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Interim auditions

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education is set to interview four candidates to become the district's interim superintendent.

The interviews are scheduled to take place Wednesday, starting at 5 p.m., at the E.J. McClendon Education Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth. Each of the four candidates is expected to be interviewed for some 50 minutes.

The candidates include Dr. Jeremy Hughes, a former deputy superintendent for the state Board of Education; Kurt Tyszkiewicz, PCCS director of student services and former principal at Tonda Elementary School; James Larson-Shidler, the district's assistant superintendent for business services; and Phil Freeman, the principal at Pioneer Middle School.

Brass-y move

The Brass Iron & Bed Shop is moving from Ann Arbor Trail to Forest Place, next to Francis Jewelry Gallery, this week.

The shop closed its Ann **Arbor Trail location Saturday** and will reopen by Thursday on Forest Place. The 1,400-squarefoot space is still available.

Anyone interested can call Carol at (734) 719-0667.

Plymouth characters

Meet and greet some of the characters from Plymouth's past during the Plymouth Historical Museum's "Plymouth Characters at Kellogg Park" walk, Saturday, June 4.

Walks begin at 2 p.m. with small groups departing every 15 minutes. Walk times will be assigned as tickets are purchased. The walk circles Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth and lasts about 90 minutes. Participants should meet at the fountain in Kellogg Park. Tickets are \$10 per person (\$5 for children under 10) in advance or \$15 (\$10 for children under 10) at the park and can be purchased on the museum's website (http:// www.plymouthhistory.org/ events/Plymouth-Charactersat-Kellogg-Park_ET38. html?SortBox=201106) using PayPal or at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8940 for more information.

Observer online

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Field of dreams on way to reality in Plymouth

BY MATT JACHMAN OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

There is a miracle under way in Plymouth.

A years-long campaign for a baseball field designed for special-needs children with physical impairments reached a new high Friday afternoon with a ceremonial groundbreaking by the Miracle League of Plymouth.

The new \$500,000 ballfield, off Theodore Street behind Central Middle School, will be scaled down and have a soft surface free of obstacles, such as raised bases, that could pose hazards for players in wheelchairs or on crutches. Construction is expected to soon begin in earnest, and play on the new field is expected to begin in late August.

This is just one of the steps the children will make on their way to becoming what they were meant to be," Deb Madonna, co-chair of the Miracle League of Plymouth, told the crowd gathered for the event. "They will remember the friends they made here."

Madonna, who spearheaded the project, also announced the name of the new park: Bilkie Family Field, named for the family of Bob and Shari Bilkie of Salem Township. The Bilkies — Bob Bilkie is the other Miracle League co-chair contributed \$150,000 for the naming

"It was necessary," Bob Bilkie said after the ceremony. "We just felt we had to step up." Making the contribution was a personal gesture by the family, he said, not a commercial transaction, as is often the case with naming rights.

HOME FIELD

Friday's groundbreaking featured several children who will likely play on the new field, including Gavin Carrigan, 8, of Westland, who was with parents Robert and Renee Carrigan and brother Connor.

Gavin, who uses a crutch, has been playing at a Miracle League field in Southfield for three years.

"We're excited to have one here. That's

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Construction manager Ted Barker, Commissioner Deb Madonna, financial manager Bob Bilkie, Alexandrea Thrubis of the Detroit Tigers Foundation and Tigers mascot Paws dig in at Friday's Miracle League ground-breaking ceremony.

'Royal' flush

Sweet Afton crowd 'crashes' royal wedding

BY BRAD KADRICH

Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton exchanged their vows around 6:20 a.m. Friday in an ornate cathedral with some 1,900 people in attendance.

An ocean away, Katie Symanow of Plymouth sat with her sister, Megan, watched the proceedings on a 57inch television in the Sweet Afton Tea Room, gathered with three dozen others who arrived around 4 a.m. to watch the Royal Wedding, with an eye on her own wedding, three weeks

Symanow was all smiles watching the vintage cars and horse-drawn carriages and Middleton's beautiful wedding gown, knowing her own wedding May 20 at St. Joseph Church in Dearborn will be much less ornate, if no less beautiful.

"It's nice to see a wedding with no budget, because mine's definitely on a budget," Symanow said with a laugh. "It's just fun. In this economy everything is so sad, it's nice to have something fun to focus on."

The Symanow sisters were among 36 people who made reservations at Sweet Afton Tea Room to view



Megan Symanow and Katie Symanow are sisters, from Plymouth. Katie's wedding is in three weeks. Their parents, David and Carolyn Symanow were married about the same time as Prince Charles and Lady Diana.

the wedding. The doors opened at 4 a.m., and people were already waiting. Phyllis Wilkerson, who owns the tea room with her husband, said she wasn't the least bit surprised the event sold out.

Of course, Wilkerson might think so. After all, she pulled her two young daughters out of bed 30 years ago for another Royal Wedding, that of Prince Charles and Diana Spencer.

"I'm not at all surprised," Wilkerson said. "I've always been interested in the history of the Royal Family. Everybody is into the royal

That's certainly true for Mona Nepiuk of Plymouth, who said she arrived at the tea room at 3:55 a.m. She watched Charles and Di's wed-

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Lawyer switch 2 delays teacher's preliminary exam

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

The preliminary exam for a Plymouth High School teacher facing a variety of charges was delayed Friday because the teacher changed defense attorneys.

Ray Schepansky, acting on the advice of friends and supporters, hired Plymouth attorney Richard Convertino to defend him against charges related to an April 13 incident in which he was arrested with an unloaded 9mm handgun and two loaded ammunition clips as he entered school grounds.

Convertino replaces Southfield attor-

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOT

Ray Schepansky (right) goes over the case file with new attorney Richard Convertino, who filed an appearance in the case on Friday, replacing Southfield attorney Raymond Correll.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hilary Young of Livonia brought her three children to last year's Green Street Fair, where they helped decorate Fort Box. Truth is 3 years old, Moriah is 5, and Kenzi is 6. This year's fair starts Friday.

Plymouth's biggest Green fair yet opens Friday

BY MATT JACHMAN **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

Next weekend's Green Street Fair, the annual downtown Plymouth showcase for products, services - and fun - designed with the Earth in mind, should offer something for everyone.

Visitors will be able to check out solar panels and "green" landscaping materials, safely dispose of old medicine (no controlled substances) and computers, shop for home furnishings and kitchen supplies, attend family-friendly concerts, participate in hands-on projects and, of course, eat, while learning more about the environment and healthy living.

This year's fair, the fourth, begins at noon Friday in Kellogg Park and nearby streets and continues through 5 p.m. Sunday. There are

more than 240 participating exhibitors — businesses, individuals and organizations — making this year's fair the largest yet, said organizer Raychel Rork.

'We're really proud of how far it's grown in only four years," Rork said, adding that 100,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the weekend. "It's going to be big."

The lineup will include many returning exhibitions as well as some new ones, and some exhibitors are traveling long distances to attend, Rork said.

'This is becoming a very enticing event for them," she said. "It's free to the public. It's direct to the consumers."

Crafters who use repurposed raw materi-

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District wonders how Snyder pays for his reforms

BY BRAD KADRICH **OBSERVER STAFF WRITER**

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials said it was "nice" for Gov. Rick Snyder to express his ideas during the special message he delivered on education reform Wednesday.

But the one idea local school officials would have liked to have seen addressed went largely unanswered, in their eyes: How to pay for it all.

In a speech at the United Way for Southeastern Michigan headquarters in Detroit, Snyder proposed, among other ideas, bonus pay to school districts that show academic improvement, changes to merit pay and the teacher tenure system; removing the

cap on the number of charter schools in districts with failing schools; a new state office devoted to early childhood education; a greater emphasis on online education; and a more flexible system in which state funding would follow students wherever they go, rather than being assigned to a particular school district.

"I don't think there are many people in this community who would support that," said Frank Ruggirello, Plymouth-Canton's director of community relations.

Some of the governor's proposals likely wouldn't affect Plymouth-Canton, Ruggirello pointed out. For instance, Snyder would lift the cap on charter schools in districts that have

failing schools. "We don't have any failing schools," Ruggirello said.

Snyder would also force districts with open seats in classrooms to open their borders to students from outside district lines. Again, this would have little effect in Plymouth-Canton, according to officials.

"The bottom line is there aren't that many open seats to begin with," Ruggirello said. "Our long-term projections show a bit of a decrease (in enrollment), but we're not looking at a whole lot of seats available anyway."

For Plymouth-Canton administrators dealing with an \$18 million budget deficit created in large part by Snyder's cuts to the School Aid Fund,

a speech that talked more about how his reforms would be paid for would have been better.

"I think the most disappointing part for everybody in education is, it's nice to have ideas but you have to have the money to pay for it," Ruggirello said. "While he addressed all of his ideas, he didn't discuss anything about the money. I don't know how you talk about one without talking about the other."

Officials at Canton-based Tipping Point Education, a think-tank, policy-making initiative for K-12 education and higher education, said they have "great concerns" about Snyder's

In a statement issued after Snyder's

special message, TPE founder Trish Brown said Snyder "wielded his ax again at the most important natural resource any state has — it's children and their futures.'

In the TPE statement, Brown said Snyder's plan is making things tough on teachers.

"Everything he is saying is a hodgepodge of everything that has been lashed out and discussed and fought about for years," Brown said. "He is creating more myths around education, and making it nearly impossible for educators to do their jobs at a time when education is the most important entitlement we offer."

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AROUND PLYMOUTH

"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

Potters Guild

Date/Time: Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: 340 N. Main, Suite G-11 in Plymouth

Details: Village Potters Guild Spring Sale. New designs and bargains. All in time for Mother's Day.

Contact: (734) 207-8807; www.villagepottersguild.org

Chiefette tryouts

DAR meets

Date/Time: May 16, 6 p.m. (dessert) Location: Plymouth District Library, 222 S. Main, Plymouth

Details: The Daughters of the American Revolution hold an evening meeting, with William George Vette, SAR (in uniform) presenting, "The President's Guard." The committee is made up of Mary Black, Barbara Miller and Donna Busch. Contact: (734) 453-0750

Kindergarten meeting

Date/Time: 5 p.m. Monday, May 2 Location: Canton Charter Academy, 49100 Ford Road in Canton.

Details: Canton Charter Academy



Help for mom

Plymouth Nursery has staff available to help kids pick out a flower, plant it in a pot for mom, and make a personal tag. Parents can bring their child to the nursery, on Ann Arbor Road past Gotfredson, and choose from a selection of \$4.99 annuals, and get a four-inch clay pot with soil to plant, including a personal tag for mom. Times to plant are Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to noon and 2-3 p.m.

has scheduled a kindergarten information meeting for prospective parents. Principal Cathy Henkenberns, teachers and staff members will be on hand to present information about the school. The meeting will include an informal question and answer

period. Tours of the school will be

Contact: To RSVP for the meeting, call (734) 453-9517.

Run for Hope

Time/Date: 8 a.m. Saturday, May 14 Location: Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck, in Northville

Details: The fifth annual Run for Hope is a 5K run/walk presented by Northville Roadrunners to benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support. Fitness expert Peter Nielsen will be in attendance. Preregister online by May 2 at www. firstgiving.com/newhopecenter. Registration forms and more information are available at www. newhopecenter.net. Registration the day of the event is at 8 a.m. Cost is \$25 for people 16 and over and \$15 for children 8-15 who register by May 2. After May 2, and day of the race add \$5. Children under 8 are free.

Contact: New Hope Center, (248)

Date/Time: May 4-5, 6:30-9 p.m.; May 6, 6-9 p.m.; May 7, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: Canton High School Gym **Details**: The Canton Chiefettes pom pon squad is holding tryouts for its 2011-2012 squad. Potential

Chiefettes must have physical dated after April 15, 2011. Contact: Any questions contact Coach Jen at CoachJenny@cantonchiefettes.com

Farm exhibit

Time/Date: 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, April through November **Location**: Canton Historical Museum, corner of Canton Center and Heritage Park Drive in Canton Details: Ever wondered what living in Canton back in the 1800s was like and who lived and worked on the land many now call home? Bring the whole family to experience the Canton Historical Museum's highly anticipated new exhibit, "Whose Farm Do You Live On." Learn the history of this thriving farming community from the 1800s and well into the 1900s before its transformation by land developers in the 1930s. Find out who originally purchased the land and the names of families who lived there. View tools used by these families for farming, personal care, cooking, play and

Contact: For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call (734) 397-0088.

Motown sound kicks off Plymouth concert series

Music will fill the air around Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth again this year when the Friday Night Music in the Air concert series makes its return.

The popular concert series, which has graced Kellogg Park for decades, starts May 27 when Motor City Soul, billed as metro Detroit's premier Motown and soul review band, kicks things off.

The concerts draw between 4,000 and 5,000 fans weekly, according to Tony Bruscato, operations director for the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, which sponsors the series along with title sponsor Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan. "They've become a real tradi-

tion over the years," Bruscato said. Concerts start at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park (there is no concert July 8 because of Art in the Park). The rest of the lineup: • June 3, Justine Blazer

- a local performer recently awarded the Dodge Ram Trucks "Country Band of the Year" award.
- June 10, The Sound Alternative plays the hits.
- June 17, Shawn Riley Band perennial favorite of rock

and pop tunes. The local band is from Northville.

• June 24, The Crutches Party band hailing from Spartan-country, playing tons of dance tunes with a few surprises.

• July 1, Zap Toro. • July 15, Steve King and the Dittilies — the King of Detroit rock and roll.

• July 22, Gia Warner Band nationally-recognized songwriter, performer and voice artist; also multiple Detroit Music Award winner.

• July 29, The Bluescasters play the Blues.

• Aug. 5, Those Delta Rhythm Kings (tentative, the DDA is waiting on confirmation)

• Aug. 12 — TBD Aug. 19, Mass Transit Band

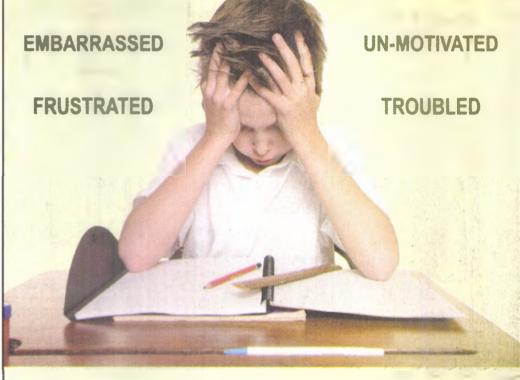
 hits and party. • Aug. 26, Randy Brock

Group — Randy and his band bring you the best guitar-driven blues set north of Texas. · Sept. 2, Lady Sunshine and

the X Band — soul/funk/R&B. Bruscato said he's looking forward to the excitement of another concert series in downtown Plymouth.

"It's what makes Plymouth what it is," he said.





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Students crowd courtroom to show their support

BY BRAD KADRICH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Support for Ray Schepansky that had been largely word-of-mouth and Internet-based moved into the courtroom Friday when Schepansky, facing a variety of gun-related charges, appeared for his preliminary examination in Plymouth's 35th District Court.

Some two dozen current and former students and friends filled the seats in Chief Judge Michael Gerou's courtroom to show their support for Schepansky, a popular history teacher at Plymouth High School arrested April 14 after allegedly making threats the day before and returning to school with a 9mm handgun and two loaded magazines.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth High School seniors Jake Beauchamp and Collin Belanger were among about two dozen current and former students who turned up in 35th District Court Friday to show support for Ray Schepansky.

Schepansky, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for more than a decade, is

charged with carrying a concealed weapon, having a gun in a weaponsfree zone and using a gun during a felony. Prosecutors are expected to seek reinstatement of a fourth charge, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, which was dismissed at arraignment.

Since his arrest, supporters have taken to the social networking site Facebook, establishing a "Free Schepansky" page, which as of Friday morning had drawn nearly 1,300 fol-

One of them is Plymouth High School senior Jake Beauchamp, who called the litany of charges against his former teacher "overkill."

"Some of the charges seem interchangeable," Beauchamp said. "After looking at all the charges, it's a little

bit of overkill. (Schepansky) is a great teacher. My brother, sister and I all had him. He's done a lot for our family and we wanted to support him."

Collin Belanger, a senior at Plymouth High School, cited Schepansky's long service as a dedicated teacher and his military history as reasons to support him.

"He always had the best interests of the students in mind," Belanger said. "He's done a lot for the school, for the community, for our country.'

Angela Moen of Plymouth had Schepansky as a Salem High School senior in 2010, and remembered him as "one of my favorite teachers." While not condoning his actions, if they turn out to be proven true, Moen said Schepansky still deserved

"He's never done anything in my mind to make me think this would happen," said Moen, now in her first year at Schoolcraft College. "The Schepansky we all know deserves our support."

