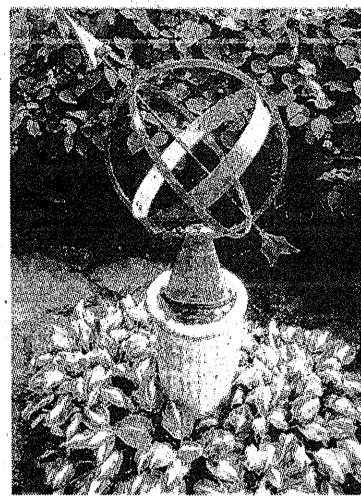


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Crash kills 2

Two people were killed in what investigators believe was a head-on collision on westbound M-14 in Plymouth Township Friday afternoon.

Sgt. Denny Wilson of the township police department said it appeared an eastbound passenger car crossed the median, glanced off a westbound vehicle and then crashed head-on into a second westbound vehicle. The drivers, the lone occupant in each vehicle, both died as a result of the crash, which occurred around 2:30 p.m., between Sheldon and Beck roads.

"Why it crossed over, it's unknown," Wilson said.

Wilson said he didn't know the identities of the victims. Troopers from the Michigan State Police Metro South post is handling the investigation.

Adding Maida

Ave Maria University Chancellor Thomas S. Monaghan announced Adam Cardinal Maida, archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Detroit and now a Plymouth resident, and Bishop Frank J. Dewane of the Diocese of Venice, Fla., have been named to the university's board of trustees.



Maida

Maida and Dewane were nominated and confirmed as trustees Tuesday at AMU's board meeting.

"Moral and spiritual guidance are pillars of our education philosophy at Ave Maria University," Monaghan said. "We are extremely fortunate, and very humbled, to have Cardinal Maida and Bishop Dewane join the university's board of trustees. Their invaluable experience as leaders and pastors will assuredly help shape the future of Ave Maria University."

Disabled lose shuttle van in budget cut

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Budget cuts in Plymouth Township are hitting home for Christopher and Phyllis Werth.

Christopher and 16 others face the loss of transportation — to jobs, training and social opportunities — in a few weeks, when the township ends shuttle service for low- and moderate-income disabled residents.

Friday, July 3, is the last day for

'If he's home sitting around watching TV all day, he's nonproductive, and that's not good for him.'

PHYLIS WERTH, said of her brother Christopher who has Down syndrome

the township's H-Van Mobility Transportation, which the Board of Trustees last month voted to drop in order to cope with revenue losses. The six-year-old program, which takes the disabled to destinations in the township and within

five miles of its borders, cost the township nearly \$66,000 last year and is on track to cost \$72,000 this year, said township Supervisor Richard Reaume. Riders pay fares, \$4 each way, on top of the subsidy. Christopher has Down syn-

drome and spends his weekdays at the Livonia office of a nonprofit that provides work, training and social opportunities. Older sister Phyllis, with whom he shares a home, is scrambling to find affordable alternative transportation to the program, Services to Enhance Potential, and is speaking up about their situation.

STEP has been a big part of her brother's life for 11 years, Phyllis

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Time to grow

Tyler Dean waves to his friend Molly Wallace up in the balcony during Plymouth High School's commencement exercises at Eastern Michigan University. For the complete list of graduates and more photos, please turn to Page A5, and see the photo gallery at our Web site, www.hometownlife.com



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Pursell remembered for making world better

BY TONY BRUSCATO
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Former U.S. Congressman Carl Pursell of Plymouth Township died Thursday morning at the age of 76.

While an official cause of death has not been reported, Pursell had been under hospice care at his home for about the past six months.

Pursell, a Republican, was elected from Michigan's 2nd Congressional District in November 1976. He served in the 95th Congress beginning Jan. 3, 1977, and the seven succeeding Congresses until he retired Jan. 3, 1993. The U.S. House of Representatives held a moment of silence this afternoon for their for-



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former U.S. Representative Carl Pursell and wife, Peggy, at the Plymouth City Commission meeting where his son, Phil, was named mayor of Plymouth.



Former U.S. Rep Carl Pursell on Main Street in downtown Plymouth some time in the early 1990s.

mer colleague.

Pursell's son, Phil, currently the mayor of Plymouth, said his father's service left the world in better shape.

"What amazed me the

most about my dad is that he would talk to anyone about anything and come up with the solution to a problem," said Phil Pursell.

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Deck work to impact Plymouth parking scene

BY MATT JACHMAN
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Parking spaces in downtown Plymouth could be at a greater premium starting this week, when a two-month maintenance project begins on the central parking deck on Harvey between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail.

Parts of the structure will be closed during the approximately \$150,000 project, which will include concrete repairs, the replacement of some deck expansion joints, the painting of the east stairway tower and the application of a protective coating to the upper deck and the walkway to Main Street.

"That's all to prolong the life of the deck," said John Buzuvis, assistant

operations director of Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority, which operates the free-parking deck. In addition to the above, the heating pipes in the structure's ramp (to keep it ice-free in the winter) will be insulated and the walls surrounding the upper level will be repainted.

The two-level, 201-space structure is about 25 years old and undergoes routine maintenance; Buzuvis said more extensive work, such as the project about to begin, is done about every five years.

Work scheduled to begin Tuesday will close the upper level for an estimated two weeks. Parking on the lower level will be limited beginning Tuesday, June 30, for about four weeks if work proceeds according to

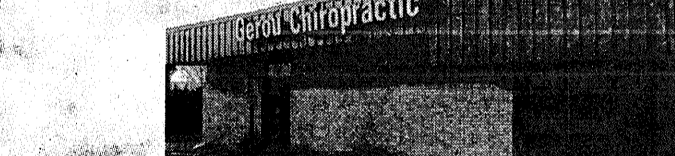
schedule.

The upper level will be closed again in early August, for roughly two more weeks, so that work there can be completed.

Parking time limits at the deck will not be enforced during the project, meaning that employees at downtown businesses who park their vehicles at eight-hour spots (most of them are on the upper deck) can use any available spots without being ticketed. Time limits at other city-owned parking spots will continue to be enforced, Buzuvis said.

For parking options in downtown Plymouth, use the parking map found on the DDA Web site, www.downtownplymouth.org. Buzuvis also plans to post future project updates on the site.

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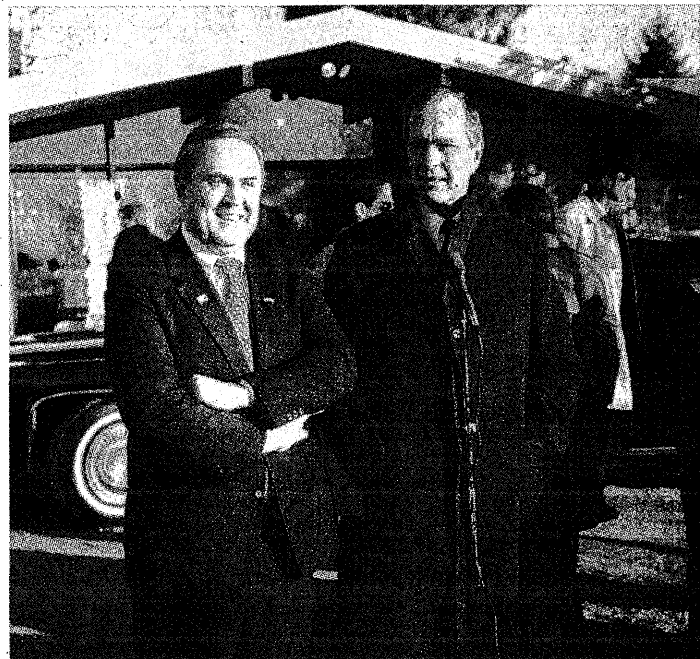
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Carl Pursell, and George H.W. Bush at Pursell's home in Plymouth Township. Though the photo is undated, it was taken before Bush became president.

PURSELL
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"He was more interested in solving problems than lining up with a particular group."

"In the end, you hope you leave the world a better place and it was with my father," he said. "Many people could learn a lesson from his actions."

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, grew up in Pursell's district.

"And as a young person growing up getting interested in politics, Carl's example was an inspiration," McCotter said. "It showed that a fine and decent gentleman could come from the small town of Plymouth, retain his Main Street truths and do the people's business in this, the people's house."

Pursell served a short

term with then-outgoing President Gerald Ford, as well as with Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

When Reagan died in 2004, Pursell remembered the 40th president of the United States fondly.

"At first I wasn't sure of him because he didn't seem to be focused on the issues," Carl Pursell said in an interview with the *Plymouth Observer*. "But, we found out that he looked at the bigger world picture and national scene. Compared to some other presidents, he'll rate pretty high."

Pursell also remembered meeting with Reagan at the White House.

"There were a couple of us in the Oval Office with him and he tapped me on the shoulder," said Pursell. "The president took me up to his private quarters, which was

very rare, and gave me his TKE fraternity pins. We were both members of that fraternity ... it was a nice gesture."

In 1969, Pursell ran successfully for the 14th District seat on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. He left that position in 1971 after winning a seat in the Michigan Senate, where he served from 1971-77.

The downtown Plymouth post office on Penniman is named the Carl D. Pursell Post Office in honor of the former congressman.

Pursell is survived by his wife, Peggy, and three children; sons, Phil (Paula) of Plymouth and Mark (Barbara) Pursell of Fairfax, Va., daughter Kathy (Brad) Martin of Ann Arbor; two sisters, seven grandchildren; and his mother-in-law.

Phil Pursell remembered

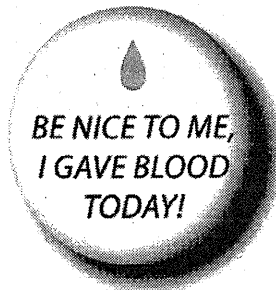
that despite his dad's 16 years in Congress he always came home on weekends to spend time with his family.

"He always made time for us," Pursell said. "He didn't give us a whole lot of advice, but the advice he gave us was meaningful. He led more by example."

There was one bit of advice to which Phil Pursell paid little attention.

"He said never to get involved in local politics," Phil Pursell said.

A memorial visitation will be held 3-8 p.m. Sunday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth. A memorial service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. The family is asking for contributions to the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps and the Plymouth VFW in lieu of flowers.



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SHUTTLE

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Werth said. He's had paid and volunteer jobs through the program, gets training and life skills and socializes with other clients, she said. "He loves interacting with his peer group. He loves going," said Phyllis Werth. "If he's home sitting around watching TV all day, he's nonproductive, and that's not good for him."

Christopher, 36, said he has friends at STEP and a job, putting the tops on new spray bottles. He said he doesn't understand why the program is being cut.

Reaume said while he's sympathetic, the decision was a matter of economics. A recent cut in the township's revenue from the state could total nearly \$300,000 over the course of a year, and property tax revenue is expected to drop as manufacturing businesses close and home values continue to drop.

"They are definitely individuals in need" but other township services are also being cut, Reaume said.

"Belt-tightening is going to continue to happen."

In recent months, the township has laid off several employees, cut the work hours of others, and trimmed some programs, such as police community outreach

activities. "It's getting to a point where we can no longer afford all the services," Reaume said.

Phyllis Werth, who's written to Reaume and other board members, without getting a response, suggested combining H-Van Mobility Transportation with the senior transportation program shared by the township and the city of Plymouth. Reaume said combining the programs would be cumbersome and still require an estimated \$50,000 annual township subsidy.

Phyllis Werth said she's considered ride-sharing — three other people from the township also go to STEP — but that her responsibilities as a bank branch manager limit her ability to drive STEP clients. A taxi service would be cost-prohibitive, she said, as would contracting privately with the township's provider, Huron Valley Ambulance. When the shuttle service ceases, she said, a niece will be able to take Christopher to and from STEP — until the niece goes back to college in the late summer, she said.

"I don't want to have to pull him out of STEP," Phyllis Werth said. "I understand cost-cutting's going on everywhere."

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Sunrise sale

Downtown Plymouth's annual Sunrise Sale takes place 7-10 a.m. Saturday, June 20. Bargains ranging from 20 to 50 percent off selected merchandise (with some restrictions applying) will be available. Shoppers should look for the yellow balloons outside each of the participating shops.

Participating shops include: Basket Kreations; Bohemian Home; Brass & Iron Bed Shop; Core Sport Pilates Studio; Gabriel's; Gigi's Mode; Hands on Leather; Haven; Jill Andra Young Photography; Magnolia-A Fresh Flower Market; Michigan Made & More; Parkside Gallery, Penniman Gallery, RSVP, sideways, Spa Julianna, The Candy Trail, Venture Kitchen and Bath; Vic's Mart- All Things Purses.

For details, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

Tour of hope

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a one-hour Tour of Hope in their new home at 315 Griswold in Northville.

This tour will give insight into how New Hope was started, the types of grief support services they offer, testimonials from people who have been helped, and the vision of the future from the founder and CEO, Cathy Clough of Plymouth.

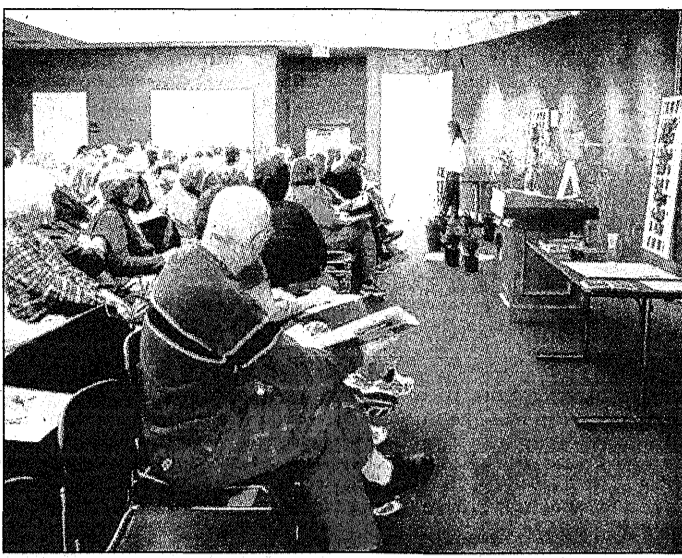
Tour dates include 9 a.m. June 19; 5 p.m. July 15; 9 a.m. Aug. 21; 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16; and 9 a.m. Oct. 16.

