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# Lineup change

Leadership of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education shuffled a bit when the board got together for its annual organizational meeting Tuesday.

It's the first of what will be two organizational meetings within months. Another meeting will be necessary after the November elections, when four school board members are up for re-election.

Steven Sneideman was elected



president Tuesday, replacing Judy Mardigian, who was then elected treasurer.

school board

Barry Simescu was re-elected vice president and Nancy Eggenberger

rounds out the leadership team as the board's secretary.

Simescu and Mardigian are up for re-election in November, along with Tom Wysocki and John Jackson, who is currently filling a term abdicated by Mark Slavens when he was appointed to a judgeship.

# Pie proceeds

Apparently, people who want to help fund the fight against cancer also like pie.

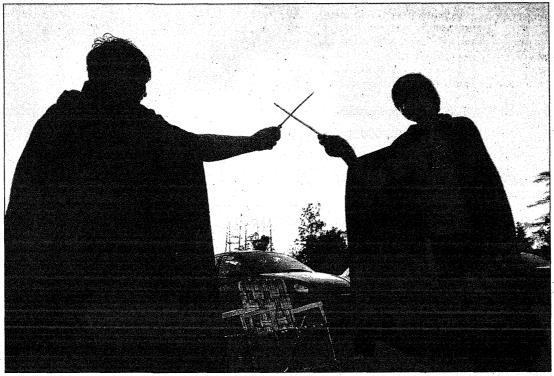
That seems to be the conclusion drawn after Detroit regional franchisees of the Grand Traverse Pie Company presented a check for \$4,152 to the Susan G. Komen Race for the cure last

The presentation was made on behalf of franchises in Plymouth, Troy and Sterling Heights and took place at the Plymouth location on Ann Arbor Road just west of Haggerty.

The donation was the culmination of the "Pie for the Cure" fund-raising effort undertaken by Grand Traverse Pie Company system-wide, a campaign that ran from the first day of spring through Mother's Day.



Pictured at the presentation were (from left) Bonnie Zader, general manager of the Plymouth Grand Traverse Pie store; Geri Trefilek, owner of the Plymouth store; Ashlee Baracy, coordinator, Race for the Cure; and Casse Sandusky and Jessica Waskiewicz of the Grand Traverse Pie staff.



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Wizards Dakota and David Hallinen battle it out as dusk draws near, bringing with it the premiere of 'Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince' at the drive-ins at Compuware Arena Wednesday night.

# Wizard welcoming

# 'Potter' fans party before premiere of 'Half-Blood Prince'

Muggles of all sorts, plus — who knows? — perhaps a wizard or two, turned out at the Compuware Arena Wednesday evening to celebrate the release of the sixth movie in the Harry Potter series.

The parking-lot party at Compuware, on Beck Road in Plymouth Township, was followed by an outdoor, drive-in-style showing of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, from the J.K. Rowling novel of the same name. The movie was making its nationwide premiere Wednesday. The party featured face-painting, pizza, and kids in Potter-

inspired costumes. Wednesday's special event joined the arena's regular lineup of summer movies.



**Kathy Marckovick** of Howell made wizard's wands for the kids in her group attending the premiere of 'Harry Potter and the Half-**Blood Prince'at** Compuware Arena Wednesday.



Autumn Marie Bollerud is ready for the film. Autumn and her dad Chris are from Canton.

# **P-C juniors** outpace state on merit exam

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Turns out 2009 was a pretty good year academically for Plymouth-Canton juniors.

Not only did 11th-graders from the district's three high schools far outperform students from around the state on the annual Michigan Merit Exam, but a huge majority of them made themselves eligible for a potential \$4,000 scholarship that goes with it.

Plymouth-Canton juniors outdistanced the state average by double-digits in all six tested

areas that encompass the MME - reading, writing, English Language Arts, math, science and social studies. "Our kids have a lot to be proud of," said Mike

### STUDENTS WITH MERIT

Here's how Plymouth-Canton students compared to statewide averages on the 2009 Michigan Merit Exam (percentages represent the number of students who scored at least proficient):

	P-C	State	
Reading	76	60	
Writing	62	43	
English	70	52	
Math	71	49	
Science	74	56	
Social Studies	92	81	
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Bender, the district's director of secondary education. "These results tell us our kids are on track to meet all state

tations." So ready, in fact, that 1,342 students -96 $\operatorname{percent}-\operatorname{met}$ initial eligibility requirements (testing in all six areas)

high school

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for the Michigan Promise Scholarship, the money given by the state to students who do well on the MME. And 824 - 59 percent - reached proficient levels that will allow them to start collecting up to \$4,000 worth of scholarship

All students who take all phases are eligible; those who score in Level 1 (advanced) or Level 2 (proficient) get \$1,000 their first year and \$2,000 the second year. Students who don't reach those levels have to complete their first two years and hold a 2.5 grade-point average.

"It's a great credit to the kids and to their families for the support they're given at home," Bender said. "Our students take the (MME) very seriously. They recognize the importance of it. In many cases, it's a tremendous incentive for the kids to pursue a college education."

The MME numbers themselves stayed basically where they were in 2008, though they showed some improvement over 2007. That follows the state trend, though state averages are considerably lower than in Plymouth-Canton.

And, as good as the local numbers are, they still fall far short of the 100 percent the district will be required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act to reach by 2014.

Bender said officials are confident more stringent curriculum guidelines imposed by the state and the work the district is doing on its own curriculum will help Plymouth-Canton students reach that plateau.

"That work centers around the work we're doing in individual classrooms, it's about teachers pushing the students to meet content expectations," Bender said.

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# Fiscal crunch forces city, township officials to look at safety services

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Facing declining property tax collections and what will likely be continuing state revenue cuts, Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials are looking for savings in the way they deliver police and fire protection and emergency medical ser-

At a Plymouth City Commission study meeting Monday, also attended by township and local public safety officials, there was broad agreement that more regionalization of the Plymouth Community Fire Department, or perhaps an altogether different way of providing public safety, is on the

"The cost is getting prohibitive," township Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "We have to change." "We have to deal with it," said Plymouth

Commissioner Stella Greene, a former mayor. "We can't put blinders on."

The fire department, which provides firefighting and emergency medical services to both the township and the city, was organized 15 years / ago and has an annual budget of roughly \$4 million, nearly \$3 million of which is provided by the township and the rest by the city. The department is led by Assistant Chief Mark Wendel and has 28 full-time sworn personnel.

Wendel told the group that of about 2,400 department runs a year, 15 to 20 percent involve providing advanced life support. Most of the rest involve some level of medical care; the department fights only a handful of fires each year.

The combined fire department has been beneficial for both communities, saving them money, officials agreed. But at about \$115,000 a year (salary and ben-

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efits, including health care) for a senior firefighter,

'we can't sustain what we have," Edwards said.



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

### Chorale auditions

"A Grand Night for Singing" is a first rate musical review featuring the music and lyrics of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The cast features five primary characters and added voices from the BeckRidge Chorale and Cherry Hill Singers. Songs include Some Enchanted Evening, It's A Grand Night for Singing, Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin', Hello, Young Lovers and more. Performances are Friday, Sept. 11, and Sunday, Sept. 13.

The auditions for soloists for Grand Night are Sunday, July 26 from 2-5 p.m. and Monday, July 27 from 7:30-9 p.m. Performances will be held at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. This is a BeckRidge.Chorale Production.

For more information or to sign up for an audition, please go to the BeckRidge Chorale website at www.beckridgecho-

### 'Whimsical' Wednesdays

After enjoying Music in the Park in Kellogg Park on a hot summer Wednesday, visitors can cool off the kids with a children's story read aloud by the local author.

"Whimsical Wednesdays" at the Plymouth Historical Museum began Wednesday. Each "Whimsical Wednesday' starts at 1:30 p.m. and features an exciting children's story

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with one Wednesday dedicated to a book on fun history \* about the city of Plymouth.

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The schedule: • On July 22, the mother of local author Caden Mack, Robin Mack, will read Caden's books 12 Days Under the Sea and 12 Days in the Jungle. Caden is a 10-year-old author.

· On July 29, Tears of Mother Bear, by Anne Margaret Lewis, will be read by Plymouth Historical **Society President Emeritus** Sanford Burr.

• On August 5, The Harp Mouse Chooses Her Home: The Adventure Begins will be read by author Diane Dunn.

Other Whimsical Wednesday adventures are being planned. The cost of admission to Whimsical Wednesdays is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids 5-17, and \$10 for families. After each book reading, attendees can tour the Museum and see the "In the Presence of Lincoln" exhibit.

For more information, call the museum, (734) 455-8940.

### New Morning

New Morning School announced seven scholarships are still available for the popular summer science camp program.

Due to the generous support of the Plymouth Noon Rotary club, the scholarships include one week of full-day science camp, along with before- and after-camp care. The scholarships are open to students that attend Plymouth Canton

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• The Engineering of Physics, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug.

Anyone interested in scholarships can call the school at (734) 420-3331 to set up an interview in person or via tele-

### Pageant volunteers

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Miss Scholarship Program is in need of volunteers to help out with this year's program.

Organizers' goal is to make the event bigger and better, and say the only way to do that is with volunteers.

Anyone interested should send an e-mail to pcjrmiss@ yahoo.com. All volunteers are welcome and appreciated.

### Senior writing group

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging Senior Writing Group, which meets at the Plymouth District Library, is offering a presentation by Dr. Peter Kearly, who received his doctoral degree from Wayne State University in English Literature and is an author and English professor at Henry Ford Community College.

Dr. Kearly is featured in After the Morning Calm: Reflections of Korean Adoptees. He will be informing the group on how to prepare their journals for publication. The meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, in the Dunning Room at the Plymouth District Library and is free and open to the public.

## Orchestra auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestras, the youth ensembles supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, conduct auditions for next season Aug. 14 at Evola Music in Canton.

The four ensembles of the Youth Orchestra include Celebration Youth Symphony for advanced students in winds, brass, percussion and strings; Celebration Flute Choir for to intermediate and advanced flute students, which in addition to playing on CYO concerts also performs for a variety of events throughout the community: Celebration Sinfonia for inter-



# **Prose pro**

Teens who have hit the mid-summer wall should put these upcoming Plymouth District Library events on their calendars. Library staff member Emily Dobbs will show participants how to have fun with words in her Poetry Workshop on Monday and Thursday, July 20 and July 23, both at 6:30 p.m. The deadline for the Teen Summer Film Festival will let local teens showcase their film talents. Entries will be judged by local screenwriter, Jim Burnstein - the grand prize winner will receive a Creative Vado PAocket Video Camera. The deadline for film submission is Saturday, Aug. 1 by closing time at 5 p.m. For contest details and entry form, go to plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm and click on Teen Summer Reading.

mediate-level string students who are ready for more challenging repertoire and wish to continue building ensemble skills; and Celebration Strings for younger string players who wish to learn ensemble playing skills such as playing in a section and listening and following a conductor.

More audition information can be found on-line at www. celebrationyouthorchestras.org

### Pageant time

Applications are now being accepted for the 2009 Miss Wayne County Scholarship Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary. Young women who live, work full time, or attend school full time in Wayne County and are between the ages 17 and 24 are

Areas of competition include and interview, lifestyle and

fitness in swimsuit, evening gown, talent and on-stage question. The winner will represent Wayne County at the 2010 Miss Michigan pageant in Muskegon as well as receive a cash scholarship.

Call (734) 367-0560 or send an e-mail to sheilamae116@ aol.com to request an application. They also can be found on the Miss Wayne County Web site at www.misswayneco.com.

The deadline for entry is Aug. 17. The pageant will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, at Livonia Churchill High School.

# Music camps

Parents looking for a fun, new camp to introduce their children to music might want to check out the Music, Melodies & More summer camps offered by the

Plymouth Symphony. "String Camp," July 27-31,

1-4 p.m., ages 5-11 • "Wind Camp," Aug. 3-7, 1-

4 p.m., ages 5-11

 "Brass and Percussion Camp," Aug. 17-21, 1-4 p.m,, ages 5-1.

Aspiring musicians can sign up for one or all three camps. Activities and musical instruments will change with each session so that young musicians will enjoy a different experience throughout the summer.

Instructor Faith Demorest, along with other Plymouth Canton Symphony musicians, will teach the camps. Each session will introduce different instruments, explore various composers, teach musical games and get creative with musical crafts. Parents can plan for a performance for family and friends at 4 p.m. on Friday after each session.

Instruments are encouraged; however, those who don't have one can contact the symphony.

Call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278 to sign up today.

### Fall Fest crafts

The Plymouth Fall Festival is accepting applications for the Craft Show, which takes place during the Fall Festival Sept. 11-13. The show will be on Union Street north of Ann Arbor Trail. 10' X 10' foot spaces will cost \$75 per day or \$200 for the weekend. Jewelry Vendors are juried and must have their applications in by June 30. All other vendors are awarded spots on a first come-basis.

