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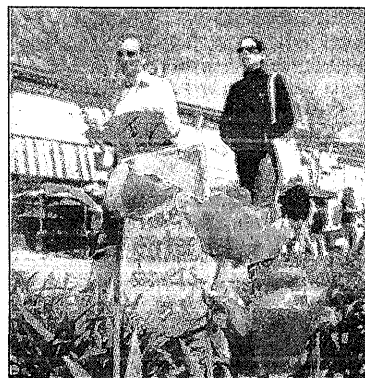
### Give bunnies back

Toni Sambroni just wants her Easter Bunnies back. And she won't even ask any questions. Sambroni, 73, who lives on Clare in Plymouth Township, noticed the two wooden bunnies - one male, the other female, were missing Monday morning. Plymouth Township police say the decorations were stolen sometime between 11 p.m. March 22 and 7 a.m. the following morning.

Sambroni just wants them back, because they hold enormous personal value for her. They were carved by her son as a gift to her late husband, who passed away five years ago. Now she's hoping whomever stole them will have the decency to return them.

"I just want them back, no questions asked," Sambroni said in an appeal to the thieves. "Just return them; they have tremendous sentimental value."

It's not the first time her house has been victimized. Sambroni said she's also had Christmas lights and other things stolen or vandalized.



Mother Nature cooperated with nice weather for last year's inaugural Green Street Fair in Plymouth.

### Green Fair

The second annual Green Street Fair returns to the streets of downtown Plymouth May 1-3.

The event will blend companies, nonprofit organizations, artisans, live music, workshops and speakers together in a friendly and family-oriented outdoor environment. Attendees of the Green Street Fair will be encouraged to learn the benefits of green, organic, and eco-friendly products and services. This free event will showcase local and national businesses displaying, demonstrating and/or selling on-site.

The event takes place noon to 7 p.m. Friday, May 1; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 2; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

For an exhibitor application and updates on the Green Street Fair, visit [www.greenstreetfair.com](http://www.greenstreetfair.com), call (734) 259.2983 or e-mail [info@greenstreetfair.com](mailto:info@greenstreetfair.com)

# Township vies for start-up factory

BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Officials at a new venture with plans to build cars designed specifically for police work are considering Plymouth Township as a location for their headquarters.

Carbon Motors Co., led by a group that includes several former Ford Motor Co. executives, plans a \$350 million investment in a new administrative, research and manufacturing complex, and the township is

among the seven communities in five states in the running for what the company is calling its Carbon Campus.

An announcement is expected as early as this summer.

"What we're looking for is a place we can actually call home, where we can house everything," said company spokesman Stacy Dean Stephens from Carbon Motors' current offices in Atlanta, Ga., on Friday.

The company could create hundreds of jobs in research, design, engineering and

assembly, and, according to its promotional material, 10,000 jobs directly and indirectly. Production is scheduled to begin in 2012.

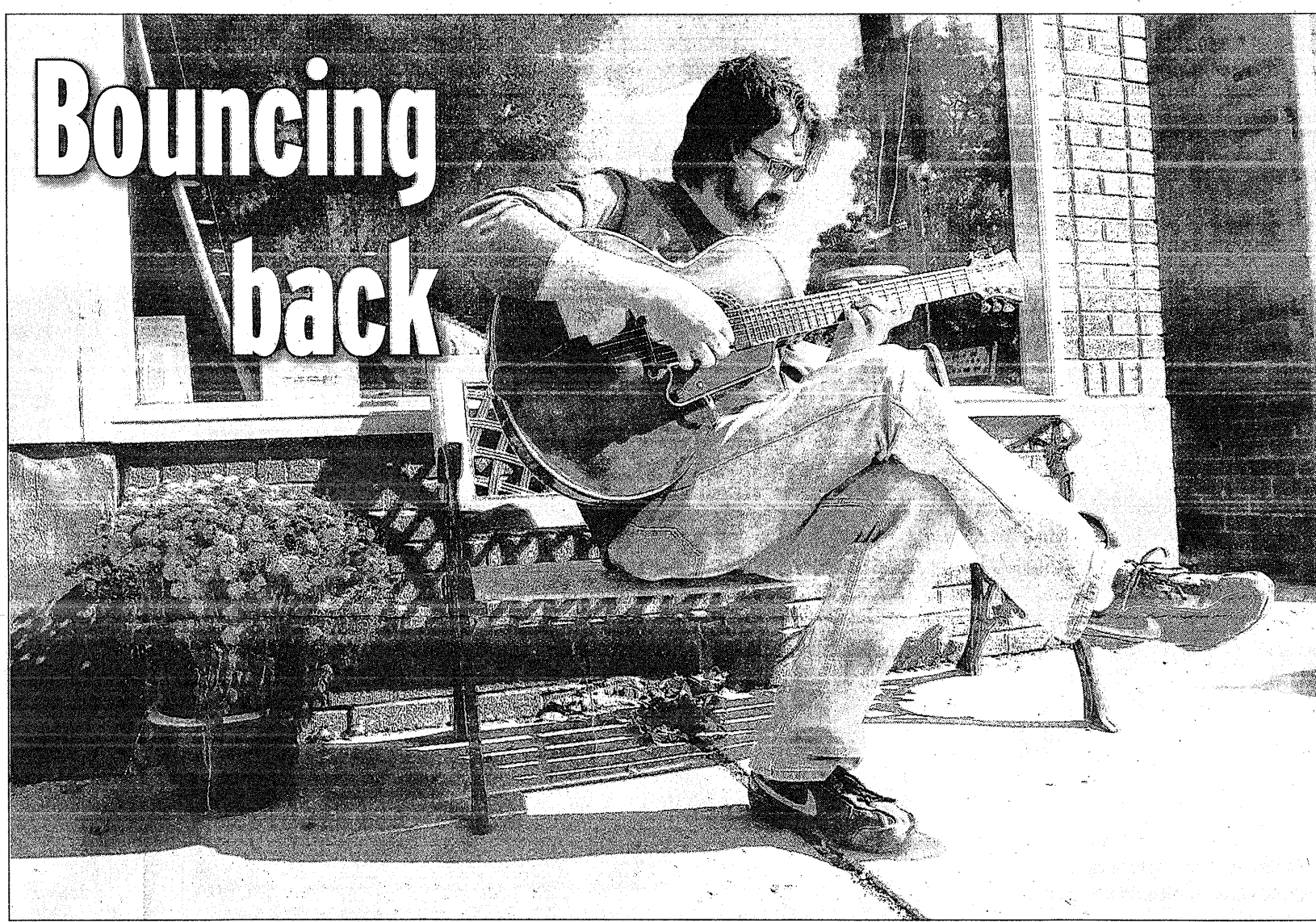
"If the product is going to go successfully, that would be really cool" to have the company in Plymouth Township, said Supervisor Richard Reaume. "That will be a good thing."

Reaume is working with local, Wayne County and Michigan Economic

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Carbon Motors execs showed off their product during a stop in Detroit. Plymouth Township is one site being considered for the automaker's start-up factory.



Paul Murphy, who opened Blue Fish Music on Starkweather about four years ago, said music stores tend to be destination points, but that he likes being part of Old Village.

## New interest in Old Village helps counter recession

BY MATT JACHMAN  
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No one can say Plymouth's Old Village hasn't been touched by the nationwide recession that's hit the Detroit area especially hard.

But businesses in the funky north-side neighborhood would arguably be worse off if it weren't for a resurgence of pride there and the revived Old Village Association, a no-dues organization that represents businesses and residents and markets the area.

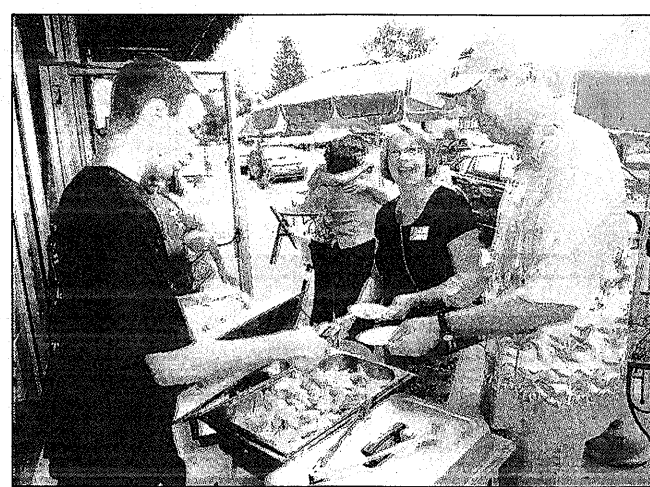
"I think the Old Village is better than it's ever been" since at least the 1950s, said Scott Farmer, a 10-year resident of the neighborhood and chairman of the asso-

ciation. "I think that this part of town is on a real upswing."

Farmer said the Old Village Association was resurrected three years ago from a similar organization that was around for about 10 years in the 1980s and 1990s. The board meets at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month; meeting sites rotate between several member businesses.

"It's not too narrowly focused on just bringing more people in at the expense of the aesthetics of the community," Farmer said. "We're looking at both sides: How to bring people into Old Village but not turn it into a business-only district."

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Plymouth Fish Market and Restaurant is a popular destination on the Old Village Restaurant Crawl.

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# Suspect in attempted murder formally charged in beating

BY MATT JACHMAN  
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A 56-year-old man with a lengthy criminal record faces five felony charges, including attempted murder, in the beating of a woman at her Plymouth Township workplace last May.

Leevester L. Hathorn of Detroit was arraigned Thursday in 35th District Court by Judge Jim Plakas, who ordered him held without bond. Hathorn is charged with assault with intent to commit murder, armed robbery, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, assault with a dangerous weapon, and breaking and entering. He was also charged as a habitual



Hathorn

offender, which could increase the length of a prison term if he is convicted. Plakas scheduled a preliminary hearing for Friday, April 3. Hathorn, whose record dates back to 1971 and includes break-in and larceny charges, is accused of breaking into a business on Helm Street last May 24, a Saturday, and attacking a woman who was working there alone. The woman was beaten with a blunt object, such as a pipe or crowbar, and a laptop computer was stolen.

The victim, who suffered a brain injury, is still recovering and has not returned to work. She spoke Wednesday during a press conference in the township police department at which police announced they had identified Hathorn as the suspect.

Physical evidence, said Chief Thomas Tidderington, had helped detectives identify Hathorn, but police would not detail the evidence.

Later Wednesday, police learned Hathorn was already in the Wayne County Jail. He had been arrested March 18 in connection with a robbery in Woodhaven, with which he was later charged.

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# 3 friends from same troop achieve Eagle rank

BY JULIE BROWN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Three young men from Boy Scout Troop 743 achieved their Eagle Scout rank and were honored at a March 22 ceremony at the Plymouth Elks.

"I'm so proud of all the boys," said Assistant Scoutmaster James Schommer, whose son is among the three. "They all went through Scouting together."

The three are: Michael Schommer, 18, of Plymouth Township, a first-year Schoolcraft College student and son of James and Deborah Schommer; Jack Distel, 18, of Canton, a freshman at Central Michigan University and the

son of Mike and Marty Distel; and Nick Gravin, 18, of Canton, a Plymouth Canton High School senior and the son of Steve and Wendy Gravin. Jack Distel is a graduate of Plymouth High School, Michael Schommer a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

Troop 743 is based at West Middle School, and the three young men are friends who've grown up together in Scouting. "They did a great job," James Schommer said. "They wrote the ceremony themselves. Very proud of these boys."

To achieve Eagle rank, a Scout is required to carry out a community project. Michael Schommer collected used and

new equipment to help a former Scout now serving in the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan start a troop there. Equipment included tents, backpacks and cooking utensils, and Michael and the others involved were able to resolve shipping difficulties, which required only a drive to Muncie, Ind., for delivery.

Jack Distel did his project about a year ago at Miller Elementary School in Canton, his former school and where his mom works. "He built birdhouses and did some landscaping," said Michael Schommer. Distel built benches as well for Miller students and staff.

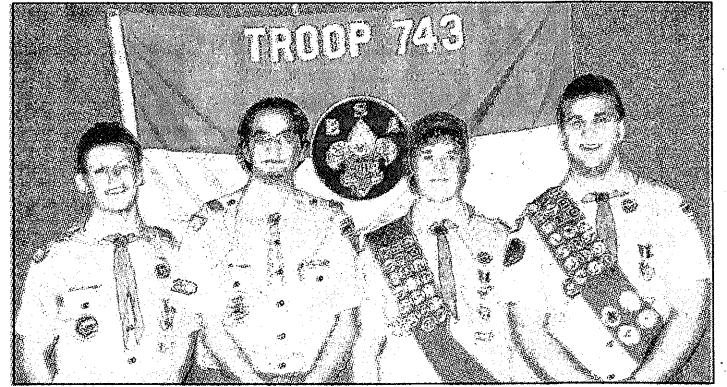
Nick Gravin also worked at a school, Gallimore Elementary

in Canton, where his mom is on staff. "He built kind of a nature center in the back," the younger Schommer said. Nick provided benches and a trail with wood chips. "He built an outdoor classroom," his friend and fellow Eagle Scout added.

"We have a pretty high output of Eagle Scouts," said the senior Schommer of the troop. Michael and Jack also earned the Triple Crown Award for camp achievements, based on three High Adventure camps.

"They're all outstanding young men," James Schommer said. "They're all good kids."

The three Scouts and friends are glad their work is done. "It feels great," the younger



Shown are (left to right) Jack Distel, 2008 Eagle Scout; Andy Cipolla, 2003 Eagle Scout and Senior Patrol adviser; Nick Gravin, 2008 Eagle Scout; and Michael Schommer, 2008 Eagle Scout.

Schommer said of achieving Eagle status. "A big relief. It's really an accomplishment."

He's a liberal arts major who plans to transfer to Northern Michigan University for a career in psychology, possibly as a psychology teacher. Michael

agreed becoming an Eagle with longtime friends was great.

"I wouldn't have had it any other way," he said. "It was great that we could finish it at the same time, too."

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# District, township agree on temporary rental space

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Officials of both the Plymouth-Canton School District and Plymouth Township figured they'd be able to work out a deal for the schools to rent some township space while their curriculum department is being renovated.

This week, they did just that.

Both the district's Board of Education and the township's Board of Trustees approved an agreement this week that will allow the district to rent space in the township's Department of Public Works building on Port Street.

Although original talks centered around the township renting the space for \$1, final rent figures settled in around \$630 per month.

The district will begin using the space in April and hope to be back in their usual space at the transportation yard by the time school starts.

The sides had originally started talking about the district renting space in the old township hall complex at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, but when officials got a look at that space, which has been sitting empty and unused for a couple of years now, it just didn't meet expectations.

They settled on the DPW space on Port.

"It turned out to be a more complicated process than

we thought, but it turned out to be a good deal," said Ken Jacobs, deputy superintendent for Plymouth-Canton Schools. "This will allow us to get our school year off to a good start."

In addition to the rent, the district agreed to pay 25 percent of the utility fees for the space while they're occupying it, along with picking up some legal costs.

The curriculum department building, at the East Middle School complex on Lilley, is scheduled to undergo major renovations beginning Saturday, April 11.

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# Plymouth Township could save in Detroit water deal

BY MATT JACHMAN  
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Plymouth Township would see the wholesale cost of water drop by nearly one-fourth under a new contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

The 23-percent reduction — from \$20.86 to \$16.08 per thousand cubic feet — would save the township about \$700,000 a year, based on the past year's usage, said Treasurer Ron Edwards.

The price break, however, isn't likely to translate into lower quarterly bills for residential water customers. The township water department has been absorbing double-digit increases in recent years, without passing them on to

water users, and with upcoming water system maintenance projects priced at an estimated \$2 million, the savings may be used to help pay for that work and restore the water department's fund balance, township officials said.

"This may be the opportunity for us to use the lower rates to pay for those repairs without increasing any costs," said Supervisor Richard Reaume on Friday.

Two years ago, Reaume said, the township was hit with a 30-percent wholesale price increase, but only passed half of that on to its customers. And last year's increase — Reaume said it was about 12 percent — wasn't passed on to customers at all.

The contract with DWSD,

unanimously approved by the township Board of Trustees on Tuesday, is subject to Detroit City Council approval, which is expected.

The lower water rate comes with some strings. It calls for the township to limit water consumption during periods in which Detroit's system is experiencing highest demand, which are in the mornings and the evenings. The rate cut is based on a reduction of the so-called "peak usage" factor.

"That will give us the greatest control over maintaining our rates," said James Anulewicz, director of the township's Public Services Division.

Anulewicz said officials plan to encourage customers to water lawns between midnight

and 6 a.m., and is planning a public relations campaign on the topic. In addition, officials said, the township's new west-side water tower (which will be filled during off-peak hours) is expected to control peak usage.

Anulewicz said officials have assurances from the Michigan State University cooperative extension service that nighttime lawn- and garden-watering is not harmful to lawns and plants. He noted, however, the new campaign will contradict an earlier campaign, which encouraged lawn-watering during off-peak daytime hours.

The wholesale water rate is likely to be frozen for two years, after which it will be subject to renegotiation,

Anulewicz said. If DWSD officials document the township exceeded its peak usage limits, he said, they could use that evidence to argue for a higher rate.

Though township water customers aren't likely to see their bills cut, officials won't completely rule out an increase. Reaume said it isn't yet known whether sewage disposal costs will go up, and Edwards said that if usage in the township decreases, the retail price of

water could rise, as the township would still have to pay for fixed system costs.

But, Edwards added, "We're not looking to raise rates for 2009."

The new contract also gives the township, and Detroit's other water customers, a voice in how the water system is run through a new technical advisory committee.

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# Late property taxes subject to penalties and interest

Each week, Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz will be using this column as a regular forum to inform you about the tax process and to answer the questions most frequently asked about property taxes.



Ask the Treasurer Raymond Wojtowicz

Always remember that your property is your most precious asset. Do not risk losing it for nonpayment of property taxes. If in doubt, ask questions.

**Q: If I am not able to pay my taxes by the due date, what will happen?**

A: Any balance that is paid after the due date is assessed penalties and interest. Current year property taxes are payable to the local treasurer until the last day in February.

On March 1 all unpaid taxes are placed on the Wayne County Delinquent Tax Roll with additional penalties and interest. Once this takes place payments must be made to the Wayne County Treasurer ONLY (payments may not be made to the city any longer).

If you cannot pay all of your taxes, you should pay as much as you are able so that you only pay interest and penalties on the unpaid portion.

On March 1, by law, delinquent taxes are sent to

Wayne County Treasurer for billing and collection.

After 1 year, if taxes remain unpaid, a Certificate of Forfeiture will be recorded with Wayne County Register of Deeds.

After 2 years, properties with delinquent taxes remaining unpaid will be foreclosed and a Notice of Foreclosure is recorded with Wayne County Register of Deeds.

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Pioneer students hit Big Apple for Peace Project

BY JEFF NOVAK  
CORRESPONDENT

When the eighth-grade class from Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth heads to New York in April, it won't be for an ordinary, annual field trip.

This year the excursion takes on extraordinary proportions when the students introduce NYC and the rest of the planet to the Pioneer Peace Project — a service learning initiative connecting students to each other and to their world.

Inspired by and armed with the words from the book "The Peace Book," by artist and children's author Todd Parr, the students will embark on a journey to promote and share with others their views of peace and how they can achieve it.

When they hit the streets of Manhattan April 3, the students will read and distribute 500 free copies of "The Peace Book," donated by publisher Little, Brown Books for Young Readers—to random New Yorkers.

All the students request in return is that the recipients help spread the message of peace and "Peace it Forward." The eighth graders ask that the copies of "The Peace Book" get passed along to family and friends or even strangers and recorded on the Peace Project website [www.p3nyc2009.ning.com](http://www.p3nyc2009.ning.com) where the path of the books can be followed.

Along with every book, the students will give away a free "Peace Bag," courtesy of California Pizza Kitchen, that contains promo-

tional materials — CDs, DVDs, buttons, stickers and more — from 20-plus peace-oriented organizations, corporations and individuals.

"This is all about the kids," said Ben McMurray, the assistant principal at Pioneer Middle School and one of the creators of the Peace Project. "It's about them being engaged travelers, about promoting literacy, about a universal concept of peace. We want to help them become active, creative citizens. New York city is the place we picked because it offers so much. It is really the cultural capital, the political capital and economical capital of the world. It provides an avenue for these kids to learn."

The Pioneer Peace Project kicks off with a peace celebration at the Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park (located mid-park at 72nd St.) where students will sing and read poetry. Parr will also speak at the event and wrap up the project with a book signing at 4 p.m. at Union Square Barnes & Noble (33 E. 17th St.).

A donation box will be available at the signing for those that want to contribute to the Peace Project.

"Four years ago we were really interested in taking the kids to New York so we could expose them to a different community," said Claire Swisher an English teacher at Pioneer and one of the Project's creators. "They see a lot of things in the Plymouth community but New York is the place to be. It is the center of all things United States—it's a symbol of America."