To attend one of the tours, RSVP to New Hope at (248) 348-0115 or e-mail griefhelp@newhopecenter.net.

Salem golf outing

The Salem High School Baseball Team hosts a golf outing in honor of the passing of Milt Thackaberry at noon Saturday, June 27, at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.

Registration is \$125 per golfer and includes a golf with cart, lunch, dinner and door prizes and raffle for the group. Tickets to attend the dinner only are \$50 per person. Hole Sponsorship



Floral arrangements

The Plymouth District Library welcomes Sandra Healey of Earthenjoy FlowerScaping on Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m. This free program (sponsored by the Friends of the Library) will outline choosing flowers, selecting containers and using foliage and fillers. Registration is required and can be done by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or at www.plymouthlibrary.org

packages are available. Register for the event by e-mailing Steve Gordon at sgordon88@sbcglobal.net or Glen Kordick at gjkordick@gmail.com. For more information regarding this event or sponsorship opportunities, contact Steve Gordon at (734) 262-9000 or visit on-line, www.rocksbasketball.com.

Museum bike ride

Before you let another summer go by, dust off that old bicycle and join other riders on a leisurely 10-mile tour of portions of an historic local railway system. The June 20 bike ride, sponsored by the Plymouth Historical Museum, takes participants along a stretch of the Detroit, Plymouth & Northville Railway, also known as the Detroit United Railway, or DUR, founded in 1899.

The ride also traverses a portion of the 400-mile, 13,000-year-old proglacial Great Lake Whittlesey shoreline ridge. Great Lake Whittlesey formed in the Erie basin and its shoreline was formed by ice that initially drained to create an early route for aquatic life to migrate into the waters of the Great Lakes.

The majority of the historical ride is on sidewalks or paved pathways with some residential streets, and there will be various "water stops" for discussions. The ride leader is Plymouth

Historical Society (PHS) member Alan Van Kerckhove.

Tickets for the ride are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street, in downtown Plymouth, or online at <http://www.plymouthhistory.org/Events.html>, using PayPal. The cost is \$10 per person for PHS members and \$15 per person for non-members. For more information, call 734-455-8940.

HVA camp

Huron Valley Ambulance conducts its free two-day annual Camp 9-1-1 day camp for 8- to 12-year-olds in Plymouth, where space has been donated. The camp is on Thursday, July 16 and Friday, July 17 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Rd. in Plymouth. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

The day camp's activities include touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a local emergency room. HVA Paramedics and EMTs serve as "camp counselors", teaching campers about safety at home and at play, how to perform lifesaving skills on injured victims, and all about Emergency Services careers.

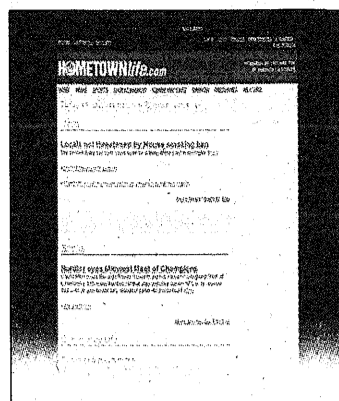
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E-newsletters to deliver hometown via e-mail

Starting June 14 readers will have a great way to stay plugged in to their hometown news. The Observer & Eccentric and Hometown Newspapers will debut Today's Headlines — a free electronic newsletter that will automatically send the latest news via e-mail to anyone who signs up at hometownlife.com.

"This is something we've wanted to do for a long time," said Executive Editor Susan Rosiek. "People are very busy these days but the demand for local news is high. This will make it easy for readers and advertisers to stay connected to local news that matters."

Starting Sunday, June 14, readers will be able click on the E-newsletters tab at the top left of our Web site, HometownLife.com to sign up. Provide your e-mail address and you will soon be receiving all the latest news from your community. If I-96 or I-275 is shut down due to a rollover



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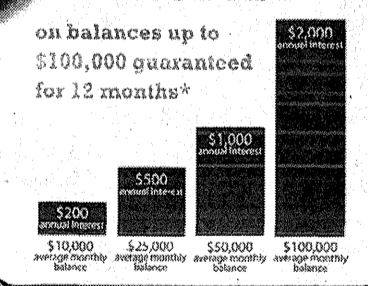
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EDUCATION

First and last

Photos capture start, end of grad's school years

BY BRAD KADRICH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Mariann Brown's memory of that day is vivid.

Her eldest son, Adam, left home for his first day of kindergarten at Smith Elementary. For the proud mother, the moment was captured forever with a front-page photo in *The Plymouth Observer*.

More than a dozen years later, Mariann Brown watched her son leave for the final day of his high school career, too - the commencement exercise for Plymouth High School at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

That moment, too, was recorded for posterity. Now a framed copy of that moment likely will join the framed copy of the kindergarten photo on the mantle in the Browns' Plymouth home.

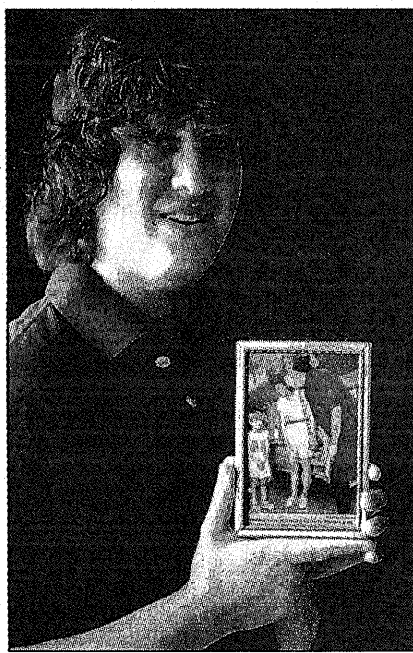
"I do remember the kindergarten photo like it was yesterday," she said. "I remember watching him go

to school on the last day of school, and I could remember the first day he went to school. It goes very fast."

Adam's memory isn't as vivid as his mom's; in fact, he doesn't remember that first day at kindergarten at all. Adam, the son of Mariann Brown of Plymouth and Mark Brown of Northville, admitted it'll be nice to have another framed memory.

"I still have that framed photo (of kindergarten), and it'll be cool to have this one, too," said Adam, who plans on attending Michigan State University in the fall but isn't sure what he'll study. "I haven't really thought about it that much ... it'll be even cooler to look back on it later."

All those years ago, Mariann Brown - whose other son, Aaron, just finished his freshman year at Plymouth, made sure there were scads of extra copies of that Observer, including the one in the

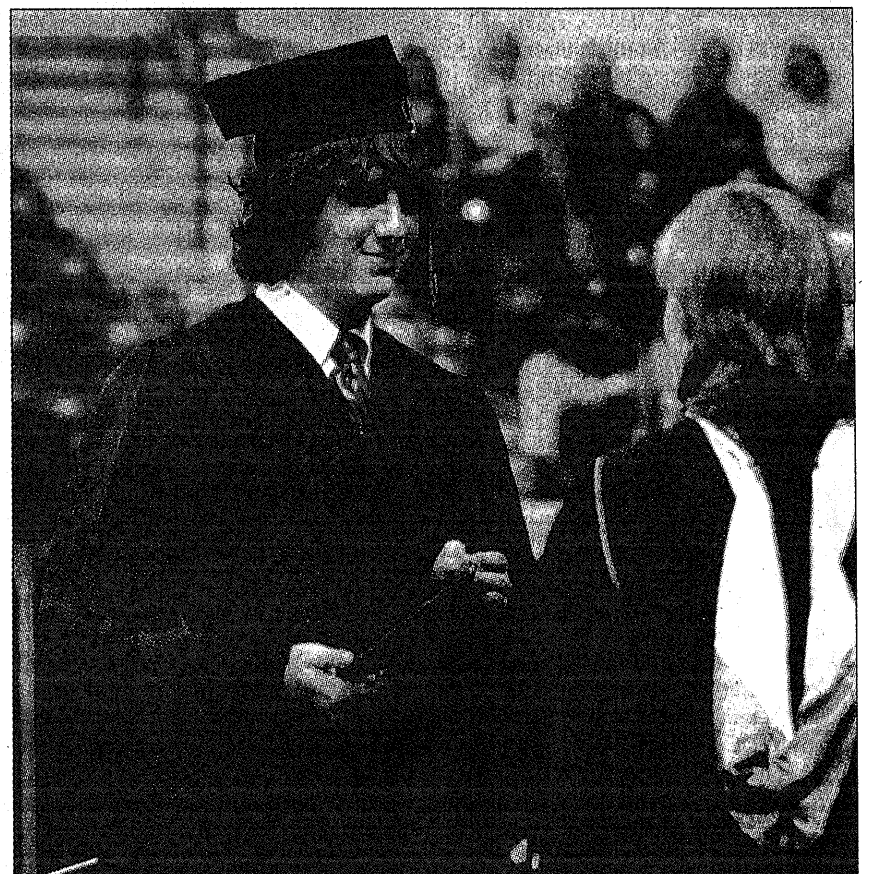


Adam Brown and the Observer photo from his first day of kindergarten.

frame on the wall. With Adam's high school years coming to an end, she plans to do the same thing this time.

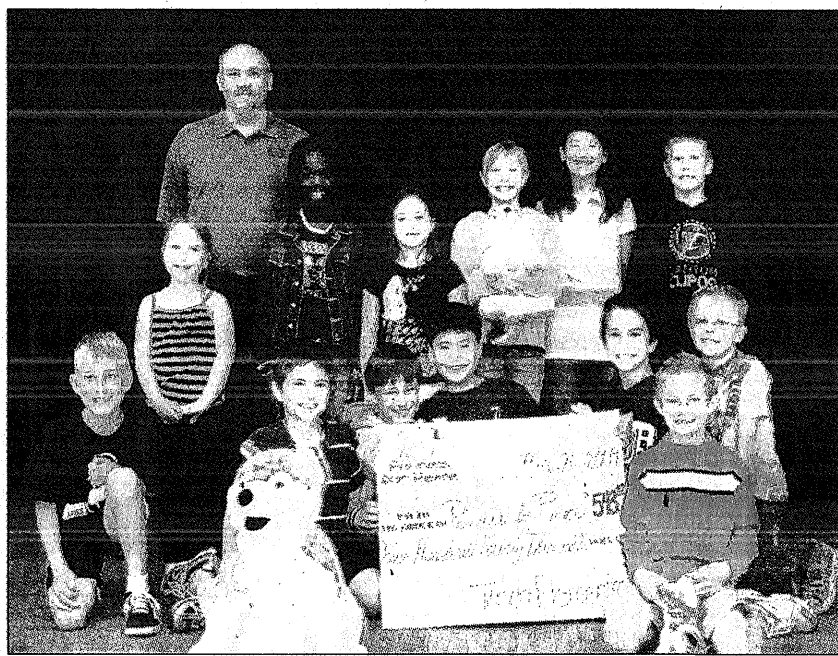
"Those pictures will have to go up side-by-side on the mantle," she said with a proud laugh.

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Adam Joseph Brown receives his diploma. He can add this photo to his scrapbook, to go along with the photo that appeared in the Observer the day Adam started kindergarten all those years ago.



Pennies with a purpose

Students at Tonda Elementary School raised money to help children in Pakistan and Afghanistan through the "Pennies for Peace" program. "Pennies for Peace" encourages children to be active participants in the creation of global peace. It teaches them the rewards of sharing and working together to bring hope and educational opportunities to children in Pakistan and Afghanistan. It also teaches children that they can make a positive impact on a global scale, one penny at a time. Tonda students accumulated \$543.29 by having a jar placed in each classroom for a month. Pictured are Kurt Tyszkiewicz (Tonda Principal) with (top row) Devyn Hill, Asimwe Najjuma, Kendall Paz, Caroline Whitaker, Samantha McGrath (Tonda School President who spearheaded the idea) and Jordan Percy, and (bottom) Zach Doering, David Kight, Patrick McDougall, David McGrath, Nicholas Schweikhart, Christopher Kight and Ryan Hondorp.

ON CAMPUS

Olivet College

Olivet College recognized the best of its student body at the annual Honors Convocation held recently in the college's Mott Auditorium. Heather Michalsen, a senior from Plymouth, received the Debra Tighe Memorial Award. This award is presented in memory of Debra Tighe to the woman who, through exceptional performance and achievement in the classroom, is voted the outstanding female major in health, physical education, recreation and sport. Michalsen also received the Donald A. Morris Award,

which recognizes the top five graduating seniors at Olivet College.

Northwood University

Senior Kevin Frusti of Canton and four students from Plymouth were among the students to make the Dean's List for winter term at Northwood University.

To achieve Dean's List recognition, students must earn a 3.25 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

The Plymouth students named to the list were freshman Shannon Corby, senior Samantha Matheson and sophomores Blaine Paden and Andrea Spohn.

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Troy man teaches free workshops to help parents avoid mistakes and save thousands in the process

TROY—Metro Detroit area parents that are planning on sending a child to college in the next few years, but aren't quite sure how to pay for it, can now rest a little easier. College Planning Coach has been educating parents in the community about what to do if they haven't saved enough for college.

"It's really sad, but most parents that we talk to have done real well financially, but never found the time to save for college, and now they're facing a bill of \$18,000-\$45,000 a year, and they don't know who to turn to," he says. "Furthermore, most of the time all they hear is to not even bother applying for any aid because they make too much money. However, most of the time, that is simply not true... even if they make a six-figure income."