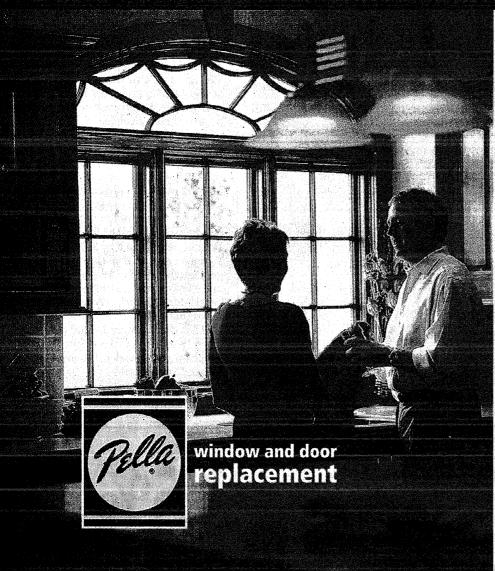
Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information e-mail Colleen Brown at cbrown57@comcast.net or call her at (734) 455-1614.

### **Business booths**

The Fall Festival is accepting a limited number of applications from businesses interested in having a booth at the Fall Festival.

A 10-foot by 10-foot space is \$800 for the weekend. The Fall Festival runs Sept. 11-13. Applications can be downloaded at www.plymouthfallfestival.com or for more information call or e-mail Colleen Brown at (734) 455-1614 - cbrown57@comcast.net.

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# Planners OK expansion plans despite neighbor objections

**OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

A Plymouth Township firm's plans for a two-story, \$500,000 addition to its headquarters on Wilcox Road got the green light on Wednesday.

The township Planning Commission, with a voice vote, approved a revised site plan from Herriman & Associates despite objections from some nearby residents who said the expanded building would detract from their neighborhood.

President and chief executive officer Dan Herriman said construction of the 7,200square-foot addition, which will double the company's usable space, will begin this summer and should be completed by winter.

Herriman & Associates manages condominium communities in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

The company has 32 employees; Herriman said some hiring is planned, but that the addition will also give the current staff much-needed space and better meeting

Commissioners told Herriman that no disposal of waste from other sites into the building's Dumpster is permitted, as had been earlier stipulated, and that the intensity of outdoor lighting be limited to no more than 10 foot-candles.

Debra McMillan, an architect who lives in the nearby



subdivision, called the project "spot zon-

ing." "We feel that this is an intrusion into our residential neighborhood,"

said McMillan. She complained that she had once witnessed, at 7:30 a.m., a truck with a Herriman logo dumping waste into the Dumpster at the rear of the building. "It looks like he's going to continue with disposal of materials," McMillan

"If you see that happening, you need to call the township,' said Commissioner William Pratt. "You do have the opportunity to voice your concern."

Herriman responded that while he didn't know about a specific incident, it could have happened. But that would have been an aberration, he said, and employees have been instructed not to dump waste from off the site into the company's Dumpster.

Sonia Mayer, whose property backs up to the Herriman headquarters and who has been leading opposition to the expansion, complained about trees that serve as screening for the Herriman building, saying "a few scrubs that lose their leaves" are "not dense."

Prior to the commission's vote, Sally Hodges, a township planning consultant from the

firm McKenna Associates, contradicted McMillan's contention the expansion would amount to spot zoning. She said the project is consistent with the current offices services zoning at the site.

"He's permitted to do what he's asking to do," Hodges said.

Herriman & Associates original site plan, approved in February, showed an unfinished second floor. The new plan, because it shows the second floor accessible by an elevator, required more parking spots at the site, which also were added.

Herriman said, via e-mail, that the second floor was always intended to be finished at some point, under a revised site plan, and that, in order to accommodate the elevator, the decision was made to just revise the plan prior to con-

Dennis McCausland of Canton Township, who said he was prompted to attend the meeting because of an on-line news story about it, had no sympathy for the plan's detractors, citing Michigan's 15-percent unemployment rate and the project's potential boost to the economy.

"The guy is trying to expand and possibly hire more people," said McCausland, who described himself as an acquaintance of Herriman. "Would they rather see a shuttered building there with plywood on the windows?"

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The Still Got It production of 'Funeral Tea' features (front, from left) Joanna McKay of Canton and Beth Brooks of Northville, as well as (back, from left) Robin Hoover of Belleville, Lanna Collins of Garden City and Linda Trygg of Westland.

# Performers 'Still Got It' in pair of plays

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The Still Got It Players, a new theater company composed of performers age 50 and up, debut their first show, a pair of one-act comedies that will be performed on the main stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton next month.

The two plays - Any Body for Tea? by C.B. Gilford and Funeral Tea by Pat Wilson - put the focus on a couple of different groups of ladies, according to Debbie Lannen, the director of The Still Got It Players.

"In Anybody for Tea? is a wonderful group of

### TAKING THE STAGE

- What: Still Got It Players productions of "Any Body for Tea" and "Funeral Tea"
- When: Aug. 26-27, 1 p.m.; Aug.
- 28-29, 7 p.m.; Aug. 30, 2 p.m. • Where: Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton
- Tickets: \$15 for adults; \$13 for seniors/students under 19
- Info: www.spotlightplayersmi. org or call (734) 734-480-4945

tric ladies faced with the dilemma and privilege of finding the perfect resting place for a favorite uncle."

Performances are set for 1 p.m. Aug. 26-27; 7 p.m. Aug. 28-29; and 2 p.m. Aug. 30, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton.

Tickets are available by phone at the Village Theater Box Office, (734) 394-5460, or on-line at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater or in person at



The Still Got it Players, featuring (from left) Shirley Reynolds of Canton, Agnes Hay of Northville, Thomas Strock of Canton, Lanna Collins of Garden City, Beth Brooks of Northville and Lee Thomas of Plymouth, present 'Anybody for Tea?' at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The Summit on the Park or at the door/ Box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and students under 19 and \$12 for groups of 15 or more.

Still Got It Players, which features actors from Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Belleville, Garden City, Westland and Redford, is part of the Spotlight Players organization. Spotlight Players is the resident adult theater group for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, Formerly the Plymouth Theater Guild, Spotlight Players is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and has been part of the community for 62 years.

For more information about The Still Got It Players, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.Org or call Lannen at 734-480-4945.

# Police probe link in Plymouth Township, Livonia purse-snatchings

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

**Detectives in Plymouth** Township and Livonia are studying the possibility that two recent purse-snatchings, one in each community, were committed by the same man.

In the township, a Northville Township woman in her 40s lost her purse and its contents to a purse-snatcher on the evening of July 1 in the parking lot of the Busch's grocery store on Sheldon near

Five Mile. She was not hurt. Officer Jamie Senkbeil, the Plymouth Township Police Department's com-

munity resources officer, said the woman told police was unloading purchases from a shopping cart into the back of her car, with her purse sitting in the cart, when a man exited a pickup truck parked next to her, grabbed the purse and got back into the passenger side of the truck. The thief and the truck's driver fled south on

Sheldon, a police report said. There was no verbal exchange and no physical contact between the two, Senkbeil

said. The thief was described only as a white male between 18 and 21. He was wearing a dark was described, Senkbeil said. The driver was described only as "possibly" a white male, she said. The pickup was not

Senkbeil said a security video from Busch's showed only part of the pickup and was unclear, and ended up being of no value to detectives.

Although she did not have details, Senkbeil said the crime may be connected to a similar recent purse-snatching that occurred in Livonia, and that detectives are comparing notes on each case. The township detective is also following leads in the local case, she said.

baseball cap; no other clothing

Sincock later said he plans to come to the commission in to hire a consultant to study

That's important, Greene said, because officials should

looking at," she said.

Warned Dan Dwyer, a for-

"Now we've got another wall to scale," city Manager Paul Sincock said, referring to economic conditions. "It's a pretty tough wall." Edwards went farther, sav-

ing township officials are thinking about moving to a public safety model, in which personnel would be both police officers, firefighters and medical first-responders. "We're looking at the whole ball of wax," Edwards said.

Different ways of delivering

emergency medical care were also discussed, and Northville Township and Livonia mentioned as potential regional fire department partners.

Huron Valley Ambulance, rather than the fire department, ends up transporting the patient in about 90 percent of medical runs, Wendel said. HVA doesn't charge the community for its services, instead seeking payment from patients and their insurance companies.

Further regionalization of the fire department has been discussed before, officials said, and false starts have been made.

. Now, Sincock said, "we have to keep the momentum of this

thing going." Officials cautioned, however, that changes are likely years away.

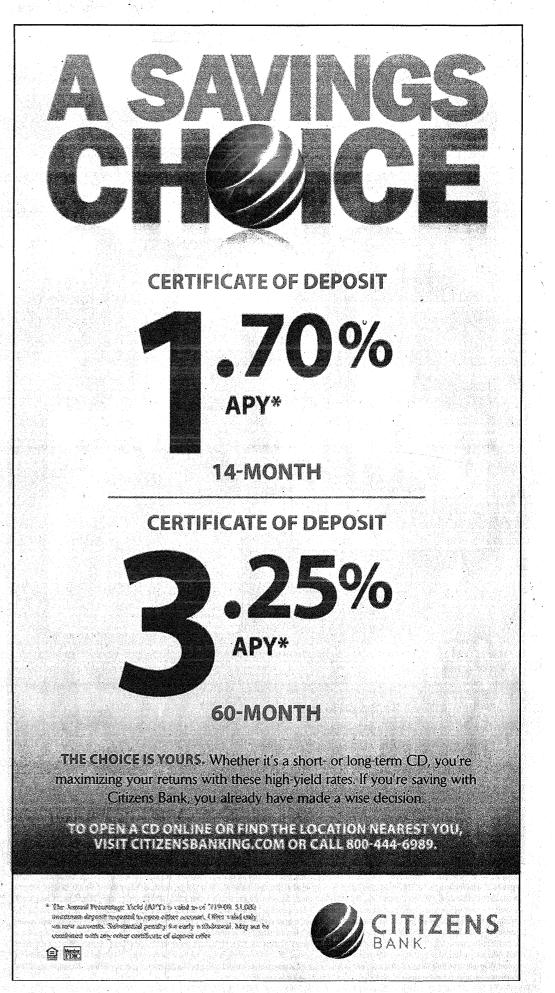
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have the clearest picture possible before making decisions.

"There might be some really critical things we're just not

mer commissioner and mayor and current candidate for the commission: "The politics of this thing are huge.





# EDUCATION

# Incumbents eye seats as election deadline nears

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Residents of the Plymouth-Canton school district thinking about running for a seat on the district's Board of Education have just over three weeks left to make up their

The filing deadline for the Nov. 3 election is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11. At this point, it appears at least three of the four incumbents - Judy Mardigian, Barry Simescu and John Jackson - plan to run again. Tom Wysocki, who is finishing his second term and has also been very active with the band booster group, said he is "undecided" at this point.





Three of the four seats

fourth seat, currently held by

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It'll be the district's first

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Jackson, is a two-year term

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Jackson

Mardigian, who was first appointed to the board in 1998, was elected in 2004 and again in 2004. She said her experience, particularly with the district's budget, will be helpful if she's elected to a third term.

There are going to be a lot of challenges the next couple of years, and I think my experience and knowledge of the budget, and the history of the

### **GETTING ON 'BOARD'**

- What: Plymouth-Canton Board
- of Education election • When: Tuesday, Nov. 3
- Who: Incumbents Judy Mardigian and John Jackson have said they're running; Tom Wysocki called himself "undecided;" Barry Simescu couldn't
- At stake: Three four-year terms; one two-year term

be reached.

cuts we've made and where we're at in terms of the budget, is going to be helpful," said Mardigian, the former board president who was elected treasurer at Tuesday's organizational meeting. "We're going to be walking into unprecedented times."

Jackson was appointed July 1, 2007, to replace Mark Slavens, who was appointed to the bench before he could get his name off the ballot that year. Slavens resigned the position, and Jackson was appointed to fill it.

Jackson said he will file to fill the remaining two-year commitment.

"I said when they appointed me that whomever got the job should be committed to keeping it until the end of the term, and I said I would run and I want to keep that promise," Jackson said. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done,

and I think it needs to be done by someone who has a good handle on what's going on. It took me the first year to learn. There's so much to learn, and with the challenges we face, it's important to have someone with experience."

Wysocki, first elected in 2001 and who is completing his second term, said he's still unsure of what he's going to do.

Simescu, first elected in 2004, couldn't be reached for comment and hasn't said publicly whether he'll run again. Simescu was elected board president, replacing Mardigian, at Tuesday's organizational meeting.

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# W-W taps two principals for director positions

BY SUE MASON OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools is looking for a few good principals following school board approval of the appointment of Paul Salah and Jennifer Munson to positions in administrative

Salah, the principal of Franklin Middle School, has been tapped to be the senior executive director of instruction, while Jennifer Munson, principal of Lincoln Elementary School, has been appointed director of elementary special education.

"I'm incredibly excite by this

opportunity," Salah said. "I take this position seriously. I will work hard and work with the board, the superintendent and administration and on the district's future vision."

Salah has been with the Wayne-Westland district since 2001. He has worked as a special education teacher, middle school athletic director and assistant principal and principal at Marshall since 2004.

He has a bachelor of science degree in history and visually impaired teaching and a master of arts degree in educational leadership, both from Eastern Michigan University. He is working on his doctoral degree in educational leadership at EMU.

