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Fourth of July is approaching, and with it will come parades, fireworks and family traditions.

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We'll share your story with other readers on July 4.

Mortgage workshop

Homeowners who are at risk or may soon be at risk of losing their homes will have a helping hand to reach for, courtesy of a workshop being held in Plymouth and hosted by Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, R-Livonia.

The Mortgage Crisis Workshop will be held 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 28,

at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Counselors will be present to address questions regarding foreclosure and to inform homeowners who have fallen behind in their payments how they can get help.

A PowerPoint presentation will also be made to further inform workshop attendees of their options.

For more information about the Mortgage Crisis Workshop, call (313) 224-0946 or go to www.FightMortgageForeclosure.com.

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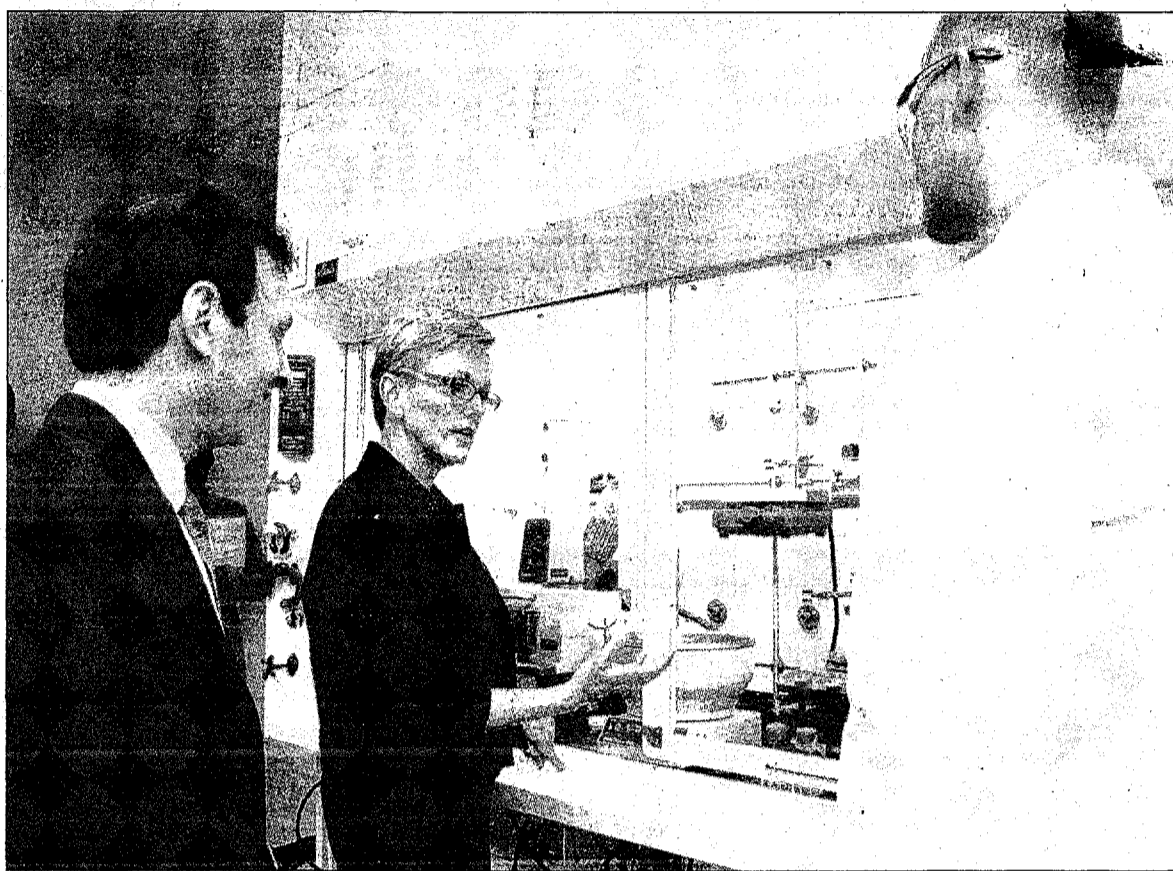
Youngsters who would like to ride out in front of the annual Plymouth Fourth of July parade have their chance.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards is looking for young riders for the "pre-parade" bicycle parade, which will start out ahead of the annual Fourth of July parade, whose theme is "Patriotism on Parade" and which starts at 7:30 a.m.

Riders must be 5 years old or older, must wear a helmet and should decorate their bicycles with a Fourth of July theme.

Riders interested in taking part should gather in front of the former Walker-Buzenberg furniture store, 240 S. Main near Theodore, at 7:15 a.m.

For more information, call Edwards' office, (734) 354-3214.



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Gov. Jennifer Granholm tours Lycera, a pharmaceutical research firm in Plymouth Township, with Dr. Gary Glick, founder and chief scientific officer, and scientist Chad VanHuis.

Gov: State must continue to diversify

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been saying for a long time the state needs to diversify its business climate in order to pull out of the years-long economic struggle the state has faced.

On Thursday, Granholm brought that message to Plymouth, speaking to the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club, then touring a Plymouth Township business she thinks exemplifies the kind of diversity she's been talking about.

"The world has changed and we have to change with it," Granholm told Rotarians during a special noon meeting at Fiamma Grill. "There's still hope for change, but we have to create our own way forward and not wait for change to come to us."

To set up her point, Granholm recalled the beginning of her first term when, in 2003, she faced three immediate crises: The financial struggle of the Detroit Medical Center, a racial uprising in Benton Harbor and the massive blackout of August 2003.

Then, at the end of that year, came the news Electrolux, the manufacturing company that had been making refrigerators in Greenville for more than 100 years, was moving to Mexico, tak-



Gov. Jennifer Granholm speaks at Plymouth's A.M. Rotary Club.

ing its 2,700 jobs (in a town of some 8,000 people) with it. She said the city and state put "zero taxes and unprecedented concessions" on the table in an effort to entice the company to stay, but Electrolux turned it down.

"They told us, 'There's nothing you can do to compensate for the fact we can pay \$1.57 an hour in Mexico,'" Granholm recalled.

For years, Granholm's agenda, she said, has been to diversify the state's business base. She said experts listed six areas that would "give us a competitive edge:

advanced manufacturing (robotics, nano-technology); homeland security and defense (an area to which she said the auto industry has always had ties); life sciences (pharmaceutical, bio and medical); tourism; and a "hook in the 'creative' economy, such as the film industry.

Granholm said the plan is working. According to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, she said, more than 900 companies in those six areas have landed in Michigan. In addi-

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Library Board faces choice on Fiegel's pact

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Mike Hoben held the job for 22 years, from July 1972 to June 1994.

In the 16 years since Hoben walked out the door for the last time, the district has seen a revolving door of superintendents. Including two interim superintendents who turned the job over to the next person and one who got the gig on a permanent basis, five different people have held the job.

The fifth — current Superintendent Craig Fiegel — is entering the final year of the three-year contract he signed two years ago when the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education hired him away from the Evergreen Park elementary district in Illinois to replace Jim Ryan.

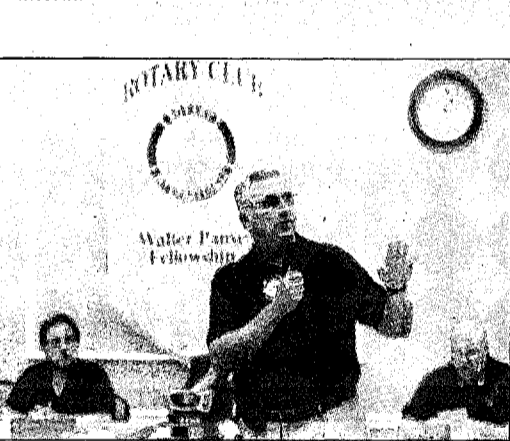
With a large portion of Fiegel's leadership team scheduled to retire at about the same time Fiegel's contract expires at the end of the 2010-

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HEAD OF THE LINE

Here's a list of the people who've served as superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools since Mike Hoben took the job in 1972:

Name	Start	End
Mike Hoben	July 1972	June 1994
Chuck Little	July 1994	August 1999
Ken Walcott*	July 1999	January 2000
Kathleen Booher	January 2000	July 2002
Jim Ryan*	July 2002	December 2002
Jim Ryan	December 2002	February 2007
Ken Jacobs*	February 2007	June 2008
Craig Fiegel	July 2008	Present



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton school superintendent Dr. Craig Fiegel speaks to the Plymouth Noon Rotary club.



