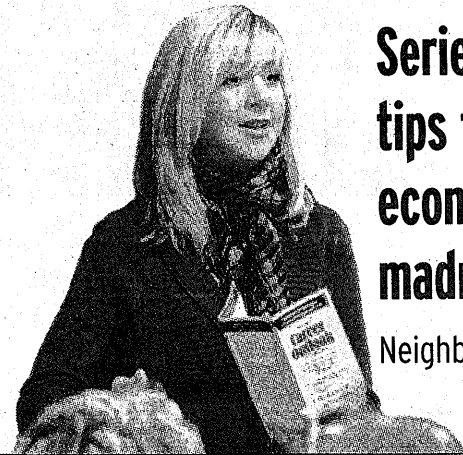


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Cynthia Bir

tures a Plymouth flavor.

The popular series brings together professional sports stars and scientists who explain athletic feats of the highest level. Wayne State

University associate professor of biomedical engineering Cynthia Bir, a Plymouth resident, is the lead scientist in the series.

"The shows are appreciated by a lot of different audiences, different age groups and backgrounds," said Bir. "In all the shows, we've applied the tools developed in the lab to record, measure and map the speed, force and range of the human body, specifically the athlete. The final product is not only entertaining, but educational."

In conjunction with the show organizers, Bir is creating curriculum kits for various segments of each show. These kits will give high school teachers the tools to teach particular scientific topics in an exciting new way. The curriculum kits will be available each week at <http://sports-science.wayne.edu/>

Bir said the second season includes various experiments including the use of a new motion analysis technology called Functional Assessment of Biomechanics, or FAB.

"The FAB system is brand new. We were literally able to incorporate it into the show just weeks after its release to the research community," Bir said. "Obviously, I am thrilled and grateful for the opportunity to lend my experience and understandings of this subject to the show, and to bring science in a fun way to such a large audience."

Scholarships

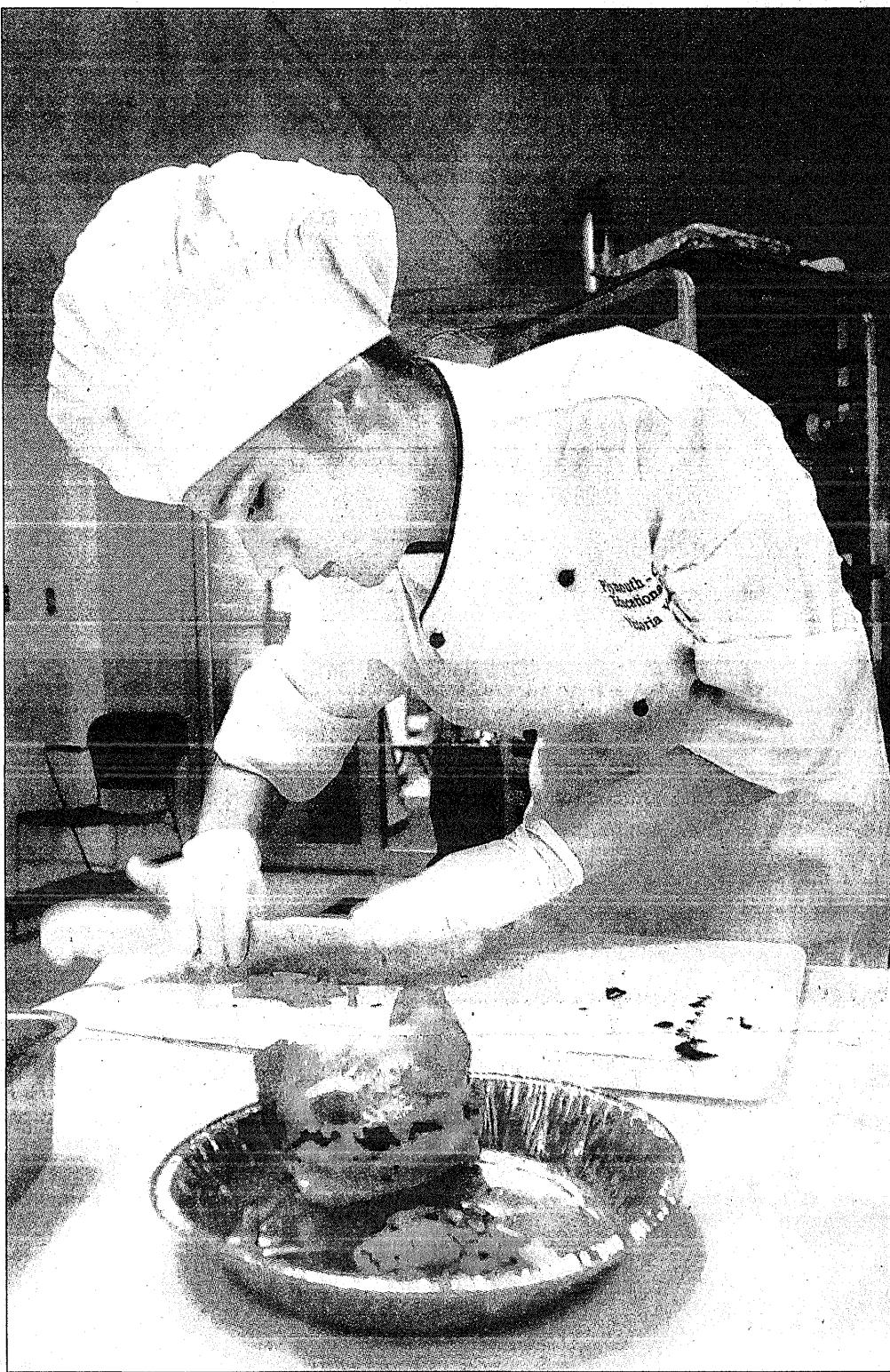
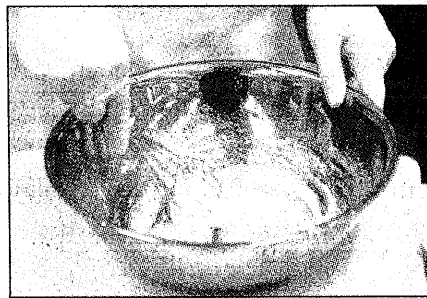
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Visit www.lwvnmw.org (click on 2009 Scholarship Application). Applications must be post-marked by April 17, 2009.

Dishing up a winner



Victoria Vollmer minces roasted sweet red pepper. At top, Kiyo Miura whisks a batter.

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Culinary artists hope to rebound at competition

BY BRAD KADRICH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

At last year's Michigan Restaurant Association culinary competition, Plymouth-Canton's culinary arts team was within a few points of victory when a timing error forced them to serve a rack of lamb nearly raw.

The team, consisting totally of juniors who'd never been subjected to the pressure of such a competition, finished well out of the running, failing to place in the top three for the first time.

This year, with all returning seniors armed with a new routine and renewed desire, the team is, ironically in the wake of last year's raw meat fiasco, out for blood.

"They were juniors last year and they didn't know what to expect," said Diana Woodward, the district's culinary arts instructor who coaches the team. "They stumbled a little bit under the pressure. This year, they want blood."

The annual competition takes place today (Sunday) at the Kellogg Center in Lansing. It's divided into two parts — management and food preparation. The management team is responsible for knowing just about every word of textbooks, and they're also presented a case study that could include problems ranging from a bomb scare to food-borne illnesses.

One year, the management team was presented

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EMS crews get laptops for medical reports

BY MATT JACHMAN
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Ambulances will get laptops and the firefighters who drive them and provide emergency medical care in Plymouth and Plymouth Township will get training on a new computer application under a contract reached Tuesday.

The township's Board of Trustees, which oversees the Plymouth Community Fire Department, approved the nearly \$19,000 deal with Huron Valley Ambulance with a 7-0 vote at its regular meeting.

The move was taken to meet a state mandate that emergency medical service providers report patient information in an electronic form, Mark Wendel, the assistant fire chief, told the board. Wednesday, April 1, is the deadline for having such a system up and running.

The system will also make for better patient reports, Wendel said.

"It will be a much more accurate, complete report," he said.

John Vary of Huron Valley Ambulance said the system involves a software application that sets up what looks like a paper report on the computer screen, making it easy for users. The actual reporting is done through a secured Web site, he said.

Vary said HVA has been working with the system for about a year and introduced it into its ambulances last September. Since then, he said, it's been successfully used on about 55,000 HVA ambulance runs.

The software, Vary said, tested better than the free software offered by the state, which proved cumbersome and time-consuming. Vary said he will conduct four-hour training sessions for the firefighters. "It's a very quick, easy thing for them to pick up," he said.

The fire department is taking advantage of HVA's volume discount in making the purchase, Vary said. The four computers — one for each ambulance, including the backup unit — are Panasonic laptops, he said.

Wendel said medical reports are now written by hand.

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District makes 'green' pitch to leaders

BY BRAD KADRICH
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Administrators last month convinced the Plymouth-Canton school board its ideas for projects to take advantage of renewable energy were good ones to be funded by money in President Barack Obama's stimulus package.

On Friday, those same administrators made the pitch to legislators who could help steer some of that money their way.

Superintendent Craig Fiegel enlisted the aid of a pair of consultants who have helped the district craft some \$13 million in renewable energy projects slated for buildings across the district.

The two drawing the most attention are a plan to cool off the gymnasiums, particularly at

Plymouth High School, which can reach temperatures as high as 95 degrees during the summer, and covered, solar-heated walkways to provide cover for students moving between the Plymouth Canton Educational Park's three buildings.

Also in the plan: An idea for a 100-percent "green" middle school which would, according to Fiegel, be the first of its kind in the state.

"We want to be the poster child" for Gov. Jennifer Granholm's push for renewable energy use in schools, Fiegel said. "We want to be the first."

State Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, was on hand, as were representatives of Granholm and U.S. Sen. Carl Levin.

Much of the focus was on the gyms and the walkways Friday. The idea to cool the gyms is to

use night air and well water to pre-cool the gymnasium using the existing duct system. Additional measures — adding natural lighting with solar tubes and dehumidifying the air — would help drop interior temperatures to more like 70 degrees.

The district would employ the technique at Plymouth and Canton high schools; the Salem gym is air-conditioned.

The other major initiative is one talked about as far back as nine years ago: covered walkways connecting the park's three high schools. The discussion was part of a study in 2000 when the district was putting together what would become the 2004 bond issue. But Jacobs said it was discarded as "a want,

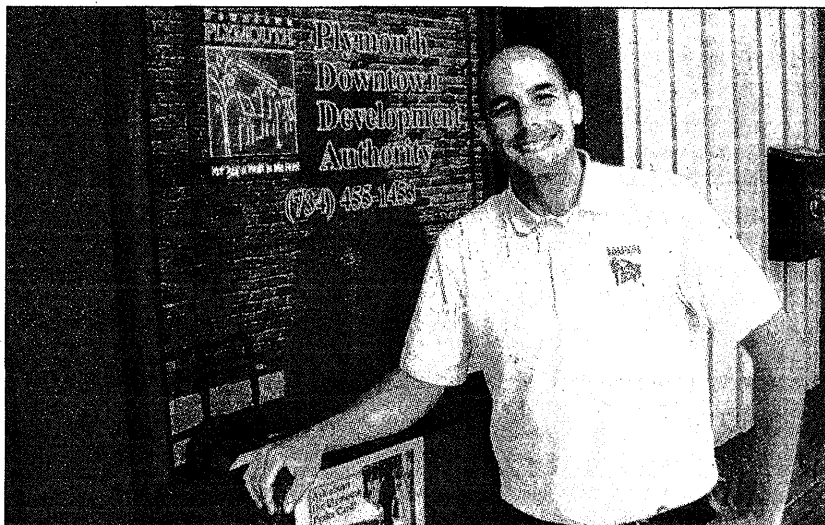
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The Downtown Development Authority's John Buzuvis will wear a tuxedo donated by Plymouth's Milano Fine Apparel and pass out pink boas to the first 500 women by the chamber office on Ann Arbor Trail on Diva Day March 28.



Chamber, DDA partner for 'Diva' sale

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Sandy Marulis, owner of Michigan Made & More in downtown Plymouth, is looking forward to Diva Day.

The 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. event is Saturday, March 28, and sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and

Downtown Development Authority. Women shoppers will find bargains galore.

"It's kind of in lieu of our spring sales," said Marulis, a Plymouth resident and past chamber board president. She's the chamber's retail chair, and also on the DDA board.

Marulis noted the popularity of the Ladies Night Out in September. "Three

hours on a night was never enough," she said. "Now they can play around all day. Divas of all ages are invited."

Activities are in the works for young girls. "We're getting the restaurants involved," Marulis said. There will be giveaways, drawings and refreshments.

Participants in this first-time event will get a map of participating businesses. Shoppers will get a stamp at each and enter a drawing for gift baskets.

"It'll be a fun thing," she said. "It's just fun to visit a lot of places." Merchants need events, especially this time of year.

"It's time to come back to downtown Plymouth and walk around and enjoy," Marulis said.

On March 28, DDA staffer John Buzuvis will wear a tuxedo donated by Plymouth's Milano Fine Apparel. He'll pass out pink boas to the first 500 women by the chamber office on Ann Arbor Trail.

"It's merchant-driven," said Wes Graff, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. He's pleased some 25-30 stores, salons and restaurants are on board.

"We just decided to shake things up and try something different," he said. "We think we have a lot of things in Plymouth that are divalicious."

The aim of such events is to drive business downtown, he said, noting people come from throughout the metro area. Diva Day information is on the chamber's Facebook site, as well as the regular Web site, www.plymouthmich.org.

"We're just excited to have people come down," he said. The chamber's Plymouth Rocks marketing campaign, a three-year effort, is under way.

For information on Diva Day, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

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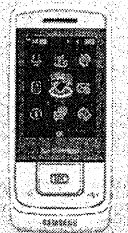
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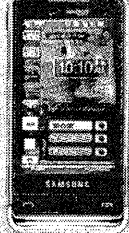
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Officials blow up dangerous acid after factory is evacuated

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

An "abundance of caution" led to the evacuation of a factory on Plymouth Township's north side Thursday morning after a potentially explosive chemical was found out of place.

Some 22 employees left Associated Spring, which is on Cleat Street just off of Five Mile, after a jar of picric acid was found in an unsecured location, said a spokeswoman for Barnes Group Inc., the Connecticut-based parent company of Associated Spring. There were no injuries.

The acid was later safely detonated by emergency personnel, said the spokeswoman,

Lori Kupec.

Police, firefighters, the area's hazardous materials team and the Michigan State Police bomb squad had all responded to the scene. Police and fire officials did not return calls on Thursday or Friday.

Kupec said the laboratory at the township's Associated Spring facility is being transferred to Saline, Mich., and that equipment and materials were being moved when the discovery of the acid was made. Lab chemicals, she said, are normally kept in secure areas — rooms with fire suppression systems, for example — but the picric acid, in a container about the size of a mayonnaise jar, was out of place.

"If it's not found in its spot, it triggers our health and safety protocols," she said. The company uses "an abundance of caution," she said.

The chemical had also crystallized, she said, which makes it a potential explosive. "You can never be too careful with chemicals," she said.

Evacuated workers were sent home for the day, Kupec said, but were back on the job Friday.

Kupec said the laboratory is being moved to Saline in stages so that lab work can continue as needed. Manufacturing work will remain in the township factory, she said.

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Firefighters from the Plymouth Community Fire Department and Northville Township Fire Department stand by at Associated Spring in Plymouth Township, waiting for the Hazmat Team and Michigan State Police Bomb Squad.

Dine with yoga stars

Dining with the Stars sponsored by Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* takes a special twist this month. The winner will dine with the yoga stars of metro Detroit.

The group includes Katherine Lucas, founder of Karma Yoga, Inc.; Sara Davidson, ERYT-500; Aaron E. Fenton (ASHTANGA) Yoga Room; and Linda Kay of Yoga Shelter.