"Î look at education as a people business and our business is about kids and the social and educational programs we present them," Salah said in accepting the position. "I'm confident Wayne-Westland will blaze trails in the future, and I feel fortunate to be part of that."

Munson has been with the district since 2004, when she was appointed principal at Lincoln. She has a bachelor of science degree in special education/elementary reading and a master of arts degree in school principalship, both from Central Michigan University. She had been

a special education teach with the Shepherd Public Schools before joining Wayne-Westland.

'Thank you for the opportunity, I'm extremely excited about it," Munson said. "I had a fabulous time as principal at Lincoln. I started as a special education teacher, that was my niche, and I look forward to working with the district on a larger base and working with the teachers."

Both appointments were praised by school board mem-

"I've watched them over these few years take a leadership role in the community." board Vice President Cindy Schofield said. "They took their buildings and transformed them. They took them to a new level and a new height. I'm excited that you will be able to take what you did at your buildings and do it

"I think we're so lucky to have them in our school district," board Secretary Martha Pitsenbarger said. "I'm sure a lot of parents at Marshall will be upset, Mr. Salah was very well-liked."

"These are mighty important positions and the board is proud of you and confident in you," Trustee William Gabriel said.

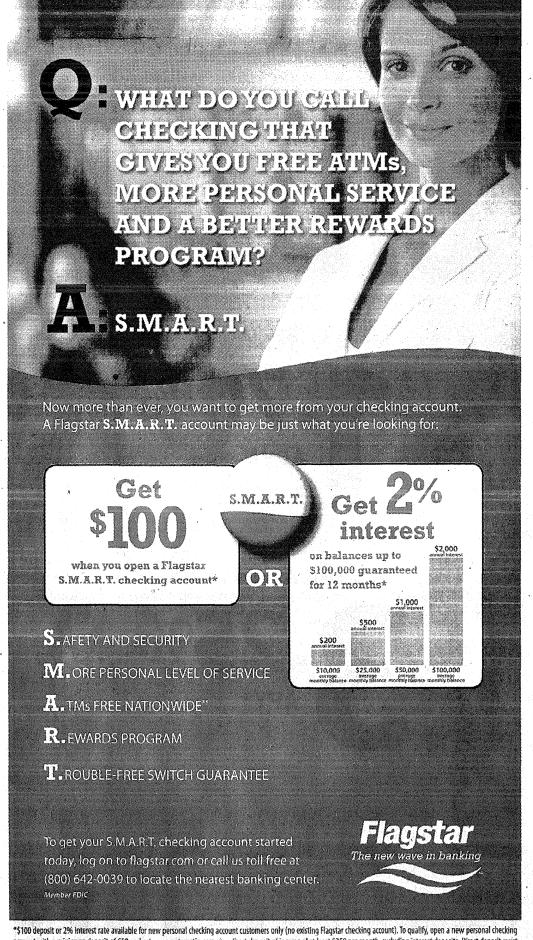
The appointments come less than a month after the board approved the appointment of Sandra Morante Brock as principal of Franklin Middle School.

Brock has a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and history from the University of Michigan, a master of arts degree in education from Peperdine University in Mailbu, Calif., and a doctoral degree in education administration from Michigan State University.

Arrows Elementary School in California and as a night and summer school teacher with the South Redford School District before joining Wayne-Westland in 2004 as a history and Spanish teacher. She was appointed assistant principal at Wayne Memorial High School in 2006.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity," Brock said. "I will miss my Zebras with all my heart, but I look forward to becoming a Hornet."

"I'm so excited about this appointment," Schofield said. "I've known Sandy for five years and I've seen her grown and mature as a parent and as a school board member. I'm excited to see what she brings to Franklin and the collaboration that will surely happen between Franklin and Wayne Memorial."



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# County helps agencies assist domestic violence victims

Four non-profits have received funds from Wayne County to assist victims of domestic violence.

The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) in Dearborn, First Step, with offices in Plymouth, Taylor and Redford, Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights and the YWCA of Western Wayne County in Inkster are getting money from the Wayne County Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The county awarded a total of \$2 million in grant funds.

"In these challenging economic times, statistics show that domestic violence increases," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "We want to empower the lives of women and men in this county who are victims of domestic violence so they may begin again with a sense of safety,

hope and dignity." According to a 2005 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, one in four women and one in nine men are victims of domestic violence at some point in their

ACCESS plans to purchase and rehabilitate vacant homes for victims of domestic violence. The Wayne County Land Bank will assist ACCESS with the project.

ACCESS provides a wide range of human and cultural services as well as advocacy work for the Arab-American community and the greater community as well.

"We would like to thank Wayne County and Mr. Ficano for their support," said Andrea Awada, president of Access.

The Plymouth-based First Step, which provides shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence, will construct new housing units in the city of Wayne. The YWCA and Vista Marie will use their awards to purchase and rehabilitate houses to use as transitional housing for victims of domestic violence.



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"These are important projects to support," said Tukia Mullin, chief development officer of Economic Development Growth Engine. "To provide safe havens for victims of domestic violence cannot be

overstated." According to a 2004 Allstate Foundation National Poll on domestic violence, 43 percent ranked fear that the abuser will find the victim

as the number one reason a victim would not leave his/her abuser.

"What happens during hard economic times is that victims of domestic abuse have less options out there and cannot get away from their dangerous setting," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "These funds will allow us to provide help to otherwise desperate situations."

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dispersed \$3.9 billion in NSP funds around the country to help governments stabilize areas hardest hit by foreclosed and abandoned properties. Under the Housing Recovery Act of 2008, Wayne County received \$25.9 million in February 2009 to address vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties.



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# Plymouth concerts pack in music fans

Here's the remaining schedule for the weekly Music in the Park concert schedule, hosted by the Plymouth Community **Arts Council:** 

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• July 22, Saline Fiddlers

• July 29, Candy Band

• Aug. 5, Barbara Bailey Hutchinson • Aug. 12, Guy Louis and his

Chautauqua Express

• Aug. 19, The Cats & the Fiddler All concerts start at noon in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. Sponsors include the Carl and Isabelle Schultz Family, The Wilcox Foundation, Huron Valley Ambulance, Monroe Bank & Trust, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Dr. Brian Brackney, Bacinski's Best Friends of Learning Institute and Lodging by the Month.

## Music in the Air

Here's the remaining schedule for the



The Saline Fiddlers take the stage for the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park performance Wednesday at noon in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Friday night "Music in the Air" concert series, hosted by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

July 24, Sarah Lenore (Plymouth native; www.myspace.com/sarahl-

• July 31, Gia Warner

• Aug. 7, The Bluescasters

• Aug. 14, The Kris K Band · Aug. 21, The Randy Brock Group

• Aug. 28, Mass Transit • Sept. 4, Lady Sunshine and the X

The concerts take place in downtown

Plymouth's Kellogg Park and start at 7

### Community Band

The Plymouth Community Band, headed by longtime leader Carl Battishill, plays Kellogg Park every Thursday at 8 p.m.

The Doorway to Recovery has put out the welcome mat for its fourth annual fund-raiser planned for 6 p.m. Friday, July 24.

the St. Andrew's Church on Hubbard near Six Mile in Livonia. Tickets are \$7.50

The fund-raiser will benefit



home, the "Cooley House," in 2003 where 10 men could live and share in their recovery. It was the beginning of what is now The Doorway to Recovery, 10 transitional homes he owns and operates homes in Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Inkster,

Wayne, and Detroit homes.

residents in rebuilding their lives, such as money management, job search skills, job placement and community service.

He also is the host of "The Doorway to Recovery," a weekly radio Talk Show on News/Talk 1400 WDTK, heard 4-5 p.m. Sundays, during which he discusses the tools of recovery that have been proven to be the most successful in changing addictive behaviors. His guests include the residents of recovery homes their families, and doctors, judges and lawyers who have insight in the recovery arena.

Burchell received the "Spirit of Recovery" Award in 2008 from the Michigan Association of Coordinating Substance

Abuse Agencies. The annual award is given to a director of a substance abuse agency who has been the most influential and exemplary in the area of leadership at substance abuse agencies in Michigan.

The award noted that "Mark's strength comes from his own experiences and his ability to manage and expect excellence from his residents. His no nonsense demeanor makes him seem like a tough guy, but he has a heart of gold."

For more information about "The Doorway to Recovery," call Burchell at (313) 300-4165 or log on to www.thedoorwaytorecovery.com, or www.am1400wdtk. com and click on personalities.

# Dillon pushes for state health plan

# Skeptics wait for details to emerge

BY PAT MURPHY **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

Initial reaction was mixed. But Michigan House Speaker Andy Dillon predicts his proposal to revamp the state's health care system will get enthusiastic and widespread support as more people understand its potential to save millions of dollars.

"It (the plan unveiled Wednesday) is starting to get more traction," Dillon said Friday, referring to his plan to create a unified health system for thousands of public employees and retirees - including those in Redford Township, state legislators and possibly the

Initially, Dillon's plan would cover some 50,000 state employees, retirees and their dependents. But the plan also has provisions to provide for other public employees — in townships, cities, schools and courts — to enroll in the program,

"If the plan doesn't save money, those groups (of public employees) don't have to join," he said. "But the plan would provide an option."

The plan could save money, Dillon said, by having one negotiator for a larger number of employees. "Why should we have all these separate groups negotiating separately?" he said. "Why not one system to control costs and premiums?"

Similar systems have been successful in other states, he said, "and it could work in Michigan."

With some exceptions, Dillon's plan did not generate wild enthusiasm. Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock, for instance, said exigencies such as existing union contracts have to be considered.

"There are union con-



tracts and things involved here," Sincock said. "You can't just wave a magic wand

in Lansing.

and make it happen overnight. A spokesman for the Michigan Education Association (MEA), the state's largest teachers

union, seemed skeptical,

according to press accounts. "Why would anyone believe the state could run anything efficiently when it can't even pass a balanced budget?" press contact Doug Pratt was quoted as saying.

An editorial in Friday's Detroit News, however, referred to Dillon's proposal as a "Bold Stroke."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm said the state must indeed look at all proposals that could help lower the cost of government. "We've also got to make sure that any major changes with health care in Michigan don't diminish our ability to lower costs and expand coverage through the national health care proposal moving through Congress," the governor said in a statement released Friday.

Dillon said he understands the reaction. However, he expects the MEA and other employee organizations to wholeheartedly support his plan once details are promulgated.

Among other things, Dillon said he wants the general public to understand the program would be administered by health care professionals, not the state. The state would negotiate the price and specifics of the plan, he said, "Then we'd seek competitive bids."

# Barbecue benefits Doorway to Recovery

This year's fund-raiser will be a summer barbecue with live entertainment, held at

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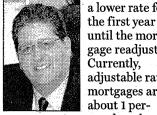
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# Fixed rate mortgage not always way to go

Q: Dear Rick: I have a 30year fixed rate mortgage at 6 percent. I have approximately 25 years left on the mortgage. Even though my house has dropped in value I still have plenty of equity. I am a contract employee and my contract ends in 18 months. At that time, I plan to sell my home and move to Arizona. I also have a home there and I plan to retire. A friend suggested that I consider refinancing my home because fixed rate mortgages are less than I currently pay. Do you think this is a good strategy?

**A:** Considering where fixed rate mortgages are today and factoring in the cost of refinancing and taxes, I am not sure it makes sense to refinance using a traditional fixed rate mortgage. Once you take into consideration the cost of refinancing, the savings are minimal. However,

there are other options. In situations involving a short time frame such as yours, it may make sense to refinance using an adjustable rate mortgage. Typically,



until the mortgage readjusts. Currently, adjustable rate mortgages are about 1 percent less than **Money Matters** 

traditional fixed rate Rick Bloom mortgages. The key is what

will it cost you to refinance? If you can refinance and save, it makes sense.

If you're only going to save a few dollars, however, it's probably not worth it.

One mistake many individuals made over the last decade was refinancing without calculating actual costs. They got caught up in a variety of gimmicks mortgage companies were offering. Good or bad, those gimmicks have evaporated in this economy.

I recommend contacting a couple companies to find get a rate and cost of refinancing. If it takes more than a year to recoup your costs, refinancing is probably not a good idea.

Q: Dear Rick: I just graduated Michigan State last spring and am starting my very first job. My father told me that it is smart to sign up for the company's 401(k) plan and to contribute the maximum possible. The company's plan has two options, a traditional 401(k) plan and a Roth 401(k) plan. What would you recommend?

A: Congratulations on your graduation from Michigan State, my alma mater, but also on getting a job. In today's tough economic environment it says a lot about you that you were able to get a job. I also think that you should be congratulated for listening to your dad and fully contributing into a 401(k) plan.

I cannot stress enough how important it is that the day you start work is the day that you start thinking about your retirement. If you can continue to contribute the maximum into your 401(k) plan, when you want to

generally lean toward the Roth 401(k). It allows money to grow tax free while a traditional 401(k) plan prows tax deferred. When you withdraw money from a traditional 401(k), it is subject to ordinary income taxes. When you withdraw money from a Roth 401(k), there are no tax consequences

it is totally income-tax free. The longer you invest money, the better a Roth 401(k) option looks. Since you are just starting your career, I think it is a slam dunk that the Roth 401(k) option is the way to proceed.