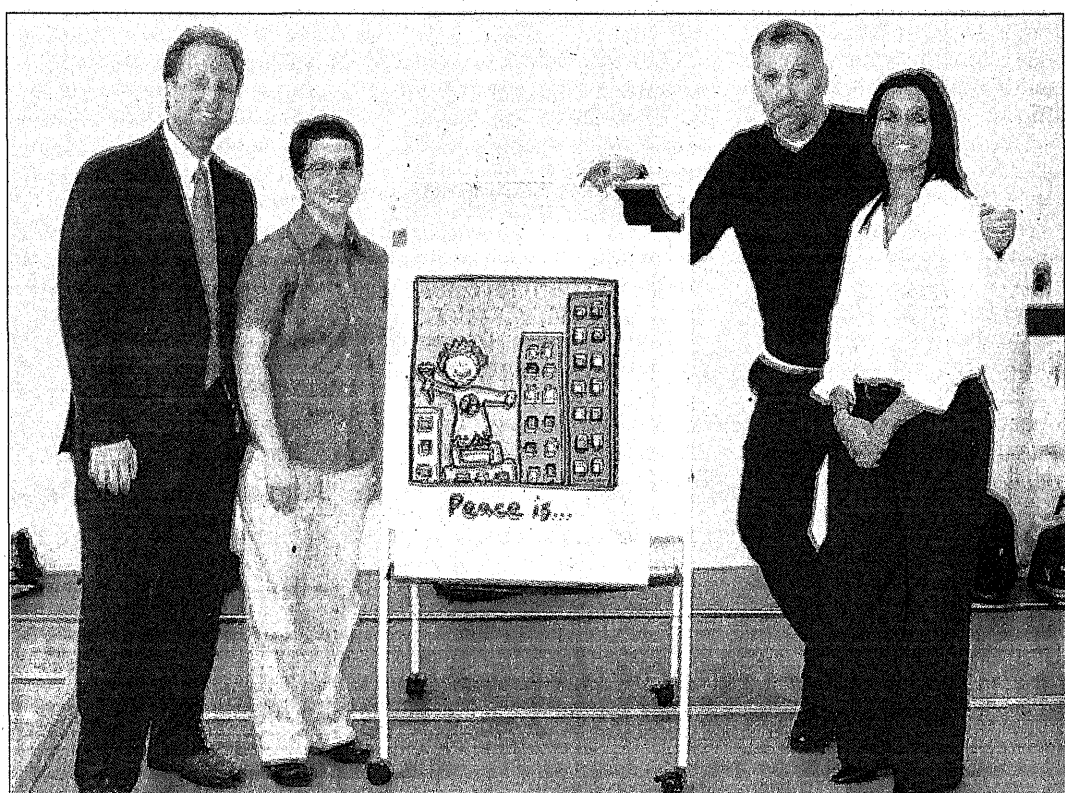
"We want our students to be global citizens, to recognize that there are people similar to us, fighting for the same thing, hoping for the same thing but just living in a different way," she added.

The Project is the apex of a year-long curriculum concept centered on peace.

"We teach social justice and to be able to take our students to a city like New York where they can experience peace on a bigger scale is kind of amazing," said Carmen Johnson, a teacher

### THE 'PEACE' PROCESS

- **What:** Pioneer Peace Project
- **When:** April 3
- **Where:** New York
- **Who's Helping:** The project received help from local businesses including J2 Concepts (Dearborn) and Signature Audio and Signature Professional Group (Wixom). For more information contact Jeff Novak at (313) 587-8725 or [jtwoconcepts@gmail.com](mailto:jtwoconcepts@gmail.com)
- **Sponsors:** Signature Audio and Signature Professional Group donated funds to sponsor a student to make the trip along with time, staff, staging and equipment for the peace celebration at Naumburg Bandshell in Central Park. Signature Audio is also donating the sound equipment for the art exhibit in May. Contact the Signature companies at (248) 960-0700 or at [info@signatureaudio.net](mailto:info@signatureaudio.net).



Ben McMurray, assistant principal at Pioneer Middle School; Clair Walton Swisher, an English and performing arts teacher at Pioneer; Todd Parr, author and illustrator of "The Peace Book," that inspired the Pioneer Peace Project; and Pioneer visual arts teacher, Carmen Johnson.

at Pioneer and another Project creator. "And for them to be able to talk to people and take photos and feel like they are a part of their educational process is why we teach. And that's why we want to do this. It's not a field trip — it's an experience."

While in the Big Apple each student will take photos to document their experiences as a part of Behind the Lens III — a photojournalism project displaying photographs, poetry, reflections and art. In May, the students will unveil their works of art at the Plymouth Community Arts Council with a possible art show in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

To ensure the success of this year's event and the growth of future Pioneer Peace Projects, the coordinators are looking for more sponsors and donations. For more information about making a donation visit the Peace Project website at [www.p3nyc2009.ning.com](http://www.p3nyc2009.ning.com) or contact Ben McMurray at Pioneer Middle School at (734) 416-2774 or [memurrb@pcccs.k12.mi.us](mailto:memurrb@pcccs.k12.mi.us)

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# WSDP named top station

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation named WSDP the High School Station of the Year.

The MABF presented the award during the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference and Expo earlier this month.

Timothy Thompson, WSDP's program and news director, was excited to hear about the award.

"With every broadcast, we give nothing less than our best," Thompson said. "This year, our staff members have truly gone above and beyond to accomplish excellence. I'm so thrilled to be part of this amazing station and that the passion, energy and creativity of our staff members have not gone unnoticed."

Ten WSDP staff members received individual awards at the conference:

## NOTEBOOK

■ Rodney Harris, Canton junior, honorable mention, daily sportscast/newscast.

■ Sean Fitzpatrick, Canton sophomore, first- and second-place, promotional announcement; honorable mention, daily sportscast/newscast.

■ Derek Harbison, Plymouth sophomore, first place, promotional announcement; honorable mention, talk show; honorable mention, promotional announcement.

■ Nick Stemberger, Plymouth senior, second place, sports play-by-play.

■ John Dalton, Salem senior, second place, talk show, honorable mention daily sportscast/newscast.

■ Kurtis Roy, Salem junior, first place, promotional announcement.

■ Jake Burnstein and Sam Rector, Salem seniors, second place, promotional announcement.

■ Alex Lamb, Salem junior, honorable mention, promotional announcement.

■ Timothy Thompson, Salem senior, second place, station activities report.

The MABF received 294 high school entries from 25 schools. This is the fifth year in the past nine WSDP has been honored with the Station of the Year Award.

"There were so many very talented people honored in the competition," said station manager Bill Keith. "It is great to see our students honored among the best. They definitely deserve the recognition."

## Preschool applications

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department is now accepting preschool applications for the 2009/10 school year.

The department offers classes for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds at various locations throughout the district. The program uses a developmentally appropriate curriculum with close ties to the district kindergarten curriculum.

For more information, please contact the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood

## Summer preschool

Summer Preschool will

again be offered to 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Early Childhood Department. Classes will meet July 13 through Aug. 6 at Hoben Elementary School on Saltz Road. Morning and afternoon sessions are available with a fun and different theme each week.

For details call the Early Childhood Office at (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at web.pccs.k12.mi.us/earlychildhood

## Sagear fund-raiser

The Rotary Club of Plymouth hosts a bowling event to benefit the Sandra Sagear Scholarships, which are designed to help Plymouth-Canton District high school seniors continue their education.

The event takes place 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5 (with check-in at 2:30 p.m.) at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road in Canton. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes two games of nine-pin, no-top bowling, two slices of pizza, pop and prizes.

For tickets or information, contact Tom Sweeney at tsween001@aol.com or (734) 679-6300, or call Super Bowl, (734) 459-6070.

Each year the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. awards several \$500 scholarships to Plymouth-Canton District High School Seniors who, like Sandra, have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

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## Daddy's Girl

Plymouth Christian Academy presents *Daddy's Girl*, a "charming comedy and 'dessert' theater experience at Maudie's Diner."

Under the direction of Laura Landrum, the play runs 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2; 6 and 9 p.m. Friday, April 3; and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Plymouth Christian Academy's Activity Center, 43065 Joy in Canton. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens.

For more information, call (734) 459-3505.

## Elvis tribute

The Plymouth Council on Aging, together with Heartland Plymouth Court, co-host "Tribute to Elvis" at the Plymouth Cultural Center 1-3 p.m. Monday, April 13.

The show will feature many favorite Elvis songs performed by tribute artist Chuck Horan. Light complimentary refreshments will be served. This is a free event.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236 ASAP to reserve a spot at this one time show. Seats are limited.

## Financial seminar

Does the stock market seem scary? After the economic news of late, who can blame you? That's why the Plymouth Seventh Day Adventist Church is offering a free, information-only seminar designed to provide some answers 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Eric T. Nichols, CLU Chartered Financial Consultant, will present a seminar entitled "Retirement Crisis- Will this economy recover?" William Garrow, CISR, will present a seminar entitled "Saving Money in this Economy- How to reduce your risk management costs of Home, Auto and Liability coverages."

The Plymouth SDA Church is located at 4295 Napier in Plymouth. No sales or solicitation is involved, seminar is offered as a service to community by the Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Belly dancing

Metro Dance Company in Plymouth hosts a Beginning Belly Dancing class for adults 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The class will teach the basics of belly dancing

and is a great low-impact way to have fun while strengthening your core.

Contact the studio at (734) 207-8970 or info@MetroDanceCompany.com with any questions. Metro Dance Company is located just outside downtown Plymouth on the northeast corner of Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail at 541 S Mill St.

## Senior spellers

Once again the Plymouth Community Council on Aging will host the Wayne County sponsored Senior Spelling Bee Tuesday, May 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth.

A free complimentary catered lunch, prizes and raffles will be offered by Wayne County. Space is limited so call today to register to spell or to just come and enjoy the competition and the lunch. Everyone will be entered for the drawings.

This is an entirely free event for everyone whether you participate or not. Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

## Palette &amp; Brush club

During the month of April, Lotus Arts Gallery will be hosting the "Palette & Brush Club Spring Exhibit 2009," a juried exhibition of a variety of art mediums sponsored by the Palette & Brush Club.

The Palette and Brush Club's membership is made up of artists from throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. The Palette & Brush Club regularly has monthly guest artist speakers on various art subjects, several juried shows a year and has ongoing projects to raise monies for a Scholarship Fund that has provided funds for worthy art students in pursuit of higher education in their chosen field of art.

The public is invited to view the exhibition and meet the artists at the opening reception 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Lotus Arts Gallery is located at 995 West Ann Arbor Trail (corner of Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey) in downtown Plymouth.

The exhibition will be on display from April 1 through April 24, 2009. The public is welcome to view the exhibit during gallery hours between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact

the gallery toll free at (888) 889-4ART or at (734) 453-5400.

## Soldier benefit

The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund will host their fourth annual dinner May 2, at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. All proceeds go to veterans or families of fallen soldiers that are in need.

The keynote speaker at the event will be Marcus Luttrell, a Navy SEAL and author of New York Times best-selling book "Lone Survivor" — the harrowing story of four Navy SEALs who journeyed into the mountainous border of Afghanistan and Pakistan on Operation Redwing. A motivational story of survival, the book is also a moving tribute to the friends and teammates who did not make it off the mountain. A powerful testament to the courage, integrity, patriotism, and community that forged these American heroes, "Lone Survivor" is an incredible account of teamwork, fortitude, and modern warfare.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Ann Cornelius at (248) 346-5976 or visit [www.fwv.org](http://www.fwv.org)

## Giving Circle event

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle will host an educational evening focusing on women's heart health at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday April 8 at the Plymouth Arts Council. The event, which will feature Oakwood Health System cardiologist Peter Mancini II, MD, is open to all women in the community.

The American Heart Association states that cardiovascular disease is the leading killer of women over the age of 25, claiming nearly twice as many women in the United States than all types of cancer, including breast cancer. Dr. Mancini will discuss the risk factors and explain how women can play an active role in achieving and maintaining their heart's health.

The event will begin with light, heart healthy refreshments. Dr. Mancini's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period, deserts and coffee. The evening should conclude by 9 p.m. There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended and space is limited. The Plymouth Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. To make your res-

ervation, contact the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200 or e-mail [givinghopewg@gmail.com](mailto:givinghopewg@gmail.com).

Giving Hope Women's Giving Circle provides grantmaking initiatives that address the needs of women and families in Plymouth and Canton, creates an endowment fund for the future, and builds a community of women philanthropists. There are currently 63 women in the Giving Circle and new members are always welcome.

## Women Wanted

The Canton Business & Professional Women meets 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, at Palermo's Restaurant, 44938 Ford Road in Canton.

Guests will be The Petticoat Ladies as "Mothers of Invention." The BPW's goal is to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women.

Palermo's is located in the strip mall behind Murray's Auto Supply on the north side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center and west of Sheldon

For more information and to RSVP, e-mail June Nicholas at [junenicholas@comcast.net](mailto:junenicholas@comcast.net) or call (313) 610-2561.

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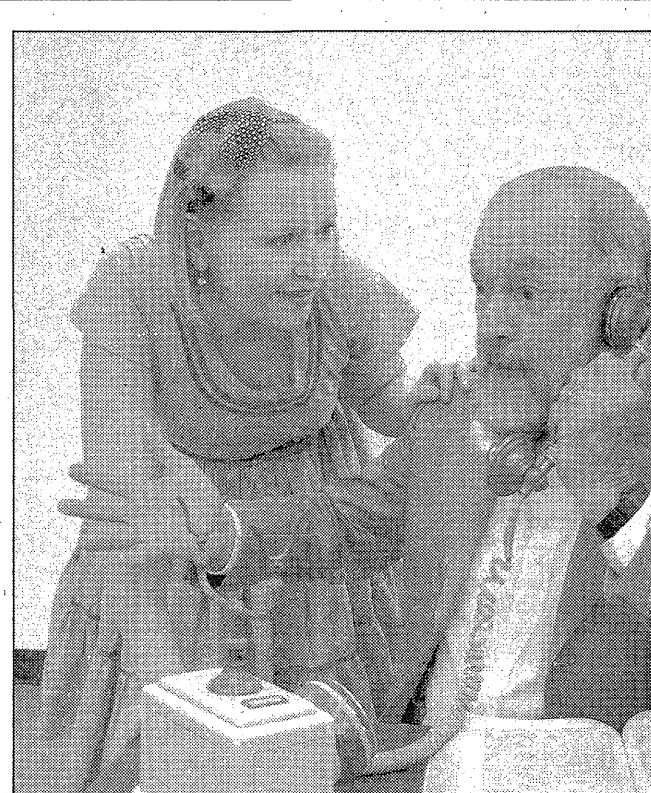
The fourth annual "PENNdemonium" Dinner Auction to benefit Friends of the Penn will take place Friday, May 8, at the Meeting House Grand Ballroom in downtown Plymouth.

This exciting evening includes hors d'oeuvres, plated dinner with your choice of entrée, full open bar, dessert, raffle, live and silent auction, music and dancing. Tickets are \$85 and must be purchased in advance. Early Bird special - \$75 if purchased before April 15. For reservations, email [tickets@friendsofthepenn.org](mailto:tickets@friendsofthepenn.org); stop by the Penn Box Office during movie hours or call (734) 453-0870.

## Career seminar

Anyone who has thought about a career in Real Estate has a chance to get plenty more information when Keller Williams hosts a 59-minute career seminar 6:30 p.m. April 16.

The seminar takes place at Keller Williams Realty, 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth. The seminar is



## Classic American musical

The Comic Opera Guild, featuring Tanya Roberts and Don Devine, will present the musical "Orange Blossoms" at 7:30 p.m., April 3 and April 4 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The 1922 hit musical was written by Victor Herbert, who would be celebrating his 150th birthday this year. Comic Opera Guild is now the major producer of Herbert shows, having performed and recorded 28 of them. Herbert was the first major composer of operettas and musicals in the United States. Tickets for the shows are \$20 for adults and \$17 for students, and can be ordered by calling (734) 394-5460, online at [www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater](http://www.cantonmi.org/villagetheater), or at Summit on the Park.

designed to answer questions about commission, costs, what it takes to succeed and your potential for success.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call (734) 459-4700.

## Love stories

Concert lovers can make plans now to attend the BeckRidge Chorale's "Love Stories" Spring Concert 8 p.m. Saturday, April 25, and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 26 at Northville High School, located at 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville

Tickets for the concert, which features songs are for women and men, are \$13 and \$16. For more information or to order tickets visit the group's Web site at [www.beckridgechorale.org](http://www.beckridgechorale.org) or call us at (734) 416-9885.

## Senior party fund-raisers

The PCEP Senior Party Committee is inviting diners to dine out for "a wonderful cause,"

supporting the senior party by dining out at one (or more) of the area restaurants which have agreed to donate 20 percent of the purchases made during a specific time and date.

Fund-raisers take place at the following restaurants on the following dates: Monday, April 6 and Thursday, May 7, both at Palermo's on Ford Road in Canton.

Detail information and a flyer is available at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/senior-party09.htm> (this flyer must be presented at time of purchase for us to receive 20% credit of your purchase).

Visit the committee's blog at <http://pcep09seniorparty.blogspot.com/> or its Web page at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/classof/2009/senior-party09.htm>

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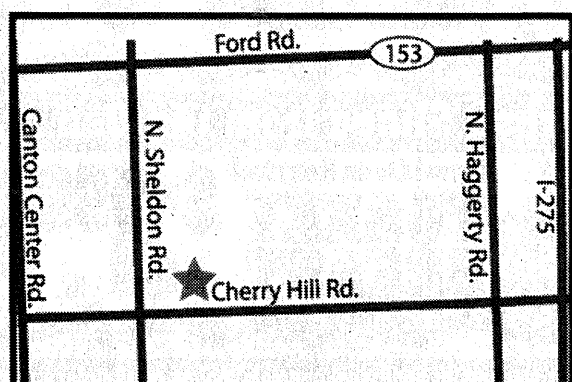
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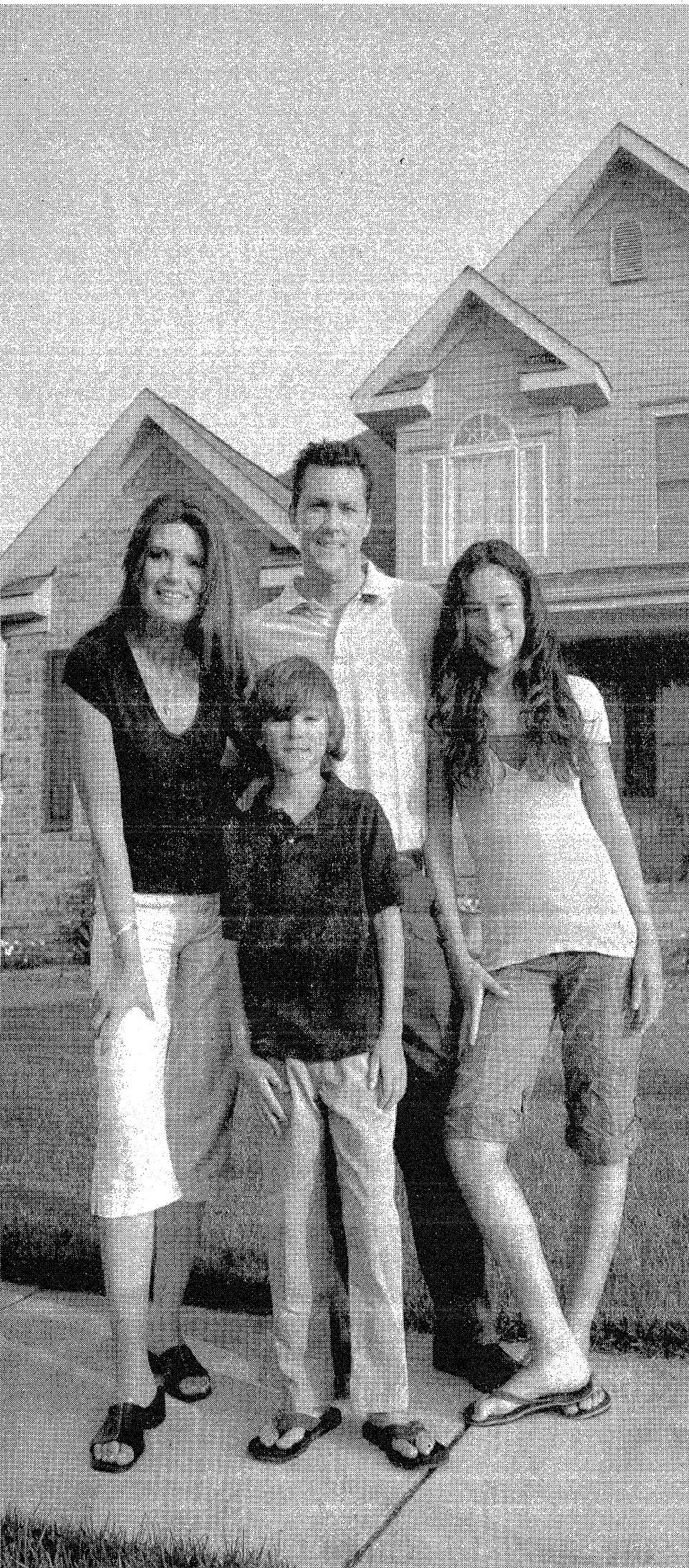
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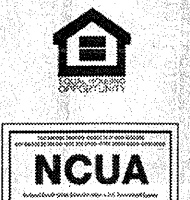
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At the Old Village Bookshop, which sells used books and takes trade-ins, owner Karen Kelchak said her new location on Starkweather has been a big plus.

## OLD VILLAGE

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### YOUNGSTERS COMING

Farmer said young homebuyers have been buying Old Village houses recently and fixing them up, and that more "hip" businesses have been moving in. The Liberty Street Brewing Co., a bar and microbrewery, opened in December, for example.

He said the association uses a small budget to boost the neighborhood as best it can. Old Village participated in last month's Plymouth Mardi Gras event, and a spring yard and sidewalk sale is planned for Saturday, April 18. A car show on Starkweather is scheduled for Sunday, July 19. A spring tree-planting is also planned.

Paul Murphy, who opened Blue Fish Music on Starkweather about four years ago, said music stores tend to be destination points, but that he likes being part of Old Village.

"I think there's a growing support and affection for Old Village," and interest in the area has been up in the last two years, Murphy said. Blue Fish sells stringed instruments, especially guitars, and offers repairs and lessons.

Sales, Murphy said, have been down somewhat, and lessons are slightly down,

but repair orders are up. The Christmas season, he said, was "not good," January was slow compared to the previous year, and February was "quiet."

