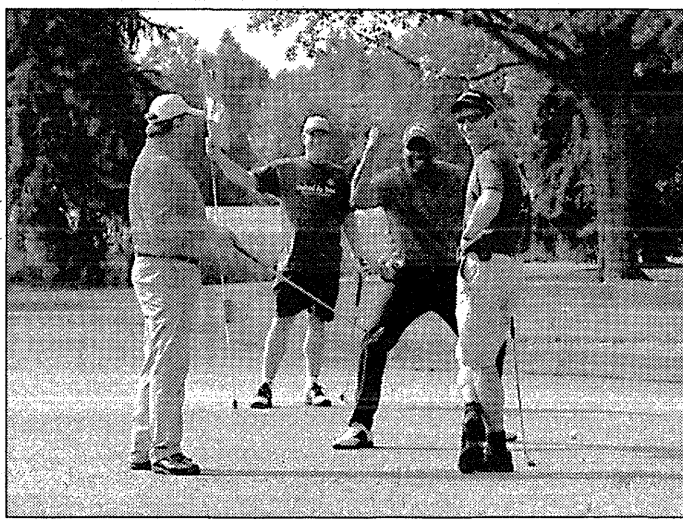
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Excited golfers helped the Plymouth Community United Way raise some \$200,000 at its annual golf outing.

Golf outing success boosts endowment

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Four local corporations and their suppliers helped raise more than \$200,000 for the Plymouth Community United Way Aug. 21 in the 10th annual Tee Off for a Friend golf outing at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center.

Half the money will be put into an endowment fund that eventually will be used to defray administrative costs and allow the PCUW to give

100 percent of its contributions to charities. The other half goes to Community Opportunity Center in Livonia, which operates homes for people with developmental disabilities, including one in Plymouth at Wing and Deer streets.

The four main sponsors of the event are DTE Energy, Visteon, Johnson Controls and Tower Automotive. Despite the economic struggles of many companies, the financial goal for the outing was met.

"I've done this for 6-7 years and I honestly didn't think we'd be able to pull it off the way we did," said co-chair Steve DeLuca of Visteon, the lead sponsor for the event. "It shows the suppliers definitely believe in the Plymouth United Way and what it does with the money. Even though these companies are struggling to make a profit, they're still doing what they can to be aligned with their customers."

Last year, for the first time, the golf outing topped \$200,000 to help push the PCUW endowment fund past

the \$1 million mark. "Over the years, many people have been concerned with the expenses that charities incur in order to benefit the community," said co-chair Steve Davis of Visteon. "If we can get to the point we can tell our constituents that every dollar they give to us goes back into the community, I think that would be a fabulous thing and that's what we're driving for. Hopefully we'll be there in a few years."

Denise King of Plymouth, who runs Community Opportunity Center, said state funding is going down while the needs are increasing.

"As our operating funds are insufficient, we rely more and more on fund-raising activities to provide all that is necessary for the nearly 100 men and women with developmental disabilities who live among 23 different home settings," said King. "The needs are greater and it costs more to do what we do, and the funding isn't increasing with the demands we're seeing."

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7:00 PM
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A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held at the Cultural Center to consider the following:

Due to remodeling of City Hall, the meeting will be held at the Cultural Center located at 525 Farmer. A notice is posted at City Hall that includes a map to the Cultural Center.

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Airport prepares for opening of new North Terminal

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

The Wayne County Airport Authority is ready to roll out the red carpet for Detroit Metro Airport's new North Terminal.

While not as splashy as the McNamara Terminal on the airport's south end, the North Terminal is a sparkling improvement over the aging Smith and Berry terminals it is replacing.

"The simplicity of this building is part of its beauty," Michael Conway, the airport's director of public affairs, said at a media tour of the new facility Wednesday.

The \$431 million terminal is scheduled to officially open Sept. 17. Wednesday, construction workers were busy putting the final touches in place for a weekend of previews Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6.

"Detroit Metro Airport is one of southeast Michigan's greatest assets, and the Airport Authority is eager to share this new addition to our award-winning facilities with the community we serve," WCAA CEO Lester Robinson said.

Until the opening of the McNamara Terminal for Northwest Airlines and its affiliate airlines in 2002, Detroit Metro Airport was regularly criticized for its dated, aging and inefficient facilities. One critic said Detroit Metro ranked just ahead of the Calcutta airport as the worst in the world.

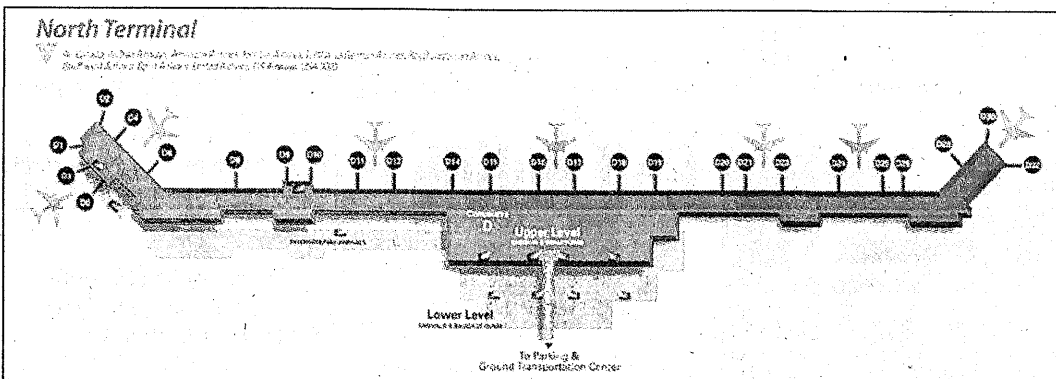
The sleek McNamara Terminal began to change the opinion of writers and fliers. The 26-gate North Terminal will serve the airlines not affiliated with Northwest: Southwest, United, Air Canada, U.S. Airways, Spirit, Frontier, AirTran and USA 3000. In addition, Lufthansa and Royal Jordanian will move from McNamara to the new terminal.

Conway said the Airport Authority set four major goals for the new building: safety, efficiency for air-



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It won't be long before jets are pulling up to the new terminal.



The North Terminal will have a linear layout similar to the McNamara Terminal on Metro Airport's south side.

lines and expandability.

The North Terminal's long, linear design replaces the old-

fashioned pier design of the Smith and Davey terminals, which caused delays as airliners

had to wait for other airliners to pull out.

"In linear style, aircraft can

move in and out of gates independent of each other," Conway said.

The North Terminal will not have a people mover as at McNamara, but it will have a moving sidewalk. There will be restrooms at the end of each moving sidewalk and convenient to the gates. The gates will have sleek and durable Herman Miller seating.

"We get lots of compliments on gate seating and it's a Michigan company," Conway said.

Thirty concessions will serve the facility, including such name brands at Borders, Brookstone,

Champps, TGI Friday's, Ruby Tuesday, Hockeytown Cafe, McDonald's and Xpress Spa.

Conway said the new terminal doesn't have the rich detail of McNamara, but it will be more colorful and more light-filled.

"We did a lot with color; we didn't have a McNamara budget," he said.

But the airport did receive a Voluntary Airport Low Emissions grant of \$1.7 million from the Federal Aviation Administration. Funding from the grant was used for infrastructure to deliver fuel, temperature-controlled air and auxiliary electrical power directly to aircraft parked at the boarding gates. The equipment will cut down on emissions from mobile fuel trucks and the preconditioned air and electrical power units will reduce the reliance on on-board auxiliary power units and diesel-powered ground power units.

A ground transportation center will accommodate all commercial vehicles loading and unloading, such as car rental, taxi cabs, parking lot shuttles and limousines.

Demolition of the old Davey Terminal to make room for construction of the North Terminal began in 2006. Smith and Berry terminals will be decommissioned. Smith Concourse C will be demolished immediately to make way for gates. Concourses A and B need to come down to make room for a major deicing pad. The Smith terminal was opened in 1958, when airlines began to shift passenger service from Willow Run Airport.

No timeline has been set on bringing down the central Smith terminal, which is used for the Airport Authority's administrative offices.

Conway said the authority is considering the possibility of selling naming rights to the new terminal, as was done in naming Comerica Park and Ford Field. He said a final decision hasn't been made.



The new terminal's design isn't as flashy as the McNamara Terminal, but will be a major improvement over the aged Smith Terminal.

Public previews planned for terminal

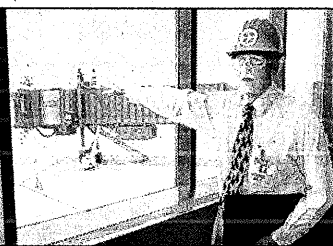
The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) will soon offer the public its first glimpse inside the new North Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) as it hosts a series of preview events in advance of the terminal's scheduled opening Sept. 17.

Events planned are:

■ VIP Charity Preview Event — Friday, Sept. 5

A charity preview 7-11 p.m. inside the new terminal to benefit five local nonprofit organizations. This exclusive preview event will offer guests their first chance to see the new, 26-gate facility up-close before it opens to travelers in mid-September.

Guests will hear music from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Quartet, enjoy a strolling dinner by Metro Detroit caterer, Forte Bellanger, as well as musical entertainment from "Alizma." Proceeds from the event will benefit the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History, First Step, The Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and Traveler's



Michael Conway, director of public affairs for the Airport Authority, describes a new system for fueling and providing air conditioning and ground power for waiting aircraft.

Aid Society of Metropolitan Detroit.

For more details regarding this charity preview event, charities and tickets, visit www.airportpreview.com.

■ Community Open House — Saturday, Sept. 6

All members of the public can visit the new terminal, free of charge, at a community open house 1-5 p.m. While participants explore the new North Terminal and learn about this exciting new addition to DTW, they will also enjoy music, dance, games, a scavenger hunt and prizes provided by Radio Disney. In

addition, the event will feature various high-tech interactive displays including flight simulators, Rock Band, Dance Dance Revolution, Dancing Heads and much more.

Attendees will have the chance to win several prizes, including a plane load of gas in gas cards, a trip to Disney World, several round-trip airline tickets and various other giveaways. Refreshments will also be served.

Although the event is free, reservations are recommended. For more information regarding this community open house and to register, visit www.airportopenhouse.com.

■ Family Day Preview — Saturday, Sept. 6

Prior to opening its doors to the public Sept. 6, the Airport Authority will first welcome the friends and family of all of its employees and those of its contractors and vendors who designed, built or otherwise contributed to the planning, design and construction of this new facility at a private event that morning. Details are provided at www.dtwfamily.com.

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Wildlife biologist Julie Oakes of the Michigan DNR reminded me that several years ago a black bear was hit by a car on I-75 near Flint, another made it across I-69 and wandered about Lapeer County for awhile, and credible rumors of black bear surfaced earlier this year in Hadley Township on the Oakland County line. None of this should be surprising for black bears, espe-



Oakland Naturally

Jonathan Schechter

cially younger males, have great wanderlust. Bears are masters of opportunity, one the world's most adaptable carnivores. Their reasoning ability, long-term memory, omnivorous food habits, dexterity, speed and strength coupled with their ability to travel unseen along bushy roadside edges and waterways means it is time for us to Be Bear Aware. Aware, not panicked, for most of the time bears avoids humans.

Oakes is correct when she states, "Black bears are not aggressive like grizzly bears, they will usually turn tail and run, if you make noises and scare them off." Usually is a key word. There are well-documented accounts of defensive (protecting cubs) and predatory (they want you for dinner) black bear attacks (not in Michigan) and bear-human encounters are likely to increase.

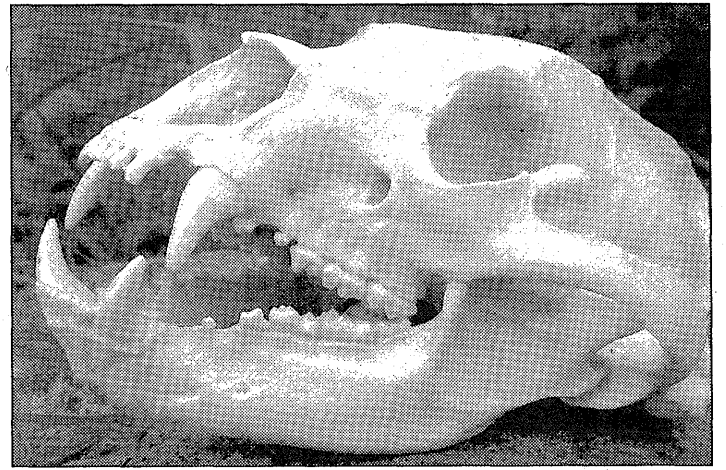
To keep the situation in perspective look to the Great Smokey Mountains. Nine million visitors annually. Approximately 1,600 black bears. Eighth bear attacks in a decade. Two fatal predatory attacks. The fact of the matter remains clear: Aggressive encounters between people and black bears are extremely rare. But once bears associate people with food, they lose their instinctive fear of humans and conflicts are inevitable. In the colorful new DNR brochure, "Preventing Bear Problems in Michigan" they changing dynamics are noted, "Black bears may be found almost anywhere in Michigan, but are most likely to be seen in the northern two thirds of the state." DNR tips to avoid problems include "Never feed bears" and "Keep garbage and odor at a minimum by removing trash." Yet, jump to on-line bear hunting regulations of the same DNR and we find a different story for a different audience: bear hunters. Hunters may use the following products without quantity restrictions to lure in bears, "dog food, bakery/confectionery prod-

ucts including jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies, pie filling and yogurts..."

Perhaps bear baiting is brew for conflict, for that is feeding bears. Human foods and bait piles increase the potential for bears becoming fearless and habituated to humans, a fact other states recognize. New Mexico (they had fatal predatory attacks) notes that 70 percent of bear-human conflicts are human-trash based. Whatever a bear (or nectar happy woodpecker) learned from its experiences will influence its behavior in the next encounter.

Here is your two-word primer if you find yourself face to face with a snarling mass of muscle, fur and teeth, a predatory black bear attack: Fight back. For if you play dead during a black bear attack the bear is likely to eat you. Better yet, avoid trouble in the first place. If approached by a black bear, never turn and run. If you act like prey, you become prey. Safety tips at www.bebear-aware.org. Now let's go camping and fire up the barbecue.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. Oaknature@aol.com.



JONATHAN SCHECHTER

This bear skull indicates just how powerful these creatures are.

Headstart offers series on relationships

Wayne County Head Start is offering a workshop series, Healthy Marriage/Healthy Relationships throughout Wayne County.

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Grandparents are welcome both to receive guidance as they take on the task of raising grandchildren and to contribute their

wisdom in mentoring roles for newly married couples or couples contemplating marriage.

The series are scheduled to begin Sept. 8.

For more information directly contact the Head Start programs at these location:

■ Wayne and Westland - Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center. Ron Barratt at (734) 419-2630

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New Spanish eatery features flamenco shows, tapas

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Flamenco dancing and great food are on the menu at Tasca de Plata Tapas Bar & Restaurant, a new eatery on Canton Center in Canton. Owner José Montes is proud of his establishment, which opened in mid-May and offers Spanish food.

"People confuse it with Mexican food," said Montes, who grew up in Garden City and now lives in Brighton. It's somewhat similar to French cooking, with sautéing, and fresh ingredients, including a lot of cheeses and chorizo sausages.

"It's growing little by little," he said of business, noting they haven't done a lot of promotion yet. "It's mostly by word of mouth."

He's been in the restaurant business since the late 1980s, and previously had the Spanish restaurant Alegrias in a hotel in Farmington Hills. That hotel was torn down and Montes looked for a new site. He found the former Central



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Jose Montes presents tapas at his new Canton restaurant, Tasca de Plata.

City Diner, on Canton Center between Warren and Ford, north of Hanford. The distinctive building needed a special name for its new purpose, so they settled on Tasca de Plata. "Tasca" is a pub or tavern in Spanish, and "plata" is silver in Spanish, referring to the silvery exterior.

They offer flamenco shows Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. lasting 45 minutes with guitar music and at least two dancers. There's a stage to present the Spanish music and dance. The restaurant also features photos of Montes' late mother, Maria del Carmen, a well-known flamenco dancer who danced professionally in New York City and elsewhere. The king of Spain made her a Dame in 1990 for her contributions to Spanish culture.

The Canton restaurant has 25 tapas, or "small plates," both hot and cold. They're somewhat like an hors d'oeuvre, he said, but larger, with two or three making a meal. They also serve entrees, including some Mexican food, and paellas.

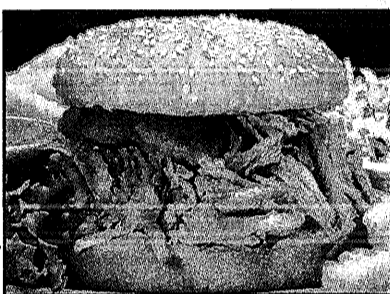

"We have one that's all seafood," he said of the paellas. "We have another one that's vegetarian. You basically use the rice and you build from there."

The menu explains such ingredients as shrimp in olive oil, or lamb meatballs with mint. They have beer and wine, and hope to add liquor soon.

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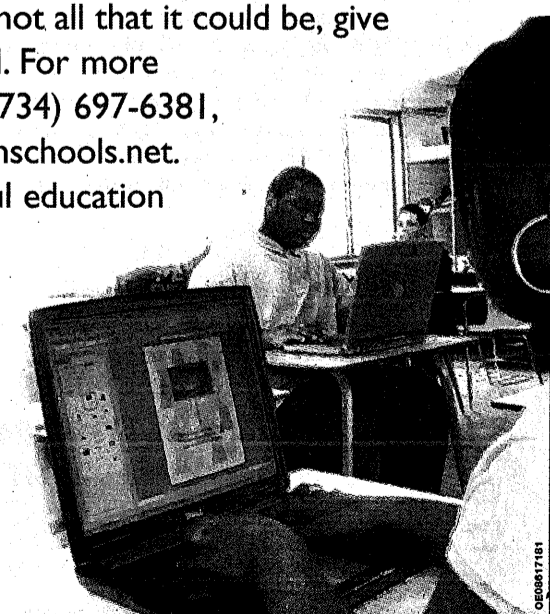
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No easy resolutions for teachers negotiations

With the advent of state legislation in the 1960s, teachers began formally to organize labor unions, something previously prohibited for public employees. By 1967, dozens of bargaining units in the state marked Labor Day — and the start of school — by going on strike.

While strikes weren't — and still aren't — legal, school districts have had to go to court to compel teachers to return to the classroom.

More than 30 years later, some area school districts still see contentious negotiations. Teachers in the Wayne-Westland School District have called for a strike Monday, but both sides began Thursday meeting with a state mediator.

Other districts, like Plymouth-Canton, say they have found a better way. That district recently arrived at contract settlements with its nine unions, using what is called interest-based bargaining. That process uses a mediator in less adversarial discussions.

Regardless of the bargaining tactics, the woeful state economy and resultant small increases in state aid are having an impact on school districts.

"Things haven't gotten much better for Michigan school districts," Royal Oak Supt. Thomas Moline said. That district was able to give teachers "a very small" salary increase.