Mari Manning, also a 2010 Salem High School graduate, remembered Schepansky offering her help preparing for an AP test her senior year, even though she'd never had him as a

"He didn't even know me, and he was willing to help me," Manning said. "I realize you're not supposed to have weapons on campus ... they're making it out to be more than it was. I've never heard anything negative about him. It's all very upsetting and sad."

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ney Raymond Correll, who represented Schepansky at arraignment and right up through a pre-exam hearing last week at 35th District Court.

Responding to a question from Chief Judge Michael Gerou, Convertino said he wasn't prepared to move forward. He only filed his appearance in the case Friday. Gerou granted a defense motion to adjourn the hearing until May 6. Wayne County Assistant

Prosecutor Robert Donaldson offered no stiff objection to the adjournment, though he pointed out the prosecution was prepared to proceed.

"We're ready and willing to proceed," Donaldson told Gerou. "The relationship between the defendant, his attorney and the court ... I'm ready to proceed."

Gerou agreed to adjourn the hearing until 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 6. But he warned lawyers there would be no further adjournment.

"All things considered, given the gravity of the charges ... there'd be a manifest injustice

if I didn't allow the adjournment," Gerou told the lawyers. "This case will go forward at that point; there will be no adjournment at the next date."

Schepansky, who has taught in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools for more than a decade, is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, having a gun in a weapons-free zone and using a gun during a felony. A fourth charge, carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, was dismissed at arraignment, though Donaldson said Friday he anticipates trying to get that charge reinstated.

Schepansky has been placed on administrative leave without pay from his job as a history teacher at Plymouth High School, said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. Ruggirello said the district

had no comment beyond that. Schepansky has been in jail since his arrest. His bond was or surety, with no 10-percent

originally set at \$100,000 cash provision, and the teacher has not posted bail. Before being released from the case, Correll asked Gerou to add a 10-percent component to the bond,

even if it meant other restrictions such as a tether or GPS monitoring device.

Correll pointed to the amount of support Schepansky has gotten in the community, his honorable discharge from the military and his lack of any prior record as reasons Gerou should lower the bond.

"There is no evidence he'd be a flight risk," Correll said. "Based on what he's charged with and his support in the community ... Mr. Schepansky will follow every condition set."

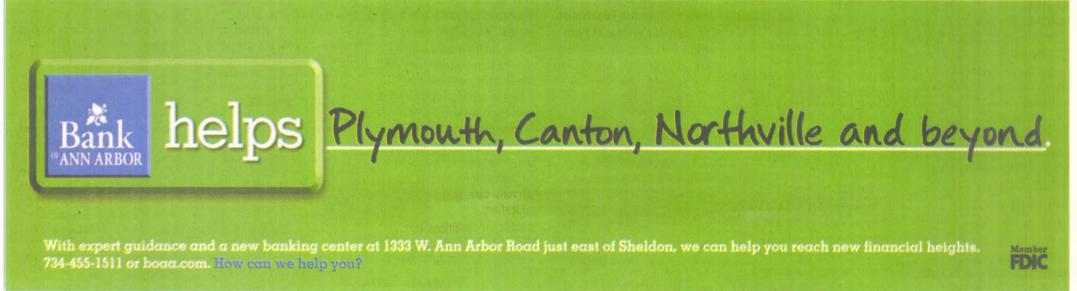
But Donaldson objected to it. Alluding to testimony he expects to present in court, he said,

Schepansky had indicated "on the Friday before these events he wanted to kill the assistant principal of the school."

"The day before, he was angry and said, 'certain people need to die," Donaldson said. "He told that assistant principal he'd commit homicide before suicide. The following morning he showed up with a 9mm handgun and two loaded clips. The risks are simply too great to release this man.'

Gerou agreed and, citing the new exam date just a week away, continued the \$100,000 bond.

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ding at home because she had two young children. She said watching the wedding at Sweet Afton was the "next best thing" to actually being

"It's like being with Cinderella at Disneyland," Nepiuk said. "The whole Royal Family is such a special thing. It's certainly different even than what we do at the White House."

Nepiuk was with her friend, Lillian Berlin of Plymouth, who said the saga of Princess Di's children "has captured my heart." Besides, she said, it was nice to have something positive to focus on in a troubled world.

"I love the British royalty, the pomp and circumstance," said Berlin, who sported a grand hat she bought in New York. "The world needs something positive right now. Besides," she added,

smiling, "we got to wear our hats."

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Paul Simmons of Westland is a regular at Sweet Afton Tea Room. A former Plymouth resident with a degree in history (along with majors in French and English) from Wayne State University, Simmons, the only man among the watchers, said he thought watching the Royal Wedding on the big-screen TV "would be f<mark>un."</mark>

Tracie Morris of Redford had more of a professional interest. A wedding planner whose biggest challenge to date has been a 600-guest wedding, Morris watched to see how such a large production came together.

"This is way off the Richter scale (of wedding planning challenges)," Morris said. "The hardest part would be making sure the proper etiquette is followed, and coordinating all those people. It would be the challenge of a lifetime."

The biggest challenge for

Robin Long of Livonia may have been getting her son, fifth-grader Patrick, out of bed in time to get there to watch the wedding. A history teacher at Northville's Amerman Elementary, where her son is also a student, Long said the historical aspect of the wedding, and the nature of the Royal Family, drew her to the event.

"As a history teacher, it's the future king and queen," she said. "I've always been a fan of the Royals, and I remember Diana. We decided to come and have some early morning

Her son, Patrick, sat quietly in the back of the room, rising early so he could have his ride to school. He said he was happy to do it for his mom, and even thought it was interesting. But his mom acknowledge her son's gift.

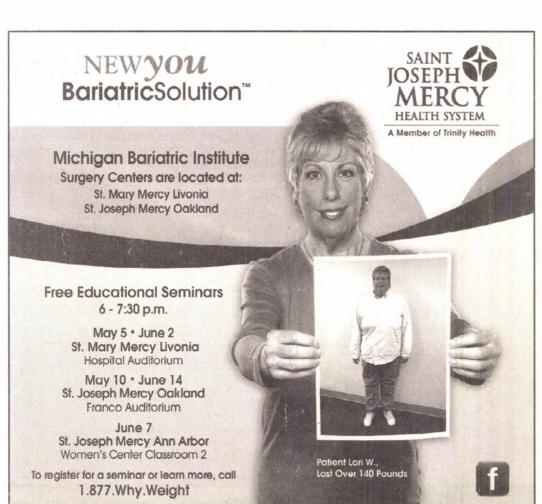
"We'll do something for him later," she said, laughing. "I owe him big time."

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Claudia Palchak and Carla Szuch watch the arrival of the wedding party. They travelled in the wee hours from Wyandotte to the Sweet Afton Tea Room in Plymouth.





The crowd watches Kate and Wills take their vows.



Ret Yaeger, Mona Nepink and Lillian Berlin are well be in London.



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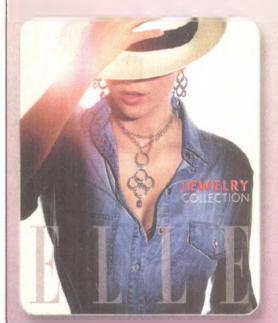
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Town hall audience voices education concerns

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Calling the funding crisis in Michigan public schools a "manufactured crisis," state Rep. Dian Slavens, D-Canton, and two state House colleagues took on Gov. Rick Snyder's plan for the state's school aid fund during a two-hour town hall-style meeting Wednesday in Canton.

Saying she was worried not enough parents' voices were being heard during testimony before the House Education Committee, Slavens' town hall attracted some 100 people at The Summit

"We need to hear from you," said Slavens, who said committee hearings were stopped before many had a chance to speak in Lansing. "Our goal is to take (comments) back to the committee and to the governor, so you can be heard."

Dr. Craig Fiegel, Superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, made a presentation that pointed out that said the governor plans to siphon \$196 million from the School Aid Fund for community colleges, and another \$700 million for higher education (public four-year universities). He also said the SAF would lose some \$200 million under the state's new tax structure.

LESSER EDUCATION

Those figures, provided by the non-partisan House Fiscal agency, prompted state Rep. Lisa Brown, D-West Bloomfield, the minority



State Reps. Dian Slavens, D-Canton (right) and Lisa Brown, D-West Bloomfield, listen to testimony from residents, parents and school officials about proposed education budget cuts at Slavens' 'Fight School Cuts' Task Force meeting at Canton's Summit on the Park Wednesday.

vice-chair of the education committee who was on Wednesday's panel with Slavens and state Rep. Vicki Barnett, D-Farmington, to voice concern for the education her third-grader will get.

"My third-grader isn't going to get the same education my 10th-grader got," said Brown, who also has a seventh-grader. "There is no crisis in the school aid fund. It's a manufactured crisis. There's enough money so there should be an increase (in per-pupil funding). The governor is balancing the budget on the backs of education."

In addition to the budget cuts,
Snyder's plan to uncap the number
of charter schools in districts with
failing schools drew some complaints from people in the audience.
Although Plymouth-Canton officials
point out the district doesn't have
any failing schools and therefore
wouldn't be affected by Snyder's
plan, most in the audience — which
included a strong contingent of
teachers from Van Buren Schools

didn't like the idea.

"The charter school thing is interesting to me," Brown said. "There's no indication charter schools do anything any better than the public schools."

TAX MONEY

Snyder's tax plan also drew criticism from the panel. Barnett, the former mayor of Farmington Hills, said simply eliminating tax credits currently given to businesses would

solve the state's \$1.4 billion shortfall. She said some \$700 million in revenue generated from taxes that now goes to the school aid fund would be diverted to the general fund, allowing Snyder to use them to solve the deficit

"There are some ... businesses in this state that don't pay any taxes," Barnett said. "Simply eliminating tax credits we give to business would

solve the problem."

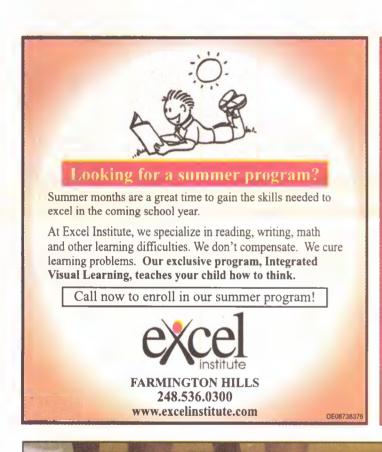
Derek Rushing of Canton urged the Democrats to "keep fighting." He said he's "a product of some of the services" offered by public schools, whom he credited for helping him develop a successful law enforcement career.

"The teachers who took me off the street did everything they could for me, and I became a successful police officer," said Rushing, a Redford High School graduate who retired from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. "After I graduated the (police) academy, I went back and thanked my teachers. My request to you is: Fight. There are a whole lot of people here willing to fight, and I will stand with you now."

Slavens said she was glad to see so many people in the audience, because many had their voices quieted with the closing of hearings in Lansing.

"There were a lot of people who didn't get to speak to the committee because they closed the hearing," Slavens said. "We wanted to make sure their voices are heard."

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Local student Sandra Nahra received the Jean Keller Memorial Essay in Spanish Award Level 3 during Albion College's annual Honors Convocation. The Albion College faculty and administration choose recipients for these awards from among the most exemplary students in all academic departments.

Nahra was also elected to the Albion College chapter of Mortar Board, a national honorary society for students outstanding in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Sandra Nahra is majoring in Spanish-transamerican latina/o studies and minoring in communication studies and management-Gerstacker track, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program.

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She is the daughter of John

and Judy Nahra of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School.

University of Toledo

Julie Miller, a Doctor of Pharmacy major and a resident of Canton, was among more than 700 students from the University of Toledo who made the Fall 2010 President's List.

Defiance College

Defiance College held its annual Honors Day Convocation recently to recognize academic achievements of students. Special recognition was also given to faculty and staff.

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why we got involved," said his father. The new field will be closer for the family, he said.

Robert Carrigan is involved with the Plymouth Masons, one of the many organizations that helped with Miracle League fundraising efforts. "It just fit in because my son is able to play," he said.

Gavin, who plays multiple positions, said he follows the Detroit Tigers and that his favorite player is Magglio Ordonez, a right fielder. "He gets a lot of home runs," he said.

The Detroit Tigers Foundation gave the project a big boost April 20 with the offering of a \$40,000 challenge grant. If an equal amount can be raised by December, the foundation said, the Tigers Foundation will make a \$40,000 donation. A quick \$25,000 pledge from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet of Plymouth Township put the Miracle League more than halfway to the challenge goal.

GOAL NEARLY REACHED

The Miracle League has an overall goal of \$1.1 million, which includes a fund for future upkeep of the field, the grandstands and the clubhouse, and is reportedly within \$100,000 of that.

Other major donors include the Buhr Foundation, the Helppie Foundation and the Klopcic Family Foundation.



Deb Madonna pose for pictures with the Field of Dreams kids, including Honorary Ambassador Jamie Jones, at Friday's ground-breaking ceremony.

The Miracle League also benefited from a \$250,000 state grant. The Plymouth Canton Community Schools, too, played a major role, agreeing in 2009 to a no-cost lease of the site by the Miracle League.

Mayor Dan Dwyer told the crowd that the Miracle League's success is typical of Plymouth's support for community projects.

"This is how everything happens in this town," Dwyer said.

"It doesn't happen because of government. It happens because a lot of different people come together and make it work."

The ceremony was followed by a snack of baseball fare - hot dogs, popcorn, peanuts and pop — in the nearby Plymouth Cultural Center,

New this year will be a Mother's Day parade on Sunday, May 8, as the fair weekend will include Mother's Day for the first time.

Children will have the chance to make musical instruments out of recyclable raw materials then join the parade, expected to start in Kellogg Park, to honor their moms. The Deep Fried Pickle Project, a "junk band" that plays a variety of musical styles, will run the workshop, and Sunday's parade will be followed by a 12:30 p.m. concert by the trio at the EcoBeats stage, near Union and Penniman.

Rork said she and other Green Street organizers even take steps to ensure even the fair's trash — napkins, food wraps and tableware — is biodegradable and easy on the Earth.

"That's a major undertaking for a whole festival to think about our footprint ... how much trash we're generating,"

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Scott prison property for sale

BY LONNIE HUHMAN CORRESPONDENT

The future use for the vacant Scott Correctional Facility property in Northville Township is undetermined at present, but township officials know exactly what they would like to see it become.

At their April 21 meeting, the Northville Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution urging Gov. Rick Snyder to sell the Scott property to private interests so it can live up to its valuable potential. They believe it can be developed with a creative and useful economic activity, which could benefit the region and state.

The 35-acre site is located at the northwest corner of Five Mile and Beck roads and had been a woman's prison, but closed over a year ago. The State of Michigan is still the property owner, and through

the Department of Technology, Management and Budget it has designated it as surplus. That means it's for sale.

"Basically, we are looking to get rid of it," said Kurt Weiss, public information officer for the management and budget department. "We want to sell it to the best proposal. Legislation is required, so working with state Legislature representatives will be neces-

Prior to the resolution reading, Township Manager Chip Snider said an idea had been floated that would see the site turned into a "tricounty regional lock-up and dispatch." Supervisor Mark Abbo voiced his displeasure with this by saying the idea is offensive, and being left in the dark is even more offensive. Abbo thinks the township has served their time as a home for prisoners.

"We have been an institu-

tional dumping ground for 50 years," he said of the township's past as home to such locations as a Detroit House of

Corrections facility. One name mentioned during the resolution talk was state Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-6th

Anderson said the idea had been extended to him by a local police department, but nothing more.

There has been no formal proposal," he said. "Absolutely no discussions, so it doesn't really have any legs."

State Rep. Kurt Heise, R-20th District, reassured township officials he would express these desires in Lansing and advocate on their behalf.

Meanwhile, Weiss said the state is hoping for some good proposals from both private and public entities.

"Our intention is to hand it off to someone who has better plans," he said.

FROM PAGE A1

als will be on hand with, for example, jewelry, or purses made from burlap coffee sacks. There will be organic cotton clothing, easy-on-the-energy transportation, and demonstrations of organic cooking.

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Q: Dear Rick: I've worked for the same company for 30 years and I am getting ready to retire. The company is giving me a pension or a lump sum of money. I am a conservative investor. I don't like taking risks and that is why I'm leaning towards taking the pension. The problem is when I looked at the numbers, it appears I'm getting a very low rate of return on the money. I love the idea of having a set amount of income per month, but I was hoping to get a better rate of return. I don't want to invest the money in the stock market. I will probably take the pension because I have no other choice. Do you have any other ideas knowing that I am conservative and that I don't want to invest the money in the market?