The one downside of the Roth is you are contributing post-taxed dollars as opposed to pre-taxed dollars in a traditional IRA. However, when you factor into the equation that all your accumulations (in a Roth) are tax free versus tax deferred (Traditional IRA), the benefits are substantial.

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

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The work of dedicated local leaders, including area youth, has culminated in the signing of the following Resolution June 25, 2009.

# Resolution

Thereas Plymouth and Canton have a long history of innovation and progressive action;

Phereas we have experienced tremendous growth in the last three decades;

Phereas we have become home to people from around the globe;

**Exercas** we have the opportunity to develop models of citizen participation to create an inclusive public life;

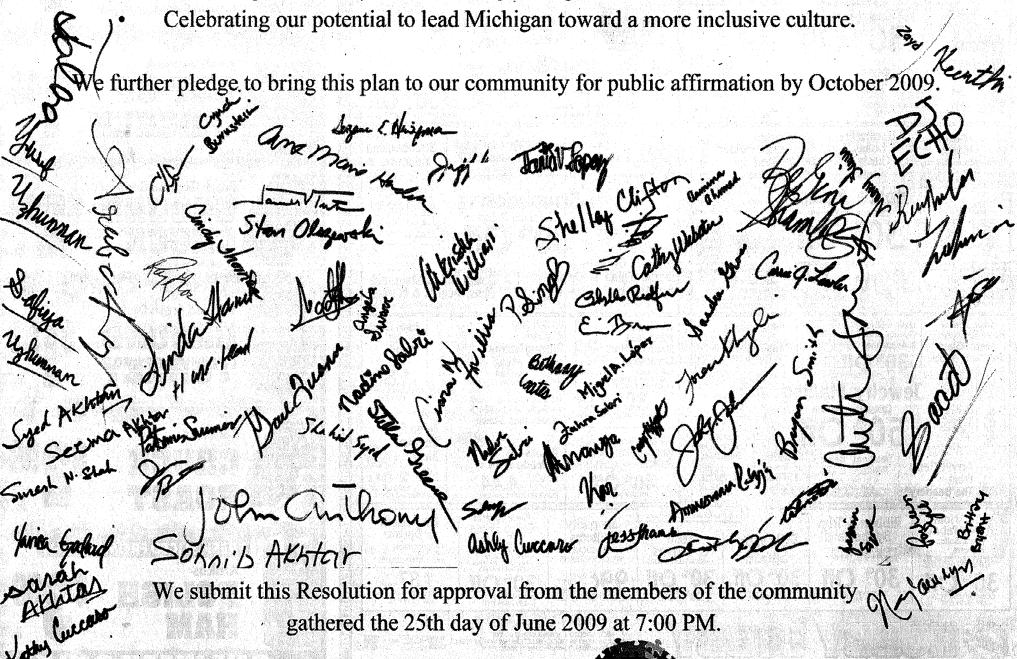
**Thereas** we have strong leadership from our communities of faith, businesses, cultural and educational institutions, and civic leadership;

**Bhereas** we have built upon these traditions and worked collaboratively to identify areas for decisive citizen action;

Be it therefore resolved:

We the members of the Plymouth Canton Community do hereby commit ourselves to the development of a Strategic Citizen Action Plan to further the public life of our communities by

- Increasing the representation from all cultures in public decision making,
- Developing a deeper understanding of our history and how it influences us today,
- Strengthening the employment practices in public institutions to better reflect the wealth of diversity in our community,
- Enhancing community understanding among diverse cultures,



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# SPORTS, HEALTH & FITNESS, NEIGHBORS HOMETOWN LIFE

# No Green for U-M-bound White

BY JIM TOTH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There will be a little different look to Thanksgiving dinner around the White household this year.

Austin White, the heralded running back from Livonia Stevenson, bucked the family trend of support to the Green and White of Michigan State by announcing last week he has given a verbal commitment to Rich Rodriguez and the coaching staff at Michigan to become a Wolverine in

The decision to attend U-M was the first of its kind among the immediate White family as both mom (Karen) and dad (Michael) are MSU alums, while brothers Myles and Mitchell currently attend the East Lansing University. Extending the family further, Austin even has aunts and uncles who bleed green and white.

"I don't know about Thanksgiving, but I do know my mom is going to have to do some redecorating," White

White said his decision came down, mainly, to where he would feel comfortable both as an athlete and a student the next four years. Several schools, including MSU, were among his final selections, but he said in no way did family members try and sway him East Lansing's way.

"My brothers and my par-



Livonia Stevenson's Austin White, shown in last year's Division 1 state semifinal at MSU's Spartan Stadium against Rockford, is going to the Big House and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

ents didn't push me because they just kept an open mind and said it was my decision and really supported me through the whole process," said White, who indicated LSU, Iowa, Wisconsin, Purdue and Illinois also had his attention right up to the final days. "The first time I stepped on campus at U-M the coaches seemed excited about me

being there and I think I really appreciated their interest.

I definitely enjoyed meeting the (U-M) coaches and the players and felt that was the kind of program I wanted to be a part of.

In the 6-foot, 190-pound White, the Wolverines will be getting a versatile running back, who last season as a junior at Stevenson, racked up 1,610 yards on 228 carries and scored 28 touchdowns. He also caught 21 passes for 310 yards and four scores and totaled 279 yards on nine kick-off returns.

Perennial contenders for the Big Ten championship and annually among the top 20 teams in the nation, the Wolverines stumbled last year in Rodriguez's first year at the

helm, winning just three of 12 games. Asked if playing a role in the rebuilding process had any impact on his decision, White said a greater factor was the wide-open offense implemented by the Wolverines and the opportunity to play in "some big games" in a couple of years.

"I guess we kind of saw this coming," Karen White said of her son's decision. "You could see him light up when he was there (U-M) around the coaches. I think he enjoyed the passion the coaches have toward what they do.

"You have to go where your heart is and where you're going to be happy and I'm proud of the fact he's taken his time and looked at all the schools," she went on. "It was a difficult decision, and I'm sure he's glad it's over.'

With the decision in the bag, White said he can now focus at the task at hand - winning a state championship. He and his Spartan teammates nearly reached that milestone in 2007 when Stevenson earned a berth in the Division 1 title game. Unfortunately for the Spartans, those dreams were dashed as Macomb Dakota came away with a 41-21 vic-

"I'm happy it's over with because now I can focus on my school's football season and on reaching our goal of winning a state championship," White said. "That didn't happen last time, but we have another chance.'

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# Rams gain tourney bid

The Michigan Rams will be returning to familiar grounds next month, courtesy of Wednesday's 2-1 triumph over the Michigan Blue Knights at Bicentennial Park.

Single runs in each of the third and sixth frames proved to be the difference as the Rams upped their season mark to 17-8 and secured a sixth consecutive berth in the upcoming AAABA National Tournament slated for Aug. 9-15 in Johnstown, Pa.

Joe Barnes' single in the sixth inning, his second of the game, brought home Ryan Abraham with the tie-breaking run, and reliever Tom Whiting worked a perfect seventh inning to preserve as the lead as the Rams clinched the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League's top spot.

Justin Forster plated the Rams' other run with a double in the third inning. Abraham, Aaron Cieslak, Brett Mazmanian and Jake Rhodes were the other Rams players clubbing hits as the hosts outhit the Blue Knights 7-4.

Despite giving up a run on two hits in the sixth, Whiting was credited with the victory. He struck out three and didn't walk anyone in two innings on the mound.

Ben Schroeder got the start and pitched solidly through five innings, yielding two hits and two walks and fanning three.

Dustin Hill took the loss for the Blue Knights (13-14).

# Falcons yard sale

Farmington High School's girls cross country team will have a vard-sale fundraiser July 23-25 at 23986 Colchester, Farmington. The times for the yard sale will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

Other houses in the neighborhood will be having yard sales, too, giving potential buyers a wider selection of goods. A wide variety of items

will be for sale, including small appliances, clothing, sports equipment, etc.

Items will not be priced for sale but will be sold on a donation basis. Proceeds will be used to send the team to running camp and pay for other team needs.

Colchester is located between Orchard Lake and Power roads, south of 10 Mile and north of Shiawassee.

# USA Hockey honors

Ron Haves, Plymouth **Canton Hockey Association** director of instructional program, was recognized by USA Hockey at the 2009 **Annual Congress June 3-6** in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Hayes was chosen to receive the William Thayer Tutt award, given annually to honor the memory of Tutt, who served as USA Hockey president from 1972-86.

A panel of hockey journalists and broadcasters select the winner from a list of nominees, presenting it to a volunteer who, during years of service, has displayed a selfless dedication to the enhancement of ice hockey at the grassroots level in America.

# League champion Rangers featured winning mix of talent

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

All of the ingredients for a winning team were sprinkled into the mix for the 11U Rangers of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association.

Those Rangers, coached by Rick Covault, parlayed that mix of strong pitching, clutch hitting, aggressive baserunning and defense into a 16-0 record and the 11U championship - the latter captured thanks to a 12-1 rout over the Dodgers on June 29 at Plymouth Township Park.

The championship was the team's second in the past three seasons with a runner-up finish the third season during that impressive run, Covault

"The success we enjoyed this season is because our kids are focused, practiced hard all season, are very coachable and very athletic," Covault emphasized. "And we have a great group of parents who are very supportive." According to Covault, whose staff included assistant coaches

Mike Baldwin, Jeff Campbell, Kevin Krupski, John Rinke and Darrin



The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association 11U Rangers show off their hardware following a 12-1 victory over the Dodgers in the championship final, held June 29 at Plymouth Township Park. Pictured front row (from left) are Blake Lewis, Ricky Covault, Jake Silvester and James Baldwin. Pictured middle row (from left) are Luke Krupski, Micah Rinke, Cody Borke, Jack Campbell, Aaron Kosmyna, Carson Pakula, Anthony Garbarino and Ian McKinnon. Pictured back row (from left) are coaches Darrin Silvester, Jeff Campbell, Rick Covault (head coach), Mike Baldwin, John Rinke and Kevin Krupski. Not pictured is player Joey Verkerke.

Silvester, the Rangers stepped it up in all categories.

MANY CONTRIBUTORS

"We've always been a good hitting

their hitting skills and really worked hard at practice to become better defensively as well," Covault said. "They especially improved on fielding and knowing where to be on the field regardless if the ball was hit to them or not.

team, but this year, they fine-tuned

"They also worked hard to learn other strategic aspects of the game as But the Rangers excelled all year in

all aspects, the coach continued. For example, there was the steady pitching of Cody Borke, Ian McKinnon and Micah Rinke along with solid hitting from Jack Campbell, Aaron Kosmyna, Luke Krupski, Blake Lewis and Jake Silvester.

James Baldwin, Ricky Covault, Anthony Garbarino, Carson Pakula and Joey Verkerke chipped in with big contributions in baserunning and defense. And team chemistry provided anoth-

er element that contributed to the title. "Many of our kids and families have been together since they were six years old," Covault said. "So they know each other and it's fun for everyone."

# NRCLL crowns champions in baseball and softball

BY JIM TOTH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was quick, but it was exciting, as the North Redford Central Little League recently wrapped up summer play by crowning its champions in baseball and softball play.

One of the more interesting

achievements came in girls softball where the Redford Heat, comprised of 9-10-yearolds, fielded a host of newcomers to the game and still managed to come out on top in the six-team division standings.

Coached by Dennis Butka and assisted by Charlie Kamin and Kathy Tarr, the Heat posted a 10-4-1 ledger during the regular season. Unfortunately, their stay in the post-season was abrupt as they lost their first game.

"It was a very enjoyable season," Butka said. "We started the season with eight girls who had never played softball before, but they listened well,

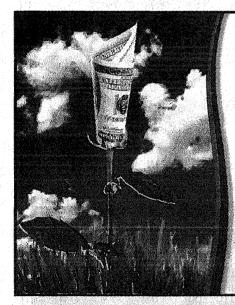
learned quickly and just went out there and had a lot of fun."

Butka praised the efforts of the entire team, which included Haylee Butka, Emma Williams, Tylar Bennett, Amanda Drain, Allison Peck, Amy Kamin, Kennedi Spratt, Asia Banks, Jayla Johnson, Adelina Salano, Tracie Carrico and Emily Douglas.

"My approach the entire season was to teach them how to play the game and whatever happens, happens," Butka said. "It was rewarding."

In other action, the Minor A division saw a pair of teams

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# West dazzles East gridders

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There were plenty of fireworks on July 4 — plenty on the Spartan Stadium football field, too.

The West exacted a 43-. 22 revenge on the East in the 29th Annual Michigan High School Football All-Star Game presented by the MHSFCA.

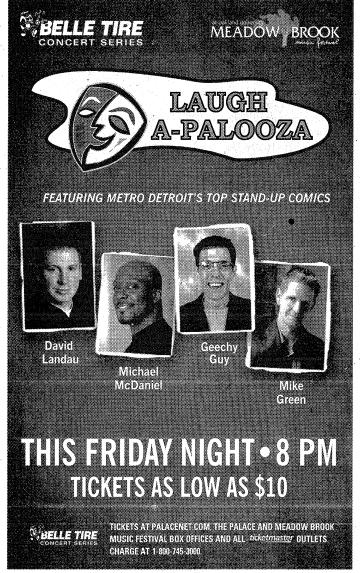
It was 13-9 at halftime before the contest turned into an offensive exhibition in the second half.