One district that has faced contentious negotiations is Southfield Public Schools, which is negotiating its first contract after privatizing bus, cafeteria and custodial jobs in the face of financial problems.

Unions in poorly funded districts know their bargaining chips are few. While discussion points have been exchanged in South Redford, both sides have agreed to delay serious bargaining until a small, \$88 per student increase in state aid is received.

That's interesting because finance officials in all districts report that salaries and benefits comprise the bulk of their budgets. Critics of teacher unions claim that state aid increases go toward salaries, not programs. Union officials counter, however, that teachers are responsible for delivering those programs.

The better-funded Troy School District still is facing tough negotiations. Teachers have made some previous concessions, particularly in the area of health care. Their contract has been extended until Oct. 3, as bargainers negotiate everything from the school calendar to the financial package.

The contrasts show that challenging labor negotiations are experienced by districts both small and large, well-funded and not.

"We're absolutely miles apart," Wayne-Westland Education Association President Nancy Strachan said. "We're trying to be reasonable and make reasonable offers."

The problem is, what is reasonable? That will be for each district to decide, but perhaps equally important is finding a process that works well for both sides. After all, 40 years of bargaining has shown contentious negotiations aren't productive.

The Plymouth-Canton district approach, in which both sides accept ownership for issues, may not work for everyone. But it's a place to start.

Preserving farmland ultimately benefits Michigan's economy

As I travel around the state talking with farmers and promoting Michigan's agriculture industry, I consider all the things that can be done to further enhance the role agriculture and farming has in the state. With the current economic changes in Michigan, I believe agriculture will have an even bigger role in the state's economy as it continues to be the second largest economic driver in the state generating nearly \$64 billion for Michigan's economy annually.

Land is fundamental to maintaining and enhancing agriculture's place in the Michigan's economy. It's where it all begins. It makes sense to preserve our land base so current, and future, Michigan farmers can continue to produce the wide variety of crops already grown here.

Prior to the implementation of the state's Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program (PA 116) in the early 1970s, Michigan had already lost an astounding four million acres of farmland. The tax incentives provided by PA 116 have significantly slowed the rate of farmland loss. In fact, the program currently protects more than 3.3 million acres of Michigan farmland.

Although our farmland preservation program has been successful, it is not the entire solution. Michigan is still losing on average 30,000 acres of farmland per year. No one program or activity can preserve all of Michigan's farmland. But a combination of activities can help keep



Don Koivisto

Michigan agriculture viable and a major player in the state's economy.

First, one of the best ways to safeguard farmland is to enhance the basic economic vitality of Michigan agriculture. Farms that can make money will remain farms and the children of the farm families will stay in the family business. We can encourage value added agriculture by improving access to commodity markets — locally, nationally and abroad.

With today's energy costs, buying locally produced products is particularly important.

Secondly, expansion of programs such as PA 116, which target full-time farmers, to include land owned by part-time farmers would help to protect up to 50 percent more of Michigan's farmland. Enhanced funding for permanent protection programs such as the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund and programs to help farmers pass their farm on to future generations would be of great benefit.

Farms don't just supply the food we eat and enjoy every day; they represent the second largest industry in the state, are responsible for one million jobs, and provide an important "export" function for the state — exporting crops and importing dollars back into the state and local communities. Businesses that export a commodity and import capital, particu-

larly from a land based resource available year after year, are becoming increasingly vital in an economy where many of the new jobs are in the service sector which transfer wealth within the state rather than import wealth from other regions.

The availability of water in Michigan places the state and agriculture in a unique position nationally. It's predicted that water resources in the Great Plains and in central California will significantly diminish in the not-too-distant future. Michigan's position in the Great Lakes basin, plus the availability of quality farmland, will be the key to the state's agricultural economic future — if we can only hold on to the farmland we have.

In addition to economic benefits, farms also provide valuable environmental benefits to communities, providing storm water catchment and flood control, wildlife habitat, and open space. Farms also act as a positive tax revenue source for local governments, since studies show farmers typically pay more in property taxes than they use for services.

The bottom line is agriculture is good for Michigan, good for local government, and good for communities. Preserving our existing farmland base can positively position Michigan today, in the future, and help secure Michigan as a major economic player in the Midwest and the nation.

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Taking the cash best option when inheriting IRA



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
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Dear Rick: I am going to receive an inheritance of about \$75,000. I was told I have a choice to either take cash or I can inherit an IRA. My wife thinks

IRA because we really don't need the money. I'm leaning toward cash. What are your thoughts?

It is a slam dunk. You should take the cash. The main reason is taxes.

The issue for you is the tax consequences on the inherited money. If you inherit the IRA, that \$75,000 is eventually going to be taxed as ordinary income. Therefore, of the \$75,000 that you receive, more

than \$25,000 would have to be paid in taxes netting you only \$50,000.

On the other hand, if you take the \$75,000 in cash you will pay zero income taxes.

When it comes to inheritance there is a lot of confusion about taxes. Part of the confusion is there are different taxes that enter into the equation. There can be income tax and estate tax consequences. In the typical situation,

when someone receives money from an estate there are no estate taxes. Estate taxes are levied on the estate itself and not the beneficiary. However, when someone does inherit money, there can be income tax consequences.

Dear Rick: About a year ago, I got suckered into buying a variable annuity and all it's done is lose money. I want out. I talked

to the person who sold it to me and he said if I sell I have to pay thousands of dollars as a penalty. I am outraged. Is there anything I can do?

Anyone who reads my column knows I am not a fan of variable annuities. They typically have very high fees, adverse tax consequences and substantial early withdrawal fees. In addition, they do not offer investors the flexibility

that they need in managing their portfolio.

That being said, once you're in a variable annuity, you have few options with regards to liquidation. You can choose to bite the bullet, pay the penalty and get out. I recognize that this is a drastic measure, however, you should recognize that in a variable annuity you pay high ongoing fees, high management fees and insurance costs.

There is, however, another option. If you believe the salesperson misrepresented the policy, you potentially have legal recourse. There have been many cases where financial salespeople have been held liable for misrepresenting investment products. If you believe there has been some misrepresentation, consult with an attorney.

If you do decide to consult an attorney, I recommend dealing with one who will take the case on a contingency fee basis. That means he/she gets paid only if you get paid. Therefore, you are not necessarily putting good money after bad.

Schoolcraft unveils Biomedical Tech Center

Schoolcraft College will hold an open house and tours for its new Biomedical Technology Center, 3-5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5.

The 48,000-square-foot, \$12.5 million building will bring together the college's science, math, medicine and technology programs. The center will focus on the STEM and GRIN curriculum. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics and GRIN stands for genetics, robotics, information systems and nanotechnology.

The building features four state-of-the-art laboratories, a learning theater and SIM man for demonstrating anatomy. The official ribbon cutting will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served and music will be provided by Barton Pilot, music faculty member and director of the Synthesizer Ensemble, and several students.

Attendees will have the opportunity to see demonstrations in cellular and molecular biology lab, the anatomy and physiology lab, the imaging and analysis lab, the biomedical engineering technology lab and the SIM Man in the Learning Theater.

Sustainability is an important feature of this new building and several displays and stops along the guided tours will point out several of these features.

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2008 prep football season opens



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Plymouth senior wide receiver Connor McKinney leaves a pair of Salem players in his wake as he scores a second-quarter touchdown during the Wildcats' 47-7 victory Thursday night. McKinney later added another receiving TD and a rushing score. Plymouth quarterback Matt Skubik, pictured at right eluding Salem linebacker Christopher Watkins, threw four touchdown passes and ran for another.



AIR SHOW

Plymouth's passing game on target in 47-7 rout over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The mohawk was back in style Thursday night at the PCEP varsity football stadium and the guys wearing the retro haircuts were scoring a lot more than style points.

Fueled by a pin-point passing attack that piled up 287 yards and an everyone-to-the-ball defense that yielded just 44 half-yards, Plymouth secured the Black & Blue trophy for another year after dismantling Salem, 47-7.

Wildcat quarterback Matt Skubik — one of several 'Cats who sported the freshly groomed mohawk look — shredded the Rocks' defense for 235 passing yards, four passing TD's and one rushing score before giving way to back-up Ryan Barrera midway through the third quarter.

"A bunch of us seniors decided to cut our hair as kind of a team pride thing," said Skubik, as he rubbed the two-inch-wide strip of hair that survived the clippers. "It's something we can rally around."

A modest Skubik credited everybody but himself for Thursday's prolific air show.

"It was great game-planning by the coaches and our line kept everybody off me," he said. "I didn't get touched the entire game. Everybody did their job and worked hard."

Skubik's favorite targets during his 7-of-13 night were seniors Zach Hamed (three catches for 127 yards and a TD) and Ronnie Goble, who also hauled in three spirals for 66 yards and a score.

Connor McKinney snared one Skubik aerial for a 21-yard TD. He also grabbed a 22-yarder from Barrera before scoring in the fourth quarter on a 55-yard run.

"I honestly didn't know what to expect coming in here tonight because Salem is so big — they're huge," said Plymouth coach

OPENING-NIGHT STARS

There were no opening-night jitters Thursday for several local high school football players who made their mark early for their respective teams. Listed below are six players who rose to the occasion in their 2008 debuts:

■ Plymouth quarterback **Matt Skubik** threw for 235 yards and four TD's and ran for another score in the Wildcats' 47-7 win;

■ Canton running back **Kiere Daniels** dashed for 112 yards on 10 carries in the Chiefs' 21-12 triumph over Brighton;

■ Plymouth running back **Terrance Guthridge** rushed for 131 yards on eight carries and scored on a 61-yard jaunt;

■ Canton running back **Adam Payter** compiled 99 yards on 12 carries and scored on a 65-yard burst up the middle;

■ Salem running back **Anthony Mullins** picked up 70 yards on 12 carries and added a 13-yard TD run; and

■ Plymouth wide receiver **Zach Hamed** hauled in three passes for 127 yards, the longest an 83-yard scoring strike.

Mike Sawchuk. "But we're so fast, especially on defense. Their secondary was playing up on us, which is something we felt we could take advantage of. They were leaving the middle of the field open and Matt did a great job of finding the seams and getting the ball to his receivers.

"We still have a lot of work to do. I'm sure we'll break down the film and see a lot of stuff we have to fix. It only gets tougher with Brighton and Canton the next two weeks. If we don't get better every week, we're not meeting our goals."

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Sidelines

Learn to skate

Open registration for Fall 2008 Learn to Skate classes presented by the Arctic Figure Skating Club is currently ongoing at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton for kids between the ages of 4 and 12.

Learn to skate classes being Sept. 20 and run every Saturday through Nov. 8 from 10-11 a.m. Classes are grouped by age and ability.

The Arctic Figure Skating Club and Arctic Edge Ice Arena will also be offering TOT classes for children between the ages of three-and-a-half and 6 years old. Two classes are being offered, one starting Tuesday, Sept. 16, and another that will run from Thursday, Sept. 18 to Nov. 6 from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.

All classes will be 30 minutes of instruction with 15 minutes of free time.

For more information, including levels of instruction, registration, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities, call Arctic Edge Ice Arena at (734) 487-7777.

MHSAA Network set to launch

The Michigan High School Athletic Association and Comcast announced Thursday the launch of the MHSAA Network, a new cross-platform endeavor that will deliver Comcast digital cable customers unprecedented coverage of local high school sports on TV, On Demand and online.

When We Were Young Productions will be responsible for the production of the content for the MHSAA Network, which will include over 400 hours of programming during the fall sports season alone.

"This is a partnership that will capture the true flavor of high school sports, providing coverage of all MHSAA tournament sports, from all sizes of schools from all parts of the state," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts.

Fathead adds a Tiger

Livonia-based Fathead, the number one brand in sports and entertainment wall graphics, has added Detroit Tiger Curtis Granderson to its roster of offerings.

"To have such a young, dynamic player added to the Fathead MLB roster reinforces our commitment to fans to bring them the very best the MLB has to offer," said Brock Weatherup, Fathead's CEO. "Granderson's game-face attitude and athleticism brings a tremendous excitement to the Fathead line. Add the fact that he plays for the home team and we're talking grand slam."

Chiefs muzzle Bulldogs, 21-12

A dominating first-half performance paved the way for Canton's season-opening 21-12 victory over Brighton Thursday night on the PCEP junior varsity football field.

The Chiefs built a 21-0 half-time advantage before the Bulldogs struck for a pair of touchdowns -- one in the third quarter and one in the fourth.

Senior running back Kiere Daniels had a dazzling debut for the Chiefs, rushing for 112 yards on 10 carries. He opened the scoring with a 6-yard scoring run nine minutes into the contest. Dan Stoney's extra point made it 7-0.

Canton doubled it's lead to

14-0 just under nine minutes later when junior fullback Adam Payter ripped off a 65-yard TD run.

Payter finished with 99 yards on 12 carries.

Senior Nick Sweda closed the scoring for the winners when he found paydirt from two yards out with 30 seconds left in the half.

Brighton scored on a 49-yard run and a 78-yard pass.

The Chiefs outgained the Bulldogs 300-216 in total yards and doubled up their visitors in first downs, 11-5.

Junior running back Rohn Gaudi added 31 yards on eight carries. Junior quarterback

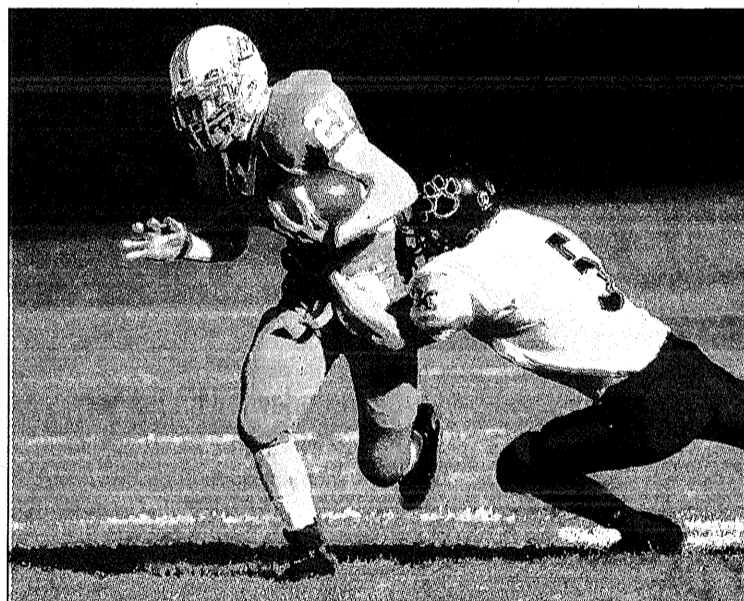
Kevin Delapaz was 1-for-5 passing for 17 yards.

Canton's defensive effort was paced by David Wilcox and Pat Madish, both of whom recorded seven tackles. Junior linebacker Alex Dixon also had a productive night, registering 4.5 tackles.

Canton junior linebacker Dakota Dark-Bird picked off a pass for the Chiefs while Sweda recovered a fumble.

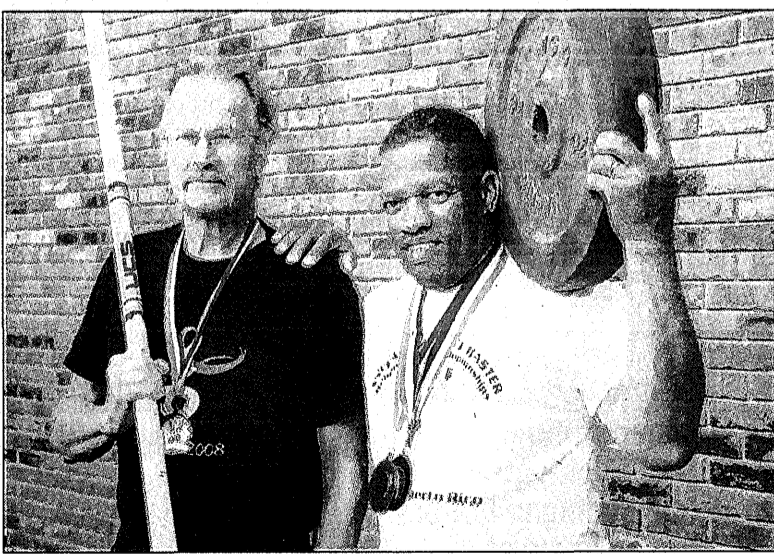
Brighton won the time of possession battle, 25:02-22:58.

Canton returns to action Friday when it hosts Lakeland in a Kensington Lakes Activities Association cross-over showdown.



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Canton running back Rohn Gaudi drags Brighton's Mark Cialone during the second half of Thursday night's 21-12 Canton victory.



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Canton neighbors Matti Kilpelainen (left) and Andre Johnson both excel in Masters Division athletic competitions. Kilpelainen is a pole vaulter and Johnson is a weight lifter.

Common bond

Neighbors share passion for Masters athletic competition

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Whenever Canton neighbors Matti Kilpelainen and Andre Johnson spot one another from opposite sides of Hanford Road, they'll exchange waves and pleasant greetings before the conversation inevitably shifts to their common bond.

And, no, it's not lawn care. "I'll ask him if he has any injury-recovery tips I can use," the 62-year-old Kilpelainen said, chuckling.

"Or we'll ask each other what competitions the other one has coming up," Johnson said, smiling. "It's nice to have a neighbor who can relate to what I enjoy doing."

The thing Kilpelainen and Johnson both enjoy doing is competing in Masters age group athletic events, which are open to athletes who are 35 years old and older.

While their respective sports couldn't be much more diverse — Kilpelainen is a pole vaulter, Johnson, 48, is a weight lifter — their passion for excelling can be found in the same neighborhood, so to speak.

So far this year, Johnson, who is a pilot for Northwest Airlines as well as a fighter pilot instructor for the U.S. military, has earned a pair of bronze medals at national and international weight-lifting tournaments.

Earlier this month, Kilpelainen, a retired

Please see **NEIGHBORS, B2**

Salem spikers all 'set' with Falcusan in charge

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The following news should cause area volleyball coaches to rejoice: Salem's Jansan Falcusan only has one more season before graduation.

Every coach, that is, except Rock head coach Amanda Suder, who's bound to miss her four-year starter when she heads off to the University of New Hampshire with a volleyball scholarship next year.

"Jansan is the kind of player every coach wants on their team," said Suder. "In my eyes, she's the best setter to have ever played at Salem and she's one of the best in the state this year."

Falcusan is just one of the Rocks' eight returning players — a fact that makes Suder's squad one of the team's to beat in the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"I like the division we're in because it's very, very competitive," said Suder, whose team finished 30-12-2 in 2007. "Our division is probably the strongest in the league with South Lyon, Novi and Northville, which will be strong with Tom Teeters coaching now. I'm excited about playing in the new league."

Joining the 5-foot-10 Jansan as tri-captains are three-year starting senior Kelly MacDonald, a 5-7 outside hitter, and senior Katie Janda, a 5-7 defensive specialist.