But, Murphy added, businesses of his type are often just hanging on. "It's literally a month-to-month thing," he said.

### AUTO STRESS

Farther north on Starkweather at Denny's Service, owner Dennis Wheeler said business is down 10 to 20 percent. "I don't want to see 30 percent," he said.

The shop, which offers most general car repairs, is holding its own, Wheeler said. He's owned the business for 33 years, having started working there, cleaning windows and shoveling snow and doing other chores, when he was 11. "I haven't had big downturns," he said.

In the past, problems at the shop were more along the lines of having a backlog of vehicles and a shortage of mechanics, Wheeler said. Now, he said, there are few backlogs, and he has to market the business more.

Customers have recently been telling Wheeler they plan to keep their vehicles longer and want them repaired, he said. But the flip side of that recessionary trend is that they say they're doing more of the work themselves, he added.

"I'm really grateful to my customers I've had for a long

time and they're really my mainstay," Wheeler said.

### BOOK BOOM

Wheeler said Old Village Association meetings take up more time than he has, but that he likes being in the area. "It's nice to be part of Old Village," he said.

At the Old Village Bookshop, which sells used books and takes trade-ins, owner Karen Kelchak said her new location on Starkweather has been a big plus. The shop was further north until last May.

"It's been great. I have foot traffic here," said Kelchak. "Here, people are out and about, so I get walk-ins."

At the other location, she said, the shop was more of a destination point.

Kelchak said she hasn't noticed that the recession has had much effect on her shop. The used books are greatly discounted to begin with, she said, and she has a regular customer base of avid readers who can go through, say, six books a week.

She said the economic situation doesn't have her concerned about the store's survival. But she hedged a bit, noting she has a lot of customers on fixed incomes.

"If the car companies go down, well, my God — if they take the pensions away from the retirees, then I'll go out of business," she said.

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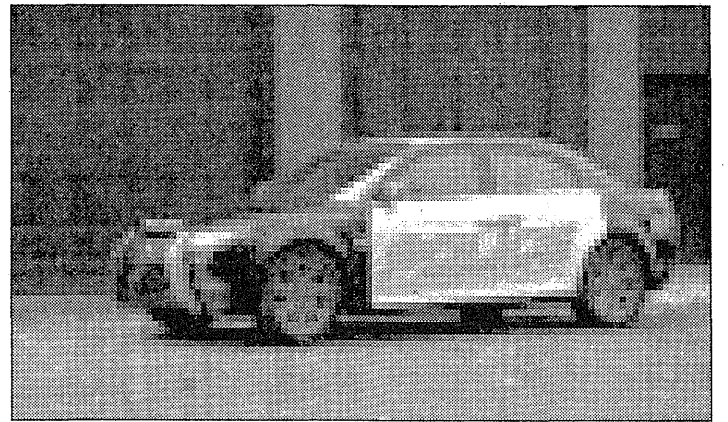
BY MATT JACHMAN  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Built to kick some butt. That's how Carbon Motors Corp. describes its "purpose-built" police vehicle, nicknamed the E7, which it plans to start mass-producing in 2012.

Plymouth Township is in the running, along with six other communities in four other states, as a site for the company headquarters and production facility.

The E7, the company's promotional material says, is designed with police work in mind. The rear-wheel-drive car has a 300-horsepower diesel engine, weighs two full tons and can go from a standstill to 60 mph in 6.5 seconds.

It also has integrated features that now have to be added to sedans, such as Ford Crown Victorias, that are typically used for police work: video systems, push bumpers, emergency lights, spotlights and the like. Plus, it has some features not often found in patrol cars, like interior video and audio surveillance, a backup camera, license-plate recognition capability and a rear bumper that can withstand a 75-mph impact. The back



Carbon Motors focuses specifically on cars engineered for law enforcement agencies.

seat is designed specifically for prisoners and can be hosed out, press information says.

The E7's price hasn't been released, but a press release says the price will compare with those of current police vehicles with modifications.

Carbon Motors, which now has offices in Atlanta, Ga., calls the E7 the world's first car designed and built specifically for police work. The company motto is, "Pure relentless drive," and executives recently took a prototype on a "Pure Justice" tour of 18 U.S. cities, most recently Washington, D.C.

The company touts the car as energy- and cost-efficient,

saying the engine is rated to last 250,000 heavy-duty miles and that fuel mileage will be 28 to 30 miles per gallon.

Spokesman Stacy Dean Stephens said production capacity for the planned factory will be a maximum of 80,000 cars a year. Carbon Motors, through its Web site, has about 3,000 law-enforcement officials looking at the E7, and, according to Stephens, has already taken orders.

"We are well on our way to actually selling out our first year of production," he said.

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## FACTORY

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Development Corp. officials on tax incentives designed to lure Carbon Motors.

In addition, he said, a developer has available a township site that would provide the company acreage for its offices and factory, plus, possible supplier factories.

Reaume declined to name the site, saying he didn't want to give competing communities an advantage. Carbon Motors has an April deadline for the short-listed communities to submit proposals.

Carbon Motors plans to

enlist suppliers for its parts manufacturing and would be the design, engineering and final assembly point for its "purpose-built" police car, which it is calling the E7.

The many auto suppliers in the Detroit area give the township a competitive advantage, Reaume said; company chairman William Santana Li noted the same advantage on a recent blog posting on the Carbon Motors Web site, www.carbonmotors.com.

Carbon Motors executives recently toured the country with an E7 prototype, stopping March 11 and March 12 in Washington, D.C., to

show off the car to members of Congress. The company is touting itself as a job-creator during tough-economic times as well as a homeland security initiative.

"We were met with overwhelming support from them all," spokesman Stephens said of the visits with federal government officials.

Other communities in the running for the Carbon Campus are Braselton and Pooler, Ga.; Connerville, Ind.; Charlotte, N.C.; and Greenville and Spartanburg, S.C.

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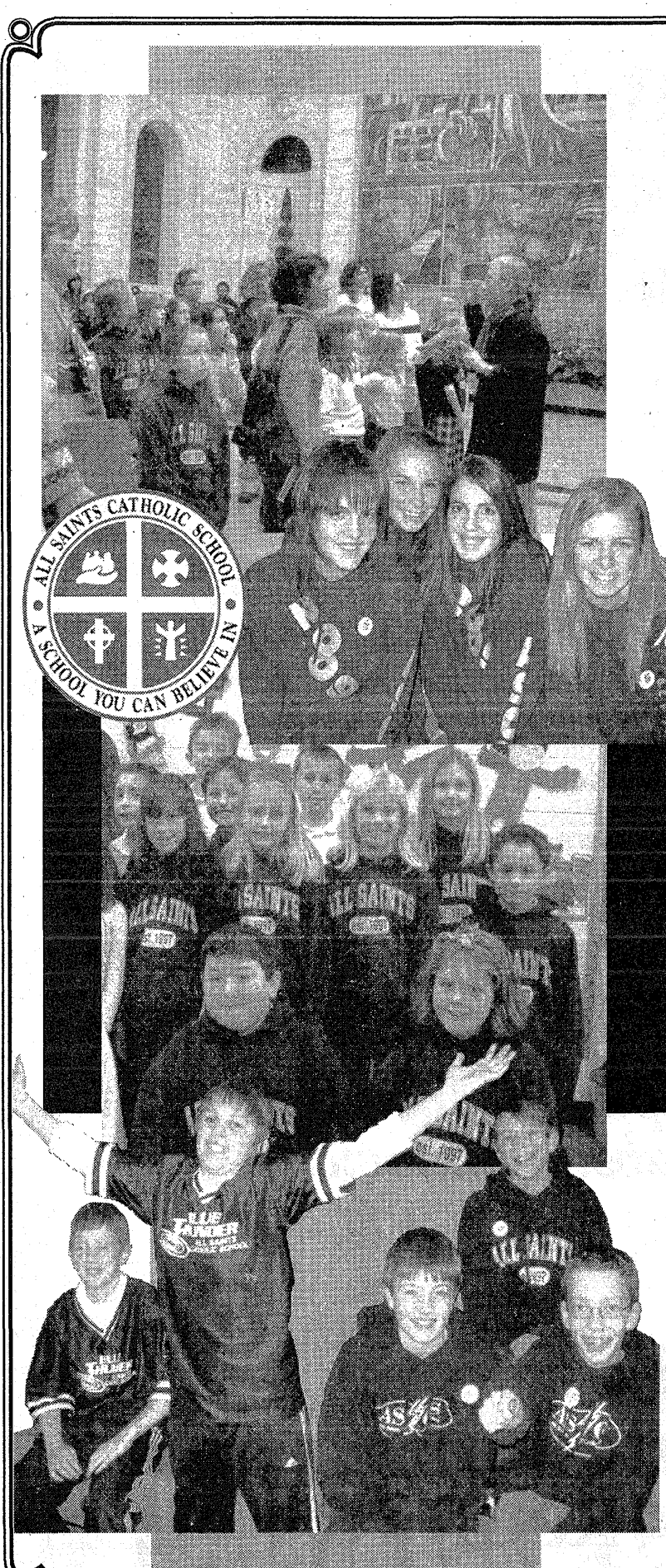
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**Q: Dear Rick: I own over 10,000 shares of General Motors stock. I've owned most of the shares for over 10 years and obviously, I have a significant loss. The stock represents about 90 percent of my portfolio. I know I should have sold the stock. I wrote nearly two years ago and you told me I should reduce my position, but I didn't. Should I take my lumps and sell GM now or wait hoping for better days ahead?**

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A: Whether you should have sold your GM stock or not is no longer the issue. We can't change the past so there is no reason to dwell upon it. The real issue is what should you do now? I believe in diversified portfolios. We live in a crazy world and it is important to spread risk out over a variety of different investments. Based upon this strategy, you should reduce your position in GM.

Even if GM was flying high, I would still recommend that you substantially reduce your position. I recognize that by selling you are looking at substantial losses. However, I'm trying to prevent you from having even more losses.

There are many experts who believe GM will eventually file for bankruptcy. If that happens, your stock will be worthless. Even if GM does not file for bankruptcy, it is faced with a daunting task ahead. In addition to all the other issues, GM still owes the federal government billions. In other words, GM is in a very difficult position. My advice is to sell it all. I

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know this is difficult considering the losses, however, if that money is invested in a diversified portfolio of mutual funds, I think you'll be in a better position to eventually recoup some of your losses.

Many people say there is no way GM stock could fall any further. I wish that was true, however, that's not the case. I heard the same conversation when GM fell below \$10 a share and again when it fell below \$5 a share. As a general rule, I recommend no more than 5 percent of my money in any one stock.

In today's ever changing financial world, anything and everything can happen and over the last year it has. That is why it is important to base your portfolio on sound principles and the most important principle is diversify, diversify and diversify.

**Q: Dear Rick: I just started a new job and got my first paycheck. In the past when I received a paycheck, they always withheld taxes and other stuff. This time nothing was withheld. Should I be concerned? I love the fact that they didn't withhold for taxes and Social Security.**

A: There is a problem and you need to be concerned. By law, employers are required to withhold amounts for Social Security as well as state and federal income taxes from an employee's pay

check. There are serious penalties for employers who fail to meet this obligation.

Whether money was withheld or not, those penalties don't relieve an employee from his/her responsibility to pay taxes. At the end of the year, you may find you have a very substantial tax bill that could include interest and penalties.

Don't hesitate. Immediately discuss the situation with your employer. If you are an employee, you want to make sure that your employer withholds the necessary taxes so you do not run into a problem at the end of the year.

If you are not an employee but rather an independent contractor, then the employer is not required to withhold taxes. The down side of being treated as an independent contractor is that you are responsible for paying your taxes quarterly.

Discuss your status with your employer. If you are an employee, then it is important that you encourage your employer to withhold payroll taxes.

If you are not an employee but an independent contractor, I recommend sitting down with an accountant to make sure you set up the necessary record keeping and tax reporting system.

One last note, the worst mistake that you can make is to do nothing.

If you do nothing, at the end of the year you will find that you have received a tax bill with interest and penalties attached.

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# Sex offenders get caught in police sweep

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A Garden City man charged with having child pornography on his home computer and a Westland sex offender accused of violating his probation were among those arrested by area law-enforcement agencies during a three-day sweep that ended Thursday.

Jason Gault, 35, was arraigned Thursday on 12 felony counts involving child pornography amid allegations a Wayne County sheriff deputy found "extensive, graphic" images that officials said he downloaded and shared from his home on Gilman in Garden City.

Gault, already on probation for soliciting an undercover Roscommon County deputy he believed was an underage girl, was jailed with a \$250,000 cash bond as he awaits an April 6 preliminary hearing on charges of using the Internet to commit a crime, possessing and producing child sexually abusive material, and being a second-degree habitual offender.

"This clearly indicates the compulsive nature of most sex offenders to continue their behavior," Sheriff Warren Evans said, appearing with other law enforcement officers Thursday afternoon during a press conference outside the Westland Bailey Recreation Center.

Officers had arrested at least 10 suspects and reported others to probation officials during Operation LASSO (Locating and Securing Sex Offenders), a sting involving federal, state, county and local law-enforcement agencies in Westland,



Gault

Garden City, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Wayne and other communities.

In Westland, 19-year-old Munroe Lamar Zirker, on probation for criminal sexual conduct, was arrested along with two other men after officers went to Zirker's home in the 2500 block of Ackley.

Westland Police Chief James Ridener said Zirker ran from a car in which he and the two men — one on probation for home invasion and one wanted on a robbery warrant — were accused of having marijuana and a Tec-9 semiautomatic pistol.

Ridener identified the home invasion probationer as Demario Demetrius Pernell-Jackson, 19, and the other man as 18-year-old Calderone Pearson.

Ridener called Operation LASSO "truly a success," and he and Evans said the sex-offender sting also netted arrests for other crimes.

"This was truly a collaborative effort," Ridener said, standing next to Evans outside the Bailey Center.

Officers involved in the three-day sweep found sex offenders in violation of their parole or probation by staying in homes where young children lived, potentially putting the youngsters at risk, Evans said.

Evans also described "horrific scenes of child pornography" that officers found as they went to the homes of convicted sex offenders to see whether they were obeying their parole and probation orders. Officers also rounded up some suspects named in warrants.

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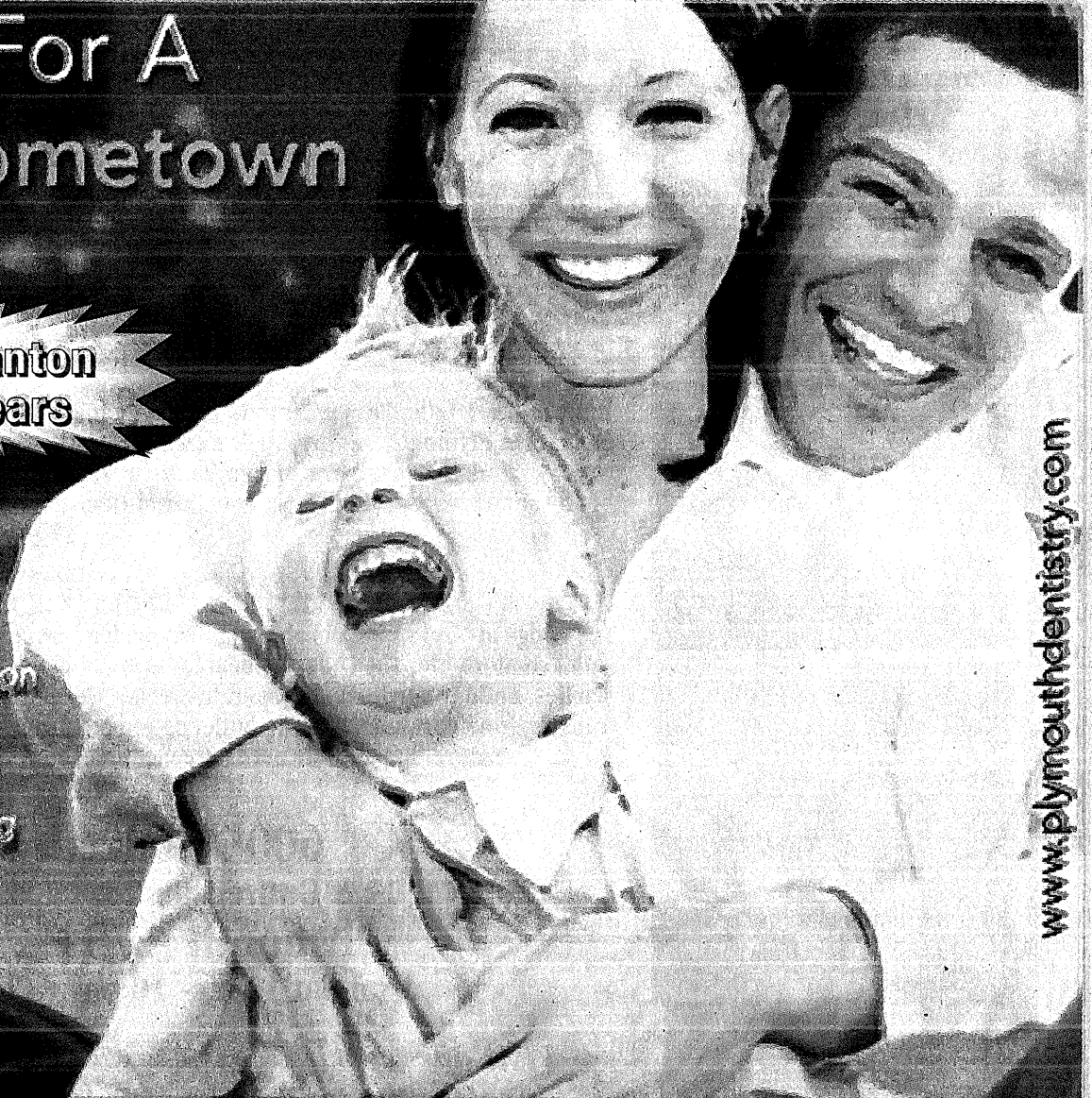
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# Turn off the video games

Fitness guru stresses importance of exercise to students

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
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Hundreds of second- through fifth-graders at Bentley Elementary learned firsthand about the importance of eating healthy and exercising regularly from a man who is well-known throughout the country for his eating and exercise habits.

Peter Nielsen, a metro Detroit fitness guru, told his young audience he went from learning he had Crohn's (lower intestine) disease as a teenager — weighing only 86 pounds — to becoming a five-time Mr. America and two-time Mr. Universe champion.

"The state of Michigan needs to do better when it comes to fitness," said Nielsen to a gym full of students. "This generation will not outlive their parents because of obesity, juvenile diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure."

Nielsen used student volunteers to demonstrate bicep curls, how to use an exercise cable, do push-ups and jump rope — all exercises that can be done at home at a low cost.

"Jumping rope burns 12 calories a minute," said Nielsen. "It burns more calories than the treadmill, elliptical and riding a bike."

"You need to be active about 45-60 minutes a day," he said. "Playing video games too much is not exercise."

Will Oswald, 7, a second grader was one of those who was chosen to demonstrate jumping rope.

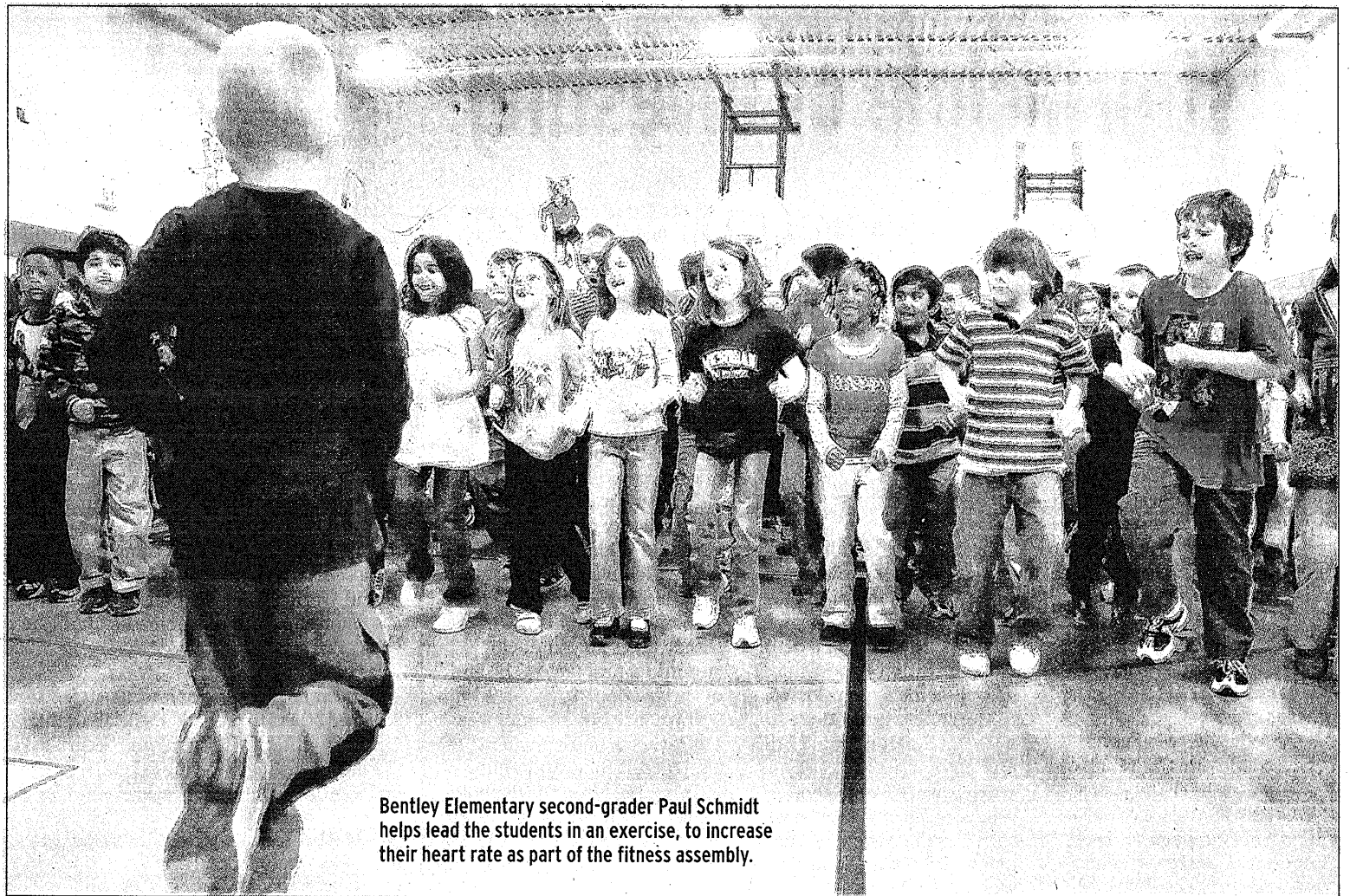
"Working out is good for you because if you don't exercise you could get headaches or stuff, and that's bad," said Will, who said he exercises regularly. "I sometimes jump rope and do some running outside."