Local players competing for the East were Canton

lineman Justin Sneddon and Salem lineman Andrew Grabowski.

All 88 players in the game were seniors last season and were nominated to take part in the prestigious contest.

Among East highlights was a three-vard touchdown by West Bloomfield's Chris Hurst (with the extra point by Troy's Kevin Muma) and a 79yard TD reception by Hurst from Detroit Southeastern's William Sturgis.





# **Wildcats win Pinckney**

The South Farmington 12U Wildcats Travel Softball captured the 12-and-under championship at the Pinckney Rebels Fastpitch Tournament held in Hamburg, MI. After knocking off top-seeded Pinckney Rebels 16-3 in semifinal action, the first-year travel team registered a 13-6 victory over the Brighton Bulldogs in the title game. Pictured above are team members (seated, from left) Rachel Walsh, Patrycia Piontek, Alli Gambill, Madelyn Omietanski, Allie Blair, Victoria Bayliss, (kneeling) head coach Beverly Blair, manager Dave Walsh, (standing, from left) coach Bob Fish, Jacqlyn Reynolds, Leah Petrak, Lauren Fish, Emily Cox, Elise Andreski, Samantha Danto, coach Jim Gambill and coach Howard Bayliss.



# **Batbusters in World Series**

Two runner-up finishes in recent tournament action has the 18U Batbusters Fastpitch softball team gaining three World Series berths. Strong finishes in the USSSA Romeo Renegade Tournament, Davison Tournament and ASA Motor City Showdown qualified the Batbusters for the upcoming USSSA World Series, ASA Worlds and NSA World Series. Pictured above are team members (front row, from left) Kathryn Garry, Ali Robinson, Danielle Keys, Brittany Lines, Maria Gomez, (middle row, from left) Sara Cupp, Devin Culham, Chrissy Albrecht, Sammy Ray, Gwen Hittle, Katie Rankin, (back row, from left) coach Bonnie Engel, manager Brant Engel and coach Mike Albrecht.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

# Churchill golf workouts

Conditioning for the Livonia Churchill girls varsity golf team will be from 11 a.m. until noon, Tuesday through Thursday, and 9:30-11 a.m. Friday, July 24, at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Conditioning is open to all incoming ninth-through 12thgraders attending Churchill in the fall. There is no charge.

For more information, call Churchill coach Paul Worley at (248) 476-4493.

### Coaches needed

• Westland John Glenn is seeking a head girls cross country coach for the upcoming fall season. Those interested can apply online at www.wwcsd. net/employment/.

• Wayne Memorial High School is looking to fill the coaching positions for the boys varsity cross country and girls varsity golf teams for the fall season. Previous high school coaching experience is preferred.

Interested individuals are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to Greg Ambrose, Athletic Director, 3001 Fourth, Wayne, MI 48184. Information can also be faxed to (734) 595-2227.

### New Canton hockey site

The Canton Amateur Hockey Association recently unveiled a new and improved web site for the 2009-10 season. The site has all the information anyone might need about CAHA teams, leagues and coaches for next year as well as brand new online registration. Check it out at www.cantonhockey.org.

### Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton is offering eight weeks of learn-to-skate sessions through August. Classes are 30 minutes each with 15 minutes of free time and are grouped by age and ability. Parents can register children at the Arctic Edge, 46615 Michigan Avenue, or call (734) 487-777 for more information.



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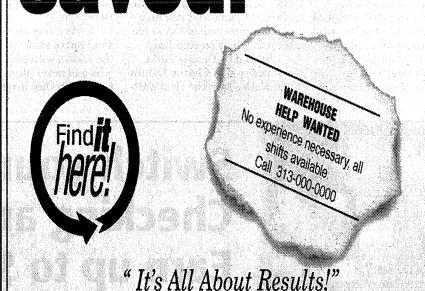
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# Reasons to think Whalers

BY TIM SMITH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER** 

It might be warm weather outside, but it's time to start thinking Plymouth Whalers

hockey once again. The Ontario Hockey League team is entering its 20th season, and anniversary promotions and special events are expected throughout the year at Compuware Arena.

One of those is a flex plan that allows fans to buy a pack of nine vouchers (good for any 2009-10 Whalers game) for just \$90. Along with the pack are extra free vouchers to preseason games and all Monday and Wednesday contests during the regular season.

The deal originally was set to expire on June 30, but it is being extended indefinitely.

Also, Whalers' Director of Communications Pete Krupsky said a game featuring alumni players (possibly including former NHL-ers) is being discussed and could take place in August. Go to the

# HOCKEY

Plymouth Whalers Web site (www.plymouthwhalers.com) for more details.

Meanwhile, training camp is just around the corner, not to mention a preseason game 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 against the OHL champion Windsor Spitfires (who also won the Memorial Cup).

• For those who want to stretch their skating legs, Compuware is offering open public skating sessions and sticks and pucks." The skating sessions are 1:50 in length and begin anywhere from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; call (734) 453-6400 for an up-to-the-minute schedule. To skate, cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and \$2 for senior citizens. Skate and helmet rentals are \$2.

As for the 50-minute "sticks and pucks" sessions, times also vary. This week, sessions start at 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Next week, par-

ticipants should plan on 5 p.m. sessions on Monday, July 27 and Thursday, July 30.

For "sticks and pucks," full equipment is required and pucks must be brought to Compuware. The price is \$5.

### **DROP-IN HOCKEY**

Although Compuware no longer hosts drop-in hockey, players can hit the ice and compete over at Plymouth Cultural Center & Ice Arena throughout July and August (except July 25-26 and Aug.

Times for drop-in are 4:30to-5:50 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10-to-11:50 a.m. Sundays, with days and times subject to change.

The arena at 525 Farmer St. also hosts "sticks and pucks," weekdays from 2:30-to-4:20 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:30-to-2:20 p.m.

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from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 27-31. The cost is \$175 per player.

For more information, visit madonnacrusaders.com.

• Madonna University will

be staging its 35th annual All-

Star camp for boys (ages 8-15)

### Volleyball

• Westland John Glenn will stage an Asics Performance camp for high school girls (grades 9-12), Monday through Wednesday, July 20-22.

The camp features collegiate trainers from the Premier Volleyball Academy based in Maumee, Ohio.

Sessions will cover skills and drills on all aspects of competitive volleyball. The cost of the camp is \$100 (includes T-shirt).

For registration information, call Glenn coach Julian Wargo at (248) 295-7245.

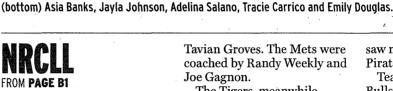
• St. Fabian volleyball coach Jason Gold and his staff of varsity high school and college players will conduct a volleyball skills camp July 27-30 at St. Fabian.

The \$75 fee provides campers with 12 hours of volleyball training (four three-hour sessions). The camp is for girls entering the third through eighth grades.

Campers will be divided by age, with grades 3-6 going from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and grades 7-8 from 2:45 to 5:45 p.m. Campers should bring a water bottle, knee pads, T-shirt (no tank tops) and volleyball shoes.

Registration is limited to the first 50 girls who register and send their payment. Checks should be payable to Coach Jason Gold and mailed to: Jason Gold, 30056 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

The St. Fabian gym is located at 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, (on the north side of 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake). Call 248-538-



 Mets and Tigers — tie for the top spot.

Those players leading the Mets included Nicholas Bisaro, Kieran Bledsoe, Tyler Collard, Teddy Coon, Jacob Gagnon, Aaron Horn, Evan Jaynes, Matt Thomas, Bradley Trout, Kyler Weekly, Khylon Starks, Talil Groves and

Tavian Groves. The Mets were coached by Randy Weekly and Joe Gagnon.

The Redford Heat girls softball team emerged champions in division play by totaling 10 wins on the season. Pictured above are (top row, left to right) assistant coach Charlie Kamin, manager Dennis Butka, assistant coach Kathy

Tarr, (middle) Haylee Butka, Emma Williams, Tylar Bennett, Allison Peck, Amy Kamin, Kennedi Spratt, Amanda Drain

The Tigers, meanwhile, were led Kameron MacIver, Tommie Lewis, Troy Woodrox, Allen Arnett, Lawrence Jenkins, Matt Drain, Robert Dean, Sam Alcala, Caleb Gordish, McLane Menting and Devon Waller. The Tigers were coached by Dan MacIver.

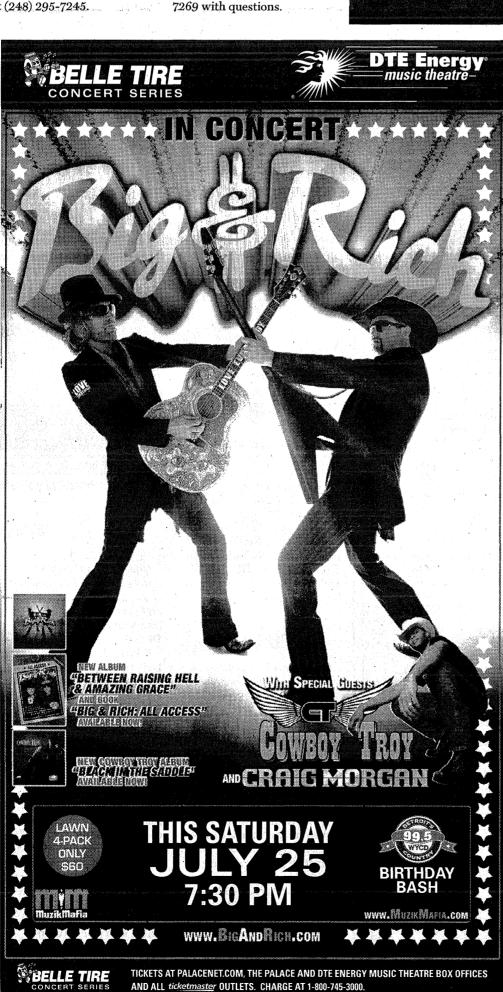
In Minor B action, the Bulls and Scrappers proved equal in effort, while the Majors

saw manager Mark Pogoda's Pirates come out on top.

Team members for the 10-4 Bulls included Abigail Booth, Nathan Burnash, Logan Calimazzo, Luc Calimazzo, Skyler Carpenter, Caitlyn Kenney, Brooklyn Mullins, Zachary Shoemaker, Caleb Tiernan, Cooper Tiernan and Shane Rakowski.

The Bulls were managed by Jerry Tiernan and assisted by Tom Kenney and James Conkright.









# Football

• North Farmington High School will have a football skills camp 8 a.m. to noon July 27-30 for any football player entering the ninth through 12th grade in the 2009-10 school year.

The cost is \$75. The camp will be conducted by the North coaching staff. Each player will need football cleats, gym shoes, workout clothes and helmet with mouth guard. Helmets should be provided by the player's high school.

To register contact coach Todd Schultz at either Todd. schultz@farmington.k12.mi.us or 248-888-6263.

• The Popps QB Tutor summer camps will be making stops in the area including: Plymouth/Canton Area QB-

at Heritage Park (grades 3-12). For more information, visit poppsqbtutor.com; or e-mail Richard Popp at: the qbtu-

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• Schoolcraft College will ffer a series of summer sports camps for ages 10-18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, including:

Boys and girls soccer - July 20-23, 27-30 (cost \$150); boys and girls basketball – July 20-23 (cost \$150); girls volleyball - July 27-30 (cost \$150).

For more information, call the Schoolcraft College Athletic Department at (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail athletic director Sid Fox at sfox@schoolcraft.edu.

• The Plymouth Family YMCA is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics. The summer programs, through Aug. 17, will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruction and include "Kickers and Shooters" soccer. preschool and youth basketball, preschool soccer class, preschool and youth baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available; ages vary by program but there is something for children between ages 3-9. Programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

Three sports clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA.

Those include baseball (July 21-25, for ages 9-11), soccer (July 28 through Aug. 1, ages 6-9) and basketball (Aug. 4-8, ages 6-9).

Call (734) 453-2904; or visit www.ymcadetroit.org for information.

# Soccer

• Midwest Soccer Academy, one of the most respected and experienced soccer training organizations in the United States, will be conducting soccer training camps for boys and girls July 20-24. Hosted by Our Lady of the Good Counsel in Plymouth, the week-long camp will feature members of the MSA staff working with youngsters in improving their overall skills.

Cost is \$125 per camper. Sessions for girls will be held 9 a.m.-noon daily, while the boys will run from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

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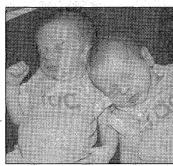
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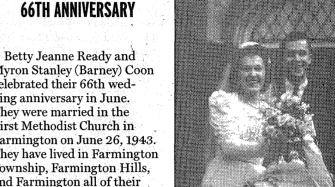
### BIRTHS



The Ciufetteli twins of Livonia

**CIUFFETELLI TWINS** 

Proud parents Tom and Heather Ciuffetelli and big brother Tv of Livonia welcome the newest additions to their family, born May 26, 2009: Luc Scott, 6 pounds 5 ounces and 21 inches long; and Jack Thomas, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, 21 1/2 inches long.