Mike and the College Planning Network would

know, because they've worked with over 1400 families in the last 10 years ranging from single moms to corporate CEO's, and he swears he can help anyone get through the process and save a bundle... no matter how good of a student they have or how much money they make.

"I got started in this because I graduated in the top of my high school class, but no one told us anything about how to access money for college, or even how to pick a career...so I didn't go right away. But, I vowed that I would learn the process and devote my time to helping families not fall into the same trap that we did."

Simply put, we show parents the truth that they aren't hearing anywhere else about how the college process really works, and how they can get their child into a top school easily, help that

student pick a career that will suit them and pay them well, and save thousands of dollars in the process." Detroit area parents will have two opportunities to hear Mike speak. He is teaching his class *How to Give Your Kid a 4-Year College Education... Without Going Broke!* on • June 23rd at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm. at Novi Public Library • June 25th at 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm at Northville Senior Community Center • June 27th at 10:30 am to 11:45 at Wixom Public Library.

"We'll discuss everything from the greatest myths about the college process, to how to send your student to a fancy private school for less than the cost of a junior college...it'll be like learning how to get a brand new Cadillac for the price of a used pickup truck," he grins.

Topics will also include why private scholarships and 529 plans are a waste of time,

how to double or even triple the amount of free money you receive from each school, and how to avoid the one mistake that will kill your chances of getting any money at all that almost every other parent will make this January, and much, much more.

"They will learn a ton, and I do my best to make the class fun," he says. "It's like I'm giving them a super bright flash light to navigate a pitch black cave, while all the other parents continue to stumble blindly!"

"Don't forget: the class is totally free, but seats are limited, and we turned away a ton of people in March and April. Also, I'm not sure when I'll be teaching these classes again, so come on out and see me." You can reserve a seat online at www.collegeplanningcoach.com/topcollege or by calling 1-866-210-0837 x100.

Penny-wise Dodson students raise cash for troops

Students at Dodson Elementary School embarked on a fund-raiser to raise pennies for packages — troop packages that is!

The results surpassed their wildest expectations, as Dodson's first- through fifth-grades raised \$891.88 for the troops. The money was presented to five Plymouth/Canton moms who accepted the donation on behalf of the Michigan Military Moms — a non-profit, non-political group of Southeastern Michigan moms who have sons and/or daughters serving in the military.

"Four times a year, the Michigan Military Moms undertake a packaging effort, and thanks to the generosity of the Dodson Elementary students, we don't have to worry about where the funding for our next packaging effort will come from," said Merrill Griffin, a Canton resident and recently elected vice chair of the MMMs.

Griffin was one of the five moms who were on hand to receive the donation from the Dodson schoolchildren. All five MMMs present had children who went through Plymouth/Canton schools prior to joining the military. Griffin explained that funds from the Dodson students will be used to purchase some of the more high-priced packaging items for the troops — like jerky and phone cards — and to defray the cost of the postage.

Dodson students raised the money simply by making pennies king for one week; the more pennies a particular grade collected, the more that grade's standing improved, as each penny equaled one point.

And to make things more competitive, students were able to set other grades back by putting any other denomination besides pennies into the collection jars of the competing grades. Each day, the amounts for other denominations besides pennies were subtracted from that grade's overall points.

There was additional incentive for students to participate, as each participant's name was added to a jar for a drawing that took place at the end of the competition. That's when two names were drawn from the jar and those two students were given the "honor" of throwing pies in the faces of physical education teacher Dave Fedewa and the school's principal, Dan Carr.

So who really won the competition? Was it the students in the grade that had the most pennies in their jar? Was it the students in

the grade that had the most money overall in their jar? Or was it the two students who got to throw the pies?

"That's easy," said Valerie Feldscher, the fourth/fifth-grade teacher who organized the fund-raiser. "We all won because we all had the opportunity to help out our troops."

Michigan Military Moms was founded in July 2002 by a small group of military

Moms led by Susan Klotz, of Allen Park, MI, whose son was in the Air Force at the time. Since its founding, hundreds of Moms in southeastern Michigan have experienced firsthand the kindness and support of fellow Moms whose children are serving in the military. In February 2007 the organization incorporated in the state of Michigan as a Non-Profit Organization under the lead-

ership of MMM Maureen Van Hooser of Dearborn. The organization is one of a kind and has branched out from its original and largest meeting location in Dearborn to add meetings in other Detroit-area suburbs, including Troy, Dundee, Livingston County, and Macomb.

For more information, go to michiganmilitarymoms.org.



Michigan Military Moms from Canton (from left) Sue Carney, Regina Adams, Merrill Griffin, Mary Jo David and Mary Rowland accept the Dodson donation.

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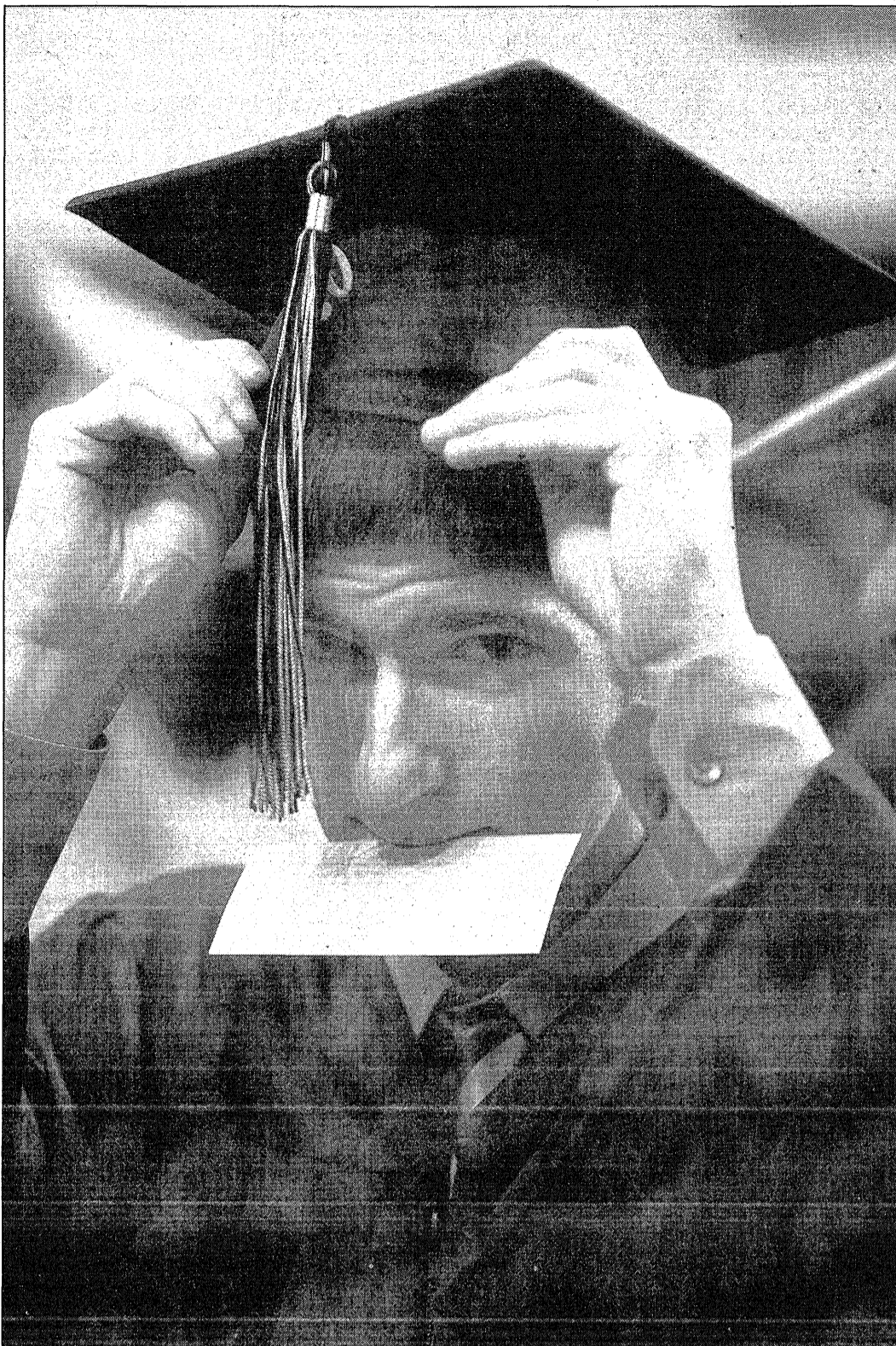
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Wildcat graduates take life's next path

Coming Thursday: Salem High School's Class of 2009

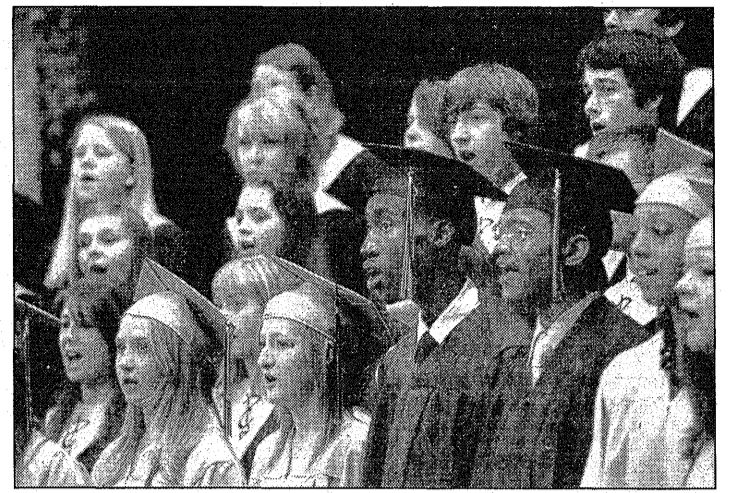
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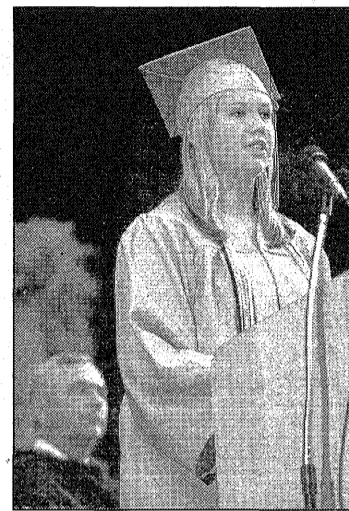
Brett Beres makes last-minute mortarboard adjustments during commencement exercises at Eastern Michigan University.



The Plymouth High School Class of 2009 enters the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center.



The P-CEP Combined Choirs sing "Song To Tradition."



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Refinancing isn't good way to boost retirement income

Q: Dear Rick: Our home is paid off and we have no mortgage. My husband has a pension and along with Social Security, most of our living expenses are covered. We do have to dip into our investment portfolio to supplement our income. It's that issue that leads me to our question. We have been approached by someone who sells investments. He suggests that, as opposed to using our investment to cover our shortfall, we use our home. He recommends that we refinance and take some of the money and use it to cover living expenses and then to take the bulk of the proceeds and invest it to cover the mortgage payments. One of the investments recommended was a variable annuity and I know what you think of variable annuities. What do you think?



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

In addition, under no circumstances should you buy a variable annuity. It just doesn't make sense in your situation. One reason I oppose refinancing is the cost of borrowing is greater than the return on your investment. The return that these investments are paying on an after-tax basis is less than the mortgage. In other words, you are borrowing money (your mortgage) at approximately 5 percent and investing that money at 4½ percent. It doesn't make sense.

As for the suggestion that you purchase a variable annuity and use the proceeds to cover your mortgage payments, once again it makes no sense. It is great for the individual selling you the annuity, but not for you. Variable annuities are very expensive, have adverse tax consequences, are inflexible and on the whole have poor performance.

If you need income from your investment in order to cover your house payment, that money should be invested in fixed-income investments such as bonds and CDs. As for the suggestion that you purchase a variable annuity and use the proceeds to cover your mortgage payments, once again it makes no sense. It is great for the individual selling you the annuity, but not for you. Variable annuities are very expensive, have adverse tax consequences, are inflexible and on the whole have poor performance.

Even if the financial salesperson had recommended a solid investment such as U.S. treasuries or CDs, I would not recommend that for you. The strategy of borrowing money and then turning around and investing it to produce income just doesn't make sense. The strategy you currently follow — using your investment portfolio to cover your income needs — is correct. My only recommendation is to make sure you have a well-balanced and diversified portfolio and that part of it is geared for long-term growth. Investors need a rising

income throughout their lifetime and that's why you should have a growth component in your portfolio. If you do run into financial difficulty and your investments no longer produce the income you need, I recommend a reverse mortgage versus a traditional mortgage. Under a reverse mortgage, you do not have to make payments as long as you and your spouse remain in the home. A home is one's largest single investment and important to protect. This is especially true for seniors who

are, unfortunately, more susceptible to scams than any other group. Before you take a loan out on your home, do your homework. Don't be afraid to seek independent advice. That said, the person who is selling you a product and making fees from that product can never be considered independent. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at money_matters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit Rick's Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

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Volunteers clean up during River Day event

More than 365 volunteers participated in Canton's annual River Day event to help make it a success, according to Canton Township officials who oversaw the event.

In an effort to broaden Canton's river cleaning efforts, this year's volunteers had the option of reporting to the main host site at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road, or volunteering at nine additional subdivision sites to help with log jam removal, debris clean-up, and plantings.

During the event, volunteers from Pilgrim Hills, Forest Trails, Cherry Hill Orchards, Vintage Valley, Deer Creek, Century Farms, Rivers Edge, Fellows Creek Estates and Sunflower subdivisions removed more than 17 cubic yards of debris and 50 bags of refuse from the Rouge River. For children 12 and under, a craft tent was set up at River Day's main site where they made over 120 bird houses and participated in guided nature walks along the Lower Rouge River Recreation.