Tell us in 100 words or less why you want to have lunch with yoga stars at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills. E-mail your entry to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

The contest winner will be treated to a limo ride from Class Plus Limo, a makeover courtesy of Christine from the Beauty Salon in Birmingham, a \$100 gift certificate from Reaver Diamond Co. in Southfield and a dance exhibition by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Robert Jacobs, owner of Buddy's Pizza and an 18-year student of yoga, says the yoga community played a major role in his recovery from Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rare autoimmune disease which attacks the body's nerves. He used yoga to heal and was supported by the yoga community.

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Plymouth golf outing

The Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be holding its eight annual Wildcats Football Golf Outing on Saturday, May 30, at Fellows Creek Golf and Banquet Center in Canton. The outing will be a best ball scramble with a shot gun start at 1 p.m. Players are needed as well as hole sponsors and donated items for a silent auction at the end of the outing.

Registration is \$100 per golfer. You can register by calling Bill Ballelli at (734) 416-9603 or Mike Walsh at (734) 453-6796. For more details, or to become a hole sponsor or auction item donor, go to the Wildcats Web site at www.football.plymouthwildcats.com.

Shakespeare winner

Timothy Thompson, a senior at Salem High School, has earned first place in the English Speaking Union of the United States 2009 Shakespeare Regional Competition. Thompson has won an all-expense paid trip to New York City to study Shakespeare, acting, attend plays and compete at Lincoln Center April 25-28.

He will be competing with 50 students from across the United States for the opportunity to spend a month in England studying at The Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts on a full scholarship.

Career Cruising

Career Pathways Night, scheduled 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, is an opportunity for local businesses to share information about the world of work with students from the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

This Open House event is for parents and students in grades 8-12. It is an opportunity to cruise the Career Pathways and put high school and post-high school planning into gear. There will be more than 50 employers onsite to share

information.

For more information, call (734) 416-2944.

Excellent evening

Tickets are now on sale for the Educational Excellence Foundation's premiere event, Evening of Excellence, 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 20.

Highlights will include performances by outstanding P-CCS students from P-CEP Wind Ensemble, P-CEP Orchestra Strings, Second Stage Players, Discovery's Dulcissima Girls, P-CEP Madrigals and Choir, P-CEP Winter Guard and others.

Cost is \$50 for adults, \$25 for senior citizens, \$25 for students. For tickets, contact Carole Kody at (734) 416-2718.

Scholarship applications

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce are accepting applications for the Student Citizenship Award scholarship. Nominations from all employees, parents and friends of high school seniors from the Plymouth and Canton area will be accepted before 4 p.m. Friday, April 3.

The \$500 scholarship is based on community service only. Grade point average does not play a role in the committee's decision.

The selection committee will pick one student each from Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Starkweather and a non-P-CCS high school for the award. The scholarship application, which is available at the Board of Education office, requires the student to give a one paragraph description of what community service means to them, a one page, bulleted list of the student's community service and a one page testimonial by the person nominating the student for the award.

Inquires should be directed to the P-CCS Community Relations office at (734) 416-2755.



Plymouth-Canton music teacher Catherine DePentu (right) was honored with the Extra Miler Award Tuesday night.

Going the 'Extra Mile'

Veteran music teacher hits the right notes

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton school board member John Jackson, whose daughter performed under her, praised the growth of the district's music program since she came aboard.

Plymouth High School Assistant Principal Julie Kaminski said a description of "the perfect music educator" would come with a photo of her.

That's why veteran music teacher Cathy DePentu received the district's Mary Beth Carroll Extra Miler Award at Tuesday's school board meeting. She was recognized

for her "outstanding dedication to the students, parents and community."

"She's just a pleasure," Kaminski said. "As an administrator it's great to have someone who just does it. You don't have to worry about anything. If you watch her with her kids, you see it. Her kids love her."

Tim Schoenherr, the district's arts coordinator, pointed out DePentu's continued growth in the program, saying she has a "clear understanding" of the district's K-12 curriculum. Her understanding is such she made a presentation on the state's new requirements for the visual arts at January's Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, a presentation, according

to Schoenherr, that shows Plymouth-Canton is a leader.

"It's impressive to me that she has continued to grow," Schoenherr said. "Many seasoned educators would be set in their ways, but Cathy continues to adjust. She always looks for ways to say yes instead of no, to say will instead of won't and to say can instead of can't."

DePentu took a little time out of The Pit at the Gloria Logan Auditorium in Salem High School, where she's directing the orchestra for the Park Players' production of Smokey Joe's Cafe, to accept the award.

"It's a great honor," she said. "I love what I do. Every year is more fun than the year before."

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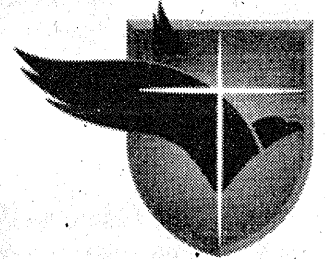
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Police arrest Detroit man in string of burglaries

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

A 31-year-old Detroit man, who police say was recently released from prison, was arrested Wednesday night for burglaries in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia and Dearborn Heights.

If he's convicted, David Norman Itlas could face life in prison for a number of charges associated with the burglaries. He is also being charged with being a habitual offender. According to police, the crime spree ended when Itlas was apprehended by Dearborn Heights police officers.

"Dearborn Heights police were at the right place at the right time," said Sgt. Mark Gajeski, Canton police spokesman. "There was a brief pursuit and he ended up crashing. They then took him into custody."

"Dearborn Heights police put out an area message to departments that had similar crimes, so we sent an officer to the scene and identified property taken from the iComputer store in his vehicle," he said. "He threw a cinder block through the front glass door to gain entry about 1:30 a.m. (Tuesday)."

Gajeski said Itlas has been charged with breaking and entering and larceny of a building for taking a 42-inch flat screen television from iComputer, 6120 N. Canton Center Road, which was reportedly found in the car Itlas was driving.

Itlas was arraigned Thursday in front of 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe, who set bond at \$100,000, with only 10 percent needed to bond out. Itlas' preliminary exam is scheduled for March 20.

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40-plus years on, muscle car still shines, this time at Autorama

BY MATT JACHMAN
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Back in the day, Bob Lemon says, his 1965 Plymouth Satellite could outrace just about every muscle car prowling Telegraph or Woodward.

But last weekend, the Plymouth Township man's restored Satellite — almost an exact replica, right down to the deep red finish, of his first new car — topped all comers at a much safer, quieter (not to mention completely legal) event: the 2009 Detroit Autorama at Cobo Center.

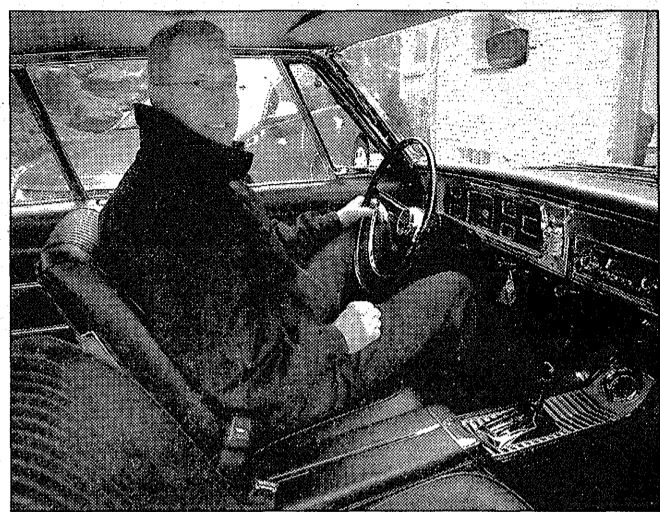
Lemon's two-door coupe took first place in Autorama's "Conservative Hardtop '65-'66" category, beating out what Lemon said was a "flawless" 1965 Chevrolet Malibu that he thought had a lock on the award.

"I was absolutely stunned" upon hearing of his win, Lemon wrote in an e-mail. "Fell forward in my seat with my head in my hands as (wife) Bianca burst into tears."

Lemon has Bianca to thank (or blame, he once said) for the Satellite, as she had surprised him with it (in a much-decayed form) in 2001. Lemon had over their years together often waxed nostalgic about his first Satellite (sold when he was drafted in 1966), and spotted the car in Carleton, Mich., that summer, but had gotten cold feet about buying it. His wife had other ideas.

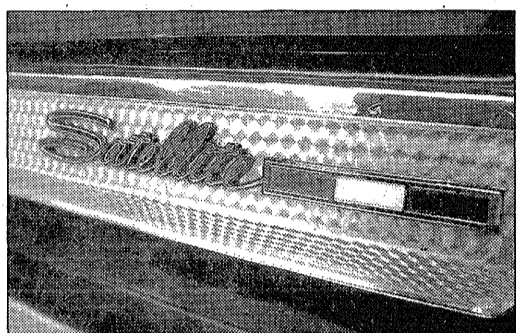
Lemon's Satellite has dual carburetors and a 535-horsepower, 440-cubic-inch engine from a 1971 Dodge Charger. Modifications are carefully hidden; cars in Autorama's conservative hardtop category could have no more than three visible modifications from the original models.

Lemon spent thousands of hours — and dollars — taking the Satellite apart and restoring it, getting parts wherever he could find them and having them custom made when he



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Bob Lemon at the wheel of his 1965 Plymouth Satellite, named a winner at last weekend's autorama.



Bob Lemon's favorite ride is his 1965 Plymouth Satellite.

had to. Body work and engine rebuilding were done at area specialty shops, but he tackled the rebuild himself.

Lemon said he very much enjoyed his Autorama experience.

"I was amazed at the interest the car generated," he wrote. "So many people approached to admire the car" and most told stories about when they, or a friend, had a car like it. "Each had vivid memories they were willing to relate."

He was moved, Lemon said, when one Autorama visitor, who used a walker and appeared to have suffered a stroke, talked enthusiastically about the Satellite and left with a handshake, thanking Lemon for helping him revisit his youth. "I must admit, I fought to hold back my emotions," Lemon said. Lemon, who had never exhib-

ited a car before Autorama, said the show, which had about 850 entries, was run smoothly and professionally. His Satellite wasn't a victim of the much-reported water leak that plagued Cobo Center during Autorama, he said, but he and his wife were impressed with how promptly the Cobo staff dealt with the problem.

Lemon won't rule out restoring a second car, but said he wants to enjoy the Satellite for a while before taking on another project.

Another Autorama winner from the Plymouth area was Paul Endres, whose 1955 Chevrolet pickup took the top prize in a "Classic Truck" category in International Show Car Association-sponsored competition.

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Work with the IRS to straighten out tax problems

Dear Rick: I hope you can help me. I am a handyman. I have no employees. I do not take charge cards. Generally, customers pay me in cash. I keep no records. In fact, I have no idea how much I really make on a year-by-year basis. I have not filed a tax return in about 10 years. I used to work for a company, and when I went on my own I just never got around to filing taxes. Here is my dilemma. My daughter is a minor and because of certain health issues I have applied for government assistance. I've been asked to provide them with a copy of my tax return for the last three years. What should I do?



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

A: My advice is simple and straightforward. File your past tax returns. I recognize it will be difficult because you do not have records, however, it's something you need to do. The Internal Revenue Service has become much easier to deal with. It is willing to work with individuals, set up payments plans and even in some situations, waive tax liability because of hardships.

Because you do not have the necessary documentation, you will need a certified public accountant or an enrolled agent with the IRS. Enrolled agents are not employees of the IRS. They have received certain training which allows them to practice in front of the IRS. The fact that you do not have records and receipts makes things a little more difficult; however, it is not impossible to prepare your return.

Many people who have not filed past tax returns generally are afraid to file because of the taxes and penalties. There is no doubt that in many situations penalties, interest and back taxes can be substantial, however ignoring the situation does not make it better. You have a greater chance of waiving penalties and working out payment plans when you voluntarily come forward. The law requires us to file

tax returns on a year-by-year basis and that alone should be enough motivation for everyone. However, qualifying for government assistance, especially for a child, should provide the extra motivation you need.

Dear Rick: I just started a new job. I am 28 years old, single and have no dependents. I have a short-term disability policy that I think covers me for something like six months. My employer offers a long-term disability policy. Should I take it?

A: Congratulations on your new job. Disability insurance protects you if you are unable to work. If you developed a health issue or were in an accident and could not work, once your short-term disability ended, you would have no way of paying your bills.

A long-term disability policy provides necessary cash flow. Like all types of insurance, I believe it is need-based. The question is: If I become disabled, do I have the resources to pay my bills? If

not, then disability insurance is something to consider.

The key to disability insurance is the definition. Unfortunately, there is no standard definition of disability and different policies have different definitions. Therefore, before you obtain the policy, it is important to review the definition of a disability to make sure that it fits your situation.

Consider having an independent agent get you a competitive bid for disability and then to compare it to your group policy. Many times, an individual policy will have a better definition of disability and have lower costs.

Disability insurance can be highly valuable to an individual who becomes unable to work. Unfortunately, these policies are difficult to understand. Take your time, get competitive bids and ask questions.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

ANGELA HOSPICE BENEFIT MARCH 26

Angela Hospice of Livonia will present its annual women's event, "Laughter Lifts You Up," 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. Proceeds will benefit the hospice's "Building for Life" expansion project.

The event will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia and will feature comedian W. Bruce Cameron, author of *8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter* and *How To Remodel a Man: Tips and Techniques on Accomplishing Something You Know Is Impossible But Want To Try Anyway*.

Dinner will be served, and raffle tickets and books will be available, to be autographed by Cameron. Reservations are \$40 per person and tickets will be sold through March 23 or until

sold out. Cameron was born in Petoskey and pursued writing since age 10. After studying at Westminster College, he became a freelance writer who worked a day job.

In 1995, Cameron began to write an online column, later picked up by the *Rocky Mountain News*. His "8 Simple Rules" column was developed into a book published by Workman Publishing in 2001. It rose to No. 14 on *The New York Times* best seller list, and was turned into a sitcom starring John Ritter.

His most recent book, *8 Simple Rules for Marrying My Daughter*, was released last year. For information on the event, call Angela Hospice's Barb Iovan at (734) 953-6045.

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

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Cox hours

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox will hold office hours on Wednesday, March 18, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main, in Plymouth. Cox will meet with constituents from 10-11 a.m. Cox, chair of the commission's Committee on Ways and Means, will update citizens on her new "Transparency in Wayne County Government" initiative. She represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

For more information, contact Jordyn Salmon in Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

Miller Woods meeting

The annual meeting for Friends of Miller Woods takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, at the Plymouth District Library.

A review of the past year and planning for upcoming events will be the agenda. The public is welcome to attend the meeting as an opportunity to learn

about this pristine remnant of early Michigan that is a part of Plymouth Township.

Flute duo

Husband-and-wife organ and flute duo Scott and Melissa Elsholz will be joined by renowned guest flutist Lauren Erickson in a varied concert of musical gems 6 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The program includes the famous G minor Flute Sonata by J.S. Bach, liturgical meditations by the renowned Taizé composer Jacques Berthier, two dances by living American composer Gary Schocker, and an exquisite suite of character pieces by the beloved English composer John Rutter.

Admission is free. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call Scott Elsholz, (734) 453-0190, Ext. 16, or e-mail him at selsholz@stjohnsplymouth.org

Home-buying seminar

Community Financial Mortgage Services and Remerica Hometown invite potential home buyers to attend a free seminar for First Time Home Buyers. The seminar will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at Community Financial located

at 500 S. Harvey in Plymouth.

Potential home buyers will learn about buying in today's real estate market, mortgage products, including FHA financing and other programs especially designed to help first-time borrowers, free pre-approvals and much more.

For more information or to RSVP to attend this free seminar, call (734) 582-8500.