A: Congratulations on your retirement and working for a company for 30 years. In today's world, if you work for a company for three or four years you're considered a longterm employee.

Considering that you are a very conservative investor and do not want any stock market investments, your options are limited. Since you like the idea of guaranteeing a set amount of money every month, there is only one option that I can think of that would provide you with a pension-like investment and at the same time, not be subject to the volatilities of the stock market. The investment you should explore is an immediate annuity.

An immediate annuity is nothing more than a pri-



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Rick Bloom

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a set amount of money for the rest of your life. As an investor in an immediate annuity, you are not assuming any stock market risk and like a pension, you'll get distributions for the rest of your life.

Not all immediate annuities are the same. Different companies will give you different amounts of money per month. Therefore, the key is to compare immediate annuities with a number of companies. In addition, with immediate annuities you can design the annuity to fit your situation. For example, if you are married you can have the pension continue for your spouse's lifetime. You can also build an inflation factor into the annuity. This will allow your pension to rise on a year-by-year basis. There are a number of options that you can choose with regards to an immediate annuity, the key is to select the ones that suit your individual situation. For example, if you are single, a spousal benefit is not important. One of the things I like about immediate annuities is the fact that you can design them in a number of different ways to fit your

individual situation.

Because an immediate annuity is for life, I generally recommend that you only deal with well known, highly rated insurance companies.

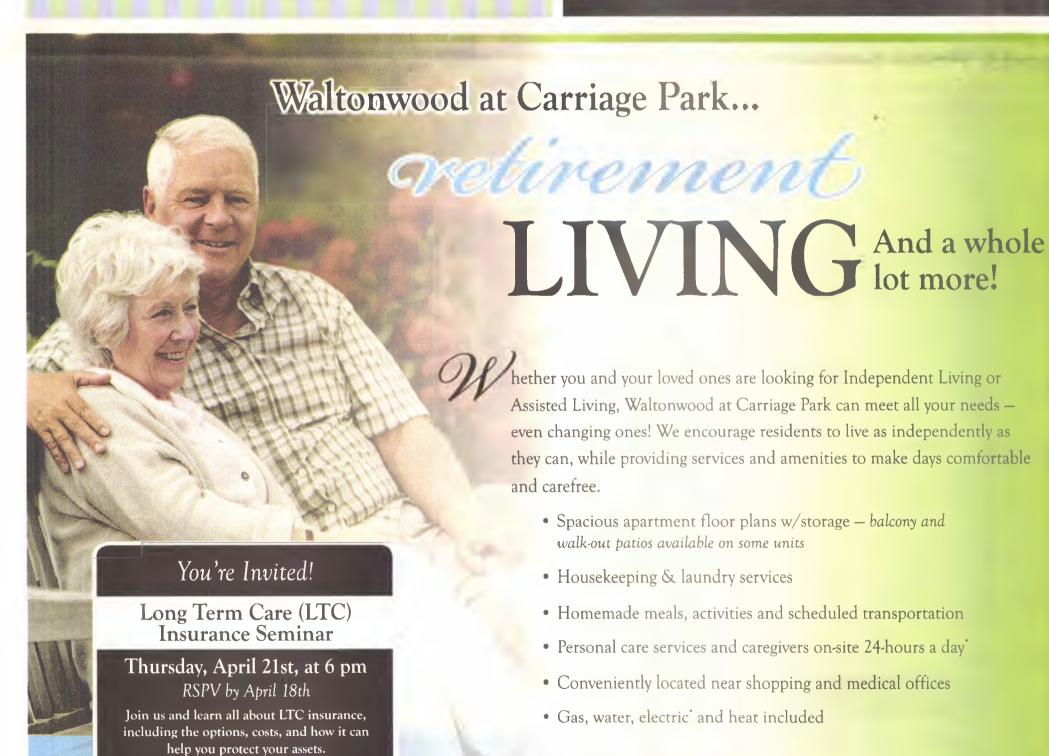
Once you get bids from a few immediate annuities, my recommendation is to compare them with your pension to determine which one is paying more. If the immediate annuity pays more on a monthly basis, that's the one that you should select. On the other hand, if your pension pays more, obviously that is the one that you should select.

Immediate annuities are becoming more popular because people like the idea of a pension and the majority of American businesses no longer offer pensions. . However, just because your employer doesn't offer one doesn't mean you can't take care of it on your

Because immediate annuities can be designed to fit your individual situation, it makes sense to deal with someone who knows what they're doing. Therefore, don't use just any annuity salesperson, use someone with experience in designing immediate annuities and, of course, if you ever need a referral for any professional, whether legal or financial, do not hesitate to e-mail me. Good luck!

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Inspire Theatre troupe stages 'Murders of 1940'

With a murder in the first two pages and many more to come, one would expect *The* Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 to be a typical murder-mystery. But play takes place deep within the world of actors, directors and theatre producers, which can only mean one thing: unstoppable egos, unrelenting laughs and a mystery that's not half-bad,

As Inspire Theatre's latest production, The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 promises to be anything but ordinary, according to artistic director Len Fisher. Set in a mansion in Chappaqua, New York, in December 1940, the mansion is owned and inhabited by Elsa Von Grossenknueten, and her maid, Helsa Wenzel. The invited guests include an Irish tenor, a singer/dancer, a young comedian, the director, producer, and the writers.

After things get underway, bodies are discovered. After a series of dizzy conversations, multiple trips through secret doorways leading to a labyrinth of hidden passageways, multiple crimes and criminals are revealed, the madcap search to find the killer begins. It's a door-slamming ride to a very funny finish line.

"Several years ago when we presented Agatha Christie's Ten Little Indians, people immediately began asking for another mystery," said Fisher. "I enjoy comedies and musicals. When I remembered this play, it just made sense to try and stage it."

MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS

Time/Date: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 6-7 and 13-14, and 3 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 15 Location: Inspire Theatre, located in the Warren Road Light and Life Church at 33445 Warren Road, east of Wayne Road.

Tickets: \$12 each and can be purchased at the door or by reservation by calling (734) 751-

Inspire Theatre has attempted some very ambitious projects in the past. To Fisher, this project appeared "kinder and gentler."

"Its been anything but," he

Although only an 11-member cast, the production has been beset by eight personnel changes. Most have been over schedule conflicts. Some were because the people taking on roles didn't realize how demanding comedy can be. With the change in actors, postponements occurred. This brought the theatre into scheduling challenges with the church from whom they rent

"The church planned this large Easter production utilizing all of the rooms in the building. We have been ducking and rotating and switching everything from props to rehearsals even space," said Fisher. "It's been challenging but fun. We now have a cast that is one of the finest I have ever worked with.



Kelsi Fay, assistant to the director, helps her mother Bobbi Gladden with costuming for the upcoming production.

And it seems to be a family affair. Besides directing, Fisher has stepped into the role of Roger, the composer, vacated by an actor who became overwhelmed with the amount of memorization. He then asked his son Andrew to fill the role of Eddie, the

struggling young comedian. Andrew had been in the role of Michael Kelly, the undercover cop. That role is now being played by Fisher's youngest son, Benjamin.

Both sons have done theatre, both with their Dad and on their own. Andrew has stud-

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ied theatre in Indiana and Hollywood. Beside shows with Inspire Theater, Benjamin has appeared in productions at the Maple Co-op and Wayne Memorial High School which he graduated from in 2007.

According to Andrew, "it's slightly more fun than you'd expect, working on a show with your dad."

Other family connections include producer Wendy Hardy of Livonia and assistant/son Mitchell, and actress Bobbi Gladden and daughter/ assistant to the director Kelsi Fay, also Livonia residents.

Hardy has been with the group since her son appeared in the Wizard of Oz in 2006. Gladden joined the group in 2007 and has done shows ever since. When asked what her experience is like this time around, Gladden said, "All I know is that I'm having way more fun than I should be.'

Long time member Deanna Leeof Redford, who plays the director, brings a special challenge to the stage for this show. On opening night, she will be five months pregnant

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"Deanna is always great," said Fisher, "She brings this enormous amount of energy to each show. This one she just sits down more often."

Newcomer Nancy Rocker of Garden City is having a great time. The health care administrator has previous experience with other theatre groups but seems to be fitting in quite well with the Inspire family.

Filling out the roster are John Donnelly of Redford, Gerry Waitr of Westland, Toni Hammond of Farmington Hills, Carolyn Via of Garden City and Beth Baumgatner of Wayne, who each have done numerous shows with Inspire Theatre.

"We're family., that's why I keep coming back," said Hardy.

Others tend to agree. And they seem to trust Fisher's direction.

"In working with Len Fisher, he takes you, an average, every day human, and creates in you a true character whose life you step into each and every time you take the stage," said Lee.

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Local companies help tear down former First Step shelter

Charlie Martin and Michael Kelly may be friendly rivals in the competitive world of remediation and pre-demolition asbestos abatement, but they are putting their competitive differences aside to help First Step, a local non-profit agency whose mission is to provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Kelly's company, **Environmental Maintenance** Engineers, is donating the asbestos abatement and Martin's company, Next Generation Services Group , is donating the demolition services for the old farmhouse and nursing home that once provided shelter for thousands of women forced to flee their homes due to domestic vio-

"Their support will prepare the property for sale and leave the neighborhood better than we found it," said Judy Ellis, executive director of First Step. "We also want to thank Canton Township for all their support as we transition into



The former nursing home and farmhouse are being readied for demolition by Next Generation Services Group. NGSG and Environmental Maintenance Engineers donated their services to tear down the old shelter.

our new facility."

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First Step purchased the home, located on Warren Road in Canton Township in December of 1987 and renovated it to meet the needs of the community. The organization had to vacate it in December 2008 due to

irreparable building problems,

according to Ellis. The farmhouse is more than 70 years old," she said. "It served our survivors' needs well, but we just could not hold the facility together any

First Step found a tem-

porary location to house its residents and began to collect donations to build a new facility, which is located in the City of Wayne and scheduled to open in June 2011.

"One of our biggest challenges was raising the funds needed to safely demolish the old facility," said Ellis. "People will give money to create something new, but rarely will someone donate for demolition."

That's where Kelly and Martin came in.

"I heard about First Step and this shelter demo project through their partnership with the Oakwood Healthcare System," said Martin. "We know that First Step and Oakwood work together to provide the best care for victims of violence. We wanted to help and figured the best way to do that was to lend our talent."

"We have successfully and safely completed thousands of environmental clean-up projects that have varied in

scope and complexity-including many local hospitals and universities" he added. "NGSG is a local company. Our staff grew up here in southeast Michigan; this is our home. We are doing this work for our daughters, our mothers, and our sisters. We are doing this work to help local families have a brighter future."

Martin estimated the value of the work at \$65,000.

"I believe it is imperative to give back to the community, both EME as an organization and myself personally," said Kelly. "My charity work with the Archdiocese of Detroit, the United Irish Societies and the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade made me aware of First Step and the fantastic work they do providing support and counseling for domestic and sexual assault survivors and their families"

He added that Oakwood Healthcare Systems and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Elizabeth Fagan Division keep EME involved with First Step through their fundraising efforts.

"We are pleased to provide environmental remediation services for this project and contribute to the demolition of this facility so First Step can build new beginnings for the future," Kelly said.

The demolition is weather dependent, but First Step has scheduled the asbestos removal with Environmental Maintenance Engineers for last week. Next Generation Services Group will demolish the structure this week.

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Next Generation Services Group is a full service remediation and demolition contractor based in Ypsilanti. It provides asbestos abatement. lead abatement, mold remediation, hazardous waste removal, demolition, salvage, dismantling and industrial cleaning with its own full-time employees.

Environmental Maintenance Engineers Inc. is based in Inkster and provides asbestos abatement, lead-based paint abatement, mold remediation, industrial cleaning, inspections, thermo imaging and universal/ hazardous waste removal services for commercial, institutional, industrial and residential clients.

First Step is the only agency in out Wayne County that provides comprehensive services to support victims of domestic and sexual violence. First Step offers temporary emergency housing, counseling, advocacy, SANE Exams, assault response, 24-hour help line services, legal information, children's services, training and education to survivors and

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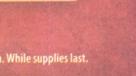
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Dance school expands to better serve community

Metro Dance Company in Plymouth expands adult, teen and preschool dance programs

Plymouth, Canton, Livonia and Northville residents have something to dance about — Metro Dance Company in Plymouth has expanded its offerings this year with more adult and teen classes and a wider range of times and dates for preschool classes.

'We've added more Tap, Hip Hop and Yoga for both teens and adults and added Zumba classes," said Kristie Wyler, studio director of Metro Dance Company. "We've really increased the choices of times and dates for preschool age dancers with more morning times."

Metro Dance Company, located at on the corner of South Mill (Lilley) and Ann Arbor Trail just outside of downtown Plymouth, has taught dance lessons to hundreds of children and adults since it's opening in 1997.

"We really try to offer something for everyone," Wyler said. "We've had a lot of customers say they had trouble finding classes for adults

in the area." Registration is now open for both the 6-week summer session and the 2011-2012 fall season. The studio offers classes in Ballet. Cecchetti, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Modern, Hip Hop, Breaking, Pom, Ballroom, Zumba and Yoga as well as competitive classes for dancers age 6 and older.

Children ages 2.5 to 5 are offered a fun introduction to the basics of dance, called Preschool Combo,

which combines Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Acro. Combo classes foster creativity, freedom and expression in movement and a love for dance while teaching, sharing, taking turns, waiting in line, socializing and cooperating with classmates.

"A beginning teen level class is available, so even if a 12- or 13year-old has never danced before, they won't be placed in a class with younger beginning dancers," Wyler said.

Each year, experienced dancers are welcome to audition for the Metro Dance Company Competition Team. Members meet September through June, compete at 3-4 regional dance competitions and travel out-of-state for a national competition each summer. Dancers must attend weekly rehearsals and meetings and enroll in a weekly ballet class. Competition classes are available in Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Tap, Hip Hop, Pom and Ballroom. Solo, duo and trios are also available in discipline of choice.

But competition isn't the main focus of the studio. A variety of recreational classes are offered without a competitive edge.

"Some studios focus only on competition dancing, where we know some kids are just here to take a class or two for fun," Wyler

Technique classes are available for adults in Hip Hop, Tap, Ballet

(beginning-advanced), Pointe, Yoga, Ballroom and Zumba.

Adult ballroom classes are a popular choice for adults. Group classes teach the style of the waltz, foxtrot, cha cha, rhumba, tango, swing and salsa.

"Dancers don't need a partner to come to class it's structured so you can just come in and learn the

steps!" Wyler said. For students interested in learning a syllabusbased method of ballet, Cecchetti Method Ballet is the way to go. Precise exercises are practiced in a set order each class, each building on the next. When ready, students are put up for examination and must pass before moving on to the next level of study. Students are eligible to begin Cecchetti Grade 1 at age 7 and work

through Grade 7. Each level takes approximately 18-24 months of study to complete.

Private dance lessons are available for all ages, and skill levels and are scheduled around each customers' availability. Wedding choreography and social dancing lessons are popular among adults.



"Our wedding choreography classes are popular for couples interested in having traditional and non-traditional first dances choreographed and having their bridal party in for a group class," Wyler said.

Visit www.MetroDance Plymouth.com to register for summer and fall classes online or for more information on all programs.

Four things every parent should know before choosing a dance studio

1. What type of dance floor is used? Dance is a very physical activity that requires a lot of jumping that can put a lot of stress on bones and joints, and most dance footwear does not provide any cushioning or support. Metro Dance Company uses a "floating" hardwood sprung floor in each of its three dance rooms that absorbs the shock of jumping, helping to prevent injuries.

2. What is the size of the class?

If the dance class has fewer students, each child will receive more personalized attention, learn more and have more fun. Metro Dance Company classes have smaller sizes to make sure no fundamental concepts are missed and to allow teachers to ensure students are not developing bad habits or improper technique.

3. Can I get immediate assistance and customer service?

In many studios, the teacher or studio owner conducts classes and does the administration. Metro Dance Company has an office staff on hand during all regular class times, so dancers get immediate assistance.

4. What is the studio environment? Metro Dance Company is committed to providing safe and quality instruction to children and adults of all ages and skill levels. The studio has a relaxed, friendly atmosphere and offers students a choice of technique, recital and/or competitive dance classes. Students are taught about teamwork, a positive attitude, eating healthy and setting goals.