In addition, officials said,



Debris was carried away by the truckload as volunteers gathered for Canton's annual River Day event.

River's Edge volunteers planted shrubs and wildflowers around their detention basin to add a more native habitat, color, and interest to their buffer, and Pilgrim Hills volunteers helped stabilize eroded creek banks and low swale areas by planting shrubs and wildflowers at their site. A grant from the Alliance of Rouge Communities allowed native wildflower seeding, shrubs

and plugs of wildflowers to be added to the Canton Library's detention basin and creek's edge.

River Day was hosted by Canton Township and sponsored by Friends of the Rouge, JJR, Wade Trim, OMI, Absopure, ITC, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, DE/CAL, Dyna Electric, DeMaria, Chet's Rent All, WTUA and Crosswinds Marsh.



More than 365 volunteers turned out to help clean up on Canton's annual River Day event.

River Day is an opportunity to help preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams which form the upstream portion of the Lower Rouge River

Watershed. Each year Canton's River Day event has a different focus and objective based on the location and sponsor donations.

Next year's River Day is scheduled for June 5. To participate or to find out more about this event call Canton Public Works at (734) 394-5150.

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VSA arts festival a rousing success

The VSA arts of Michigan Festival was over, but everyone from volunteers to performers vowed to come back in 2010. This was the first time the two-day celebration of arts ability was held by the Southeast Region Committee at Schoolcraft College, and all agreed it was a rousing success. More than 120 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities had sung and played their hearts out Friday and Saturday at the VisTaTech Center on campus.

The fest was especially exciting for Julie Raphael, who is serving a music therapy internship at Lincoln Park Schools and accompanied 16 second- and third-grade students. Raphael's twin sister Lindsey went to FAR, a conservatory for special needs students in Birmingham. Several of the FAR students performed during Saturday's program. The festival gives children and adults from around the region an opportunity to show off valuable skills they've learned in therapeutic music classes.

VSA was founded by Jean Kennedy Smith more than 25 years ago to provide arts programming for children and adults with disabilities. "I'm excited about seeing the kids perform," said Raphael, a Bloomfield Township resident and Eastern Michigan University student. "They've been learning about waiting for their turn to play, following directions and paying attention."

On Friday Plymouth Community Arts Council president Debra Madonna dropped by to see what VSA arts was all about.

"I'd like to work on a possible future collaboration to



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Darnell Davis has all the right moves as he performs with students from the Pontiac school district.



Darius Brock adds color to a mural designed and painted by Royal Oak artist Daniel Cascardo.

offer programs for children with special needs in our community," Madonna said.

One by one they took the stage. Michael Fitzhugh of Detroit delivered a spiritual

in his baritone voice and was asked to sing an encore. Fitzhugh is the VSA arts of Michigan Young Soloist for 2009.

Raymond Wells of Plymouth received several rounds of applause for a piano solo even though he made a mistake. VSA is all about the attempt.

Old Village School in Northville brought giraffe, elephant, crocodile and palm tree props to add color to their rendition of *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*. Art in every form was the focus of the celebration. Lenescia Smiley sat making a card for her uncle at the hands-on activities table. Outside the DiPonio Room was an exhibit of 25 pieces of art by children and adults from Beverly Hills to the Kennedy Center in Pontiac. Inside the room performers could make Father's Day cards and gift bags, paint a mural or make

prints. Workshops in drumming and movement encouraged participation.

"I liked the drums, painting and singing," said Smiley, 12, of Pontiac.

The children were the main reason more than 30 volunteers from CVS pharmacies came from as far away as Port Huron to set up easels and count T-shirts given to performers, volunteers and committee members Jody Stark, Connie Lott, Margaret Hull, Cindy Babcock and Linda Ann Chomin. CVS began partnering with the national VSA arts about a year ago as part of the CVS All Kids Count initiative.

"It's a kid-focused program and to me that's the most rewarding," said Judi Larabee of Livonia, administrative assistant for the CVS region manager. "They do more for me than I do for them."

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THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLACE BEFORE THE BOARD ANY PROPOSED USE FOR THE TRANSFER/REALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF THE 2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FROM THEIR CURRENT MULTI-YEAR FRIENDSHIP STATION ACQUISITION PROJECT.

CURRENT PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT FUNDS
Multi-Year Friendship Station	\$58,070
PROPOSED PROJECT	
Handicap Sidewalk Ramp Improvements	\$58,070

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New curriculum affects W-W's career center

BY SUE MASON
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The effect of the state's rigorous high school curriculum is being felt at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center where four teachers have been laid off because of declining enrollment.

The layoffs were approved at last week's school board meeting but the decision was made reluctantly at best and with two trustees — Cindy Schofield and Shawna Walker — voting no.

Affected by the layoffs are William Heine, who teaches desktop publishing, James Holland, the auto body teacher, Zachary MacLean, who teaches electronics technology, and Kevin Ryska, computer aided drafting teacher.

Schofield said she was "disheartened" to see MacLean's name on the list. He and his students have been heavily involved in creating the award-winning Innovative Design Vehicles at the center.

"I've had kids tell me that math didn't make sense until they saw how it applied in electronics," she said. "For some kids, career-tech is a savior. It gives them a goal and they finish their education. We're losing teachers that touch students, it's a hard thing to do."

According to Bernard LaPorte, senior executive director of human resources, the layoffs are due to a lower enrollment in the classes. Four teachers will be recalled. Three will be offered part-time positions, and one will be offered a full-time position in auto career technology.

"In the past few years we've been running light in both sections," LaPorte told the board. "We did that last year, but the numbers don't justify doing it this coming year."

When asked by Trustee Steve Becher if enrollment at the center is down due to the added math requirements in high school or a decline in the number of cooperative agreements Wayne-

Westland has with other districts, LaPorte said it was "all of the above."

"Our numbers are down significantly at Career Tech because of the added math requirement or cooperative agreements," he said. "With the increase in core classes, lack of enrollment and some shared time agreements, we have barely enough students in some classes for a .5 (half-time) class."

Superintendent Greg Baracy pointed out that the district has done a number of things to boost enrollment at the Career Technical Center has been rated as No. 1 in the state and was recently featured on WDIV Channel 4's Best Schools in Michigan.

However, "students can't be forced to sign up for electives, not just at the career tech, but other electives in the school buildings," he said. "As we go along with this rigorous curriculum, we're going to students not taking career tech who need it the most."

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Concerts are free of charge and held every Wednesday at noon from June 17 through Aug. 19. Organizers say each week will feature another unique, exciting and family friendly performer.

Headlining the first concert of this anniversary season is Guy Louis and Chatauqua Express, a perennial favorite for Music in the Park fans.

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Guy Louis and his Chatauqua Express open the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Music in the Park concert series Wednesday.

Preschool Learning Program, Lodging by the Month and the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

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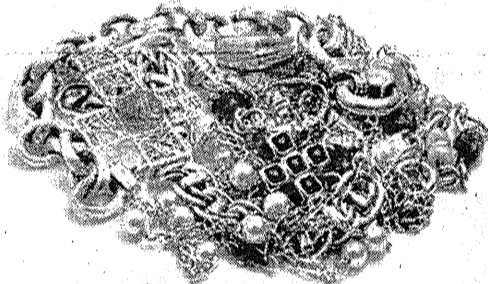
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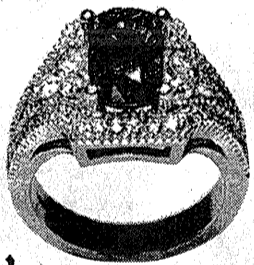
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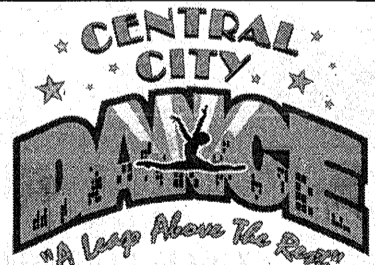
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Payoff: MLB Cubs draft Canton's Rusin

BY TIM SMITH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

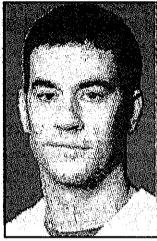
Wrigley Field might someday beckon to Canton's own Chris Rusin.

Rusin, a senior lefthanded pitcher at University of Kentucky and a Dearborn Divine Child alum, was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the fourth round of Wednesday's Major League Baseball draft. Pending his signing of a contract, the 22-year-old likely will begin his pro career with the Boise Hawks of the Class A Northwest League.

"I just think hard work paid off," said Rusin during a phone interview Friday. "It was unexpected to be picked by the Cubs, I didn't know who I was going to be drafted by."

But now that he knows, he can't wait to begin.

"I think the main reason the drafted me is they have a lack of lefthanded pitching and I can move up quickly,"



'I just think hard work paid off. It was unexpected to be picked by the Cubs, I didn't know who I was going to be drafted by.'
CHRIS RUSIN, Cubs draft pick

Rusin emphasized. "But I'm just thrilled to get 'er going."

He said he was hopeful details of a contract could be ironed out within the next two weeks.

Rusin, a 6-foot-2, 195-pounder, went 7-4 this season for the Wildcats with a 4.20 ERA and 108 strikeouts in 94-plus innings. He blanked Indiana State on March 7, walking one and fanning nine and had 14 strikeouts on May 2 against Tennessee, adding to his total in victories and strikeouts — where he ranks second all-time at the Lexington university with

totals of 23 and 274, respectively.

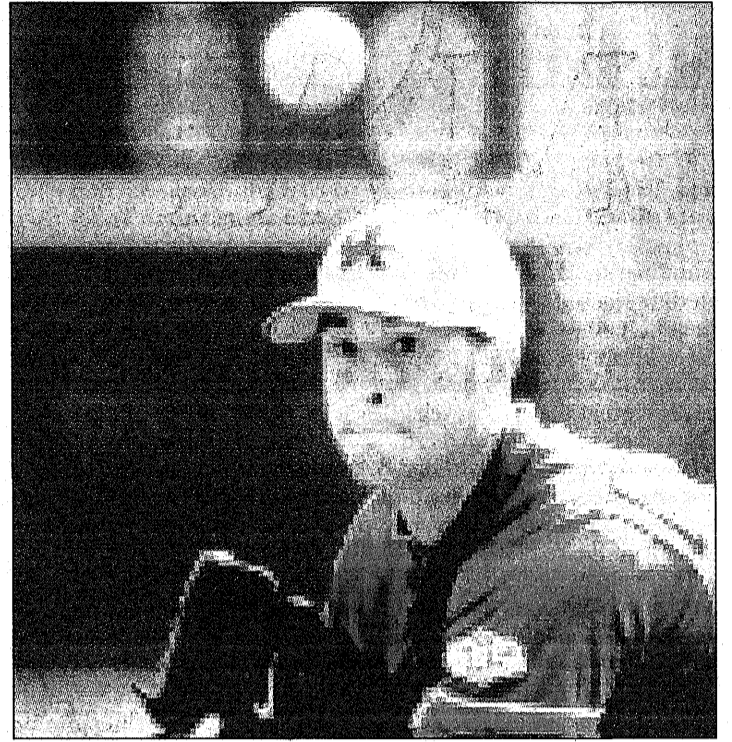
Rusin, whose parents are Pat and Arlene Rusin of Canton, starred at Divine Child, leading the Falcons to back-to-back state championships his junior and senior years while also being named to the All-State Dream Team each season.

The prospect said his high school coach, Tony Demare, lifted his confidence before embarking on his college career.

"He told me I had the skills to compete at Kentucky," Rusin said. "And once I got there, my coach there (John Cohen) helped me improve my skills even more."

Meanwhile, the Cubs later selected Northville native Matt Williams (a catcher from Duke University) with the 560th pick. Another area player, Northville shortstop Kyle Breault, went 682nd overall to the Washington Nationals.

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Canton's own Chris Rusin, selected by the Chicago Cubs in Tuesday's MLB draft, delivers a pitch for the University of Kentucky.

2009 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF TEAM



Salem's Aaron Thompson is one of four golfers from Salem, Canton or Plymouth high schools to be selected to the All-Observer boys golf team.

Golfers put it all together

BY THE OBSERVER STAFF

It was another banner boys golf season for area prep teams as youngsters showcased their talents with booming drives, precision approach shots and superb touch around the greens. The result was success on several fronts as players from Farmington and Canton highlight the 2009 All-Observer Boys Golf Team.

Three Farmington players — Jordan Weinger, Ian Ellis and Shane Kestherly — lead the First Team honorees. They are joined by Andrew Rickerman and Zach Conrad from Canton, Nick Williams from North Farmington and Kevin Robinson of Livonia Churchill.

Those selected to the All-Observer Second Team include Drew Mossioan of Livonia Stevenson, Ron Pummill of Garden City, Aaron Thompson of Salem, Andy Myers of Westland John Glenn, Justin Bauer of Plymouth and Jordan Chisholm of Livonia Franklin.

Bruce Sutton of North Farmington was chosen as Coach of the Year.

Following is a brief profile of each player named to the first and second teams.

FIRST-TEAM

Jordan Weinger, Sr., Farmington: Weinger was a four-year standout for the Falcons, finishing eighth in the state as a junior and contending for all-state honors again this year. He averaged 74.17 for tournaments and 37.67 for dual matches. Weinger was the Oakland County Division I and OAA White Division medalist, and he

was the runner-up in two other tournaments. He shot a 74 in the regional and was ninth. A consistent top-10 placer, Weinger was a team co-MVP with Ian Ellis.

"He's quite an exceptional player," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "He was the rock of the team. If his game wasn't on, he went to work; he worked harder. Even on a bad day, he still was in the top 10. That's a pretty impressive stat for any player."