Volunteer search

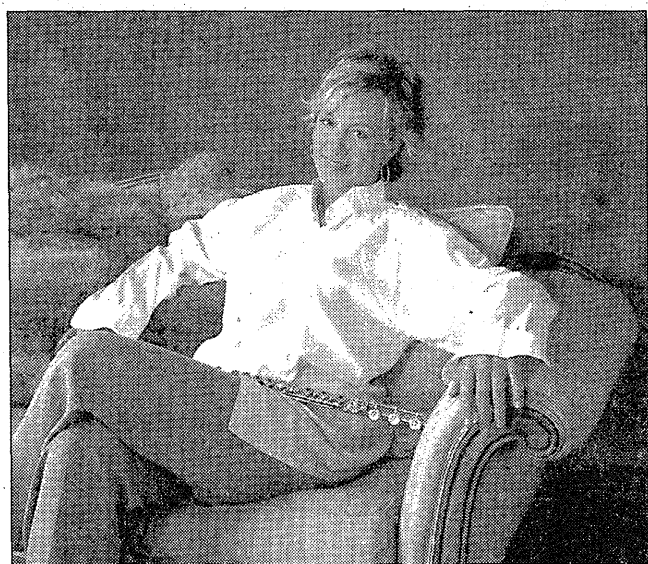
The Plymouth Council on Aging is looking for a few volunteers for the "Service With Love" program.

The volunteers will make telephone calls to lonely and isolated, older adults to check on their well being and provide them with a feeling of confidence that difficulties will not go undetected and to also bring emergencies, needs and concerns to the attention of appropriate professionals.

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Flute fun

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Easter egg hunt at Plymouth Township Park Saturday, April 11.

The park is located off Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha. The hunt will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Don't forget to bring your baskets, bags and cameras! We will also be collecting hearing aids, eyeglasses and cell phones.

For more information e-mail Debbie Baudino-Dowling at debbaudino@hotmail.com, call (734) 207-7464 or see the Web site at www.plymouth-lions-club.org

Love stories

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Visit the committee's blog at <http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/> or its Web page at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof2009/senior-party09.htm>

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For more information, call Kim Belz, Coldwell Banker, (734) 576-1548 or Jamie Benner at Success Mortgage, (734) 259-0637.

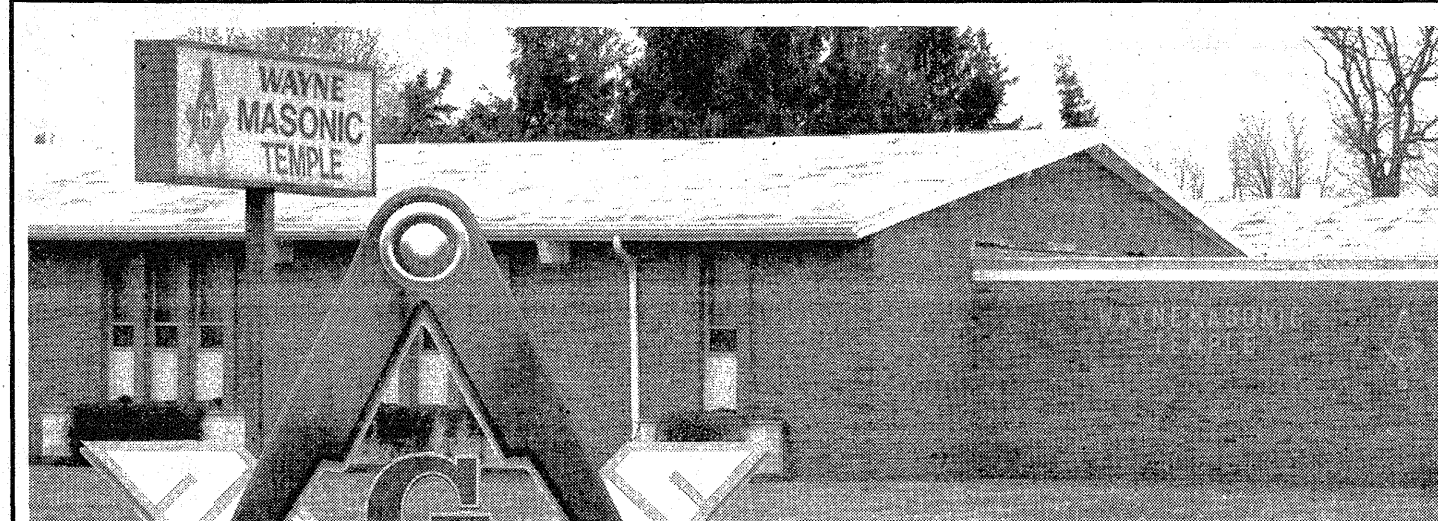
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GREEN

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not a need.”
 Now, with an emphasis being placed by nearly everyone on “going green,” the idea is back. This time, though, the suggestion is to cover the walkways — which as they exist now take a lot of maintenance in terms of snow removal, salting and repairs — with solar panels.
 The walkways would use active solar-power collection, wind power and use passive hot-water heating to preheat them in winter.
 In addition to connecting all the schools and minimal maintenance, the walkways would also serve as an educational tool, with “dashboard displays” that would show students how the building systems work, the amount of energy being expended, etc.
 The district has worked with two consultants, Damien Farrell Design Group in Ann Arbor and Mechanical Energy Systems in Canton, to put together the plan. Reynold

Hendrickson of Mechanical Energy Systems, called district officials “wonderful to work with,” but said they were “skeptical, and they tested us.”
 “We have a chance to show, to powerfully illustrate, what renewable energy can do,” Hendrickson said. “We might as well get started now. Our president is asking us to get shovels in the ground.”
 Granholm has made the push for renewable energy a priority recently, and her representative, Sherri Liebeau, said the Plymouth-Canton project would seem to be a good fit.
 “(Granholm) is all about renewable energy,” she said. “This falls right into that field.”
 Slavens, just elected in November, said she was “excited” by the proposal.
 “I thought it was very impressive,” Slavens said. “It’s wonderful they’re looking for ‘green’ ways to bring energy into the schools. I’m looking forward to seeing what (other) ideas they have.”

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United Way campaign a bit short but still considered a success

BY TONY BRUSCATO
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community United Way — which serves Plymouth, Canton and Northville — knew it would be tough to match the 2007 goal of \$1.3 million during the economic downturn. So, the Board of Directors downsized the 2008 goal by \$200,000 while secretly admitting even the lowered expectations could be tough to meet in today’s financial climate.
 At Friday’s PCUW annual meeting held at Comcast in Plymouth Township, board member Greg Foster announced preliminary indications are the 2008 campaign will be short, but not by much.
 “Our campaign is not actually completed at this point, there have been some companies that have delayed running their campaigns,” said Foster. “Our pledges are about \$1.05 million, so we’re a little bit short. But we’re working hard and hopeful

to get close to our goal of \$1.1 million.
 “We are looking to be down about \$250,000-\$300,000 from (the 2007 campaign),” he said. “I think that’s very understandable given the economic climate this year. Because of past prudent policies, our Finance Committee is very confident we will be able to weather 2009 and be back on track next year.”
 The PCUW also earned \$204,000 from its annual August golf outing. That money is being put into an endowment that will eventually be used to fund the operations of the Plymouth United Way so the total amount of donations can go toward allocations, grants and designations.
 “We are in a hurting economy right now and we’re doing the best we can,” said Art Butler, PCUW board chairman. “As the funds decrease and the needs increase we’re caught in the middle. It hurts us to have to make subjective decisions... as to which agency or which individual is going

to get more or less.”
 Campaign Chairman Bill Lawton said no matter what the final tally, this year’s effort was a success.
 “What was generously contributed will be carefully and generously distributed to those in need,” Lawton said. “We know that need is greater now than has been in a long time.”
 At the annual meeting, Johnson Controls was honored as a Platinum key contributor. Gold contributors included Automotive Components Holdings, Comcast, DTE Energy, General Motors, UAW Local 845, Unisys, United Parcel Service and Visteon Corporation.
 Pledges for the 2008 campaign can still be given by calling the Plymouth Community United Way at (734) 453-6879 or on the Web at www.plymouthunited-way.org.

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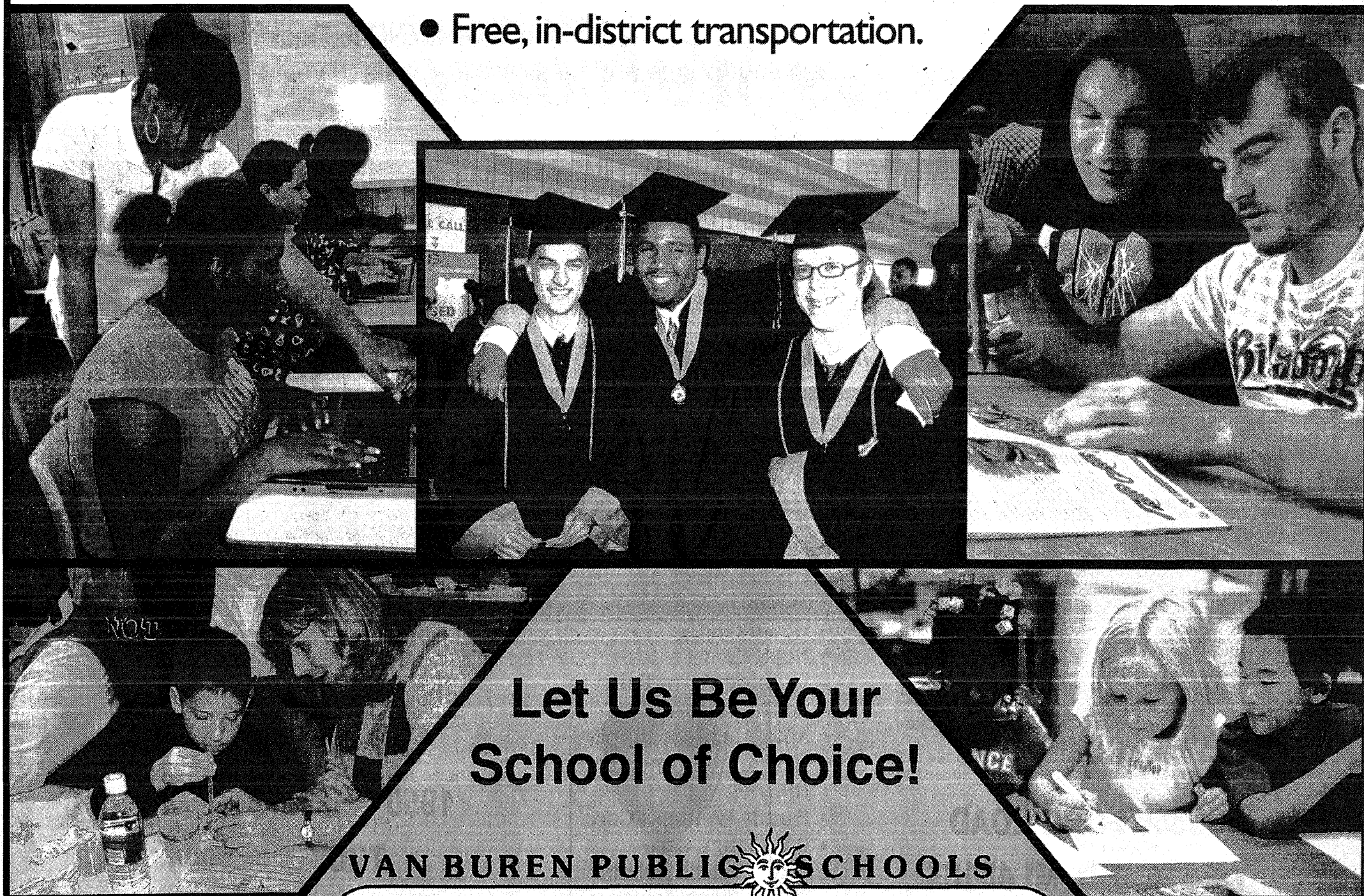


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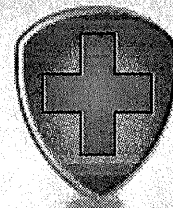
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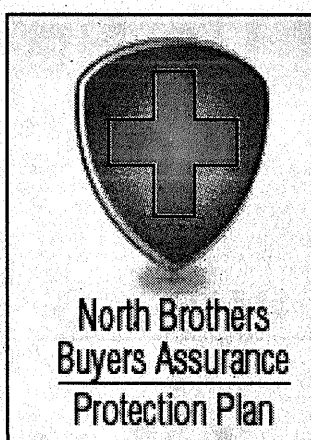


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HOMETOWN LIFE

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Friday the 13th rough on local matmen

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Friday the 13th was not kind to the seven Plymouth-Canton Educational Park wrestlers who were competing in the Division 1 Individual State Meet. All seven grapplers had their hopes for a state title dashed, including Canton's 145-pounder Brent Winekoff, who entered the competition ranked No. 1. Winekoff breezed through his first two matches, defeating Hudsonville's Paul Carbone, 17-5, before handling Lake Orion's Justin Ruddy, 12-7. However, the once-beaten junior dropped an agonizing 4-3 decision to East Kentwood's DeShawn Nelson in Friday's semifinal

match.

Winekoff's teammate, junior 135-pounder Donnie Watkins, was also side-tracked by an East Kentwood wrestler. After winning his opener on Thursday — pinning L'anse Creuse's Clayton Muller in 1:49 — Watkins was nipped 10-9 by EK's Paul Vilker on Friday morning. Watkins bounced back Friday afternoon by ousting Joshua Goodman of Flint Carman-Ainsworth, 8-5, to remain alive for a third-place finish.

One of Thursday's most impressive first-round wins by a local wrestler came when Salem's Sam Lepper upended Rochester Adams' Jason Finney, 6-3. Finney entered the match with a 51-1 mark.

However, Lepper was knocked from the brackets on Friday when he dropped back-to-back decisions to Holt's James Mireles (pin in 5:43) and Roseville's Chris Nash (7-5).

Two PCEP wrestlers — Salem's 103-pound Nick Kim and Canton's 119-pound Carl Lucke — were still in the hunt for top-six finishes as of late Friday night. After getting pinned in his first match by Clarkston's Zak Roberson, Kim rebounded to defeat Roseville's Doug Zundel (4-2) and Jenison's Trenton Samuels (7-5 in overtime).

Lucke started with an 8-6 win over Milford's Devin Doria, but fell in the second round, 15-0, to Anchor Bay's Robbie Bidlingmaier. Lucke stayed alive by ed-

ing Romeo's Kyle Witgen, 6-5.

Canton junior Waleed Faraj went 2-2 at 112 before eventually getting ousted Friday afternoon. Faraj defeated Nikolas Leal of Holland, 4-2 before coming out on the short end of a 10-3 decision to Davison's Brandon Shuart.

He stayed in the hunt for a medal by outlasting Jenison's Dylan Wyngarden, 9-6, but he forfeited his next match against Hartland's Nick Monitz.

Canton junior Keith Zech dropped his first two matches, getting outscored 19-10 by Grand Haven's Chris Lucas before dropping a 17-2 decision to Anchor Bay's Nick Licari.

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GAME WRAPS

MU baseball team wins

Second baseman Ryan Morrow went 3-for-5 with five RBI to propel the Madonna University baseball team to a 12-6 victory Friday over host Spaulding (Ky.) University at Derby Field in Louisville.

Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Hills Harrison) also went 3-for-5, including a homer, and three RBI as the Crusaders improved to 13-2 overall.

Aaron Hacias, Scott Boyer and Tarik Khasawneh (Canton) also added two hits apiece.

The Crusaders used two pitchers with Kyle Bolton going 7.2 innings, allowing six earned runs on 11 hits. Bolton, who improved to 3-1, struck out four and walked two before giving way to freshman reliever Chris Kangas, who retired all five batters he faced in 1.1 innings.

The loss drops Spaulding to 2-16 overall.

Softball game changed

The Madonna University women's softball team has had to change the venue for its Saturday double-header against No. 12 Bethel (Ind.) College.

The game, which had been scheduled for MU's University Field, has been moved to the campus of Siena Heights in Adrian due to unplayable conditions in Livonia.