Betty Jeanne Ready and Myron Stanley (Barney) Coon celebrated their 66th

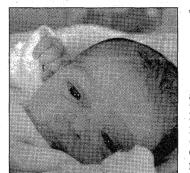
Betty Jeanne Ready and Myron Stanley (Barney) Coon were married at the First Methodist Church in



Farmington on June 26, 1943.

wedding anniversary in June.

Myron Stanley (Barney) Coon celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in June. They were married in the First Methodist Church in Farmington on June 26, 1943. They have lived in Farmington Township, Farmington Hills, and Farmington all of their married life. Betty's family moved to Farmington in 1932; the Coon family came in 1937. Barney graduated from Farmington High School in 1939 and Betty in 1940.



**Lev Paul Myers** 

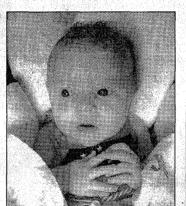
# **LEV PAUL MYERS**

Lev Paul Myers was born April 24, 2009, at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Natalie Marom Myers and Alec Myers of Los Angeles.

Lev is their first child. Alec was a 1991 graduate of Farmington High School.

Grandparents are Joe and Laura Myers of Farmington, and Michal and Naomi Marom of Baldwin, Long Island, N.Y.



Mallory Grace Dilluvio

# **MALLORY GRACE DILLUVIO**

Mallory Grace Dilluvio was born June 22, 2009, in William Beaumont Hospital.

Proud parents are Christopher Dilluvio and Kathleen Clark of Farmington Hills. Mallory's big sister is Paige, 22 months. Her grandparents are Gary and Phyllis Clark and Frank (Kathy) Dilluvio, all of Warren, and the late Patricia Dilluvio.

# **GARDEN CALENDAR**

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The couple wed June 27, 1959

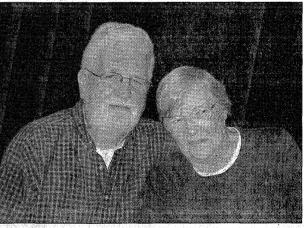
George "Bud" has degrees

Maxine "Micki" is a graduate

their golden anniversary.

George 'Bud' and Micki Huysken of Livonia on their wedding day in 1959.

Chibou of Livonia, Kristin Huysken of Chicago, Ill., Mark Huysken (Amy) of Kalamazoo and Erik Huysken of Royal Oak.



**Charles and Margaret Drury of Redford** 

# **60TH ANNIVERSARY**

Charles and Margaret (Sirola) Drury of Redford celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this month. The couple married July 9, 1949, in Detroit.

DePatis Floral Design School, which he owned and managed. Margaret worked as an IBM keypunch operator and co-owned and co-managed the school with her husband.

Chuck is involved with a WWII Naval Armed Guard veteran's group. He also enjoys music, playing cards, and working in his workshop. Marge enjoys playing cards, cooking, sewing, and watching the Detroit Pistons. Both are very active in family activities.

Their children are Robert Drury of Highland, the late Richard Drury, Maureen (Clyde) Thomas of Auburn, Calif., Mary Beth (Glen) Conger of Livonia, and Pamela (Alan) Zoeller of Highland.



Charles and Margaret Drury on their wedding day in 1949.

their milestone day with a family barbecue.

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### IVAN L. BAILEY

Ivan was born on May 27, 1927 in St. Johnsbury, VT. He lived his young adult life in Quebec, Canada where he married Margaret L. Burns on December 26, 1949. Ivan and Margaret moved to MI where he retired from General Motors after 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children Judy, James, and Janette; his sisters Virginia and Jean; and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ivan was predeceased by his son, Lloyd in 1966 and his brother Bernard in 1992. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, July 22 at 2:00pm at Covenant Community Church in

EDWARD MATTHEW BIRKE JR. Age 89, of Livonia, passed away July 13, 2009 at his son's home in Stockton Springs, Maine. He was born in Muskegon, Michigan November 19, 1919 to Edward Matthew Birke Sr. and Marguerite L. (Fitzgerald) Birke. Edward attended St. Mary High School in Muskegon, graduating in 1937. He enlisted in the United States Army October 23, 1941 where he served in WWII. Following his service Edward attended The College of Commerce & Finance, University of Detroit graduating with a Bachelor Of Science degree in 1948. He then married Betty Leota Baird on August 1, 1948 in Muskegon. Edward initially worked as a CPA at Lybrand, Ross, & Montgomery Accounting Firm; later at Ralph Center CPA firm; and for the last 55 years, as an accountant for a private extended family, retiring in June of 2009. Edward lived in Muskegon, Detroit, and Livonia, Michigan. He traveled all over the United States and throughout the World and especially enjoyed cruises. Some of his favorite places to visit were Hubbard Lake, Michigan, Big Moose Lake in the Adirondack Mountains, New York State; Sanibel Island, Florida; and Stockton Springs, Maine. Ed was an avid reader, and enjoyed taking online courses to expand his never ending curiosity. Edward was pre-deceased by his wife, Betty Leota (Baird) Birke in 1999; his sister, Marjorie (Donahue) Johnson in 2008. He is survived by his son, Michael E. Birke

of Hope, Maine; two great-grandchildren (Maya and Lily Birke Brennan); several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of Ed's life will be held at his home in Livonia, Michigan at 1:00 pm on July 25, 2009. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made either to: Waldo County Home Health and Hospice Services,

and wife Kathryn of Stockton Springs,

Maine; granddaughter, Kimberly A. Birke and husband Matthew Brennan

19 Northport Avenue, PO Box 407, Belfast, ME 04915 or your local pub-lic television station. Online condolences may be made at: www.crabielripostafuneralhome.com



July 7, 2009, age 80. Lifelong resident of Birmingham and very active member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Wife of the late Charles R. Dear mother of Patricia F. Ormston (David) and Charles R. (Bettie). Grandmother of Jason Ormston and Rebecca White. Sister of Harold Johnson (Nancy), Ruth Ann Barksdale (Glen) and David Johnson (Marie). Services have been held. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery, A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. view obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

# ALDEMOND SONS

### JOAN PATRICIA **COLASANTI**

July 10, 2009, age 75, of Rogers City, MI and Charlotte Harbor, FL. Beloved wife of R. Bruce. Dear mother of Bruce T. (Julie) of Grand Blanc, MI, John (Audrey)of Minneapolis, MN, Linda Wade (Mark) of Royal Oak, MI and Robert (Maya) of Minneapolis, MN. Grandmother of Anne, Jane, Dominick, Pete, Kate, Lou and Christine. Sister of Tim Toben (Jan) of Orlando, FL, Suzanne Kisseberth of Royal Oak, MI and the late Nancy Leavenworth. Memorial service will be held at a later date at St. Ignatius Church in Rogers City. Memorial tributes to Alzherimer's Association, 20300 Civic Center Dr., Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48076. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500



On Monday, July 13, 2009, Evelyn Bragg Daniel, 87, went to be with her Lord, and to be greeted by all of her loved ones who have gone before her. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Arlington Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Arlington Funeral Home. Evelyn was born July 5, 1922, in Moscow, Ky. She was the daughter of Woodford and Mora Bragg. She married Wiley Daniel in 1940, and they had five children while living in Union City. Tenn dren while living in Union City, Tenn. Evelyn moved to Plymouth, MI in 1954 where she worked and retired from the Plymouth School District. After retirement they returned to Clinton, Ky. and lived there for two years before moving to Texas. Evelyn vas a member of Lamar Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wiley; twins; two sisters, Lena and Edith; and three brothers, Aaron, Morris, and Gene. Survivors: Sons, Lynn Daniel and wife, Toni, and John Daniel and wife, Ann; daughter, Mary Jean Steinmetz and husband, Melvin; she will be missed by all of them, as well as her six grandchildren, David Daniel, Richard Daniel, Kim Peach, Sarah Steinmetz, Greg Daniel, and Jennifer Bassier; and five great-grandchildren, Lane, Isabella, Cooper, Landon, and Campbell. Arlington Funeral Home 1221 E. Division St., 817-548-1791



NATHAN EUGENE FRANK, Jr.

Passed away June 24, 2009 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Born in Highland, MI on January 20, 1944 to Lois O'Rear Frank and Nathan Frank, Sr., Nathan grew up in Garden City, MI. He graduated from Garden City High School and attended Ferris Institute. He worked for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department in Michigan and retired in Fort Collins. He was a patriot and veteran having served in the Army in German. He loved sports, especially the Detroit Red Wings and fast cars. A member of Divine Child Catholic Church in Plymouth, he attended St. Joseph's and John the 23rd in Fort Collins. Nathan is survived by his sons: Per Frank Jakobsen of Kirke Saaby, Denmark; Aaron Frank of Plymouth, MI; Daughter, Tiffany Frank Petersen (Matthew) of Indianapolis, IN; a brother, Douglas Frank (Kara) of Livonia, MI; a sister Alveta Frank Petersen (Jim) of Fort Collins; nephews: Rod Fran, Roy Frank, Brett Shafer (April); nieces: Lauren Shafer Steele (Jason); grand nephew, Evan Steele; grand nieces, Delainey Shafer and Caidin Steele and many caring supporters in Michigan and Colorado. A private family service will take place at Cadillac Memorial arden in Westland, MI. Donations may be made to Vet's Haven, 4924 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184.

MILLIE D. HENSLEY Age 78, July 12, 2009. Beloved wife of Howard for 60 years. Sister of Duane Velda) Durham and Helen Durham. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed by all who knew her. Funeral Service Thursday 11:30am at the John N. Santeiu and Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Memorials suggested to the USO.



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# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

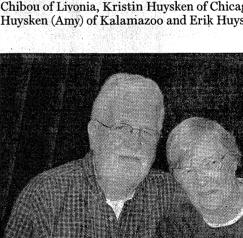
and Maxine B. (Brown) Huysken of Livonia celebrated 50 years of marriage with a gathering given by their children and grandchildren and a dinner attended George 'Bud' and Micki Huysken of Livonia celebrate by friends and

at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit. They've lived in Livonia since

from Alma College and Madonna University and worked for Chrysler Corporation, American Safety Equipment Corp., Ford Motor Company and Champion Enterprises in purchasing, sales and legal assistant positions.

of Michigan State University and was employed by Livonia

Public Schools for 25 years. Their children are Kimberly



Charles is retired from



The couple has five grandchildren and one great-grand-They planned to celebrate

# Bang! Bang! Yeeha!

# Club members shoot the cowboy way

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI

At least once a month, the Rev. C.S. Oosterveen puts on his holster, heads west to Plymouth Township and becomes a cowboy known as the Rev. Missalot, for about four hours.

"I come here for the camaraderie and to have a good time," said Oosterveen, a Roseville resident.

Taking part in the Cowboy Action Shooting at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association on Napier is a welcome break from the pressures of his job.

On a picture-perfect Saturday morning, Oosterveen was among about 60 people who left their worries behind and became cowboys for the day.

Everyone takes on a new name and sees what score they can get shooting a single action pistol, rifle and shotgun on five courses hitting metal targets set up in different shooting stages. The 16-inch targets are at seven to 50 yards. "No target is too big or too close that it can't be missed," according to the Web site, www.wwcca.com.

Accuracy and speed are key.
"It's a lot of fun," said Mario
Derrick of Westland. "It's a lot
of old guys getting together

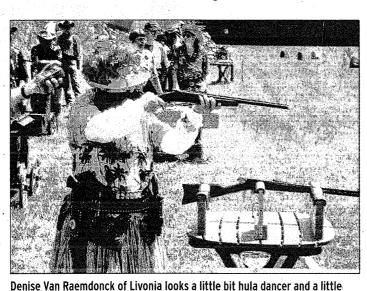
playing cowboy."

The club gives members a chance to go back to yesteryear "when you knew right from wrong, you showed respect, and played fair," according to a Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS) brochure. "Truth and justice ... that's the cowboy way back then and now."

Sometimes Derrick brings his wife, Liz, and granddaughter, Hannah, 13, who has been shooting for two years. In fact, there are a number of women



Steve Dininsky of Redford doffed his traditional cowboy garb in favor of a tropical theme for Cowboy Action Shooting at the Wayne County Conservation Association.



cowgirl as she shoots, while others wait their turn.

and young people involved. Some members dress up in complete cowboy attire and others don't.

"Everybody's a friend here," said Ronie Abrahamian, a Garden City resident, who goes by Honest Abe when he's packing pistols.

Livonia resident Denise Van Raemdonck, also known as Deadwood Denise, started shooting about four years ago. "It's really a nice sport," Van Raemdonck said. "A lot of nice people come here."

Livonia resident Debbie Hanka, who becomes Shakey Puddin' when she's shooting, says she likes taking part in a sport she can share with her husband, Ray Hanka, vice president of WWCCA, head of the local cowboy club and known as Rainmaker Ray.

### **KEEPING IT SAFE**

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# NEIGHBORS

# AAUW ably represented by local women at national convention

BY JULIE BROWN **O&E STAFF WRITER** 

Mickey Edell of Canton and Sharon Belobraidich of Plymouth Township were in St. Louis June 25-28 for the national convention of the American Association of University Women.