"He's a great golfer and an even greater individual. He would never put himself above the team; he's a great role model to the younger players. He will go down as one of the best golfers in Falcon history."

Ian Ellis, Sr., Farmington: Ellis was the other half of a quality one-two combination for the Falcons, who won the Oakland County Division I tourney. A four-year varsity player, he averaged 76.17 for 18 holes and 36.4 for dual matches.

Ellis, a team co-MVP with Jordan Weinger, shot 74 and won the Farmington Invite, and he won a district championship with the same score. He also was the OAA White Division runner-up.

Ellis was fifth in the Pinckney Invite (75), 11th in the Eccentric tournament (80), fifth in the Seaholm Invite (74), 14th in the county (75) and 22nd in the regional at Farmington Hills Golf Club (77).

"Ian has great skills," coach Dennis Zaleski

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Blazin' at Bailey Park

Livonia Ladywood wins 1-0 in Division 2 semifinal, reach championship game

BY BRAD EMONS
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If there's a will, then Livonia Ladywood's softball team always seems to way to win a big ballgame.

That was no more evident than on Friday as the Blazers moved into their first-ever state championship final following a 1-0 Division 2 semifinal victory in eight innings over Williamston at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

"This was a typical game, we've been in about 30 of them this year," said Ladywood second-year coach

Scott Combs, whose team improved to 38-6 overall and earned a spot in Saturday's championship game with 34-5 Niles. "Playing in the (Michigan) Stars tournament and being in the Catholic League, our schedule allows us to compete with these teams."

The Blazers once again relied on the crafty pitching of freshman right-hander Briana Combs, who struck out 14 and allowed just two hits.

And it was senior third baseman Courtney LaValley's clutch bases loaded single to right field scoring freshman Cara Miller in the bottom

of the eighth that proved to be the game-winner.

The game-winning rally started when Miller led off with a hard bounding ball between short and third base that eluded Williamston shortstop Leah Hosking for an error. Miller alertly took second on the throw back to first and advanced to third when Williamston pitcher Aleksa Sedlak was called for making an illegal motion toward the plate without making a pitch.

Williamston coach Steve VanderLaan then intentionally walked both Gina Sykes and Julie

Bushart to load the bases.

Sedlak got one out on a 6-2 fielder's choice (force out at the plate), but LaValley ended the suspense when she poked a ball over the second baseman's head for the game-winning hit.

"I think it was the second pitch, I'm not positive — I was just thinking get anything out of the infield," said LaValley, a fourth-year varsity player. "I just wanted to hit the ball to score Cara from third. I was happy. I took a peak at the ball and wanted to cry because I was so excited."

"Last year I had a game-winning

hit against (Birmingham) Marian, but that was not nearly as big as in the semis."

Ladywood coach Scott Combs said there wasn't a more deserving offensive hero.

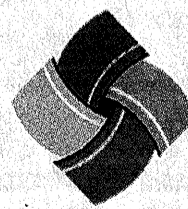
"To get that hit I couldn't be happier, especially for the senior," he said. "Courtney's really been driving the ball for us the last four games, but it's just been right at somebody."

Ladywood out-hit the Hornets, 6-2, and played flawless defense behind their freshman ace.

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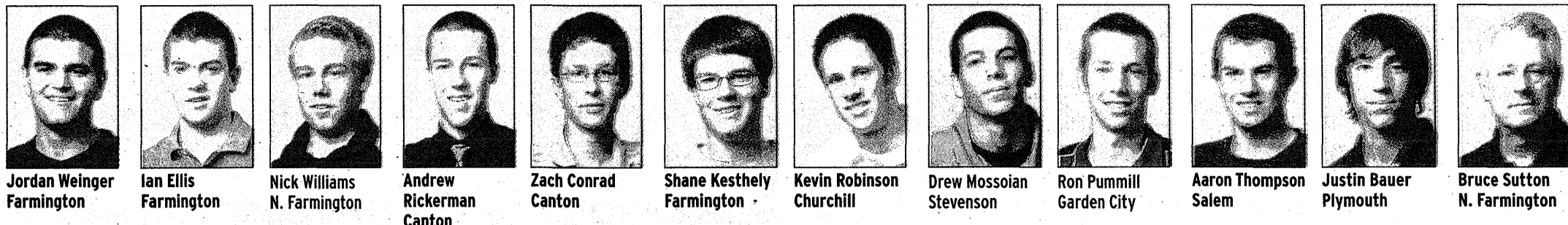


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said. "He'll do well in his collegiate career. His big claim was at the district with his playoff win. That was his signature on the season. He was able to keep his composure to beat a pretty darn good player from Brother Rice. That was certainly a great thing to watch. That was icing on the cake, to see one of my guys play under extreme pressure with 40-50 people watching and do exceptionally well in a playoff."

Nick Williams, Soph., N. Farmington: Williams had a sensational sophomore season and led the Raiders to the OAA White Division and Oakland County Division II championships, averaging 76.25 for tournaments and 38.57 in dual matches.

He shot 71 in the regional at Farmington Hills Golf Club, tied for second place and qualified for the D-1 state meet. Williams was the medalist in the Oakland County D-II tourney (72) and the Farmington city meet (76). He also won medalist honors in three duals and was second in two others. Williams was chosen team MVP and was named to the All-OAA White team.

"Nick put in a lot of hard work in the off season to bring his game to the level that it is today," coach Bruce Sutton said. "Can he do better? Yes, he can — and he will work even harder during this off season to make it happen."

"Nick puts his heart and soul into his game. After being named a co-captain for next year, I am sure he will help others on the team to bring their games to the next level, also."

Andrew Rickerman, Sr., Canton: The senior co-captain of a 10-

0 team averaged 37.7 strokes per nine holes and 78.2 per 18, medaling at five dual meets and breaking 40 in nine matches.

Rickerman's achievements were many. He placed in the Top 10 at the Huron Valley Invitational with a 77, was medalist at the Western Wayne Invitational with a 74, was Wayne County champion (81) while also making the all-conference team with a round of 74. At districts and regionals, he shot scores of 82 and 81, respectively.

"Andrew is constantly working to improve in all aspects of his game," said Chiefs' head coach Tom Alles. "He is extremely competitive and had an outstanding senior season."

Zach Conrad, Jr., Canton: Another key to Canton's unbeaten season, Conrad averaged 38.4 and 79.5 for nine and 18 holes, respectively while breaking 40 six times.

Conrad registered impressive scores of 87 at the Huron Valley Invitational, 81 at the Wayne County Championship and 78 at regionals in addition to tying for second at the Western Wayne Invitational (77). He also was Division I district medalist at Tanglewood (75) and made the all-conference team following a round of 79.

"Zach is a very focused, intelligent golfer," Alles said. "He is very cool under pressure, which he displayed in his consistent play this season."

Shane Kesthely, Jr., Farmington: After missing two weeks due to injury, Kesthely came on the second half of the season, benefitting from daily practice rounds with Ellis and Weinger. He averaged 78 in tournaments and 39.6 in dual meets. He was fourth in the regional (72) and qualified for the D-1 state meet.

Kesthely was the runner-up in the Oakland County D-1 tournament (71) and led

the Falcons to the team title. He was consistently one of Farmington's top four players in dual matches, too.

"Shane had a slow start but a great finish," coach Dennis Zaleski said. "At mid season, he just started to play. He was in the shadows of Jordan and Ian last year. He realized 'I can play with these guys.' They helped him along. Any time Shane had to play with Ian and Jordan, he was in tournament mode, in pressure mode, to excel, and it became a habit. With Shane, the only way he knew how to play was in tournament mode. Whenever he played, he was under pressure whether it be an event or practice."

Kevin Robinson, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior, bound for Madonna University, was medalist in four dual matches and averaged 39.1 per nine.

Robinson took fourth in the district (80) and shot an 80 at the Kensington Conference tourney.

"Kevin has been an outstanding student athlete these past four years," Churchill coach Paul Worley said. "His competitive nature, work ethic and leadership this year transpired toward his teammates, as the co-captain was unanimously named MVP this season."

SECOND-TEAM Drew Mossioan, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The junior placed seventh at the Division I district at Tanglewood with an 81 and took 12th at the Lakes of Taylor regional with an 80.

Mossioan also shot an 80 at the Kensington Conference tourney held at Salem Hills.

His dual match average was 39 and his 18-hole tourney average was 80.

"For Drew's standards, he was not as good as last year, but a lot of it was weather related," Stevenson coach Jim Omietanski. "But next season he'll have a breakout year and be a candidate for All-State."

Ron Pummill, Sr., Garden City: A senior, Pummill was every coach's dream — and, in this case, father's dream — competing in his fourth varsity season for the Cougars. Consistency was the name of the game as the two-year Cougars' captain fired a season-low 37 on two occasions and not higher than 42 the rest of the way. In addition to helping the Cougars to their fourth straight league championship, Pummill earned medalist honors in state district play with an 81 at Tanglewood and fired a 77 at the league meet.

"Having coached him for such a long time, I just love his tenacity and commitment to both the team and winning," said his father and Cougars head coach Ron Pummill. "And getting better every year, every time he played, I'm really proud of the way he conducted himself all four years."

Aaron Thompson, Jr., Salem: Thompson had a consistent season for the Rocks, averaging 39 strokes per nine holes and 78 per 18 holes at dual meets, noted Salem coach Rick Wilson.

Highlights for the junior included being medalist at three invitationals. He finished with a 75 at the East Lansing Classic, held at Forest Akers West. In addition, Thompson medaled with scores of 78 both at the Huron Meadows Farmington Invite and Western Wayne Invitational.

Andy Myers, Sr., Westland Glenn: The senior, headed to Siena Heights University, earned All-Kensington Conference honors when he fired a 76 at Salem Hills.

His 78 at the Division I regional held at Lakes was just two strokes off qualifying for the state finals. Myers shot an 81 to place seventh at the Tanglewood district.

Myers averaged 79 per 18 holes and 37 for nine.

"He worked harder than anybody on team, he'll continue to improve and I expect even better things for Andy at the collegiate level," Glenn coach Steve Pilon said.

Justin Bauer, Soph., Plymouth: The sophomore was a Division

I state individual qualifier after shooting a 76 at the Lakes of Taylor regional.

But Bauer, described by Plymouth coach Chris Moore as a hard-working athlete with a "great demeanor on the course," also earned all-conference honors with a 78 at Salem Hills and placed in the top five at the Tanglewood districts.

"At the state tourney, he was feeling under the weather," Moore said. "Yet he still finished both days with a respectable score of 175."

"As a coach, I could not be prouder of a student-athlete. He works hard at the course and also in the classroom (4.0 grade-point average)."

Jordan Chisholm, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior averaged 39.8 per dual match and 83.3 in 18-hole events.

He was medalist six of 10 dual matches with a low round of 36 and recorded an 80 at the Kensington Conference tournament held at Salem Hills. Chisholm also shot a 78 to win the Fellows Creek Cup.

Chisholm plans to enroll in Ferris State's Professional Golf Management program.

"Jordan was a very hard worker, a good leader on the course," Franklin coach Brian McCalister said.

COACH OF THE YEAR Bruce Sutton, N. Farmington:

Sutton guided the Raiders to their best season in years and one of the best in school history. He was named Observerland Coach of the Year as a result. North Farmington won the OAA White Division and Oakland County Division II championships, and it had first-place finishes in the Farmington city meet and Bay City Invite. The Raiders also were second behind Brother Rice in the district, 312-314.

"In my 20 years of coaching boys golf, this has to be one of the most gratifying seasons I have ever had," Sutton said. "I think it's also a tribute to the 2009 team and all of the hard work we did over the season. I am excited for the next season to begin already. I think the 2010 team may be able to achieve even more than the 2009 team did."

ALL-AREA BOYS GOLF

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 - Nick Williams, sophomore, N. Farmington
 - Andrew Rickerman, senior, Canton
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 - Kevin Robinson, senior, Liv. Churchill
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 - Aaron Thompson, junior, Salem
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 - Justin Bauer, sophomore, Plymouth
 - Jordan Chisholm, senior, Liv. Franklin
- COACH OF THE YEAR**
- Bruce Sutton, North Farmington

HONORABLE MENTION

- Farmington:** Joey Zonzini, Greg Bussell; **North Farmington:** Max Kollin, Don Timmer, Yovaan Totharam, John Keller, Jeremy Burstein, Matt Coursey; **Harrison:** Anthony Serafa, Jason Farmer, Mike Roberts; **Churchill:** Adam Yarber, Matt Charnley, Dan Bostick; **Franklin:** Jimmy Johnson; **Stevenson:** Dan Dufour, Christian Debay; **John Glenn:** Josh DuPrie; **Garden City:** Nick Walker, Mike Downey, Jared Cusmano; **Redford Union:** Josh Marlow; **Canton:** Brendan Muir, Jeremy Lindlbauer, Dominic Bodell, Travis Hall; **Plymouth:** James Bryans, Ryan Bauer, Andrew Overmeyer.