"This is a big year for Kelly," said Suder. "Two years ago, she played behind Teresa Coppiellie and last year she came into her own and made All-Division. She looks like she's going to be a great all-around player for us. She has one of the best vertical jumps I've ever seen."

"Katie has improved a lot the past two years. She played on the AAU state championship team with Kelly and Kerry (MacDonald) this summer, so that was a great experience for her. She has great leadership skills, too."

Other key returners include 6-3 sophomore Nicole Merget, who has grown two inches since her freshman year; 5-10 sophomore Jillian Somerville, who Suder calls, "A big threat in the middle"; junior outside hitter Lauren Dworzanian; and senior defensive specialist Katie Parr.

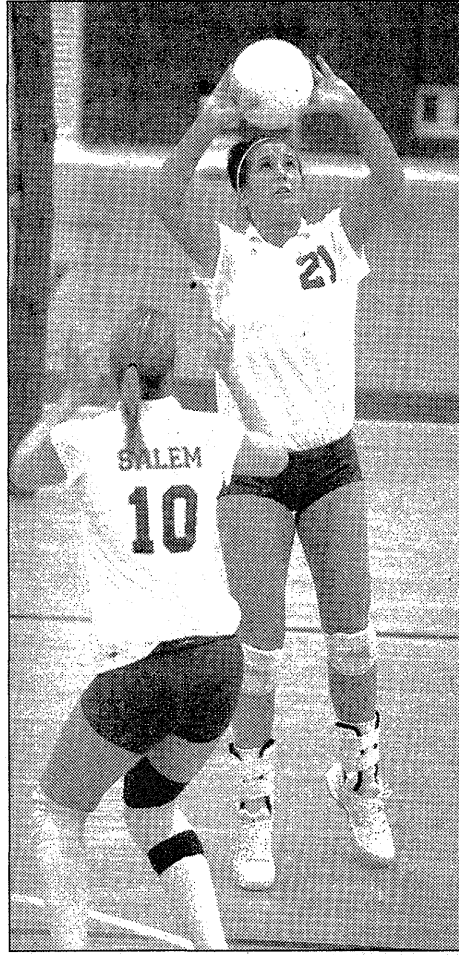
"Katie may be the most athletic girl on our team," Suder noted.

Key reserves include seniors Becky Davis, Erin Classen and Kelly Gitre; and sophomore Lauren Ascherman, who will serve as a libero.

PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats' future appears bright with nine players returning from last season's team that finished 22-11-6.

The most notable returnee is senior libero Briana Beyer, who earned All-Division, All-Region and Defensive Player of the



Salem senior Jansan Falcusan is widely considered to be one of the premier setters in the state of Michigan.

Year honors in 2007.

"We are returning three strong defensive players, including Briana," Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland said. "She will be called upon to handle the defensive back-court."

"Newcomers Danielle Risi and Kayla Bridge have improved tremendously in the off-season and will be called upon to strengthen our offensive play along with returning seniors Meg Quinlan and Mandy McManus."

McCausland also listed sophomore Katie Binger as a strong offensive threat. She'll be taking feeds from junior setter Katie Salo, a returning starter.

Other pivotal returnees include senior outside hitter Mandy McManus, senior middle hitter Meg Quinlan, senior defensive specialist Lauren Scott, senior defensive specialist Jenna Livingston, senior Nikki Rottell and junior Kelly Smoltz.

Joining Risi and Bridge as promising new-comers is junior setter Erin O'Connor.

McCausland said she is excited about playing in the new conference.

"Our competition will include Churchill, John Glenn, Canton, Franklin and Wayne Memorial," she said. "We are used to see-

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ing Canton, Franklin and Wayne, but we are welcoming the new challenge of competing against Churchill and John Glenn. "Our goal, of course, is to land in the top two of the division to have the opportunity for a conference and association championship. The new conference allows for an exciting opportunity for anyone to gain the reign of champion."

CANTON

Things are looking up — way up — for the Chiefs, who displayed promising signs for the upcoming season when they placed second at last weekend's South Lyon Invitational.

"The team is looking good so far," said coach Jen Barnes, whose squad finished 32-12-2 in 2007. "We have five returning players, who will be the core of the team. We lost six girls to graduation, so that's tough. We need to work on our offense because we lost a couple of big hitters from last year's team."

Canton is led by a trio of talented captains: 5-10 junior outside hitter Jordan Kieley, 5-7 senior setter Kacy Moran and 5-7 senior Gina Waite.

"Jordan is our go-to hitter because she's our most consistent hitter," said Barnes. "She can hit the ball anywhere on the court. She had 61 kills in last weekend's tournament, so she's off to a great start."

"Kacy is a great setter. She makes my job so much easier because I can work with the other girls and not worry about her doing her job."

"Gina is one of our best defensive players and serve receivers. She'll be on the court as much as possible."

Another key returnee is 5-6 senior defensive specialist Shelby Anthony, who will spend most of her time on the court as the Chiefs' libero.

"Shelby's a great defender and she has a tough serve," Barnes said.

Senior Janelle Burdiss, junior Allison Trapp and freshmen Kristen Muiwill give the Chiefs plenty of front-row depth.

"Watching Kristen play in last week's tournament, if you didn't know she was a freshman, you never would have guessed," said Barnes. "She plays like an upper-classman."

Providing depth for the Chiefs will be first-year varsity players Leah Powers, a 5-5 junior defensive specialist; Taci Breitmeyer, a 5-4 junior setter; Anna Larner, a 5-7 junior right-side hitter; Lauren Macuga, a 5-3 junior defensive specialist; Torry Riley, a 5-5 junior outside hitter; and Samantha McPartlin, a 5-8 junior middle hitter.

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Another honor for Tidwell

Recent Canton High School graduate William Tidwell (left) received another prestigious honor when he was presented with the Canton Lions youth football organization's inaugural "Lions Are Leaders" scholarship check by Lions vice president Dave Gring. The Lions organization offers scholarships to its former players and cheerleaders who display strong leadership skills and character on and off the field.

NEIGHBORS

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Detroit elementary school teacher, captured a silver medal at the Masters Champions Meet in Spokane, Wash., despite suffering from a painful groin injury.

You too?

The neighbors discovered their shared interests several years ago when Johnson noticed some unique, but recognizable, items attached to Kilpelainen's vehicle.

"I saw the pole vaulting poles tied to his van one day and asked him about them," Johnson recalled. "I've always thought pole-vaulting was a pretty cool sport, how the athletes walk up the bar at the end to get over the top and at the last second letting go. It's a beautiful, beautiful sport."

"It's a lot like weight-lifting because it's more about technique than it is strength. If I tried it, though, I think I'd fail miserably," he said, laughing.

Kilpelainen is equally impressed with Johnson's sport of choice.

"Weight-lifting is so important for athletes in all sports now," the native of Finland said. "Years ago, it was just weight-lifters and football players who used weights. Now baseball players, basketball players — even golfers — work with weights."

"I lift small amounts of weight to maintain my strength, but I could never do what Andre does. I think I'd probably hurt myself."

'Weights' and see

Johnson was a 12-year-old junior high school student in Washington, D.C. when he was first introduced to weight lifting.

"I was watching the 1972 Olympics and I saw Vasily Alekseyev competing," Johnson reminisced. "I had some weights in my basement,

so I started imitating what he was doing.

"One day, my future coach came to my junior high school to put on a weight-lifting exhibition. Well, I cut all my classes that day so I could watch it and learn."

The instructor that day was Bob Thompson, who later founded the first all-African American weight-lifting team in Washington, D.C. — Crushers Unlimited, of which Johnson was a charter member.

Eight years after watching Alekseyev in the Olympics, Johnson was on the verge of making the United States Olympic team before a series of crushing events unfolded.

"I was tenth in the world at my weight, so I had a great shot of making the Olympic team in 1980," Johnson said. "But on Jan. 25 of that year, President Carter came on the TV and said the United States was going to boycott the Olympics. I remember the date because it was the day before my birthday."

"I had put in all that training and worked all those years and all of a sudden it was gone. It was tough to take."

Won't stop 'til they drop

Kilpelainen started jumping competitively in 1961 as a student at Detroit Cooley High School and he hasn't stopped since. The former University of Michigan vaulter now helps coach young pole vaulters at Canton High School master the craft.

"I've been coaching at Canton for 11 years now, and I love working with the kids," he said. "I hope they get as much out of it as I do."

When asked how long they'll continue to compete, both neighbors replied with nearly the same answer.

"As long as my body holds up," Kilpelainen said, grinning.

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Rock kickers remain perfect with comeback win over 'Cats

It wasn't easy, but Salem's boys soccer team remained perfect Thursday afternoon against cross-campus rival Plymouth.

The Rocks overcame a 1-0 deficit early in the second half and escaped with a 4-1 triumph in a game played before an enthusiastic crowd at the PCEP varsity soccer stadium.

The match was scoreless at the half before Plymouth found the back of the net early in the second half.

The Rocks responded with a pair of quick-strike net-finders

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before putting the game on ice with two more goals later on.

Salem, which defeated highly regarded Warren DeLaSalle on Wednesday night, is expected to be ranked in the top five teams in Division 1 when rankings are released next week.

Senior forward Josh Pascarella was the offensive catalyst of the victory over Plymouth as he netted a pair of goals.

Lachlan Savage and Alex

Tramel contributed one goal each.

Junior keeper Sasa Miskovic was brilliant between the pipes.

CANTON 1, ANN ARBOR PIONEER 1: On Thursday at Pioneer, the Chiefs earned a hard-fought draw with the always-tough Pioneers. Joey Krizanek scored Canton's lone goal off assists from Sherif Hassanian and Brandon Burt.

Nick Turnbull and Kai Walther both played a half in goal for the Chiefs, who will take a 2-1-3 record into next

week's action.

SALEM 1, WARREN DELASALLE 0: On Wednesday, Alex Tramel tallied the game's lone goal with seven minutes left to give the Rocks an impressive win over perennial power DeLaSalle.

Matt Woster assisted on the game-winning goal.

"We received tremendous performances from Kevin Cope and Sasa Miskovic," Salem coach Ed McCarthy emphasized following the win.

Salem improved to 4-0 while DeLaSalle dropped to 4-3-1.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sunday fall hoops

The Madonna University men's basketball program and All-Star Basketball Camps will stage its 2008 fall basketball league on Sundays, Sept. 7 through Oct. 26.

The league will provide instruction in preparation for the upcoming winter basketball season from MU players.

Division II (ages 11-13) starts at 1 p.m. each followed by Division I at 3 p.m.

The cost is \$125 per player (includes reversible game jersey with number).

For more information, call Chuck Henry at (734) 432-5991 (office) or (734) 398-5975 (home); or e-mail him at chenry@madonna.edu.

Plymouth YMCA fall sports

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

Fall soccer leagues are forming for children between the ages of 4 and 11.

Practices begin the week of Sept. 15 and games start Saturday, Sept. 20.

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 costs \$15.

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 \$15.

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, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m.

The alumni game will follow the Rocks and Chiefs varsity game, which is set to kick off at 5:30 p.m.

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.

O&E Men's golf

The 2008 Men's Observer & Eccentric Open 36-hole medal play event will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at Livonia's Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses.

The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included) with a maximum handicap of 20.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.

Entries will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

(Starting times and pairings will be available after noon on Thursday, Sept. 18.)

For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

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Lin Cummins (left), Dr. Joan Crawford and Debbie Dingell recently gathered at the Detroit Institute of Arts for photographs to promote the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign.

Go red

Campaign continues to draw attention to heart disease in women

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

It looked like everyone was having fun at the photo shoot to promote the American Heart Association Go Red for Women campaign, but underneath the smiles was a sadness. Michelle Levell, one of the women who meet annually to raise awareness about heart disease, died July 10 at age 40 waiting for a transplant. Levell had been moved to the top of the list in March. She was only 25 years old when diagnosed with congestive heart failure.

Levell worked as a registered nurse on the cardiac floor at St. John Oakland Hospital in spite of her disease, but in the last two years needed an automatic defibrillator implant and then a bi-ventricular assist device to survive until a donor could be found.

Dr. Joan Crawford was her friend as well as her cardiologist.

"She had an external heart pump put in six to eight weeks prior. She got to the point she couldn't live without something. Even being number one on the list that didn't help," said Crawford, chief of cardiology at St. John Oakland and Macomb hospitals, director of women's services at St. John Macomb, and medical director of the Go Red campaign which culminates with Wear Red Day on Feb. 6, and two luncheons later in the month.

"Michelle's message would be, that using her as an example, heart disease really didn't have a stereotype. Even at the end she looked young, smiley, bubbly externally. You would never know how sick she was."

Crawford says that's why women need to educate themselves about the symptoms of heart disease. The Go Red campaign is raising awareness, but women still need to be their own advocates.

"Michelle originally thought she had a cold or asthma. She would want people to see their doctor to make sure a health professional is listening to their symptoms especially if they're young and female," said Crawford of Bloomfield Hills. "Listen to your body. If something is different or you don't feel right you know better than

anybody else. Lots of doctors are still under the bias only men get heart disease. If they're 40 and experiencing symptoms they should insist on a stress test, EKG."

The good news, says Crawford, is that more and more women are coming into her office saying they were aware of the Go Red campaign.

On this day in early August, 24 business and media women had dressed in red for photos at the Detroit Institute of Arts to promote the American Heart Association Go Red luncheon on Feb. 25, at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center. New this year is the addition of a second luncheon on Feb. 13 in Ann Arbor.

Photographs from the DIA shoot will be used in the 2009 AHA Go Red calendar.

"I'm excited about the sixth year of doing this. You can tell the room has more red dresses. We're getting the word out," said Crawford, a cardiologist since 1993. "Women are saying I know women have different symptoms than men. For women it can be shortness of breath, changing energy levels, where last year they used to be able to mow the entire lawn, now only half. Older women need to see a doctor right away. There's more to heart disease than just having a heart attack. There can be a hole in the heart, murmurs, pacemaking issues, weak heart muscles. A heart is like a home. A lot of people think heart disease is a heart attack, but just like a home a heart has walls, a roof, plumbing. The heart has structures, valves like doors, plumbing — arteries, an electrical pacemaking system and anything can go wrong. One in two women die of heart disease. Why be the one?"

Lin Cummins' mother died of a heart attack so she's especially concerned about educating women through the Go Red campaign. Cummins is the luncheon chairwoman, senior vice president of communications and government affairs for ArvinMeritor and serves on the board of trustees for Wayne State University and Hospice of Michigan, but always finds time to help the American Heart Association. For the last three years she has been the executive leader and number



Michelle Levell was 40 when she died in July while waiting for a heart transplant.

one fund-raiser for the annual AHA walk in Southfield.

"We want to build awareness of women to start taking care of themselves. Women are always the caretakers," said Cummins of Oakland Township. "My job takes so much of my time. I'm taking care of my job, husband, four children, four grandchildren. I never take care of me. When my mother died I was surprised a woman would have heart disease. I have two sisters with heart disease. That's probably going to be my fate if we don't get control of it, if we don't get involved."

Paula Love says the nonprofit organization is doing its part by not only reaching out to women, but partnering with businesses such as Macy's, which on Sept. 20 hosts Shop for a Cause. For a \$5 donation, customers receive an all-day savings pass on select merchandise. Also on Sept. 20, Go Red creates awareness with an NBC TV special. "Untold Stories of the Heart" chronicles the disease in women including Marie Osmond. The events all lead up to the luncheons in February.

"In 2009 our luncheon is going from 700 to 1,000 women plus another 250 in Ann Arbor," said Love, AHA Go Red director. "We're starting a mentor program for high school seniors and college freshmen, working with counselors to go into schools. More and more we're seeing the younger population is being affected by heart disease."

Debbie Dingell believes research is the answer to reducing the number of women dying from heart disease.

"For years women weren't included in studies," said Dingell, a senior executive at General Motors. "We need to take the responsibility to educate ourselves, need to demand, taking the strength of us as women and demand change. It's the power of us all coming together for education, advocacy and research."

For more information, call (248) 827-4214 or visit www.americanheart.org or www.goredforwomen.org.

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUGUST

IBD symposium/update

For patients and family members, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth. Topics include medications, diet, emotional issues, and a lesson on the digestive system. Call (248) 737-0900 or (888) 737-2322. IBD Update for the Practicing Physician same date, time and place. Information available at same phone numbers. Not open to public. Registration deadline is Aug. 31. No charge.

UPCOMING

Holistic Moms Network

9:45-11:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. Plymouth. Speaker is Heather Carmona from www.purealternatives.net on the topic of Organic and Natural Living: Making the Transition. For information, contact Andrea Stevens at amstevens14@juno.com, or (313) 220-4592, or visit www.holisticmoms.org.

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 and the Saints. Suggested donation \$10 adults, \$5 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.

Sharing & Caring

Education and support program for breast cancer survivors features Date Night dinner and support for the newly diagnosed patient and partner with clinical psychologist Annette Spencer 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, in the Wilson Cancer Center, G12. For reservations, call (248) 551-8585.

Charity bike ride

For the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 5, start at East Boat Launch, Kensington Metropark, Milford. For information, to register, make a donation or volunteer, contact Paul Fried at paf123@aol.com. To register or donate, visit michigan.ccfca.org, and click on the link to Paul Fried Charity Ride.

PAD screening

Legs hurt when you walk or exercise? Free 10-minute screenings for peripheral arterial disease which may help prevent heart attack or stroke 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Call (734) 655-8950.

Diabetes support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital hosts a presentation on Diabetes and Current Treatment Options with Dr. Jacqueline Fabello-Gamiao 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the hospital's auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. No charge, pre-registration not required. For details, call (734) 655-8961.

Hypnosis for weight control

Sessions 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, St. John Macomb Hospital, 11800 E. 12 Mile at Hoover; 3-5 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, Providence Medical Center Livonia, 37595 Seven Mile at Newburgh, and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ann Arbor. Combines power of hypnosis with behavior modification. First 45 minutes is free orientation. If participant feels comfortable with program, the charge is one-time fee of \$79, includes unlimited free repetitions of hypnosis for year if needed. Save \$10 by registering at www.easywillpower.com.

Fibromyalgia support

Dr. Luis Torregrosa discusses the newest information on fibromyalgia drugs 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Metro Fibromyalgia support group meeting at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, one block south of Ford Road, Garden City. For more information, call Lucy Rowley at (734) 462-1768. No dues, donations accepted.

Blood Drive

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, to honor the enduring spirit of America, in the Comcast Pavilion at The Palace of Auburn Hills. All presenting blood donors receive one free ticket for that evening's Women's National Basketball Association game between Detroit Shock and Washington Mystics. To donate blood you must be in general good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17 years of age or older. Appointments strongly suggested. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or log on to www.givelife.org.