This week's earlier rains and cold temperatures have left the surface at University Field unsafe for play.

First pitch is still slated for 1 p.m. against the Pilots.

Ocelot cagers advance

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team can put on their dancing shoes.

The Lady Ocelots earned their second trip to the NJCAA Division II national tournament in school history Sunday with a 76-53 triumph over Oakland Community College in the Region 12-District H final held at Owens Tech in Toledo, Ohio.

Schoolcraft, 30-2 overall and ranked second nationally, advances to the NJCAA tourney, which starts Wednesday, March 18, in East Peoria, Ill. Coach Karen Lafata's team last qualified for the NCJAs in 2001, finishing sixth.

Tournament MVP April Goins (Detroit Pershing) had a monster game with 26 points and 18 rebounds (including 11 offensive) as Schoolcraft won its 23rd straight game.

Antania Shepherd (Detroit Cody) added 13 points, while Taylor Langham (Salem) added 11 for the Lady Ocelots, who shot 40.9 percent from the floor (27-of-66) and 62 percent from the foul line (18-of-29).

OCC, unable to recover from a 39-22 halftime deficit, got 14 points from Tabytha Harvey, while Angela Russell and Megan Charlebois added 11 each.

The Lady Raiders finished the year 23-8.

Spring thaw

Novi's hot shooting melts Canton's District title hopes

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Down by as many as 16 points in the first half, Canton's boys basketball team's second-half theme song was "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" in Wednesday's Class A District semifinal against Novi.

Inspired by its vocal crowd, the Chiefs clawed back to within 56-51 thanks to a Marlan Glenn triple with 7:10 to play, but the Wildcats countered with a 6-0 run to pull out a hard-earned 78-71 victory.

The setback ended Canton's season at 11-10. Novi advanced to play Novi Catholic Central in Friday night's District final.

"Our energy needed to pick up a little bit in the second half, and it did," said Canton coach Dan Colligan. I was proud of the way the guys came back and never counted themselves out of it.

"I thought our seniors did a fantastic job and showed a lot of class. Sherif Hassanien hit the big shots like he has throughout his career, Marlan Glenn came back and played with fire and intensity in the second half, and Kiere Daniels did a great job inside."

Colligan also praised the defensive effort of senior Kyle Biega, who was handed the unenviable task of guarding All-Conference player Chris Bellamy.

"Kyle did a solid job of staying in front of Bellamy, who's a phenomenal player.

"Our goal was to keep him under 30 (points), which tells you what kind of talent he has."

Bellamy finished with a game-high 24, but he needed 21 shots to do it.

Probably the biggest determining factor for the victorious Wildcats was their balance as four players scored between 10 and 12 points. Senior captain Rob Brockman tossed in a dozen; Tyler Wenson and Samer Ozeir both tallied 11; and Jeremy Mims added 10.

Canton's attack was all about balance, too, as five players hit double-figures led by lightning-quick sophomore guard Dietrich Lever's 16. Junior forward Kevin Weisz scored 14, eight of which came in the fourth quarter.

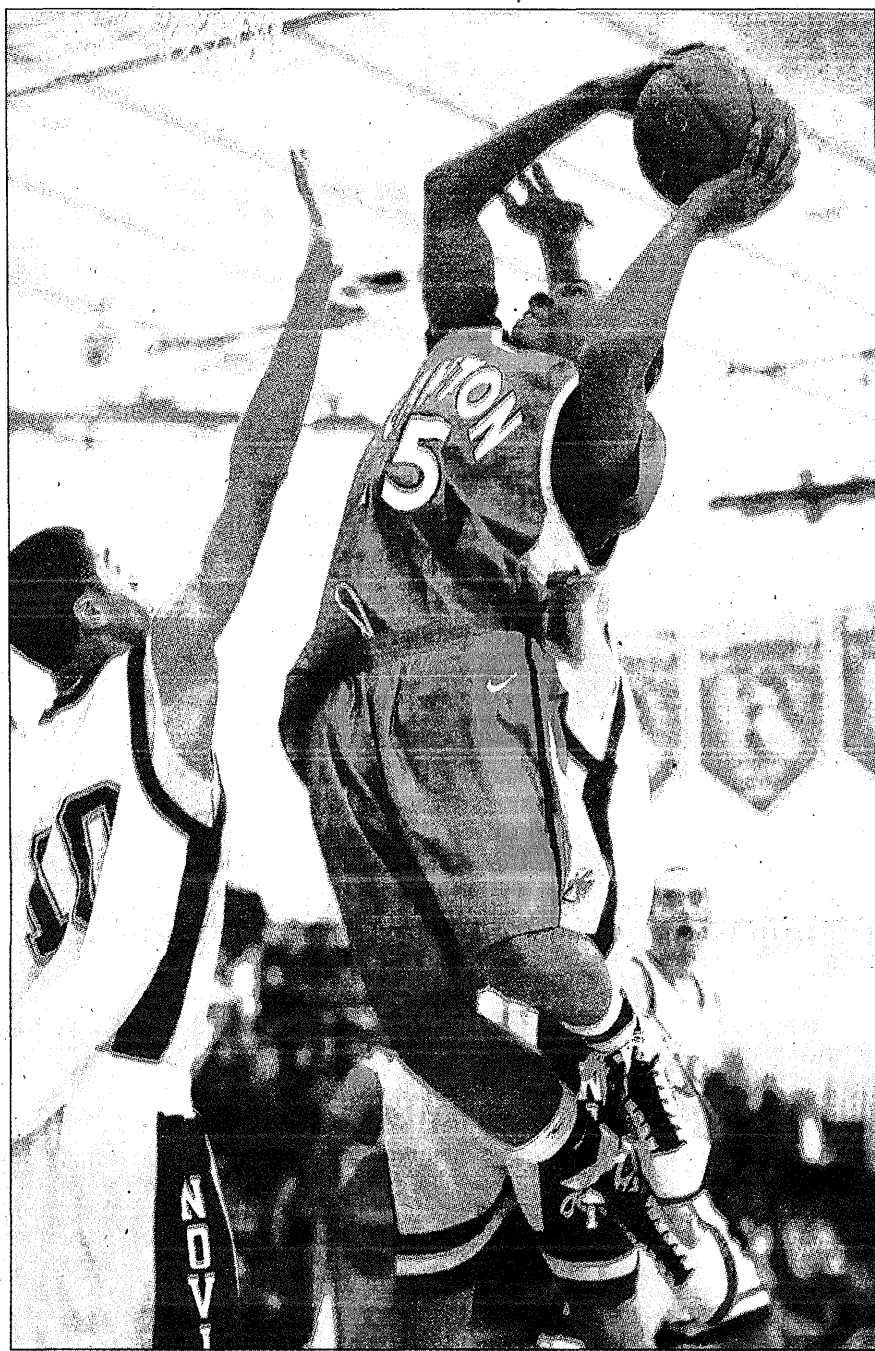
Also making major contributions were Glenn (13), Daniels (12) and Hassanien, who scored 10, including a pair of second-half triples.

Novi raced to a 23-10 lead after one quarter. The hosts advantage bulged to 32-16 mid-way through the second quarter on a fast-break lay-up by Nick Regnier.

The Chiefs responded well to a Colligan time-out and deliberately chiseled their halftime deficit down to 37-28 thanks to a late 9-2 run that was sparked by a Weisz triple and a pair of slick, twisting drives by Brandon Duffey.

Novi pushed its lead back to 47-36 with three minutes to play in the third

Please see CANTON, B5



Canton senior forward Kiere Daniels soars for two of his 12 points in Wednesday's 78-71 loss to Novi in a Class A District semifinal game.

ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Hard work has made Salem sophomore Matt Collingwood one of the top freestyle swimmers in the state. The native of Cambridge, England, is a member of Club Wolverine.



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Extra effort makes Rock freestyle phenom

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

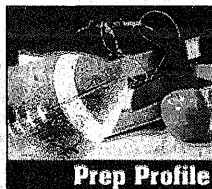
Salem sophomore swimmer Matt Collingwood has a lot more in common with Michael Phelps than you probably realize.

Collingwood and Phelps were both members of Club Wolverine last year, they both love to swim and they both have the kind of work ethic that leads to greatness.

Collingwood just hasn't had enough time to reach his yet.

"I walked by him a few times when I was coming to practice and he was leaving," Collingwood said, smiling. "He had no idea who I was, but I knew who he was."

If Collingwood's times keep



Prep Profile

dropping like they have the past two years, that may change.

Collingwood was one of four Rocks to compete in this weekend's Division 1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University. The talented 10th-grader has proven to be an accomplished free-styler as he qualified in the 200-yard freestyle, the 500 free as well as a pair of relays.

"I like swimming because all the hard work you do pays off at the end," he said. "You see results."

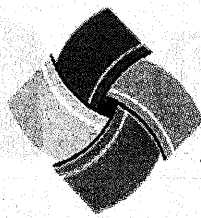
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THE COLLINGWOOD FILE

Name: Matt Collingwood;
Age: 15
Family: Parents Ian and Gill; siblings Abi, 13, and Phillip, 9;
Early days: Was born and lived the first six years of his life in Cambridge, England;
Favorite movie: 300
Favorite TV show: none;
Favorite athlete: swimmer Peter Vanderkaay;
Favorite restaurant: Buffalo Wild Wings;
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NCAA bowling coming to Canton

A live ESPN2 broadcast, stadium seating and introductions of competing student-athletes by well-known local announcer Mason will highlight the NCAA® 2009 National Collegiate Bowling Championship to be held April 9-11, at Super Bowl in Canton.

The double-elimination format, featuring the top eight teams from 49 NCAA institutions that host bowling as a varsity sport, will be hosted by the University of Detroit-Mercy and the Detroit Metro Sports Commission.

"The Detroit Metro Sports Commission, University of Detroit Mercy, Community Bowling Centers and Super Bowl have worked for 18 months to develop plans for this prestigious 2009 NCAA Bowling Championship," said Dave Beachnau, DMSC executive director. "In partnership with the NCAA, our local committee has created a tremendous host effort for the tournament that will culminate with a show-stopping setting for the event finals that will be seen by a national television audience on ESPN2 and ESPNU at 8 p.m. EST on Saturday, April 11."

A special, multi-level stadium seating configuration will be in place for the finals with more than 500 fans surrounding the competition lanes and the ESPN broadcast set. The introductions of the student-athletes will be from John Mason, better known for his nationally-recognized introductions of the NBA's Detroit Pistons at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Tickets for Thursday/Friday are daily \$7 for students, \$10 for adults, and \$15 for all sessions for students and \$25 for adults.

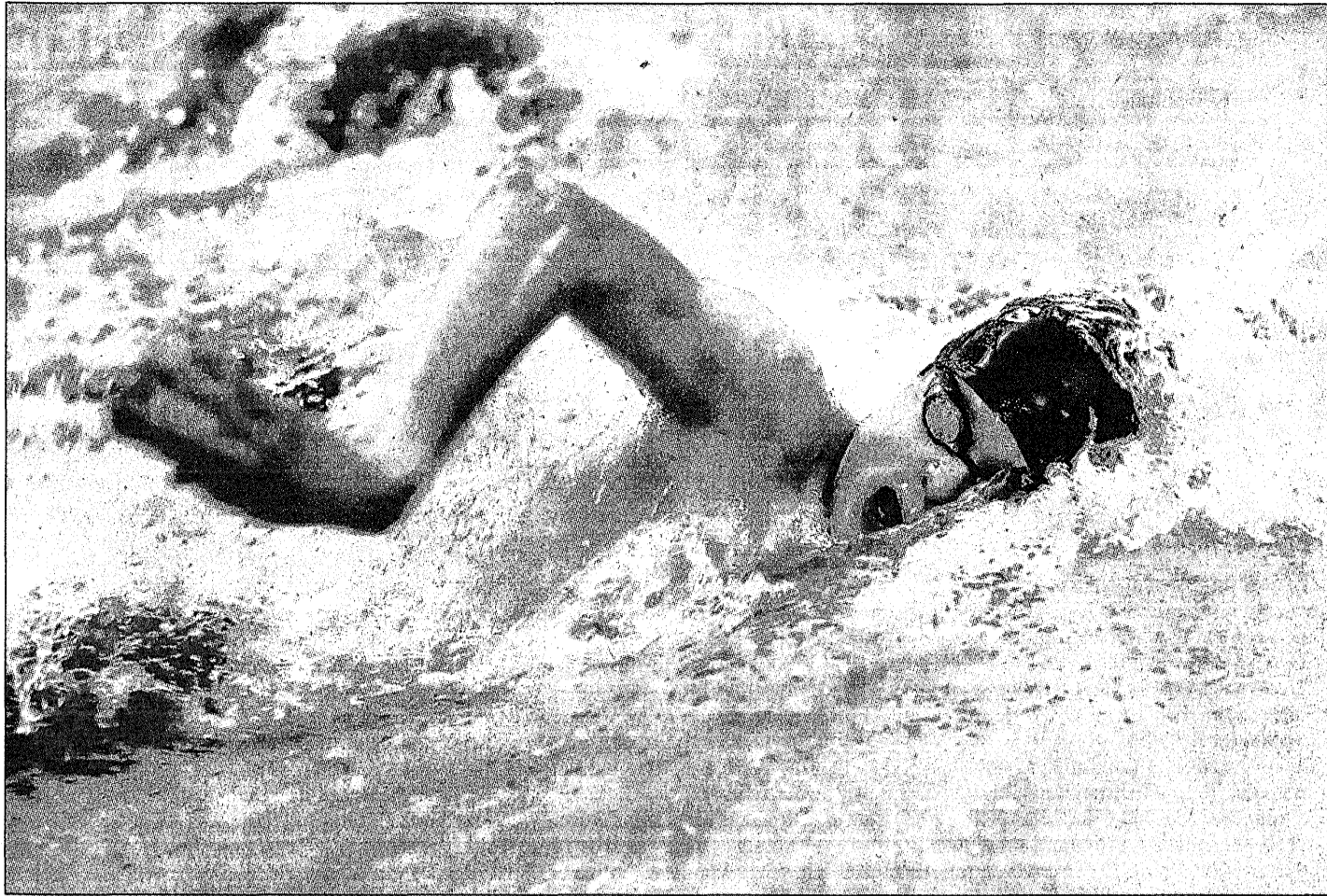
Tickets to the Saturday finals are \$8 students and \$13 adults. All tickets are available by calling (734) 459-6070.

Prep lacrosse event

The 2009 Lacrosse Face-Off Classic will be held Saturday, March 21, at the PCEP turf stadium.

The annual event, which will be hosted by the PCEP Lacrosse Athletic Association, will feature the following teams: Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Grosse Ile, Tecumseh, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Lincoln, Hartland and Holt.

The tournament will consist of 25-minute scrimmages. There will be no admission fee and there will be a concession stand.



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Salem freestyle standout Matt Collingwood is pictured competing in a meet earlier this season against Canton.

COLLINGWOOD

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Collingwood, who lived in Cambridge, England until his family moved to Canton when he was 6, said he's given up all other sports — he played hockey when he was younger — to dedicate his energies to dropping more time in the pool.

"You have to swim year-round if you want to be good," he said. "For every day you don't train, it wipes out two days that you do train. Throughout the year, I'll take off about a month, but that's it."

During Collingwood's early competitive days — as a middle-school swimmer at East Middle School and with the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers — he excelled in the backstroke and individual medley.

That all changed once he entered Salem.

"During one of my meets my freshman year, I signed up to swim in a freestyle event," said Collingwood. "Coach Olson saw I was a pretty good free-styler, so he kept me there. I still swim the backstroke occasionally, too."

'You have to swim year-round if you want to be good. For every day you don't train, it wipes out two days that you do train. Throughout the year, I'll take off about a month, but that's it.'

MATT COLLINGWOOD, Salem sophomore swimmer

Collingwood has come into his own as of late. At the MISCA event earlier this month, he posted the sixth-best time in the 200 free and the seventh-best in the 500 — at a competition that draws the best prep swimmers in the state.