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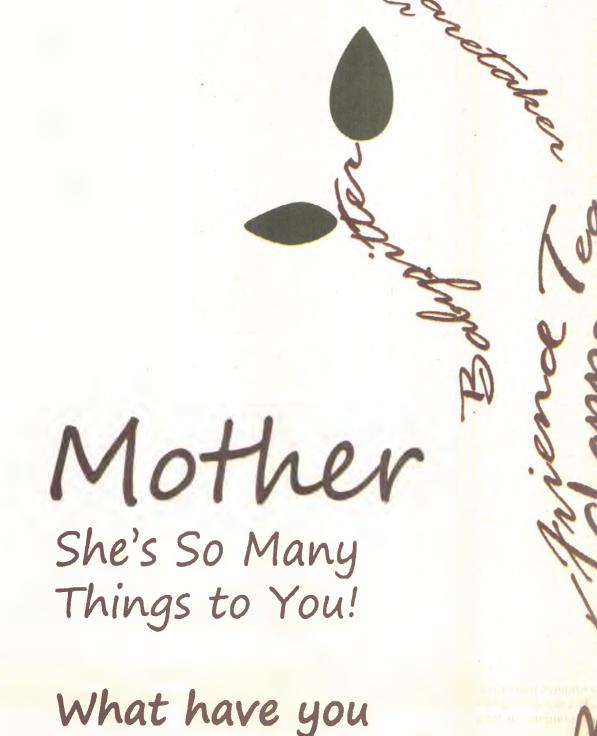
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SPORTS

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PLYMOUTH 16, SALEM 5, B3





Salem third baseman Alexis Powell (No. 10) gets set to tag out Plymouth's Lindsay Lutton (No. 12) during Friday's KLAA crossover varsity softball game.

'Cats' Gerou stymies Rocks

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the first time in her high school softball coaching career, Plymouth's Val Canfield let her catcher do the heavy lifting Friday.

Calling the pitches was freshman catcher Brooke Senkbeil and she did not disappoint her coach — or battery mate Elaine Gerou – as the visiting Wildcats romped to a 9-2 victory over campus rival Salem.

"She (Senkbeil) actually called the pitches herself in this game," Canfield said. "And she did a great job."

Sophomore pitcher Gerou was her usual outstanding self in the KLAA crossover matchup, which didn't make Senkbeil's task more difficult than it had to be. Gerou scattered four singles, struck out 10 and did not walk anybody.

"Very solid," said Canfield, about Gerou. "She kept the batters' eyes moving, kept their weight shifting. They couldn't connect because of the adjustments she was making throughout the game."

A leadoff home run over the center-field fence by sophomore second baseman Bri Giordano got the Wildcats' offense off and running against Salem senior pitcher Heidi Schmidt.

Canfield said Giordano (2-for-4, three runs, one RBI) "got all of the ball, her swing is picture perfect."

Plymouth kept swinging, with a 15-hit attack and seven players tallying at least

Salem head coach Bonnie Southerland said her young team hasn't played many games yet (Friday's was the team's third) and that inactivity didn't help when Plymouth started to take advantage of numerous fielding miscues by the Rocks.

"We just made some mental errors and (errors) defensively, things you can't do to win a game," Southerland said. "We're working on that, but we're confident the girls will keep working hard and not make the same mistakes in the next game."

Schmidt, one of just three seniors on the team, pitched better than the outcome might suggest. Although Plymouth collected 15 hits, several never left the infield. A few others were just out of reach of Salem defenders.

GETTING IT STARTED

Actually, Giordano's homer was the only run on the scoreboard heading into the

But 11 Plymouth batters went up to the plate in a five-run inning. Senkbeil singled to right to bring in Allison Raylean (2-for-4, one run) to make it 2-0 and successive hits by Giordano (a double), senior left fielder Lauren Smith (2-for-4, two runs, two RBI) and freshman shortstop Lindsay Lutton (2-for-4, one RBI) scored two more runs. An infield error contributed to the fifth run of the inning.

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SIDELINES

Going all out for Jess

Today is the much-anticipated "Run for Super Jess" 5K race at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The run, hosted by the PCEP National Honor Society, goes from 8-11 a.m. and more than 1,300 people were signed up to take part.

But Saturday, May 7 will be the first of two benefit baseball fundraisers which, like the 5K event, will help generate proceeds to help the family of Jesse "Super Jess" Lindlbauer

He is a Canton High School sophomore who is recovering from a brain abscess rupture and needs physical and speech therapy. He lost his speech and movement due to the rupture but is working diligently to get those functions back.

On Saturday, the Canton varsity baseball team will play a doubleheader against Kalamazoo Central, with the first game scheduled to begin as noon.

Senior co-captain Chris Perkovich said the varsity wanted to hold a game to help out "a teammate," who played on Canton's 2010 freshman baseball team.

"Our team really wants to do this for Jesse and his family because he was a part of our program so he is a part of our family," Perkovich said.

Although there is no admission price for the doubleheader, there will be a 50/50 and other raffles as well as other opportunities to donate to the cause.

· Meanwhile, the "Super Jess Classic" will take place at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 on the Plymouth varsity baseball field between the Michigan BlueJays (with nine PCEP players, all friends of

Please see SIDELINES. B4

GIRLS SOCCER

Salem's solid team effort defeats Canton, 3-1

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Salem varsity girls soccer team scored three unanswered goals Friday night for a comefrom-behind 3-1 win over campus rival Canton at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

Both teams played a half, but the Rocks trailed 1-0 in the KLAA crossover matchup when Canton scored about 15 minutes into the second half.

'You need your best effort when playing a tough team like Canton. I'm very proud of the character we showed tonight and the energy we played with. JOE NORA, Salem coach

Undaunted, Salem bounced right back seven minutes later when Gusty Kummer's goal off of a corner kick made it 1-1.

"Madeleine (Vala) took the corner and Gusty made a smart run and slammed home a nice volley," Salem head coach Joe Nora said.

Salem took a 2-1 lead with about 13 minutes remaining, with Vala again tallying an assist.

Nancy Krutty "scored on an amazing run to beat the defense and roofed the finish past the keeper,' noted Nora, adding that it was a heads-up pass from Vala to make the goal possible.

Adding an insurance goal in the

final minutes was Vala, off a 30-vard free kick. It was a perfect boot bending into a top corner.

Also coming up big for Salem (3-3-2) was goalkeeper Ali Eggenberger, who made some key stops early in the second half and near the end of regulation, Nora said.

"You need your best effort when olaying a tough team like Canton, Nora added. "I'm very proud of the character we showed tonight and the

Please see SOCCER, B4

Plymouth nets first girls tennis division title

OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's varsity girls tennis team clinched its first-ever division championship by defeating host Westland John Glenn 7-2 on Tuesday. The Wildcats, 6-1 overall

and 5-1 in the KLAA South Division, continued to parlay outstanding performances in the singles and doubles lineup, said head coach Rob McLaren.

As usual, sparking Plymouth was No. 1 singles player Lindsay Stemberger. The junior earned a 6-0, 6-1 win over the Rockets' Sabrina Lawrence.

Freshman Miranda Cerny and sophomore Marlowe Susselman also won in two sets, at No. 3 and No. 4 singles, respectively. Cerny defeated Jamantha Johnson (6-1, 7-5) while Susselman took care of Sara Aulidge by a 6-2, 7-5

In doubles action, the

Wildcats won flights 2-5 with the closest set being a 6-3 win at No. 4 doubles.

At No. 2 doubles, the team of Brittany Rose-Iulia Fratila won 6-0, 6-1 over Montana Graszak-Rachel Alhollina.

Keeping it going for the Wildcats was the No. 3 doubles tandem of Mariah Tesarz-Andrea Haidar, with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Khadijah McCloud-Kyrah Moorehead.

Plymouth's No. 4 duo of Erin MacKenzie-Ellie Anderson defeated Shaina Jones-Natasha Hawkins (6-3, 6-1) while Lauren Chipman-Katie Bartek topped Eunice Onadia-Alyssa Napier 6-0, 6-0 at No.

"Our doubles teams have done an amazing job so far this year," McLaren said. "They are 23-2 in our division and 31-3 on the season and the 2D, 3D and 5D flights are undefeated on the season."

Please see TENNIS, B3



Plymouth varsity girls tennis player Lindsay Stemberger puts a good swing on the ball during a recent No. 1 singles match.

Captain's

baseball team.

CHRIS PERKOVICH

Who: Chris Perkovich, senior co-captain of Canton's varsity

Miscellany: The 17-year-old Perkovich carries a 3.1 gradepoint average. His parents are John and Debbie Perkovich. He has signed a scholarship to play baseball at Saginaw Valley State University.

Captain's job: "The job of a captain is to lead by example and be someone that all of your teammates trust on and off the field. A captain's job is to know what the coaches wants from the team are and make sure all the players are focused whether it's practice, preparing for a game or during a game."



Leadership style: "I like to lead by example and also like to vocalize to my teammates the importance of staying focused at all times and working as a

Why him? "I think my teammates chose me as well as the other captains Seth Tschetter, Mark Main and Ryan Bazner, because they wanted captains they could trust and someone who would take pride in their role as a captain."



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Plymouth (5-1) padded the lead with three more runs in the sixth, with senior center fielder Jessica Bondy (3-for-5, two runs) starting the surge with a bunt single.

Also coming through with run-scoring hits were Smith and sophomore Kayla Rebain (2-for-4, two RBI), who stroked a double to left.

Salem (1-2) finally found a way to break Gerou's shutout in the bottom of the sixth. Senior second baseman Liz Mazorowicz singled and, following an error, Schmidt (2-for-4, one RBI) singled to score Mazorowicz.

A second run scored on the play after Schmidt got caught in a rundown between first and second, enabling courtesy runner Megan Johnson to cross the plate.

Salem freshman Kristine Zink pitched a 1-2-3 seventh, one of the bright spots for Salem.

Gerou then finished up, allowing a leadoff bunt hit by Zink before retiring the next three batters.

Meanwhile, also chipping in with two hits and two RBI

Salem hockey meeting

The 2010-11 Salem varsity

boys hockey team also enjoyed

much success, finishing 18-6-2

and ranked sixth in Division 1.

But now, head coach Ryan

Ossenmacher turns his atten-

tion to next season. There will

be a brief informational meet-

ing at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday,

The focus of this meeting

will be regarding Salem's var-

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in attendance to answer any

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questions.

for the Wildcats was junior first baseman Karen Rebain.

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Plymouth 4-8, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 0-3: Plymouth sophomore pitcher Elaine Gerou struck out a total of 23 Livonia Churchill batters Wednesday to spark the Wildcats to a doubleheader sweep of the host Chargers.

Gerou fanned 14 batters in the opener, setting a personal best, said Wildcats head coach Val Canfield. She followed up with nine more Ks in the Game 2 win.

"I just think today was the Elaine Gerou Show," said Canfield, whose team improved to 4-1 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA South Division.

Gerou gave up just one hit in the opener, and helped her own cause with a two-run double in the seventh.

Chipping in with three hits and two runs was Jessica Bondy while Kayla Rebain's hit plated another.

Game 2 was more of the same, with Gerou scattering six hits, walking none and striking out nine. She also tripled, singled and scored a run.

Lindsay Lutton (3-for-4, two RBI, one run) and Brooke Senkbeil (2-for-4, one run) were the other offensive stars for Plymouth.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

PREP BASEBALL

See-saw twinbill for 'Cats, Chargers

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It was a good-news, bad-news doubleheader for Plymouth's varsity baseball team Wednesday at Livonia Churchill.

The Wildcats came from behind for a 7-5 victory in the opener of the KLAA South Division twinbill. But then, they let a 4-2 edge in Game 2 melt away under the raindrops as the Chargers rallied for a 5-4 win.

"We had two hard-fought, scrappy games," Plymouth head coach Bryan Boyd said. "We did not play our best in either game, but we pulled out a victory in the first game. In the second game, we just couldn't overcome some of the mistakes we made.

"We'll bounce back from this and be fine."

The split gave the Wildcats a record of 9-1 overall and 4-1 in the KLAA South while Churchill's record moved to 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the division.

"The second game was good," Chargers head coach Ron Targosz said. "The first game I was a little disappointed we didn't hang on. But give Plymouth credit too because they hit the ball and did what they needed to."

The opener was a see-saw affair, with Churchill clinging to a 5-4 lead entering the seventh.

BREAKING THROUGH

Plymouth shortstop Ben Wohl got the winning rally started with a double to right-center off Churchill starting and losing pitcher Brent Ochodnicky.

Then Wohl scored the tying run on an RBI single to center by Mike Nadratowski (two hits, two runs) and that resulted in a pitching change for the Chargers.

With Jon Targus on the mound, and with one out, Nadratowski stole second base and trotted home with the tie-breaking tally on Phil Emminger's groundball single up the middle

Junior first baseman Tyler Goble than raked a double to the gap in right-center to give Plymouth a 7-5 lead.

Plymouth starting pitcher Harrison Michels, who went the distance for the victory, gave up a leadoff double to Connor Dwyer to start the home half of the seventh. But Churchill could not keep the rally

Other key contributors offensively for the Wildcats included catcher Rich Guglielmi (two hits, two runs, one RBI), Michels (two hits) and sophomore outfielder Brendan Swanson "whose been playing real well for us." Boyd said.

Swanson scored a Plymouth run with a

hase hi

Plymouth then looked poised to go on to a sweep, scoring twice in the top of the first against Churchill senior pitcher Ben Matigian in the nightcap.

Wohl walked with one out and went to third on Nadratowski's slicing double to left-center.

Guglielmi scored both teammates with a single to center, to make it 2-0.

Southpaw Nadratowski, however, quickly saw that lead vanish in a sloppy bottom of the first. Two unearned runs scored with the help of two errors and a wild pitch, although Dwyer's single accounted for one of the markers.

The Wildcats manufactured the lead run in the third. Second baseman John Etienne (2-for-2) beat out a bunt for a single and went to third on the subsequent wild throw to first base.

Etienne scored on Wohl's sacrifice fly to

Nadratowski settled down on the mound, giving up just two hits and two walks over the final three frames he threw in the contest. He also fanned five, two of them to end Churchill threats.

Plymouth added another run in the fifth for a 4-2 lead. Swanson walked and stole second base. Etienne then singled to shallow right field, and Swanson scored when the right fielder could not pick the ball up cleanly.

SLIPPING AWAY

With the rain falling harder, Justin Thompson took over on the Plymouth mound to pitch the fifth.

He loaded the bases with one out and Stephen Foster's sacrifice fly to right brought home Dwyer to make it a 4-3

Churchill then turned the tables on the Wildcats with two runs in the sixth to turn a deficit into a lead.

An infield single by Sean Servalish got it started. Servalish advanced on a wild pitch with one out and Thompson appeared to strike out Alex Tsakos for what would have been the second out.

But Tsakos reached first when first baseman Goble could not cleanly handle Guglielmi's low throw after the catcher dropped the third strike.

Joe Williams (2-for-3, one run, one RBI) then tied the game with a single and Dwyer brought home the winning run with a sacrifice fly to center.

Matigian, who settled down after the first, retired the side in the top of the seventh to finish the win. He allowed just four hits and three walks.

"We got a little complement at the end."

"We got a little complacent at the end,"

Boyd said. "We just need to go a little harder, we need to practice a little harder and make sure we do all the little things right.

That's how you win baseball games."

According to Targosz, the way his team bounced back from the Game 1 loss and early deficit in the nightcap was a plus.

"After we lost the first game like we did in the last inning," Targosz said, "and then they got two quick runs in the top of the first we could have easily quit. But these guys hung in there and battled."

He particularly liked how his team did "some of the little things" such as hustling on the dropped third strike and "giving yourself up" with clutch sacrifice flies.

"So it was good, especially the first game back from break," he added. "We haven't played in a while."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 24, CASS TECH 9: On Thursday, visiting Plymouth Christian Academy scored 11 runs in the fifth inning to break open a non-conference varsity baseball tilt.

Matt Dodson pitched five innings for the Eagles (6-0) and went 4-for-5 at the plate. Other offensive big guns were Daniel Jipping (2-for-3, three runs), Daniel Slater (3-for-4, four runs), John Slater (four runs), Dillon Rahill (2-for-3, four runs), Matt Read (3-for-5, two runs) and Ben Cochrum

PLYMOUTH 14, MILFORD 8: On Monday, the visiting Wildcats were paced by Mike Nadratowski's three homers, six RBI and four runs.

(two runs).

Also coming up big for the Wildcats at the plate were Harrison Michels and Rich Guglielmi (each with a homer, three RBI, two runs) and Brendan Swanson (single, double)

SALEM 7, CINN. MILFORD 4: On Saturday, April 23 in rain-soaked Cincinnati, the Rocks managed to play one game of a scheduled doubleheader and came away victorious.