Walk for remembrance

Angela Hospice's new event takes place Saturday, Sept. 13, to remember in a positive way the loved ones we've lost. Angela Hospice is inviting friends, families and community to the Walk of Remembrance on the Felician Sisters' grounds. The 3K and 5K routes will begin near the south parking lot of Madonna University and end at Angela Hospice. On-site registration opens at 8 a.m., walk begins 9 a.m. with a dove release ceremony and musical dedication. Following the walk will be activities including Music Together led by Jill Formanek of West Bloomfield, and rock painting to personalize with loved ones' names. Refreshments served. To register or make a donation, visit www.angelahospice.org, or call (734) 953-6045. Registration by Sept. 3 guarantees a commemorative T-shirt. Fees \$15 adults, \$5 children 12 and under. Day of event registration also available. Proceeds benefit Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families as well as grief support services provided free-of-charge for all community members.

Walk for cancer

St. Mary Mercy Hospital celebrates life at a 5K run/walk 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, on the grounds at Five Mile and Levan, Livonia. Proceeds go to help uninsured or underinsured cancer patients look toward brighter and healthier days ahead. Register online at www.active.com or complete a printable registration form for mail-in at www.stmarymercy.org. Sponsorships available. For information about the race or the hospital's cancer services, call Carlos Junca, (734) 655-1402.

Alzheimer's and intimacy

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, is hosting a workshop "Intimacy and Sexuality with Alzheimer's Disease" 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. The speaker is Stefanie Sinks, the Counselor/Care Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter. No charge. Registration required, call (734) 655-8950.

Health fair/open house

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. On Sunday bring the family for a day of fun, food and games, tours of radiology and surgery departments. Learn about healthy living from fitness guru Peter Nielsen under the main tent. On Saturday receive screenings including blood pressure, blood glucose, and body fat along with height and weight measurements (no charge). Doctors will be on hand to speak about stroke awareness and heart health, and answer your health related questions. A healthy cook-off also planned. For information about the hospital, visit www.hvsh.org.

Celebrating survivorship

10th annual Sharing & Caring symposium, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Royal Park Hotel, 600 E. University Dr., Rochester Hills. Speakers include Anne Thompson, breast cancer survivor and NBC News correspondent, Beverly Kirkhart, breast cancer survivor and author of Turning Setbacks into Comebacks, and Christine Clifford Beckwith, breast cancer survivor and author of Not Now...I'm Having a No Hair Day. Cost is \$45, includes breakfast, luncheon and wellness activities including trail walking, seated chair massage, tai chi, yoga, reiki and more. To register, call (800) 633-7377. For information, call (248) 551-8585.

Da Vinci awards

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter 2008 Da Vinci Awards at a gala event (black tie optional) featuring a cocktail reception and displays of the award winners, followed by a gourmet dinner and awards program Saturday, Sept. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities and information visit: <http://www.daviniciawards.org>.

Detroit walk for PKD

Saturday, Sept. 20, at Boulan Park, Troy. Registration begins at 9 a.m.; walk at 10 a.m. For information contact Henry Allemon at (248) 892-9020 or hallemon@aol.com. The not-for-profit PKD Foundation leads the fight against polycystic kidney disease through research funding and patient education. For information visit www.pkdcure.org or call 1-800-PKD-CURE.

Charity ride

Annual David and Wanda Harrison Memorial Charity Ride Sunday, Sept. 21, includes a raffle drawing for custom designed and soon-to-be built Harley Davidson-powered motorcycle, and a fully-escorted, scenic 50-mile ride through northern Oakland County back roads and the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert at DTE Energy Theatre. Registration fee \$30 for driver, \$25 for passenger and includes ride entry, lawn seat concert ticket, VIP parking at DTE, lunch at the start and official ride pin. Since concert tickets are limited, pre-registration encouraged. Visit www.leukemiamichigan.org or call (248) 353-8222. Proceeds support Michigan families battling leukemia and lymphoma through support services provided by Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

Take precautions to prevent West Nile Virus

Summer days are winding down, but mosquitoes will be present until the first frost. Oakland County Health Division officials urge residents to continue to take common-sense precautions and minimize mosquito exposure to protect themselves from West Nile Virus.

The best way to reduce the risk of getting the virus is to prevent mosquitoes from biting you. Spray clothing and exposed skin with insect repellent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the use of insect

repellents containing active ingredients registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Two of these products that have shown a high degree of effectiveness are DEET and Picaridin. Always follow manufacturer's directions carefully, especially when using on children.

Minimize activities where mosquitoes are present such as shaded areas.

Wear light colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors between dusk and dawn.

Maintain window and door

screening to keep mosquitoes out of buildings.

Eliminate standing water in your yard. Empty water from mosquito breeding sites such as flower pots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, swimming pool covers, discarded tires, buckets, barrels, cans, and similar items where mosquitoes can lay eggs.

Report dead birds to Oakland County Health Division's Environmental Health Services Unit at (877) 377-3641.

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can

cause inflammation and swelling of the brain. Mosquitoes are infected by biting a bird that carries the virus. The virus is then spread to humans through the bite of the infected mosquito. Most people infected with the virus have either no symptoms or experience a mild illness such as fever, headache and body aches. However, in some individuals, particularly the elderly, a much more serious disease affecting brain tissue can develop.

For more information about West Nile Virus, visit www.oakgov.com/health.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 5
 Lakeland at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Brighton at Plymouth at PCEP JV Stadium, 7 p.m.
 Salem at W.L. Northern, 7 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 2
 Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Salem at Northville, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Canton at Church Hill, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
 Plymouth at Dexter, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Salem at East Lansing Invite, 11:15 a.m.
GIRLS PREP SWIMMING
Thursday, Aug. 28
 Plymouth at Tecumseh, 6:30 p.m.
 Salem at WSU Warrior Relays, 5 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Madonna Invitational at Plymouth, 8:30 a.m.
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Canton at Dexter Invite, 7 a.m.
 Salem at Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Park, 9:30 a.m.
 Plymouth at Bath Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Plymouth at Ypsi Early Bird Invitational at Ypsilanti H.S., 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 6
 Salem at Brother Rice Invitational at Kensington Park, 8:30 a.m.
 Plymouth at Detroit Titan Invite at Cass Benton, 10:25 a.m.
BOYS TENNIS
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Wildcat Invitational, 8 a.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Sept. 4
 Flint Mott CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
 (Julie Martin Memorial at Madonna) Madonna vs. Davenport, 3 p.m.
 Madonna vs. Cedarville (Ohio), 7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 (Julie Martin Memorial at Madonna) Madonna vs. Univ. of Windsor, 9:30 a.m.
 Madonna vs. Spring Arbor, 1:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 1
 Madonna vs. Bellevue (Wash.) at Pt. Loma Nazarene (Calif.), 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 3
 Schoolcraft at Owens CC (Ohio), 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5
 Schoolcraft at Suffolk CC (N.Y.), 2 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Schoolcraft at Nassau CC (N.Y.), noon.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
Friday, Sept. 5
 Schoolcraft at Elgin CC (Ill.), 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6
 Schoolcraft at DuPage CC (Ill.), 11 a.m.

TBA - time to be announced.

PLYMOUTH

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The outcome was a sobering experience for Salem coach Parker Salowich, who figured an encouraging, enthusiasm-filled off-season would carry over to the regular season.

"I'm usually a pretty positive person, but I didn't have one positive thing to say to the kids after tonight's game," said Salowich. "We have one of the best weight rooms in southeastern Michigan, we have a wonderful booster club and great parental support — and we're not winning. Tonight we didn't even compete, which is embarrassing. All we have is window dressing. We look good on the surface, but there's no depth."

"What went wrong tonight was when (Plymouth) scored on a long run the third play of the game and our kids' chins went into their chests. All of a sudden it felt like last year again. We've fought so hard the past 10 months to not do that, and yet it happened."

It took the Wildcats just 43 seconds to strike paydirt as senior running back Terrance Guthridge sprinted 61 yards to the end zone on the third play of the game to make it 6-0.

Salem's offense showed some early spunk, moving the ball to the Plymouth 35 on the ensuing drive. However, the drive stalled when senior quarterback Heath Parling was sacked on a second-and-



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Plymouth defensive back Jacob Zawaski brings down Salem's Shawn Lyons during the second quarter of Thursday night's 47-7 Wildcat triumph.

11 play by Wildcat sophomore defensive end Brennan Byer.

Plymouth jumped ahead 13-0 with 10:37 left in the first half when Skubik snuck over from 1 yard out. The TD was set up three plays earlier when Skubik and Goble hooked up on a 23-yard pass on a fourth-and-10 play.

The Wildcats seized the momentum for good on the second play of their next possession when Skubik lofted a long pass down the north sideline to Hamed, who raced 83 yards for six points. Kyle Brindza's second of three extra points made it 20-0.

Plymouth led 26-0 at the

half thanks to a 23-yard Skubik-to-Goble strike with 1:56 left.

A pair of McKinney TD catches — one from Skubik from 21 yards out and another from Barrera from 22 — and a two-point reception by McKinney after the first score, made it 41-0 with 8:12 remaining in the third quarter.

Salem's lone TD came on Anthony Mullins' 13-yard run five minutes later.

McKinney capped the scoring with a 55-yard run at the 5:19 mark of the fourth.

Overshadowed by the proficient passing attack was a big night from Guthridge, who racked up 131 yards on eight carries.

McKinney finished with 61 yards on three attempts while back-up running back Tommy Whitlow added 26 on five.

Parling completed 9-of-16 passes for 67 yards. Shawn Lyons caught four passes for 40 yards.

Plymouth's defense was paced by middle linebacker Connor Martin, who was credited with 12 tackles. Junior defensive lineman Darrell Cohn also played a huge role in disrupting the Rocks' spread offense.

Salem's defensive highlight was a third-quarter interception by linebacker Austin Root.

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Zebras' rally falls one stripe short

Overtime eluded Wayne Memorial by a half-yard in Thursday's season football opener at Waterford Kettering as the host Captains escaped with a 14-7 victory.

Back-up quarterback Nick Mills, who replaced starter Nick Kostora after he was injured early in the third quarter, hit brother Matt Mills on a pass, but Wayne receiver was stopped just shy of the goal line as time expired.

The loss spoiled the coaching debut of Wayne's Kevin Weber. Kettering quarterback Lee

Jerritt scored on a 1-yard run with 9:49 left in the first quarter to cap a six-play, 61-yard touch-down drive. Ryan DeCovich added the first of his two extra points for the Captains.

Wayne tied it up with 2:51 left in the opening period as Kostora scored on a 28-yard run followed by Jesse Dorow's extra point. The drive covered 62 yards in nine plays.

In the third period, Kettering marched 80 yards capped by Jerritt's 6-yard TD run.

Wayne couldn't take advantage of four Kettering turnovers as C.J. Johnson picked off a pair of passes in the second quarter and

Jake White recovered a fumble in the opening period. Parnell Holliday also had a fumble recovery in the fourth quarter.

Kettering had a total of 270 yards to Wayne's 216. The Captains also had 15 first downs to the Zebras' nine.

John Williams led the Captains and all rushers with 131 yards on 19 carries.

Richard Haley paced Wayne with 61 yards on 14 carries. Kostora and Mills were a combined 12-of-30 for 107 yards and two interceptions.

Keith Agee, who was in on 13 tackles, spearheaded Wayne's defense.

John Glenn falls, 7-0

It was a defensive standoff Friday as Waterford Mott came away with a 7-0 victory at Westland John Glenn, ruining the debut of Rockets varsity coach Tim Hardin.

The two teams combined for only 13 first downs and 165 yards in total offense, 85 by Glenn and 80 by the Corsairs.

Marc Pressley 52-yard interception return for a TD and Kyle Kittel's subsequent extra point with 1:39 remaining in the first quarter proved to be the difference.

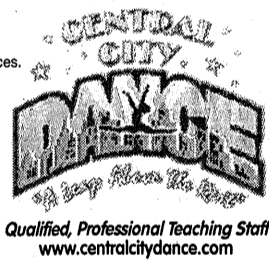
Glenn had just 32 yards net rushing.

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Unplug your microwave before changing its fuse

Two readers posed the same question recently:

George wrote: Our GE microwave oven just stopped working — one second it worked, the next it did not. It made a zap noise, and then went blank. I went online and followed the suggestions on the GE Web site, i.e. checked the breaker, checked the plug, etc.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Nancy wrote: I have a Litton microwave that is 20 years old and has never given us one ounce of trouble. Today it just stopped working completely; there isn't even a light inside when I open the door. I made sure there is electrical power on the wall outlet. Is it time for me to go shopping for a new one?

Some years ago I'd hear the same question with the same problem several times a day.

I would tell the callers to see me at my little service shop and I would show them how to change the internal fuse inside their microwave ovens. The fuse cost \$5 and I sure made a lot of friends.

Today, service companies do things differently than I did back then. It seems most of them are afraid to show you how to do things yourself, such as repairing your own microwave. There may be a good reason for that such as injury or a lawsuit.

But if I still had a little service shop I would still be showing consumers how to change the fuse in a microwave oven. There is an internal fuse in a microwave oven that my grandmother could replace if I showed her how to do it. The hardest thing today is getting someone to show you where it is located and how to get to it. There is no doubt that you can get permanently hurt in changing the fuse if you are a complete fool or are trying to commit suicide.

The big trick is to unplug the microwave or simply put, unplug the cord. Never touch anything such as a wire while it has electrical power going to it. The fuse looks like the old style car fuse and is fitted into a little receptacle and it just pops out. A few of them are soldered in place. It is very easy to replace but the hard part is getting someone to show you how and where it is located.

Make sure you don't touch any other wires in there. There is a capacitor in this maze of electrical stuff which we call loaded. If you touch any other wire like I've just instructed you not to do, I can assure you that voltage will enter into one finger of one hand and come out the other hand.

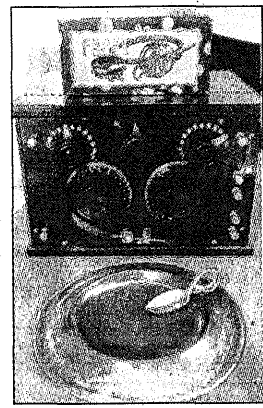
I used to tell my customers about a guy who tried to fix the microwave, touched a hot wire and burned himself so badly that after they removed his body from the kitchen, the bottom of his feet were burned into the hardwood floor. This story is true. I worked for the Amana Corporation in the 1970s and we had pictures of this happening. I used to carry them around with me and when I was training service technicians around the country I would show them the pictures to emphasize how dangerous it is to work on a microwave oven. I never lost one service technician!

Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600. His phone number is (734)971-1600, ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or have a problem with one? E-mail it to wvomb@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

Treasure hunt

Flea Market boasts variety of odds and ends



Earphones, a crystal radio, and silver serving set are among the items Carol Brichford will be bringing to the Greenmead Flea Market.



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The Brichfords and Barretts will be bringing a wide selection of items to sell at the Greenmead Flea Market.



Carol Brichford, left, and Judy Barrett go over some of the items they will sell at the upcoming Greenmead Flea Market.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Carol Brichford likes to tease her husband Tom about accumulating a house full of odds and ends at estate sales over the years, but admits she's just as bad when it comes to collecting. The Farmington Hills couple is looking forward to cleaning out their living room by selling some of the items at the Livonia Historical Society's annual Flea Market at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia on Sunday, Sept. 7.

They're sharing three booths with Judy and Verlon Barrett of Farmington Hills and several members of The Questers. Both couples belong to chapters of the international antique study group dedicated to restoring and preserving historic places such as Greenmead.

The Brichfords are planning to bring glassware, jewelry, a radio with a receiving set from the early 1920s, a child's Victrola from the late 1930s, vintage dolls, sewing baskets and materials, a child's roll top desk, and an antique phone with handset.

"We have everything he ever got," jokes Carol Brichford about Tom, who collects mostly old iron and metal. "He collects anything that moves — cars, trucks, tractors — but they never move out."

It's their sense of humor that has kept Carol and Tom married 51 years, not collecting items at estate and garage sales and antique malls.

"No, collecting hasn't kept our marriage together," said Tom. "Our marriage has stayed together in spite of it."

"Our stuff is all around our living room that I call our warehouse," added Carol, a volunteer at Greenmead. "We

FLEA MARKET

What: Annual Livonia Historical Society event to raise funds for the restoration of Hill House at Greenmead Historical Park
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7
Where: Greenmead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh at Eight Mile, Livonia
Details: Cost \$2 adults, children under age 12 free. Village open for tours noon to 3 p.m. For information, call (248) 477-7375. The Village Painters show coincides with the Flea Market. For details, www.villagepainters.net or (734) 753-5232

Please see **GREENMEAD, C3**

Decorative painting show coincides with flea market

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Maureen VanBuhler couldn't be more excited about the Village Painters Treasure Chest Craft Show coinciding with the Livonia Historical Society's Flea Market 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia.

Together, the events draw around 5,000 visitors.

The 12th annual Village Painters show is held in and out-

side of the Alexander Blue House while the flea market takes place in the village. Ten percent of the profit from the Village Painters show goes back to the club to provide seminars and community service.

"Village Painters is a decorative painting chapter and everybody brings what they like to paint," said VanBuhler. "We paint on tables, furniture, wood, tin, glass, fabric. We'll have a big vari-

Please see **PAINTING, C3**



The Village Painters Treasure Chest Art & Craft Show takes place in and outside of the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Park on Sunday, Sept. 7

Peace movement begins at home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O & E STAFF WRITER

Colleen Mills couldn't be prouder that A.T. Ariyaratne's first stop in the U.S. is the monthly meeting of Citizens for Peace in Livonia on Sept. 9. The internationally known leader of the Sarvodaya movement is coming from Sri Lanka where he has rallied the residents of 15,000 villages to build a better life for themselves by tackling projects such as constructing roads and digging wells. Over the years he has won the Gandhi Peace Prize and been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. "Everyone is welcome. We

want to spark their interest and broaden their world view," said Mills, president of Citizens for Peace.

The meeting is just one of more than a dozen events Ariyaratne will attend in the metro Detroit area. The free seminar, A Better World is Possible: Integrated Approach to Peace, 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Schoolcraft College, is also open to the public. Two days earlier Ariyaratne speaks at the end of a 21-day prayer vigil for Detroit at Hart Plaza. His visit to the area concludes with ONE PEACE, an event to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace Sunday, Sept. 21, at Eastern

Michigan University. Mills is hoping to attract some 10,000 people to hear Ariyaratne and Michael Bernard Beckwith, founder of the Agape International Spiritual Center in Calif. and co-founder and president of the Alliance for Global New Thought.

"It's going to help heal the racial divide, religious divide, the whole culture, to bring everyone together without any barriers," said Mills of Livonia. "It's going to be the biggest gathering for peace in the country. It's an alternative way of thinking. We're getting people excited about the better world we're creating together. We're asking people

to wear white clothing, logo free, because we want everyone cheering for the human team and world peace."

Mills is doing her part to create a nonviolent environment through Citizens for Peace. She became involved after attending an Earth Day activity at Unity of Livonia where a petition was being signed to create the U.S. Department of Peace. Currently there is a bill before the U.S. House of Representatives to provide assistance to communities for programs focusing on nonviolence.