"It's all about determination and staying focused, even when you're tired," he said, when asked how he endures the relentless practices.

Collingwood is an outstanding student as well as swimmer. He's earned a lofty 3.5 grade-point average.

Swimming is a family activity in the Collingwood household. His 13-year-old sister, Abi, and his 9-year-old brother, Phillip, both swim competitively.

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Several hopefuls still in the swim

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Several local prep swimmers still had their sights set on All-State finishes following Friday's preliminary round of the Division I state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Leading the hopefuls were Salem's Adam Seroka and Canton's Victor Zhang, both of whom excelled in the 200-yard individual medley event. Seroka went into Saturday's final seeded third after being clocked in 1:55.52 while Zhang was seeded fifth with a time of 1:57.46.

Seroka was also seeded sixth in the 500 freestyle after churning out a 4:42.48 while Zhang was ranked fifth in the 100 backstroke with a 54.45 clocking.

Another local swimmer who fared well in the preliminaries was Salem's Matt Collingwood, who was seeded 13th in the 500 free.

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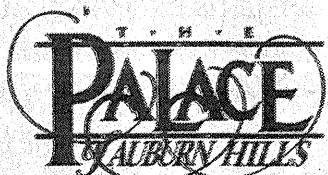
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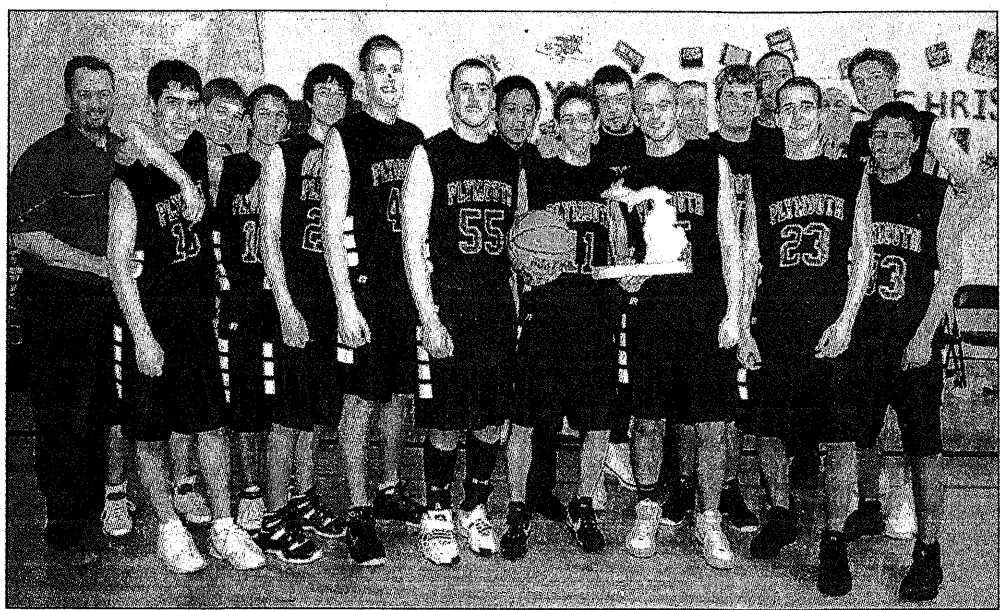
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Finishing strong

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys basketball team won its second-consecutive Class D District title Friday when it defeated Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 60-47, in the championship game in the Eagles' gym.



Sealing the deal

Plymouth senior soccer standout Kelly Dobbs (seated) recently signed a letter of intent to play college soccer at Tiffin University in Ohio. Also pictured (standing from left) are PCEP co-athletic director Sue Heinzman, Plymouth soccer coach Jeff Nesisch, Sue and Dan Stechsulte, and Dobbs' sister, Riley.

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Canton junior forward Kevin Weisz (with ball) scored 14 points in the Chiefs' 78-71 loss to Novi Wednesday night.



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Shamrocks shake Mustangs in District hoop semifinals

BY ED WRIGHT
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's a wonder the heat emanating from Novi Catholic Central guard Brett Smith's right hand didn't make the sprinklers turn on in the Novi High School gymnasium Wednesday night.

Led by Smith's hot hand, the Shamrocks rolled to an 83-43 victory over Northville in a Class A District semifinal tilt.

The senior sharp-shooter sparked the winners' 20-9 first-quarter roll by draining his first three triple attempts and four of his first five shots to finish with a game-high 27 points — 21 of which came in the first half.

CC earned a rematch with Novi in Friday's District final, which they won going away.

"We played really good defense, which allowed us to get the ball down the court quicker and get easier shots," said CC coach Bill Dyer, explaining his team's sizzling 16-for-23 shooting during the opening 16 minutes. "Playing

in the league that we do, we're battled-tested, which helps us in the post-season. We're in a dog fight every Tuesday and Friday during the regular season. When we come out here, the game doesn't seem as physical as we're used to."

The setback ended the Mustangs' season at 8-13.

Sophomore Bryce Groshek was the lone bright spot for Northville, netting a team-high 18, including a half-court triple just before the half that reduced his team's deficit to 41-23. Scott Wagner, one of just two seniors on the Mustangs' youthful roster, added seven points.

Senior Steve Harding and freshman Matt Doneth added 12 and 11 points, respectively, to the Shamrocks' cause. Senior Tim Dezelski chipped in with eight points and eight boards.

"Brett, Steve and Tim have been kind of like our 'Three Amigos' this season when it comes to scoring," said Dyer. "Any of them could go for 30 while the other two sacrifice their points for the better-

ment of the team. Or they could go 16-15-14.

"Tonight it was Brett's turn to shine."

CC shut down any hopes the Mustangs may have of a second-half rally by scoring the first four points of the second half to go up 45-23. The Shamrocks eventually outscored their younger foes, 23-5, in the third quarter.

"They're a very young team and I think Todd (Sander) has done a great job with them," said Dyer. "I was in the same spot two years ago when we had three of these kids up on varsity as sophomores. You have to go through the process. They'll get a lot better, just like we did."

CC cooled off a tad in the second half, but not much. They finished hitting 31 of 54 field goals (57 percent) while the Mustangs connected on just 16 of 43 shots (37 percent).

The Shamrocks made 14 of 26 free throws (53.8 percent). Northville was 8 of 12 from the line (66 percent).

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on a Brandon Bryant back-door lay-up, but the Chiefs answered again, cutting their hole to 54-48 at the end of the third on a Hassanien triple from the deep corner.

After Glenn's three made it 56-51, Bellamy calmly dribbled down and buried a three, which was followed a short time later by a pair of free throws by Wenson and a Bellamy left-handed drive to boost the Wildcats edge to 63-

51 with 5:31 on the clock.

The closest Canton got after that was the final deficit when Weisz drilled a three with four seconds left.

Novi followed up its perfect 12-for-12 performance from the line in Monday's opener with a 16-for-18 effort against Canton.

The Chiefs hit 11 of 17 free throws.

Novi connected on just over half its field goals (32 of 63) while the Chiefs found net on 25 of 63 attempts.

"I was proud of the way the guys competed and tried to reach the goals we set before

the season — things like winning the division, conference and District," said Colligan. "We set our goals high to help build for the future.

"This team's frame of mind never changed throughout the course of the season. They came to practice every day with the goal of getting better. We had our ups and downs, but every time things were going against us, the kids rebounded and showed the solid character that they have. It was a great group to be around."

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Coastal orchids

Michigan Orchid Society member and past president, Don Farrelly, will give a slide show presentation on "Left and Right Coast Orchid" at the group's next meeting, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15, at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, Birmingham. He'll focus on five different conservatories and botanical gardens on the east and west coast of the country, along with the 2008 World Orchid Conference that was held in Miami, Fla. Ron Ciesinski of Taylor Orchids will bring orchids to the meeting. For more information call (586) 416-1496 or visit www.miorchids.com.

Trailwood Garden Club

The group meets 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, at Plymouth Rock Masonic Temple, 730 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth.

Butterflies

Learn about host plants and butterfly lore at "The Natural and Un-natural History of Milkweeds: Insects, Toxins, and Other Stories," 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA) sponsors the program. Parking on both Hines Drive and Ann Arbor Trail. \$3.00 for non-members. Questions call (734) 326-0578 or visit www.semabutterfly.com.

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Heirloom bulbs

Scott Kunst, landscape historian, preservationist and owner of Old House Gardens, will present a slide lecture on the antique bulb varieties that are available to gardeners today, at the next meeting of the Village Gardeners, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 23, in the community room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696 in Lathrup Village. South Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) volunteers will be on hand with information about healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care, from 6:30-7 p.m. The presentations are free to club members. Guests are asked to donate \$5. For more information call Susan Arneson at (313) 655-1928 or Nancy Bacinski at (248) 569-6548.

Mark your calendars

The Michigan State African Violet Society will hold its annual spring display and plant sale, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 4 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, April 5 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro, Ann Arbor. African Violets will be on display and available for purchase. Gesneriads will be available, along with supplies. For more information call (248) 698-3628 or e-mail to INGRIDBOWMAN07@comcast.net.

Farmington Garden Club

Mary Krzeckowski of the Taylor Garden

Club will talk about efforts to make the Downriver area a butterfly-friendly zone at the Farmington Club's next meeting, Monday, April 6, at Spicer House in Heritage Park. She'll also offer advice on attracting butterflies to backyard gardens. Meetings start at noon with coffee and refreshments. For more information call (248) 473-0822 or visit farmingtongardenclub.com.

Koi symposium

The Michigan Koi & Pond Club presents a unique all-day convention with local vendors and lecturers from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at The Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Taro Kodama of Kodama Koi Farm, Milihani, Hawaii, will be the keynote speaker. Registration, open to age 16 and older, is \$30 for club members and \$35 for non-members through April 11. Add \$5 for registrations after April 11. Registration includes access to all vendors, lectures and a catered lunch. Lunch is not guaranteed for those who register after April 11. Doors open at 8 a.m.; the first session will start at 9 a.m. Mail checks, payable to Michigan Koi & Pond Club, to Bruce Modetz, 32525 Six Mile, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information call Ray Alexander at (734) 846-8588; Ron Kardynski at (734) 646-7606 or Bruce Modetz, (734) 673-4868.

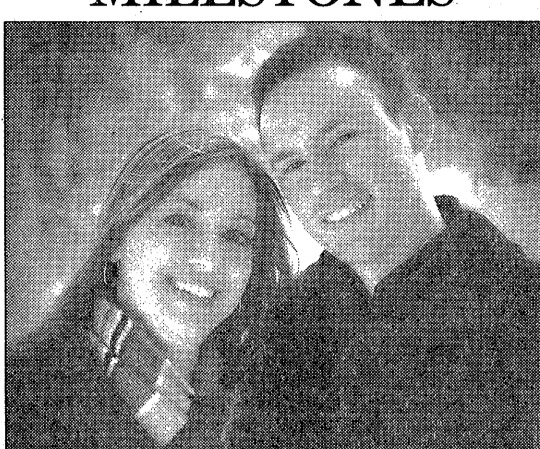
Water solutions

Beth Rowley, owner of Landscape Beauty by Design, will offer practical, water-saving advice on mowing, fertilizing and watering your lawn at 7 p.m., April 21, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. She'll also talk about creative landscaping to save water. The program is free, although registration is required. (734) 397-0999.

Yard Scraps to Garden Treasure

Advanced Master Gardeners and composters Nancy Perry and Luann Davis of the Canton Garden Club, will talk about using inexpensive vermicomposting methods to enrich soil and reduce waste, at 7 p.m., April 22, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center, Canton. Register for the free program by calling (734) 397-0999.

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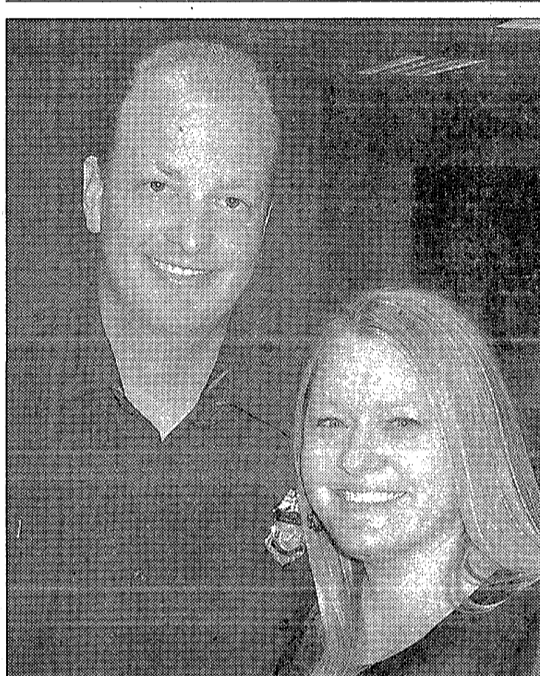
Sarah Pohl and Dave Heikkinen announce their engagement.

Sarah is the daughter of Dave and Joyce Pohl of Fowler. Dave is the son of Pete and Anne Heikkinen of Livonia.

Sarah is a graduate of Fowler High School, Western Michigan University and Ashland University. She is employed at Kellogg's as an Operations Manager in Florence, Ky.

Dave is a graduate of Churchill High School and Michigan State University. He is currently working on his Master's Degree at Davenport University. He is employed at Michigan Economic Development Corporation as an accountant.

An April wedding in Battle Creek is being planned. They will reside in Florence, Ky. after the wedding.



Denton-Orsborn

Clyde and Ida Denton of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesley Marie, to Christopher Albert Orsborn, son of Albert and Barbara Orsborn of Lansing. The bride-to-be is employed by Sherill L. Behnke, DDS. The groom works for the Department of Homeland Security. The couple will wed in May 2009 in Bath.

Nora Michelle Kolozsvary

Michelle and Andy Kolozsvary of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Nora Michelle Kolozsvary. She was born Feb. 2, 2009 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She is welcomed by her brother, Andrew Dennis, 2, and grandparents Tom and Mary Ellen Lesperance of Clinton Township, Andy Kolozsvary of Macomb Township, and Mary and Dan Mouthaan of Traverse City.



Shopping to help First Step

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
OGE STAFF WRITER

Jill Engel has always believed in First Step's mission to stop domestic violence but the problem became especially real when her 9-year-old son brought home a brochure from the nonprofit. "Sometimes it is Sad to be at Home" asks what is a kid to do about physical and mental abuse in a family.

"It talked about what domestic violence is, how it affects kids and what they should do when this happens to them or someone else in their home or someone that they know," said Engel. "It was then that it really hit home to me personally how this is on the rise and should be brought to the attention of more people. I think it's so important to know the signs to look for and what to do if they are in a situation like this."

The problem is the reason Engel is excited about coordinating the 15th anniversary of "Stepping Out in Style" with the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi. The evening of shopping, food and fashion takes place Sunday, March 22, at Parisian in Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. All of all ticket and raffle proceeds go to First Step to assist victims of domestic violence.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door, and include a 20 percent discount on items throughout the store and the opportunity to taste donated dishes from P.F. Chang's, Rocky's Rotisserie, Sweet Lorraine's, California Pizza Kitchen, On The Border, Buffalo Wild Wings, Cascades from Embassy Suites, Marvaso's Italian Grille, Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, Papa Romano's, Leo's Coney Island, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, Jeff Zak Catering, Carlson Catering, Olga's Kitchen, Aladdin's Eatery, Embassy Suites, and Coffee Beanery. See spring's hottest trends as models take to platforms in the store. There will be entertainment as well.

Advance tickets are available at Parisian Customer Service. For more information, visit zontafarmingtonnovi.org or call (734) 414-0553. Over the last 14 years the event has raised \$306,000 for First Step programs which not only help victims but increase awareness.

Carla Boyes has been involved with "Stepping Out" since the beginning because Zonta is dedicated to elevating the status of women. Members of the organization come not only from Farmington and Novi, but Livonia, Wayne, Northville, and Walled Lake. Through the years they've helped with the Halloween party and decorated the temporary shelter where moms and their children seek refuge from abuse.