"I thought the convention was outstanding," said Edell, who works at Hoben Elementary School in Canton. This was her second national convention for AAUW.

Both women are state board members of AAUW, with Edell having served as state president 2006-08. Both have ties to the Plymouth-Canton schools, with Belobraidich a retired elementary teacher and Edell a current speech and language pathologist.

This convention was shorter than the previous one Edell attended: "But the speakers were outstanding," she said.

The women at the convention had debates on whether AAUW should drop its requirement for a two-year degree. The first vote was almost 50/50, with the final vote 1,450 to 36 to maintain the degree requirement.

Edell, a 20-year member, favored dropping the degree requirement, noting "as an

Kathy Banfield Shaw of Battle Creek (right), AAUW of Michigan president, meets with Lily Ledbetter, for whom the recently passed Fair Pay Act is named. Ledbetter was the keynote speaker at the national convention in St. Louis, Mo., which a number of Michigan AAUW members attended.

inclusive organization  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{W}$ should not be exclusive by using a degree designation."

That was part of a larger revision of association bylaws and governance.

AAUW, approaching its 130th year, works to provide educational opportunities and equity for women and girls. Edell got involved through friend and colleague Belobraidich.

"Sharon Belobraidich asked me if I would like to be Figaro in Pinocchio," said Edell. referring to the Plymouth-Canton branch's signature annual play for children. Edell continues to love the play and social aspects, but also was drawn to gender equity issues. In St. Louis, Lily Ledbetter,

for whom recently enacted pay equity legislation is named, was the keynote speaker. "She was very thoughtful," said Eleanor "Coco" Siewert of Birmingham, a Wayne State University law school staffer and former Birmingham mayor.

That was President Barack Obama's first piece of legislation signed, said Siewert, who has been AAUW's national parliamentarian for more than 20 years. Women earn approximately two-thirds of what equally qualified men

Edell, a former Plymouth-Canton branch president, also enjoyed hearing Ledbetter, who was instrumental in passage of the Fair Pay Act which bears her name. Edell also listened closely to a Connecticut congresswoman, Rep. Rosa DeLauro, who helped pass the Paycheck Fairness Act in the

U.S. House. The latter awaits. U.S. Senate action.

"Even now in 2009, women are not still paid equitably on the dollar with men," Edell said. "These women (speakers) had us on our feet, cheering them."

There were about 50 Michigan delegates, she added. Edell remains on the state board as Initiative director, with fellow state board member Belobraidich as Diversity director.

The national conventions are held every other year, with the next one in 2011 in Washington, D.C.

Michigan AAUW members attending the St. Louis convention include: Ann Arbor branch: Margaret Fisher, Jennie Lombard, Mary Mostaghim, Pauline Pan, Martha Petroski, Amy Seetoo; Birmingham branch: Carolyn Burdi, Sally Doty, Charlotte Mahrt, Carol Pyke, Eleanor Siewert, Jean Walker; Detroit branch: Cynthia McClure, Janet Watkins; Farmington branch: Joan McGlincy; Grosse Pointe branch: Carolyn Barth, Patricia Greenwood; Oakland branch: Lynette Brown; Plymouth-Canton branch: Sharon Belobraidich, Mickey Edell; Wyandotte-



The Michigan delegation was glad to travel to St. Louis for the national convention of the American Association of University Women.

Downriver branch: Josephine Burke, Gloria Conn, Diana Mente, Delores Miller; Rochester branch: Sharon Postnieks; Livonia branch: Cornelia Blaga, Mary Bond, Barbara Medwedeff; Romeo area branch: Jeanette Douglas.

Outstate Michigan attendees were: Battle Creek branch: Janis Emery, Deborah Ensign, Constance VandePolder; Grand Rapids branch: Mary Jane Keeler,

Helen Kinsworthy; Hillsdale branch: Ruth Brown; Holland branch: Martha Swank; Jackson branch: Patricia Jennings; Lansing area branch: Vida Sisco; Marshall branch: Kathy Shaw; Midland branch: Betty Chenoweth, Mary Crane-Franck, Ann Ward; Port Huron branch: Pamela Oziah, Pamela Ruehle; Traverse City area branch: Shirley Murray; Escanaba area branch: Joy Holman, M. Jean Jokipii.

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WWCCA has 761 family members from Plymouth, Livonia, Canton, Westland, Dearborn Heights, Detroit and other communities across the state.

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develops wear and tear arthritis of the hip or knee the possibility of a fall increases.

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contrast, treatment for hip or knee arthritis has a predictably good effect when the

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John Blades of South Lyon (left) times Rick Levy of Plymouth.

such a variety of activities that Garden City, Westland, it brings people to us."

Among the many activities, WWCCA also provides hunter education classes and Junior Olympics archery development, as well as trap and skeet college or university with shooting on 84 acres that sits on a parcel that touches Wayne and Washtenaw coun-

A new program, Pin Top, challenges shooters to hit five bowling ball like pins with a 22 caliber long rifle handgun. It's a timed event with a maximum 15 seconds.

Deer roam the land on a picturesque setting ideal for walking after shooting stops at 5:45 p.m.

"I call this my little piece of country in the city," Haviland said. "It's important for people to know we're a family-oriented

club and we try to provide family-oriented activities along with individual activi-

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### IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## Golf for good cause

The Senior Alliance holds it 2009 Golf Classic Friday, July 24 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course, 39670 Ecorse, Wayne.

The 9 A.M. shotgun start will kick-off a day filled with opportunities to win great raffle prizes, eat delicious food, and possibly win the cherished "Ficano Cup." Last year's event sold out quickly. Reserve your foursome by calling Linda DeVore, program manager, at (734) 727-2017. The raffle supports The Holiday Meals-on-Wheels Program, a charitable effort that provides hot, festive meals to thousands of eligible recipients throughout the 34 communities that The Senior Alliance serves on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Labor Day.

The non-profit organization helps thousands of seniors and caregivers throughout southern and western Wayne County through the Mealson-Wheels program, the Holiday Meals-on-Wheels program, information and

assistance. Ninety-three cents of every dollar raised from this event will go directly to senior services.

### Garage sale

Presbyterian Village of Westland plans a garage sale Saturday, July 25 to raise money for employee and resident picnics.

The facility is a part of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, a nonprofit organization that serves senior citizens of all faiths. The Village

of Westland offers one- and two-bedroom apartments with services, Assisted Living & Alzheimer/Memory Care cottages, along with Respite Care for short term stays. It also provides home-cooked meals, activities, transportation to shopping and banking, personal emergency response buttons, a Wellness Center with exercise equipment, and gardening. It's located at 32001 Cherry Hill, in Westland. Call (734) 762-8954 for more information.

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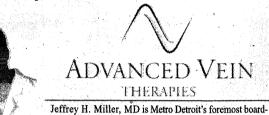


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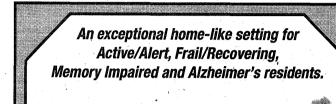
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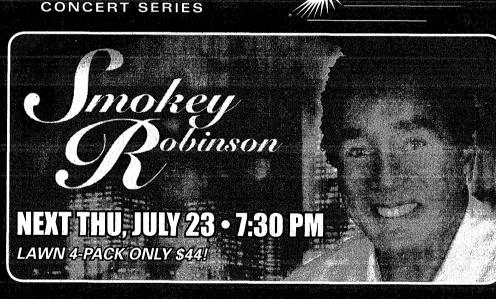
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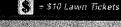
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# Manners matter when visiting family, friends in hospital

BY JULIE BROWN O&E STAFF WRITER

Etiquette may not be the first thing on your mind when visiting a loved one in the hospital. Even so, health care pros know there are a few courtesy basics.

"We do encourage families and friends to visit," said Marcia Filek, manager of patient relations at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Such visits are good for emotional and spiritual needs of patients, said Filek, who has a social work background.

"We think visitors are wonderful," said Donna Gray, chief nursing officer at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. "Visitors are our partners in the care of that patient."

One basic is to use the public restroom on the hall. The patient may need his or her bathroom, and there are infection concerns with using a patient bathroom. You should also wash your hands before



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and after visiting, Filek said. At her hospital, there's antiseptic cleanser foam in rooms which visitors are encouraged to use.

"Check with the nurse" on bringing in food, Filek advised. "We know people want to get out of the hospital as soon as possible." Some food brought in by visitors can create blood sugar or other problems that prolong stays. Gray said something like grandmother's special rice pudding can help boost a patient's appetite, which is fine. You should check with the nurse; food from home needs to be labeled by name and date. It can be stored in a refrigerator, and there's a microwave available.

Don't visit the hospital if you've been drinking heavily, Gray added.

You shouldn't stay too long, Filek said, noting shorter and more frequent visits are better, maybe half an hour. Her hospital has open visiting hours, to accommodate varied work schedules.

Gray said St. Mary Mercy visiting hours are flexible in the general hospital. "Visiting hours are really around a respectful environment for that other patient in the room," she said. TV noise and boisterous visitors can bother a roommate.

St. Mary Mercy arranges for

some family members to stay overnight in a waiting room. The birthing center is open to dads around the clock. Stricter standards apply for behavioral health and intensive care units.

You shouldn't sit on the patient's bed, for comfort concerns as well as infection possibilities. Also, Filek said, don't touch any equipment, and call the staff if you need help: "That's why we're here."

Gray said visitors shouldn't sit on or pile coats on an empty bed in the room, as nurses will need to remake the bed then.

Information release is up to the patient, due to privacy laws, although such information may be released with approval in the patient's presence. If care is being given, visitors may be asked to step out into the hall.

"We'll ask them to step out for patient privacy and the comfort of the patient," Filek said.

You can bring puzzles or playing cards to pass the time,

but Filek recommends against bringing expensive electronics which can get lost.

You don't want to bring liquor into the hospital, although patients do occasionally have beer or wine with dinner. That's ordered by a doctor and provided through Oakwood Annapolis' food and nutrition department. One such man recently had a beer.

"That was part of his routine on Saturday nights," Filek said of the doctor-approved beer in the hospital.

You shouldn't bring outside medications into the hospital, checking with the nurse or doctor on those. That sometimes happens now with holistic medications, although those too can interact with treatment plans.

Phones are individually assigned to patients, and you can keep in touch if you've got a cold or the flu. Don't visit if you're not feeling well, experts advise.

"Patients are more susceptible to those things when they're in a weakened condition," Filek

said.
"If you aren't feeling well,
don't go in there," agreed Gray,
adding you should communicate your reasons with the
loved one. "You don't want to

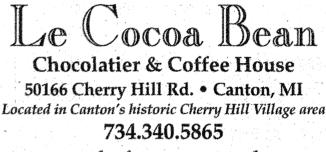
be seen as not caring."
Oakwood Annapolis has
courteous visitors, although
the numbers can add up in
the mostly semiprivate rooms.
"We've asked our staff to monitor that," Filek said. Some visitors are asked to use the family
lounges on each floor.

Breaks are good for visitors as well, she added, particularly in end of life situations.

Gray sees some problems with visitors staying too long. A co-worker, for example, may feel the need to entertain a visitor rather than get rest.

"The patient really should be allowed to have the environment to get well," Gray said. "It does wear people out."





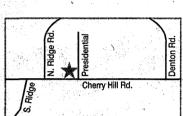


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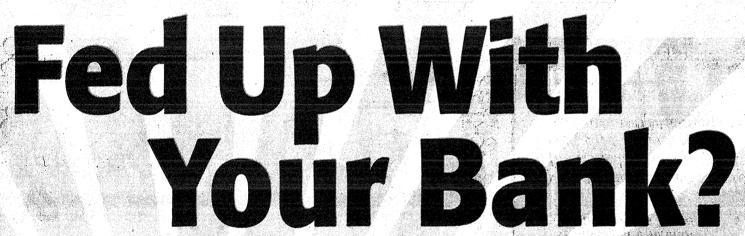
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# **CLOSING IN ON A MANIPULATIVE CO-WORKER**



WORKWISE

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co-worker may present an immediate threat to your work and emotional wellbeing, according to John Rooney, director of the M.A. Program in Clinical

A manipulative

Counseling Psychology and professor emeritus of Psychology at

Philadelphia's La Salle University. "Manipulators take advantage of people's weaknesses and are good at spotting (them), Rooney continues. "They typically have their own goals, which they put ahead of the organization and interests of other people." This sometimes ruthless self-orientation can throw you off track. He has some good news, though. Many manipulators aren't effective. By using some

simple tactics, you can avoid being their victim. Lynn Taylor, author of "Tame Your Terrible Office Tyrant" (Wiley, \$21.95), focuses on the childish behavior of bosses who (like their coworker equivalents) are, among other things, self-centered: "Sometimes (these tyrants) behave as if they exist in a universe created solely for their own gratification." You may pay the price

for that tremendous neediness when for one, Taylor writes, you become "a doormat as he sprints toward his personal goals.