"It starts with inner peace," said Mills. "It's so easy to point fingers but if you want peace

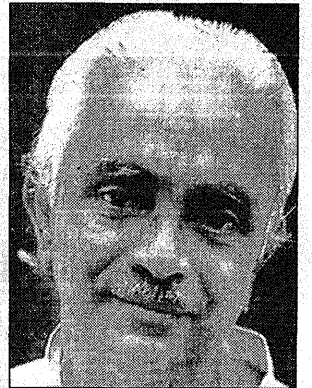
ONE PEACE

What: A celebration of United Nations International Day of Peace with meditation and dialogue with A.T. Ariyaratne

When: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21

Where: Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center (basketball arena), 799 North Hewitt Road, Ypsilanti

Details: No charge. Visit www.onepeace.us or call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079



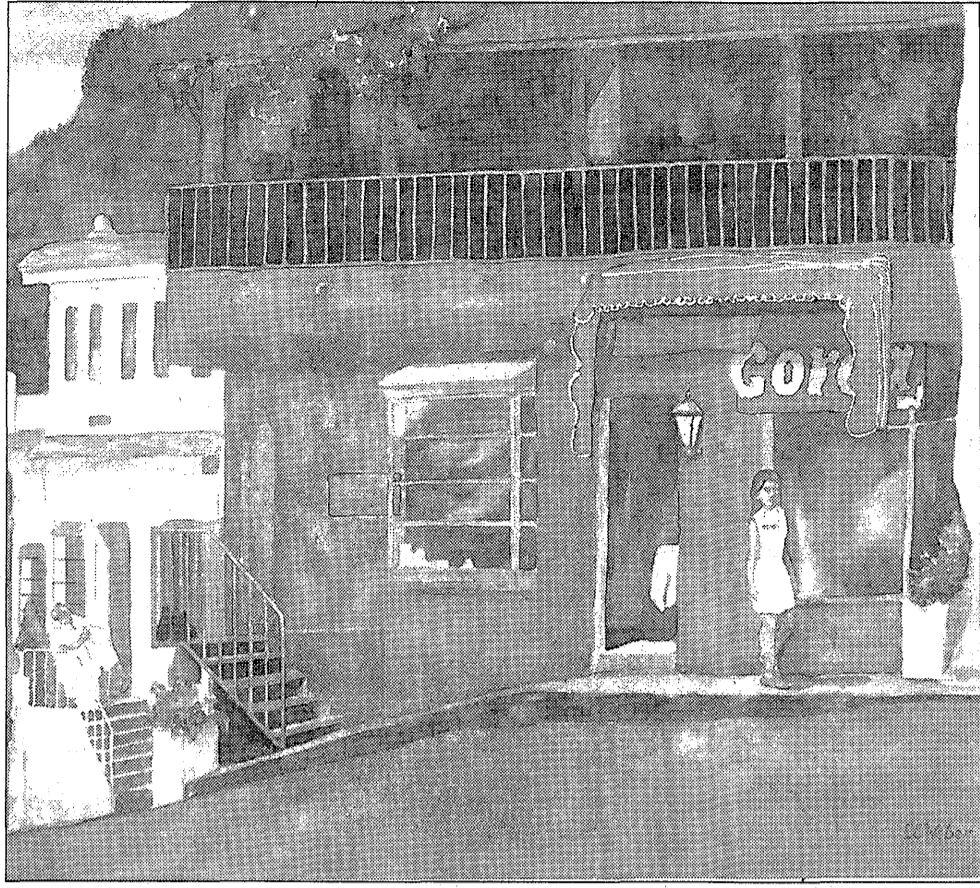
A.T. Ariyaratne speaks at the Citizens for Peace meeting in Livonia on Sept. 9.

you have to point at yourself first. You have to have peace in your own heart and family and then move it to your community, your own country."

Citizens for Peace was founded by residents of the

11th Congressional District on Veterans Day 2003 to promote passage of the legislation as well as educate the community. So far members have provided

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Annual show

The Livonia Artists Club holds its annual show Sept. 2-30, at Livonia City Hall on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. About 25 members will display the paintings which are for sale. Pictured is Gorda, a watercolor by Al Weber of Canton. The work features a restaurant he visited near Caracas, Venezuela. Gorda is Spanish for fat lady which describes the owner who sat in a booth by the window and left no doubt about who was in charge.

First Step to honor supporters at gala

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Hartke is counting the days to the first gathering to celebrate the 30th anniversary of First Step, the nonprofit agency dedicated to assisting victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault in western Wayne County and downriver.

But before the parties begin, she's looking for supporters to buy advertisements in a Tribute Book to honor the history of the organization and those that made the accomplishments possible. The deadline is Sept. 5.

"We're going to have 30 honorees. We're trying to focus on the 30 year theme," said Hartke, chairwoman of the Sept. 18 benefit in Canton.

"We're honoring survivors and supporters, founders, supporters who have been with the organization for years. Organizations who have been supporters for years. We're excited to recognize them because these are inspiring

community leaders."

On Sept. 18, supporters such as Gail McKnight, who recently retired as a Judge for the 18th District Court in Westland; Justine Barnes, former city of Westland council member and state representative; Judy Ellis, First Step executive director; Brian Duggan, a Livonia realtor, and Nancy Diehl, Wayne County prosecutor, chief of trials, will be honored during an awards presentation at the benefit.

Over the years they have been instrumental in creating awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault and changing the system to hold offenders accountable.

"I think this is an important event because we want to educate the community about what First Step does," said Hartke, a Plymouth attorney. "This is an event about hope because there's been a lot done, but still a lot of work remaining."

The gala event on Sept. 18, is the first of two. A family gathering will be held on Oct. 23, in

30 YEAR CELEBRATIONS

What: Strolling dinner, silent auction and awards presentation to benefit First Step
When: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18
Where: Traditions Clubhouse, 1315 Waterside Rd., Canton
Tickets: \$100 each, \$150 per couple. Call (734) 416-1111
Free family gathering: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 16700 Pennsylvania Rd., Southgate. To RSVP, call (734) 955-3850, ext. 3807 or e-mail fsvolunteers@gmail.com

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Historic Birmingham home headlines tour

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
O&E STAFF WRITER

Only five families have lived in the Edgar Lamb House since it was built in 1898, and all of them have been Democrats.

That fact is not lost on the historic home's latest owners, Bunny and Mel Shaw.

"We love it," quipped Bunny. "This house has fabulous history. We just get such a kick out of it."

The Lamb House, tucked away on Willets Street adjacent to the downtown, is among seven diverse homes that will be featured on the 21st Annual Birmingham House Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

The home's first owners were seamstress Mary Ann Lamb and her husband, Edgar, a harness maker. In her teens, Lamb was recruited by local Democrats to make one of the first machine-sewn American flags for Senator Stephen A. Douglas during his bid for the presidency against Abraham Lincoln.

The home was originally measured at 700 square feet. In the 1930s, a chimney and fire-place were added. In the 1970s and early 80s more was done, and it stood at 1,700 square feet when the Shaws purchased it in 1993.

The couple caused a stir in historic circles when they applied for permits and hired architect Victor Saroki to add 1,500 more square feet onto

the home, including a garage, kitchen and a wing with master and guest bedroom suites. They also converted the carriage house into a storage area and made other renovations inside.

But the Shaws have proven to be good neighbors, and the updates are consistent with the Victorian style of the original structure.

A scrapbook on the coffee table details the storied past of the home, as well as appearances in magazines like *Style*, *Better Homes & Gardens* and on the cover of *Garden, Deck & Landscape Planner*.

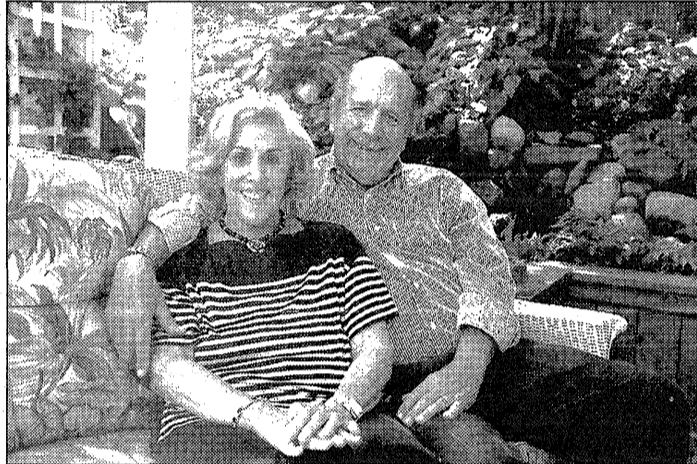
The Shaws have opened their doors to several home and garden tours, including The Community House tour in 1999.

PARK SETTING

Guests to their bright, airy home are greeted by an open floor plan. The living room window overlooks the adjacent public park and pond, along with the oldest Elm in the city, a giant tree that has stood sentinel throughout all the changes that have taken place at the home.

The kitchen features custom Heritage cabinets that camouflage the refrigerator and hide a pantry, washer and dryer. A single slab of verde marble was used to top the island, backsplash and nearby bar.

The home's three bedrooms include a first floor master suite, and second story guest suite and "green suite" complete



Bunny and Mel Shaw sit in the shady backyard of their Birmingham home, one of seven featured on The Community House Home Tour, Tuesday, Sept. 16.



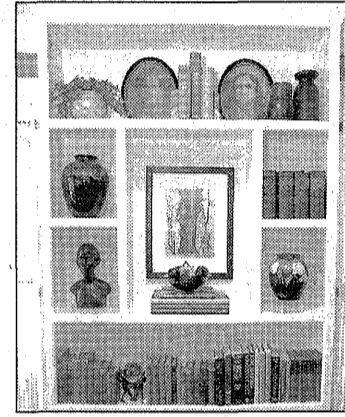
The living room of Mel and Bunny Shaw's Birmingham home is welcoming and comfortable.

with two beds and a crib, where the couple's 10 grandchildren take turns spending the night.

The home's furnishings range from antique and traditional to eclectic, and the decor consists

of a comforting array of books, framed family photos and cherished mementos.

An oil painting by Bunny, who studied art at Cranbrook, hangs over a mantle covered



Built-in shelves display artwork and books - many written by Mel Shaw and his electrical and computer engineering students at Wayne State University.

with greeting cards. Other touches include needlepoint pillows, Democratic memorabilia and old valises that formerly adorned the Polo shop on Woodward Avenue.

Although the couple sought help from local Interior Designer Bob Endres, much of the design is Bunny's own.

It's never stodgy. "We live in it and everything is ours," Mel said. "It's very personal."

Docents for the 21st annual Birmingham House Tour will take ticket-holders through the home and its impeccably landscaped gardens, as well as six other homes that vary widely in size and style.

All proceeds from the tour benefit The Community House's many outreach programs.

21ST ANNUAL BIRMINGHAM HOUSE TOUR

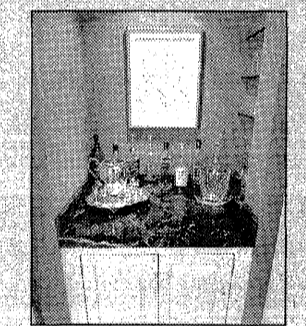
What: Presented by The Community House along with Hall & Hunter Realtors, the tour showcases seven unique homes ranging from traditional to contemporary. Each home will have a luxury car displayed in the driveway courtesy of Fred Lavery Company.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Tickets: \$30, includes afternoon tea from 3-4 p.m. at The Community House; \$45 adds salad buffet lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Community House.

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Verde marble tops the bar nestled in a nook of the Shaw home in Birmingham.

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a Peace Collection of books for youth and adults at the Livonia Civic Center Library, started a film series at Madonna University, and published the Michigan Department of Peace Political Action Guide to assist residents in contacting legislators.

Although meetings are held at Unity of Livonia, the group is not affiliated with a church.

"The peace movement is growing. They're starting a Student Peace Alliance at Schoolcraft," said Mills. "A worldwide transformation is what we're working for. I've met hundreds of people who have been working so hard to make a better world."

"One of the goals is to get a

department of peace and non-violence in the government, but also to work on our inner peace, to educate ourselves and the public. We're proudest of The Peace Collection donated to the Livonia Civic Center Library, hundreds of books on peace, conflict resolution and heroes. We believe whatever you focus on will increase. We've made heroes of war, people who are killing. Now

we are educating to be aware citizens."

Citizens for Peace meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. For more information, visit citizensforpeace11.blogspot.com or call Colleen Mills at (734) 425-0079.

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In prepatellar bursitis, the knee feels hot, looks red, appears swollen, and hurts to the touch. The first impression of anyone seeing the knee is that the joint is infected. However, a person with prepatellar bursitis has no fever, and feels no pain except in a circumscribed area that outlines the prepatellar bursa. This bursa sits directly over the knee cap (the patella) and is where the inflammation resides.

Treatment for prepatellar bursitis includes draining any fluid that is responsible for the swelling, and injecting a steroid to prevent irritation from continuing. Medicine for pain also may be necessary. Of equal importance is identifying the activity that caused the problem and to either stop that activity or find padding that will permit kneeling without such consequences.

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Spotlight Players hold auditions for comedy

Spotlight Players will be hosting auditions for You Can't Take It With You 6:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Sept. 22-23, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

If anyone has questions about auditions, contact Mike Cuba at mikecuba@sbcglobal.net. Cuba is directing the heart-warming comedy about a family that lives the credo "If you aren't having any fun, why do it?"

The play, written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, won the 1937 Pulitzer Prize. It was made into a Frank Capra movie in 1939. It won Best Director and Best Picture at the Oscars, and was one of the first collaborations between Capra and Jimmy Stewart.

The story follows Grandpa who walked out on his banking job eight years ago and hasn't done a lick of work since. His daughter Penny writes and paints when the mood strikes her. Her husband Paul makes

fireworks in the basement with his friend, Mr. de Pinna, who dropped by one day and just stayed. Penny's daughter Essie makes candies and strives to become a ballerina while her husband plays the xylophone.

Essie's sister, Alice, is the only one in the family holding down a respectable job as a secretary to the son of a prominent banker. Add Reba, a live-in cook/housekeeper, and her boyfriend Donald, and you have the residents of this slightly off-kilter family. Now add Tony Kirby, Alice's boss and sweetheart, and his stiff blue-blood parents, and a dinner invitation that goes delightfully awry. Stir in the Internal Revenue Service and eight years of back taxes to thicken the plot. By the end of the evening you realize that while Alice's family may be crazy, the rest of the world is certifiably insane.

For more information, visit www.spotlightplayers.net.

PAINTING

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ety, a lot of seasonal items like Christmas and Halloween, centerpieces, decorations, things for the walls."

VanBuhler painted wood chairs for the craft show. The Canton woman has been doing decorative painting as a hobby for 35 years. She taught the art at Plymouth Reed & Cane, which has since closed.

"I'm going to have a Shaker chair. I'm going to take Shaker tape and weave the seat of it with a folk art fruit design," said VanBuhler. "Outside we will have a Learn to Paint tent we have every year with a project for those who have never painted before. They can paint a project and take it away. We've gotten several members that way."

"At the show we buy and sell to one another. We'll also have a craft tent to sell supplies we don't want. Our members live in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Northville, Trenton, Belleville. We're the biggest chapter in the state."

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A variety of hand-painted items will be available at the Treasure Chest Art & Craft Show.

Polish dancing activities starting in September

Radomanie will be celebrating 20 years of performing Polish folklore dances 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 18, at Sts. Peter and Paul Hall in Dearborn Heights. All former members of the Radomanie Polish Folklore Dance Ensemble are invited as well as the public. The evening includes cocktails, dinner, and dancing to music by New Brass.

Tickets are available only in advance. For more information, call (734) 525-2880.

Radomanie is accepting new members. Classes are held

7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays at Simply Polish, 28841 Plymouth Rd., Livonia. For details, call (734) 525-2880.

Simply Polish will also offer classes in social dancing, tangos, obereks, waltzes, polkas, and line dancing 7-9 p.m. Fridays. Classes begin Sept. 12, and run through Oct. 24. The cost is \$40 per couple, \$30 singles.

Pilates, stretch classes, yoga, toning dancing as well as Polish language classes and an introduction into Polish dance for children starts the week of Sept. 15.

Italian language classes to begin

The Italian American Club of Livonia begins fall Italian Language Classes for adults and children in September at 39200 Five Mile.

The first adult class is 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9. The cost

is \$75 plus books.

Children's classes begin 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 13, and cost \$50 plus books.

For more information, call (734) 953-1137 and press option #2.

GREENMEAD

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decided we got to get rid of things. We really enjoy the Greenmead show. Being right in the village with all the vintage buildings is magnificent."

The Barretts are bringing two ice cream chairs from a Tecumseh store that went out of business, a brass bucket, bird cage stand, vintage mirror, bentwood chair, garage items like tools, and a wicker umbrella basket. They have a booth at the Livingston Antique Outlet.

"I'm always looking at auctions, consignment stores, the Salvation Army. If it looks interesting I pick it up and then research it," said Barrett. "It's my entertainment to go to auctions, estate sales, where it's as much fun to get into and see the houses in Indian Village, Grosse Pointe."

The two couples have been doing the flea market for about four years, always in the same spot on the west end of the village between the fence and Kingsley House. In addition to vintage items, the Brichfords are bringing Mikasa English Countryside dinnerware.

"It doesn't have to be antique," said Carol. "It's a flea market."

Linda Wiacek likes to refer to the event as a glorified garage sale. This year 160 dealers sell a variety of vintage items and some antiques. The flea market coincides with the Village Painters Treasure Chest Craft Show in the Alexander Blue House

at Greenmead (see related story).

"There's no used clothing or guns," said Wiacek, Greenmead recreation supervisor. "People in the past brought vintage linens, china, crystal and silver. I've purchased tea pots and tea cups. My son's purchased sports memorabilia. I've seen people carry out vintage tables and chairs, books and magazines, old paintings. I purchased a picture of Lincoln. It's interesting stuff."

Livonia Historical Society member Gene Kramer is going to sell old musical instruments at the flea market, which started 10 years ago with about 20 to 40 dealers. Kramer recently met with the society's board, including acting president Bob Legel, at the Friends Meeting House to go over details of the event.

This year's proceeds will help restore Hill House, according to society member Sue Daniel. The event raised \$15,000 in 2007.

Not to be confused with the Livonia Historical Commission which co-sponsors the flea market, the Livonia Historical Society is a nonprofit group of volunteers which was founded in 1956 to preserve the area's heritage.

"Most of the people go home with things — hubcaps, old farm tools, dulcimers, old military items, furniture, antique bedroom and dining sets," said Kramer, who lives in Northville and grew up in Livonia. "I pick up musical instruments at garage sales, say I see a bugle if it's before 1900, I don't care if it plays or not."

Gary Pritchard says he knows dealers

who come to the flea market to buy.

"You can find sets of dishes for everyday if they want to furnish a cottage, a nice vase for a couple bucks," said Pritchard, a society member. "You can come across something valuable if you know what you're looking for. I've seen some stuff very underpriced."