Fifth-grader Jillian Yuhas, 10, said she learned some new habits, including the importance of starting the day with breakfast.

"I never really noticed how important nutrition is, like eating breakfast every morning," Jillian said. "I think I can get in more shape by being more athletic and becoming healthier."

Bentley physical education teacher Rick Barbour said it was great having Nielsen expound on some of the same life lessons he talks about in class. However, Barbour laments that students only get 45 minutes of physical education class a week.

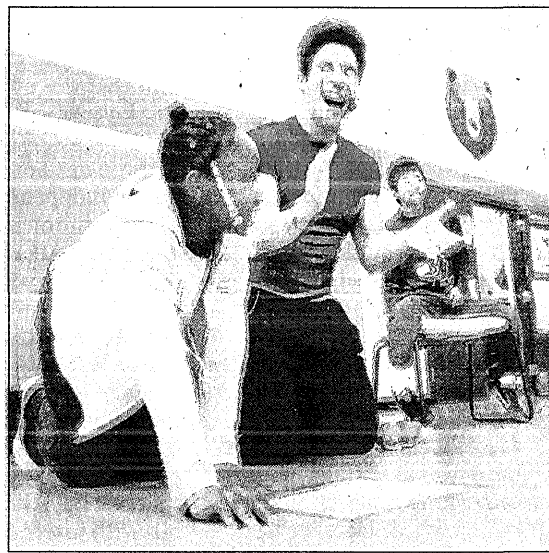
"If we're serious about kids' health, 45 minutes a week would be unacceptable," Barbour said. "And, we wouldn't have pizza or ice cream in our cafeterias."



Bentley Elementary second-grader Paul Schmidt helps lead the students in an exercise, to increase their heart rate as part of the fitness assembly.

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Peter Nielsen shows off his muscle, as fifth graders Scott Miller and Samantha Howell participate in the fitness assembly at Bentley Elementary.



Peter Nielsen applauds fourth-grader Janay Shepard for helping demonstrate push-ups. Third-grader John Paul Dela Cruz (right) also helped in the demonstration.

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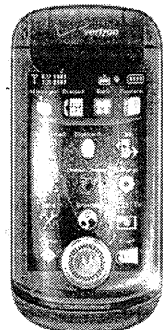
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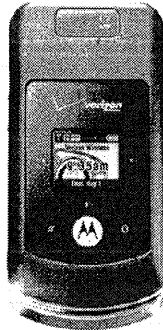
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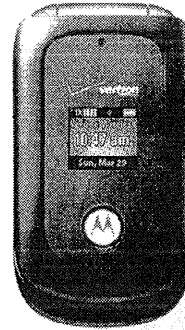
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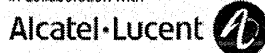
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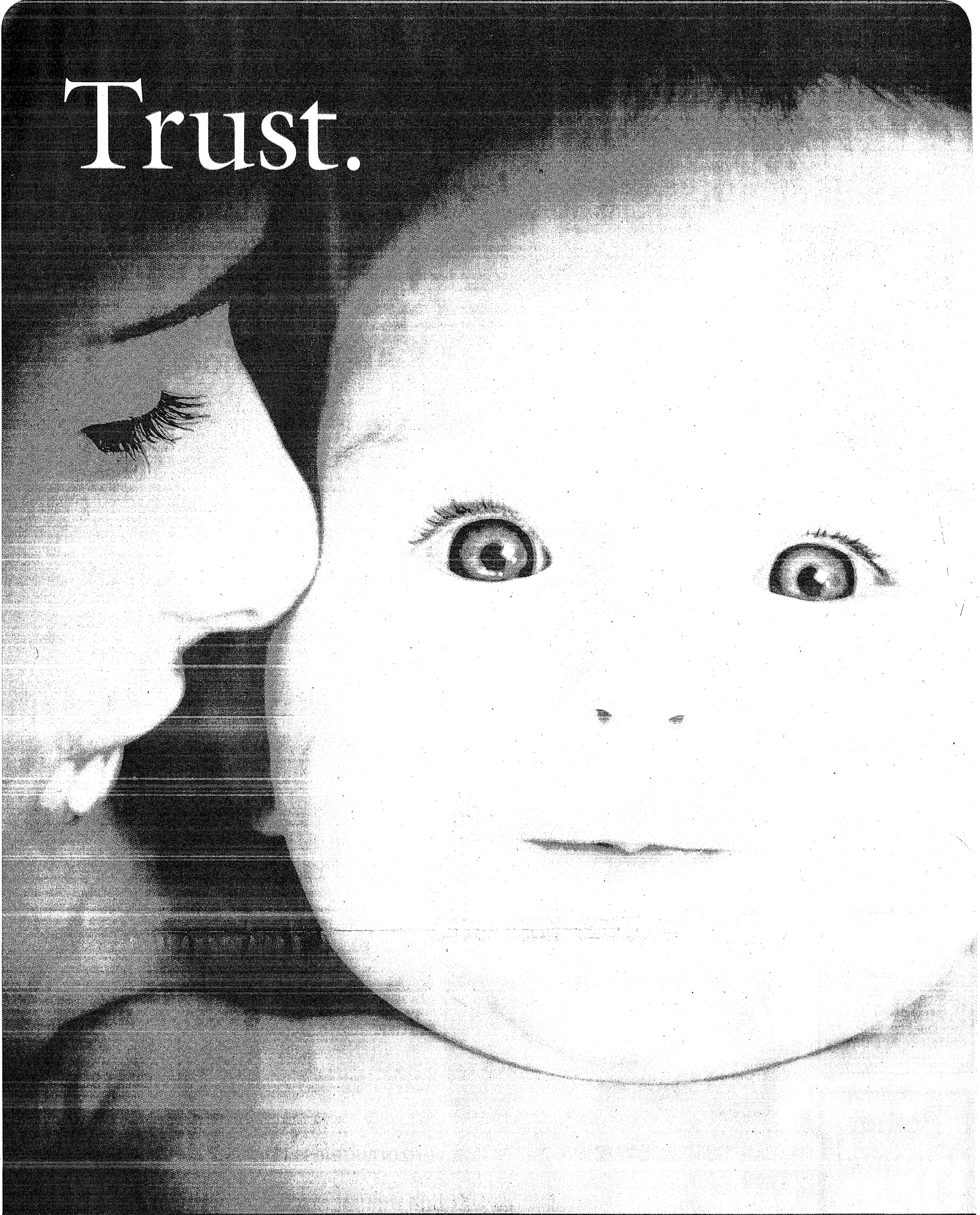
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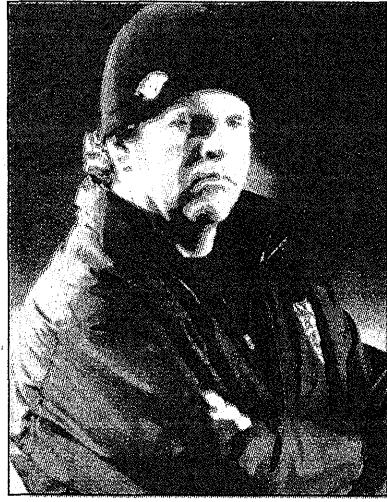
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## Salem grad Britnell named Rocks new grid coach



ANDY RUBENSTEIN

Kurt Britnell, pictured during a 2007 playoff game when he was the offensive coordinator for Plymouth's football team, was hired Thursday as the head coach at Salem, his alma mater.

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The day is still five months away, but it's a safe bet to say that Kurt Britnell's adrenaline will be pumping at an accelerated rate on Aug. 28.

On Thursday, the 1988 graduate of Salem High School and assistant football coach at Plymouth for the past seven seasons was named the Rocks' new head football coach. He succeeds Parker Salowich, who resigned last month. In a script only a Hollywood screenwriter could dream up, Britnell's first game as the Rocks' mentor will be Aug. 28 against — you guessed it — Plymouth.

"I was surprisingly calm when I found out the great news," admitted Britnell on Friday morning, "but my fiancée was so excited, she was bouncing off the walls. The whole situation — to be able to go back to my old school and serve as the head coach — is very humbling and exciting at the same time."

Britnell was a quarterback/safety during his prep days at Salem, where he played

under Hall of Fame coach Tom Moshimer, a man he learned a great deal from.

"The two main things I learned from 'Mo' were that hard work and discipline bring success," said Britnell.

Having coached against Salem each of his seven years at Plymouth — the past two of which he served as the Wildcats' offensive coordinator — Britnell said he's walking into a program whose cupboards are far from bare.

"From scouting them on film and watching them play in person, I know they have some talented players," Britnell said. "I think that over time at Salem, negativity and failure has bred more negativity and failure. Hopefully, the program can feed off the positive experience I've had at Plymouth. I think the difference between winning and losing is mental as much as anything."

Britnell is currently a special-education teacher at Consortium College Preparatory High School in Detroit. He'd eventually like to secure a teaching position at Salem — a

feat Salowich was unable to do and something he said proved to be an obstacle in turning the program around. Britnell said he has already dedicated a lot of thought regarding who would fill out his staff. However, he won't rush to make any moves, he added.

"I'm going to go through all of the proper channels and make all of the official calls I need to make," he said. "I want to talk to (Plymouth head coach) Mike Sawchuk before I do anything."

"Mike and I exchanged e-mails this morning and he said he hoped for the best for me. I can't say enough good things about everything I learned coaching with him."

Britnell will have to juggle his new head football coaching obligations with his role as the head coach of both the Plymouth girls and boys track-and-field teams.

"I'm going to follow through on my commitment to coach track," he said. "I might not be getting much sleep the next few weeks, but that's just something I'm going to have to deal with."

## GAME WRAPS

### Chiefs upend Rocks in boys lacrosse

Canton's boys lacrosse team opened its 2009 season in memorable fashion Wednesday night with a 14-4 victory over cross-campus rival Salem in a game played at the PCEP varsity stadium.

Matt Rodgers paced the winners' offensive onslaught with six goals. Jason Avedesian added four net-finders while Jake Underwood, Brett Phillips, Jordan Emery and Jordan Smith scored singles.

Chiefs' goalie Sean Walsh, who finished with 20 saves, made several key stops down the stretch to secure the triumph for Canton.

Adding assists for Canton were Trevor Moore, Kyle Dunleavy, Alex Loisselle, Bryan Davison, Underwood, Avedesian and Rodgers.

Canton led 4-0 after one quarter, 8-1 at the half and 10-4 after three quarters.

### 'Cat lady kickers win

Plymouth's girls soccer team opened its 2009 season with an impressive 2-1 victory over Saline.

"It was a good win to start the season," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich.

Sophomore net-minder Marissa Williams earned the victory.

Jen Babcock scored the winners' first goal on a penalty kick. The eventual game-winner was netted by Mackenzie Hengesh, who was assisted by Liz Koet.

### Madonna softball team sweeps Rochester

The NAI's 19th-ranked Madonna University women's softball team improved to 19-6 overall by sweeping a double-header Wednesday at home against winless Rochester College (0-10), 12-0 and 8-0.

Jess Irwin (10-5) threw a one-hitter in the opener as the Crusaders rolled to a five-inning 12-0 mercy-rule win.

Irwin, the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week for the second time this season, struck out 11 and did not walk a batter.

Offensively, Canton's Brittney Scero led the way going 3-for-3 with a homer and two RBI. Other offensive standouts for MU included Ashley Shay, 2-for-4; three RBI; Kathleen Smiley, 2-for-2; three RBI; and Kelly Lesko, 2-for-3.

In the nightcap, freshman Hallie Minch (Garden City) improved to 10-1 by blanking Rochester on just one hit in seven innings, 8-0.

Minch struck out eight and walked three.

Offensive stars for MU included Tara LaMilza (3-for-3; RBI); Smiley (2-for-3; two RBI); Danielle Richardson (two hits) and Lesko (two RBI).

## Play ball!

### 'Cats top Rocks in season opener

In the season opener for both teams, Plymouth defeated host Salem, 6-4, in a prep baseball game played Friday at Salem.

The Wildcats broke a 4-4 seventh-inning deadlock on Travis Mewton's two-run double.

Mewton's game-winning rip made a winner of sophomore pitcher Mike Nadratowski, who pitched the final 2.2 innings, yielding two hits and two earned runs while striking out three.

"I thought both teams played pretty darn well for just coming

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out of the gate," noted Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We were the team that was fortunate to come up with the big hit (Mewton's) when we needed it. Mike Nadratowski was lights out in his first varsity game as well.

"Most of all, it just felt great to get back on the grass after a long hard winter."

Salem starting pitcher Dave Hales was staked to a 1-0 lead in the first inning before Plymouth rallied to take a 4-2 edge with two runs in the second and two in the top of the sixth.

Salem knotted the game at 4-all with a single run in the fifth and two more in the sixth before Mewton delivered the clutch knock in the top of the seventh.

Plymouth outhit the Rocks, 9-6, and won despite committing five errors.

Mewton, Matt Skubik and Matt Priebe all went 2-for-4 for the winners. Jake Gilbert and Nadratowski both sliced RBI hits while Ronnie Goble scored a pair of Wildcat runs.

Sam Ott and Kyle Powell both laced RBI hits for the Rocks, who also received an RBI and run from lead-off batter Heath Parling.

Salem third baseman Justin Baschi went 1-for-3 with a run and an RBI.

Senior Joe Posler suffered the mound setback for Salem after giving up four runs in 3.1 innings of work in relief of Hales.



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Canton gymnast Robyn Piwowar earned All-State honors and set a school record despite away-from-the-gym adversity that would have forced many athletes to take a break from their sport.

## Dad would be proud

### Canton gymnast perseveres through unimaginable adversity

Only a few inches from her heavy, sorrow-filled heart, a nearly weightless silver necklace was safety-pinned to Robyn Piwowar's leotard as she prepared to perform her vault routine during last month's Canton Invitational gymnastics meet.

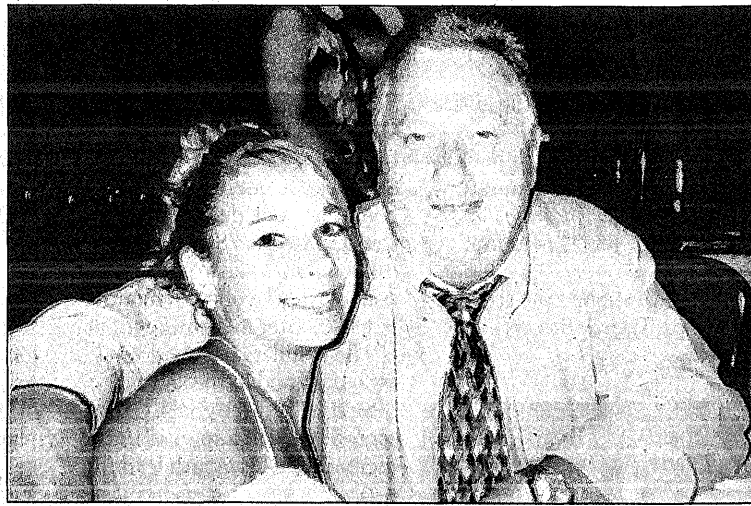
It was no ordinary piece of jewelry and a far-from-routine vault for the petite and incredibly talented Canton sophomore gymnast.

The necklace was a gift from her dad, Allen, who had passed away unexpectedly at the age of 60 just a few days earlier.

And the routine was executed just a short time before she would have to leave the meet early to attend her father's viewing at a Canton funeral home.

"I knew my dad would have wanted me to compete, so I did," said Piwowar.

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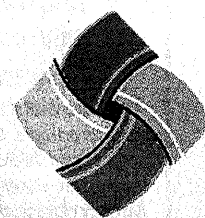


PIWOWAR FAMILY PHOTO

Canton gymnast Robyn Piwowar is pictured with her late father Allen. To honor her father, Robyn Piwowar competed in a gymnastics meet a few days after his death and earned a medal on the vault.

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# All-Observer icers' talent is on cutting edge

## FIRST TEAM

**Adam Powers, Sr. G, Salem:** The first-year high school player was pivotal in the Rocks' reversal of fortunes this past season. He helped Salem win the inaugural KLAA South Division title by posting a 2.5 goals-against average while saving 91 percent of the shots he faced. Powers earned All-KLAA honors.

"Adam is one of the of the most athletic goalies I've ever seen play at the high school level," said Salem coach Ryan Ossennmacher. "He has an amazing ability to play the puck. Adam's performance during the second half of the season was one of the main reasons we were able to turn things around."

**Dan Bostick, Sr. Def., Liv. Churchill:** The third-year performer, who made All-Kensington Conference, finished with four goals and 10 assists in 25 games for the Division 1 regional finalists.

"Dan gives you a solid, physical presence," Churchill coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He's a good skater who looks to join the rush. He logged a lot of minutes - usually playing against the other teams' top lines. He played in all situations."

**Donny Barlow, Sr. Def., Canton:** The talented senior's

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**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
 Ryan Ossennmacher, Salem  
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combination of strong skating skills and physical play made him one of the KLAA's most-respected blue-liners. He led the Chiefs with a plus-minus rating of plus-39 while racking up five goals and 13 assists. He excelled on the Chiefs' power-play and penalty kill units while finishing among the team leaders in minutes played. Barlow also excelled as a defensive back on the Chiefs' football team.

"Donny has the best transition speed in the league," said Abraham. "Donny has not lost

a race to the puck all year and his speed consistently made up for our team defensive breakdowns. He is a defenseman with great offensive ability which gives us the whole package in Donny."

**Nick Tomilenko, Sr. F, Canton:** The lightning-quick forward was one of the KLAA's most dynamic players throughout the 2008-09 campaign, netting 34 goals and 11 assists. He led the Chiefs in power-play goals (13), short-handed goals (three) and game-winning goals (six). Tomilenko is also the starting shortstop for the Canton baseball team.

"Nick has the ability to create scoring opportunities out of any situation," said Canton coach Dan Abraham. "He has incredible hands and an eye for the net. His hockey sense is amongst the best of any player I have coached."

**John Vella, Sr. F, Liv. Stevenson:** The three-year varsity performer and senior captain was known for his two-way play.

Vella finished with 13 goals and 11 assists with a plus-rating of 17.

"John was a bit of a marked man this season coming off the year he had last year, but he adjusted well and learned how to get his teammates more involved," Stevenson

coach David Mitchell said of the All-Kensington Conference pick. "He was our captain and leader both on-and-off the ice. He always played against the other team's top competition. He played in all situations for us, excelling on the penalty kill."

**Cole Rochowiak, Jr., F, Liv. Stevenson:** The junior led the Spartans with a team-high 33 points on 17 goals and 16 assists, along with a team-best plus-rating of 32.

"Cole is a player who plays with a high level of intensity on a truly consistent basis," Mitchell said of the All-Kensington Conference pick. "He is a player who works as equally hard in practice and off the ice as he does on the game. Cole loves to play hockey and loves to be at the rink, or with the team, and that excitement comes out in his play. He has a chance to be a real special player next season."

**COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**Ryan Ossennmacher, Salem:** In just his second year at the helm, Ossennmacher turned the Rocks into a team to be reckoned with this season.

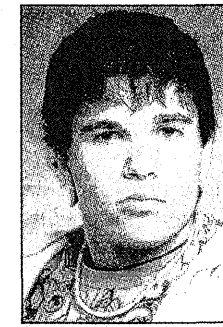
After finishing 7-17-1 last season and struggling early this year, the Ossennmacher-mentored Rocks did a U-turn to finish 14-9-3 and win the inaugural KLAA South



Adam Powers Salem



Dan Bostick Churchill



Nick Tomilenko Canton



Donny Barlow Canton



John Vella Stevenson



Cole Rochowiak Stevenson

Division title.

"It was a very rewarding season, especially considering how much we struggled early on," said Ossennmacher, who played college hockey at the University of Dayton. "The guys really bought into what we were coaching during the second half of the season and they worked hard to turn things around."



Ossennmacher

# Canton softball team continues trend as perennial contenders

BY ED WRIGHT  
 OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Twenty-win seasons are like chilly 50-degree days in April for Canton's softball program - predictable and plentiful.

Last year was no different for the Chiefs, who chalked up a 20-14 season that ended with a Division 1 District final loss to Plymouth.

Judging by the level of talent Canton head coach Jim Arnold has returning from his 2008 contingent, the 20-win mark is definitely on the Chiefs' radar.

"I think hitting will be our biggest asset this year," said Arnold, who has guided the Chiefs' softball program since 1991. "We had some good power hitters and the girls are bunting well, which is some-

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thing I like to see."

Leadership will be abundant, too, for Arnold's squad thanks to the offerings of co-captains Shelby Anthony, a senior, and junior Amy Dunleavy.