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Garden greatness

Suzanne Dempsey is ready for the 2010 Trailwood Garden Club's 'Flowers Are Forever' garden walk, which takes place from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday. For more on the walk, please turn to page B4.

State won't take more foundation money

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education trustees Tuesday passed the district's \$152 million budget with one question left largely unanswered:

Would the state make the long-rumored \$268 cut in per-pupil funding Plymouth-Canton administrators had already built into the 2010-11 budget?

They got their answer from Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Thursday: The state will not make that cut. In fact, the governor said, school districts may even get "a very small" increase.

Granholm, speaking at a meeting of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club which, ironically, took place at noon at downtown Plymouth's Fiamma Grille, said

legislators had "agreed" to hold school districts harmless as they decided what to do about an unexpected surplus in the state's school aid fund.

"There will definitely not be a foundation cut," Granholm said. "We have proposed holding education harmless, and there's agreement in both the House and Senate."

Granholm did say that some of the surplus in the school aid fund could be diverted to colleges and universities, if legislators can do it without hurting local school districts.

That comes as welcome news in Plymouth-Canton, where the 2010-11 budget came up some \$4 million short, an amount that would be made up from the fund balance, which would shrink

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11 school year, the question of whether Fiegel will be brought back looms as a decision the school board will have to make.

How will that decision go? It depends on whom you ask. While at least three board members openly support extending Fiegel's contract, there reportedly is sentiment among some board members to go in another direction. More light will be shed on that decision next month, when the board presents the superintendent's review at its July 20 meeting.

Board President Steven Sneideman said the departure of such a large part of the leadership team — five district-level superintendents and four principals are leaving after next school year — makes it important to have some continuity at the top.

"I do have a concern there will be such a change in leadership (after next year)," said Sneideman, who pointed to student achievement such as soaring MEAP scores and the administration's ability to present a balanced budget as successes.

"I think it's important we have some consistency in our leadership with so much change com-

ing next year. I'm very pleased with the work (Fiegel) has done for the district. We've had great success the last two years," said Sneideman. Neither board Treasurer Judy Mardigian nor Trustee Adrienne Davis returned calls seeking comment. But Trustee Dianne Gonzalez called any talk of Fiegel's contract status "premature" with his review scheduled for the July 20 board meeting.

"We haven't really finished the evaluation ... we're meeting again to talk about it," Gonzalez said. "To talk about it now would be premature. We're going to come forward as a board to discuss it publicly. To discuss it now, in the newspaper, would be wrong."

Fiegel came to Plymouth-Canton following the popular Ryan, who retired after the 2007-08 school year. He came from Evergreen Park, which had fewer students in the entire district than some of Plymouth-Canton's individual schools. He had previously served as assistant superintendent of business for a Lawrence, Kan., district.

He said, while there are certainly things that could have gone more smoothly, he thinks he's "done the job I've been asked to do."

"It's a big district ... it takes awhile to understand the land-

scape," Fiegel said of the 19,000-student district, the state's third-largest. "I think, considering everything, we're moving in the right direction. I like Plymouth-Canton, and I think we're in a position where the future is bright. I'd love to be a part of that."

Board Secretary Nancy Eggenberger has a son who is a sophomore at Plymouth High School and two daughters who graduated from Plymouth-Canton Schools who are now in the midst of successful college careers. She said that success is "an indication that our district gets students ready for college" and, for the last two years, Fiegel has been a part of that.

"I think (Fiegel) is doing a fine job, and I'd like to see him stick around," Eggenberger said. "I think it's important we have a superintendent for awhile. It's been a revolving door. You need to have a superintendent around to get to know the district."

"School districts should be educating kids, and we're doing that," she added. "That in itself says what kind of job (Fiegel) is doing. The teachers, the staff and the administration ... they're a team, and they're all doing a great job."

Like Eggenberger, board Vice President Barry Simescu thinks Fiegel has earned a contract

extension. Like Sneideman and Eggenberger, Simescu was impressed with the participatory budget process the administration used to produce a balanced budget, a process that allowed people from the community to make recommendations on various areas the board could cut.

"I think people got a chance to see how efficiently we spend our money, they made some suggestions and the administration took them and scaled them so they worked for us," Simescu said.

"(Plymouth-Canton) is a difficult place to come in and get a handle on everything. Step-by-step, he's done a fine job, the performance of the kids has been great, the budget's been balanced without people storming the meetings. I would vote in favor of extending (Fiegel's contract)," Simescu added.

Trustee John Jackson, however, agreed with Gonzalez and declined to offer an opinion on Fiegel's performance or his contract.

"I don't think it's appropriate to talk about that right now," Jackson said. "I think from the standpoint of board procedures, it's inappropriate for me to comment. The board should speak as a whole."



Craig Fiegel is headed into the final year of his three-year contract as Plymouth-Canton Community Schools superintendent.

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WSDP manager proud of alumni, students' work

BY JULIE BROWN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Bill Keith is proud of the alumni of WSDP-FM, the student radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Many have gone on to distinguished careers in broadcasting, and many others have used skills and experience from the radio station in other fields.

Station manager Keith, a Plymouth-Canton schools product who's been at WSDP for 19 years, said the experience benefits all. Teens gain leadership skills, along with communication and writing skills.

Keith gave a rundown on the student station, which went on the air Feb. 14, 1972, at Tuesday's Plymouth A.M. Rotary breakfast. He was asked about recent discussions



Bill Keith offers advice to WSDP staffers Mason Mills and Katherine Mercieca, who are loading tunes for the playlist at the 200-watt student-run radio station.

of stricter standards of supervision for student media.

Those would apply more to the *Perspective*, the student newspaper, Keith told the Rotary. The school district

is the FCC license holder for WSDP, and has control now of any issues of libel, slander or obscenity.

Keith praised his colleagues at PCEP who oversee other

student media, noting they provide professional oversight. "We'll see how it all works itself out," he said.

Students make great friendships at WSDP, he said, but also benefit from working with more difficult people. "You're going to find that everywhere you work. Welcome to the real world," he said.

The station, 88.1 The Escape, on the FM dial, plays a lot of independent modern rock, much of it not heard on commercial stations. There are news broadcasts, including Plymouth-Canton school coverage.

High school sports get air-time on WSDP broadcasts, and a partnership also brings Plymouth Whalers hockey

games to the local airwaves.

The radio station, located in Salem High School, draws students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem. Keith now has a student whose dad was in the first class there in the early 1970s.

He praised the first station manager, who recruited students for a station not yet on the air. She's now working in Los Angeles.

Keith was a Salem student who became interested in radio through a friend. "It was the best experience I had in high school," he said.

He later graduated from Michigan State University and started at a country station in Grayling, Mich., in sales. "I was starting to look at Gaylord as a big town," Keith said,

adding he moved back briefly as WSDP assistant manager before the top job opened up.

"I was able to step in that fall as station manager," he said.

Rotarians peppered Keith with questions about the radio station, its operations, programming and budget. Each year, student broadcasters win a number of awards in competitions.

"It's quite an asset to the community," said Rotarian Nick Schultz, a Plymouth Township manufacturing business owner.

Keith said the 200-watt station is heard as far away as Redford.

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Girls learn life skills in running program

BY MAGGIE WUNDERLICH
CORRESPONDENT

More than 200 girls in the Plymouth-Canton school district participated in the Plymouth YMCA's Fathers Day Run. As members of Girls on the Run of Greater Detroit YMCA Council, the girls attended twice weekly meetings for 10 weeks; this event is a culmination of their efforts.