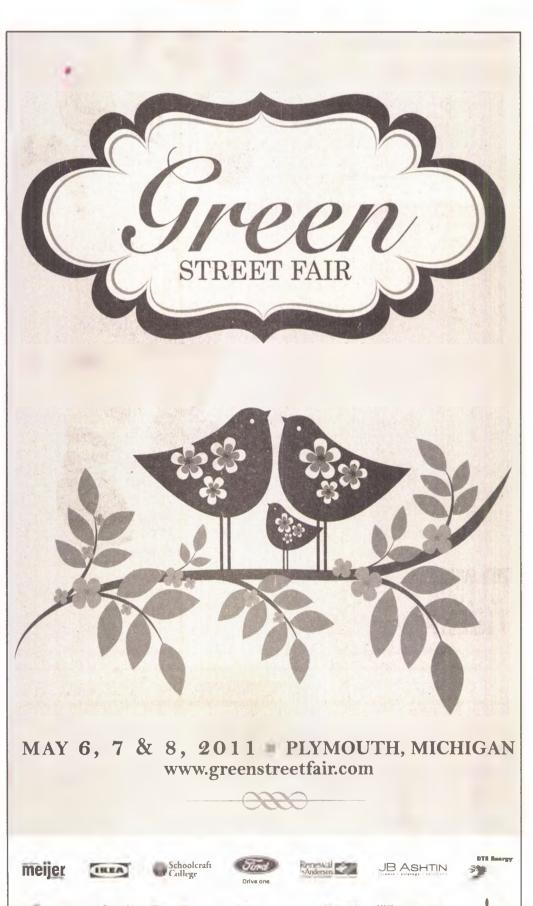
Salem jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third, and then tacked on another run in the fourth (after Cinn. Milford scored) and four more in the fifth to open up a 7-1 advantage.

The hosts answered with three runs, but the Rocks had a big enough cushion to finish out the win.

Senior Matt Rowland pitched four solid innings for his first win of the season, with sophomore Jeremy St. Laurent throwing 2 2/3 innings of solid relief to close out the victory.

Leading the offense were senior Scott Devine (two hits, two stolen bases, one run) and Rowland (two hits, two RBI). Scoring a run each were senior Drew Thompson and sophomore Demetrius Dunlap.

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Wildcats hang on, 5-4 over Howell

BY TIM SMITH OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Some wins are tougher to come by but sweeter because of that struggle.

For Plymouth varsity boys lacrosse coach Brian Walsh and his squad, that was the case with the recent 5-4 KLAA crossover win over Howell.

Junior Kenny Fanelli and sophomore Alec Drean each scored two goals, with sophomore Kyle Durham (one goal) and junior Jeremy Cigile (two assists) sparking the Plymouth offense.

Their output proved just enough.

"It was too close for comfort," Walsh said. "Due to injuries, we played without three starters so we really

tested our depth.
"I was happy our senior defensemen really stepped up and played well."



Walsh cited seniors Ben Burkman, Alex Miller, Kenny Durham and goaltender Mike Justus who collectively bent but did not break to keep Howell from tying the match in the late stages.

Senior midfielder Ethan Christensen and junior Shaun Austin also had solid two-way games.
Plymouth enjoyed a halftime

edge over the Highlanders,

but then had to withstand a

Howell three-goal rally over

Plymouth senior defensemen

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TENNIS FROM PAGE B1

MAKING ADJUSTMENTS

According to McLaren, doubles players "are finally understanding the intricacies of doubles play. It's much different than singles."

Stemberger, meanwhile "has come up with some key victories for us at No. 1 singles," the coach said, citing a recent win over Livonia Churchill that helped Plymouth gain control of the division lead.

"She's made a nice adjustment moving from 3 singles last year to No. 1 this year," McLaren said. "She hasn't been playing tennis as long as most of the players she faces but she overcomes that with her athletic ability. She's a grinder. She can wear her opponents down by getting everything back over the net."

Although Plymouth's No. 1 doubles tandem of senior co-captains Kayla Griffey and Britta Swanson did not win against John Glenn, they continue to compete against opponents' top doubles duos.

"Kayla and Britta have played some tough matches this year," the coach said.
"There are a lot of great (No. 1 doubles) teams out there, but Kayla and Britta are both very tough competitors and they give it their best every match."

McLaren said his team, which lost a tough 5-4 decision



Another key reason for Plymouth's first girls tennis division title is the play of No. 1 doubles tandem Britta Swanson (left) and Kayla Griffey.

Thursday to Hartland, now will gear up for a challenging second half.

"Because we came in first place in the (KLAA) South division, we'll have to play the first-place finishers from the other divisions and they are going to be very strong," he

Against Hartland, Plymouth wins were scored by Cerny (No. 4 singles) and the No. 2-4 doubles teams. At No. 2 were seniors Rose-Haider, followed by the No. 3 duo of senior Tesarz and Susselman. Taking No. 4 doubles were MacKenzie and senior Laura Schmid.

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Salem track teams fall to Novi

Novi blitzed Salem 90-47 Tuesday in a KLAA Central Division varsity boys track and field dual meet.

The inconsistent practice schedule due to poor weather and the spring break contributed to the result, said Rocks head coach Kyle Meteyer.

"On paper, we were well-matched against Novi,"
Meteyer said. "I'm confident that if we had raced them the week before spring break, we would have had a much closer meet, perhaps even winning it.

"Unfortunately, our practice attendance during spring break was less than spectacular, resulting in a lot of student athletes falling out of shape and performing poorly at the meet. We need to work harder going forward in order to achieve a winning record and to do well individually at regionals and the state finals."

There were some bright spots for the Rocks, however.

Senior co-captain Dan Martin finished first in the 100-meter dash (11.1 seconds) and 800 run (2:02.4).

Pole vaulter Andrew Willmer won that field event with a mark of 10-feet, sixinches and victories were scored by the 1,600-meter relay team and throwers Steven Voglewede (discus, 112-



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Salem runners start the one-mile run during Tuesday's dual meet against Novi at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

7) and Dan Carrigan (shot put,

Meanwhile, the Salem girls team also took it on the chin, losing 83-54.

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Kavulich set a new school record in the mile run with a time of 5:15.8 and also won the 800 run (2:28.0).

Other individual event wins for Salem were tallied by pole

vaulter Megan Paruta (9-3) and sprinter Khylie Ray, back from injury to win the 200 dash with a mark of 27.4 sec-

Canton girls rebound to nip Northville

Canton avenged an early season blow-out loss at Northville by winning a hard-fought 12-11 girls lacrosse contest, Wednesday at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The Chiefs jumped out of the gate with three unanswered goals in the opening six minutes and held on to a 7-5 lead at halftime. In the second half, both teams traded goals although Northville could never catch Canton.

Tallying three goals each were Stephanie Bower, Lauren Allard and Kaitlyn Allard to spark Canton. Contributing two goals was Annelise Niermann, with Jordan Richter also scoring (from Julia Beard).

Scoring four times each for the Mustangs were Kelsey DeRidder and Charlotte Peterson. The Chiefs had solid efforts from goalkeeper Melissa Neil (10 stops in the first half) and defenders Julie Podorsek, Laura Murphy, Becca

Majszak and Kelly Harris.
Canton head coach Dave Bower said it was a plus the way his team bounced back from

recent tough losses.

"Our girls never quit or thought they couldn't win," Bower said. "We came back and beat Saline after losing to them in our first game of the season, and now we have come back to beat

Northville."

PLYMOUTH 16, SALEM 5: In a Thursday night matchup of girls lacrosse rivals from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, a seven-goal performance by Katie Hill sparked this rout by the Wildcats.

Adding four goals for Plymouth was Cindy Bradford, with Nicole Natelborg netting her first



JOHN KEMSKI

Plymouth's Katie Hill (No. 7) races past a Salem player Thursday night. Hill scored seven goals to pace the Wildcats' varsity girls lacrosse team to victory.

two goals of the season. Adding single tallies were Megan Birdwell, Haley Swanson and Taylor Birman.

Plymouth, who overcame an early 2-0 deficit, gave up just one goal in the second half thanks to solid defense by Natelborg, Birman and Grace Stover.

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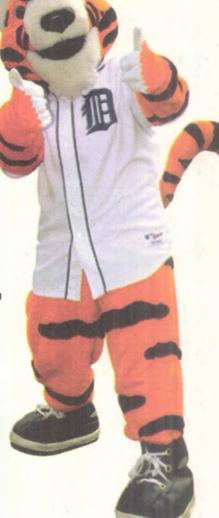
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Canton golfers edged

The Canton varsity boys golf team dropped a 175-182 decision Tuesday to Livonia Franklin at Hilltop Golf Course.

The medalist was Franklin's Brian Bekkula, who tallied 39 for nine holes. For the Chiefs, Frank Parzynski and Justin Legel each registered 44s while Alex Champagne and Brandon Laabs

Rounding out the Canton card were Josh Maxam (50) and Brent Perry (54). The Chiefs face Livonia Churchill on Wednesday, also at Hilltop.

each scored 47s.

CYO volleyball signups

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St. John Neumann parish in Canton is holding registration for the upcoming fall CYO girls volleyball season.

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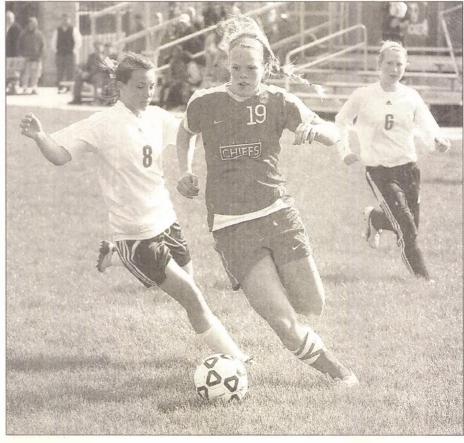
Nora said all aspects of his team's game were excellent, with hard-working players all over the pitch.

The loss dropped Canton's record to 4-2-1 overall.

CANTON 9, JOHN GLENN 1: Canton filled the Westland John Glenn goal with soccer balls Thursday, as the visiting Chiefs earned a 9-1 KLAA South Division victory.

Pacing Canton were Liz Ferrill (three goals), Kaitlyn Murphy (two free-kick goals, three assists) and Ally Krause (two goals). Chipping in with a goal and an assist was Kayln Berinti while Megan Trapp assisted on a goal.

Chiefs head coach Jeannine Reddy, who said Murphy played an outstanding game, said her team got off to a bit of a slow start "going against the wind, (we) had to break through the defense."



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Smooth sailing

Hundreds of special needs adults, kids get their day in the sun

BY SHARON DARGAY

O&E STAFF WRITER

Leonard Maisner and his crew of volunteers will light up around 800 smiles next month.

The Livonia man, a former commodore of the Detroit Yacht Club (DYC) and current president of Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association, is in charge of the annual "Fun Day in the Sun," that gives mentally and physically challenged individuals a boat ride along the Detroit River, along with an entertainment-packed picnic.

"One thing that keeps us into it is that a lot of these people who are severely handicapped only get out of their homes once or twice a year," Maisner said. "We get hugs, thank you. They shake hands, give kisses."

It's an event that Helen Willis' clients enjoy every

"It has been wonderful," said Willis, assistant director of the Redford-based Community Choices, which runs group homes throughout Wayne County. "We've been coming for 20 years. I have such a diverse population. Some people go just for the food and the music. The boat rides are really good and they enjoy those."

She said for some of the 69 Community Choices residents who attended last year

BUTTERFLY SUNDAY

What: A fundraiser for the Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association's annual Fun Day in the Sun When: 2-6 p.m. Sunday, May 15 Where: Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle Details: Silent auction and

raffles; guests also may attend the Yacht Club's Chicken buffet for \$10. The auction event is free and raises funds for the Fun Day in the Sun on June 18 Contact: DYC at (313) 824-1200; Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association at suska7@aol.com

with their 39 caregivers, Fun Day in the Sun also rekindled friendships with residents in other group homes.

"They really look forward to it. They remind me every year," Willis noted.

Carol Hepfinger, administrative assistant at New Outlook, Inc., of Livonia, said 28 clients attended the event last year and "our guys love it." New Outlook runs group homes in Canton, Taylor, Southfield and Garden City.

"They love everything, the food, the boat ride, the entire day. It's probably one of the few things they get out and do together. And very rarely would they get on a boat."



Volunteers help a guest at the boat dock during Fun Day in the Sun.

TWO FRIENDS

The Crawford-Armstrong Handicapped Association's Fun Day in the Sun, which is scheduled for June 18 this year, grew from a friendship between the late Bud Armstrong, a boater, and his handicapped friend, Clair Crawford. Armstrong invited Crawford aboard his boat in 1974 and after witnessing her joy, he vowed to give other mentally and physically challenged individuals a day on the water.

The Association draws members from throughout the tri-county area, along with support and volunteers from the Detroit Yacht Club and Sailing Singles.

Maisner and his wife,
Marilynn, have been involved
with the DYC for 32 years
and began volunteering at
Fun Day in the Sun in 1978
by giving 35- to 45-minute
boat rides. Maisner, who
grew up in a boating family,
also taught his daughter to
navigate the river and now is
teaching his granddaughter.

"The first 10 years I had a boat with a wide open back deck. You could put wheel-chairs on it," Maisner said. Now he's too busy coordinating approximately 100 volunteers, entertainment, food, and parking — while Marilynn staffs the registration table — to take his current boat, "Grumpy" on the river that day. He usually offers it to another volunteer.

BOATING AND MORE
Last year 17 boaters gave



Participants enjoy a boat ride during a previous Fun Day in the Sun.

rides during Fun Day in the Sun. Maisner expects about 850 mentally and physically challenged adults and their caregivers will participate this year.

Clowns, face painters, music, dancing and food keep attendees busy while they're on land. "We try to have enough for 800-900 people max," Maisner said. "One year we ended up with 1,300 people showing up and we ran out of food. The Yacht Club covered us. They came up with the additional 400 meals out of

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Give your kitchen a spring cleaning

for spring cleaning, and you don't even have to leave the house to buy supplies to do them.

These tips are to help eliminate odors, remove stains and rid food build-ups in the



Lon Grossman

Doug Rogers, president of the Mr. Appliance Corp. says, "Don't neglect your kitchen appliances during spring cleaning. Your appliances never

appliances never get a day off. They take the most abuse

yet probably get the least attention. Keep them clean to help them last longer and run more efficiently."

Give spring cleaning a whole new meaning with these different and often forgotten tips from Mr. Appliance® and Mr. Rooter Plumbing®:

1. Eliminate odors in the refrigerator by using vanilla extract soaked into a paper towel and wipe down To eliminate odors in the garbage disposal, place ice cubes and citrus peels in the disposal. Turn on the cold water and then run the disposal for 15-30 seconds. After turning the disposal off, continue to rinse with hot water for 15 more seconds.

the walls inside the refrigerator.

2. Soak removable refrigerator parts in a sink with warm, soany

- parts in a sink with warm, soapy water to remove stains and spills.

 3. Run an empty dishwasher with the same and spills.
- 3. Run an empty dishwasher with a cup of vinegar to remove food residue.
- 4. Removed caked on foods from over racks with warm, soapy water.
- 5. To eliminate odors in the garbage disposal, place ice cubes and citrus peels in the disposal. Turn on the cold water and then run the disposal for 15-30 seconds. After

turning the disposal off, continue to rinse with hot water for 15 more seconds.

6. For cleaning the inside of microwave surfaces use a mixture of two tablespoons baking soda and one quart warm water to remove

7. To avoid the yellowing of white appliances, use a mixture of 1/2 cup bleach, 1/4 cup baking soda and four cups of warm water. Using a sponge wipe down the appliances let it set for 10 minutes before rinsing and drying.

8. To remove grease build up from garbage disposals, turn on the hot water then the disposal and squeeze a tablespoon of dishwashing liquid into the disposal. Run the hot water for 15-30 seconds and turn off the disposal but let the hot water run until all the suds are gone.

9. For cleaning residue and stubborn stains on the inside of the microwave, heat a bowl of vanilla extract for three minutes and use it to wipe down the inside of the microwave. Be careful, the vanilla

extract may be hot.

10. To clean the condenser coils, which are located behind the fridge, use a brush or hand-held vacuum to remove dirt, dust and pet hair.

"The best way to ensure an odorfree and grease-free kitchen sink is to prevent the smell and buildup before it begins," said Mary Kennedy Thompson, president of Mr. Rooter Corporation. "A good dose of spring cleaning can clear the air, keeping your garbage disposal in good working condition."