Arlene Enders is bringing furniture from Dick's Upholstery along with toys and sleds. Enders is co-owner of the Livonia shop that reupholsters everything from antiques to modern furniture. She does the show with her husband William.

"It's something we always did. From the time we first got married we started going to antique shows," said Enders. "We'll probably bring a small chair for a den or library with Queen Anne legs, antique fabric from the '40s and '60s, Matchbox (toys), glassware."

Look for serving dishes, silver serving spoons and forks and a few pieces of furniture to fill the booth of Diann Dupuis of Livonia. Dupuis used to have an antiques booth at the Livingston Antique Outlet.

"I go to garage sales, estate sales," said Dupuis, a Greenmead volunteer. "I always have my eye out for linens and dishes. They're not from 100 years ago, but definitely collectibles. I'll have a lot of linens and serving items. People love to look at linens, to rummage through them. They probably remember them from their grandmother's house."

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BEVERLY LAVOISNE (SIGNORELLI)

Age 72 passed away on August 26, 2008. Beverly was born on February 4, 1936, the daughter of Loren and Caroline (Mulhaupt) Goodale, formally of Plymouth. She married Robert LaVoisne and he survives. Beverly is also survived by 4 daughters, Lynn, Cheryl, Judy, Julie; 3 step-daughters, Cheryl, Brenda, Kim; one stepson, Robert; 21 grandchildren; one sister, Barbara, one brother, Loren, one deceased sister Caroline. Interment was at Norvell Township Cemetery.



ESTHER DEXTER

Of Birmingham, age 88, died peacefully on August 19, 2008. Esther was born A. Esther Hall on October 12, 1919, in Syracuse, NY. Her husband, Leonard, predeceased her in 1995. The couple moved to Birmingham when Leonard was transferred here by Chrysler. Esther worked in a Birmingham insurance agency. Esther was a member of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham, for nearly 50 years, served on the church's Altar Guild and was a THAW (The Heat and Warmth Fund) volunteer. Esther was active throughout her life. She was a thirty-year volunteer at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was also a BASCC volunteer and member. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Birmingham Seniors Friday Thunderbird Lanes Bowling League. She was an avid golfer, hitting a hole in one with a three wood on the fourth hole at Birmingham's Lincoln Hills golf course on August 28, 1996. She also enjoyed bicycling, swimming and travel. Esther is survived by a nephew, David Nicholson of West Monroe, NY, a step-niece, Joanne Blake of Syracuse, NY, and numerous cousins. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6, at 11:00 am at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. An inurnment service will be held in New York. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes to the church or the charity of donor's choice are suggested.

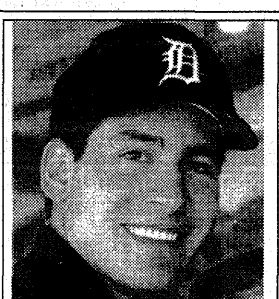
View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

JAMES A.R. MERNER

Age 71 of Milford, and a former resident of Livonia died at his home on August 26, 2008 after a battle with cancer. He is survived by Ann his beloved wife of 47 years; sons, John (Susan) Merner of Novi, Jim (Janelle) Merner of Canton; daughter, Alison (Bryan) Harvey of Richmond, VA, grandchildren, Ian and Nicole Merner, a sister Marilyn Lowry and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Jim was a graduate of the University of Michigan and a retired Executive Engineer of Ford Motor Company in Dearborn. He served many years on the Livonia Public Schools School Board, the St. Mary's Livonia Hospital Board, and most recently the Summit Ridge Condo Association in Milford. A Memorial Service will be held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 404 E. Liberty, Milford, on Sunday August 31st, at 1pm. Memorials may be made in his name to Churchill High School in Livonia. For further information please phone 248-684-6645 or visit: www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

KENNETH LYONS

Age 57, August 21, 2008. Beloved Husband of Cindi. Dearest Father of Melissa Lyons-Hoadley (Steve), and Bryan (Katie). Loving Grandfather of Isabel, Gabriel, and Abigail. Dear Son of Alice Lyons. Dear Brother of Ruth (Chuck) Pugh, and Mark (Marian) Lyons. Private Services have been held. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. www.mccabefuneralhome.com



KEVIN JAMES YOUNG

Of Western Springs, IL, passed away unexpectedly August 22, 2008 while in San Francisco on business. He was 36 years old. He is survived by his loving wife, Michelle; two young children, Hanna and Liam; parents Robert and Rena Young of Scottsdale, AZ; siblings Lisa Leeman of S. Lyon and Matt Young of Charlotte, NC. Born in Southfield, MI. He was a 1990 graduate of Farmington H.S. where he was a stand-out baseball player, attaining all-state honors. He attended Central Michigan University, during which time he was named first team All-American. He graduated in 1995. He played baseball professionally for five years within the California Angels organization. At the time of his death he was employed by Business Week. Kevin lived life to the fullest, leaving behind numerous dear friends and loved ones. A person of depth on many different levels, his passions had no bounds. He loved his wife and children from deep within his soul. He was a gifted athlete who excelled in numerous sports. Kevin had a great sense of presence. Engaging with his smile and possessing a genuine compassion for people of all walks of life. He was centered by his Catholic faith and received the Rite of Christian burial Friday, August 29th at Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville, MI. Funeral services entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Young Children Educational Trust Fund, PO Box 6002, Plymouth, MI, 48170. Visit http://www.baseball-reference.com/bullpen/Kevin_J_Young, to learn about Kevin's amazing career in baseball. Leave condolences at: www.schrader-howell.com.

MAX S. HOLLAND, JR.

Age 87 of Detroit. Beloved husband of Dorothy for 59 years. Loving father of Jill E. (David F.) Opperman, Jeanne M. (Wayne) Williams, Max S. III (Chrissy) Holland and Ann M. (Dennis) Franks. Dear brother of Janet Olson, Jacque Lake and the late Lloyd Holland. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A service of remembrance was held at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, downtown Farmington, on Friday, August 29th. Memorial tributes may be made to The Alzheimer's Association. www.thayer-rock.com.



WINIFRED MARTHA SUSIE ANN MATILDA JANE MYRIA DRAPER CARNEY

When asked what her name was, Winnie would spiel the above...names she was given by her beloved aunts. Winifred Draper Carney passed away peacefully on May 1, 2008 just months short of her 100th birthday. Her sons Donald P. Carney and wife Julianne and Dr. James M. Carney and wife Jan were with her in Ft. Myers, Florida. Her granddaughter, Tricia, was with her just days earlier.

Born, raised, and married in the home on Church Street in Plymouth that her father built in 1898, Winnie leaves a legacy of graciousness, humor, and kindness. She was the daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother of optometrists in Plymouth. Dr. Charles G. Draper, her father, held one of the first licenses in Optometry in Michigan and practiced on Main Street in a building which is now part of Schrader/Howell Funeral Home. Dr. Elmore L. Carney, her husband, graduated from Illinois School of Optometry and practiced on Pennington and later on Main Street in Plymouth. Dr. James M. Carney, her son, graduated from Pacific University School of Optometry and is presently practicing on Main Street with her grandson and his son, Dr. Brian M. Carney, who graduated from Illinois School of Optometry.

Winnie enjoyed a life of good health, good friends, and was always ready to socialize with people and experience new adventures. Never suffering from a major illness, her blood pressure was that of teenager until she died. She and Elmore traveled extensively and he always took the month of February off "to go somewhere" usually with their great friends Ed and Henrietta Dobbs. In her nineties in Traverse City at grand daughter-in-law Lisa's Bachelorette party, Winnie got on stage to dance and do karaoke. And she loved parties and looked forward to her annual Ice Cream Birthday Party every year.

Winnie leaves a rich heritage to her family. Don inherited her love of people and ability to make friends and socialize; Jim inherited her love of water, fishing, and travel; Brian inherited her kindness and pragmatic nature; and Tricia inherited her great beauty, fun-loving nature and ability to relate to people.

Her little great-granddaughters Lily (6), Celia (4) and Mia (2) say they will "miss Great-Grandma Winnie very much" and know she is happy in heaven with God. Don's children Cindy, Terry, Sherry, Debbie and their children also mourn her loss.

Her family hopes you will join them in celebration of her life at an ice cream almost -100th birthday party at 51115 Topper Court on Sunday, September 21 from 2:00-5:00. Donations may be made in her honor to the Plymouth Historical Society.

WEDDING



Henry-O'Donnell

Dean Henry and Nancy Robertson of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Erin Robertson Henry, to Kevin James O'Donnell of East Lansing. He is the son of Bob and Terry O'Donnell of Indianapolis, Ind.

The bride is a graduate of Franklin High School in Livonia and Michigan State University. She works as a development manager for the Capital Area Humane Society. The groom is a graduate of Broadripple High School in Indianapolis, and Michigan State University. He is employed by his alma mater, MSU, and coaches football at East Lansing High School. He plans to attend graduate school this Fall.

The couple wed June 28 at the MSU Alumni Chapel on campus before the Rev. Pam Klusak. The bride was attended by maid of honor Laura Henry and bridesmaids Rachel Proctor, Stephanie Swerecki and Sara Knopsnider. The groom was attended by best man Vernon O'Donnell and groomsmen Kevin Bohannon, Ryan Harkins and Todd Westenbroek. A reception followed at Egel Eye Golf Club in Bath, Mich. The couple spent their honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. They have made their home in East Lansing.

BIRTH



Mathis

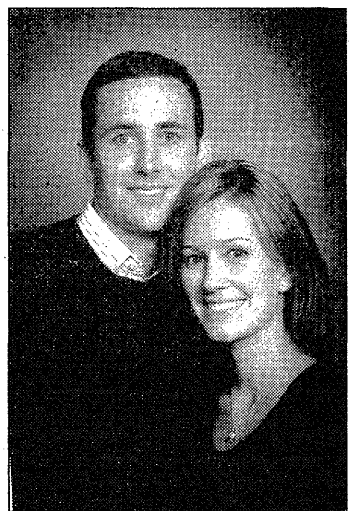
Brad and Jennifer Mathis of Garden City announce the arrival of their son, Braeden William Mathis, born July 29, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Braeden is grandson to Frank and Sandy Nasal of Dearborn Heights and Ed and Debbie Mathis of Garden City. Frank and Judy Nasal of Dearborn Heights and Ted Walters of Garden City are great-grandparents.

ENGAGEMENTS

Wolfe-Johnson

Jerry and Kathy Wolfe of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Lynn Wolfe, to John Raymond Johnson of Northville. He is the son of John Dale Johnson of Carleton, Mich.

The bride-to-be is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in marketing. She works as a financial sales representative for Community Financial Services in Plymouth. John is a 2000 graduate of John Glenn High School in Westland and works for Ford Motor Company in



Dearborn.

The couple are planning a December wedding at Plymouth Manor in Plymouth.

Vance-Vesey

Bob and Cherie Vance of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Vance, to Sean Vesey of Farmington Hills. He is the son of Mike and Kathleen Vesey of Livonia. Both the bride and groom are graduates of Stevenson High School in Livonia.

Lisa graduated in 1999 and earned her bachelor's degree in Japanese from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 2003. She is working toward her master's degree at Wayne State University and has worked for the past four years at DENSO International, a Japanese auto supplier in Southfield, where she is senior specialist in the Heavy Duty Logistics group. Sean graduated high school in 1998 and gained his certification as a firefighter from Schoolcraft



College before continuing on to earn his EMT license in 2005. For the past five years he has worked with the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

The couple is planning a September wedding at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia, followed by a reception at Wabeek Country Club in Bloomfield Hills. They will make their home in Novi.

ANNIVERSARY

Olsen

Armand and Anna (Cummings) Olsen of Redford Township celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month.

The couple wed on July 10, 1948, at St. Leo's Church in Detroit and they moved to Redford 10 years ago. They have three adult children: Lawrence (Helen) Olsen of Fowlerville, Kathleen (Ken) Arreola of Livonia and David Olsen of Redford Township. They also have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

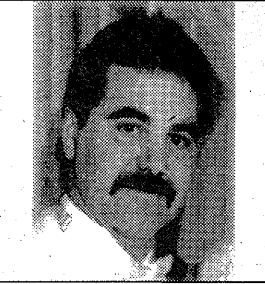
Armand retired from his work at Ford Motor Company 26 years ago.

He is a World War II Navy Seabee veteran. Anna has long been a loving mother and housewife.

The couple attends St. Christine's Church and volunteers for many community ser-



vices provided by the church. To celebrate the occasion, friends and family gathered for a surprise party at the Redford Jaycees.



DANIEL A. WILK

Age 51, of Farmington Hills. August 28, 2008. Beloved husband of 15 years to Alice. Devoted father of Brandon, cherished son of Robert A. Brother of David (Linda), Robert (Jenny) and Mark (Theresa), and uncle to 16 nieces and nephews. His mother, Lorraine, preceded him in death in April of 2007. Funeral Mass Wednesday, September 3rd, 10 a.m. (in state at 9:30 a.m.) at Our Lady of Sorrows church, 23615 Power Rd., Farmington. Visitation Sunday 2-5 p.m. Tuesday 2-9 p.m. (no visitation Monday) at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd. (btwn 9-10 Mile Rds., just N. of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Prayers Tuesday 7 p.m. Contributions are preferred to fund Brandon Wilk's education. heenev-sundquist.com

DENNIS DITTO

August 29, 2008. Beloved husband of Margaret. Loving father of Kimberly (Brian) Ditto-Ehler and Dean (Deborah) Ditto. Proud grandfather of Jarrod, Gabrielle, Cavin, and Mason. Devoted brother to Donald (Janice) Ditto, Edith Burke and the late Rose Parvis and Juliann Ditto. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Monday 2-4pm & 6-8pm at McCabe Funeral Home 851 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton. Funeral Service Tuesday at 9:00am at McCabe Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Marine Corp League 2283 Violet, Farmington, MI 48336. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

DR. WARREN PHILIP IVERSON

Age 84, of Frederick, noted microbiologist died Tuesday, August 26 in Frederick. He was the husband of Margaret Ellen Golibart Iverson. He was a World War II veteran. Surviving besides his wife are a son: Martin Philip Iverson and wife Kerry Callan of Frederick; a daughter: Mary Katherine Rosso and husband John of Birmingham MI. Seven grandchildren, including Emily, Jennifer and Caitlin Rosso of Birmingham, MI. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, August 30 at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 112 East Second Street, Frederick with Fr. Keith Boisvert as the celebrant. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick. Arrangements were handled by Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Homes, P.A., 1201 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701. Donations in memory of Dr. Iverson may be sent to St. Katharine Drexel Church Building Fund, 8428 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702 or to the charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made to: www.daileyfuneralhomes.com



HARRIET B. WELLS

Age 80, on August 27, 2008 lost her brave struggle against a debilitating neurological disease attributed to the polio she had contracted as a child and passed away in Beaumont Hospital surrounded by loving family. She was widowed at a very early age with two young sons to care for, Byron E. (Kismet) Coons and David B. Coons. She met and later married John S. "Jack" Wells, a widower also with two young sons, John S. (Jan) Wells III and Mark H. (Linda) Wells. Their marriage would have reached the milestone of 50 years had she lived until October 16th of this year. Harriet is survived by her loving husband, her four sons and five beautiful grandchildren, Gretchen, Katie, David R., Madeline and River. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Maud Breitmeyer, and brothers, Philip and Howard Breitmeyer. The funeral service will be held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 North Adams Road (N. of Long Lake Rd.), Bloomfield Hills, 48304, Wednesday 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10:30am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Monday 5-8pm and Tuesday 3-8pm. Memorials appreciated to Beautiful Savior or a worthwhile cause of the donor's choice. Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

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GARDENING presentations

Learn about fall planting during a series of free presentations at 7 p.m., Wednesdays in September at English Gardens stores:

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- Planting spring-flowering bulbs on Sept. 17
- Learn about color in the fall garden on Sept. 24

The Royal Oak-Troy store is located at 4901 Coolidge, in Royal Oak, (248) 280-9500; the West Bloomfield store is at 6370 Orchard Lake Road, (248) 851-7506; the Clinton Township store is at 44850 Garfield at Hall, (586) 286-6100; and the Dearborn Heights store is at 22650 Ford, at Outer Drive, (313) 278-4433. Other stores are in Ann Arbor, Brighton and Eastpointe.

SOCWA events

- Hear a presentation on rain gardens from 9:15-11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 5, in the Lathrup Village Community Room, 27400 Southfield Road, followed by a tour of residential rain gardens in Lathrup Village.

GARDEN CALENDAR

- Gary Eichen of Mike's Tree Surgeons, Inc., talks about lawns and lakes in Bloomfield Township, 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 8, in Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Both sessions are sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority. (248) 288-5150
- All about roses**
 Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville, plan to retire and close their popular rose nursery in October. They've reprinted some of their most requested programs for their last month in business:
 ■ Rose propagation workshop: 1 p.m., Sunday Sept. 7; repeated at 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 8. Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy propagation. Reservations required: \$25 material fee collected at the door. Participants should bring their pruners and plan to remain for two to three hours.

- Success with climbing roses: 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14; repeated 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15, includes slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning.
- Seven steps to success with roses: 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21 and 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 22 includes a fast-paced slide talk, perfect for novice rose growers.
- Winter preparation for roses 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, Oct. 5 and 12; repeated 11 a.m., Monday, Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and 13, includes a garden demonstration of techniques that prepare roses for winter survival. All events, except the propagation workshop, are free. (734) 461-1230
- Educational conference**
 Growing with Master Gardeners Conference, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 13, at University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen, Dearborn. The 20th annual all-day educational program, aimed at environmentalists and gardeners of all levels, will include two keynote, classes, shopping and lunch. For details and registration for go to www.mgawc.org. (734) 786-6860

REUNIONS

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at www.hometownlife.com. Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to **Wendy Von Buskirk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich., 48150, or e-mail wvonn@hometownlife.com.**

Berkley High School

Class of 1958
50th Reunion, Sept. 19-21, 2008, at Somerset Inn, 2601 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. All members of Jan. 1958, June 1958 and Jan. 1959 are invited. Events include Friday evening hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS, lunch and dinner party at the hotel; Sunday brunch and golf outing. Contact csingerbhs58reunion.org for access to www.bhs58reunion.org, or call Jackie Yorgen Castine, (248) 332-5984.

Birmingham High School

Class of 1958
Birmingham High, the city's only high school in 1958, will host a 50-year reunion Oct. 3-5 at Marriott Centerpoint, Square Lake Road & Opdyke. Events include a Friday evening open bar hospitality party; Saturday tour of BHS and evening dinner party; and Sunday brunch. Reservations required for Saturday dinner. Contact Chris Carlson (248) 649-0105 or Rosemary Jafano Schneidt (586)247-4463. For more information, to enter your contact info or register, visit www.birmingham58.com.