"A majority of victims of domestic violence are women and young girls and in turn First Step helps families," said Boyes, co-chair of the event and a member of Zonta since 1979. "This is a fun evening. The store closes and reopens at 6:30. It's just a good feeling to help people."

Learn about digital TV

The Senior Alliance Area Agency on Aging 1-C, will present a question and answer session on the transition to digital television, at 10 a.m., Monday, March 16, at Redford Community Center, 12121 Hemingway, Redford Township.

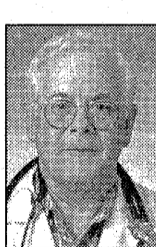
Mike Katona of WDIV and Lois Wade of The Senior Alliance will be on hand to talk about the transition in June. They'll have order forms for converter box coupons and information about a program designed to cut costs for seniors who need to buy rabbit ears. Call The Senior Alliance at (734) 722-2830.

Readers respond to previous column on wash machines

Kathryn writes: "A few weeks ago, my Frigidaire front loader leaked onto the kitchen floor. The part that needed to be replaced was, like Ken's, underneath that front lower panel. In the course of the repair, the technician noticed the odor and asked if I was using HE washer soap. At first, when we bought the washer, I faithfully bought the soap for front loaders. Then, so much of the soap was in the little bottles and said "concentrated" on it. So I messed up, but I thought I was still buying the right stuff. The tech said to buy the HE (high efficiency) soap."

Thank you Kathryn for the kind words and your Uncle Jack fits into the second most common name in Canada. He goes all the way back to the mid-1500's when they landed in Quebec from France.

I would be privileged to call him a distant cousin. If this fact about using non-HE soap causing odor problems stays true for the future, you may have found the simple cure for millions of homeowners who are complaining about odor problems across the country. I would ask that you continue to monitor your washer and drop me a note once in a while. I'll keep our readers abreast of what's happening.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

Diane writes: "Thanks so much for revealing 'the secret' concerning front loading washers. It took my husband about five minutes to get everything apart and as you said in the article, it smells awful... like sewage. It's all clean and put back together now. Do you have a recommendation for how often this should be done? As you wrote, there is nothing in the instruction booklet. Thanks for watching out for us consumers."

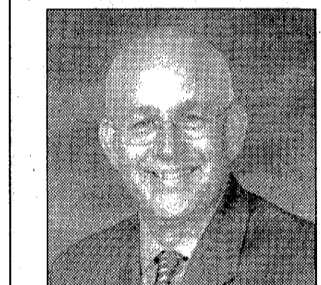
"We would like to buy American made products whenever possible. Your article on the G.E. gave us cause for concern. We've heard that other front loader brands also are having odor problems. We would like to know if you have any recommendations on what we should buy. It doesn't matter if it is front loading or top loading. Thanks for your help."

Thank you Diane and I might add that you and your husband make it very worthwhile writing this column. I would suggest you do this maintenance of cleaning the filter at least once every six months. Bryan writes: "I ran across your

note and for paying attention. Shopping American should be important today for every person in this country. I might suggest you look at Whirlpool and SpeedQueen top load washers. For those readers interested in Joe Gagnon's young life in northern Canada, go to timminstimes.com on the Web and click on the features section and then on Diane Armstrong's column and see "Maggie Leclair." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard at 8 a.m., Saturdays on WAAM 1600 and Sundays at 2 p.m. on WDTK 1400. You can e-mail your problems and questions on appliances to appldr@twm1.com

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DOUGLAS SHALLCROSS BROWN, Jr.

Age 56, of Canton, CT, loving husband of Marilyne (Foster) Brown, passed away suddenly on Saturday, (March 7, 2009) at John Dempsey Hospital, Farmington. Besides his wife, Doug is survived by his brother, Russell and his wife Donna of Bloomfield Hills, MI; and his sisters, Diane Brown Johnston and Tracey Brown Stinebaugh, both of Royal Oak, MI. Online condolences and a full obituary can be viewed at www.carnonfuneralhome.com. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m. at the Carnon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Rd., Avon. His family will receive friends Friday, March 13, 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the Douglas S. Brown, Jr. and Marilyne F. Brown Music Scholarship Fund, c/o Avon Dollars for Scholars, Farmington Savings Bank, 296 Country Club Rd., Avon, CT 06001.



MARJORIE A. MILLER (NEE BROWN)

Age 82, February 21, 2009, of Beverly Hills, MI. Beloved wife of 58 years of George L. Miller. Loving mother of Laura L. Miller and son, Lindsay B. (Elaine) Miller of Dallas, TX. Marjorie was born June 21, 1926, to Harold M. Brown Sr. and Gladys (Baldwin) in Royal Oak, MI. Proud grandmother of Brian Miller. Sister of Harold M. (Betty) Brown of Rochester Hills, MI. Also survived by many loving family and friends. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 1 pm at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile Rd. (east of Lahser), Bloomfield Twp., MI. Please sign Marjorie's online guestbook at www.cremationmichigan.com.

VIRGINIA "Ginner" BRYANT
Daughter of the late Jeanne & James Bryant. Sister of Steve & the late Judy Carpenter. Also remembered by many loving friends & nieces Karlie & Lindsey. Memorial service Saturday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. at Nativity Episcopal Church, 21220 W. 14 Mile, Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers contributions to Michigan Animal Rescue League in Pontiac or Little Traverse Conservancy in Harbor Springs.

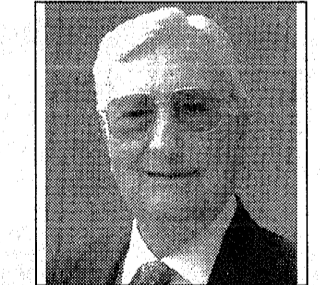
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Died March 10, 2009. Survived by children, Elizabeth Stafford, William (Barbara) Harlow, Patricia (Gib) Rich, and James (Une-he) Harlow; 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; second husband, Reginald Flack, MI; sisters, Mildred Thompson Wolf, Chloe (Bill) Cox, Patricia (Bob) Cox, and Virginia Stutesman. FUNERAL SERVICES were held Saturday, March 14, 2009 from the Nelson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Hospice of Michigan through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734. Friends may share condolences online at: www.nelsonfuneralhome.com



WILLIAM P. BENTON

Age 85, of Bloomfield Hills. Died Feb 19, 2009 of cancer. He was born Nov 4, 1923 in Laurinburg, NC. He is survived by his wife Blanche, daughters Barbara Benton, Roxanne Darling & her partner Shane Robinson, Judy Dennis & her husband Mike Dennis, Nancy Lieveois & her husband Jim Lieveois, and grandchildren Carlie, Annie, and Christina Dennis, and Jordan and Tyler Lieveois. The funeral service will be at The Stone Chapel-St. Hugo of the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills, MI on Sat., Mar. 21, 2009 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Henry Ford Hospital, Schepens Eye Clinic, Hospice of Palm Beach County or the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Mr. Benton was a well-known and loved automotive executive. For more information please visit www.williampbenton.com.

NEIGHBORS

Rays of hope

Series offers tips to survive economic madness

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

The human spirit is incredibly resilient. Tracy Faraoni lost her job in February 2008 but keeps sending out resumes in hopes of finding employment so she can keep making payments on the condo she purchased 12 years ago. The Westland woman follows one lead after another searching for help to survive until she can find office work or billing. On Monday, March 2, she attended the March "Economic" Madness series at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia for information on home foreclosure.

Faraoni already knew about the Michigan State Housing Development's foreclosure assistance program that Cindy LaFond and Tracey Emmanuel of the Livonia Housing Commission spoke about at the series.

"I did get assistance with the MSHDA program, but the bank doesn't want to help you. For four months (the MSHDA program) is going to cut my mortgage payments in half. I'm going to challenge the (property) taxes but I don't know what to do. A couple of my neighbors just walked away," said Faraoni. "I cut cable and try not to put the heat on only when absolutely necessary. I put blankets on instead and I'm careful with lights. I'm trying to sell stuff and doing cleaning to keep going."

A recent survey of Livonia revealed 30 to 50 homes in each of the 38 sections of Livonia were abandoned or had foreclosure stickers in the window, according to

Emmanuel, housing assistant. She and LaFond, community development supervisor, told of resources for owners in trouble with their mortgages. They were joined by Keith Owens, director of community outreach for the Wayne County Treasurer's office, and Mary Mifsud of the HUD-approved New Hope Detroit Counseling Center. All stressed the importance of not waiting. Write a hardship letter the first month a mortgage payment is missed. Do not avoid phone calls and letters from the lender. Keep a log of dates and names and make notes of the topics discussed.

"They need to communicate with their lender and use HUD-approved counseling," said Emmanuel. "Develop a budget. Speak to someone in the loss mitigation department and fill out a workout form and send by certified mail. If you miss the fourth month's payment the time expires for the foreclosure process and starts with an attorney to schedule the sheriff's sale, in some cases. It can be too late but anything's possible. There are Web sites, places to go because there is help available. Every day is a new day."

Like Emmanuel, La Fond believes in seeking HUD-approved counseling. Mifsud said if someone tries to charge for it, leave. At New Hope, all services are free.

UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS

"You have to know the timeline of foreclosure, what to expect and what to do," said LaFond. "Because of ARMS (adjustable rate mortgages), unemployment, the cost of maintaining a home, fuel



Julie Puginni, career counselor at Schoolcraft College, talks about the transition from one job to another.

costs, everything skyrocketed. Banks have to be willing to work with people."

The Wayne County Treasurer is more than willing to assist property taxpayers. The county can foreclose on a home even when mortgage payments are up to date. Taxes become delinquent three years after the due date. Approximately 21,000 owners whose taxes were delinquent in 2006 will be foreclosed this March.

"There is a hardship assistance program that gives one additional year if you meet federal income guidelines," said Owens, "but people need to call us. If the phones are tied up, come down. Nine times out of 10 we can help. They can go online to set up a budget plan to make payments, including partial."

Julie Puginni suggested a number of ideas for those like Faraoni who are struggling through an involuntary job loss. A career counselor at Schoolcraft College, Puginni spoke at the second session on the series at Newburg United Methodist Church. She told of WWJ holding a Michigan

Money Summit on managing money in difficult times March 28, at Schoolcraft College, and resources such as the Career and Transfer Center, and Transitions Center on campus. Operation Able holds its Ability is Ageless Job & Career Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, at the Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 16400 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Aimed at those over 40 facing unemployment, the fair includes resume preparation information and computerized job assessment. Call (313) 832-0922 or visit www.operationable.org.

"Think about transferable skills. Have you thought of starting your own business?" said Puginni. "It's a time of reinvention. It's so much about being positive. It's all about envisioning, empowering, encouraging."

VOLUNTEER AND TRAIN

Puginni, who's also a clinical psychotherapist with a practice in Mount Clemens, says job loss affects the entire family, that's why it's important to seek help in dealing with emo-

tions when necessary.

"It reverberates throughout the household causing panic attacks, substance abuse, an increase in stress levels in kids," said Puginni. "Even people with jobs don't feel secure."

Puginni recommends taking a mental health minute before resuming that job search and to network, volunteer and pursue skills training. The right combination could be key to opening the door to a brighter future.

March "Economic" Madness continues 6 p.m. Monday, March 23, with Sue Sweeney, department of gerontology, Madonna University, redefining retirement. Rick Bloom, *Observer & Eccentric* columnist, closes the series by focusing on Investing in a Down Economy on March 30. For information, call (734) 422-0149. Newburg United Methodist Church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburg and Wayne roads, Livonia.

Puginni's psychotherapist practice can be reached at (586) 260-7135.

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RESOURCES TO HELP PREVENT FORECLOSURE

The Livonia Housing Commission provided this list of help for participants at the March "Economic" Madness series at Newburg United Methodist Church.

Foreclosure Prevention/Assistance

- Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program - www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com or (313) 833-2948 or (877) 693-6199

- Michigan State Housing Development Authority - www.michigan.gov/mshda or Save the Dream foreclosure assistance program, (866) 946-7432

HUD-approved housing counselors

- New Hope, (313) 255-6275, Greenpath, (888) 860-4167, ECHO, (866) 394-2874, Lighthouse Community Development, (248) 920-6200, and Homeownership Preservation Foundation, (888) 995-4673

Legal Resources

- Michigan Legal Services (low-income clients), (313) 964-4130; (313) 962-3171

- Detroit Metro Bar Association for lawyer referral if not qualified for free assistance

Wayne County treasurer

- Call (313) 224-6105 or visit www.treasurer.waynecounty.com for information on property taxes.

City of Livonia Community Development Block Grant

- Emergency utility assistance, (734) 466-2538

- Major home rehabilitation, (734) 421-6450, Ext. 103; Minor home repair, (734) 421-6450, Ext. 105

- Mental Health Counseling, (734) 421-6450, Ext. 102

Wayne Metro Community action Agency

- Homeless prevention, (313) 843-2550, links to Homeownership Program www.waynemetro.org.

U.S. Government Foreclosure Prevention Plan

- www.financialstability.gov (introduced by U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner in February)

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Plymouth Community Arts council makes fresh start

It's been nearly 19 years since I began writing about the wonderful programming at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. That's why I was concerned when I heard the nonprofit was "semi defunct." The rumor couldn't be further from the truth.

Arts council President Debra Madonna said the board was facing challenges a year ago before reassessing their business practices. Today the operating budget is no longer in the red. There's a new coat of paint on the walls thanks to volunteers from the

Plymouth Rotary and Kiwanis. The freshness reflects the future ahead. In the next couple of months, the art exhibits return although not monthly as the shows aren't cost-effective when changed that frequently. A summer of camps for the kids is in the planning stages, according to Tammie Trudell, who was youth program director for a Downriver YMCA before coming to the arts council. Everything from dance and pottery to slimy arts and science is going to be offered June 15 to Sept. 4.

"We welcome everybody and would love to see everybody," said Trudell on my recent visit.

There are many reasons to support the arts council. The Plymouth Uptown Players, started by Jennifer Tobin many years ago, continues to provide fun and

theater training for kids. An all-volunteer corps of some 300 parents bring art education into schools in Plymouth and Canton monthly. Once again, Madonna has planned a summer of entertainment for families at Music in the Park on Wednesdays at noon beginning in mid-June. Saturdays at the Penn (theater) just concluded another successful season of afternoon performances for the reasonable price of \$3 a ticket.

"We got down to the bottom line," said Madonna. "The good news is we've been able to salvage our core programs. You just have to read the newspapers to know so many arts councils are folding but right now I'm more optimistic than ever."

All of the programs, however, cost

money to run. Building expenses are being met by renting the facility to local groups like the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra which now rehearses and will soon move their offices there. Still there's a need for funding to provide arts experiences for the community. That's where Dan Nikolits comes in.

The 24-year-old Plymouth resident is using his youthful flair to coordinate a fund-raiser 7 p.m. until whenever, Saturday, March 21, to celebrate the arts council's 40th anniversary. Artist Janette Fairbanks-Paul was commissioned to create a puzzle illustrating the events and programs over the years. The 600 pieces were mailed to supporters with the hope they would be returned with a donation. Everyone is invited to the cocktail party regardless

of whether they received a piece of the puzzle in the mail.

"It's free but we're asking people to make a donation," said Nikolits. "We want to make it as inclusive as possible but we don't want to make it that people can't afford to come. We're hoping people bring back pieces with a donation. The idea is that everyone is a piece of the arts council and together we created this organization."

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is at 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Linda Ann Chomin is the health and community life reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She can be reached at lchomin@hometownlife.com or (313) 222-2241.