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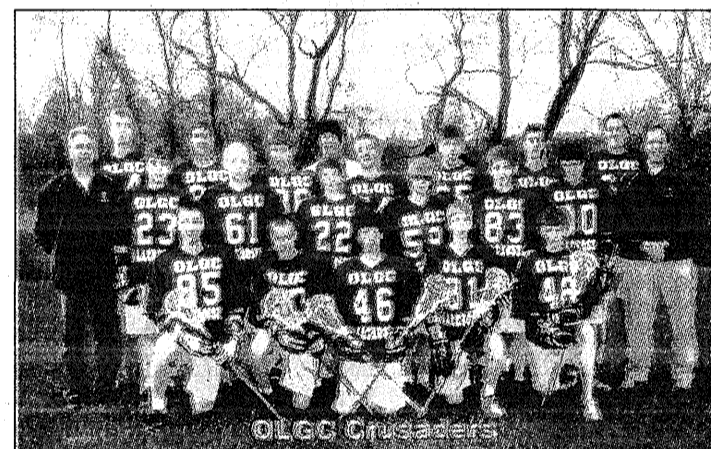
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The Our Lady of Good Counsel Crusaders eighth grade Varsity A lacrosse team defeated St. Lawrence in the Catholic Youth Organization semifinals last month, with the winning goal in triple overtime. The OLCG Crusaders, based in Plymouth, then made it to the CYO championship match for the first time — coming up just a bit short in the May 21 contest at University of Detroit High School. Congratulations are in order for the Crusaders. Pictured are (front row, from left) David Houle, Matt Suppula, P.J. Rogers, Danny Sinnott and Ryan Keast. In the second row (from left) are head coach Guy Bellemare, Marc Bellemare, Jon Conley, Bobbie Caray, Jake O'Connell, Alex Barnes, Matt Mueller and assistant coach Bill Rogers. In the back row (from left) are Alex Wrocklage, Garrett Moores, Christian Miner, assistant coach Reid Walborn, Brandon Malinowski, David Wilson, David Walborn and Robert Coe.

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Local women golfers enjoy competition at Western

BY JIM TOTH
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

It's all about the competition. Western Golf & Country Club in Redford played host to the 11th annual GAM Women's Mid-Amateur June 9-10 and even through two-day tournament concluded with a familiar face atop the leaderboard, the real competition could be found among various locals with impressive games of their own.

Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll, women's golf coach at Michigan State University, captured her fifth consecutive Women's Mid-Amateur title by four strokes as she carded rounds of 73 and 76 for a two-day total of 149. Her steady play on the second day held off charges from Kim Kester and Julie Massa, who placed second and third, respectively, in 'A' Flight competition.

Slobodnik-Stoll proved to be the best in the field at escaping trouble when landing in Western's long and and snarly rough and thus kept her grasp on the coveted trophy for another year.

Two local participants, Claudia Cenko of Beverly Hills and Sue Keller of Farmington Hills, finished in the middle of the pack among 'A' Flight competitors and praised the ability of Slobodnik-Stoll to negotiate her way around the fair, but testy,

par-72 layout of the Donald Ross designed course.

"The rough was tough because if you got in there, the ball would sit down and would add one more stroke to your total," said Cenko, who was no stranger to the event having participated the past four years. "I know the course didn't pose any problems for her (Slobodnik-Stoll), but there was trouble out there."

"The rough was pretty thick," agreed Keller, who carded rounds of 85 and 86 to finish in a tie for 10th-place. "I know a couple times I felt I had a good round going and then got into trouble when I found the rough."

"But I really enjoyed myself and really enjoyed this course because it's an old-style course with big trees, tight fairways and tiny greens."

Both Cenko and Keller agree the way the Golf Association of Michigan organizes such events is a huge factor in their repeat participation.

"Many times when you play at your own country club, it's tough to compete with people of the same handicap," said Cenko, a six handicap and member at historic Oakland Hills Country Club. "I belong to the Women's District Golf Association and I like to compete and when you're playing in these events you really get hooked and want to play and play better each time, unfortu-

nately, I'm always around that 10th spot. But Western is really a nice course, and fun course to play."

The visit around Western's pristine layout was the first for Christine Edwards of Plymouth, who was steady as could be both days, recording rounds of 84 to place second overall among 'B' Flight golfers. She said she enjoyed the overall experience and the way the course was setup proved fair to all players.

"That course was in great shape," said Edwards, who competed for the third time in the Mid-Amateur. "It wasn't set up all that long and there weren't any tricky holes. The rough was penalizing and with so many elevated greens you were forced many times to go up a club to get there."

"I've been working hard on my golf game and this was my best finish," continued Edwards, who played on the women's golf team while at Oakland University from 1997-2009. "I was pretty consistent the first day (shooting 42 on the front and 42 on the back), but had a little trouble with the speed of the greens."

"Then the second day I shot 38 on the front and 46 on the back. I hit five fairways and five greens on the front and only one fairway and no greens on the back. The rough really made a difference."

PLYMOUTH FAMILY YMCA

Plymouth YMCA baseball

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its Summer Baseball leagues for children ages 4-9. Leagues include T-ball (ages 4-5), coach pitch (ages 6-7), machine pitch (8-9) and softball for girls ages 8-9.

There is one practice and one game per week for the cost of \$71 (for YMCA members) or \$103 if not.

All participants will need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey (\$15). The deadline to sign up is June 18. Please call (734) 453-2904.

Summer programs and camps

The Plymouth Family YMCA also is offering a variety of summer sports programs and several clinics.

The summer programs (from July 13 through Aug. 17) will focus on fun, exercise and social interaction through instruction and include "Kickers and Shooters" soccer, preschool and youth basketball, preschool soccer class, preschool and youth baseball.

Morning and evening classes are available; ages vary by pro-

gram but there is something for children between ages 3-9. Programs are open to YMCA members and community members.

Three sports clinics also are on tap through Plymouth Family YMCA. Those include baseball (July 21-25, for ages 9-11), soccer (July 28 through Aug. 1, ages 6-9) and basketball (Aug. 4-8, ages 6-9).

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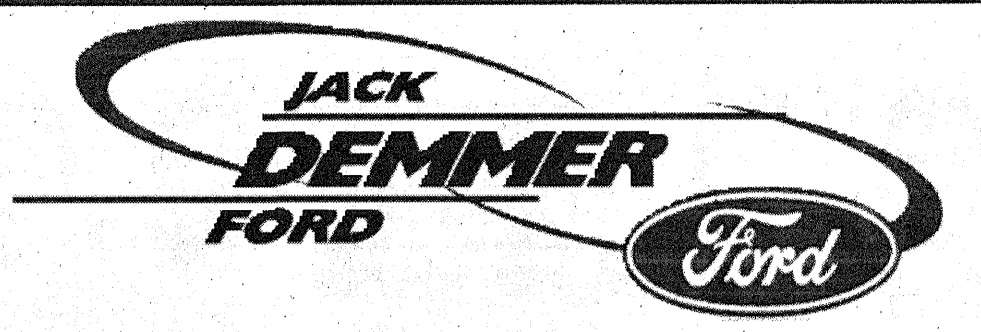
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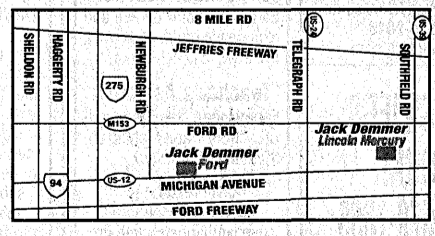
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LADYWOOD

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Williamston, getting only two base runners on for the first six innings, mounted only two real offensive threats.

With one-out in the seventh, clean-up batter Kelsey Grace ripped to a line drive shot that Miller tracked down in deep center field.

"I'm glad we had that 6-foot girl (Miller) with the big glove," Scott Combs said. "It scares you every time when hit see a hit like that. Your heart jumps. She (Grace) hit the crap out of the ball. After that I came out to the mound to settle things down."

In the top of the eighth, the Hornets put two runners aboard with one-out on a bizarre set of circumstances.

Home plate umpire John O'Hagan awarded Jordyn Morales a one-out walk when Ladywood catcher Jordan Searcy threw down to first base after what appeared to be a miscommunication on the ball-strike count.

"The umpire told me it was only a 3-1 when she (Searcy) said she was told it was 3-2," Scott Combs said. "The ump explained she made a play on an unoccupied base and that's an automatic ball on the batter. She's automatically trained to throw down to first base on a third strike, but I don't know. Maybe she thought were back

Catholic League and it was the 3-2 count. We just had to forget about it and move on."

Jessica Franco then bunted Morales over to second base on a sacrifice for the second out. The next batter, Michaela Marble, got on when Briana Combs hit her with a pitch.

But the Ladywood freshman fanned lead-off hitter Danika Markell to end the game and put the Blazers in their first-ever state final against Niles, which ousted Clio, 8-1. (Game time is 10 a.m. at Bailey Park.)

"She (Briana) puts all of her 104 pounds into it," Scott Combs said. "She's a hard worker and she's in the best shape. I never fear how long she can go after the sixth inning. She's got an 0.17 ERA in the Catholic League so I know she can compete with anybody. She's also pitched in two national tourney Final Fours last summer, so I know this wouldn't faze her."

The Hornets, meanwhile, were coming off a 10-3 quarterfinal win over Carleton Airport, but their bats couldn't solve Combs.

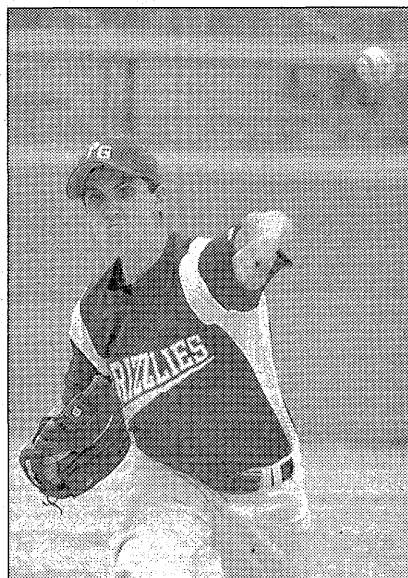
"We knew she liked to get ahead in the count, then go long and away, and we could not pull the trigger," VanderLaan said. "She's not overpowering, but her location is the key. She spotted the ball and moved it around. Give her credit."

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Grrrr-eat!

The Plymouth-Canton Grizzlies baseball team dominated last weekend's USSSA Canton Classic AA, which was held at the Canton Softball Center. Their 47 runs in five games helped them to a 5-0 record in the tournament to clinch the U14 Championship. Big reasons for that success included a home run by Scott Gring, strong pitching by Michael Stafford (photo at right) and the defense of shortstop Brendan Swanson. The Grizzlies (8-2), led by head coach Rob Sudz, and assistant coaches Phil Bocketti and Dale Ebeling, have been playing together for four years. In the team photo above, the Grizzlies enjoy the championship. In the front row (from left) are Casey Sudz, Shawn Sudz, Matthew Janke, Brad Bocketti and Michael Stafford. In the back row (from left) are coach Bocketti, Scott Gring, Kyle Penn, Brendan Swanson, Chad Schroder, Ian Lefebvre, Austin Ebeling and coach Sudz. Not pictured are Jacob Miller and Kyle Rhoades.



Prep stars to shine at Comerica

While the Detroit Tigers are on the road, the games continue at Comerica Park. This Tuesday, June 16, Michigan all-star high school baseball players will showcase their talent in the 28th annual Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Classic.

Plymouth's Brad Lineberry and Salem's Sam Ott are among the 36 top senior players from public and private high schools throughout Michigan to suit up. All 36 were selected by the coaches association.

Since 1981, the MHSBCA has hosted an all-star game featuring the top baseball talent in the state of Michigan. For the third consecutive year, the game is presented by the Detroit Tigers Foundation, an affiliate of Ilitch Charities, in an effort to strengthen the game of baseball in the state while Michigan's best players are on display.

The All-Star Classic annually features Michigan draft prospects. This year, five players — Daniel Fields (U-D Jesuit and son of former Tigers coach Bruce Fields), Derek Dennis (Forest Hills Central), Mike Schaaf (Arthur Hill), Almon (Victor) Roache (Lincoln), and Patrick Biondi (Divine Child) — were selected in the 2009 Major League Baseball draft. Fields, Roache and Biondi were drafted by the Detroit Tigers organization in this past week's Major League Baseball draft.

Tickets are available for \$5 at the door. Kids who wear their little league uniforms gain free admission. The game begins at 7 p.m. with gates opening at 6 p.m.

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PCEP alumni lacrosse

The fourth annual Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Men's Alumni Lacrosse Game is fast approaching, with game time slated for 1 p.m. Saturday, June 20.

It will be an "alumni vs. alumni" matchup, with teams picked prior to the start of action — so players should

try to get to the PCEP Varsity (Turf) Field no later than 12:30 p.m.

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MILESTONES



John and Maryann Clark on their wedding day.



John and Maryann Clark of Livonia.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

John and Maryann Clark of Livonia will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary June 18. They met in 1948 on a blind date and were married in 1949. In 1961, they moved to Livonia and still live in the same home. John retired from Ford Motor company and Maryann is a home maker. They have five children: John (Debbie) Clark of Howell;

Michael (Terry) Clark of South Lyon; Carl (Sheri) Clark of Farmington; Craig (Martha) Clark of Livonia; and Deborah (Mike) Sharon of Livonia. They have six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Clarks will be celebrate their big day with a family dinner.

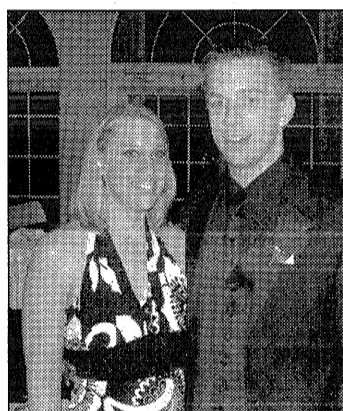
WYLIE-LAWRENCHUK

Mallory Wylie and Michael Lawrenchuk announce their engagement.

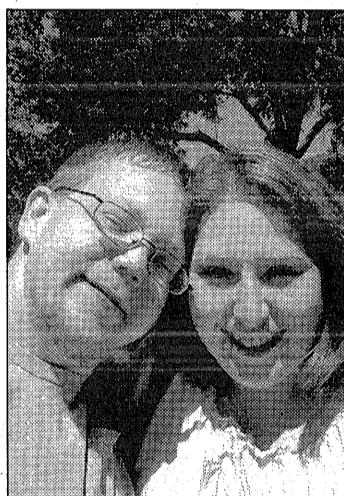
The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Mary Wylie of Canton, is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and is employed as program manager at Greater Detroit Area Health Council.