Bishop Borgess High School

Classes of 1970, '71, '72, '73 and '74
A combined reunion, Oct. 4, 2008, Hellenic Cultural Center, \$60. Dinner Buffet, Open Bar, Midnight Snacks and Music. No ticket sales at door. Contact (248) 442-0946 or bbhs-firstfive.com

Class of 1988

A 20-year reunion will be held on Oct. 11, 2008 at the Fairlane Club. Tickets, \$50 per person, include dinner, drinks and music. No ticket sales at door. For more information visit www.88reunion.net, e-mail borgess1988@gmail.com or call (313) 410-3750.

Brighton High School

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

Cass Technical High School

Classes of 1964-67
Reunion dinner dance, Saturday, Nov. 15. Call Rita, (313) 567-8133.

Class of 1959

50th reunion with a 3-day weekend of activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. For information, visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

Christ the King School

All Class Reunion in honor of 70th year anniversary 6 p.m. Sept. 12, at the church in Detroit. School tour. Tickets \$25. For more information, contact Rosanne Jodway at rmjodway@sbcglobal.net or Yvonne Perrault-Moyer at yvonnemoyer@hotmail.com. Proceeds to benefit school scholarship fund.

Cherry Hill High School

Classes of 1983-84
25th Reunion, 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Westland. Cost, \$50 per person, includes dinner and open bar. Casual attire. Advanced tickets only by Sept. 30. Call Lori Westerholm, (734) 834-6796, mary@potvin McCollough, (734) 658-1014

or Renee (Scott) Liske, (734) 425-7826

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1988
A reunion is being planned for the summer of 2008. Trying to reach as many classmates as possible. Send contact information to Dale Weighill at resource@gfn.org.

Clarkston High School

Class of 1998
A 10-year reunion will be held at Deer Lake Athletic Club in Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2008. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and/or dancing and cocktails. Ticket price TBA. This is an adult dinner, and each alumnus is welcome to bring one date. For more information, look on MySpace and Facebook, visit <http://clarkston1998reunion.myevent.com>, e-mail chs1998grads@hotmail.com, or call Samantha at (248) 884-8658.

Crestwood High School

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

Dearborn Edsel Ford

January Class of 1958
A 50th reunion will be held Oct. 3, 2008 at the Dearborn Inn. Call Nancy McGregor Ketko at (248) 851-5257 or Pat Keoshian Holmes at (734) 427-0256 for further information.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1969
Planning a reunion. Please contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynihilu@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge @ Klivingston@nu-core.com.

Detroit Cass Tech

Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion, Oct. 11, 2008. For details, call Isabelle at (313) 882-4626 and at casstech58.com.

Detroit Chadsey High School

Class of 1957
An Alumni Dinner will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008 at American Legion Post No. 32, at 9315 Newburgh in Livonia. Contact Pat at 734-522-1284.

Detroit Chadsey High School

Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion, Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at Burton Manor, Livonia. \$55 per person. Contact, Mike Poterala, (248) 548-4829 or mspotala@comcast.net.

Detroit Christ the King Elementary

Class of 1963
A 45-year reunion is being planned for 2008. Searching for classmates. The reunion date has not been set. Contact Dennis Place at (734) 354-0223 or e-mail denplace@big-foot.com.

Detroit Eastern High School

Classes up to 1958
All classes invited to reunion Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008, at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 26601 Ryan Road, in Warren. Doors at 1:30 p.m., dinner at 3 p.m., open bar. \$30 per person, must be paid before Sept. 29. Call Bob Butler, (586) 412-9998; or Terry Des Rivers Edwards, (313) 885-2562 or (313) 300-6385.

Class of 1958

50th reunion weekend, "Mix and Mingle" 7 p.m.-midnight Oct. 10, 2008, Sinbad's, Detroit; "Gala Banquet," 7 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 11, Western Golf & Country Club, Redford; "Back to Mack Church Service," 10 a.m. Oct. 12, Genesis Lutheran Church, Detroit. \$125 package pricing, individual pricing available. Call Delores Sykes Cotton, (248) 353-7452 or Patricia Anderson Solomon, (248) 538-5205; e-mail EHS1958reunion@aol.com; or visit www.Classmates.com

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Detroit Holy Redeemer High School

Class of 1958
A 50th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at O'Kelley K of C, Dearborn. Contact Mary Burns at (313) 937-3979 or burns-mary@aol.com for information.

Detroit High School of Commerce

Class of 1958 January, June and August
A 50-year Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008. Contact Bester King, (248) 547-1693, or Jackie Wilkinson, (313) 861-0834.

Detroit Redford High School

Class of 1968
A 40th reunion is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, at Mama Mia Ristorante, 1403 S. Commerce, in Wolverine Lake (Walled Lake). Check out the class's Web site: www.redfordhigh1968.com or contact Jessie Wysocki Farkas at (248) 669-3364.

Detroit Western High School

Classes of 1930s, 40s and 50s
Annual reunion, all classes welcome, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, Dearborn Hills Golf Course. Call (313) 565-4997 or (248) 427-0673 to reserve your spot by Sept. 5.

Class of 1978

A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. For more info, contact Donna Willingham at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail western1978@att.net.

Detroit Winship School

Class of 1956
Members of the eighth grade graduating class of 1956 who are interested in planning a reunion, should call Beth Weingarden at (810) 695-7882.

Edwin Denby High School

Class of 1953
Seeking classmates for Dinner Reunion, 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008 at Capital Banquet Center, 123 31 Mile Road, Washington, Mich. Contact Doris Burrows Firestone at (586) 266-3319, Jean Sindon Like at (586) 268-4954 or Bob Pinder, (248) 332-8028, for details.

Farmington Harrison High School

Class of 1998
A 10-year reunion will be held at Andiamo Italia's Dirty Martini Lounge, 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008. Purchase advance tickets, \$55, by sending a check payable to "HHS Class of 1998" c/o K. Crites, 4105 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Ill. 60613. A limited number of premium priced tickets will be available after Nov. 1. No tickets at the door. Contact Kelly English Nelson at HHS.1998.Reunion@hotmail.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1958
A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008. Call Willbey Pistor: (734) 261-5193 or call Jim Fill: (734) 722-4453.

Class of 1960

Mini-Reunion Luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to GCHS.MCLM@yahoo.com.

Class of 1989

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

Grosse Pointe North

Class of 1991
Call (800) 677-7800, visit www.taylorreunions.com or e-mail: info@taylorreunions.com.

Holy Redeemer High School

All Classes
Amumni Reunion, 6 p.m. Sept. 19, 2008, at Monahan K of C, Livonia, on Farmington Road, between 7 and 8 mile, west side of street. Call Patricia Thompson, (248) 647-5740.

Lincoln Park High School

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

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1958
50th reunion, Oct. 10-12, including golf at Whispering Willows Golf Course and dinner at One Under. For details contact Ellen Baumgartner Dorman, (734) 261-6984; Jane Faries Hopper, (248) 474-3728.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A reunion is in the pre-planning stages. For more information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: Kaynihilu@aol.com.

Milford High School

Class of 1978
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Plymouth-Canton high schools

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

Redford Thurston

Class of 1968
Pre-Party Get Together 5 p.m. Friday Nov. 21, at Bar Louie, 37716 West Six, Livonia. 40th Year Reunion with strolling buffet 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Nov. 22, at Detroit Marriott Livonia, 17100 Laurel Park Drive North. \$50 per person plus cash bar. Contact Tony D'Ascenzo at tonyd@guardianplumbing.com, Terry Tipton at tetipto@netscape.net, or visit www.thurstonclassof1968.com for details.

Royal Oak Dondero

Class of 1988
20-year reunion, Friday, Oct. 10 at the Royal Oak Music Theater featuring The Mega 80's. More information on classmates and where to register can be found at www.dondero1988.myevent.com.

Royal Oak Kimball

Class of 1988
A 20-year class reunion will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008. For more information please go to www.kimball1988.myevent.com to register.

South Lyon

Class of 1993
15-year reunion 6 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008 at the Barnstormer Banquet Center in Whitmore Lake. Tickets, \$55, (\$60 after Sept. 1) include dinner and cash bar. Visit www.southlyon93.com, or send check payable to "South Lyon High School Class of 1993" to Brian Abela, 207 Fox Grove Place, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

St. Frederick's

All classes
Annual Pontiac St. Frederick's Mass and all class reunion, Sept. 7. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Pontiac. Luncheon will follow at Santia Hall on Cass Lake Road in Keego Harbor. Tickets are available at the Madonna Shop in Pontiac, (248) 681-3964 or contact Jim Russell, (248) 363-4209, st_freds_alumni@yahoo.com by Sept. 3.

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YOUR BIGGEST HOT BUTTON ON THE JOB



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Most people are getting very comfortable with technology. Non-typers have evolved into typers. Non-writers have learned to get by. People once not inclined to make telephone calls now

make them without blinking. Using technology, though, may put them at risk either on or off the job site.

RISK
Hope Haslam, director of Consulting Services at Epiq Systems Inc., headquartered in Kansas City Kan., works in the New York City-based eDiscovery Group, which advises corporate and legal clients about large volumes of stored electronic data that might become part of a suit, if it hasn't already.

"We identify relevant data," she says, "(which suggests that) the trend to mix work and life might well be colliding on technology at work and at home or on the road. If someone is on a PDA or laptop or personal machines at home, we can advise the corporation to go out and collect that data. This can be frightening to employees, because there could be some very personal information there." A Dallas resident, she mentions

that in Texas, porno gets reported, even though it's totally unrelated to work. Of course, if you reveal any ailments or other information you didn't want the world to know, it's too late. You've already left a digital footprint.

Let's say you own a cell phone, for which your company reimburses you every so often. Whose phone is it? "All of this is getting very sticky," she comments. Employers will have some rights to it. Her solution is to tote two telephones, everywhere.

Hal Abelson, et al., indicate in "Blown to Bits: Your Life, Liberty and Happiness After the Digital Explosion" (Addison Wesley: \$25.95) that employers aren't out to straitjacket employees, that "they have to be able to investigate wrongdoing for which the employer would be liable." In other words, Big Brother is watching whether your work creates risk for the company.

IBM Internet Security Systems' Peter Evans of Atlanta, Ga., molds strategy to evolving security threats. As vice president of Marketing, he points out that hackers and generational trends are putting some workers and their companies at risk. Because Gen X and Gen Y are accustomed to collaborating online -- and not necessarily through e-mail -- they might not be aware of the risk their practices take on when they move to "highly regulated environments."

Financial services is one of the industries he's considering. "The organization needs to protect information, data and credit card information," he states. "An employee might put information out there that would be excellent for a hacker. Filters are watching for data leaking." If you send an e-mail with information that shouldn't leave your computer, an educational warning message pops up to remind you of confidentiality. Evans says that e-mail protection is quite good now but that there's much more work to be done on instant messaging.

Evans further states that hackers are like retailers. They watch people at work and use what they see "to take control of a laptop." This means that you can be very vulnerable, becoming "the weak link that could put a business at risk."

WHAT TO DO

You didn't think that your work was putting you at this much risk either at home or in the office, did you? "Employees need to understand their corporate policies about the use of PDAs provided by the company," Haslam says. She agrees that many companies lack policies and updates and advises that you band together and go to HR to get the information you need. On a daily basis, she says it's best to communicate in writing or, if you use a telephone, send an e-mail about the conversation.



Credit: Les Wollam

Hope Haslam separates her business from personal telephone communications by carrying two pieces of technology all times to make and receive both kinds of calls. While the practice might seem cumbersome, it's essential for privacy, should an employer require access to data. Haslam directs Consulting Services at Epiq Systems Inc., which is headquartered in Kansas City, Kan.

Evans indicates that you have a lot of resources at your fingertips, such as the ePolicy Institute, Security Smart Newsletter, and, more in depth, the "X-Force Threat Insight Monthly," published by his organization. They'll help you navigate around your responsibility with today's omnipresent technology.

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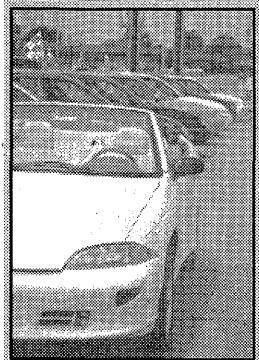
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When most people think of hybrids they picture compact and midsize cars like the Honda Civic Hybrid and Toyota Prius, but never large SUVs.

But General Motors Corp. has changed that with the 2008 GMC Yukon Hybrid and 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid.

GM knows that people want to save on gas, since it's been hovering around \$4 a gallon for a long time now, but not everyone is ready to trade in their SUV for something smaller just yet.

So for the time being GM is doing its best to accommodate these customers.

The Yukon Hybrid, which stickers for around \$45K, can tow up to 6,000 pounds while offering a 25 percent gain in fuel economy.

On the Yukon Hybrid, you'll find the same utility of a full-size truck and the power and capability of a V8 engine, while reaping the benefits of hybrid technology at the pump.

This is all thanks to the use of the world's first dual-motor, two-mode hybrid system used in an SUV.

By utilizing innovative hybrid technology and Active Fuel Management technology, the Yukon Hybrid delivers great fuel efficiency never seen before on a large SUV.

Specifically, the Yukon Hybrid fuel economy ratings are 20 miles per gallon in the city and 27 mpg on the highway.

While traditional full hybrid systems offer only one electric mode that is utilized during low-speed driving, GM has teamed up with Chrysler Corp. and the BMW Group to co-develop the two-mode hybrid system.

This patented fuel-saving technology with one mode for city driving and one mode for highway driving is ideal for SUVs.

The first mode of the system is for low speed and light loads. In this mode, the hybrid system can operate with electric power only, engine power only and any combination of engine and electric power.

When the first mode operates as electric only, fuel consumption is reduced in heavy stop-and-go traffic by shutting off the engine for extended periods of time and moving exclusively under electric power at low speeds.

The second mode is primarily used at highway



The 2008 Yukon Hybrid, along with the 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe Hybrid, are the world's first SUVs with a dual-motor, two-mode hybrid system. This upped the fuel economy rating by 25 percent over the traditional Yukon.

speeds. In addition to electric assist, the second mode integrates sophisticated electronic controls, such as Active Fuel Management, to allow even more efficient engine operation with electric motors less than half the size of a traditional "one-mode" hybrid system.

But full 8-cylinder engine power is available when conditions demand it, such as passing, towing or climbing a steep grade.

The two-mode system also allows for a four-speed automatic transmission and electronic controls to be used with gas and diesel engines with front- and rear-wheel-drive configurations on other cars, trucks and SUVs.

On the Yukon it augments the SUV's traditional V8 engine with two electric motors packed into the transmission. Both are powered by a 300-volt battery pack.

Some power is lost, though. The Yukon Hybrid tows 6,000 pounds while the regular Yukon tows up to 7,700 pounds.

To counterbalance nearly 400-pound weight gain from the hybrid propulsion system, some minor exterior changes have been made to the Yukon to make it more aerodynamic.

The Yukon's grille has horizontal slats instead of the previous single-piece design. The SUV also includes a 0.4-inch lower ride height, low rolling resistance tires, a streamlined hood leading edge and a liftgate and hood made of aluminum.

These changes don't make the Yukon Hybrid look much different than a regular Yukon, but are a welcome change.

Like other hybrids, the Yukon is equipped with regenerative brakes that capture energy normally wasted during braking and use it to recharge the

battery.

It also has a new air-conditioning unit that requires less power and thus uses less fuel.

Inside the Yukon Hybrid, you can watch an animation showing the flow of power through the hybrid drivetrain on the center display screen. The gauges also include a gas mileage meter.

Just like regular Yukons, three rows of seats are standard. Available amenities include leather upholstery, power front seats and a navigation system. A rear-seat entertainment system with a flip-down screen is optional.

Safety is provided by four-wheel disc anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system with rollover mitigation are standard. Side curtain airbags are optional.

The same gasoline/electric powertrain from the Yukon and the Tahoe is also on the Cadillac Escalade. Similar hybrid versions of the Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickup trucks will follow

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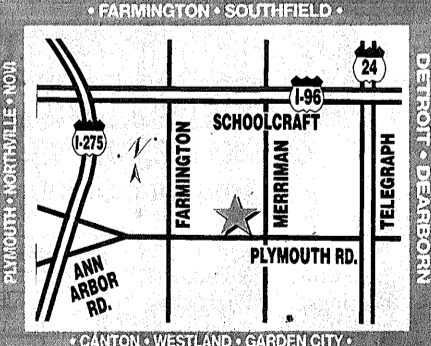
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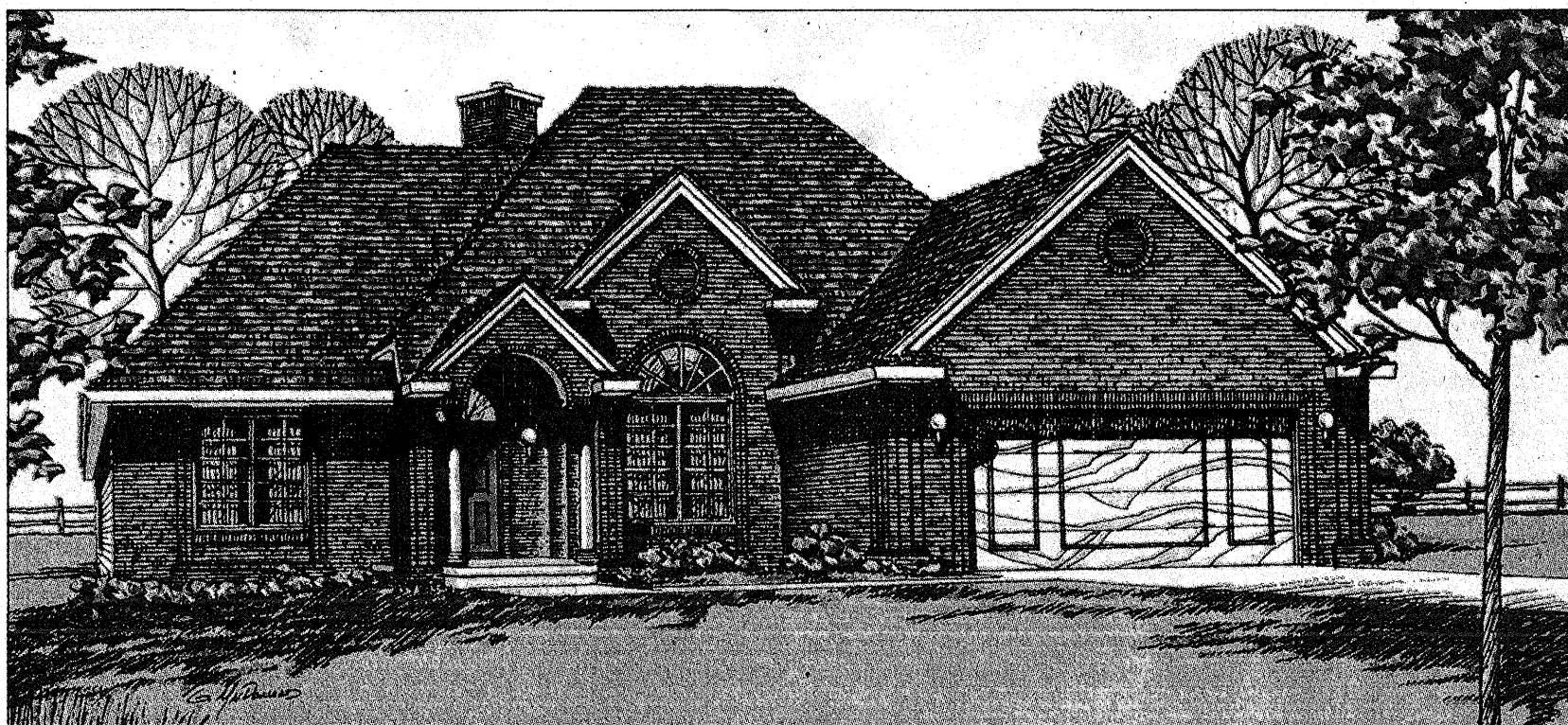
Sinclair combines several elements for a clean and distinctive look

Various rooflines combined with brick, windows, and pillars make a pleasing and clean looking façade for the Sinclair (D1748). Brick cornices on both the two-car garage and the front porch bring into distinctive focus the beautiful flow of this 1,911 square foot home.