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BRITISH ISLES ANCESTORS

Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets Monday, March 16, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road in Livonia. The main speaker, following the 7:30 p.m. business meeting will be Richard Doherty on "Casting the Net Over Your British Isles Ancestors." Lecture includes updated Web sites for archives, genealogical societies, libraries, and other sources of information. He is a professional genealogist and past president of the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan. The 6:30 p.m. program will be Georgia Clark presenting "Posting Queries on the Internet." She will discuss the dos and don'ts of query writing and how to get desired results. Meetings are open to the public. Guests always welcome. For information, visit www.rootsweb.com/~miwvcgs/.

Doherty also speaks 1:30 p.m. Saturday March 21, on the humorous aspects of genealogy including serendipitous occurrences, genealogical records with unusual content

and other genealogy-related items, at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club in Detroit, 2068 Michigan Ave., 4 blocks west of Tiger Stadium. Fenced-in parking available behind the building. All audiences will enjoy this free program (including non-genealogists). Doherty is director of Celtic Quest leading groups of family history researchers to Ireland and Northern Ireland. For more information, call Liam Neary at (734) 464-4645.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

The 24th annual Irish Fest with fiddles, flutes, pipes and dancers takes place Tuesday, March 17, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Tickets \$10; children under age 12 free. Event includes The Ardan and Flanagan-O'Hare Schools of Irish Dance and Crossroads Ceili with Wallace Hood of The Irish Rovers, Eddie McGlinchey, Ray Maguire, Mick Gavin, Mike Gavin, Colleen Shanks, Holland Raper, Kelsey Lutz, Siobhan McKinnery, Jamie Lutz and more.

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POLISH DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA

The 29th Annual Polish Dance Extravaganza will be

held Saturday, March 21, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Shows are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at Simply Polish, 28841 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 522-2880, or Dental Smiles of Livonia, 33044 Five Mile, Livonia, (734) 525-2552.

Approximately 60 dancers, age 3-18, perform traditional dances of Poland and American Polkas. The adult Radomainie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble also will perform.

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Concerts will be held 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile.

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The dates for a fund-raiser for The Country Cat & The City Kitty Rescue have been moved to early April from late March due to scheduling problems. Feline lovers should mark their calendars for 10



Beautiful music

The Avalon String Quartet perform 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for students. They're available at www.schoolcraft.edu/music or by calling (734) 462-4403. Violist Anthony Devroye, (left) cellist Cheng-Hou Lee and violinists Blaise Magniere and Marie Wang have earned international acclaim as "one of the most exciting young string quartets in America" (The Washington Post). When the members aren't performing in and out of the United States, they serve as string quartet-in-residence at Northern Illinois University, where they teach and coach ensembles.

a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, Livonia.

The group is looking for vendors of all kinds, including artists, crafters and collectors, to participate.

At the event there is going to be a blessing of the animals, pet psychics from the Boston tea room, cat chat with Shera Dickie, a veterinarian, many vendors, silent auctions, raffles, 50/50 raffles, items for sale and of course cat and kitten adoptions. For more information, call (248) 249-9267. Proceeds from the event go to open a no-kill shelter for cats and kittens in Livonia.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-2009-02

PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 97, CHAPTER 43 THE PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A REVISED PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR TESTING AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS AND THE TOWNSHIP'S RIGHT TO MAINTAIN AND CHARGE THE OWNERS; PROVIDING FOR THE SITE PLAN REQUIREMENT; PROVIDING FOR TIME OF CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR STREET SIGNS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 97, CHAPTER 43

This section repeals Ordinance No. 97, codified as Chapter 43, the Private Road Construction and Maintenance Ordinance.

SECTION 2. PRIVATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE.

43.010. Purpose.
 This section provides the purpose of private road construction and maintenance.

43.020. Definitions.
 This section provides definitions for terms used in this Chapter.

43.030. Construction Standards - Pavement, Drainage and Easement Requirements.
 This section provides that all private roads will be constructed in accordance with the latest edition of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) standards specifications for construction and provides the construction standards for pavement, drainage and easement requirements.

43.040. Testing.
 This section provides that the owner/developer must secure an independent testing laboratory for all quality control testing before a temporary or final certificate of occupancy is issued.

43.050. Maintenance Standards Maintenance Agreement.
 This section provides for maintenance standards and for a maintenance agreement for continued maintenance.

43.060. Maintenance Obligation: Maintenance by Township: Costs and Expenses.
 This section provides for private road property owner's maintenance obligations and that the Township has the right to charge owners for the costs and expenses incurred if the owners fail to maintain the road.

43.070. Site Plan Required.
 This section provides for the requirements of a site plan.

43.080. Time of Construction.
 This section provides that no certificate of occupancy (temporary or final) shall be issued to any parcel which is served by a private road until the full road intended to service all parcels has been installed and approved.

43.090. Street Signs.
 This section provides that abutting property owners served by the private road shall be responsible for installing and maintaining a street sign and that it shall be in accordance with the latest standards of Wayne County.

43.100. Scope.
 This section provides that this Chapter shall be deemed to include and apply to all projects that have not received final approval as of the date of adoption of this ordinance.

43.110. Penalty.
 This section provides that any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Chapter shall be punished as provided in Chapter 1 of the Township Code. Each day that the violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.
 This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.
 This section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
 This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.
 This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.
 This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
 Clerk
 Charter Township of Plymouth

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Birmingham Groves Class of 1969
 40th high school reunion will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009, at The Community House in Birmingham. Contact Sue (Dickson) Carlson at (248) 737-1398 or grovesclassof69@aol.com for further information.

Brighton High School Class of 1989
 Planning a July 25 reunion at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. There will be a buffet dinner, DJ, and cash bar. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989.

Class of 1959
 50th reunion with activities June 5-7, 2009. Events will include a Saturday evening dinner party at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. Visit www.casstech59.com or contact Marge Teramino Knable, reunion@casstech59.com; Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

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Henry Ford II Class of 1982
 Looking for classmates. We are having a reunion picnic on June 6, at Stony Creek MetroPark and we're also planning a reunion in 2010. For details, contact Gwynne (Doemer) Bambach at (248) 740-9759, ford21982@aol.com or visit www.classreport.org.

Detroit St. Casimir High School Class of 1959
 Planning a Sept. 13, 2009 class reunion.

REUNION CALENDAR

All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148 or Pete Rakowski at PJCruisin@wowway.com.

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 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley; 11 a.m. Saturday Sept. 19, Garden City Museum tour; 6 p.m. to midnight party at K. of C., 30759 Ford Road and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, picnic and old car show at Garden City Park large pavilion. Bring your own picnic and some to share. For more information, call Lana Clark at (734) 721-2331, Jim McKendrick (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth (734) 522-1845.

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Class of 1989
 20th reunion 6 p.m.-midnight, Aug. 29, 2009, at Joy Manor. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets include dinner, premium open bar, dj, door prizes, picture cd and other gifts, and available for purchase at www.gardencity89.com or contact Paula at gchs1989reunion@hotmail.com.

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Livonia Franklin Class of 1969
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Class of 1989
 20-year Class Reunion, from 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Livonia Marriott, 17100 N. Laurel Park Drive. Tickets are \$55 (cash bar); checks payable to F.H.S. Class of 1989, mail to: FHS 89 Class Reunion, P.O. Box 6139, Plymouth, MI 48170. Include your contact information. For more information, email Angie at amiller@fctitle.com or Dennis at denny_dilorenzo@yahoo.com or call Dennis DiLorenzo at (734) 968-0064. Hotel Reservations can be made at the Livonia Marriott (800) 228-9290 or www.marriott.com. Group reservation rates under Livonia Franklin 20 Year Reunion.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-01

**CHAPTER 24
 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO: C-05-07 THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, ADOPTING AND INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE WITH APPENDICES; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SAFEGUARDING OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE AND EXPLOSION HAZARDS ARISING FROM THE STORAGE, HANDLING AND USE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, MATERIALS, AND DEVICES, AND FROM CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY IN THE OCCUPANCY OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR HAZARDOUS USES OR OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF PRIOR FIRE CODE.
 This section provides for the repeal of Ordinance No: C-05-07.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF FIRE CODE.
Section 24.010. Code Adopted.
 This section provides that the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code with Appendices is adopted by reference, as modified in this article, as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth for regulating the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards.
Section 24.020. Changes in the Code.
 This section provides that certain sections and subsections of the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated.
Section 101.1. Title. This section provides that these regulations shall be known as the Fire Code of the Charter Township of Plymouth and are hereby referred to as such or as the iCode.
Section 109.3. Violation penalties. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) day, or both, in the discretion of the court.
Section 111.4. Failure to comply. This section provides that any person who continues any work after having been served with a stop work order, except such work as that person is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe condition, shall be liable for a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
 This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.
 This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.
 This section provides that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.
 This section provides that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.
 This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication thereof.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, during regular business hours.

Joe Bridgman, CMC
 Clerk
 Charter Township of Plymouth

Introduced: February 17, 2009
 Adopted: March 10, 2009
 Effective: March 16, 2009
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Presented by
Andrea S. Vivian, D.D.S.

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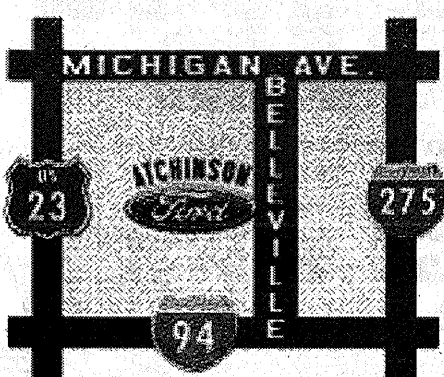
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Searching for clues

Hiller ALS center tracks patients in studies

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dr. Jeffrey Loeb feels like research on ALS is just getting started. New concepts for following a patient throughout their illness to autopsy have given the scientific community hope for finding a cause and cure. amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease, attacks the central nervous system causing cells that control voluntary muscle movement to degenerate. It was the topic of a recent educational conference sponsored by the Neurology Department of Wayne State University School of Medicine at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

Loeb is associate director of The Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics and research director of the Hiller ALS Clinic and Research Center, Wayne State University School of Medicine. His first exposure to ALS was unforgettable. A practicing neurologist, he trained in neuromuscular development at Harvard Medical School. It was during this time Loeb watched the disease progress in a man in his 20s who lived in the hospital on a venti-

lator. Loeb felt helpless as this young patient slowly died.

"There are new ideas of thinking about this disease and where do we go from here," said Loeb of Beverly Hills. "We're recruiting patients to follow the course of their disease and after life as well to track what goes on to get some new clues. There's a lot more homework we have to do, even things like stem cells and gene therapy, to come up with an idea and figure out how to get it to work."

Loeb holds out great hope for the results of a new ALS study after death.

"We're trying to figure out the normal way the motor neurons talk to the cells around them. The cells don't work in isolation. They tell the muscle to contract," said Loeb. "What is the language the cells use to communicate? What goes wrong when communication breaks down?"

"Rapid Autopsy has been working in epilepsy and mapping genes. We plan to apply the same approach. This is fresh tissue. With ALS we don't get the tissue right away. We've created a protocol to do rapid autopsies so we can actually make a dent and get some clues to this disease but we want to meet them

long before then to develop a database of all we can learn from them."

Loeb believes that to be the most caring physician he has to be a good scientist. He sees patients then runs back to the lab with ideas. The Hiller ALS center allows physicians and scientists to work together as a team because they don't have the same restrictions as with federal funding. The clinic and research center opened in 2007 thanks to a generous gift from Jim Hiller, owner of Hiller's Markets.

"We can think outside the box," said Loeb. "We're a truly Michigan-born research effort, as Jim Hiller would say."

Hiller lost his mother to ALS in 2000 and doesn't want to see anyone else suffer the way she did. That's why he gave the gift to Wayne State University to create the center. The disease started by causing numbness in Harriet Hiller's tongue.

Jim Hiller owns Hiller's Markets in Plymouth, Farmington Hills, Berkley, West Bloomfield, Commerce Township, Northville and Ann Arbor. His father started the business 65 years ago.

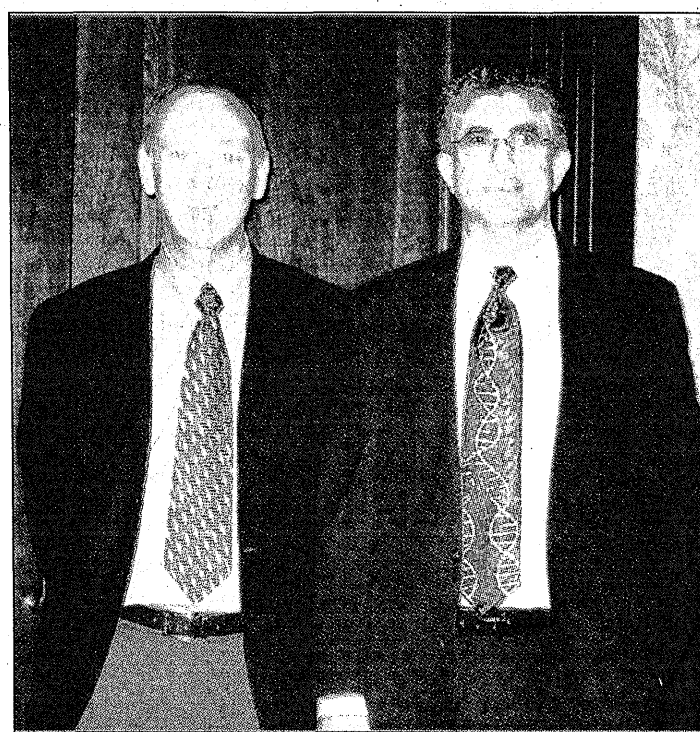
"She very quickly lost the ability to speak. After that she was

trapped in her own body. It was dreadful to see. She lost the ability to do the things she loved to do. She loved to walk, loved the outdoors. All that's left with ALS is the ability to move your eyes. Finally she just stopped breathing," said Hiller, of Franklin. "It's an unbearable thought for me that 50,000 people a year are going to go through the same thing. We need to build support in the state for this resource that provides world class care and research."

Hiller definitely thinks he can make a difference and is putting all of his energy into the center. He's also partnering with ALS of Michigan by providing the nonprofit with office space at his corporate headquarters in Southfield.

Like Hiller, Sue Burstein-Kahn, considers the clinic and research center essential to caring for patients and finding a cure. Her father died of the disease in 1986. ALS of Michigan works directly with patients and families to provide services ranging from support groups to respite care.

"We work closely with the multidisciplinary clinic which treats the whole person," said Burstein-Kahn, executive direc-



Dr. Richard Lewis (left) and Dr. Jeffrey Loeb spoke at a conference on ALS in Birmingham on March 7. Lewis is director of the Hiller ALS Clinic and Research Center at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Loeb is research director.

tor, ALS of Michigan. "Studies have shown patients who received care in this kind of clinic live 15 to 18 months longer. The biggest advance over the last 20 years is the multidisciplinary concept to deal with all aspects of the disease. Twenty-five years ago you were told 'sorry, we can't do anything for you.' Today there are treatments to help with breathing. PEG feeding tubes for those who can't swallow or chew, and an alternative communication center for speaking devices.

The first thing my dad lost was his ability to speak. Now there are speaking devices so they can communicate."

For information about the Longitudinal Clinical Studies and Tissue Donor Program, contact Stacey Masse, nurse coordinator, at smasse@med.wayne.edu or call (313) 745-6124.

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Screenings to help individuals, community

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dr. Vicky Savas not only wants to alert people to hidden health dangers but raise money for charities at the same time. She's holding a Health Expo with screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure and sugar, leg circulation, body mass index, and hearing 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at Sts. Constantine and Helen Church,

36375 Joy Road, east of Newburgh, Westland.

The cost is \$35 and includes screenings, breakfast and lunch by Ginopolis and a wine tasting by Papa Joe's. For more information, call (248) 356-5033. Savas asks that participants bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope so results can be mailed to them with a personalized letter.

Savas spends her own money to provide these screenings for the com-

munity. Over the last 24 years she's detected a number of diseases.