Her fiancé, son of Dr. Donald and Elaine Lawrenchuk of Livonia, is a University of Michigan graduate and is employed at Materialise in Ann Arbor.

An August 2009 wedding is planned in Ann Arbor.



Wylie-Lawrenchuk



Wylie-Jones

WYLIE-JONES

Melissa Wylie and Steven Jones announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Robert and Mary Wylie of Canton, is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and employed as a pharmacy technician at the University of

Michigan Health System. Her fiancé, son of the late William and Mary Jones, is employed by PTS tool company in Hazel Park. An October 2009 wedding is planned at St. Edith in Livonia.

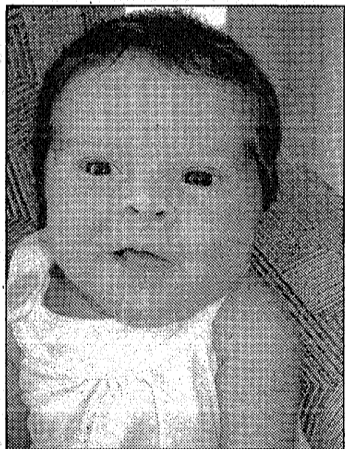
PRZYBYLSKI-ANDES

Lisa Ann Przybylski and Michael Joseph Andes announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Kevin and Carol Przybylski of Zeeland, graduated from Jenison High School, Western Michigan University, and the University of Toledo. She is employed by Lakeshore Communication Disorders Center.

Her fiancé, son of Kirk and Luann Andes of Canton, graduated from Livonia Churchill High School, and Western Michigan University. He attends Madonna University and is employed by the Canton Police Department.

An August 2009 wedding is planned in Livonia.



Avery Louise VanWashenova

Przybylski-Andes

AVERY LOUISE VANWASHENOVA

Andrea and Dale VanWashenova of Canton are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Avery Louise VanWashenova. She was born at 11 p.m., May 19, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Avery weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long.

Proud grandparents are Joyce and Mario Galindo of Livonia, Lorna VanWashenova of South Rockwood, and great-

grandpa, John Hughson of South Rockwood.

The dress Avery wore home from the hospital was the same dress her mom, Andrea, wore home from the hospital when she was born. Andrea's dad Mario bought the dress for his little girl to wear home, never dreaming that one day his granddaughter would come home in the same dress.

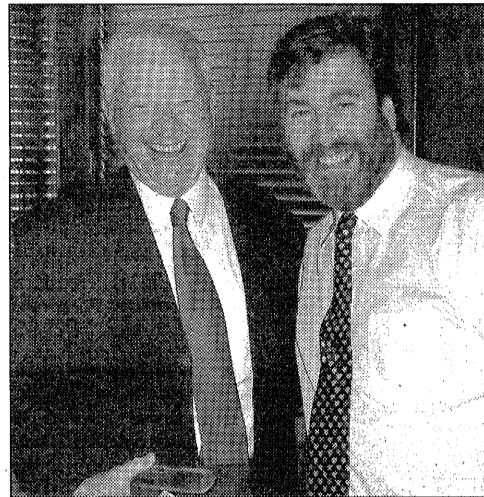
Courtney Cahill and Lindsay Satchell, of Livonia, are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Alistair Arthur Cahill. He was born at 11:10 a.m., May 18, 2009, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. Named after two of his great-grandparents, Alistair weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. He is the grandson of Kay and Terry Satchell of Hendersonville, N.C., and Frank and Christine Cahill of Farmington Hills.



Alistair Arthur Cahill

60th anniversary

David R. Haslam, (right), a Plymouth resident and president of the Livonia-based Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters Club, welcomes Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey to the group's 60th anniversary celebration on Saturday, May 30. Kirksey was the keynote speaker for the event that drew current, former and regional Toastmasters International members together for an evening of speeches, a trivia contest and a dinner at Station 885 in Plymouth. Dearborn Dynamic Toastmasters meets 6:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the Unity Church of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile. For more information, contact Milena Cankovic at (248) 478-2691 or visit the club Web site www.dearborndynamic.com



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ANGELA KU

Age 85 of Ann Arbor, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, passed away on June 3rd, 2009. Beloved wife of William Ku, dear mother of Ernest, Althea and Michele and loving grandmother of An. Private services were held by the family at the Nie Family Funeral Home in Ann Arbor. Donations in Angela Ku's memory may be made to the Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, Attn: Marsha Gilman, P.O. Box 801, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0801. www.niefuneralhomes.com

FRANK B. HOLOWICKI

Of Fort Myers, Florida (formally of Plymouth, Michigan) went to be with the Lord on June 6th, 2009 at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jenny Holowicki; daughters Christine Holowicki (Warren Hecht) and Andrea Hug (Gerry); sons Frank Holowicki, Jr. and Paul Holowicki; two loving grandchildren, Emily and Kara. Frank was one of nine children, five brothers and two sisters. Frank was a U.S. Navy navigator in the South Pacific during WWII, retired City of Detroit police detective, and a retired Ford Motor Co. investigator. He also received a bachelor's degree from Wayne State University. Frank was an avid golfer, umpire, referee and story teller. Memorial service will be held in Fort Myers, Florida at St. Columbkille Catholic Church, (239) 489-3973. An additional Memorial service will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan at St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church, (734) 761-8606, on June 19th, at 10:30 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. Call the churches for details. Memorial contributions can be made to American Diabetes Association.

JOSEPH INATOME

Age 84, June 6, 2009. Died Saturday at his residence in Estero FL. He was born June 3, 1925 in San Francisco, CA. Retired as an engineer and Founder of Inatome & Associates, Founder of Inacom, Found of Computer City and was a Chairman of American Speedy/Allegra. He was a member of the Engineering Society of Detroit. Mr. Inatome was a Veteran of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence having served during WW II and received the American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. He earned an Engineering Degree from Wayne State University. Hobbies included Chess and Computers. He is survived by his loving wife Atsuko. Children Rick (Joyce) Inatome, J.C. Inatome. Proud Grandfather of Dania (Winston Justice), Evan, Blake, Jaron, Jesse (Angie) Griffith and Tyler Cole. Great-grandfather of Selah Justice. Predeceased by his daughter Lisa Inatome, parents Masakichi and Masa Inatome, sister Etsako Kim and brother Masahiro Inatome. Funeral Service 12 Noon Friday June 12, 2009 at the A.H.Peters Funeral Home 32000 Schoenherren at Masonic (1 1/2 Mile Rd)Warren with Pastor Doug Olsen Officiating. Military Honors will follow. Visitation at the Funeral Home Thursday from 3pm until 9pm. www.ahpeters.com

CAROLINE AGLIA KAPTUR

Of Pinehurst, NC died peacefully at her home on June 5. Mrs. Kaptur was born on Jan. 9, 1931 in Dayton, OH, to the late Harry Herman and Hedwig Pauline Weaver. She received a B.A. in psychology in 1976 and diplomas in nursing in 1967 and anesthesia in 1973. She practiced anesthesia for 22 years in North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Vincent Daniel Kaptur, II in 1996. Her greatest pride and joy were her four children and her four grandchildren. She loved to sing in the choir, sew, grow flowers, and cook for her family and friends. Her children and grandchildren meant more to her than life itself. Mrs. Kaptur is survived by her daughters: Terese Ann Kaptur of Ft. Collins, CO., Dr. Paulina Eve Kaptur of Germantown, MD., and Nicolette Marie Kaptur of Birmingham, MI, and her son Vincent Daniel Kaptur, III and his wife Lisa of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Her grandchildren are: Nicole Windsor Ross, Scott Harrison Kaptur, Lauren Allegra Houlik, and Vincent Daniel Kaptur, IV. In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to First Health Hospice of Pinehurst. Online condolences may be made at: www.bolesfuneralhome.com

FREDERICK CARL JANZ

Age 89, died Friday, May 29, 2009. He was born on April 30, 1920 in Lansing, MI. A Certified Public Accountant, Frederick was a founding partner of Janz & Knight. He received a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. Frederick was Treasurer and Director of the Birmingham Community House from 1976-1977. Frederick was active at Kirk in the Hills as Treasurer and Trustee from 1980-1989. He was also the co-founder and officer of the Garden Guild at Kirk in the Hills from 1976 - 2002. Frederick co-founded, directed, and was an officer for both the Bloomfield Hills Baseball League as well as the Boosters Club. He directed the Wabeek Pines Condominium Association for 16 years, where he was President for seven years. With his wife Lorraine, he co-chaired the Bloomfield Hills Recreation Community Education Commission in 1975. He is predeceased by a son, Richard Janz. Frederick is survived by his wife Lorraine Copeland Janz of Bloomfield Hills, MI. Surviving children are: Michael Janz of Plymouth, MI; William Janz of Oceanide, CA; Carol Janz of Longmont, CO; and Linda Janz Faison of Oldsmar, FL, along with 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Memorial tributes may be made to Leader Dogs as well as Kirk in the Hills Garden Guild. Arrangements made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. - Mount Clemens.

DAVID J. MARTIN

Age 59, of Redondo Beach, California, formerly of Plymouth, passed away June 6, 2009. Beloved son of Dee and the late Bud Martin. Loving brother of Scott Martin. Survived by his wife Cindy and Stepson Mark. David graduated from Plymouth High School in 1968. A memorial service will be held in Redondo Beach, California at a later date. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com.



MABLE MARSH MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Mable Marsh on Saturday, June 20th, at 10 AM at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham. Mable retired from Talbots at 88 after over 40 years in retail in Birmingham stores. She passed away December 15th at the age of 100.

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NEIGHBORS

Backyard bliss

Livonia couple tend, enjoy, share their flower-, art-filled garden

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Liz and Jim Danko's home is just two houses away from I-96 in Livonia, but their half-acre garden, buffered by mature maple trees, pines and flowering shrubs, seems miles from civilization.

Bird songs, the sound of water tumbling over rocks, the buzz of insects and the crackle of fire at night keep nearby traffic sounds far away from the serene and secluded yard.

"Every morning before I go to work, I take a walk out here. Even if I only have two minutes before I go, I take that time and just walk out. This is my serenity time," said Liz, who spends eight to 10 hours weekly tending numerous garden beds. "I love to walk out every day and go, 'Oh, look at it. Look at the blue. Look at the purple.' I feel like I'm sitting in an artist's palette."

The couple sold their separate Redford homes when they married and bought the house on the city's southwest side in the fall 2007. It's the only Livonia site on the upcoming

annual Trailwood Garden Club's annual Plymouth-area garden walk.

"They have a wide range of gardens they showcase," Liz said, referring to the walk. "I was impressed with it last year when I went on it."

It was her first summer in the new house and she was a bit overwhelmed trying to put her own stamp on the mature yard last year. Looking at other gardens on the Trailwood walk inspired her and reminded that "you make it your own by digging in it." With a friend's nudging, she even talked with a Trailwood volunteer about participating in this year's walk.

"They came out, looked at it and said we'd love for you to be on the walk," she said. "I said, 'I'm not even in Plymouth' and they said that was OK."

MAINTAINING IT

Liz, who works as a special education paraprofessional for Livonia Public Schools, spent the first spring and summer learning what grew in the backyard. Jim, a CAD/CAM designer, worked at keeping



The yard has specific areas for different activities. This patio area features a very long picnic table that can accommodate a crowd.

the fish in the 1,300-gallon pond from freezing in the winter and becoming heron food the rest of the year.

They've battled "helicopters," seeds from backyard maples that whirl their way into the pond, on shrubs and into flower beds, and mosquitoes that search out exposed arms and legs in the early evening.

They've plucked weeds, shoveled compost, mulched, fertilized with miracle grow and added a bat house to attract the insect-hungry flying mammals to the backyard this summer.

Liz planted about \$300 worth of annuals near the tiered deck, in pots and hanging planters. There isn't much room for new plants in the flower beds of showy columbine, roses, cone flower and

other perennials planted by its previous owners. Fifty hydrangea plants, trees and shrubs bloom in the summer in shades of blue, white, pink and burgundy.

The couple occasionally adds a piece of art to the landscaping that's dotted with statuary, a sundial, a clock, benches and more.

DIFFERENT VIEWS

A brick path winds through the property, starting at the deck and leading through distinct seating areas — near the pond, within view of the multi-tier fountain, under the gazebo, at the fire pit and by the picnic table at the barn-style shed with its outdoor rabbit hutch and adjacent vegetable patch.

Liz, who works for Real Life Farm in Canton during the summer, wanted live chickens, too, but settled for chicken figurines amid the tomato and bean plants.

The garden has seen one wedding and two wedding photo sessions. Last summer, 35 high school students posed for photos in the yard.

"We want to share it," Jim said. "It's the fruits of our labor."

"What's the point if you don't have people over to enjoy it?" Liz added. "I tell my friends it's here to enjoy."

FLOWERS ARE FOREVER

What: Trailwood Garden Club's 14th annual garden walk

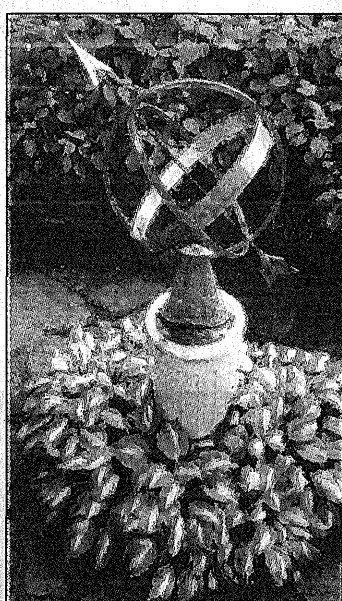
When: Noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30

Where: Several private homes, primarily in Plymouth

Tickets: \$8 presale, \$10 day of the walk; available at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, and Home Sweet Home, 852 W. Ann Arbor Trail, all in Plymouth. Club member Kate Kerr also has tickets. Call her at (734) 455-6867

Details: In addition to Liz and Jim Danko's Livonia garden, visitors will see:

- A garden on Palmer with extensive perennials and a vegetable patch
- A Sheridan Street residence with a garden designed to reflect the home's Tuscan motif and colors
- A Japanese-style garden with pond and waterfall on Fellows Creek Drive
- A pond, lower level patio, numerous flower beds and a sunroom at a home on Green Valley
- A rose garden, maple grove and conifers, native Michigan plants and perennials in a yard on Weston Drive



Details in the garden include sculpture and this sundial.