There are two programs. Girls on the Run for third-through fifth-graders and Girls on Track for sixth-eighth. Both programs combine life skill lessons with training for a 5K walk/run in a fun, creative and interactive way. GOTR's mission is "to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living".

GOTR sessions are held in the fall and spring. Currently, Girls on the Run teams are from Allen, Bentley, Bird, Dodson, Farrand, Fiegel, Gallimore, Hoben, Isbister and Workman Elementary Schools. Girls on Track teams are from East and West Middle Schools.

GOTR was first established in August 1996 by Molly Barker, a four-time Hawaii Ironman Triathlete. Barker's goal is to "provide girls with enabling tools" and teach them "to embrace their girlhood gifts as they enter middle and high school, and then on into adulthood."

Ashleigh Shiffler, YMCA Council Director of GOTR of Greater Detroit, said, "This is an incredible program with an incredible group: coaches, parents, girls, and the people at YMCA," said Ashleigh Shiffler, YMCA Council Director of GOTR of Greater Detroit. "They are so dedicated and enthusiastic. It's nice to see



East Middle School runners included (back, from left) Ashley Piepsney, Allyson Champagne, Nicole Gordon, Cassidy Lewis and Cassidy Gordon, along with (front, from left) Raveena Mata, Madeleine Hoke, Emily Kacic.



Dodson runners Jordan Kelley (left) and Morgan Holmlund take a water break.

everyone's strengths working together to help out the girls in this community."

The GOTR curriculum is divided into three parts: girls get to know themselves/learn tools; team building; and help

in the community. "We talk about important things like bullying, saying no to drugs, liking yourself and being proud of your achievements," said Madeleine Hoke, a sixth-grader from East Middle

School. "It's great and I've loved it from beginning to end."

"I learned that gossiping is bad," said third grader, Nicole Merner, from Dodson.

"The people I've met have really changed my life," said Raveena Mata, sixth grader from East. "It's a positive program because everyone encourages each other and we work as a team."

Near the end of the session, GOTR teams held community service projects, including cleaning school fields and fundraising for YMCA scholarships. The GOTR team at Dodson held a shoe drive, Soles4Souls, and collected over 100 new and gently-used shoes.

To get involved with GOTR, or for more information, contact Ashleigh Shiffler at (734) 453-2904 or gotr@ymcagreaterdetroit.org. Fall sessions are forming now.

ON CAMPUS

Northern Michigan

Northern Michigan University announced the graduates who satisfied their degree requirements in May 2010.

Among them was Kimberly Lamb of Canton, who earned her bachelor's degree in social work.

Cleary University

The following local students were awarded certificates and/or degrees from Cleary University:

- Mattie Baskin of Canton graduated with an associate's degree in Business Administration in Business Enterprise.

- Doina Popa of Canton graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Management.
- Michael Samulak of Canton graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Health Care Management.

A total of 125 students were recognized at the Spring Commencement, held annually at the Lloyd & Mabel Johnson Center for Business and Community Excellence. Cleary University President Thomas Sullivan conferred 26 associate's degrees, 86 bachelor's degrees, five M.B.A.s and eight certificates.

Davenport University

Sidrah Chaudhry of Canton was among the names when Davenport University announced its Dean's List for the winter 2010 semester.

To achieve the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Davenport University - the only West Michigan-based private university specializing

in business, technology and health professions - serves an enrollment of approximately 12,000 students at its W. A. Lettinga Campus in Grand Rapids, at campuses throughout Michigan and online. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

Wagner College

Tyler Seling, of Plymouth, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester at Wagner College in Staten Island, N.Y.

Wagner College is a regional Top 25 liberal arts college located in the New York City borough of Staten Island. The college has a total enrollment of about 2,100 undergraduate and graduate students.

St. Mary's College

The following students graduated from Saint Mary's College in May, receiving Bachelor's degrees.

- Alexandra Eckardt of Canton, daughter of Lynne and Donald Eckhardt, Jr., graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biology.

- Allison Greene of Canton, daughter of Blanche and James Greene, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies.

- Maggie McNicholas of Canton, daughter of Colleen and Mark McNicholas, graduated with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education

University of Vermont

Jessica L. Murray of Canton has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester at the University of Vermont. Murray is a sophomore Global Studies major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

To be named to the dean's lists, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

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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.com

Cruise raffle

The Plymouth Symphony is conducting a raffle June 30 for a cruise on the Celebrity Cruise Lines of the Great Cities of the Western Mediterranean Oct. 30 to Nov. 6.

The raffle includes the cruise for two from Barcelona, Spain, to Nice, France, and Genoa, Florence, Rome and Naples/Capri, Italy, including airfare for two roundtrip from Detroit to Barcelona.

Raffle tickets are \$50 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be at the Plymouth Arts Council.

Travel arrangements have been made through Travel Leaders in Plymouth. This cruise package is also available to anyone interested in cruising the Western Mediterranean. Contact Travel Leaders for details, (734) 455-5810.

Contact the Plymouth Symphony office -- (734) 451-2112 or online at www.plymouthsymphony.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

Citizens meet

The Concerned Citizens Committee meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, in the Friends Room at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main

in Plymouth.

Discussion will be conducted on issues pertinent to Plymouth Township government. Organizers said the group's main objective is "to encourage citizens to take an interest in local issues."

Pottery painting

New Hope Center for Grief Support, in cooperation with the Plymouth Community United Way, is offering an evening at Creatopia in downtown Plymouth July 27.

This event is for parents with children who are interested in painting a pottery piece in memory of someone who has died. Dinner will be at Subway (next to Creatopia) starting at 6:15 p.m. After some brief instructions, painting will begin at 7 p.m. and will conclude at 8:30.

The event is free, but space is limited. Call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 to register.

Toastmasters open house

Motor City Speakeasy of Plymouth presents an open house Monday, June 28, at the Plymouth District Library.

Toastmasters will greet guests from 6:30-7 p.m., and the meeting runs 7-8 p.m. Admission is free, and organizers said the meeting is geared toward anyone interested in improving verbal skills, gaining leadership skills or who is curious about Toastmasters.

Featured speaker will be Sheryl Kubiak, first-place win-



Growth spurt

Achieve Academy students, along with Principal Claudia Williamson and Imagine Landscaping, celebrated their academic success during their year-end Field Day with an event called "Watch Us Grow." Students planted a tree and flower beds that they can watch grow and mature each year as the students continue to grow and mature themselves.

ner in Toastmasters District 28 Humorous Speech Contest.

For more information, contact Maggie Staples, (586) 201-5117 or e-mail mstaple3@msn.com

Host families

AYUSA International is a non-profit high school foreign exchange student organization which welcome teenagers from more than 65 countries worldwide and provides a host family placement and ongoing supervision for 5- and 10-month academic programs.

These young people look forward to a warm bond of

friendship with host families and a rewarding cultural exchange. Host families are asked to provide meals and a bedroom either shared or private. Students pay for all other personal expenses while in the U.S.

For more information, call Sue McGrath, (313) 278-8424.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a one-day grief seminar, "From Grief to New Hope," Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough,

Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty Roads. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church at (248) 374-5943.

For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115.

Class reunion

The Plymouth Canton/Plymouth Salem Class of 1990 hosts its 20-year reunion Saturday, July 17.

For more information, e-mail pepsclassof1990reunion@gmail.com

Summer of Service

The YMCA Youth Volunteer Corps Program will once again be supported by the Wilcox Foundation. The YVC Summer of Service program is made possible through the support of the Wilcox Foundation.

The Summer of Service program includes eight one-week sessions that provide participants with an extensive service-learning experience as well as having some fun. "Our goal is to help every participant understand and believe in the difference their service can make in their commu-

nity, and the difference it can make within them," explained Plymouth YMCA Community Program Director Jenny Paffi. "In addition to gaining community service hours, participants interact with a diverse group of individuals as well as learn more about themselves and their community."