"These screenings are worth hundreds of dollars and we have four different lectures on diabetes and diet, obesity, heart disease, high blood pressure, and cholesterol and heart attacks," said Savas, a Bloomfield Hills resident with cardiology practices in Southfield and Novi. "They can't eat (after midnight) before their testing so we have lunch. We'll

have free cookbooks, pedometers, glucometers. Proceeds go to help the community. We've done these for the American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association. This one is for St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church. It gives us an opportunity to educate the community about health. We've identified dozens of prostate cancers, two ovarian cancers, diabetes, thyroid disease over the years."

HEALTH & WELLNESS

MARCH

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We are seeking a friendly and energetic and bilingual (French Canadian & English) Customer Service Rep. Daily duties consist of answering calls from our call center, performing daily tasks on a computer, simple math computations for balancing reports & other special projects. Position offers medical benefits and the opportunity for advancement. Individuals applying must be proficient in MS Outlook, Word and Excel. Individual must have good typing skills, excellent verbal skills and a desire to learn. Starting rate for this position is between \$9 & \$13/hr depending on skill level & exp. Fax resume 313-937-5008

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b. Provide copy of certificate of successful completion of the M.C.O.L.E.S. Pre-employment Physical Agility and Reading Writing Skills Test;
c. Provide a current M.C.O.L.E.S. certification (as certified or certifiable).
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3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184
An application form is also available on our website: www.ci.wayne.mi.us/personnel.html
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GAINING TRUST WHEN IT'S IN SHORT SUPPLY



WORKWISE
by
Mildred L. Culp

"This is a high-scrutiny, low-trust environment," says licensed psychologist Susan Battley, CEO of Battley Performance Consulting L.L.C., in East Setauket, N.Y. "You'll have to work that much harder when there isn't trust to create it and maintain it." This column will tell you how to gain trust. It will also tell you what you might have to do if you are trustworthy but not being trusted.

CLIMATE OF TRUST

Battley helps professionals increase their effectiveness while communicating with consistency, credibility, clarity and honesty. She maintains that workplace trust applies to people at all levels, and that it's unstable now because of worry and increased competition. It's particularly important in teamwork. "Research shows that when this contract is weak or broken," she states, "rebuilding it can take significantly more effort than establishing trust in the first place." You probably have the trust of others if they count on you and don't think you're attempting to undermine them, she continues. They know you won't compromise

that. But when the environment isn't trusting, building trust will require intensive effort. Battley points out that an apology, even if you do something inadvertently, can be particularly powerful and helpful by diminishing co-worker resentment.

Management trainer Sean O'Neil, co-principal at One to One Leadership L.L.C., in Pelham, N.Y., observes that sales teams often have all of the resources at hand to build trust but squander it by "hoarding valuable bits of information . . . to maintain a competitive advantage over their peers. This creates a competitive tension, even when employees are supposed to be playing together on the same team."

"Employees who openly share signal to their peers that they are willing to play together," he adds. "This often encourages reciprocal sharing which creates a happier, more efficient and more trusting work environment."

For example, he outlines a number of resources he's watched a sales team share while building trust and group success:

- cold leads that might be revived by another person;
- successful techniques for opening and closing;
- time and skill by shadowing a team member in his territory;
- advice about the market, products, services and deal-closings; and

-- introductions to networking groups.

Gary Cohen, managing partner and executive coach at CO2 Partners, L.L.C., in Minneapolis, comments that "trust . . . is given by those who put themselves at risk for someone else." Giving up resources puts you at risk when you might conceivably use them again.

DISTRUST

If you're a trustworthy person, but someone doesn't trust you, Cohen suggests that a coach can be helpful. However, if working with one isn't possible, you still have some options. Battley, the psychologist, indicates that you can increase the likelihood of surviving in your workplace if you "ally yourself with someone who is trusted, such as a colleague or manager." Another possibility is to request a transfer, although, she concedes, the company grapevine might still transmit tales.

Battley also suggests that you perform at the highest level to lengthen your time on the job. By this she means that you do your work as very best you can and treat everyone politely and respectfully. She cautions you to "avoid the temptation to withdraw or retaliate, such as taking all of your vacation time or calling in sick when you're not, as these actions may well hasten your exit."

But it's also important to know when there is no hope whatsoever and that it's time to move on. She



Sean O'Neil is a management trainer at One to One Leadership L.L.C., in Pelham, N.Y. Here he trains a salesperson in how to maintain trust by using resources at hand.

mentions these signs:

- important tasks are reassigned elsewhere;
- meetings where you've been a regular participant now exclude you;
- the company rescinds benefits and perks; and
- people at all levels, from your boss to the security or custodial staff, avoid you.

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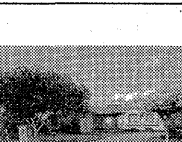
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- Just a bit

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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HOMEBODY SEEMS SAME
SBF, 44, 5'2", 165lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, MD, NS, enjoys movies, fishing, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SWF, 35-41, **#2294368**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, loyal, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **#2295947**

FRIVOLOUS
SWF, 47, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r&b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBF, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship. **#2293605**

VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice meals in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SWF, 30-43, **#2299111**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, NS, 5'10", brown eyes, very independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, enjoys life, movies, etc. **#2297193**

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, surety and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **#2296217**

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SWF, 59, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, sports events. Looking for SBF, 60-71, for fun and friendship, maybe more. **#2296566**

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Good looking SBF, 40, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 37-40, physically fit, good looking, inside out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **#2147056**

BLACK BEAUTY SEEMS...
In search of adventurous, honest, attractive WM, 25-50, with great sense of humor. I enjoy movies, reading, working out. **#2292290**

HARD WORKER SEEMS SAME
SBF, 44, NS, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 25-40, NS, hombody, to explore all life has to offer! I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. **#2274519**

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE
Hi, I'm a 65 year old widow with dark blonde hair, blue eyes, and I wear glasses. I enjoy reading, music, old movies, going up north, museums, historical places, quiet evenings at home, and gardening. I have a good sense of humor and love to laugh. I am also a very caring and considerate person. **#2137067**

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! **#2297193**

ARE YOU SEEKING?
DWF, 60s, 6'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wanting to meet NS/W, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **#2297193**

ARE YOU LONELY?
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VERY ATTRACTIVE
SBF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **#2282115**

SEEKING A GENTLEMAN
WF, 59, blonde/blue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. **#2310164**

TAKE A CHANCE
SBF, looking for SBF, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out, the rink, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. **#2306228**

NEW BEGINNING
SBF, 47, 5'4", 155lbs, action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SBF, 45-55, for friendship. **#22959151**

PETITE AND CUTE
SWF, 38, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SBF, 35-45, who will love me for me. **#2294943**

THAT SPECIAL ONE
SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, poodles, just chilling. Looking for SBF, 39-45, for possible relationship. **#2295265**

SEEKING YOUNG BM
Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong, bald BM, 40-42, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **#2295658**

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PBF, 40, looking for younger, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 35-43, to share what life has to offer. **#2290020**

HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH
Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, calm, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40s-early 50s, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **#2295493**

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Attractive SBF, 35, NS, ND/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBF, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **#2296600**

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Bright, spunky, pretty SBF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wanting to meet an old Jewish man, 45-50, who is looking for commitment, love and laughter. **#2230684**

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!
WWF, 62, divorced, blonde hair, 5'7", must be honest, NS, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **#2796914**

SEEKING FRIEND
DWCF, 71, looks much younger, 5'2", long dark brown hair, brown eyes, positive attitude, seeks faithful SBF for LTR. **#2295284**

HOPING WE CLICK!
SBF, 23, 5'1", 115lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. **#2297550**

ACTIVE WOMAN
SWF, dark hair and eyes, NS, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you would like to meet for coffee, let me know. **#2262181**

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Sexy SBF, 40, NS, seeks fun and witty WM, 35-60, for friendship first, maybe more. **#2270152**

LOVELY VIRGO
SBF, 47, with a young heart, enjoys cartoons, music, playing good food, good fun. Looking for SBF, 30-65, with same interests. **#2295775**

BEAUTIFUL
PBF, 37, beautiful, classy and open-minded, looking for SBF, 25-40, nice open, D/D, free, HWV proportionate. You must be confident with who you are. **#2271860**

HEART OF GOLD
SBF, 38, 5'6", average build, enjoys cross-word puzzles, old-school lifestyle, movies, dining. Seeking active BM, 30-42, 6'0", smoker, for friendship. **#2271863**

LET'S DANCE IN THE RAIN!
Petite SBF, 36, 150lbs, brown eyes, mother of two, enjoys cooking, music, church. Looking for SM, 35-75. **#2281372**

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

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

ONE GOOD WOMAN LEFT
SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, NS, likes roller skating, dancing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **#2273905**

A POLISHED DIAMOND
Attractive, easy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **#2270757**

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

SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?
SBF, 56, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, NS SM, 45-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **#2282618**

PLUS-SIZED LADY...
34, 200lbs, easy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and leading to LTR, is this you? Call me! **#211234**

STILL SEEKING
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'7", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-59, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **#2286559**

I NEED A LOVE...
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming W/F, 40s, no kids, seeks SBF, 45s, no kids, NS, fun, loving, caring. **#2286559**

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Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, NS, Possible LTR. **#2963760**

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SWF, 70 years young, 5'8", NS, average height, brown/blond hair, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SBF, 50-60, who is well-groomed, sense of humor a must. Life is a one-way street and I don't have time to back up. **#2297114**

SINCERE AND HONEST
Happy SBF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest SBF, 30-50, children ok, for friendship first. **#2294932**

MATURE MAN WANTED
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, seeks 40-49, who wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBF, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, dining, water. **#2292913**

KEEP COOL
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBF/SM, 18-25, who keeps it real. **#2287598**

PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD
SWF, 21, 5'7", handsome and fit, 165lbs, medium build, looking for a lovely handsome man, 20-30, who is fun, outgoing, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **#2292913**

I NEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, and looking to meet a woman, 20-55, who judges beauty from the inside, like I do. **#2300710**

CLASSY LADY
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-69, NS, good sense of humor and good values/morals. **#2207254**

SEEKING SM COMPANION
I'm short and cute, brown eyes, black hair, honest, funny, good cook, very sincere. I hope to find a friend/companion to enjoy things with. Preferably 5'5"-5'7". Life is too short - have fun with me. **#2302211**

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Silverado 3500HD Is A Working Man's Reward

Advertising Feature

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Chevrolet's Silverado 3500HD is for people who want a pickup that is capable of handling heavy loads but not the bulky ride that usually hampers the fun of large trucks.

It's only fitting that the truck can be ordered for strictly work or for those who want to use it as a commuter with the need to tow a trailer or boat on the weekend.

The Silverado 3500HD is available in three body styles: regular cab, extended cab and crew cab. All come with a long bed and can be had in either single- or dual-rear-wheel versions, with the exception of the 2WD standard cab.

Regular cabs are available in base Work Truck or midlevel LT trims, while the extended and crew cabs can be ordered in plush LTZ forms.

The Work Truck, which retails for about \$25K, trim comes with 17-inch wheels, air conditioning, a trip computer, OnStar telematics, vinyl seating, a 40/20/40-split front bench seat, a tilt steering wheel and an audio system with CD player and satellite radio.

The LT trim is actually broken down into two subsets for comfort and convenience: 1LT and 2LT. The convenience-oriented 1LT adds tinted windows, chrome grille trim, alloy wheels, a CD player, cruise control, full power accessories, cloth seating, keyless entry, an auto-dimming rearview mirror and a leather-wrapped steering wheel. Opting for the more comfortable 2LT

gets you dual-zone automatic climate control, foglamps, front bucket seats and steering-wheel-mounted audio controls.

The ritzy LTZ adds leather seating, rain-sensing wipers with heated washer fluid, a Bose audio system with six-disc CD changer, keyless entry/start, an exclusive dash design with wood/metallic accents, 12-way power and heated front seats, rear audio controls and HomeLink universal remote.

The main standalone options include a power-sliding rear window, a navigation system, a rear-seat DVD entertainment system, rear park assist, a sunroof and an integrated trailer brake controller.

There are two worthwhile packages available for the rugged worker: the Z71 Off-Road Package, which includes skid plates, off-road suspension and locking rear differential and the cargo management system, which includes sliding tie-down hooks in the bed interior's front and sides.

Plenty of power is on tap with the standard 353-horsepower 6.0-liter V8 that is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission. If that's not enough juice for you, the Duramax 6.6-liter turbodiesel V8 is available, boasting 365 horsepower. Fuel economy ratings for the 3500HD aren't available as vehicles of this weight aren't required to post its mpg statistics.

Properly equipped, a Silverado with the Duramax should easily complete any work task, topping out at payload and towing capacities of 5,307 and 16,500 pounds



In both interior appearance and driving feel, the Silverado 3500HD is the most car-like of big pickups. Yet it carries and tows just as well as its competitors.

with a fifth-wheel hitch.

You can choose either rear- or four-wheel drive. All 4WD trims besides the Work Truck have Autotrac, which features an automatic setting that shifts into 4WD when wheel slippage is detected.

In many ways, the 3500HD feels more like a car than a 1-ton pickup. The Silverado's suspension eats up bumps and potholes as the truck motors on with power and great handling. There is a minimum of body sway through the sharpest of turns.

Surprisingly, the Silverado has these car-like reflexes while carrying and towing loads as well as other heavy-duty pickups.

The secret lies in the Silverado HD's engineering. It's the only heavy-duty pickup with independent front suspensions on four-wheel-drive units. This provides better ride and steering than competitors like the Ford F-350 Super Duty and Dodge Ram Pickup 3500.

All models are very spacious inside, with a lot of storage capacity. This roominess is made possible by the "low and forward" instrument panels. Besides the added room, it features an interior that can be outfitted for work or pleasure.

The pure pickup interior includes two glove boxes in the dashboard. A single glove box is big enough to hold a pair of work gloves and a few small items. The 40/20/40-split front bench seat has a center section of the seat back that folds down to form a wide arm rest with lots of

storage space. This interior also features interior large door handles that can easily be manipulated even while wearing bulky work gloves.

The luxury version interior includes bucket seats with a permanent center console with 20 liters of storage capacity. The center stack also puts climate and audio controls within easy reach and reach of the front seat passenger. This version has a single glove box in the dash.

Extended cabs feature stadium-style seating with an elevated view for those sitting in the second row. The rear seats are split 60/40 so one side can be folded up for cargo while the other is used for seating.

On the safety front, just anti-lock disc brakes come standard and stability control, front side- and side curtain airbags are not available. A Safety package that includes power adjustable pedals and rear park assist is optional.

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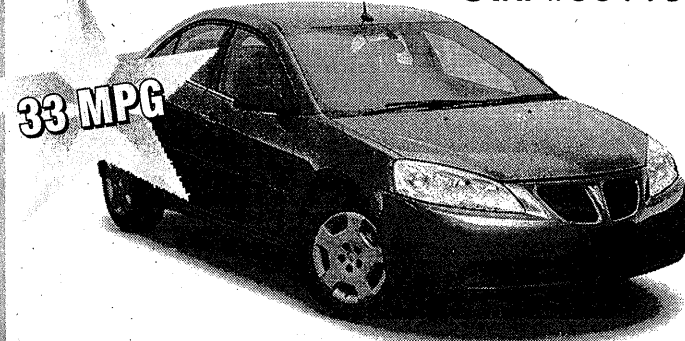
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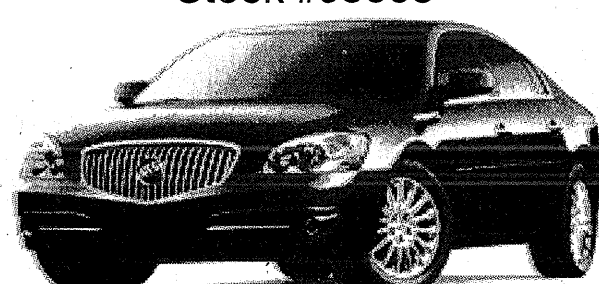
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