Kitchen appliances and plumbing fixtures will continue to sparkle and smell fresh for many years to come just by following these tips from Mr. Appliance and Mr. Rooter Plumbing.

Lon Grossman of Bloomfield Hills is president of Technihouse Inspections Inc., a southeast Michigan residential and commercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at drafty@sameast not Co

mercial inspection company. E-mail your questions to him at drdiy@comcast.net. Call (248) 855-5566. Visit his Web site, www. technihouse.com.

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nowhere."

The Crawford-Armstrong
Handicapped Association has held dinner dances in previous years to raise
the \$11,000 needed to pay for Fun Day
in the Sun. This year they plan a silent
and raffle-style auctions on "Butterfly
Sunday," May 15, at the Detroit Yacht
Club. There's no cost to attend the
auction which will be held in the Port
Haven Room from 2-6 p.m. Guests may
also attend the Club's chicken buffet
which costs \$10 per person.

"For people who have never seen the Yacht Club, it's a great opportunity," Maisner said. "We'll have anything from items going for 10 bucks to Longaberger baskets that start at \$140. We have members offering cruises, a liquor basket worth \$400, wine baskets memorabilia from the hydroplane

Anyone interested in volunteering at Fund Day in the Sun can e-mail to

suska7@aol.com.

The Detroit Yacht Club is located at 1 Riverbank Road, on Belle Isle in Detroit; (313) 824-1200 The Butterfly Sunday event is open to the public.



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The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) and the Detroit Zoo will host the 19th annual spring "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" adoption event, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, May 14-15, at the Detroit Zoo in

Hundreds of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens from MHS and more than 20 additional animal welfare groups will be available for immediate adoption. There is no charge for admission or parking for the event, which

will be held under tents in the front parking lot.

Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morning to the first 25 adoption event visitors who specifically want to adopt a puppy. Those with puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 9:45 a.m., preventing a "puppy rush" and ensuring that all adopters and animals will have a wonderful experience. A get-acquainted area will be available to give guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.

PET PROJECTS

Participating adoption organizations, in addition to the Michigan Humane Society, include: Adopt-A-Pet, Animal Rescue Connection, AuSable Valley Animal Shelter, Best Buddy Pet Rescue, Canine Companions Rescue Center, Faerie Tales Cat Rescue, Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Humane Society of Livingston County, K-9 Stray Rescue, Last Chance Rescue, Little Traverse Bay Humane Society, Manistee County Humane Society, Metro Area Animal Adoption Association, Michigan Greyhound Connection, Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Inc., Midwest Small Breed Rescue, Missaukee Humane Society, Oakland County Animal Care Center, Precious Animal Welfare Society (P.A.W.S.), Roscommon County Animal Shelter, Sanilac County Humane Society, St. Joseph County Animal Control, Tigerlily Cat Rescue and WAG Animal Rescue.

Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group and not by event sponsors. Animals will be adopted only to qualified homes. Adopters must present a driver's license or state ID card. All dogs and cats will have received a medical check-up and age-appropriate vaccinations. For health and safety reasons, visitors must leave their current dogs and cats at home.

The Detroit Zoo is located at 8450 W. 10 Mile (I-696 service drive) at Woodward Ave., in Royal Oak. (866) MHUMANE; www. michiganhumane.org.

MARK THESE DATES

Greyheart Greyhound Rescue and Adoption plans these upcoming "meet and greet" adoption events:

• 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 8 and June 12, at Celebrity Pets in Laurel Park Place, 37700 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

• Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at Pet Supplies "Plus," 29439 W. Seven Mile, Livonia.

• 1-4 p.m. Sunday, June 5, at Canton PetCo, 43435 Ford Road,

For more about the organization, visit www.greyheart.org.

So much in love: Couple celebrates 70 years with golf, family dinner

BY SHARON DARGAY OSE STAFF WRITER

Kate and William have nothing on Vernis and Fran DeGrande.

The royal couple road in an open carriage after their wedding Friday but the DeGrandes of Farmington Hills cruised in memorable style on Sunday, April 24, while celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

Their daughter, Diane DeGrande of Bloomfield Hills decorated a golf cart with a copy of their original wedding photo, ribbons, and banners for a family gathering at Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

There even were heart balloons," said Vernis, who watched her husband sink a 35-foot putt that day. "At the end of the golf game, my daughter let them go up in the air. With all the bad weather we've had, to think that Easter Sunday turned out to be perfect, it was a real blessing."

At a family dinner afterward, Vernis even dug her wedding dress out from the cedar chest and tried on her veil, watching as a granddaughter, tried on her 40s-era gown.

"It's gorgeous - all the satin and lace - and the train ... the royal wedding has nothing on us," Vernis said. "Then when you talk about a 70th anniversary, do any of those people hit 70? No."

LOVING COUPLE

Time will tell for the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, but the DeGrandes, who are for-

mer Birmingham and Livonia residents, have kept their marriage alive through a combination of love, caring and a healthy dose of humor.

"He's such a cute kid, sitting there doing his crossword puzzle with his jacket and hat on and a sucker in his mouth. He's like a kid," said Vernis, adding that her husband enjoys candy suckers now, and then. "He's 89 and I'm 88."

They were kids when



Vernis and Fran DeGrande's original wedding cake top.

they met at age 13 and 14. They grew up on the same block in Detroit but went to different schools. Although they celebrated their anniversary on April 24 this year, they tied the knot April 26, 1941 at St. John Berchman's Church in Detroit.

In addition to Diane, their children are Skip (Joyce) DeGrande of Milwaukee, Wis., and Brian (Barbara) DeGrande of Farmington Hills

Grandchildren are



Golf cart decorations included a copy of their original wedding photo. Vernis and Francis DeGrandes of Farmington Hills celebrated their 70th anniversary with family on the golf course, followed by dinner.



Vernis and Fran DeGrande drive their decorated golf cart through Copper Creek Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

Kristin, Nicole, Dustin, and Kathryn. Greatgrandchildren are Isla and Eamon.

A retired engineer from Ford Motor Co., Fran plays cards once a month and was an avid bowler and golfer. The couple also enjoys socializing with other "regulars" at a local Burger King every morning.

"When he's happy, she's happy," noted daughter-in-law Barbara DeGrande. "They are an inspiration for me. Seventy years is an accomplishment."

They don't plan to renew their vows, but will ask for a blessing at church, like they do for every anniversary.

"To me it's very personal and it means so much to both of us that we've had many wonderful years," Vernis said, adding "I'm getting ready



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rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time, Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability

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Many large firms assign clients to young associate attorneys with much less experience; and often these firms aren't even based in Michigan.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject. He also has been interviewed on various radio and television programs and has given speeches to many groups.

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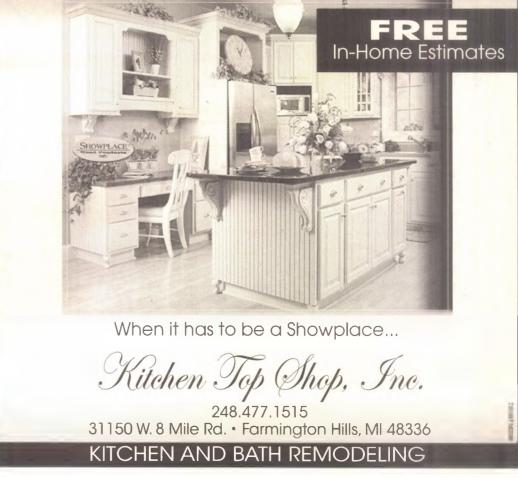
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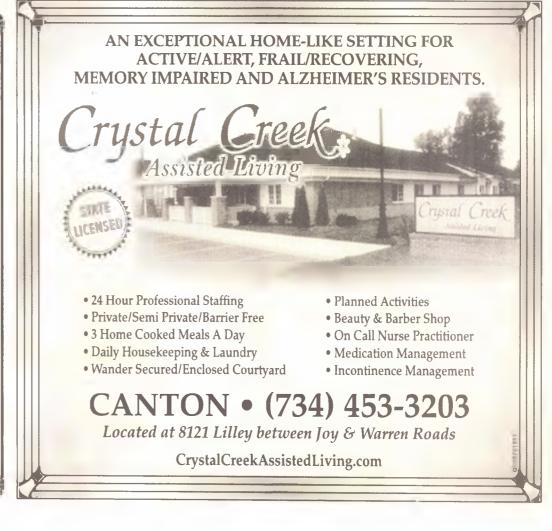
attorney Bieske explained that many people are not even aware that they are eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. You may be eligible even if

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Call attorney J.B. Bieske at 1-800-331-3530 for a FREE consultation if you are considering applying for Social Security Disability Benefits or if you have been denied. His Livonia office is located on Six Mile Road just West of I-275 and his Novi office is on Haggerty just North of 12 Mile Road.

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Dearborn artist Janet Kondziela won first place in the Visual **Arts Association** of Livonia's spring show.

Cub Scouts rally at St. Michael's

Public, parochial, and homeschooled boys who will be in grades 1-5 in the 2011-12 school year may attend a Cub Scout rally and informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, in the St. Michael the Archangel School cafeteria, 11311 Hubbard, Livonia.

Pack 271 of St. Michael's will host the rally and parents may attend with their sons. For more information, call

the parish office at (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200.

Art group names exhibit winners

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL) will award winners in its annual spring show, "Artistic Expressions' at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Livonia City Hall, located on Five Mile just east of Farmington Road.

The show runs May 3-27. Leslie Masters, an artist and teacher at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, juried

from among 100 submissions.

Janet Kondziela of Dearborn won first place for her oil painting of "Hill Houses," depicting a northern Michigan landscape. She created the scene while on a painting sabbatical with a friend. The weather was too cold for plein air, so she painted from her window.

Kondziela paints plein air, still life, landscapes, portraits and pets, mostly in oil, but

also in pastel, conte crayon, and charcoal. She worked for 40 years as a sign painter and illustrator for the U.S. Postal Service and her murals can be seen at the Detroit Post Office at 1401 Fort St. in Detroit.

Other winners in the VAAL show were second place, Regina Dunne of Northville for her pastel, "Las Casitas in N.M.," and third place, Betty Lewis of Novi for her abstract

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TIME OF HEARING:

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PLACE OF HEARING:

acrylic painting "Motion."

Honorable Mentions went to Betty Felts for her pastel, to Jean Thomas for her watercolor monotype and to Daria Fileta, Al Weber and Susan Wolocko for their watercolors.

The awards reception is free and open to the public.

For more information about VAAL, the art exhibit or about VAAL classes call (734) 838-1204 or visit www.vaalart.org.

Request Approval of a Special Land Use

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road



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people continue to believe that Fibromyalgia does not exist. To these peop Fibromyalgia is a name doctors give to middle aged women who are nervous, depressed and too concerned over every ache and itch.

Such a characterization of Fibromyalgia is wrong. The other name of Fibromyalgia is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This phrase not only describes the disorder in veterans of each of the Iraq wars and the Afghan campaign, but of the women unjustly accused of being merely neurotic and self-centered.

Fibromyalgia has features that distinguish it from other medical and psychiatric conditions. Those features include the presence of daily pain in both the upper and lower limbs, the frequent migration of pain, short periods of no pain, associated headaches, jaw aching, pain over the anterior chest, episodes of irritable bowel, and unexplained urinary bladder spasms. In addition, patients with Fibromyalgia are subject to unexpected episodes of numbness down the arms, often mistaken as being Multiple

Usually the person with Fibromyalgia relates that the condition began after an accident or a potentially near death experience, a common starting point for war veterans. In civilian life the corresponding episode is a fall from a high ladder, being a victim in a rear end car collision, or of experiencing an out-of-control car hitting head on and without warning

Fibromyalgia is a condition with distinct features and is recognizable. Seeing Fibromyalgia as just a name for a set of emotional reactions does no justice to the person with the condition.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID: R-78-016-02-0017-312 The application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEREGY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of

Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting

SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for an Athletic Training and

Conditioning Facility in the Industrial District (IND) on Tax ID R-

78-016-02-0017-312, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section

19.2. The property is located North of the Chesapeake & Ohio

Railroad, South of Plymouth Oaks Boulevard, East of Sheldon

7:00 pm

Plymouth MI 48170. PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay

3270, extension 6. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at

Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road,

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY PLANNING COMMISSION

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PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPT. 734-354-3232 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that on May 6, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., Mayflower Auto Transport, 1179 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI 48170, a public auction of the following:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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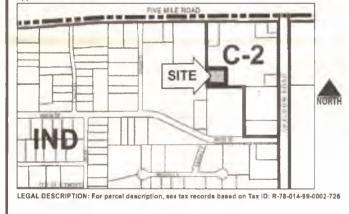
Application: 2049/0411

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Applicant: Sheldon Place Limited Partnership

PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for a Massage Facility in the General Commercial District (C-2) on Tax ID R-78-014-99-0002-726, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 13.2. The property is located North of Helm Street, South of Five Mile, East of Fogg Street, West of Sheldon Road.



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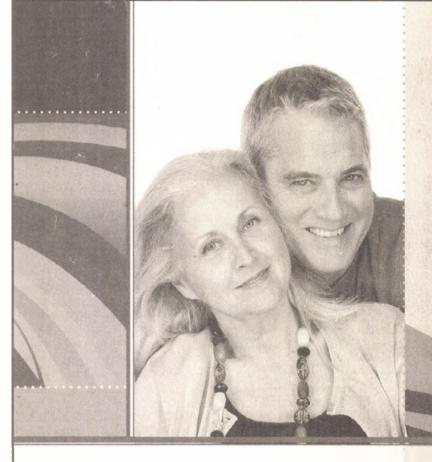
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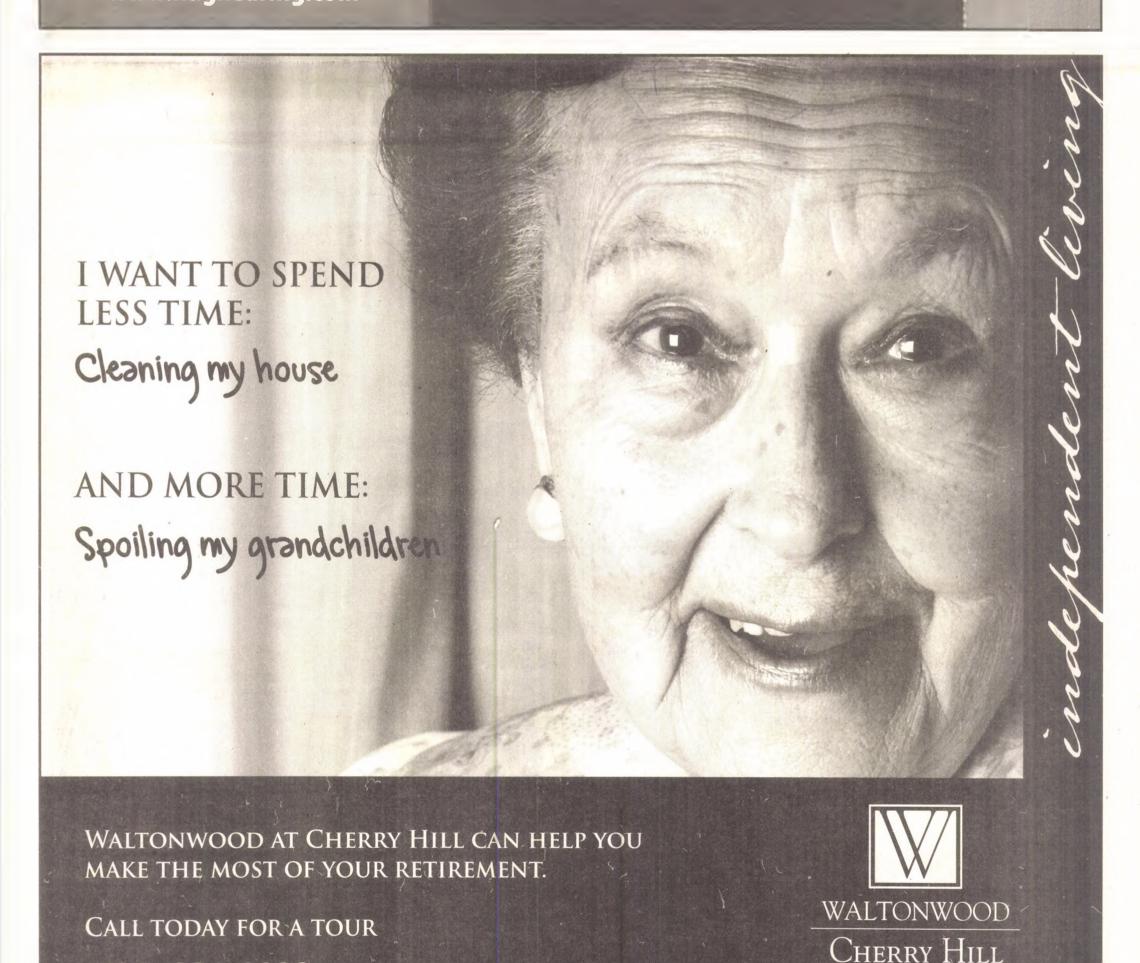
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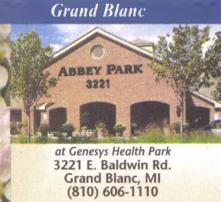
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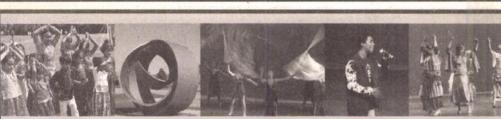
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Belleville High School

Class of 1971

Planning 40th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail BHS.1971@yahoo.com. If on Facebook join the group by searching BHS reunion 1971 40th sign up site; also on CLASSMATES/REUNIONS.