"Jack Wilcox supported the Plymouth YMCA and its objective of teaching young people the importance of their leadership and involvement in guaranteeing a successful future for the Plymouth community," explained Wilcox Foundation committee member Dan Herriman.

For more information about how to become involved with the program as a participant or an agency, please contact Heather Jones at the YMCA office, 734-453-2904 or hjones@ymcetrodetroit.org.

Call for crafters

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Society hosts its annual juried handmade-only Craft Show on Saturday Oct. 15, at West Middle School in Plymouth from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event draws some 1,500 customers and features food and drawings.

For information on how to take part, call or e-mail Judy Stone at JBSTONE716@comcast.net or Alice Chrenko, (248) 348-5561 or dachrenko@hotmail.com

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Chorale looking for first Canton Idol

BY DARRELL CLEM
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road on Canton's west side.

Young singers who will be in middle school this fall are urged to audition 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, while high school contenders should try out 7-10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16.

"This is just another idea to get people singing and into the theater," Kelly Fifield, BeckRidge vice president of public relations, said.

Winners in each division earn \$500, while the runner-up receives \$300 and the third-place finisher gets \$200.

Contestants face a \$10 audition fee, though Fifield said arrangements can be made for those who can't afford it, and everything an aspiring Idol needs to know can be found in an audition packet at www.beckridgechorale.org (look under the "concerts and

recordings" section).

"They have to register," Fifield said.

Judges are expected to choose 30 middle school students and 30 high schoolers for separate preliminary rounds scheduled, respectively, for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, and Thursday, Sept. 2. Audience support is encouraged, and tickets cost \$5 to help defray event costs.

Gross said the field will be narrowed to 15 middle school and 15 high school singers for final rounds set, respectively, for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, and Saturday, Sept. 4. Tickets for the final rounds cost \$8.

For information or tickets, log on to www.beckridgechorale.org or call (888) 459-4887. Barring an advance sellout, Fifield said tickets also should be available at the door.

Aside from judges, audience members will have a say in who wins, Fifield said.

Gross said singers get to choose their own songs, but they have to be language-appropriate — that is, no explicit lyrics.

Gross said winners may be invited to sing with the BeckRidge Chorale during its Christmas concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Why sponsor a Canton Idol contest?

"If you look at our organization, one of our mission statements is to educate. Our goal is to try and give those young adults an opportunity to express themselves musically," Gross said. "If we can educate and inspire these kids to make music a part of their lives, we will have fulfilled our mission."

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MONEY

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that balance from some \$14 million to some \$10 million.

The elimination of that rumored state cut means an additional \$5 million to the district, but James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services, said no immediate adjustment will be made to the budget.

"What happens between now and November may not hold true for the entire year," Larson-Shidler said. "We're going with the information we have now. We have been conservative but realistic on what our budget is. I think you have to approach this with some skepticism."

Board of Education members weren't necessarily surprised such sentiment would come from Lansing, but also wondered whether any deal would hold. Superintendent Craig Fiegel said as much at Tuesday's board meeting, and Trustee John Jackson, who chairs the district's policy committee, said he wants to see something in writing.

"If (legislators) come through on that, it would be great ... I'll believe it when I see it," Jackson said. "It's an election year, and I want to see what's going to happen after everyone's in office. With our financial situation, we could handle it this year. Next year could be a problem."

Granhall said she expects the deal to be done by July 1. In fact, she said she supports an amendment to the state Constitution calling for the budget to be done annually by July 1 and said the governor and state legislators should have their pay docked for every day after that until the budget is done.

In Plymouth-Canton, where officials have been clamoring for at least the last couple of years for an earlier budget to allow schools to better plan their years, such a move would be welcome.

"I think the state owes us a budget that we can plan for," said board Treasurer Judy Mardigian.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE

Close of Registration For the State Primary Election August 3, 2010

PLEASE NOTE: that July 6, 2010, is the last day to register to vote, in order to vote in the August 3, 2010 State Primary Election.

Registration for Plymouth Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 N Haggerty Road, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during regular office hours a call to the Clerk at (734) 354-3224, can set up a convenient time for the resident.

Below is a listing of the offices that will be elected or nominated at the August 3, 2010 State Primary Election. Sections are the Republican Party, Democratic Party, and Non-Partisan.

Partisan Section:

State Governor
Representative in Congress – 11th District
State Senator – 7th District
Representative in State Legislature – 20th District
County Executive
Sheriff – Partial Term Ending 12/31/2012
County Commissioner – 10th District
Delegate to County Convention

Non-Partisan Section:

Judge of the Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit - Non-Incumbent Position

JOE BRIDGMAN, MMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF CLOSE OF VOTER REGISTRATION STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2010

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH - WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following entities:

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BY MAIL:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the Election Official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration Applications may be obtained by contacting the local clerk or the State of Michigan website.

Any questions can be directed to the City Clerk's offices at 734-453-1234, ext. 234 or 225.

LINDA LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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Check out the bargains at area garage sales inside today's Classified section

GRANHOLM

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tion, some 35 companies in the fields of advanced battery, solar and wind manufacturing have set up in Michigan, a development Granholm said should bring some 88,000 jobs to the state in the next decade.

"But we've lost so many manufacturing jobs that (statistic) sort of gets buried," Granholm said. "We have seven times more manufacturing employment than other states, so when we see this global shift in manufacturing jobs, we get hit seven times as hard."

The message wasn't lost on those gathered to hear her. Jeff McCarthy, president of Hayden-McNeil Publishing in Plymouth, said the idea of relating future business to alternative energy and a "green" economy is a good one.

"You know that's where the future is heading, and it's smart to go in that direction," McCarthy said. "I worry about what will happen between now and that long-term future. I just hope there's enough job creation and economic activity to sustain us during that period. We're still in for some short-term pain before that long-term growth comes."

Granholm also said government needs to make changes, too. She said she has cut a higher percentage of government jobs than any other state, with 11,000 fewer government employees than in 2002, 25 percent fewer departments than in 2003 and more than 300 boards or commissions eliminated.

"Government can't be all things to all people," she said. "We have cut and cut, and it has been very painful. It's going to be different. We just don't have the money."

The next decade could be kinder to the state, according to the governor. The University of Michigan Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics predicts a net job growth of some 17,400 jobs in 2011, following what Granholm said was a net job loss, largely in manufacturing jobs, every year of this decade.

Unfortunately, Granholm pointed out with humor, the growth — while welcome — is expected after her term ends. "Sure, now the jobs come," she said, drawing laughs from the crowd.

"Things will get better," she said. "But we can't step off this path of diversification and education, or we'll be right back here in 50 years."

During a visit to Lycera, the pharmaceutical research company that has become a haven for former Pfizer employees at the Life Sciences Center in Plymouth Township, Granholm noted the presence of 17 employees, more than half of whom have heard Ph.D.s. She hailed the firm as just the kind of business Michigan needs to attract.

"We really wanted to help foster the growth of life science companies," Granholm said of Lycera. "We're really proud they decided to build here. (Lycera) is a prime example of a company that's making a go of it."

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Four held in murder due in court July 9

BY SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

Four people — including a Canton woman — are being held without bond while facing murder charges in connection with the shooting death of a West Bloomfield man in what police say was a failed robbery attempt shortly after midnight June 17.

All four are charged with felony murder and armed robbery. In addition, Kevin Huffman, 28, of Detroit faces two charges of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Huffman is believed by police to have been the shooter, according to police Lt. Nick Loussia.

Also charged with murder and armed robbery were James Randle, 35, of Detroit, Jessica Ermatinger, 23, of Canton, and Lynn Coggins, 37, of Oak Park.

A fifth woman from Detroit who was arrested has been released, Loussia said.

During a pre-exam conference Wednesday, 46th District Court Judge Shelia Johnson



Ermatinger

agreed to the request of defense and prosecution attorneys and set aside July 9 for a day-long preliminary exam, beginning at 9 a.m. for all four defendants.

Attorneys said they will be presenting six-seven witnesses during the pre-exam.

The incident began when the victim, Venkata Subramanya-Reddy Cattamanchi, reportedly made contact with a woman through an escort agency, Loussia said.