"Shelby is a natural leader," said Arnold, of his starting third baseman. "She's a good communicator and she always gives 100 percent - both at practices and games. She's earned the respect of her teammates."

"Amy's our No. 1 pitcher, but she's also an outstanding all-around player. She's very dedicated to the sport and our program. An example of her leadership is the way she's helped our freshman pitcher, who will back her up."

Canton's No. 2 hurler is ninth-grader Alyssa Boucher, who garnered strong praise from Arnold.

"Alyssa's not a power pitcher yet, but she does a great job of hitting the corners," said Arnold. Dunleavy and Boucher will be throwing to senior catcher Jordan Puskar, who possesses strong defensive skills as well as a solid bat.

The Chiefs' starting infield will consist of senior first baseman Molly Watson, who played outfield in 2008; sophomore second baseman Samantha Partain, who started as a freshman; sophomore shortstop CarolAnn Sexauer, who is healthy after missing her entire freshman campaign with an injury; and Anthony at third.

"Samantha has a lot of speed and a good glove," Arnold said. "She's a slapper and a good bunter."

"CarolAnn is a pure athlete. She has a strong arm and great range at short. She's our best power hitter, too, and will hit clean-up."

Canton's outfield will be manned by senior left fielder Sam Podorsek, senior center fielder Miranda Rysdorp and senior right fielder Christy Van Esley.

Among the team's key reserves are sophomore outfielder Lauren Leskovitz, freshman catcher Jessie Larner, infielder Heidi Lucke and sophomore first baseman Katie Matson.

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## PIWOWAR

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### Grace under pressure

And her dad wouldn't have been more proud of his daughter's results: a tie-for-ninth-place finish in one of the most talent-rich meets around, under some of the most incredibly adverse circumstances.

"At the exact place in the bleachers Al usually sat during meets, they had placed his hat," recalled Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham. "At the end of the meet, when I named off the top-10 medal winners in the vault, I looked up at the hat and couldn't help but get choked up."

Instead of drowning in the unimaginable grief that must have seemed overwhelming at times, Piowar marched on and completed the remainder of the gymnastics season - just like dad would have wanted.

And she did it in style.

### An attitude to be admired

While consistently posting all-around scores that exceeded 36.0 - for everyone not knowledgeable in the sport of gymnastics, that's like averaging 25 points in a game in basketball - Piowar inspired everyone around her with her spunky resilience and ever-present smile.

"My teammates helped me a lot," she said. "When I returned to practice a few days after I lost my dad, they all hugged me, and they all came to his viewing. That meant a lot."

Her attitude was assuredly inherited from her good-natured dad, whose favorite saying - "Play hard. Have fun." - was printed on the back of T-shirts members of the Canton gymnastics team ordered and wore prior to meets.

"My dad always told me that if sports feel like work, don't do it," said Piowar, smiling. "I did club gymnastics until seventh grade, but it started to get too serious, so I followed his advice."

"I love high school gymnastics because it's more laid back, but it's competitive, too."

Earlier this month, Piowar broke a school record, which happens at Canton about as often as the United States

changes Presidents.

She set a new mark in the floor exercise with a sterling 9.725, eclipsing a standard that had been set four years earlier.

### Well-deserved accolades

Piowar's consistent excellence earned her the team's "Most Valuable Gymnast" award - a remarkable feat considering her sophomore status and the away-from-the-gym adversity she had to cope with.

"It was a pretty easy decision," Cunningham said of Piowar's award. "Cathy Huang had a great year, but Robyn was our most consistent performer all year."

"Robyn's not only a talented athlete, she's a great kid. She gets along well with everybody and she does whatever we ask of her."

Piowar's cart-wheeling talents were exposed at an early age.

"We had a swing set in our back yard when I was growing up," Piowar reflected. "When I was 3, I'd go out and climb on the monkey bars so long that my mom (Gayle) would have to pull me off. That's when she signed me up for gymnastics."

### Multi-talented performer

Following the suggestion of a friend, the flexible Piowar gave diving a shot during her freshman year at Canton.

"Having done gymnastics definitely helped me in diving," she said. "Diving helps gymnastics, too, but not as much as gymnastics helps me in diving."

This past fall, the versatile Piowar qualified for the Division 1 Regional diving event for the Chiefs.

"I decided to try out for the track team this spring, too," she said. "I tried hurdles for the first time the other day and I'm going to try the pole vault."

And you can rest assured that at every track meet she competes in this spring and every gymnastics competition she excels at over the next two winters, the silver necklace won't be far from her heart.

"I wear it every day," she said. Then she flashed a resilient smile that would have made her dad proud.

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# Whalers blank Sting to take 3-1 series lead

Goaltender Matt Hackett stopped all 27 shots he faced, Plymouth penalty killers went nine-for-nine, Matt Caria scored two goals with an assist and Tyler Seguin added a goal and two assists as the Whalers rolled to a 5-0 victory over the Sarnia Sting in an Ontario Hockey League playoff game played Thursday evening before 2,949 at the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Plymouth led the best-of-seven series three-games-to-one heading into Saturday's Game 5 at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

Hackett now leads the OHL playoffs with a 0.98 goals against average (four goals allowed through 245 minutes) and a .972 save percentage after stopping 137 of the 141 shots he's faced in four games against Sarnia.

Hackett was not severely tested, but was steady the entire game on Thursday.

In addition, Plymouth penalty killers continued to dominate special teams in the series and have gone 25-for-27 over four games.

Plymouth started the scoring at 4:39 on Tyler J. Brown's first

goal of the playoffs. The goal started when Michal Jordan directed the puck from the left point to RJ Mahalak at the left hashmark. Mahalak passed to Brown at the lower rim of the right circle, who beat Sarnia goaltender Dan Spence with a quick shot over his shoulder. Seguin made it 2-0 at 19:11 after Chris Terry passed the puck from the right half-wall in the Sarnia zone out in front of Sting goal. The puck deflected off Caria in front to Seguin, who made no mistake for his second goal of the playoffs. Plymouth led, 2-0, after 20 minutes of play.

The Whalers put the game away for good in the second period with three goals. Caria scored twice in a span of 1:12 to increase the Plymouth lead to 4-0.

Working on a 5-on-3 power

play, Vern Cooper carried the puck into the Sarnia zone to the right circle and found Caria at the right hashmark.

Caria scored at 12:14 when he threaded an accurate, hard shot from the right hashmark just inside the far post. Still on the power play, Caria scored his team-leading fifth goal of the playoffs in snapping Terry's pass from the high slot past Spence at the right goal-line.

Ryan Hayes finished the scoring in the period at 15:27 when he carried the puck to the left circle in the Sarnia zone, faked a shot, then moved the puck to the left goal-line and beat Spence with the shot for his second goal of the playoffs and second in two playoff games.

The third period was scoreless. Plymouth outshot Sarnia, 32-27.

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# Hard-throwing hurlers headline Salem's senior-laden contingent

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Salem's baseball team is armed and dangerous heading into the 2009 campaign.

The Rocks' entire starting pitching rotation — which was imposing during last season's 23-11 division-winning campaign — returns intact, making coach Dale Rumberger's squad a force to be reckoned with in the inaugural season of the Kensington Lakes Activities Association.

"I can't recall a year when I've had so many promising pitchers returning," said Rumberger, who's entering his 23rd year as a head coach. "They're all very versatile, too, in that they all play other positions."

Pacing the Salem arms race will be senior Joe Posler, who went 5-1 as a junior with a 2.10 earned-run

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average. "He's a four-year starter, so he's our most-experienced pitcher," said Rumberger.

Rounding out the rotation will be hard-throwing senior David Hales (4-2, 2.35 E.R.A. in 2008), junior Chris Kordick (6-1, 3.14), senior Sam Ott (1-0 with one save and a 3.28 E.R.A.), senior Justin Baschi (1-1) and senior Heath Parling, whose primary role will be as the Rocks' starting shortstop.

"I've had people who know baseball tell me Heath's the best infield prospect they've seen around here in 20 years, but he loves football and that's the sport he's decided to play in college," said Rumberger.

Setting up the target for the Rocks' talented corps of hurlers will be senior Dave Loos, who started and hit .309 as a junior.

He'll be backed up by junior Nick Leventis.

Joining Parling on the infield will be senior first baseman Drew Grabowski, senior second-sacker Kyle Powell and Baschi, who will man the hot corner. Kordick (first base), Dominic Ciantar (second), Dave Russell (shortstop) and Jim Abraham (third) will provide infield depth.

Salem's starting outfield will be patrolled by Hales, Ott and Posler. When one of the trio is pitching, senior Matt Woster will fill his spot. Juniors Alex King and Tate Theisen will serve as key reserves.

"Twelve of our 16 players are seniors, so we have a lot of experience," Rumberger noted. "And we have pitchers who won 18 of our 23 games last year back, so if we stay healthy, we should be strong."

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# Chief baseball team aspires to build off its 2008 success

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Like the wooden frame of the new announcer's booth/storage shed behind its varsity field's backstop, Canton's baseball program is on the rise.

However, unlike the still-in-the-works structure, the sky is the limit for the Chiefs, who return several regulars from a team that advanced to the Division 1 Regional final last spring.

"Obviously, we lost a lot of good players, but hopefully the younger guys who are returning can pick up where we left off last year," said second-year Canton coach Mark Blomshield, who posted a 22-11 mark in his inaugural year at the helm. "We're good at everything, but not great at anything. We have a good all-around team that has the potential to be excellent."

When asked to put a finger on his team's primary strength, Blomshield pointed to the mound. "We have pretty good pitching,"

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he said.

There is no staff ace, but plenty of hurlers who could eventually fill that role. Leading the way are senior right-hander Dane Staples, the Chiefs' No. 1 reliever last season who is hitting 84 on the JUGS gun this spring; junior southpaw Kevin Delapaz, who delivered a pair of clutch victories in last year's post-season; lefty Alex Dixon, who is throwing as hard as Staples; and Dan Stoney, a big-time varsity contributor since his sophomore year.

Also contributing on the mound will be senior sub-mariner Zane Birchler, who has earned the closer's role; junior Ben Staley and senior Tim Hemmelgarn.

Canton's primary catcher will be sophomore Seth Tschetter, who tormented opposing pitchers by hitting .380 as a freshman. He'll be backed up by junior Kyle Korte.

The starting infield will consist of senior first baseman Joel Schwiebert, junior second-sacker Cody Blakita, who hit .360 last year; senior shortstop Nick Tomilenko and third baseman Andrew Tidwell. Joey Galanty and Ben Staley will provide infield depth.

Anchored by junior center fielder Delapaz, the Chiefs' outfield is one of the strongest around. The speedy Delapaz will be flanked by left-fielder Stoney, one of the WLA's top sluggers last year; and right-fielder Dixon. Senior Nick Sweda and junior Adam Payter — both speedsters — will serve as key outfield reserves.

Junior Carter Staffield will find time at first base and as a designated hitter.

"We need to keep improving every game," said Blomshield, whose team won 12 of its final 14 games last year on the way to winning the school's first District title since 1989.

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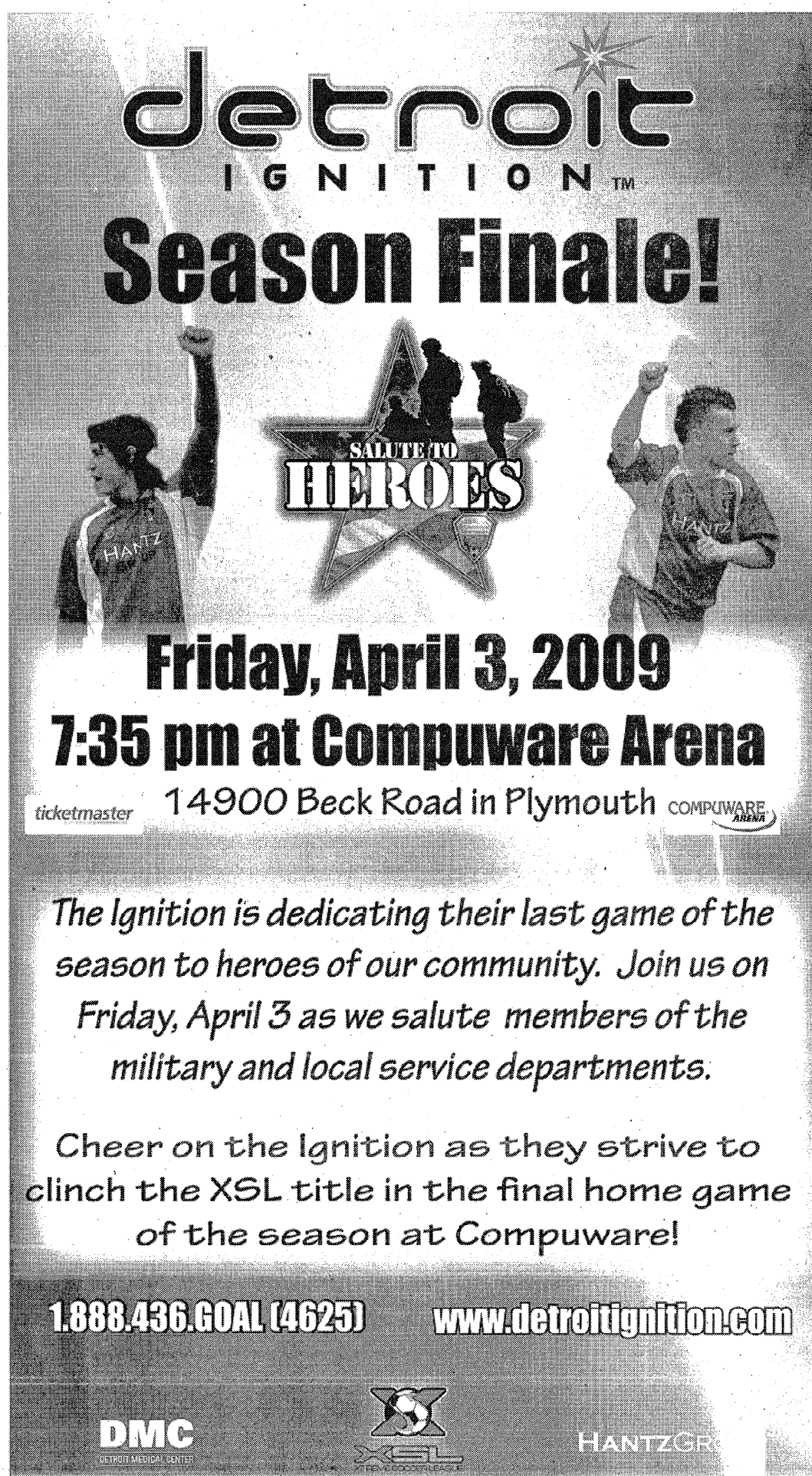
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# Brighter days ahead for Salem boys LAX squad

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## PREP BOYS LAX PREVIEW

Following a season filled with growing pains, Salem boys lacrosse coach Eric Bielecki is hoping for some signs of growth in the program's second campaign.

Like most first-year athletic programs, the Rocks struggled in 2008, finishing 3-15. But the future is "promising" in Bielecki's eyes.

"One of the most exciting things for me seeing a lot of the kids staying after practice to improve their passing and catching skills," the second-year coach said. "We have a couple of senior captains who know how to move the ball and shoot well. Defensively, there's room for improvement, but the kids are working hard to get better."

The Rocks will be led by quartet of captains: senior defender Jake Kearly, junior defender Blake Abbey, sophomore attackman Dylan Hatcher and senior attackman Adam Kaye.

"All of our captains work extremely hard, which is why they are such good leaders," said Bielecki. "Jake always has a positive attitude, he's tenacious and his work ethic is contagious."

"Blake always goes above and beyond what we ask him to do. Dylan is one of our most aggressive players and Adam's outside shot is phenomenal."

Among the team's other key players are sophomore Brandon

Ciciotti and sophomore goal-keeper Alex "Gator" Gravelin, who started in front of the net as a freshman.

"Brandon has improved 500 percent since last season," Bielecki raved.

The Rocks' roster has been bolstered by the addition of four junior hockey players: Kurt Driscoll, Wes Carr, Scott Haburne and Ryan Blakely.

"They're all showing a lot of promise," Bielecki noted.

## PLYMOUTH

The Wildcats often displayed signs of potential during last year's 8-11 season that ended with a loss in the first round of the state playoffs.

"We're young, but we have a lot of returning players back at key positions," said Plymouth coach Mike Costello, who served as the head coach of the PCEP's unified lacrosse team for seven seasons before the three schools formed their own teams last year. "We only lost two seniors, so the fact that a lot of the guys have played together for a season will help."

Early improvement was already evident in the Wildcats' season-opening loss to Novi Monday night. Last year, Plymouth was humbled 18-3 by Novi. Monday, its margin of defeat was just 12-7.

"We're pretty deep at the mid-field position," said Costello. "We have a senior-led top line and we have two experienced seniors on the attack."

The Wildcats will be led by a trio of captains: senior defenders Connor Martin and Norm Freda; and junior defender Blake Blaylock.

"Connor is the leader of this team," Costello emphasized. "He never takes a minute off. He's a tremendous competitor who never stops hustling."

Martin is being recruited by several college programs, including Seton Hill and the University of Detroit-Mercy.

"Norm is very similar to Connor in that he's a tremendous hustler," said Costello. "He's not afraid to play the body and he's a good face-off guy."

"Blake is the anchor of our defense and of all the captains, he's the talker of the group. He has a way of getting everybody fired up."

A pair of hockey players — Pat Smiatecz and Ryan Renault — will be counted on to spark the Wildcats' attack. Senior Danny Norris will provide experience and talent in the mid-field while senior Toufic Saati will start at keeper.

"Toufic has come a long way in the four years he's played the sport," said Costello. "He's not afraid of anything and he's a great communicator."

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**PREP BASEBALL**  
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John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, April 2  
Trillium Academy at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
Novi at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.  
Friday, April 3  
Salem at Franklin (DH), 4 p.m.  
Northville at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 4  
PCA at University of Liggett (DH), 1 p.m.  
**PREP SOFTBALL**  
Tuesday, March 31  
Oakland Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 1  
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 4 p.m.

John Glenn at Plymouth, 4 p.m.  
Salem at Northville, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, April 2  
University of Liggett at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
Novi at Plymouth (DH), 4 p.m.  
Friday, April 3  
Northville at Canton (DH), 4 p.m.  
Salem at Franklin (DH), 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 4  
Trillium Academy at PCA (DH), 10 a.m.  
**BOYS & GIRLS TRACK**  
Tuesday, March 31  
Plymouth at Canton, 3:30 p.m.  
Salem at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, April 2  
Novi at Salem, 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 4  
Salem boys at EMU Indoor Meet, 10 a.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Monday, March 30  
Salem at Ladywood, 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 31  
Rooper at PCA, 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 1  
Plymouth at A.A. Huron, 5:30 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Salem, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, April 2  
PCA at Calvary Christian, 4:30 p.m.  
Canton at Novi, 7 p.m.  
Friday, April 3  
Lutheran Westland at PCA, 3:35 p.m.  
Plymouth at Northville, 7 p.m.  
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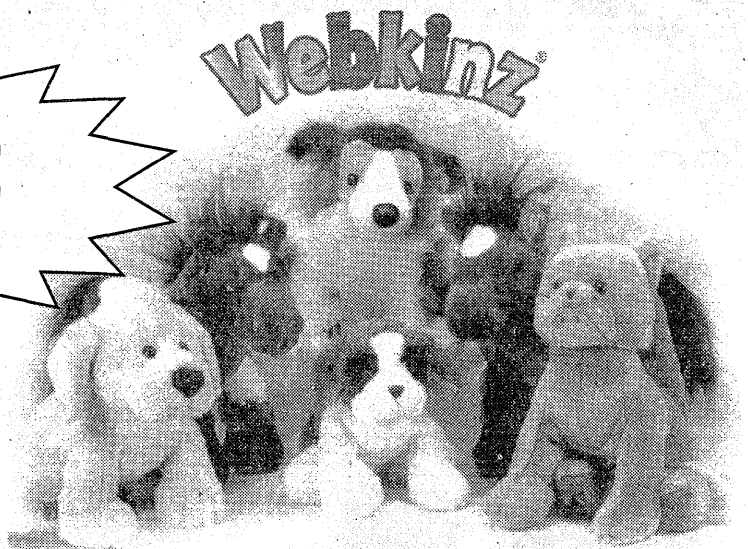
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# NEIGHBORS

## Researcher rewarded for his devotion to aging issues

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Peter Lichtenberg hugs his son, Thomas, again and again as they sit in front of the fireplace in their Farmington home. It's obvious this time between father and offspring is cherished.

Lichtenberg works up to 75 hours a week as director of the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, but his dedication to researching elder issues hasn't gone unnoticed. The neuropsychologist recently received two awards from peers and the State of Michigan. A special tribute and citation was signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm for 10 years of service to the Michigan Dementia Coalition that improves the quality of life for persons with dementia and their families. A second honor, the 2008 Anthony V. DeVito II Memorial Award, came from the University of Michigan Geriatrics Center for his outstanding service, dedication and commitment to excellence in geriatrics education in Michigan.

While Lichtenberg is humbled by the recognition, his wife, Susan MacNeill, is outspoken about her husband's accomplishments which include authoring five books on dementia and related gerontology topics. MacNeill understands the devotion it takes because she works in the same field of neuropsychology.