Dearborn Fordson

Class of 1971

The 40th reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are on sale now for \$52 per person for dinner and open bar. Send a check payable to Fordson '71 Reunion to 16124 Golfview, Livonia, MI 48154. For more information go to Facebook, Classmates.com or the Web page at Fordson71Reunion.

Dearborn Heights Robichaud

Class of 1961

50th class reunion Sept. 24, 2011 at the Dearborn Hills Golf Course. All classes are welcome as Robichaud High School also celebrates its 50th anniversary. Contact Bill Haskin at billsmustangs@msn.com; (734)595-4927 or Nancy at wolonl@aol.com; (248) 529-6461.

Class of 1961

50th reunion Aug. 27, 2011, at Hellenic Banquet Center, Westland. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail codycomet61@ gmail.com. Or call Connie Callear Majeske at (734) 425-7094 or Bernie Lekki Grudzien at (734) 522-3167.

Class of 1971 40th reunion, 6:30-11:30 p.m. July 9, at Waterford Lanes/Banquet Hall, 7100 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford. RSVP by May 30 to Karen

(Hassa) Leto at (330) 722-5954. **Detroit Henry Ford**

Class of 1971

The 40th reunion, with a "Back to the Bahamas" theme. is scheduled for Aug. 20, at Bahama Breeze Restaurant, 19600 Haggerty, Livonia. The organizers are trying to reach approximately 1,000 graduates from the January and June classes, as well as any other alumni interested in attending the event. Tickets are \$50. Call Barb Blum Douglas at (313) 804-1282, or Marilyn Ogilvy Twa at (616) 802-0305, or e-mail to hfhs1971reunion@vahoo.com.

Detroit Mackenzie

June Class of 1961

50th reunion will be Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011. For more information e-mail Ivanerian@msn.com or phone Joanne (Poloway) Glance at (734) 878-6543.

Planning class reunion in 2012. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail the committee at mackenzie1962@gmail.com

Garden City East & West

Classes of 1966-67

A casual, joint reunion is planned for Oct. 8. The organizing committee needs addresses of class members. Call Dale Bowes (Whiting) '66W at (734) 427-7148, Carol Gantt Fenner '67W at (734) 326-8467, Karen Colvard (Domanski) '66E at (734) 427-7012, Cheryl Gibbs '67E at (734) 340-9916/(313) 670-2402, or e-mail Dennis Russell at russ027@comcast.net.

Ladywood High School

Class of 1961

Planning a 50th reunion in 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail sandymacg@aol.com or call Sandy Phillips O'Leary (734) 453-0783 and leave a message if voice mail picks up.

Livonia Bentley Class of 1961

Holding a 50th class reunion Sept. 16-17. To register, call Donald Bruner, (734) 524-0979 or e-mail dbruner@twmi.rr.com.

Class of 1981

30th reunion planned for Aug. 6, at One Under Banquet Facility 35789 Five Mile, Livonia. Visit http://www.freewebs.com/bentley81 for more details.

Livonia Franklin Class of 1966

45th high school reunion, Oct. 8 at Laurel Park Marriott. Seeking classmates and contact info. E-mail contact info to Larry Ruzsas at Lruzsas187264mi@comcast.net or call him at (810) 599-3506.

Rosary High School

Class of 1966

Planning 45th reunion in July of 2011. Seeking classmates and contact information. E-mail Pam at Taffttoo@aol.com

Royal Oak High School

Class of 1951 A 60th reunion is planned for Sept. 14 at the Oxford Inn. 1214 Main. Royal Oak. The event will start with a social gathering at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information and for reservation forms contact Fred Locke and Katy Marsh, 5464 Lakeshore, Fort Graitiot, MI 48059; (810) 385-

3253; fjlocke@aol.com St. Mary of Redford

Class of 1971

6 p.m -12:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia; \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. Make your reservation check payable to and mail to: Peter Noble, 12001 Market Street #443, Reston, VA 20190. For more information, e-mail to barkerwa@aol.com.

Southfield High School

Class of 1981

The 30th reunion is planned for 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 6, at Doc's Sport Retreat in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 per person for appetizers. There will be a cash bar. The group is looking for classmates. For more information go to Facebook Southfield High Class of

1981 or e-mail Terri Jarvi O'Brien at terri@streetmktg.com. Wayne High Schools

All Classes

Wayne High Schools Alumni Association 27th Annual All Class Reunion Banquet for alumni of Wayne High School and Wayne Memorial High School, 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 13, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born, Wayne. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. The class of 1961 will be honored. Tickets are \$29 before May 1 and \$34 after. For more information call Wanda Boice at (734) 326-7767.

Wavne Memorial High School Class of 1976

35-year class reunion, 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Livonia Holiday Inn. Visit www.waynememorial76.com or e-mail to reed.terri@sbcglobal.net



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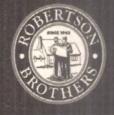
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MAY 1-4

Book Collection Time/Date: Through May 4 Location: Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia **Details**: The church is collecting items for God's Helping Hands, an organization in Rochester that will trade the donations to Tithingbooks.com for food for needy families. Donations may include trade paperbacks, hardcover fiction and non-fiction, movie DVDs, books on CD and music CDs (must contain artwork and case), gently used children's books, textbooks (copyright 1998 or newer), and mass market paperbacks (copyright 2004 or newer) and rare and collectible books. The church can't accept books that are dirty, moldy, water-damaged, with highlighting,

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Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, May

pages missing, excessive damage to

zines. Place donations under church

covers, or encyclopedias or maga-

Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia

Details: Award-winning Michigan Christ author, Gail Martin, will discuss faith in fiction. She is the author of 48 novels, including "The Christmas Kite," set on Mackinac Island. Refreshments will be served. Free of charge, but registration is

Contact: Beth Hare at (734) 421-7249

Fundraiser

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. boutique and noon luncheon with guest speaker, Wednesday, May 4 Location: Shaarey Zedek, 27375 Bell, Southfield

Details: "An Afternoon with Patti Stanger," includes boutique shopping, a luncheon and guest speaker Stanger, who is star of Bravo's series, "The Millionaire Matchmaker." Lunch tickets start

Contact: Ilnwomansworld.org or call (248) 357-5544, Ext. 48

Jewish history tour Time/Date: 12:15-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 3

Location: Meet in south parking lot 26400 Lahser, Southfield **Details**: Bus tour of Detroit's Jewish history including neighborhoods, synagogues, markers and other significant sites. Snacks provided. Cost \$30. Must RSVP and pay

Contact: (248) 355-3300, Ext. 0

Religious school

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sunday, May 1 **Location**: The Corners, 2075 Walnut Lake Road, just west of Inkster,

West Bloomfield **Details:** Open house for Temple Shir Shalom's religious school. Tour the school, learn about its program, grab a nosh, meet the rabbis, join in

Contact: (248).406-4255; www. shirshalom.org

MAY 5-11

Grief class Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m. six Wednesdays, beginning May 11 **Location**: First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple, between Southfield and Cranbrook in Birmingham **Details:** Life After Loss: A Journey

Through Grief is a six-session grief class for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. They'll explore the various stages of grief and the various techniques for coping with grief, working through grief, and even growing through grief. Register with Bev Richardson by Friday, May 6 at brichardson@fumcbirmingham.org or call her at (248) 646-6407 Ext. 3156, by Friday, May 6 Contact: The church office is (248)

646-1200 Health seminar

Time/Date: 1-5 p.m. May 7 **Location**: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six

Mile, Northville **Details**: The class will first focus on overcoming limitations in the mind

that act as an obstacle to health. Chris Niedzinski will give practical guidance on results-oriented exercise, nutrition, limiting toxicity and

balancing hormones, taking proper care of body structure and function, managing stress and building peace. Register at Wardchurch.org Contact: (248) 374-7400

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 5-6 **Location**: Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City

Details: Bargains galore. Clothing, housewares, gifts and more. Bake sale, too

Contact: (734) 427-3660

Rummage sale

Time/Date: 5-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5 is presale; regular sale is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 6, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 7 Location: Newburg United

Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail. Livonia Details: Presale admission is \$2 per adult. Saturday everything is half

price Contact: (734) 422-0149

MAY 12-18

Retreat

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Thursday, May 12 Location: St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia

Details: Mary Healy, associate professor of sacred scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and the Rev. Norm Dickson, SJ lead a "mini retreat" on "The Eucharist and the Christian Life'

Contact: RSVP to (734) 425-5950 or e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net

Rummage sale Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, May 13-14 and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 15 Location: First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne **Details**: Baked goods, refreshments available for sale; \$2 bag sale on Saturday

Contact: Paula Greenwell at (734) 941-5998

Widowed Friends

Time/Date: Check in by 2:15 p.m., Mass starts at 2:30 p.m. May 15 Location: St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, south of Cherry Hill, Canton

Details: The group sponsors a special Mass for widowed men and women; refreshments and social time after Mass Contact: Call Pat (734) 895-6246

MAY 19-25

Rummage sale Time/Date: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 20 and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21 Location: Antioch Lutheran Church,

33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road in Farmington Hills Details: Tax-deductible donations may be dropped off at the back door of the church from 10

Wednesday, May 16-18. Bag sale Saturday, May 21 **Contact**: (248) 626-7906 or e-mail

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to judyglass@mi.rr.com

ONGOING

AWANA

Time/Date: 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesdays

Location: Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills Details: AWANA program for children from kindergarten-fifth grade Contact: (248) 426-0096

Classes/study **Emmanuel Lutheran Church** Time/Date: 7-8 p.m., second Monday of the month

Location: 34567 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia **Details**: Open Arms Bible class

for adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. Includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts and activities, prayer, snacks and fun. Contact: pastor Scott Sessler at (734) 673-2485 or e-mail to pastorscott@emmanuel-livonia.org

Faith Bible Church Time/Date: 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays

through May 8 **Location**: 34541 Five Mile, Livonia **Details**: "Four Views of the End Times" adult study Also ongoing: "Life's Healing Choices" Study Group, 6 p.m., fourth Sunday through September is for

men and women who want freedom

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from hurts, hang-ups and habits Contact: (734) 464-7990 Men's Bible study Time/Date: Breakfast at 7 a.m. and

study at 8 a.m. Location: Kirby's Coney Island, 21200 Haggerty, Northville Township

Contact: John Shulenberger at (734) 464-9491

New Life Community Church Time/Date: Jobs seminar, 8-9 am., Fridays; reading program for students in grades K-12 and martial arts instruction, both at 10 a.m., Sundays

Location: 42200 Tyler, Belleville Contact: (734) 846-4615 Nicole's Revival

Time/Date: 10:30 a.m., Monday-Location: YWCA Northwest Branch,

25940 Grand River, west of Beech Daly, Redford Details: KJV Scripture Reading,

Communion and Prayer Contact: (313) 531-1234 Our Lady of Loretto

Time/Date: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday **Location**: Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford

Details: Scripture study Contact: (313) 534-9000 **Ward Presbyterian**

Time/Date: 7 p.m., Mondays Location: Room A101, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville Details: Learner's Bible study is

Contact: (248) 374-5920

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Time/Date: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., fourth Saturday and 5-6:30 p.m., second Wednesday

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Contact: Call pastor Ranay Brown to schedule an appointment at

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., second Tuesday, MOPS; 7-8:30 p.m., first and third Thursday, MOPSnext. Both programs run through May Location: 14175 Farmington Road,

Details: Mothers of Preschoolers is aimed at mothers of infants through kindergartners; MOPSnext supports mothers of school-aged children. The theme will be "Momology - The Art & Science of Mothering" for MOPS and "Boundaries" for MOPSnext Contact: Rebekah Creeden at (734) 524-0283 for MOPS and Susan Magner at (248) 478-3643

for MOPS details Dunning Park Bible Chapel Time/Date: 9:30-11:30 a.m., first

and third Tuesdays Location: 24800 West Chicago Road, Redford

Details: MOPS is a place where moms can build friendships, receive mothering support, practical help and spiritual hope Contact: Amy at (313) 937-3084 or Kristen at (734) 542-0767

Time/Date: 1 p.m., Sunday Location: Dunk N Dogs, 27911 Five Mile, Livonia Details: All Creatures ULC spon-

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sors the service which is conducted in an informal setting. Pet blessings are available after the service. All Creatures ULC describes the gathering as nondenominational and Christian. Water is available for dogs Contact: (313) 563-0162

Prayer Nardin Park United Methodist Church Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday

Location: 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills **Details**: Participate in an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests Contact: (248) 476-8860

MILESTONES

APRIL WEDDING

Johanna Rae Dase and Charles Douglas Bulbuk were married Saturday, April 2, 2011, by the Rev. Randy Duncan of Living Word Church in Plymouth.

Parents of the bride are Brad and Pam Dase of Plymouth, formerly of Novi. The groom's parents are Mike and Karen Bulbuk of Novi.

The bride's sister, Katie (Dase) McMillion, served as the matron of honor. Gina Mastrofranciesco, friend of the bride, was a bridesmaid. Best man was Drew Bulbuk, brother of the groom. The other groomsman was Johnny Loewen, cousin of the groom.

The reception was held at the Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. The newlyweds honeymooned in Fort Myers, Fla.

The bride and groom met while attending

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2010, all from the University of Michigan. She

MAY WEDDING PLANNED

Novi High School, graduating in 2003 and 2004 respectively. Johanna currently works as a hair stylist and is completing her certification in phlebotomy from

the University

of Michigan,

degree from

ney in Detroit.

and a J.D.



Schoolcraft College. Charles is an employee of Tim's Tree Service in Farmington Hills.

The couple resides in Plymouth.



They plan a May 2011 wedding in the University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and a honeymoon

Rayburn of Livonia. Joshua is the son of Brent the University and Maureen Holman of Fargo, N.D. of Minnesota The bride-to-be is a 2001 Livonia Stevenson Law School. High School graduate. She earned a B.S. degree He works as a in cellular and molecular biology in 2005, an Wayne County M.S. degree in clinical research, and a CGS assistant prosin science, technology and public policy in ecuting attor- Rayburn-Holman

will receive a D.D.S. degree in 2012 from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Her fiance is a 2001 Fargo South High School graduate. He earned a B.A. degree in in Costa Rica. political science and German in 2005, from

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ANDREW, MARY LOUISE

(May 24, 1927 - April 26, 2011) died from a heart attack at St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia MI. She was the daughter of the late Michael D. Mack and the late H. Louise Mack. Loving wife of the late Daniel Andrew, devoted mother of Michele Andrew (Grigore) Muntianu and Ann Andrew (Stephen) King, cherished grandmother of Monica (Mark) McDowell, adored great-grandmother of Carson McDowell and beloved sister of John (Marilyn) Mack and Michael D. (June) Mack. Mary Lou leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces/nephews. She will be greatly missed by both family and friends. She served in the following civic organizations: The Livonia Housing Commission, Schoolcraft College Transition Center, Friends for the Development Greenmead, Schoolcraft College Foundation Governors, Board of Livonia Neighbors and Friends, Livonia Towne Club, Livonia Symphony Orchestra, Sauk Trail Chapter of Questers, An-Tea-quers, Junior Group of Goodwill, Livonia Meadows Civic Association, Livonia League of Women Voters, Livonia Spree, Older Women's League, Livonia Board of Education Advisory Board, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, and Madonna University Auction Committee. In 1996, she was nominated for the City of Livonia's First Citizen Award. Visitation will be held at Fred Wood Funeral Home - Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile Rd, Livonia MI (E. of Levan) Saturday, April 30, 2:30 - 9 pm and Sunday, May 1, 1:00-9 p.m. with Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services Monday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. instate, 10:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church, 132 Orchard Street, Northville MI. Memorial contributions can be made to Schoolcraft College Transition Center or Friends for the Development of Greenmead

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LACY, BLANCHE B.