"They met at Wendy's next to the (EZ Rest) Motel," he said. The motel is located at 22305 Telegraph south of Nine Mile. From Wendy's the two drove over to the motel in the victim's car at 12:33 a.m., Loussia said.

Cattamanchi "was still in his car and they were about to go into a motel room" when they were approached by a gunman, Loussia said. "He was shot while still in the driver's

seat of the vehicle."

After stealing Cattamanchi's wallet and foreign currency of unidentified origin, the gunman, the victim's companion and the others drove off. A description of the vehicle and information about the robbery were supplied by several witnesses, Loussia said.

Using the vehicle description, Loussia said, Lt. Robert Shelide and Officer Marc Douville did an area check and located the suspect vehicle at Seven Mile and Berg roads in Detroit.

According to Loussia, one of the men fled on foot. During a foot pursuit, the man was found hiding in a trash can by a K-9 tracking unit.

Found next to the car was a Colt Commander .45 Pistol that Loussia said police have "probable cause to believe" it was used in the case.

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For the State Primary Election
Tuesday, August 3, 2010

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: A public accuracy test of the M-100 Optic Scan Voting System will take place at 12:00 p.m., on Friday, July 2, 2010, at the Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, for the August 3, 2010 State Primary Election.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

For further information contact the Clerk's Office. Phone (734) 354-3224.

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THE A-TEAM (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 6:55, 9:25 FRI/SAT LS 11:55

HARMADUKE (PG) 12:45, 2:50, 5:00

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Julian Sanchez, 11, of Canton, makes a design with chalk on the pavement at the 90th birthday party for Irene Gauthier, founder of Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
ECCENTRIC STAFF WRITER

For all the massages Irene Gauthier has given in the last half century, it's no wonder so many people were willing to stand in line to rub elbows with her on her 90th birthday.

Gauthier said she was "overwhelmed" by the attendance at a birthday party thrown for her Friday on the grounds of Irene's Myomassology Institute, which she founded at 26061 Franklin Road in Southfield. Family and friends should find out soon if the turnout was Guinness World Records worthy.

In celebration of Gauthier's contributions to massage therapy, organizers planned to set a new Guinness World Records standard for largest massage chain ever. With 1,108 in a line, including Gauthier at the front, the old record of 630 didn't stand a chance.

"We wanted to make it unbreakable," said Garden City resident Jennifer Simmons, a career ser-

vices worker at Irene's Myomassology Institute who attended with her mother, Linda Radford, and sister, Brianna, of Westland.

Southfield resident Ezzell Segars wore No. 472, happy to be part of a world record effort. He has been coming to the institute for massages for 10 years, calling it the "best deal in town."

"Irene is the best," he said. "I can tell you she's an 'old pro.'"

Irene credits eating right and exercise for her long and happy life. Many of the well-wishers greeted Gauthier as she sat in the passenger seat of a golf cart prior to the assembly of the massage chain. Attendees took turns shaking her hand or merely wishing her a happy birthday. Diane Bailey, whose daughter, Kirsten, is beginning massage therapy classes at Irene's Myomassology Institute in the fall, greeted Gauthier in Polish.

"I said 'Sto Lat!', which means, 'May you live 100 years,'" said Bailey, who has

been a client for seven years. "She told me in Finnish what they say."

"Every time I've been here she's here. She wears the school on her shirt."

Kathy Gauthier, one of Irene's five children and the institute's current owner, was second in the chain behind her mother, followed by Irene's grandson, Chad Hartung, and another daughter, Yvonne Gauthier. The remainder of the line included friends and perfect strangers, extending for what seemed forever.

"I was hoping for a hot guy to get behind me," joked Radford,

settling for a massage from her daughter Brianna.

Participants danced in front of a stage and ate as they waited a couple of hours in the hot sun to form the chain. Once finished, Kathy Gauthier said the line resembled an "all-pro" team of massage therapists. The turnout was a testament to the friends her mother made in a massage therapy career that had modest beginnings.

"She worked out of the basement until the first school opened in 1987," Kathy Gauthier said. "That's how she put food on the table as a single mom."

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Ponds, flowers, gazebos star on Trailwood Garden Club walk

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

An ornamental culvert filled with lush greenery and stone snakes around Suzanne and Jack Dempsey's Plymouth Township home.

It's one of the first features you'll notice walking up the driveway.

Take a right and cross its quaint wooden pedestrian bridge just beyond the home's expansive covered porch. Or follow it around to the backyard and enjoy the surroundings.

The Dempsey property is among eight residences on the Flowers are Forever Garden Walk, presented by the Trailwood Garden Club Tuesday, June 29.

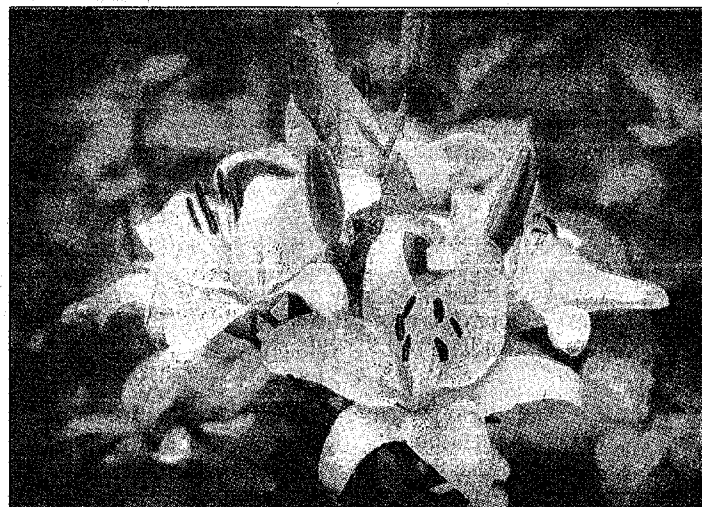
The walk is meant to inspire, entertain and share the efforts of local homeowners for whom gardening is a labor of love.

In addition to the Dempsey garden, visitors will see former farm property, landscaped with perennials — including a 30-year-old Climbing Hydrangea — and maple tree trunk artistically carved into an angel.

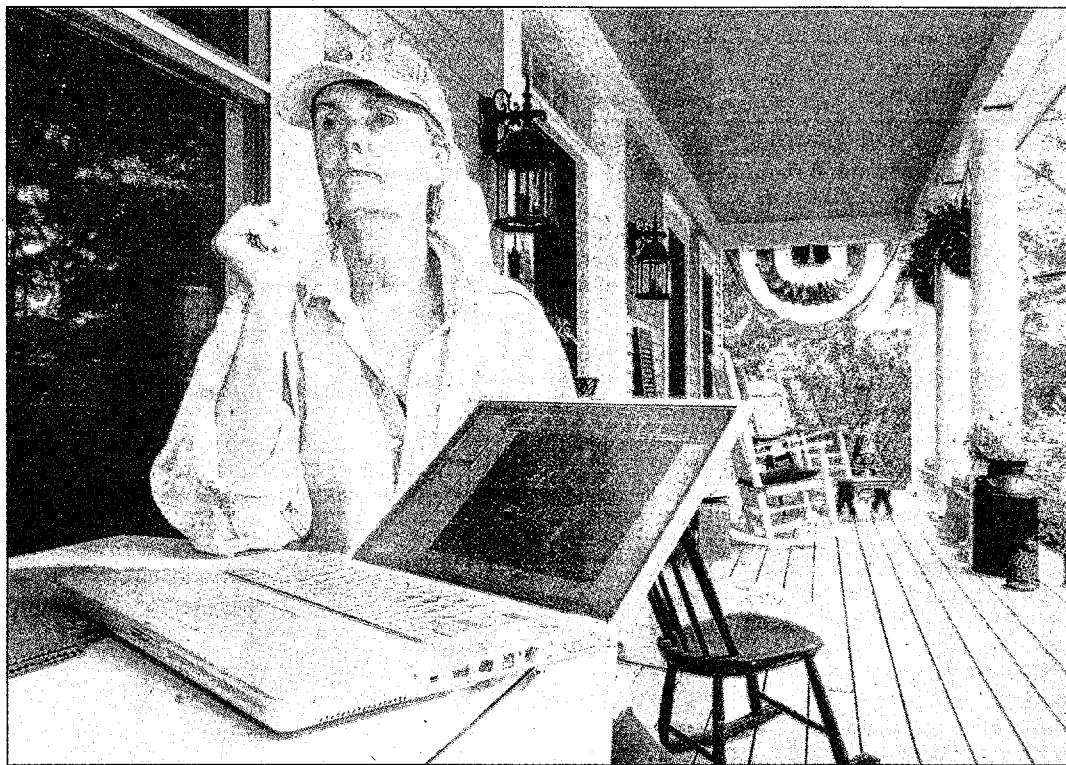
At another site, a backyard pond attracts a variety of birds, from orioles to Great Blue Herons. One couple refers to different portions of their triangular-shaped property as "rooms," and another dubbed their home and garden "Hilltop Lodge" because of its similarity to a northern Michigan lodge motif.