### POWER

How can you avoid the doormat syndrome? You need to figure out how, in the process of being manipulated, you either knowingly or unknowingly relinquish power to the person. Rooney indicates that if you recognize that your co-worker manipulates through intimidation, be on the lookout for the next intimidating

"Learn to say no," he advises. "Don't agree to do something you might later regret." However, if you do agree and discover that doing so was a mistake, back down, saying that you agreed to go ahead when you thought you could do it, but that your situation has changed. Then move forward, all the wiser when he (or she) comes

Another invitation to relinquish power may be packaged within an assumption. Listen for some form of the word "assume" and shift the conversation from issues to your relationship, Rooney recommends: "So if the person says, assume you're going to do this . . .,' say, 'Wait a minute, Joe. You and I've worked together a long time and you assume, and it makes me

uncomfortable.

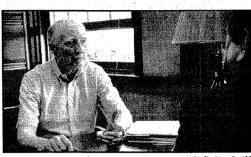
"Be aware of nature of the communication,"

Rooney comments that your best tactic is to be on the alert. In addition to intimidating tactics, watch for flattery, distortion and, in yourself, possible feelings of helplessness. Are you overly trusting? After identifying your vulnerable spot, the behavior that gets you in trouble, work on it. By strengthening your weakness, you'll undercut the potential for emotional harm.

Don't feel that you have to go it alone. Rooney says, "You can also form coalitions with others to help everyone see the extent of the problem and to strengthen your position.

Rooney says that mulling over how to deal with the person might undercut your emotional well-being and your objectives. An excessive, overwhelming reaction signals to you that you've truly knuckled under and that the manipulator won. Unless you do something, it's likely to happen again. Save yourself a bit of grief from the emotional treadmill that you're allowing a manipulator to trigger.

Keep in mind that manipulative co-workers follow a pattern. "In the long run," Rooney remarks, "most of them stay in a job a while and soon things they do start to catch up with them and they usually move on to something



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else and start over again." Their success is often temporary. By remaining alert and protecting your own interests and those of the company, you'll probably outlive the person on the job.

Then, during bad moments, he states, remember that "every day is going to have its ups and downs."

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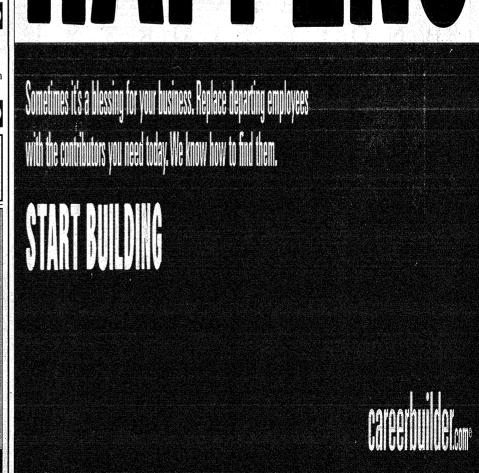


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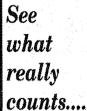
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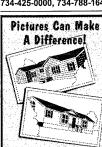
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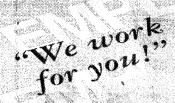
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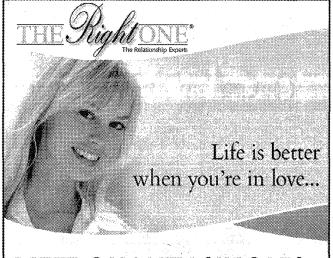
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SBPF looking for SBM, 45-57, with no children at home, who likes to have a good time. I enjoy going to movies, dining out the park, culdoor and indoor activities. Let's develop a friendship first, possibly leading to more. 17305228

SEEKING MR. RIGHT SBF, 37, 5'5", nurse, mother of three, Christian values, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 32-50, race open, with similar values, 77310924

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LET'S GET TOGETHER SBF, 54, 5'8', N/S, enjoys life's simple pleasures. Seeking SB/MM, 48-62, N/S, for Iriendship or more. 17:262444 OUTGOING

BF, 24, student, looking for BM, 35-45, to go out and have fun with. Friendship first, hopefully lead-PRETTY EYES

SBF, 33, voluptuous in all the right places, enjoys life, long walks, intellectual conversation. Seeking SM, 30-50, similar interests. 27298970 SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

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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. 12279171

TAKE A CHANCE! SWF, 90, middle school art teacher, likes na-ture, music and learning new things. ISO nice gentleman, for defing and to share life together. 2228345

IN SEARCH OF a man with a positive outlook for dating, dining out, and companionship. I'm a SWF, 58, 59", HWP, and I anjoy walks, cycling, skiing, snowshoeing and more, 137288886 ENJOYS THE OUTDOORS

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SWF, 27, mother, enjoys swimming, walking, na-ture, being outdoors. Seaking similar SWM, 23-45, for companionship. 17282578 MUSICAL GIRL

Christian WF, 19, enjoys playing guitar, singing, going to church and more. Looking for SM, 19-25, who enjoys the same things. **17:29:2258** TAKE A CHANCE ON ME SWPF, 48, educated, HW proportionate, seeks educated, professional male, 40-55, NS, with sense of humor. Let's meet for coffee or a drink.

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ARE YOU OUT THERE? disease-free, looking for SW/BM, 35-60, to talk to. I like movies, music, hanging out, travel, having fun. 17317137

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ARE YOU THE ONE?
SF, 41, 5'4", dark complexion, brown eyes, short hair, leoking to meet an honest, loyal, turny man, 37-55, to spend a lot of time together. 77289947

CURVACEOUS SWF, 47, 57" 156tbs, hazel eyes, dimples, enjoys r8b music, jazz, dancing, dining out, blues, sports. Seeking SBM, 21-42, with similar interests, for friendship first, possibly more. 12283605 VERY DOWN-TO-EARTH

SBF, 37, 55°, 1250s, slim build, enjoys nice walks in the park, movies, bowling, basketball games. Seeking SBM, 30-43. 22299111 ARE WE A MATCH?

ARE WE A MATCH?
SBF, 38, very shapely, N/S, light drinker, very independent, toves movies, sports, shooting poof, dining, Seeking SBM, 38+, very independent, who enjoys life, movies, etc. 17299793

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SBF, 23, 51", 105lbs, wants to meet SM, 30-68, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, lef's talk, 17307550

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MUST LOVE THE LORD SBF, 18, 5'8', gospel singer, God-fearing, looking for similar SB/HM, 18-27, for possible relationship.

LOCK NO FURTHER SBF, 18, 5'4", long black hair, light brown syes, wants to meet that SBM, 18-22, who is fired of playing games, 127311011

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

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Attractive, thick BF seeks LTR with totally unat-tached male, 48-65, not into games. Must be ready to start a new tound friendship and see where it goes. Beliroom dancing is a plus. 127310736 SEEKING A GENTLEMAN

WF, 59°, blondblue, would like to meet a young-at-heart WM, 40-70, to hang out with, date and have a good time with. 22310164 TIRED OF BEING ALONE

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SBF, 33, 5'4", 115lbs, caramel camplexion, brown
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talt, muscular SBM, 25-40, who enjoys bookstores,
movies, dining, water. 17267856

KEEP COOL SBF, 19, 53", looking for cool, down-to-seaft, attractive SB/HM, 18-25, who keeps it real

WARM SMILE SBF, 21, N/S, looking for SM, 21-40, for friendship first, possibly more. Call me, let's talk and get to know each other! 22287187 PRETTY COMIC BOOK NERD

SWF, 21, red hair, blue eyes, 5'10', 165bs, mature body/mind, looking for a lonely handsome man, 20-30, race open, clean-cut, open-minded, who can make me laugh and who is withy. 72292913

INEED LOVE
Fun-loving, down-to-earth, outgoing, smart SBF, 20, loves having run. Scoking SB/WM, 18-30, who shares my lust for ille. 72300110 SEEKING SBM COMPANION

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HARD-WORKER
SWM, 45, 55°, short brown halt, grown kids, en-joys music, playing guitar, travel, Looking for similar SF, 35-45. 17/96097

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SBM, 41, N/S, seeks open-minded, tun, nice young lady, 21-50, to spond some time together and get to know. 17293851

DOWN-TO-EARTH Cool, humble BM, looking for a classy lady who is down-to-earth and likes having fun. 20-29. 27:294314

WORTH THE CALL.
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there, please give me a call. 20317043

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SBM, 36, 5"11", 165lbs, silm bulld, medium complexion, well-groomed, D/D-free, N/D, splittual, drama-free, no children, independent, romantic, college-educated, family-orientad, seeks cute, silm, down-to-earth female, 30-49. 12299975

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SBM, 42, looking for positive, intelligent SF, 32-48, with no negativity in her life. Celli, let's see if we click! 12301956

OUTDOORSMAN
BM, 57", 165lbs, likes boating, swimming, basket-ball, fishing and enjoying like. Looking for a very intelligent, nice, honest, easygoing female, 30-50, who likes to have fun. **13 302 42 4** THE ONE FOR ME

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Sexy SBM, 35, NS, light brown eyes, long hair, looking for SBWF, 18-24, to chat with. I like movies, dining, just chilling out. 127303045

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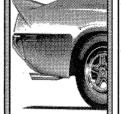
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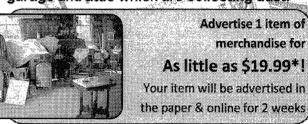
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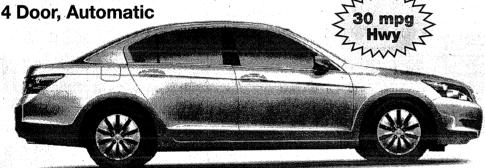
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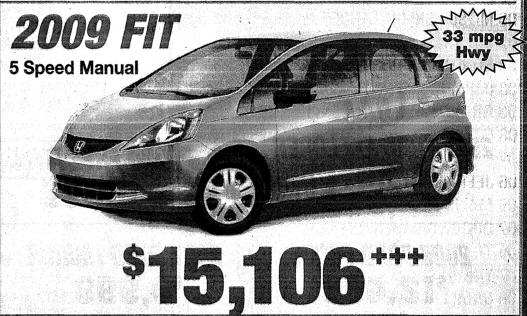




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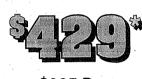
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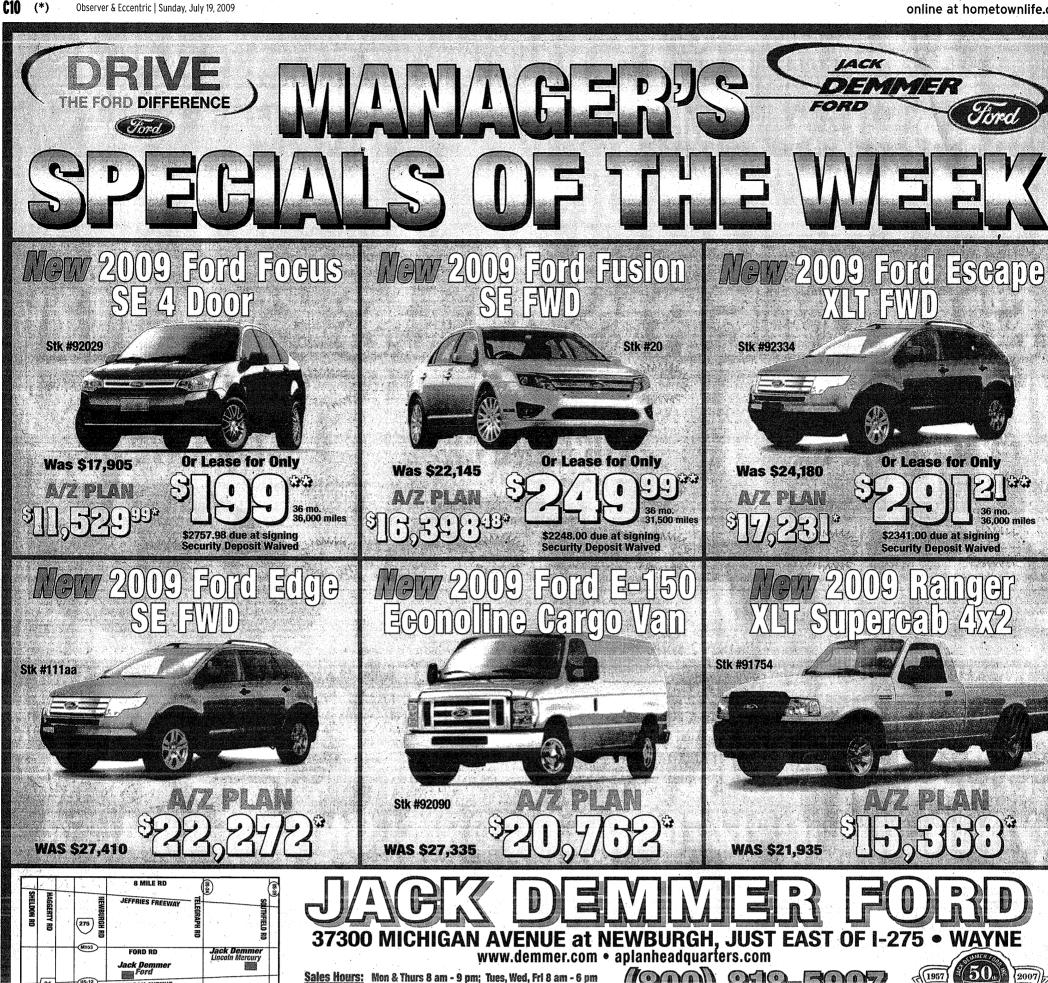
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