The covered porch provides an elegant entrance into the Sinclair. The whole area is one great room with the dining room to the right of the entry and the kitchen and family to the rear along. The dining room has a vaulted ceiling and can be used as the formal dining room or a formal living room. Stairs to the 1,911 square foot unfinished basement separate this room from the kitchen and the great room.

The kitchen is comprised of two L-shaped counters. One contains the range and refrigerator, and the other one has a wall pantry, dual sinks, and an eating bar. To the rear is the family room. This has been divided into the breakfast nook with patio doors opening out to the backyard and a fantastic sitting room with a see-through fireplace. The fireplace acts as a divider between the sitting room and the great room. On the same wall is an entertainment center. Bay windows bathe the room in natural light. The vaulted great room is enormous, ideal for entertaining. It has three large windows for plenty of light. The fireplace is equally viewable from this room.

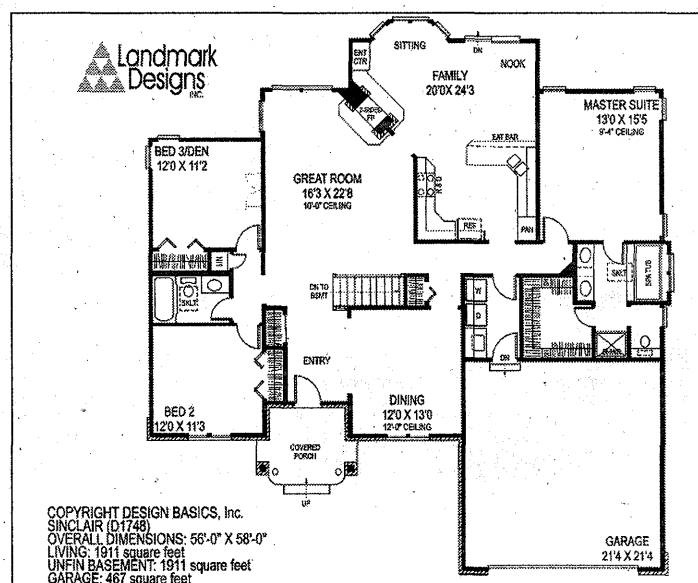
The left side of the Sinclair has two larger bedrooms with wall closets. Bedroom 3 has the option of French doors off the great room, making it into a den or library.



Between the two bedrooms is a full bath with a tub and a skylight. Completely separated from these two bedrooms, the master suite occupied the entire right side of the Sinclair. The main suite area is vaulted and has four windows strategically placed. The master bath has a large spa tub, dual sinks, a shower, and a huge walk-in closet. There is a skylight over the spa tub. Adjacent is the utility room with an entry into the garage.

For a study plan of the SINCLAIR

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OVERALL DIMENSIONS: 55'-0" X 58'-0"
LIVING: 1911 square feet
UNFIN. BASEMENT: 1911 square feet
GARAGE: 467 square feet

Lombardo Homes to purchase Centex Homes' Detroit assets

Agreement

Lombardo Homes announced recently that it has entered into an agreement with Centex Homes, a subsidiary of Centex Corporation (NYSE: CTX), to purchase substantially all of its remaining land assets in the Detroit market. The sale included the purchase of finished lots, undeveloped land and model homes in 14 Southeast Michigan neighborhoods.

The companies have agreed that financial terms of the transaction will not be disclosed. The transaction was funded solely with private equity from a local investor.

According to Lombardo president Anthony Lombardo, "We are pleased to have entered into this agreement with a company as dedicated to its customers as Centex. We are eager to build out homes that maintain the integrity Centex has established and look forward to expanding our footprint in the Detroit market. In the coming years, the Michigan market will provide rich opportunity for growth and expansion to companies like ours — positioned on the upside of this current downturn. Locally owned and family run builders like us are well-suited to grow during the slowdown. To begin with, our sales pace is continuing to show strength in response to the unmatched affordability and the creative solutions we offer to a wide range of buyer profiles.

"As such, we are looking for even more acquisition opportunities while we continue to recruit the top talent in the industry, leaders who share our passion for growing the business."

With oversight from Centex, Lombardo will complete construction for Centex's customers with homes on order or in progress. Additionally, to preserve consistent architectural integrity, Centex has licensed to Lombardo the right to build the same house plans that Centex offered in these neighborhoods. This transaction substantially completes Centex's previously announced exit from the Detroit area as part of its overall strategy to concentrate resources in core competitive markets. Centex will continue to provide uninterrupted warranty support for its customers in the Detroit area.

According to *Crain's Detroit Business'* List of Largest Homebuilders, Lombardo Homes was ranked third by 2007 permits issued in Southeast Michigan. The company led all other builders in Macomb County and was the only builder in the top three that is privately owned and operated. *Builder Magazine* reported that Lombardo Homes was the 145th

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largest builder in the nation with 301 closings last year.

Currently the majority of Lombardo's development activity is concentrated in Macomb County. The acquisition will position the company to expand its horizons to include Oakland, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties with a total of 26 communities under active development. Lombardo Homes' COO Sebastian Lombardo emphasized that his family is "dedicated to growing in Michigan" and is "absolutely committed to customer service."

In 2005, Lombardo earned top honors for customer satisfaction among all homebuilders in Southeast Michigan from J.D. Power and Associates. The company was named 2007 Developer of the Year by the Southeast Michigan Building Industry Association (BIA). Last year Lombardo participated in ABC-TV's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* to benefit the Gillian family.

"For Lombardo Homes, and other homebuilders who can excite buyers with creative and affordable solutions, the future does indeed look bright. We are gearing up to offer a new three-bedroom home starting at less than \$90,000. With values like that in 26 quality neighborhoods, we feel that we have created an ideal blueprint for growth," said Sebastian Lombardo.

For additional information, visit lombardohomes.com.

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Thinking about a career in real estate? Is working in real estate your dream? Keller Williams Realty is seeking experienced or non-experienced people in the real estate field. The candidates must be hard working and have a passion for learning.

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For more details, contact Steve Leibhan, (248) 553-0400, Ext. 2500.

Condo operation

Meisner & Associates will present "Introduction to Successful Condominium Operation," a four-week course, 7-9 p.m. Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Bingham Farms office, 30200

Telegraph, Suite 467. The course is for those interested in serving on a board of directors of a condo, co-op or community association, as well as developers and managing agents who are assisting these boards.

All attendees will receive a copy of attorney Robert Meisner's booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track." Advance registration is required.

For registration information, call (800) 470-4433 or e-mail bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. Checks should be payable to Meisner & Associates, P.C. Cost is \$95 per person, with \$85 each for additional attendees from the same association.

Homebuying

There's a free Homebuying Seminar 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 40600 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Buying your first home is probably the most exhilarating material experience you can have. It's where you hang your hat, where you rest your head; it's a source of security, an investment in your financial futures. More importantly, a home becomes part of the psyche that houses your most powerful memories. Some of the topics covered will include: criteria for your home search, loan applications, how much home can you afford, advantages of a Buyer's Agreement, and nine great reasons to buy a home. Call Heidi Anderson to reserve your seat at (734) 673-9265.

BIA

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 ready-to-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.

The Parade of Homes offers buyers an opportunity to visit the area's finest model homes, including condominiums and single-family homes, affordable housing and estate-sized homes. Visitors to the homes will have an opportunity to see firsthand the latest trends in energy efficiency and green building, architecture, interior design, amenities and

materials. The 37 model homes range in base price from \$95,900 to \$1,999,900.

Architects and building industry experts will judge the homes and award winners in several categories prior to the event opening. The judges will make their decisions based on the innovative use of space and design, aesthetic appeal of the home and value for the price.

A Parade of Homes magazine containing renderings, features and location maps is available at select CVS/pharmacy locations and at all model homes. Parade of Homes will also be featured at BIA's Fall Remodeling & Design Expo, Oct. 10-12, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

For additional information on the 2008 Fall Parade of Homes, please call (248) 862-1032 or visit www.builders.org. The program Web site, www.BIAParadeofHomes.com, features informative news stories on home ownership and economic issues as well as details on each home.

BIA will also sponsor a Parade of Homes event in the spring.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, Sept. 3, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

In this third of five trainings, Chris Pratt of Wake-Pratt Construction discusses "Energy Efficiency" using materials and methods that result in Green Built™ certification. Building Green offers a change from selling cost per square foot to making an environmental statement.

The training is free for BIA members. Advance registration is required. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will present "Accelerating When The Market Stalls" on Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Todd Hallett of TK Design & Architecture will present topics including planning for today's buyer, strategies for difficult lots, green building, capturing emotion with elevation, renderings, pricing strategy, and analyzing your product. The program includes a Plan Review Workshop for attendees to have their individual plans or elevations reviewed by the speaker. (Provide materials to Sheila Denstaedt at BIA offices

before Sept. 4.)

Registration fees are \$10 for SMC members, \$15 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$25 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and its NAHBR Professional Remodelers will sponsor a Certified Graduate Course: Sales And Marketing on Thursday, Sept. 11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. This course counts toward prelicensure and continuing education competency for the State of Michigan. The course also counts toward earning the following designations: Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder, and Master Certified Sales Professional.

Chuck Breidenstein, CAPS, of Builders Professional Service Group will instruct on four essential topics to help you turn your business into a profitable, market-driven enterprise. You will learn how to research the marketplace, choose the optimal location, product and price, generate buyers through effective promotion, and close the maximum number of sales.

Registration fees are \$155 for NAHBR Professional Remodeler members, \$175 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will present an Economic Forecast And Legislative Update For The Multifamily Rental Industry on Friday, Sept. 19, from noon to 2 p.m. at PI Banquet Center, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield. Registration and networking begin at 11 a.m.

Attendees will be provided with information on our local and national rental markets, along with a status report on state legislative issues facing the residential rental industry.

Economic Forecast keynote speaker is David Littmann of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Market Update speaker is Kevin Dillon of Hendricks & Partners, sponsors of the event. Legislative Update speaker is Joseph Palamara of Karoub Associates.

Registration fees are \$20 per person for AAM members and \$30 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.



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THREE Bedroom
2.5bath ranch offers 2000+ sq ft. Family rm w/stone raised hearth fireplace. Full bsmt with lav, Cedar closet. Alarm system. 2 car att garage. \$180,000 (28109287)
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THREE Bedroom
Contemporary w/1st floor master. Great room w/frp/c, doorwall to patio & view of pond. Island kitchen w/appliances. Loft, 1st floor laundry and study. Many Updates.
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IMPRESSIVE
Better than new! Spacious great room w/bay window, baths are fully updated w/ ceramic & marble flooring, private patio & yard.
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FOUR Bedroom
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ACROSS

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- Marathon unit
- Testiness
- Burger mate
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- E-mail provider
- Culture medium
- They know the ropes (2 wds.)
- Roof supports
- Yak
- "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
- Swerved
- Trooper, to a CBer
- Harmful
- Keep cool
- Did a tapestry
- Reunion crowd
- Distant past
- Lemon cooler
- Keep off the air
- Misbehave (2 wds.)
- Tenderly

DOWN

- Stitch mark
- Cicero's garb
- Viking name
- Share
- New Zealander
- Reformers' targets
- Conducted
- Bounced back
- Fleming or Woosnam

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	A	G	M	U	S	E	D	F	L	Y
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	4	3		5				
1	8	9			4	5	2	
	7		3				6	4
5				4	9	8		
4	3			6	2	9	7	5
8		7	5					2
6	1	4		2				9
					7			

Level: Beginner

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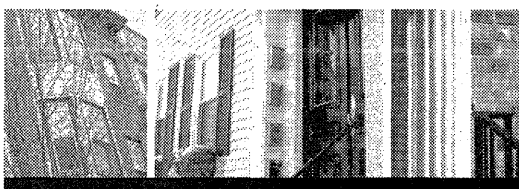
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9	8	1	7	6	4	9	2	3	8
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COULD IT BE YOU?
SBF, 44, professional, hard-working, independent, enjoys church, shopping, movie. Looking for a SPM, 44, employed, open-minded, warm-hearted and considerate, to share all life has to offer. **2283298**

TRADITIONAL VALUES
Well-educated DWF, 58", dark blonde/green, full-figured, interested in finding a friendship leading to more with a WM, 30-50, to share life with. **2283272**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 42, 5'1", loves Italian food, music. Looking for a SPM, 35-50, who is successful, financially secure, has a good sense of humor, is kind, and also has a wild side. **2284918**

SPONTANEOUS WOMAN
Fun-loving, outgoing, honest, goal-oriented SBF, 39, plus-sized, with nerves, would like to meet an understanding male, 28-49, for possible relationship. **2288800**

VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBPF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complexioned, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **2282115**

ZOOMER SEEMS ADDED ZIP
SWF, 55, professional, active, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. 53-70. **2284371**

SEEK SPECIAL PERSON
Romantic, fun-loving, open-minded woman, 61 years young, 5'7", seeks a man, 50-65, with the same qualities, who enjoys dancing, concerts, dining out, travel, long drives and more. **2289125**

BEAUTIFUL SBF.
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **2271863**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
WF, 48, 5'2", brown/brown, has pets, NS, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **2280581**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, hwp, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 57+, 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **2147058**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **2271711**

WARM SMILE
SBF, 21, NS, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! **2287187**

HARD WORKER SEEMS SAME
SBF, 44, NS, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, NS, homebody, to explore all life has to offer! enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. **227119**

PERSONABLE AND SPECIAL
SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. **2891247**

GIRL NEXT DOOR
Sugar and spice and... attractive blonde enchantress, 5'7", 50s, enjoys cooking, travel, drives, more... seeks soul-mate, call me; serious replies answered. **2233677**

SEEKING SINCERITY
SBF, 54", 120lbs, likes parks, walks on the beach, outdoor activities. Looking for down-to-earth, family-oriented SM, 40-50, with same interests. **2285607**

NURSE
Attractive SWF, 64, 5', 135lbs dark hair, blue eyes, fair skin, looking for NS, honest gentleman, 60-70, who has numerous interests including history, traveling, and home life. **2409879**

IN THIS BOX U CAN FIND...
A 42-year-old SWF, ISO SWM, 38-45, for friendship and possibly more. I'm sociable, affectionate 5'7", 120lbs, long dark curly hair, ND, NS, C/A. Never married, no children, interested? Call **2247478**

BEAUTIFUL
SBF, 37, best-looking and open-minded, looking for BF, 25-40, race open, DID fee, H/W proportionate. You must be confident with an ego. **2271960**

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 39, 5'6", average build, smoker, enjoys crossword puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking athletic, active BM, 30-42, 6'+, smoker, for friendship, possible romance. **2264442**

DOWN-TO-EARTH AND HONEST
SBF, 36, 5'10", NS, short hair, no children, looking for a SPM, 35-50, who enjoys festivities, travel, spending time together. **2289990**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-45. **2281258**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-50, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky, and fun. Only Jewish men please. **2286217**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **2287856**

A NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **2289151**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SWF, 38, long brown/green, NS, athletic build, pretty, ambitious, fun, seeking attractive, fit, funny, easygoing SWM, 27-43, with no children, for dating, possible LTR with right man. **2286342**

HELLO OUT THERE
SWF, 39 years young, seeks SWM, who enjoys life simple pleasures. I enjoy dining out, computers, movies, the parks walk, travel and life in general. Friendship first. **2281258**

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, NS, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **2287305**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **2267057**

EARTH BABY
DWF, 52, 5'10", 300-lbs, NS, N/Drugs, many interests, family-oriented, honest, loyal, easygoing, optimistic, seeks friendship first, possible LTR with S/DWM, 46-60. **2285168**

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome, 47-56, NS, clean-shaven, H/W proportionate, for friendship first. **2281229**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, health-conscious, vegetarian, 18-25, who keeps it real. **2287598**

HELLO THERE
Asian woman, 5'2", 180lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, ND, NS. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, professional Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **2211901**

A WOMAN OF CLASS
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SWM, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **2271088**

GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, reading. Seeking SWM, 40-62, NS, for friendship or LTR. **2271224**

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SBF, 54, 5'8", NS, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SWM, 40-62, NS, for friendship or LTR. **2282444**

FUN & OUTGOING
SBF, 18, 190lbs, brown eyes, loves walks on the beach, being outdoors. Seeking SM, same age, for friendship or more. **2257908**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to connect with a woman and possibly more. **2271158**

READY FOR A FRESH START?
DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 220lbs, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, many girlfriends. **2289249**

ONLY SERIOUS NEED REPLY
Voluptuous SBF, 42, would like to meet a nice, serious SWM, 35-50, who would like to become acquainted with a woman and who is ready, willing, and able to commit. **2273603**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 63, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 58-70, financially secure, easygoing, good moral, loves family, for dating. **2253045**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to find a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **2281222**

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 50, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, NS. Possible LTR. **2283750**

TATTOOED AND PIERCED
Sexy, full-figured SWF, 40ish, long blonde/hazel, looking for a man into music, movies, karate, korean, yipstair area. **2231222**

LOADS OF FUN
Active WF, young 50s, good sense of humor, enjoys different music, travel, dining out, dancing, more. Seeking decent, kind, honest man for indoor and outdoor activities. **2283342**

LADY IN THE WOODS
SWF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sexy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share life with. Good times in life. Livingston county. **2210247**

CHOCOLATE TREAT
Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an educated, financially employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. **2281817**

IN SEARCH OF
a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'8", H/W, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snow shoeing, and more. **2288886**

GREAT-LOOKING BF...
35, seeks serious, mature, financially secure man for LTR. Call me, you won't be disappointed! **2283172**

VERY LOVING PERSON
Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, race open, who is willing to go and have fun. **2273284**

COUNTRY GIRL
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SWF, 54, platinum/blonde, 5'5", H/W-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dining, movies, basketball. Seeking SM, who is serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **2279845**

TAKE A CHANCE!
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **2283948**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

A SPECIAL GUY
DWM,