At "Honeysuckle Hill," Suzanne Dempsey began preparing for the walk in early spring. A garden designer, Dempsey worked for weeks to bring the landscaping beds into perfect shape for visitors.

"We were on the Canton walk but that was before



A lily blooms at Suzanne and Jack Dempsey's Plymouth Township home.



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Suzanne Dempsey keeps extensive records and photos on the landscaping progress.

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER GARDEN WALK

What: Trailwood Garden Club's 15th annual tour of local gardens
When: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29
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there was a lot of stuff in back here," said Dempsey, dressed in casual work shirt and cap, with a clothes-softening dryer sheet tucked into her ponytail to keep insects at bay while working. "After 2006 we put in the pond. The shed and kitchen garden came in '07. My husband said 'we've got to share this.'"

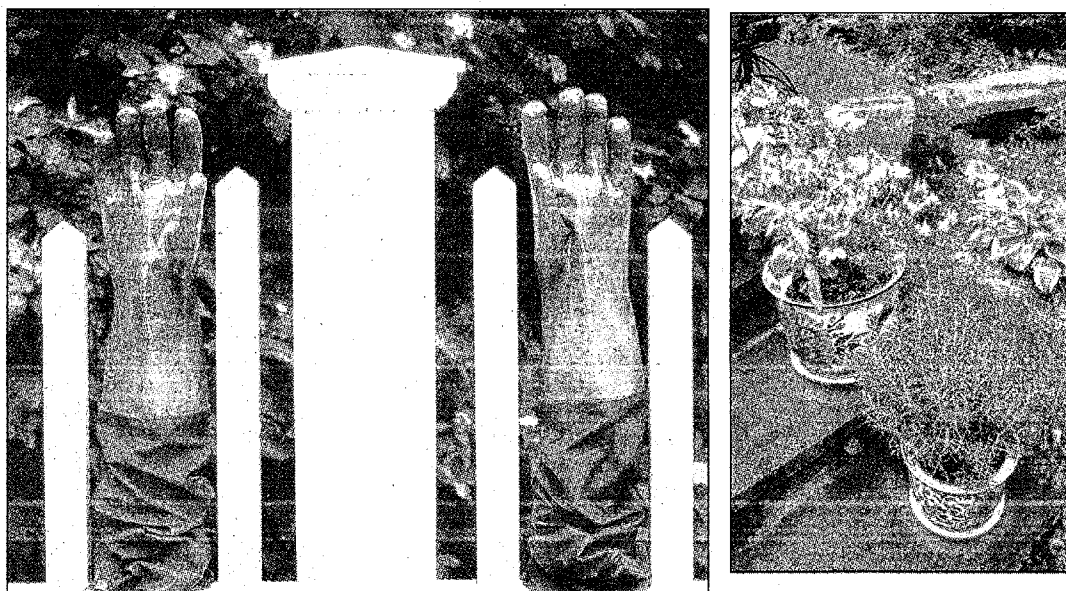
BUILDING FROM SCRATCH

The couple built their house in 1990, moving in a year later from another Plymouth Township neighborhood. The backyard slopes from a hill — currently topped by

charming retro lawn furniture — toward the house, making the culvert and French drain a must for keeping the area dry.

John Cullen, another landscape designer Dempsey met at a Chicago Garden Show, reworked the north lawn, burying a drainage ditch and adding French drains and drain tiles to the remainder of it. He also constructed a stone wall to create a clean edge between the north yard and adjacent woods.

The gazebo was the first structure built in the backyard, about midway from the

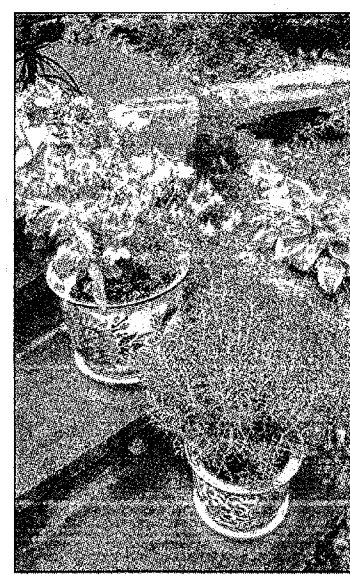


A section of fence and rubber work gloves form a surreal composition.

hill top and the rear of the house. A collection of watering cans line the steps leading to the screened-in sitting area, which Dempsey's daughter, Anna, used in lieu of a playhouse while growing up. "She had sleep overs out

there. I remember going out and turning off the TV at night."

Dempsey keeps goldfish in the pond that is deep enough to overwinter the lilies at the bottom. It's located near the newly completed sunroom



Herbs and flowers sit on the patio steps. In the background, part of the culvert/rain garden that directs runoff around the home.

and patio at the rear of the house. The nearby shed looks out on the pond and patio.

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On the other hand, a number of muscle conditions can cause the same aching. Examples include polymyositis, polymyalgia and late onset muscular dystrophies. In turn, each condition has features that the doctor brings out by questioning and examination.

The physician's job is to determine the cause of the aching and prescribe medicine for a rheumatic problem, or make a strong recommendation that the individual undertake more exercise.

At times, the physician may obtain laboratory tests before deciding on specific treatment. If the results indicate that activity is the best therapy, the physician likely will tell the patient to exercise daily. Patients should take this recommendation in the same manner they would take directions for a heart pill. Daily means every day and the same holds true for exercise as for a prescription.

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Women get job search help from JVS program this summer

The Women to Work program offered by Southfield-based JVS is offering a summer session.

An information meeting will run from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at JVS in Southfield. The sessions begin on Tuesday, July 13, and participants meet from 9 a.m.-noon, twice a week, Tuesday and Thursdays for five weeks. The last session is Thursday, Aug. 12.

"The program continues to be very popular," said Judy Richmond, Women to Work coordinator. "More and more people are taking part. Obviously, it's a sign of the economic times."

She noted in many cases now it's essential for more families to have two incomes. Spouses may have lost a job unexpectedly. "It's also often a difficult transition for families due to a sudden job loss," Richmond said.

Charter One Bank continues to sponsor the program, offered at no charge to participants.

Areas covered include interviewing, resumes, role playing, stress management,

Men are eligible to participate, and the program helps women who are divorced, widowed, or with a disabled spouse as well, its origins. Those interested in signing up should call Richmond at (248) 233-4232.

job search strategies and networking.

JVS gets groups of 15-18 people for Women to Work, "which is twice as much as it was in the past." All sessions are at the Southfield office, 29699 Southfield Road, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Southfield.

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-By Julie Brown

GARDEN

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FOR WORK AND PLAY

"It was sited so when the windows are open you can hear the water in the pond," Dempsey said. She keeps gardening tools and books in the cozy workspace, but enjoys relaxing in it, too.