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Age 88, passed away April 18, 2011. She was born on January 23, 1923 in Detroit, daughter of the late John and Rose Tyc. Blanche led a very interesting life. She was a successful entrepreneur, gave generously to catholic charities and kept an active interest in her Polish heritage. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children; James (Beverly) Urban, Kathleen Urban and Edward (Lauri) Lacy, her grandchildren; Michelle, Erin, Kevin, Shannon, her step grandchildren; Kenneth, Doris, Jimmy, John, Stephanie and her step great grandson, Javon. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Edward in 1966. A memorial Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon in the



in St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held 2-4 PM Sunday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Rita was a graduate of Berkley High School and University of Detroit. Surviving are: husband, Edward; five children. Tributes may be posted on the obituaries page of: www.sharpfuneralhomes.com SOLVICK, STANLEY D.

SIWIK,

RITA EMILY (Downey)

Of Fenton, died Thursday, April 28,

2011. Funeral mass will be celebrated

11 AM Monday, May 2, 2011 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 6481

Pleiness celebrant. Burial will follow

Faussett Rd., Howell. Fr.

Beloved husband of Andrea Eason and the late Shirley Solvick. Dear brother of the late Larry Solvick. Brother-in-law of Sandra Solvick. Loving uncle of Scott Solvick, Steven Solvick and Stacy Goforth. Also survived by numerous cousins, colleagues, and friends. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SUN-DAY, MAY 1 AT 12:00 PM AT THE DORFMAN CHAPEL, FARMING-TON HILLS (248) 406-6000. INTER-MENT WAS HELD IN FLORIDA or visit www.thedorfmanchapel.com



MAYE, MARCINDA MAE

37 year old spirit. Til death did we part. Survived by husband, James Maye; daughter, Shanidiin; and son Seamus. Viewing at Harris Funeral Home, 5 Mile and Farmington, Thursday, April 28th, 2pm-7pm. Service to follow. Burial to take place on Navajo Nation Reservation, Sacred Family Ancestral Grounds, in Arizona. Our love was "for reals".



PARKS, ELIZABETH M.

Age 82, of Stanwood, formerly of Plymouth, April 23, 2011. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of James (Terri), Sheila (Mitchell) Holly, Thomas, Maureen (Keith) Carmickle, John (Mary Patricia) and the late Michael. Also survived by eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and sister, Audrey (Nathan) Burkwich. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors, 500 W. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale (1 ½ blks west of Woodward). In State Friday 9:30 AM until Funeral Mass 10 AM at St. James Catholic Church, Ferndale. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorial contributions to The Congregation of St. Joseph Nazareth, MI.

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WISNIEWSKI, EDDIE F.

Age 62, passed away on April 25, 2011 after a heroic battle against Multiple Myeloma cancer. Devoted husband of Marcia. Loving father of Brian (Cristen), Sheryl (Sean) McGraw and Matt. Adored papa o Conner, Gavin, Addison and Faith. Dear brother of John (Sharlene), Betty (Richard) Jones, Virginia Santo, Kathy (Gary) Verbeke and Eugene (Carolyn). Also loved by many nieces. nephews cousins and friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at St. Aidan Church, Livonia. Family welcomes donations Ed Wisniewski Business Scholarship Fund or Karmanos Cancer Institute. Additional details are available at www.checkoneddie.com

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Doctors: Traditional therapies may work in treating psoriasis

For patients with severe psoriasis, a new class of intravenous and injectable biological medicines known as "biologics" has brought about a near revolution in treatment.

But doctors at the University of Michigan Health System say patients and their doctors also should consider long-established treatment alternatives that are less expensive and avoid some of the risk factors associated with the immune system-suppressing biologics, such as increased risk of serious infection and lymphoma.

One of the oldest treatments for psoriasis is known as Goeckerman therapy. The process involves applying ointment made from coal tar to a patient's skin and exposing the patient to ultraviolet radiation with light therapy, which work together to clear the patients' skin.

The U-M Dermatology Day
Treatment Center is among a
small number of places in the country to
offer a modernized version of the treatment, which dates back to the 1920s.

Sometimes when new treatments come along, everyone jumps on the bandwagon," says Thomas Anderson, M.D., medical director of the Day Treatment Center and associate professor of dermatology at the U-M Medical School. "But Goeckerman has a lot of advantages over biologics. One of the biggest ones is that you're not on it forever."

Cost can also be an important factor in deciding whether to use biologics or seek alternatives. The average course of biologics is \$22,000 to \$59,700 per year, according to a recent article in the International Journal of Dermatology, while Goeckerman therapy costs \$10,000 to \$12,000.

"The modified Goeckerman treatment



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Doctors at the University of Michigan Health System suggest that patients and their physicians consider long-established treatments and not just biologics to control psoriasis.

has some advantages and we see good remissions," says Allen Bruce, M.D., Ph.D., a psoriasis researcher and lecturer in the Department of Dermatology at the U-M Medical School. "It can be good for people who have certain risk factors, such as multiple sclerosis, cancer or a history of chronic infections. It's also a good option for people who would prefer, for a number of reasons, not to be on biologics."

The three-week tar and light therapy is intensive, but provides quick relief for many patients, allowing them to don shorts and participate in summer activities without being self-conscious about skin plaques. Remissions can last up to 10 years, but many patients require treatment every year or two.

According to a 2010 article in Pediatric Dermatology, Goeckerman therapy is unfairly considered a "lost art." Given its record of safety and effectiveness, the authors recommended "the current trend toward abandonment of this treatment should be reversed."

Psoriasis affects 7.5 million Americans, according to the National Psoriasis Foundation. Up to 30 percent of patients may also develop psoriatic arthritis, a painful joint condition.

Biologics can provide relief for patients with psoriatic arthritis, while

Goeckerman treatment does not. Some patients pursue a combination of treatments that includes both biologics and Goeckerman.

Therapy at U-M's Day Treatment Center is done on an outpatient basis. Patients who live within 30 miles can return home at night and in many cases hotel stays for patients from farther away are provided as part of the treatment cost.

Along with psoriasis, the center also treats rare skin conditions including chronic atopic dermatitis, eczema, chronic contact dermatitis and cutaneous t-cell lymphoma.

For more information visit the U-M Day Treatment Center's website: http://www.med.umich.edu/derm/

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The Institute will hold a plus-size clothing sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, in the south lobby at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile, Livonia. Many post-operative bariatric patients will sell their gently used, plus-sized clothing. There will be a variety of reasonably priced choices of clothing for women (sizes 14-32) and men (sizes 40-60, and up to 5XL. (877) 949-9344 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Stroke seminar will include a robot demonstration, panel of expert, free blood pressure and stroke screenings and a question and answer session, 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 10. The seminar is free but registration is required. To register, call (734) 655-2365, or visit stmarymercy.org/classes. Refreshments and light snacks will be served. The hospital is located at 36475 Five Mile, Livonia.

Cancer screening

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center will conduct free oral, head and neck cancer screenings for adults, age 18 and over, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. May 13, at 4100 John R, south of Warren Ave., north of Mack, next to Harper Hospital in Detroit. A simple 10-minute screening exam can help determine if follow-up is needed. Some of the warning signs of oral cancers are a sore throat that does not subside; red or white patches in the mouth that last more than two weeks; change in voice or hoarseness that lasts more than two weeks; pain or swelling in the mouth or neck that does not subside; lump in the neck; ear pain; difficulty speaking, swallowing or breathing. Two risk factors that greatly increase the risk of head and neck cancer are the use of tobacco products and frequent, heavy consumption of alcohol. Pre-register by 5 p.m., May 12, to arrange for a free screening and

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Wayne State University Physician Group is offering a free screening 2:30-5:30 p.m. May 4 at 18100 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 300, in Dearborn. Only walk ins will be accepted. For more information call 313) 240-4900.

Book signing

Detroit native, Dr. Martin Rossman will sign his new book, "The Worry Solution," at 6:30 p.m. May 6, at William Beaumont Hospital, located on 13 Mile, just west of Woodward in Royal Oak. He'll also teach the techniques in his new stress-management book, which teaches readers how to use guided imagery to develop a "good worry" habit. Books available for purchase.

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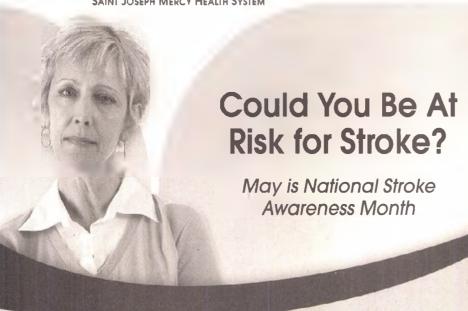
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The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease the pain of arthritis. Classes are held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch; 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch; and 2-3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday, at the Birmingham branch. All classes are offered to members and nonmembers of every age and participants do not need to know how to swim to participate. To join, interested individuals can contact their local YMCA branch or visit www.ymcadetroit.org.

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Do Out-of-the-box Tactics Really Work?

Hiring managers weigh in

Rachel Zupek, CareerBuilder.com writer

From resumes accompanied by shoes to get candidates' "feet in the door," to candidates sending cakes designed as business cards, hiring managers have seen it all when it comes to memorable job-seeker tactics.

Facing the most difficult job market in decades, job seekers are often advised to stand out among the competition by using creative and unconventional tactics to grab an employer's attention. While that advice is sound and good, it raises the question of whether or not these avant-garde approaches actually work.

Well -- it depends.

"I personally like those candidates that think outside of the box. As an HR professional, nothing makes me happier than knowing a candidate for a marketing position has, for example, created a brochure that is actually his or her resume," says Vani Colombo, HR director for VIP desk, a customer and concierge service. "I'm always amazed when candidates break the rules with class to stand out. It shows they are resourceful and willing to go the extra mile."

Tactics that worked

Vinh Nguyen, 30, is a great example of someone who didn't want to fall prey to the same fate as other unsuccessful applicants -- but who stood out in a good way. Career Tiger, a service that helps people find a job through unique and unconventional methods, helped Nguyen come up with this tactic:

When asked a question during an interview with a health-care IT company, he surprised his interviewers by pulling out a whiteboard, writing down his thought process and taking control of the interview.

"Differentiating yourself from your competition makes sense. The idea is to show that you are a thought leader in your area and that your knowledge is valuable," Nguyen says. "It was awkward at first, but breaking away

from the norm will pay off as long as you put in the work beforehand researching."

He got the job, and he is still working at

the company as a project manager. Dave Bowman, founder and chairman of TTG Consultants, a consulting firm, recalls a client who was a designer and really wanted to make an impression in an upcoming interview.

"As the interview began, he would wheel in a model of a previous theme-park exhibit he'd designed. He'd bring in with him three clowns who would be playing musical instruments. They would walk around the room for a minute or so, playing a song, and then exit, leaving the model for the

interviewer to view in more detail," Bowman says. "The idea worked. His out-of-thebox tactics got him the job offer and at more money than he'd expected."

While both of these unconventional methods worked in these instances, many hiring managers say that alternative tactics often walk a fine line between admirable and creative and just plain inappropriate.

"I would consider a candidate who used a tactic if it was ethical and demonstrated a behavior that would be relevant to the job they were interested in," says Kim Lockhart, regional vice president for Spherion Corp., a recruiting and staffing provider. "For example, if someone was trying to get their name in consideration for a sales position and was using techniques to obtain an interview similar to the way they would approach securing a sale, I would consider it."

Tactics that didn't

Though many job seekers have successfully used creative job-search tactics, there seem to be an equal number of unsuccessful applicants, according to some hiring managers.

A few months ago, Carolyn Turner, a business coach in Portland, Ore., was helping a client hire an office manager.

"We had one applicant arrive unannounced at the office with a cherry pie she had baked that morning. She explained that she wanted to stand out from all the other applicants -- which she did, but just in a scary, stalkerish kind of way," Turner says. "I got a call from the business owner that day wondering what to do; no one wanted to eat the pie, but she left it in her own pie plate, which meant they had to get it back to her somehow. It was all just very awkward.'

Turner says that having gone through hundreds of resumes for that position, it became clear that good candidates stand out just by how they present themselves in their cover letters and resumes.

"There's really no need to go over the

top to get noticed," she says. "For the majority of businesses and positions, a really well-written cover letter is more than enough. You'd be surprised at how many badly written cover letters and resumes there are."

Don't try this at home

Christine Bolzan, CEO of Graduate Career Coaching, agrees with Turner and strongly advises against

extreme tactics in the job search. She says many applicants who use these methods end up with a permanent "Do Not Hire" label in their company file.

Bolzan recalls two examples of what not to try in your job-search efforts, one of which includes gift giving.

"I've received flowers, wine, perfume and the most memorable of all -- a pair of Ferragamo shoes, which was a generous attempt at a ping following our brief. conversation of great things to buy at Heathrow Duty Free," Bolzan says. "This is never appropriate. In fact, many companies have a policy against accepting

Another job search no-no? Stalking the interviewer, which Bolzan says she's encountered on several different levels, including people who have waited in career fair parking lots and others who've waited outside the office building.

"The worst of all stalkers I've

encountered followed me into the pool at my hotel at 10 p.m. when I was trying to get a break from a long day at a largescale recruiting event," Bolzan says. "The same event where I found over 100 different resumes secured by the wipers on my rental car windshield, and woke in the morning to even more resumes slipped under my hotel room door." Remember the rules

Barring stalker behavior and lavish gifts, out-of-the-box tactics can work if you play your cards right. Greg Masiewich, manager of marketing and online communications for IQ Partners Inc., offers these tips:

1. Make it relevant

"Whatever tactic you choose to use, make sure it's relevant to the position you're applying for," Masiewich says. "If you choose a tactic that you think will grab a hiring manager's attention but doesn't tie into the job, the industry, or what you're about, then it can come off as just seeming strange and weird instead of creative and clever."

2. Don't go too far

"It's important to walk that fine line between different, yet not going too far with trying to stand out. If you do something that's too overly crazy, you can come off seeming a little creepy and weird instead of like a star applicant with a sense of determination," Masiewich says. "Remember, you want to grab their attention, not become a joke in the office."

3. A good idea can get you an interview, but not a job

"Remember that no matter the tactic you use to try and gain the attention of a hiring manager, at the end of the day they're still going to hire the person who they feel can do the job best," Masiewich says. "An out-of-the-box tactic might get you an interview, but it's still up to you to show you're not only determined, but also the best person for the job."

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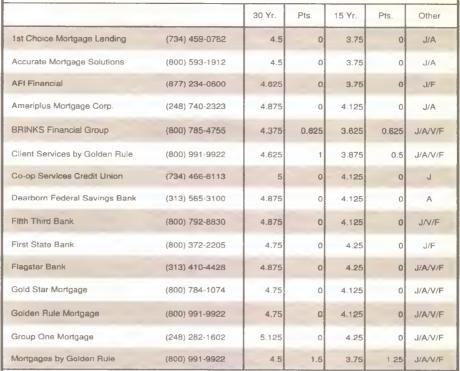
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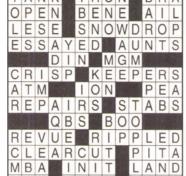
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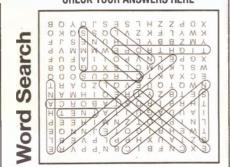
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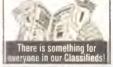
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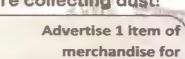
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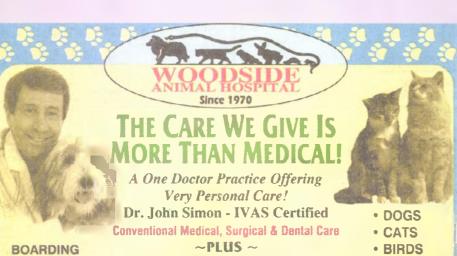
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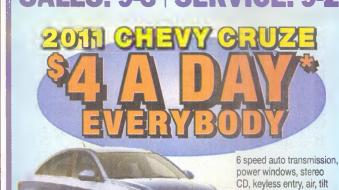
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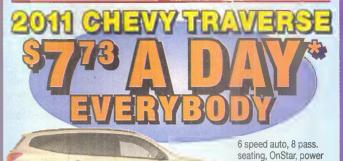
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