Lichtenberg came to Wayne State University 18 years ago as an assistant professor and was promoted to full professorship in the psychology department in 2002. He earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Purdue University where he minored in gerontology. His particular area



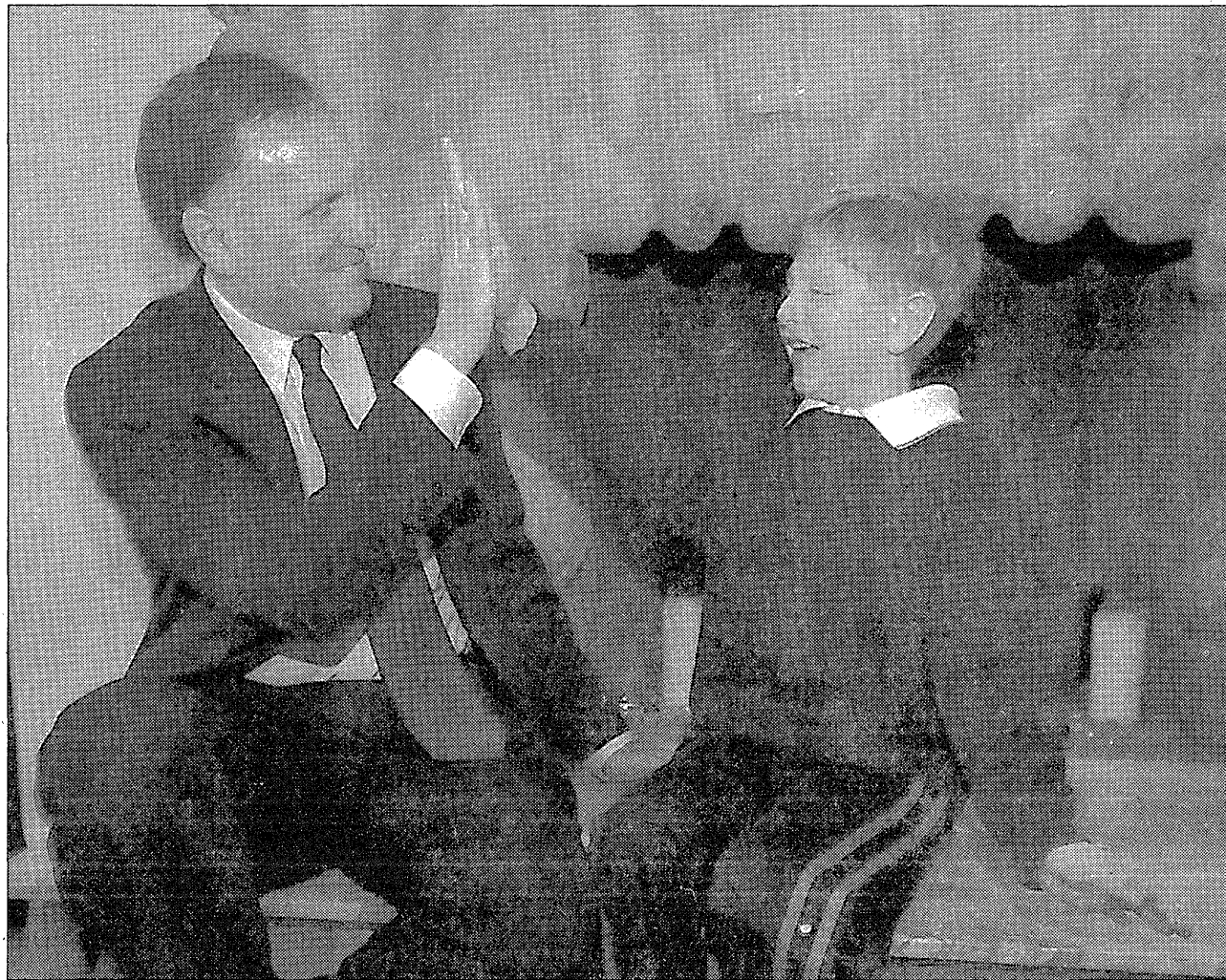
Peter Lichtenberg, director of the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, sits at his grandfather's table in his Farmington home. Lichtenberg was recognized by peers and the State of Michigan for work dealing with aging issues.

of research involves issues related to dementia and depression.

"I think the awards are wonderful and well-deserved," said MacNeill, a neuropsychologist who's teamed up with Lichtenberg as part of her work in Beaumont Hospital's Geriatrics Division. "I look to him as an expert. When I have questions in my practice, the first person I go to is him."

### MORE ELDERLY

Lichtenberg's knowledge of gerontology is evidenced in more than 125 scientific writings published in journals. One of his goals is to educate primary care physicians to detect dementia and Alzheimer's. That's especially important because in the last six years the aging popu-



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Peter Lichtenberg, a Wayne State researcher who won awards for work in gerontology, does a "high five" with his son, Thomas, 7, at their Farmington home.

lation in the area has grown 40 percent.

"There's a huge increase because of the aging population," said Lichtenberg. "The incidence goes up after age 80 and 85. It's possible to accurately diagnose Alzheimer's 95 percent of the time. The Alzheimer's Association just came out with new estimates that the disease affects 5.3 million Americans. There's always hope for treatment. That's why the best approach is early detection. There are abnormal brain changes visible before symptoms are noticeable. Once symptoms are noticeable it's pretty far down the line."

### ACTIVE PARENTS

Lichtenberg says his work with older adults is a labor of love. He talks proudly of his parents

— father Philip, 82, and mother Elsa, 80.

"Both are amazing," said Lichtenberg. "She hikes 10 miles a couple of times a week. Dad plays indoor badminton and swims. They're engaged in volunteer activities and great models for aging well."

Lichtenberg sits at his grandfather's table where he works when not at his WSU office downtown. A family man, he loves to read and play basketball with his 7-year-old son. Lichtenberg treasures the annual summer getaway to Manistee where they swim every day. He's devoted to Thomas, his daughters Sophie, 4, and Emily, 16, and his wife. The desk keeps him grounded to the task at hand — to enhance the lives of older individuals. The Institute's Art of

Aging Successfully Conference, which annually celebrates growing older by offering a daylong event for seniors age 55 and up, was on Thursday. The much-anticipated event featured sessions on everything from holistic therapies and Tai Chi to an exhibit of nearly 100 creative works that illustrate their talents.

"We want to dispel myths about aging," said Lichtenberg. "Older people are so often identified as having nothing to offer. The conference celebrates creativity and wellness. We try not to make it a disease-related conference. What we need to do as an institute needs to be translated into public awareness. There's too much focus on a cure for dementia. The public needs to know personhood remains strong. There are many vital roles they can play."

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# Economy forces rethinking of retirement

What retirement? responded one man when audience members were asked if they were ready to listen to Sue Sweeney speak about redefining the topic. The lecture drew adults of all ages Monday night to Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia as part of the March "Economic" Madness series.

It probably didn't make anyone feel less uneasy about the future when Sweeney told those assembled that retirement is a recent phenomena in mankind, one that shouldn't be taken for granted. In the past, people like my grandparents worked until they were unable, many of them on farms. Today, that's changed. Employees as young as their early 50s have retired and live on a pension. The problem is not everyone is so lucky to be able to collect this money in the golden years. Many lost portions of their 401(k) plans in the financial downturn.

Let's face it. Many will not be able to retire. Social Security was never meant to sustain individuals for any length of time. The intent, when established in 1935, was to help poor, older men and women through the remainder of life, which at the time ended around 65 years. As of 2004, men were living to 75, women to 80.

"We're now seeing an economic cycle changing the conditions of retirement age," said Sweeney, who teaches in the Madonna University gerontology department, where she serves as interim chairwoman. "We have people working just to cover health care. We need to re-evaluate retirement. For many, it's not financially feasible. You can continue in or change careers, start a business. Instead of a victim posture, decide to have an engaged and meaningful life, take a positive approach."

Sweeney had the audience list the bare necessities of life, those who were important to them and groups to which they belonged. Three things that give life meaning. That was easy. My family, my job and volunteering. It's important for me to be in the community writing about people and events as well as helping to put on the annual VSA arts of Michigan festival for children and adults with disabilities, and contributing ideas for the Schoolcraft College

Recital Series as a member of the committee. Like Sweeney says, it gives you a reason to get up in the morning.

"We need to feel like we belong. We all have wisdom to share," Sweeney said. "We need to have flexibility and openness. Consider all the options out there, stay open to alternatives. You can fight change or accept it."

Living longer in this recession, which some have likened to the Great Depression, calls for creative problem solving. Sweeney told a story about when her brother died at age 34. She hadn't seen him for a while because he'd been away studying to become an orthopedic surgeon and then went on to practice medicine. She threw a party so she could learn from friends and colleagues what he was like during those years.

## NETWORKING

Cynthia Scheuher calls it making lemonade out of lemons. The Plymouth woman lost her job as an accountant in December 2008 and since then has tried a number of avenues in search of employment. She saw the lecture as a way of networking. In fact, she learned about the series in networking groups at NorthRidge and Our Lady of Good Counsel churches in Plymouth. She was still a long way away from retiring, but felt many of the basics applied. Like older workers, she lost money saved for her later years, but still had a chance to recover. Her former employer had sent her to Right Management to help with resume writing and interviewing skills. She's using this time to learn.

"I'm all about finance, so I wanted to attend the lecture," Scheuher said. "This was a different age group, but the same problems — I'm going to have to work longer. That's why you have to do something you enjoy because you'll be doing it a lot longer."

At age 66, Ed Dobson was thinking about retiring as a hair dresser until he and wife Judy lost a good portion of the money the Livonia couple had been investing since the 1970s. Judy retired from the mail room at Madonna University two years ago. The two have been married 47 years.

"We're focusing on all the positives. What you can do?" Ed Dobson said. "I have no pension. People always thought they would get a pension. In my business, I hear the stories. People feel they're owed it and I don't think they are. We didn't believe in having things we couldn't afford. We always paid cash for everything."

## REMAINING POSITIVE

While the lecture helped Ed think about a future without paychecks, Susan Hitchcock retired as a commercial artist and is raising a grandson on Social Security.

"I grew up with a mother who grew up in the Depression. We learned to save everything from money to aluminum foil," Hitchcock said. "Being a member of the church gives me a positive outlook. I've always seen the glass as half full. It's easier to handle things."

Hitchcock jokes about living in a HUD co-op that "if the gov-

ernment is foreclosed on we're all in trouble." A sense of humor helps as well as a positive outlook in these trying economic times. Hitchcock is surviving by shopping for food on sale and having her shoes re-heeled. She's not ashamed to say she wears clothes someone's passed on to her.

"Nothing is so bleak," Hitchcock said. "All of the people in the church have become family."

The Rev. Paul Perez was hoping the series not only helps members of the church, but surrounding communities. As director of program development at Newburg

United Methodist Church, he's working on a new series to do the same.

"We've been happy with the turnout," said Perez of Rochester Hills. "The resources have been helpful for people and for people to realize they're not alone. We're a connection point for that."

The March "Economic" Madness series concludes 6 p.m. Monday, March 30, with Rick Bloom, *Observer & Eccentric*

columnist, focusing on Investing in a Down Economy. Newburg United Methodist Church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Newburg and Wayne roads, Livonia. For information, call (734) 422-0149.

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## Resources for aging well

Sue Sweeney, interim chairwoman of the Madonna University Gerontology Department, provided this list of resources for aging well. She spoke about redefining retirement Monday night at Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

*the Second Half of Your Life on Purpose*, Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 2004

■ Lustbader, Wendy, *Counting on Kindness: The Dilemmas of Dependency*, New York: The Free Press, 1994

## AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

Established by the Older Americans Act to coordinate services for senior citizens in their geographic region, the agencies provide or fund information, referrals and services. They are a good place to start when locating assistance for older adults. The Michigan Offices of Services to the Aging allocates funds in Michigan. Visit [www.michigan.gov/mise-niors](http://www.michigan.gov/mise-niors).

A list of all the Area Agencies on Aging in Michigan can be found at [seniors.tcnnet.org/local/michigan\\_area\\_agencies\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://seniors.tcnnet.org/local/michigan_area_agencies_on_aging.htm).

The Senior Alliance in Wayne County (not Detroit) offers information, referrals and access to services at [www.aaa1c.org](http://www.aaa1c.org).

## UNITED WAY

Dial 2-1-1 for help to find resources and information, or visit [uwsem.org/gethelp/index.html](http://uwsem.org/gethelp/index.html).

Sweeney also recommends the following books:

■ Freedman, Marc, *Encore: Finding Work that Matters in the Second Half of Life*, Westview Press, 2008, [www.civiventures.org/index.cfm](http://www.civiventures.org/index.cfm)

■ Cohen, Gene D., *The Creative Age: Awakening Human Potential in the Second Half of Life*, Harper Paperbacks (January 2001)

■ Leider, Richard J., Shapiro, David A., *Claiming Your Place at the Fire: Living*

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- Adult Day Care
- Care Management
- Chore Services
- Congregate Meals
- Elder Abuse Prevention Services
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- Health Screening
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- Senior Center Staffing \*\*May include Evidence Based Disease Prevention component
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- Grandparent Caregiver Education, Training & Support
- Legal Assistance
- Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Vision Services
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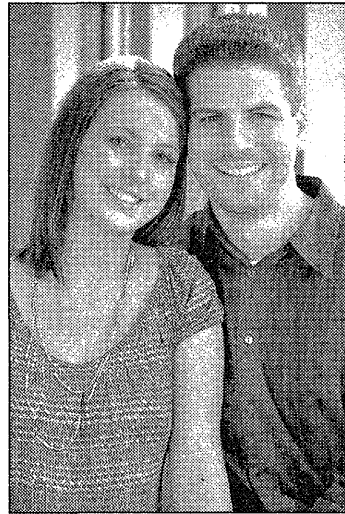
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The Request for Proposal (RFP) documents will be available April 6, 2009 on The Senior Alliance website at <http://www.aaa1c.org>, please see "Doing Business with TSA/Contractor". TSA will be holding an Application Workshop on May 4, 2009 from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Wayne Public Library and all bidders are strongly encouraged to attend. The RFP is due on May 22, 2009 by 5:00pm to:

The Senior Alliance  
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MILESTONES



**Kapelanski-Marocco**  
Bill and Diane Kapelanski of Canton are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa, to Mario Marocco, son of Michael Marocco and Lori Martin of Commerce.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Canton High School and Walsh College and is employed by Optiva Systems, Inc. in Farmington Hills. Her fiancé, a graduate of Lakeland High School and Michigan State University, is employed by Lafarge North America in Bingham Farms.

A September 2009 wedding is planned for St. Linus Catholic Church in Dearborn Heights, followed by a reception at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia.

**Liddell-Tosh**  
Gary and Sandra Liddell of Livonia together with Dennis and Edith Tosh of Taylor are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Emily Liddell and Dr. Eric Tosh.

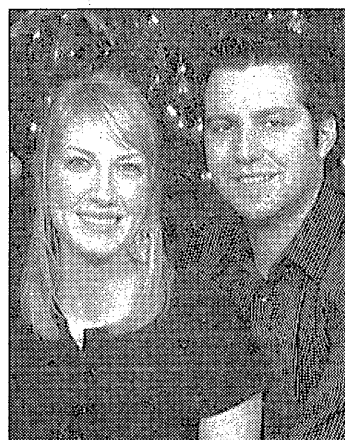
The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School in Livonia and earned a B.A. and M.A. from The University of Michigan. She currently is employed as a Spanish teacher at Chelsea High School and server at Pacific Rim restaurant in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Baptist Park High School in Taylor; a 2003 graduate of Albion College; and a 2007 graduate of Wayne State School of Medicine. He works as a resident physician in the Department of Emergency



Medicine at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Wayne State University.

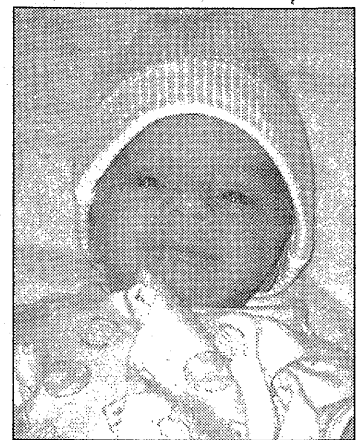
The couple plans to wed in August 2009 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.



**Butterfield-Kurtoglu**  
Stephanie Butterfield, daughter of Christine Butterfield of Canton and the late Thomas Butterfield, has become engaged to Emre Kurtoglu, of Brownstown, son of Huseyin and Muzeyyen Kurtoglu, of Degirmendere, Turkey. The bride-to-be graduated from Canton High School in 1998 and Western Michigan University in 2003 with a degree in elementary education. The groom graduated from Golcuk High School in 1998 and from Bogazici University in 2004. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in

chemical engineering at Wayne State University. They plan to wed in June 2009 at the Dearborn Inn.

**Daniel Alexander Xureb**  
Steven and Katherine Xureb of Westland announce the birth of their son Daniel Alexander Xureb. He was born on Jan. 19, 2009 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. He joins his brother, Tyler, 6; and grandparents Richard and Karen Roberts of Canton, and Frank and Gail Xureb of Whitmore Lake. He was 4 pounds, 11 ounces, and 18 inches long.



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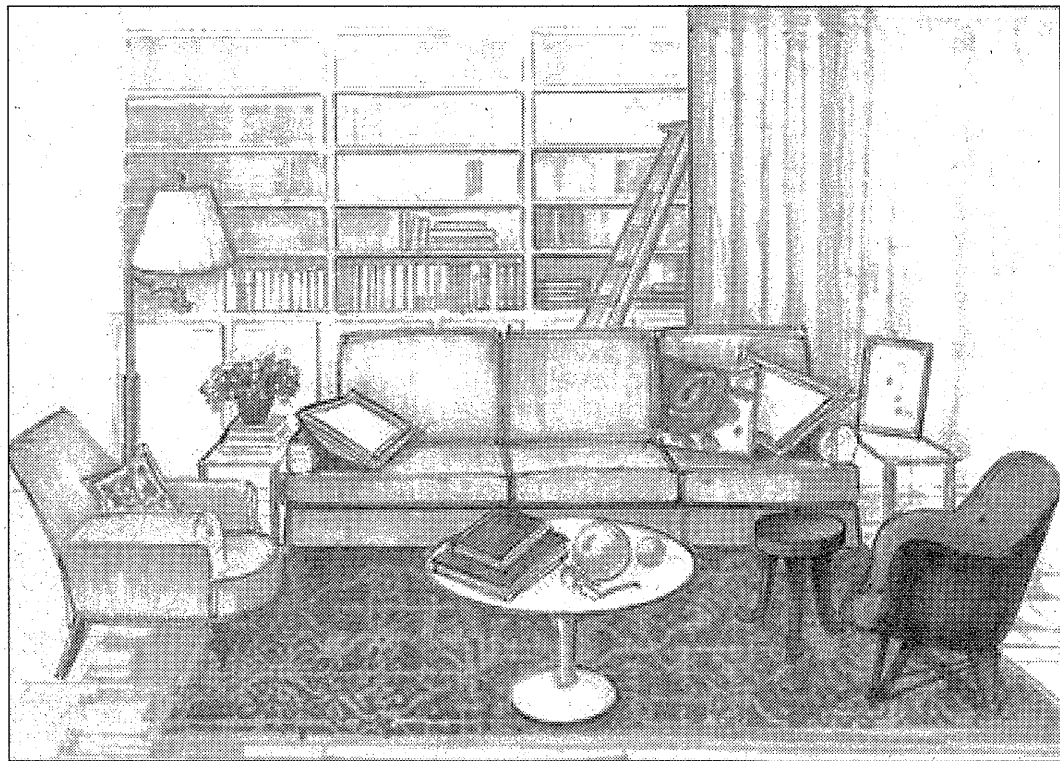
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A free home buyer seminar will be held from 10 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 4, at Century 21 Hartford, 35615 Grand River Avenue, just west of Drake, in Farmington.

Topics will include qualifying for a mortgage, kinds of mortgages available, working with a buyer's agent, the \$8,000 buyers tax credit and the FHA 3.5 percent down program.

Complimentary doughnuts and coffee will be served. Register with Debbie Horner at (248) 320-5744 or e-mail to dhorner7@aol.com.

### WINNING DESIGN

The Ghiordes Knot, a rug and carpet showroom in the Michigan Design Center in Troy, awarded \$800 to three college students who submitted art work to the 20th annual The Ghiordes Knot-American Society of Interior Design Student Creative Space Competition. Jacquie Jurkovic, an interior design student from the College for Creative Studies, took home the first

prize and \$400 for her rendering of one of the two competition rug choices — "Sash," a Tibetan rug from Lapchi Tibetan Carpets.

The silk and wool design is derived from the tiles on the floor and ceiling of the Taj Mahal. Jurkovic's rendering showed off the exquisite details of the carpet, according to Rhoda Goldman, showroom manager at the Ghiordes Knot.

Jurkovic found inspiration for her design from both the colors and the pattern of the rug.

Marlete Trbovich, also a College for Creative Studies student and Virgis Naujokas, a Kendall College of Art and Design student, both earned \$200 and honorable mentions for their renderings.

Eighty students Michigan universities and colleges entered this year's competition. American Society of Interior Design judges evaluated the entries based the students' ability to convey the design of the rug in a room setting they

choose and their ability to carry out the design.

### ITALIAN ART AND ARCHITECTURE

Michael Farrell, associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, offers a three-part lecture series, "An Exaltation of Angels: Baroque Art and Architecture in Rome," this month at the Birmingham Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham.

Farrell, who is director of Art House in Detroit, will include slides to illustrate his lectures.

The series costs \$89; individual lectures are \$34.

Part 1, "Rome: The City as a work of Art," runs from 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 14; part two of that lecture is 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 21; and "Rome and Caravaggio," which looks at the life of Baroque painter, Michelangelo de Merisi de Caravaggio, runs 7-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 28.

Register by calling (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

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The Observer Newspapers wants to know what's going on in your neighborhood. Send items to Linda Chomin, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 615 W. Lafayette, Second Level, Detroit, MI 48226-3124 or lchomin@hometownlife.com.