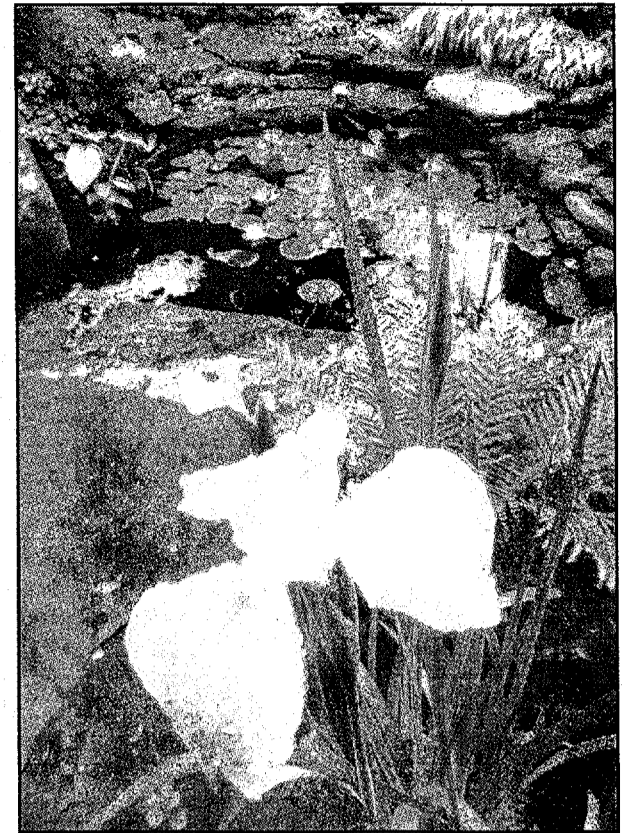
Tending to roses and a vegetable garden just beyond the shed's door is a new experience for Dempsey, who had a green thumb even as a child.

"I'm not a rosarian," she said, explaining that she is "forever reading" to enhance her knowledge about gardening.

"My ancestors were pioneers on farms in Michigan. It's all about farming. It's in my blood, she said, adding "I do recognize it's a gift from God. It's the talent he has given me."

Her best advice for budding gardeners who are inspired after taking the Trailwood Garden Club tour is to develop a "sense of space" in their yards.

"Develop your comfort zone so you can enjoy it — even if it's one little place."



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Women's heart study seeks local participants 40 and up

Women 40 and over may participate in a free national women's heart study being conducted by The Detroit Medical Center and The Sinai Guild this summer.

The study will identify predictors of heart health in women. Participants will receive a free blood test, blood pressure check and ultrasound of the carotid and brachial arteries.

Most cardiac research has focused on men and this study will provide insight into the factors that affect heart health in women.

After the initial tests, each participant will be called annually for five years to check on their health. The tests are free and participants will receive a written report of their results.

No pre-registration is needed but an eight-hour fast is required. Tests will be given from 8 a.m. to noon at these locations:

- June 29 — Oak Park Jewish Community Center, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park
- July 11 and Aug. 4 — Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, West

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• July 21 — Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills

Additional information is available by calling The Sinai Guild office at (248) 538-6501 or online at www.thesinaiguild.org.

The Sinai Guild, is a nonprofit organization that raises funds for medical needs in metropolitan Detroit, focusing on the hospitals of the Detroit Medical Center and the Jewish community.

JULY

Eye exams

The Coburn-Kleinfeldt Eye Clinic will offer free eye examinations for senior adults from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, July 15, at 33400 W. Six Mile, at Farmington Road, in Livonia. Board-certified physicians and staff members will screen for glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, and other eye conditions which are more common among older individuals. The exam is free and patients will be examined in the order of their arrival. A limited supply of free eye drops for glaucoma will be distributed at the screening. Free parking is adjacent to the clinic building, which is wheelchair accessible, and free refreshments will be served. Patients are asked to bring two canned goods or other non-perishable food items that will be donated to Help's on the Way, a local non-profit organization that provides food to the needy in the Detroit area. (734) 421-2020

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Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or

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Breast cancer support group

Meets 6:30-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan Road), Livonia. Call (734) 655-1100, or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Caregivers support group

St. John's Support Group for the Caregivers of Alzheimer's Patients or patients with other forms of dementia meet the first and third Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon, Plymouth. Respite care for your loved one will be provided. Call Connie McNutt at (734) 895-1426 for information. Authorized by the Alzheimer's Association.

Metro Fibromyalgia

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Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave.,

Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month except January, July and August, at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile. Enter at rear of church. For information, call (248) 433-1011.

CPR classes

Classes range from basic CPR for people who wish to know how to help save a life to certification for those who need CPR for work and state licensure, at DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Dr., Commerce. First aid classes also available. Classes offered weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Price varies. Pre-registration required at www.hvsh.org/hvsh/calendar or call (248) 937-3314.

Arthritis support group

2-3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Krieger Center, DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. Enter the building via the South Garden entrance. Registration not required.

Tai Chi classes

At 165 E. Square Lake, Bloomfield Hills (7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday), and 38121 Ann Arbor Road (11 a.m. Wednesday, and 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Presented by nonprofit Michigan Tai Chi Association in Livonia. For details, call (734) 591-3530.

Low vision support group

Meets 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main. For information, call Ellen Stross at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 232.

July 17 Milan event raises awareness of bladder cancer

The University of Michigan Department of Urology and the Comprehensive Cancer Center's Bladder Cancer Support Group — one of the first of its kind in the nation geared specifically toward bladder cancer — will hold a dinner-dance in celebration of the first-ever National Bladder Cancer Awareness Day on July 17. "Beating the Drum for Bladder Cancer," an Americana-style event will be held from 5:30-11 p.m. at the Family Center on 420 North St. in Milan.

Tickets are \$35 per person, or \$17.50 for children under 12. Children under 5 are free. Admission includes hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet dinner buffet, pastry assortment, coffee and punch in addition to participation in the scheduled program events, including survivor testimonials, bladder bingo and dancing.

Also on hand will be experts in bladder cancer from U-M and the American Cancer Society, a relaxation station with representatives and activities from U-M and The Wellness Community of Southeast Michigan, a kid-o-

rama with activities for kids, a silent auction and door prizes.

"This event and day is important because raising awareness of bladder cancer will inform people on how to recognize the signs and symptoms early," said Staci Mitchell, nurse practitioner and clinical coordinator of the U-M Bladder Cancer Support Group. "Early diagnosis and treatment of bladder cancer is imperative."

The Bladder Cancer Support Group is regularly attended by at least 40 participants who are either newly diagnosed bladder cancer patients, patients undergoing treatment or family members of bladder cancer patients. The group actively partakes in support activities such as roundtable discussions and educational seminars to provide information and guidance on living and coping with bladder cancer. All event proceeds will go directly to the group for future educational and awareness offerings.

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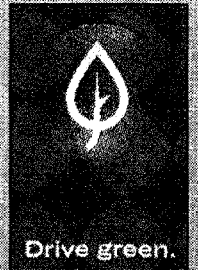


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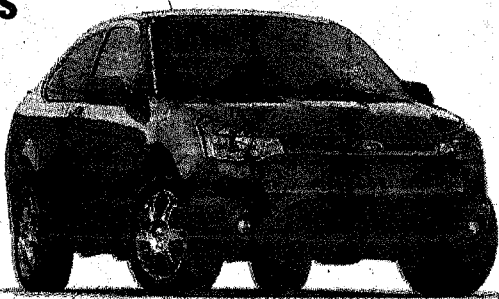
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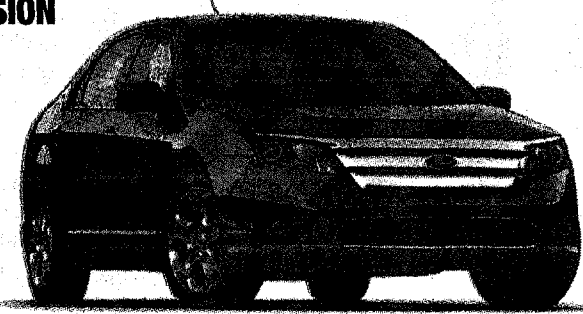
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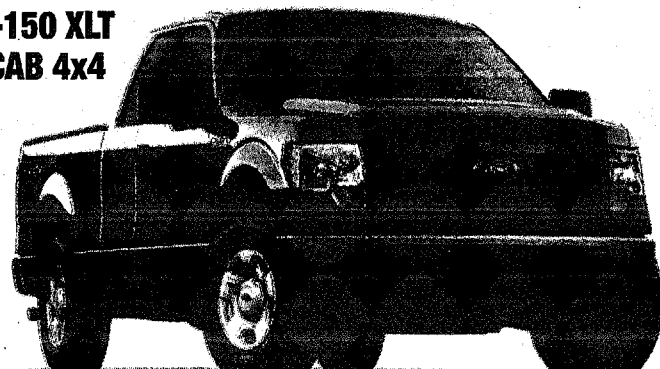
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For fast-growing careers, healthcare is where it's at. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), medical assistant will be among the fastest-growing occupation through 2016. Here's a look at this hot job from the BLS's Occupational Outlook Handbook.