### POTTERS SHOW

Students from the Village Potters Guild exhibit at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction from April 2-23. The show features functional and sculptural clay works by 10 students from the Village Potters Guild located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. An opening reception will be held 6-8 p.m. Friday April 3. To learn more about these organizations visit www.plymoutharts.com and www.villagepottersguild.org.

### DADDY'S GIRL

Plymouth Christian Academy is not only serving up the comedy Daddy's Girl, but free apple pie and ice cream at upcoming performances. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 2; 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, April 3, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Plymouth Christian Academy Activity Center, 43065 Joy, Canton. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 seniors/students, and available by calling (734) 459-3505.

The story follows Benard Muloooy, proprietor of Maudie's Diner. The laughter begins when the talking portrait of his deceased wife enlists the services of an angel to help reunite Benard with

their long lost daughter.

### ART EXHIBIT AND SALE

The Livonia Artists Club is having their 48th annual Spring Exhibit and Sale 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, April 5, in the Atrium of the Livonia Civic Center Library on Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. The club has been in existence since 1960. This year's exhibit features 100 framed and more than 100 unframed artworks, note cards and small hand-made novelties. Media include watercolors, pastels, acrylics, oils, colored pencil, collage, and photography. Members Al Weber and Michael Taube demonstrate throughout the show.

The club meets at the Civic Center Library in Livonia the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors and aspiring artists are always welcome. For information, call Doree Dziobak at (734) 416-1774.

### CALL FOR PERFORMERS

VSA arts of Michigan's Southeast Region Committee is still looking for performers for its annual festival for children and adults with disabilities Friday-Saturday, June 5-6. This year the location is the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Deadline for application is April 6. For information, call Connie Lott at (248) 568-0816 or e-mail connie5929@aol.com.

Performers with mental or physical challenges are invited to participate. VSA arts of Michigan is an educa-

tional affiliate of the national nonprofit based at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The organization provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop through the arts.

The festival, in addition to performances, features creative arts workshops, an art exhibit and hands-on art activities. All performers will be given VSA arts festival T-shirts.

### WOMEN'S TEA

Heartland Hospice has scheduled the date for the third annual Women's Tea 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Italian American Club of Livonia Banquet Hall, 39200 W. Five Mile. Reservations are required by Friday, April 24. Call or leave a message for bereavement coordinators Diana at (248) 915-8221 or Sherri (249) 798-0635. Please bring a photograph or memento of your loved one to share.

### LIBRARY CONCERT

The Friends of the Livonia Library host The Village Singers, a mixed voice ensemble, and The Nightingales, a select women's ensemble from Stevenson High School in Livonia under the direction of Bryon Turner 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, at the Livonia Civic Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington Road. Their music will include numbers from different time periods as well as Broadway. Refreshments will be served. For information, call (734) 466-2495.

## Golf starting up at Willow Metropark

Willow Metropark golf course opened this weekend as soon as the frost clears. The course is at 17845 Savage Road, Belleville. This exciting, 18-hole golf course, that covers 6,378 yards with a par 71, is open, course conditions permitting. Spring rates are in effect: with cart, 18 holes for \$25, 9 holes for \$18; Senior rate is 18 holes for \$20, 9 holes for \$15. Without cart, 18 holes for \$18, 9 holes for \$13, senior rate is 18 holes for \$14, 9 holes for \$10.

Golf rates are as follows: For 18 holes the weekend/holiday rate is \$26, the weekday rate is \$22, the Seniors (over 62) and Juniors (under 17) rate is \$15, power carts are \$13 per person and \$10 for Seniors

and Juniors (weekdays only). For 9 holes, the weekend/holiday rate is \$17, the weekday rate is \$14, the Senior/Junior rate is \$11, power carts are \$8.50 per person and \$7 per person for Seniors and Juniors (weekdays only). Hand carts are \$2 per person. Golfers are advised to call in advance to confirm course conditions and tee time availability.

Rental golf clubs, golf accessories, beer, wine and food are available at the golf starter building. Coolers are not allowed on the course.

For information or to schedule tee times, contact Willow Metropark at (734) 753-4040, or (800) 23-GOLF-4; or go to www.metroparkgolf.com.

### GARDEN CALENDAR

If you have an item for the garden calendar, submit it at least two weeks prior to the event to Sharon Dargay at sdargay@hometownlife.com.

#### Garden classes

Registration is ongoing for these continuing education classes offered by Madonna University:

- Create a Spring Centerpiece, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, at Village Green Florist, 33463 Eight Mile, Livonia. \$35 includes centerpiece to take home.
- Healing Garden, Amazing Herbs, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 4,

at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, \$24.

■ Spring Garden Design & Maintenance, 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 18, at Madonna University, \$24.

■ The User-friendly Garden, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 18, at Madonna University, \$24. Register by calling (734) 432-5804 or by visiting www.madonna.edu and clicking on continuing education.

#### At English Gardens

The store celebrates National Gardening Month with a weekend of free presentations, a showcase of new gardening

products, activities for children, and refreshments, Saturday-Sunday, April 4-5. Here's a sampling of free presentations that weekend:

- Janet Macunovich, co-founder and senior instructor of the Michigan School of Gardening, talks about "improving your garden," 1 p.m., Saturday in West Bloomfield and "season-long color with perennials," noon, Sunday, in Dearborn Heights.
- Nancy Szerlag, gardening columnist with the Detroit News, holds a Q and A on vegetable gardening at 4 p.m., Saturday, in Dearborn Heights and noon, Sunday, in West Bloomfield.



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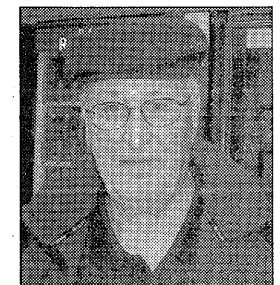
**LOIS J. BUTLER**

Age 83, of Fort Gratiot, MI, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 26, 2009 following a brief illness. She was in Wauseon, OH, and married Robert Butler on April 16, 1945. While living in the Rochester, MI area, she worked 20 years for Fisher Industries retiring in 1988. Lois is survived by her husband of nearly 64 years, Robert "Dusty" Butler; two children, Kathy (Rev. Tim) Eichberger of Port Huron and John (Linda) Butler of Waterford; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A service in Lois's memory will take place at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29th in Faith Lutheran Church, 3455 Stone St., Port Huron preceded by one hour of visitation. Pastor Tim Eichberger will officiate. Interment will be in Greens Lakeside Cemetery, Manistowic, MI at a later time. Contributions may be made in Lois's memory to Faith Lutheran Church. Cremation arrangements were by Smith Family Funeral Home, 1525 Hancock St., Port Huron. To send condolences, please visit smithfamilyfuneralhome.com



**THOMAS LEO JOLIAT**

Age 84, of Royal Oak, died of congestive heart failure on Wednesday, March 25th at North Broward Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale, following a short hospitalization. Mr. Joliat was the eldest son of Marcella and Leo Joliat, and husband of the late Elaine Joliat. His sisters, Celestine and Joan, and his brothers, John and Bob, preceded him in death. He is survived by his sister, Julianne (James) Dichting and his sister-in-law, Virginia Joliat. Mr. Joliat was a graduate of Catholic Central High School. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force. He was trained as a navigation specialist, and re-trained mid-war to utilize emerging radar technology. In the course of his service, he guided 20 daytime B-17 missions from Ipswich, Great Britain to destroy German strategic targets. His service ended with VE Day. Among other medals, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Silver Star for his service. Upon his return to the Detroit area, Mr. Joliat was married in 1947 to Elaine O'Donnell, who died on October 17th, 1998. This union produced six children, all surviving: Jennifer (Stephen) Deckrow, Janet (Steve) Dahl, Michael (Colleen) Joliat, Judith (Ty) Stetzenmeyer, Paul (Marietta) Joliat and Marie (Larry) Cavanaugh. His children and his marriage were his proudest accomplishments. In 1957, the Joliat family settled in Royal Oak, where Mr. Joliat was a devoted parishioner of the National Shrine of the Little Flower, and an ardent booster of its schools. His life was dedicated to enriching and enjoying his hometown, and he had particular affection for the municipal golf courses. He wintered in Pompano Beach, but returned North as soon as tee times were available. His South Florida cohorts celebrated his life last Wednesday at their social hour, which after Holy Mass, was Thomas Joliat's favorite hour of the week. In 1973, he founded Michigan Air Products with Donald Kutil. Today their sons own the business, but until his death Mr. Joliat maintained active employment as a manufacturer's representative, trouble-shooter and Internet joke facilitator. Mr. Joliat's heart was deeply devoted to his friends in Florida and Michigan, and his large extended family. Especially loved were his 15 grandchildren: Jason, Laura, Megan, Patrick, Michael, Matthew, Reid, Colin, Kyle, Kate, Bradley, Emma, Jillian, Catherine, Andrew, Erin and Caitlin. New and dear to his life were great-grandchildren Mason, Lila and Elena. Rich friendships, fine health, golfing buddies, travel and his dear friend, Sharon, blessed his later years. Until the week prior to his death, Mr. Joliat was playing 54 holes of Snowbird golf a week. Funeral at National Shrine of the Little Flower, 12 mile at Woodward, Royal Oak, Monday 10 am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9:30 am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Sunday 2-8 pm. Prayers 7 pm. Burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan. Memorials appreciated to Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Road, Novi, Michigan 48374 or Shrine Catholic High School, 3500 W. Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073.



**CHARLES F. MCCARTHY**

Age 80, of Lake Leelanau, died Thursday, March 12, 2009 while traveling in Scotland. Charlie was born Sept. 18, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois; he graduated from Wendell Wilkie High School, Elwood Indiana in 1947. Charlie graduated Class of 1952 from Indiana University. On Nov. 16, 1951 in Bloomington, Indiana he married Dolores McCann, his loving wife of 54 years. Charlie and Dolores moved to Lake Leelanau, Michigan in 1985. Charlie served in the United States Army in the Counter Intelligence Corps during the Korean War. After his military service, he was employed by the Shell Oil Company, responsible for choosing and purchasing land for future Shell service stations. After Shell Oil, Charlie was employed by the Ford Motor Company in their Land Development Division. He was responsible for acquiring land for Ford dealerships, manufacturing plants and offices, and later the leasing for the newly built Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan. Charlie was the owner of McCarthy Management of Traverse City until his retirement in 2001. He also continued consulting in real estate matters. Charlie strongly believed in helping others, and giving back to the community. He volunteered his time to numerous organizations, including The Elks Club and the Leland Township Planning Commission. He also served as Chairman of the Board for Goodwill Industries for Northwest MI. Charlie was an avid sailor and owned many boats including his favorite named the Lesley Ann after his daughter. Charlie loved many things, including sailing and traveling to many destinations around the world. But his greatest love was spending time with family and friends at his beautiful home on North Lake Leelanau. Charlie is survived by his three sons, Michael (Christine Koch) McCarthy of Birmingham, Daniel McCarthy of Grand Rapids and Patrick (Lou Ann) McCarthy of Santa Fe, TN; a son-in-law, Linus Couturier of Lake Leelanau; his siblings, Gertrude (Jim) Mays, Eileen McCarthy, sister in law, Sue McCarthy; seven grandchildren, Ashley Couturier of Lake Leelanau, Colleen and Dellen McCarthy of Santa Fe, TN, Brody Fischer, Mitchell, Hayden and Lillian McCarthy of Grand Rapids, and extended family Jane Marcinkowski and Trisha Hawthorne. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Dolores on Nov. 13, 2006, his daughter, Lesley Ann McCarthy on Nov. 16, 2002, and his siblings, Tom McCarthy and Mildred (Richard) Brunk. Services have been held. Burial will be in the spring St. Mary's Cemetery, Lake Leelanau. Memorials may be directed to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1421 East 12 Mile Rd, Madison Heights, MI, 48071. Please share thoughts and memories with Charlie's family on their online guestbook at www.legacy.com/record-eagle/ Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay

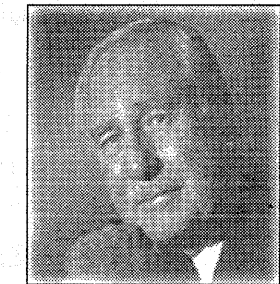


**JOHN N. COLUCCI**

March 26, 2009, age 78. Beloved husband of Joyce. Dearest father of Mary Anne, John G. (Mindy), Paul J. (Michelle) and Frances Colucci-Hill. Dear grandfather of Heather, Nick, Haydn and Avery. Funeral Monday 11:30 am Prayers at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave. and 12 Noon Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Visitation Sunday 3-9 pm. Rosary Sunday 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Eternal Word Television Network or St. Jude's Children Hospital, Memphis, TN. Interment Mt. Kelly Cemetery.

**EARL M. MAYER**

Age 77, March 12, 2009, of Bingham Farms. Beloved husband of the late Elsie. He is survived by many friends. Graduate of U of D Jesuit High School in Detroit, and served in the United States Army. He retired from Ford Motor Company after many years. Memorial Service at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 7pm. Memorials may be made to U of D Jesuit High School and Academy, 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit, MI, 48221, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI, 48207-3485.



**JOHN R. McNAUGHTON, SR.**

March 23, 2009. Age 82, of Bloomfield Hills. Proud veteran of the US Army serving in the European Theatre during WWII. He was the co-owner of McNaughton/McKay Electric Co. Husband of the late Sarah K. (nee. Sutherland). Dear father of Carol McNaughton Beebe, John R. III "Jack" (Rebecca nee. Schuberger) and Krysta Jane McNaughton Giacobone (Andrew). Grandfather of Taylor Beebe, Sarah McNaughton and Grant McNaughton. Family will receive friends Tuesday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Masonic service 7 p.m. under the auspices of Birmingham Lodge #44 F.&A.M. Funeral service will be held privately. Memorial tributes to Alzheimer's Association or The Hole in the Wall Gang, 555 Long Wharf Dr., New Haven, CT 06511. View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

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**REUNION CALENDAR**

The Reunion Calendar runs Sundays in the newspaper as space allows, and online in its entirety at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com). Submit your reunion announcement at least two weeks in advance to Linda Chomin, e-mail [lchomin@hometownlife.com](mailto:lchomin@hometownlife.com).

**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](mailto: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 email [k4kelly@yahoo.com](mailto:k4kelly@yahoo.com), or see [groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brightonclassof1989).

**Cass Technical High School**  
**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](http://www.casstech59.com) or contact Marge Teramino Knable, [reunion@casstech59.com](mailto:reunion@casstech59.com); Debbie Friedman, (248) 626-3729; or Steve Sperling, (248) 360-9658.

**Dearborn Fordson**  
**Class of 1969**  
 Planning a reunion. Contact Kathy

Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail: [Kaynini@aol.com](mailto:Kaynini@aol.com) or Kathy Shoebridge @ [Klivingston@nu-core.com](mailto:Klivingston@nu-core.com).

**Dearborn Heights Riverside**  
**Class of 1967**  
 A 42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information

at (734) 718-9401 or [gwiatr@gmail.com](mailto:gwiatr@gmail.com).

**Detroit Blessed Sacrament**  
**Class of 1952**  
 Planning a high school reunion on June 27, 2009. Looking for classmates. Call Shirley Boots at (734) 525-8746.

**Detroit St. Brigid**  
**Class of 1959**  
 Planning a reunion and looking for classmates. Contact [szonyek@att.net](mailto:szonyek@att.net) with any information about classmates.

**Detroit schools**  
 Planning a mini reunion for anyone who graduated from Bagley Elementary in January 1957 or Post Junior High School in January 1960 in Detroit. If interested, call Gloria Weinman Little at (248) 352-9114 or e-mail to [Marlene.Kutnick.Yamron.hahatdc@yahoo.com](mailto:Marlene.Kutnick.Yamron.hahatdc@yahoo.com). The reunion is planned for Feb. 27, 2009.

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 at (734) 788-5165, Carl Gowan at (517) 548-1523, or Jim Porth at (734) 522-1845.

**Garden City High School**  
**Class of 1960**  
 Mini-reunion luncheons held the second Saturday of every month at 1 p.m. in the banquet room in the Plymouth Denny's on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275. Call Gary Simon at (734) 751-4101 or send e-mail to [GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com](mailto:GCHS.MCMLX@yahoo.com).

**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](http://www.gardencity89.com) or contact Paula at [gchcs1989reunion@hotmail.com](mailto:gchcs1989reunion@hotmail.com).

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
 PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 005**

**ACTION:** AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXXVI, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 36.2.78.

**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009

**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.

**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 North Haggerty Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township on its own motion proposes to amend Ordinance No. 99 Article XXXVI, Section 36.2.78; as follows:

**SEC 36.2 DEFINITIONS**

**78. GASOLINE SERVICE STATION WITH OR WITHOUT THE SALE OF CONVENIENCE GOODS:** An establishment that includes buildings and premises for the primary purpose of retail gasoline sales. An automobile-convenience/gasoline service station may also include an area devoted to sales of automotive items and convenience goods primarily sold to patrons purchasing gasoline. A service station is not an automobile repair or body shop. The retail sale of foods, drinks and other convenience goods may be included in addition to the sale of fuel, however, the sale of packaged alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendments may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of the text changes as proposed, or as amended.

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**KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY  
 PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT.  
 734-354-3232  
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Notice is hereby given that on 4/3/09, at 10:00 a.m., Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
 NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Re-Bid for Bid Packet #23: Project "A" - Canton High School Paint Booth Replacement**. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. are available for public inspection and pick-up (1 set per company) at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335; (248) 427-8400. They can also be viewed at: FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

**Bid Division description:  
 178:Automotive Spray Booth Assembly (Canton).**

Any and all questions in regards to the bidding or the Project Documents should be addressed in writing and faxed to the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.** Questions or clarifications will be promptly answered and returned to the bidder/bidders.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy), a valid familial disclosure statement, and a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2009 where they will be opened and read publicly. Faxed bids will not be accepted. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
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**THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary**

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## CHIP prevents obesity in children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Dr. Paul Ehrmann knew obesity was on the rise in children but never realized the devastating impact it had later in life until receiving an e-mail from a patient. As a family physician for the last 27 years he's seen a steady increase in the numbers of overweight children and her cry for help mobilized him to action. In 2002 he held the first pilot project of the Children's Health Initiative Program (CHIP) in a Royal Oak elementary school. The five weekly workshops educated families on nutrition and exercise as well as the emotional aspects of overeating.



Dr. Paul Ehrmann created the Childhood Health Initiative Program, coming soon to the Birmingham YMCA.

On May 3, the Birmingham YMCA is offering parents and children the opportunity to experience a CHIP of a healthier nature. Ehrmann's recently released book, "Generation XL: The Childhood Obesity Pandemic," outlines the program, which is based on a community solution. In addition to Royal Oak, schools in Southfield and Flat Rock have participated in the sessions led by Ehrmann, two psychologists, a registered dietitian, local chef Annabel Cohen, and physical therapist Sherry McLaughlin, who leads the physical fitness portion.

Ehrmann estimates the program probably costs less than \$1,000 to produce. Donations from grocery stores, businesses and community organizations are essential.

"This is a professionally supervised program. These people are doing this for nothing," said Ehrmann, a West Bloomfield resident with a family practice in Royal Oak. "I'm concerned because I have the ability to watch families from babies to grandmas and grandpas and in the last 10 to 15 years noticed there's been an increase in problems with overweight. The biggest issue with children is self-esteem problems that carry

of a life program." Ehrmann continues to explore different partnerships locally and statewide as with Dr. Keith Levick, a Farmington Hills psychologist.

Levick addresses self-esteem in the first 90-minute session. He's worked with Ehrmann in the past and developed a program on Childhood Weight Management. Back in the 1990s he predicted the problem's impact.

"Many times parents are unaware how they send messages to their kids, to eat everything off your plate and then wonder why they have a tendency to overeat or they're eating in front of television and playing video games. These behaviors are counterproductive to raising healthy kids," said Velick. "Eating is a behavior that's taught. As parents sit smoking and eating a Twinkie there's a mixed message there. They need to look at themselves. Today there are more overweight people in this country than thin people. We're finding in children Type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular issues, once relegated to adults."

Tonia Reinhard joined the CHIP team because she likes Ehrmann's approach to lowering the risks caused by obesity.

The registered dietitian presents the nutrition session. As president of the Michigan Dietetic Association she stays involved with initiatives to promote healthy children. Currently CHIP is aimed at all students from third to fifth grade, but could include ages younger than 8 and older than 12 in the future.

"Dr. Ehrmann doesn't label the kids and didn't target the obese or overweight because you can exacerbate the situation in a child. Even nagging them to eat broccoli, if you're too obsessive, you can push them in a direction you don't want to go like obesity and eating disorders," said Reinhard, director of the dietetics program at Wayne State University. "The basic idea is for

parents to sneak things in without calling attention to it. If they don't like vegetables, pick fruits with a lot of nutrients vegetables have. Use puree of vegetables. And never tell a child you are putting on weight so you should lose weight. Our society has an unrealistic ideal for body shapes. Kids look at themselves and don't look like people in magazines and on TV and try restricting, which drives them to eat more the next time they're around food."

Lori Bahnmuller is excited about bringing this type of education to the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. The Birmingham location tests the interest of the surrounding community for the CHIP program that features a session on getting moving.

"The YMCA has been in the business of family and children's health for more than 150 years. Today there are far more enticements for kids and families to stay indoors. We're trying to change the dynamics," said Bahnmuller, YMCA spokesperson. "We're also piloting a complimentary program, inviting all the graduates of the CHIP program to Y Champions, a five-week program developed by Harvard School of Public Health with YMCA of USA. It's similar to the CHIP program and takes it to next level to hopefully spark interest in living a healthy lifestyle. We want to teach kids and families to eat well, make good choices and get activity in every day. We're always delighted to try another avenue to reach kids and families to excite them about physical fitness."