Overview

Medical assistants keep the offices of physicians, podiatrists and other health practitioners running smoothly by performing routine clinical and administrative tasks. In small practices, assistants rotate between administrative and clinical work, but assistants in larger clinics have more specialized duties. Assistants' general administrative duties include greeting patients, answering phones, updating and filing patients' medical records, filling out insurance forms and handling billing. Clinical duties vary according to state law, but generally include recording vital signs, preparing patients for examinations and assisting the physician during examinations.

Education and Training

Applicants for medical assistant positions usually need a high school diploma

or equivalent, though most employers prefer graduates of formal programs in medical assisting. These programs are

deal with the public, medical assistants should look neat and have a pleasant disposition.

feet, expose and develop X-rays and assist with foot surgery. Ophthalmic medical assistants help provide eye care.

Pros and Cons of Medical Assistant Jobs

Full- and part-time medical assistant positions are available, and most offices are clean and well-lit. This job is good for those who enjoy interacting with other people. However, applicants must be able to handle multiple responsibilities at once, especially in smaller offices.

Salary

Median annual earnings of medical assistants were \$27,430 in 2007. Those who worked in general medical and surgical hospitals brought home the highest wages.

Job Outlook

According to the BLS, job prospects are excellent for medical assistants through 2016. Technological advances in medicine and a growing and aging population will bring more patients in to clinics and hospitals, spurring the need for additional support personnel.

Source: BLS December 2007



Opportunities

Approximately 62 percent of medical assistants worked in physicians' offices. Around 12 percent served in hospitals and almost 11 percent worked in other health practitioners' offices. Assistants can also specialize and perform additional duties. For example, podiatric medical assistants make castings of

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By Dave Menard
For Avanti NewsFeatures

Some cars you buy because they're practical and affordable, and provide basic transportation needs. Others you buy because they're just plain fun. The second group includes the Chrysler 300C SRT8.

This car is not very practical, it's not really affordable for the average family, and its thirsty engine ensures you'll be spending lots of time and money at the gas station. So why would anyone buy one?

Because it's a blast to drive.

Starting with the way it looks and seeping all the way down to the way it drives, the four-door 300C SRT 8 is like a testosterone shot on wheels. The large egg-crate grille common to the 300 line, a lower ride height than the standard 300, and big fog lamps give the 300C a very macho look. The deck lid has been redesigned for this year and it features an integrated spoiler: the taillamps are new for this year, as well. The 300C comes with body-color front and rear bumper inserts, body-color door handles, heated outside mirrors, 20-inch wheels, and high-intensity discharge Xenon headlamps. A power sunroof is available for \$950.

Under the hood, the 300C SRT8 is all about power. The standard powerplant is a 6.1-liter V8 HEMI engine that blasts out 425 horsepower and 420 lb.-ft. of torque and gets you 0-60 in about five seconds. This thing jumps off the line when you hit

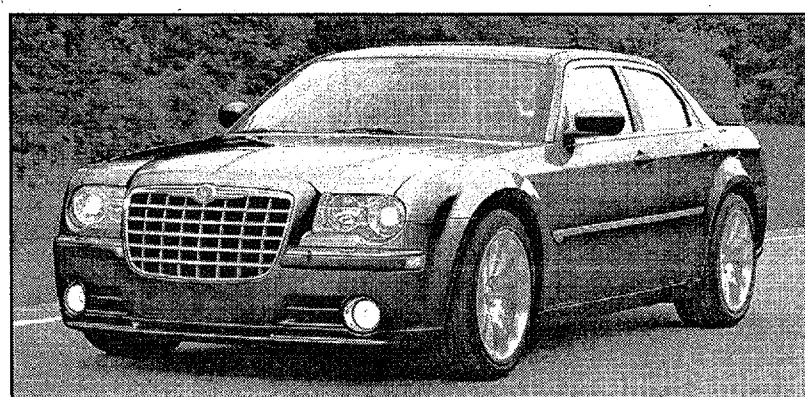
the gas pedal, but you'll pay for the power in fuel costs -- it takes premium fuel and is only rated at 13 mpg in city driving and 18 mpg on the highway. That means it's subject to the federal "gas guzzler" tax -- in this case that's \$2100.

This beefy engine is mated to a five-speed automatic transmission that features Auto-Stick, which allows you to go through the gears manually, if you prefer. If you let the transmission do the work, you'll find it gets you quickly and sharply through the gears.

If you're looking for a car that gives you road feel while you drive, you have found one here. While the ride is comfortable enough on smooth roads, expect to get jostled around on roads that are less-than-ideal. The 300C SRT8 features Electronic Stability Program, SRT-tuned dampers, specially tailored spring rates and suspension bushings, gas shocks and large diameter anti-sway bars.

The power-assist rack-and-pinion power steering makes the 300C fairly easy to handle, and it slips right into a parking spot without any trouble. The four-wheel anti-lock brakes are excellent -- almost too good. It might take you a little while to push down with just the right amount of pressure to keep yourself in your seat.

Inside, the cabin is just as macho as the outside. It's full of suede, leather and chrome. The power seats have suede



So why would anyone buy one? Because it's a blast to drive.

inserts and include heat and memory functions, although I thought the driver's seat a bit too narrow around the hips. The pedals are power-adjustable, as well. The steering wheel is leather-wrapped with chrome accents and the instrument panel features a 180 mph speedometer (wishful thinking you'll ever be allowed to go that fast), along with temperature gauge and tachometer. There is a driver's information display located in the center of the instrument cluster which can display the outside temperature, radio station selection and direction of travel, among other things. There are special interior accents on the center stack, door trim and steering wheel.

The 300C SRT8 come with a nice list of standard features. Automatic dual-zone air conditioning, rear window defogger, adaptive cruise control, power tilt steering column, traction control, power windows and locks, keyless entry, universal garage door opener, and a security system with engine immobilizer are all included.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/CD/DVD/mp3 system with steering wheel-mounted audio controls, a year of satellite radio service and a Boston Acoustic speaker system. For \$695, you can upgrade to a system that includes a 322-watt amplifier and 13 speaker Kicker audio. Hey, you might as well have the beefy audio to go with the beefy

powertrain, right? If you really want to go all-out, be sure to add the rear seat video entertainment system (\$1,150) so the kids don't bother you while you're cruising.

A DVD-based GPS navigation system is also available (\$1200), and this includes a year of Sirius traffic, and a hands-free communication system.

The 300C SRT8 comes with advanced multi-stage airbags for the driver and front passenger, and rear park assist. If you want more airbags, you'll have to order an option package for \$640 that includes front-seat mounted side air bags and side curtain front and rear airbags.

The 300C SRT8 starts at about \$41,500 (I told you it wasn't practical). Add the extra airbags, the sunroof, the navigation system, the rear seat entertainment system, and the upgraded audio system, and you're at almost \$47,000, and that's before the gas guzzler tax kicks in.

I warned you -- the 300C SRT8 is not practical or particularly affordable. But it sure is a lot of fun to drive.

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