For information about CHIP, visit [www.chipkids.com](http://www.chipkids.com) or call (248) 563-0386.

For more information about the Birmingham YMCA CHIP session beginning May 3, call Brian Wolverton at (313) 309-9622 or e-mail [bwolverton@ymcainmetrodetroit.org](mailto:bwolverton@ymcainmetrodetroit.org).

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##### CHADD

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##### Thyroid Cancer Support

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##### Butterfly Ball

The American Lung Association of Michigan has rescheduled its black tie fund-raiser to 6-11 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Proceeds go to lung health research, education and advocacy. Tickets, \$250 per person, include cocktail reception, dinner, dancing and live auction featuring trips, dinners and a variety of experiences. Sponsorships available. Call Jessica

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##### Medical symposium

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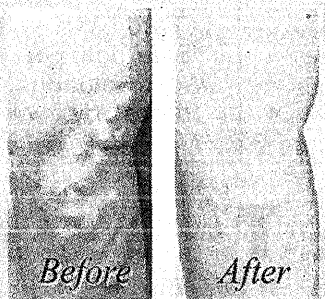
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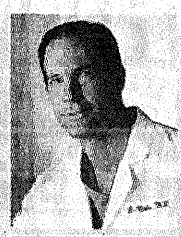


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## GETTING A RAISE IN THIS ECONOMY



**WORKWISE**  
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In some workplaces, compensation plans are steady; in others, not. A December WorldatWork survey of 1,033 people mostly in large North American companies finds that some categories of

employees will have freezes in their organizations -- up to 16 percent more than last year. WorldatWork predicts that almost 77 percent of employees in this country may expect a 3.1 increase in base salary.

This unwelcome news might make it seem unwise to request a raise. However, the fact that some employees still request and win one reflects that:

- asking for a raise puts receiving one in the realm of possibility;
- if you've been productive all along, you have a chance; and
- making an organized, targeted presentation contributes greatly to success.

**STRUCTURE**

How do successful employees secure a raise? Cosme Salazar, business intelligence analyst at Zions Bancorporation at the Salt Lake City nine-state

headquarters, and Robb Walters, director of site design (e-commerce) at the corporate office of Costco in Issaquah, Wash., are willing to speak about how they structured their requests for a raise around scheduled performance reviews.

Salazar identifies risks in the existing loan portfolio. Perhaps because of his industry, he was well aware of fluctuations in the marketplace and the fact that, as in most companies, while "our stock value had declined, our core banking operations were still profitable. That was definitely an asset. We didn't deal with subprime mortgages." His contributions to the department inspired him to stick his neck out.

He tracked "quantifiable, verifiable and definitive" contributions that are often obscured in a semi-annual review. Salazar listed each objective and its completion to his boss. About 90 percent of his boss's assessment was based on his documentation. When the two met to discuss their findings, his boss "expressed that there might be a salary increase freeze," Salazar notes. "He thought it appropriate to offer the annual raise early to avoid any restrictions that might occur in May." The raise helped Salazar increase his savings, which he'd been hoping to do.

Walters "approached it as I would any initiative or project, by understanding:  
- "the audience I was presenting to;  
- "issues they'd be interested in me addressing; and

-- "(how) I'd need to convey my points effectively, including ROI."  
His substantive, organized presentation netted "2.5 points over an average raise," he reports.

**INDEPENDENT OPERATOR**

Angling for a raise outside of a review period can be tricky. An advertising director for a publisher well east of Walters and Salazar obtained one based only on performance. Asking to remain anonymous for this column, he unravels his strategy, which involved some risk.

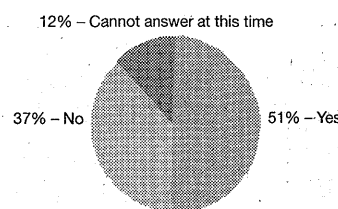
"We're not immune to the economic downturn," he observes, "but we've figured out ways to make products more profitable." He focused on increasing profitability. His salary jumped 38 percent.

"I thought I was worthy of the amount," he recalls. "We had very specific milestones. I chose the end of a successful advertising close to approach the subject." He didn't quite know what to do, because his boss was in and out of the office a great deal, making it difficult to catch him and schedule a meeting, perhaps because he wasn't letting his boss know its purpose.

Subsequently, he went to the company president for advice -- not a raise. The president suggested he contact another senior executive, who had a good relationship with the ad director's boss. After the conversation with her, the ad director called the boss.

**Employer's Salary Plans**

Are you anticipating any changes to the 2009 base salary budget increase projection/estimates that you made in April 2008? (n=1,026)



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They scheduled an appointment and the bargaining began.  
Walters is satisfied with what he did. If Salazar were to ask for a raise again, he'd check salary sites to be more informed about industries and positions. The ad director would meet sooner.  
Are they the only people in the world who've managed raises within the last few months? Walters has heard about people internally and a friend in another company. The ad director is aware of cost-of-living increases, not raises. Salazar concedes, "I'm more aware of job losses or graduate degree recipients with no new job."  
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**BEAUTIFUL SBF...**  
37, seeks SWM, 30-50, who is spontaneous and knows how to have fun. Casual relationship first, maybe leading to more. **☎271683**

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SBF, 47, 5'7", full-figured, NS, likes roller skating, canoeing, exercise, theater, travel. Seeking a gentleman, 45-70, who is healthy, fun-loving, financially secure, looks decent. **☎287305**

**A POLISHED DIAMOND**  
Attractive, sexy BF, 34, seeks true gentleman. You won't be disappointed when we meet! **☎267057**

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SBF, 47, 5'4", likes action movies, swimming, dancing, plays, outdoors, just having fun. Seeking SM, 45-55, for friendship or more. **☎289151**

**PETITE AND CUTE**  
SBF, 35, great sense of style, very friendly, would like to meet a SWM, 35-45, who will love me for me. **☎294943**

**THAT SPECIAL ONE**  
SBF, 39, enjoys movies, walks in the park, picnics, just chilling. Looking for SBF, 35-45, for possible relationship. **☎295026**

**SEEKING STRONG BM**  
Can you handle me? SBF, mid 40s, healthy and beautiful, seeks strong BM, 40-60, who knows how to handle his own business. I'm laid-back, gentle, soft. **☎295568**

**SINGLE DAD WELCOME**  
PBF, 40, looks younger, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys working, dining out, quiet times at home. Seeking handsome, well-built, warm-hearted, considerate WM, 36-43, to share what life has to offer. **☎298002**

**HONEST & DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
Cute, outgoing woman, 40, loves animals, the outdoors. Seeking honest, clean, honorable, compassionate gentleman, 40-year-old, for friendship, dating, possible LTR. **☎295421**

**SEEKING A MATURE MAN**  
Attractive SBF, 35, NS, N/Drugs, would like to meet respectable, happy SBF, 25-50, to enjoy life together. **☎300680**

**HARD WORKER SEEKS SAME**  
SBF, 44, NS, mother, seeks old-fashioned BM, 29-49, NS, homebody, to explore all life has to offer. I enjoy reading, bike rides, playing tennis. **☎274519**

**LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE**  
Hi, I'm a 56 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. **☎137067**

**MUST LOVE THE LORD**  
SBF, 18, 5'8", gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SBF, 18-27, for possible relationship. **☎311174**

**SEEKING MR. RIGHT**  
SBF, 37, 5'6", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, NS, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, raso open, with similar values. **☎310924**

**AFFECTIONATE WOMAN**  
SBF, 59, enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, sports events. Looking for SWM, 60-71, for fun and friendship, maybe more. **☎308561**

**DBF SEEKS LTR**  
Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unattached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new found friendship and see where it goes. Must have transportation. Ballroom dancing is a plus. **☎310736**

**LOOK NO FURTHER**  
SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, brown eyes, wants to meet that SBF, 18-22, who is tired of playing games. **☎311011**

**DRAMA-FREE**  
SBF, 48, 5'7", 155lbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys R&B, jazz, dancing, dining, blues, sports. Seeking serious SBF, 27-40. Are we compatible? **☎310533**

**VERY ATTRACTIVE**  
SBF, 37, mother, looking for attractive, sexy, tall, dark-complected, employed, intelligent BM, 33-50, for friendship possibly leading to LTR. **☎282115**

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
Sexy, mature, intelligent BF, 35, 5'5", 130lbs, seeks mature, intelligent man, for casual dating and friendship. **☎267624**

**GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?**  
WF, 48, 5'3", brown/brown, has pets, NS, great sense of humor, looking for WM, 45-55, who likes dining out, museums, movies, reading and more, to do things with. **☎295305**

**HOMEBODY SEEKS SAME**  
SBF, 44, 5'7", 120lbs, black hair, brown eyes, light complexion, ND, NS, enjoys movies, bowling, dining, plays, concerts, reading. Seeking SBF, 39-51. **☎284368**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, looking to meet an honest, funny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. **☎289947**

**CURVACEOUS**  
SBF, 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 first, possibly more. **☎293625**

**VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
SBF, 37, 5'5", 125lbs, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBF, 30-43. **☎299111**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF, 38, very shapely, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, independent, loves movies, sports, shooting pool, dining. Seeking SBF, 35+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. **☎297973**

**LADY OF QUALITY**  
SBF, 30-something, 5'7", laid-back, down-to-earth, seeks open, honest, loyal, faithful professional man, 35-55, for LTR. No games, raso open. **☎310218**

**SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP**  
Attractive SBF, 55, 125lbs, fun-loving blonde, retired, would love the companionship of a pleasant gentleman, 65-75. **☎891247**

**SEARCHING FOR A MAN...**  
40-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 47-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. **☎263217**

**CLASSY LADY**  
SFW, 70 years young, 5'6", NS, average height, brown/brown, enjoys fishing, movies, travel. Seeking honest SBF, 70-75, NS, who is not boastful, but is well-groomed. Sense of humor a must. Life is a one-way street and I don't have time to back up. **☎307614**

**GREAT EXPECTATIONS**  
Good looking SBF, h/w, intelligent, mature, spiritual, seeking a SM, 5'7", 40-50, physically fit, good looking inside and out, loving, who likes traveling, for friendship first leading to LTR. **☎147056**

**COULD YOU BE THE ONE?**  
Bright, spunky, pretty SF, 47, educator, outgoing, pretty eyes, wishing to meet a kind Jewish man, 45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. **☎230694**

**ARE YOU SEEKING?**  
DWF, 60s, 5'2", Italian, brunette, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet NS WM, 60-72, financially secure, easygoing, good morals, loves family, for dating. **☎630806**

**TAKE A CHANCE!**  
SWF, 30, middle school art teacher, likes nature, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for dating and to share life together. **☎263645**

**LADY IN THE WOODS**  
SBF, 50, looks younger, blonde/hazel, 5'5", average build, educated, dog lover, classy, sassy and fun, seeking compatible, outdoorsy, rugged, good-hearted male to share the good things in life. Livingston county. **☎210247**

**CHOCOLATE TREAT**  
Refined, romantic, creative divorcee, enjoys an eclectic lifestyle. Professionally employed, very youthful and fun loving, 60s, enjoys dining, travel, music, the arts, family and friends. Seeking fit non-smoking gentleman, 50+. **☎281197**

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
Asian woman, 5'2", 110lbs, slim, attractive, independent, loving, caring, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel, quiet times at home. Seeking very handsome W/M, 47-56, NS, clean-shaven, HW proportionate, for friendship first. **☎281229**

**IN SEARCH OF**  
a man with a positive outlook, for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 5'5", HWP, and I enjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing, and more. **☎288886**

**ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS**  
BF, 55, 150lbs, likes cooking, listening to music, camping and more. Would like to meet a man to enjoy life with. **☎294318**

**ZOOMER SEEKS ADDED ZIP**  
SWF, 55, passionate about life, enjoys the outdoors, good political discussions, dancing, more. Would love to meet a man engaged in life. **☎5370** **☎284371**

**SINCERE AND HONEST**  
Happy SF, loves country music, dancing. Looking for honest, sincere SBF, 30-60, children ok, for friendship first. **☎294322**

**MATURE MAN WANTED**  
SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel complexion, brown eyes, short blonde hair, wears glasses. Seeking tall, muscular SBF, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores, movies, a new wine. **☎287856**

**KEEP COOL**  
SBF, 19, 5'3", looking for cool, down-to-earth, attractive SBF, 18-25, who keeps it real. **☎287598**

**PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD**  
SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 165lbs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, raso open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is witty. **☎292913**

**I NEED LOVE**  
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having fun. Seeking SBF, 18-30, who shares my lust for life. **☎300110**

**CLASSY LADY**  
SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-59, NS, good sense of humor and good values. **☎207254**

**SEEKING SBF 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 55-75. Life is too short - love with me. **☎302311**

**SEEKING LOVING KINDNESS?**  
SBPF, 55, 5'4", interested in developing new friendships, maybe more. Seeks energetic, NS SM, 40-65, that loves reading, midnight picnics, walking, and exciting conversations. Must have good SOH and self-worth. **☎282618**

**PLUS-SIZED LADY...**  
34, 200lbs, easy single mom, looking for SM, 37+, for friendship and dating leading to LTR. Is this you? Call me! **☎217234**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBPF, 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 park, outdoor and indoor activities. Let's explore a new friendship first, possibly leading to more. **☎306228**

**DOWN-TO-EARTH**  
Easygoing DWF, early 50s, would like to meet a really nice WM, 50-65, with the same qualities, minimal baggage, to share the ups and downs of life. Seeking possible LTR. **☎279171**

**HOPING WE CLICK!**  
SBF, 23, 5'1", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk. **☎307550**

**ACTIVE WOMAN**  
SWF, dark hair and eyes, NS, social drinker, likes bowling, bingo, garage sales, funny movies and more. If you'd like to meet for coffee, let me know. **☎262181**

**HELLO THERE**  
Asian woman, 5'2", 160lbs, slim, attractive, health-conscious, vegetarian, ND, NS. Enjoys dining, movies, quiet times. Seeking clean-cut, fit, attractive, respectful, single, Asian or White male for dating and possibly more. **☎113901**

**A WOMAN OF CLASS**  
SWF, 68, looks younger, in search of a SBF, 62-69, who likes movies, dining, theater. Is it you? **☎271085**

**GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR**  
SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, nature, being out in the sun. Seeking similar SBF, 23-45, for companionship. **☎282578**

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
SBF, 54, 5'8", NS, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SBF, 48-62, NS, for friendship or more. **☎282444**

**MUSICAL GIRL**  
Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SBF, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **☎292258**

**OUTGOING**  
BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully leading to LTR. **☎292940**

**CALLING ALL GOLFERS!**  
W/MF, 62, seeking golfer, best friend, 62-70, must be honest, NS, and active. Looking for LTR, don't delay call now. **☎797614**

**PRETTY EYES**  
SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. **☎299970**

**STILL SEEKING**  
Very cute SBF, 57, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 46-59, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth, who wants to commit to someone special. **☎113198**

**I NEED A LOVE...**  
to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 40, no kids, seeks SBF, 45+, no kids, NS, fun, loving, caring. **☎258059**

**GET TO KNOW ME**  
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel. ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, NS. Possible LTR. **☎963760**

**DIVORCED? GETTING ONE?**  
DWF, 57, 120lbs, long blonde hair, self-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SBF, 48-58, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, military gentleman. **☎925499**

**SEEKING SAVED MAN**  
SBF, 27, NS, seeks one good man, 29-51, NS, no games, who enjoys movies, bowling, church, for friendship first. **☎285509**

**HI THERE!**  
Mature SBF, 50, seeks sexy, handsome SBF, to develop a lasting relationship and maybe more. Let's meet soon! **☎286278**

**MUST LOVE WRESTLING!**  
Full-figured, shapey SBF, 33, lonely, seeks SBF (only) who enjoys wrestling, football, hockey, fishing, going to the movies for friendship first and maybe more. **☎268699**

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Looking for a spontaneous, professional male, 25-40, raso open, who is willing to go and have fun. **☎272324**

**COUNTRY GIRL**  
Good-natured, classy, attractive, fun-loving SBF, 54, platinum blonde, 5'5", HW-proportionate, enjoys travel, horseback riding, exercise, dancing. Seeking SBF, 55-65, NS, N/Drugs, for serious relationship. If you love motorcycles call me. **☎759845**

**ARE YOU HERE?**  
SBF, 61, enjoys going out, having fun, dancing, playing, laughing, and enjoying life. Seeking an honest SBF, 56-62, with varied interests, for possible LTR. **☎269770**

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**SEEKING EBONY WOMAN**  
Attractive SWPM seeking BF for dating. Near to area and looking to explore the city. Sense of humor, easy-going, attractive, HW proportionate, affectionate, established, likes to travel. **☎262579**

**MUST LOVE THE LORD**  
SBM, 45, 5'6", medium build, wonderful personality, looking for special, laid-back, college-educated SF, 30-40, 5'5"-5'7", slim/medium build, outgoing, non-smoker, non-drinker. **☎280627**

**WORTH A CALL**  
Attractive SBF, 35, seeks lady, 18-35, attractive, laid-back, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. You won't be disappointed! **☎282611**

**WORTH THE CALL**  
SBM, 41, NS, seeks open-minded, fun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spend some time together and get to know. **☎283851**

**WANTED: ONE NICE GIRL**  
SBF, 46, 5'10", average build, likes going out and having fun, movies, parties, just chilling and relaxing. Seeking SBF, late 30s, for possible relationship. **☎289039**

**YOU NEED ME**  
SBM, 43, slim, well-groomed, attractive, seek attractive, slim lady to get to know, for dating, maybe more. You won't be disappointed! **☎291112**

**QUALITY TIME TOGETHER**  
SBM, 42, 6'5", 200lbs+, no children, light smoker, looking for SBF, 35-45, who enjoys bowling, movies, shooting pool. **☎293168**

**IS THIS LOVE?**  
SWM, 34, 170lbs, 5'9", into Church of Satan, the macabre, theater, movie critique, music and living. Former musician seeking woman, 25-40, into the occult and ritual. **☎292929**

**SEMI-RETIRED**  
SBM, 41, 6'1", 220lbs, NS, light drinker, likes movies, music, dancing, dining out, travel, bowling and relaxing at home. Seeking SBF, 21-50, with similar interests, to settle down with. **☎293532**

**IT COULD BE ME!**  
SWM, 35, 6', brown hair, looking for a lady, looking for special SF, 18-31, to hang out with and get to know. **☎294679**

**LET'S TALK**  
SWM, 40, 5'5", loves to party! Looking for a female companion, 18-35, for friendship first, possibly more if it develops! **☎294946**

**TALK TO ME!**  
SM, 36, 6'2", 210lbs, muscular build, loves working out. Seeking sweet, loving, caring, kind SBF, 35-45. **☎294942**

**DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH**  
SBM, 51'1", 155lbs, slim build, likes to relax and chill. Would like to meet a woman, 20-55, who judges beauty from the inside, like I do. **☎295446**

**MATURE WOMAN WANTED**  
SBM, 38, 6'1", 207lbs, dark complexion, no kids; NS, N/Drugs, looking for SBF, 29-40, with same qualities. No drama! **☎295452**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
WM, 38, likes cars, all kinds of music, having fun, movies and more. Looking for a woman, 30-59, to have fun with. **☎295101**

**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS**  
WM, 62', 200lbs, light brown/blue, NS, clean-shaven, down-to-earth, looking for a female, 25-45, HW proportionate, NS, for dating. **☎296310**

**LOOKING FOR MIZ RIGHT**  
WWM, 45, 5'11", 220lbs, is easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys a variety of activities, including music, looking for LTR, with the right person. **☎265340**

**A SPECIAL GUY**  
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest SBF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. **☎299646**

**LET'S MEET**  
Retired SBF, 74, enjoys long drives, playing cards, good movies and television, long drives. Seeking WF, 65-80, NS, with good sense of humor. **☎267998**

**SEEKS POSITIVE WOMAN**  
SBM, 31, 6'1", short black/brown, medium build, colorful, financially stable, down-to-earth, looking for SBF, 20-35, for possible relationship. **☎310834**

**LOVABLE GUY**  
BM, 55', well-groomed, God-fearing, respectful, honest, hardworking, looking for a female, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly leading to more. Serious replies only. **☎311231**

**HARD-WORKER**  
SWM, 45, 5'5", professional musician, brown hair, grown kids, enjoys music, playing guitar, travel. Looking for similar SF, 35-45.



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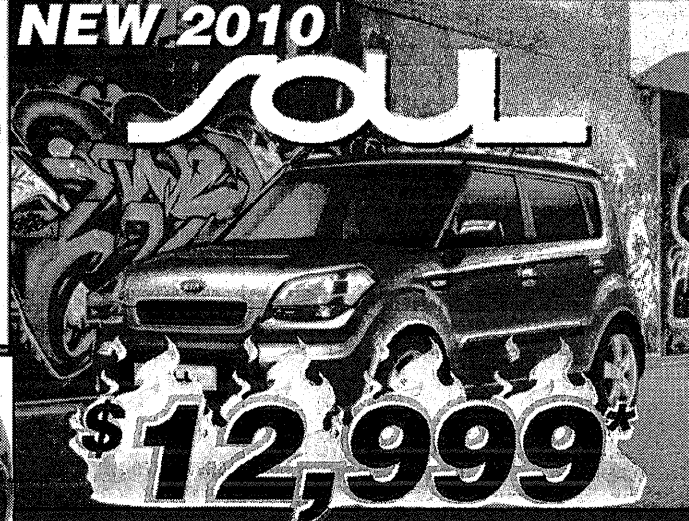


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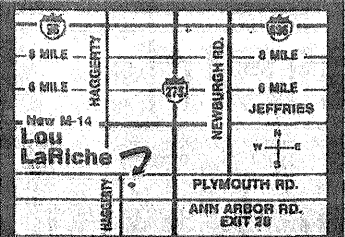
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