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Liz and Jim Danko take time out for a glass of lemonade under the spacious gazebo in their Livonia backyard.

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If you love gardens, landscaping, ponds, plan to check out these other tours

BY SHARON DARGAY
O&E STAFF WRITER

Dig outhouses? Tony Panepucci does. The privy historian will excavate at Hill House, the 1850s farm house located at Greenmead Historical Park, during the Livonia Garden Walk, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

"He goes around and digs behind old houses and finds all kinds of interesting things," said Janet Bennett, president of the Friends for the Development of Greenmead. "On the day of the walk, he'll dig at the place of the privy at the historical farm house."

"One of our members heard him speak and suggested we try to get him for the walk. He was more than happy to dig behind the old farm house."

He'll talk about what he finds with visitors while digging. He has unearthed everything from pieces of china to children's toys at other digs throughout Michigan.

In addition to the outhouse excavation, ticket-holders will view seven gardens throughout Livonia.

"We have large and small yards. Manicured and more

natural settings and ponds and fountains," Bennett said. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$10 the day of the event. Buy them from committee members, any Livonia library, the Greenmead office and Department of Community Resources at Livonia City Hall.

All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead.

"We've accrued close to \$300,000 and that has gone to the restoration of the old Blue House," Bennett said, explaining how walk proceeds have been spent in the past. "It's actually a buff-colored house. It's named after Judge Alexander Blue, who was a justice of the peace in the 1870s."

For more information about the walk, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

IN GARDEN CITY
Garden City Garden Club's 16th annual walk features seven gardens, including one in Westland, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 27.

Tickets are \$8 each and are available at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 Merriman, Garden City Hall and at any of the homes during the tour. Ticket-holders will see a gar-

den dedicated to "Days Gone By," a yard with a Koi pond and waterfall, a shade garden, plants that draw butterflies, a 1924 farm house with vegetable garden, herbs, flowers, camp site and much more.

The Garden City Historical Museum at 6221 Merriman will be open during the walk. Visitors may use its restrooms and browse exhibits and its gift shop.

Club member Paula Relich is looking for residents who want to show off their gardens next year. Call her for more information at (734) 525-2524 or (734) 776-6258.

IN REDFORD
The Beautification Commission will present its 14th biennial garden walk, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 18. Tickets are \$5 each and available at the Redford District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile; town hall, 15145 Beech Daly; and the community center, 12121 Hemingway.

Janet Watson, commission chairwoman, said visitors will see 10 gardens.

"Some of them are the usual small Redford gardens, but people have done wonderful

things with them," Watson said. "We have five homes in the golf course area. They're larger homes with nice landscaping. A couple of them have ponds."

Watson is seeking residents who want to serve as hosts or hostesses during the upcoming walk. Call her at (313) 550-2578 or e-mail to janetwatsonsgarden@yahoo.com

IN NORTHVILLE
The 16th annual Garden Walk sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville, Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 8. See seven gardens, visit a garden market, hear live music and have refreshments at historic Mill Race Village.

Proceeds from the event support charitable contributions to local and national horticultural causes. Tickets in advance are \$10 at Gardenvues, 202 W. Main, Northville; (248) 380-8881. Limited tickets will be available July 8. They'll cost \$12 and will be sold only at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold Ave., Northville.

HIGH FLYING DADS

Members of the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 113 have served pancake breakfast on Father's Day for 45 years and next Sunday, June 21, will be no different.

"It's a fund-raiser and the funds we raise we use for scholarships for children going into aviation careers," said Dave Buck, chapter president. "In the past we have served 700 to 1,000 or more."

Pancakes, sausage, orange juice and coffee cost \$5 and will be served from 7-11:30 a.m., at Mettetal Airport, 8550 N Lilley, Canton MI

Buck said some members will fly in for the event.

"That's pretty standard practice. There's breakfast all over the state, all summer long," he said.

But you don't need an airplane to enjoy the annual Father's Day breakfast. Airplane and helicopter rides will be available at the event and members will open their planes for tours.

STUDENTS WANTED

Most teachers might pray for a small class, but volunteers coordinating the Vacation Bible School at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Livonia, wouldn't mind seeing a lot more smiling faces when the weeklong program

starts Monday, June 15.

"We are decorating all week in preparation for our Bible school and right now we only have 23 kids signed up," e-mailed Pam LaDuc, communications and evangelism team leader, last week.

Youngsters will feel like they're in a game show at this year's Vacation Bible School. Its theme is "Studio GO!" and it will be held from 9 a.m. to noon for children, ages 3-12. The church is located at 30650 Six Mile. Register in person or online at www.holycrosslivonia.org. (734) 427-1414

WOMEN'S STUDIES

A one-week study group based on Pope John Paul II's "Letter to Women," starts Monday, June 15, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia. The program, for women of all ages and faiths, will run 9:15 a.m. to noon in the church's convent meeting room, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. This is the church's first summer session of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program. Child care will be available during each class. Materials cost is \$60, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207, e-mailing swilliams@livoniastmichael.org or online at www.endowonline.com.

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There are some patients who have their joint pains for years. In most instances the pattern of that joint pain and the changes that occur over time in the joints, allows a doctor to make a diagnosis and institute treatment.

Thus, aching in the hands may precede rheumatoid arthritis, but usually in weeks to two months the finger joints swell in a manner that allows the doctor to make the diagnosis. The same holds for osteoarthritis and psoriatic arthritis: an onset of aching eventually gives way to joint inflammation sufficiently distinctive to identify the cause of the problem.

However, a small group of patients exist who carry their pain for years but change in the joints does not occur. Certain characteristics of this ongoing pain allow a physician to make a good estimate of the cause and how to treat it. For instance, in the case of the hands, if the pain is present over years but the individual has not noted any increase in glove size, then the likelihood of having a serious arthritis is small.

If swelling of the involved joint(s) occurs after vigorous activity, but the joint recovers overnight or within 12 hours, then the outlook is good. In contrast, if both hands swell periodically, then the likelihood is high that the person will have rheumatoid arthritis.

Individuals with joint pain over a prolonged period, with no eventual swelling probably have experienced an insult to the body that the body almost but not quite, has overcome. In such instances, the best medical treatment is to withhold drugs and allow the body to complete its work, even if that means waiting for months to years.

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Birmingham Groves

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

Brighton High School

Class of 1989
Planning a July 25 reunion, with buffet dinner, DJ and cash bar, at Barnstormer Entertainment Complex in Green Oak Township. Tickets \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Contact Kelley (Doan) Simpson at (269) 375-5773 or at email4kelley@yahoo.com, or see groups.yahoo.com/group/brighton-classof1989.

Clarenceville High School

All Class Reunion
10 a.m. to park closing, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno, Milford at South Martindale,

Shelter T. Bring a dish to pass for 1 p.m., potluck lunch. BYOB for adult beverages in non-glass containers. To help cut cost, feel free to bring a package of burgers, hot dogs, and buns. This invitation includes everyone who attended the Livonia Clarenceville School system. Staff and faculty also welcome. For more information, contact Walter Ragland II at wragland2@hotmail.com or (269) 720-5679.

Dearborn Fordson High School

Class of 1964
45th Reunion 6 p.m. to midnight (dinner at 7 p.m.) Aug. 8, 2009, at Stitt American Legion Post #232, 23850 Military, corner of Telegraph and Warren, Dearborn Heights. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$27 at the door. Casual attire. Beer, pop and DJ provided. BYOB and wine. RSVP and send payment by July 23, payable to Sylvia Skelton, 1607 Edwin, Westland, MI 48186. For information, contact (734) 326-3964 or silly1021@comcast.net, or Barb Weide at (734) 416-9176.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1969
40th Reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, at the Knights of Columbus O'Kelly Hall, 23663 Park Street,

Dearborn, 48124. Tickets are \$45 each. For information, call Tom Gillespie at (313) 418-6070 or e-mail Maryann (Taylor) Manduch at mmanduch@wideopenwest.com.

Dearborn Heights Riverside

Class of 1967
42-year reunion is planned for Sept. 18-19, 2009. Event includes: Friday night graduate-only get-together with pizza and salad (\$10) at DeLuca's, 27424 W. Warren Road, Westland; Saturday night dinner at Joy Manor, 28999 Joy Road, Westland. Tickets for Saturday event are \$35 per person. Contact Gerry Porta for more information at (734) 718-9401 or gwiatr@gmail.com.

Detroit Blessed Sacrament

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

Detroit Mumford

Class of 1959
50th Reunion Aug. 1, 2009, at Somersett Inn, Troy. For more information, visit www.mumford1959.myevent.com or call (248) 788-7008.

Detroit St. Brigid

Class of 1959
Planning a reunion and looking for

classmates. Contact szonyek@att.net with any information about classmates.

Detroit St. Casimir High School

Class of 1959
Planning a Sept. 13, 2009, class reunion. All upper and lower classmates invited. Contact Judy (Zimski) Coogan at JudyCoo@hotmail.com or (734) 675-0148, or Pete Rakowski at PJCruisin@wowway.com.

St. Thomas

Reunion for anyone who attended Detroit St. Thomas Apostle, 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009, at The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple, Troy. There will be a complete sit-down dinner including all drinks and music. The cost per person is \$45. For information, call Rose Ann Filar-Novik at (248) 770-1271.

North Farmington

Class of 1979
30-year reunion 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, July 18, at Centaur Martini Bar in Detroit. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail nfhs1979@gmail.com.

Garden City High School East

Class of 1959
3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 high school tour; 6:30 p.m. Albert's On The Alley;

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

Garden City High School

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

Class of 1989

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

Garden City West

Class of 1979
Holds a 30-year class reunion on Oct. 24, 2009 at the Hellenic Cultural Center on Joy Road in Westland. Classmates should register on the private Web site, <http://www.classcreator.com/Garden-City-MI-Garden-City-West-1979>, to get all information. Tickets will go on sale in the upcoming months on the Web site. E-mail questions to gcv79reunion@yahoo.com.

Lincoln Park High School

Looking for members of Lincoln Park High School class of 1958 for 50-year reunion. Contact Nancy, (313) 535-8777 or nc6897@sbcbglobal.net.

Livonia Bentley High School

Class of 1957
52-year reunion, Friday, June 19, with a tour at 3:30 p.m., of the Livonia Recreation Center, Hubbard and 5 Mile, and dinner at 5:30 p.m., at Subu's Leather Bottle, Farmington Road near 8 Mile. A morning game of golf has been planned for Saturday, June 20. Also on Saturday, at 2 p.m., a picnic will be held at Rotary Park on Six Mile. Call Nancy (Streeter) Thompson/Dick Thompson at (231) 264-5526 or e-mail nathomps@charter.net for details.

Class of 1959

50th Reunion Friday, Aug. 28, 2009; golf at noon at Downing Farms, \$20 followed by 6 p.m. barbecue at Downing Farms, \$10; Saturday, Aug. 29, Bentley High visit

at 11 a.m., free, and 50th Reunion Dinner at Walnut Creek Country Club at 6 p.m., \$40, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Walnut Creek Country Club, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$12. Hotels: Crown Plaza, Novi, (800) 227-6963, \$92, or Comfort Suites, Wixom, (248) 504-5070, \$69, mention Bentley High, Class of 1959, 50th Reunion. Call Jim "Cubby" Culbertson at (248) 446-0308 or e-mail jimculbertson@sbcbglobal.net.

Classes of 1968-1970

Combined class reunion Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Detroit-Livonia, I-275 and Six Mile. For details, visit www.bentley686970.org to e-mail, or call Connie (Scarlett) Flynn class of 1968 at (734) 812-7936, Bev (Valente) Wilkie class of 1969 at (248) 366-6492 or Colleen Siembor class of 1970 at (734) 455-1395.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969
A 40th high school reunion is in the planning stages. The dates are set for Nov. 13-15. For information, contact Kathy Nisun at (248) 363-5679 or e-mail kaynini@aol.com or Kathy Shoebridge at klivingstone@nu-core.com.

Class of 1989

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

Milford High School

Class of 1978
Planning a 30th reunion. Class members should contact the reunion committee as soon as possible. E-mail milford78@gmail.com.

Milford/Lakeland

Class of 1989
The two high schools team for a 20-year reunion, Saturday, July 25, at 59 West Banquet Facility. For more information visit www.lakeland89.com or www.milford89.com.

Mother Of Our Savior

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Aug. 15, 2009 at Monahan's K of C in Livonia. For more information, Call Joe McCauley at (734) 420-2898.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ENGINEERING SERVICES Community Development Block Grant

In compliance with Federal requirements, the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking proposals for Engineering Services to assist in the implementation of projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant program.

The Scope of Services shall include coordination and assistance of engineering matters and projects for the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant program, exclusive of road and large pavement projects, such as pedestrian bridge design, pathway location cross section and grading, design, field inspections and administration of sidewalk ramps, etc. All services shall conform to the laws and regulations of the United States Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program including all required ADA regulations. The term of contract shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Any firm desiring to be considered for this project and having the capabilities for this work shall submit three (3) copies of proposals containing information on the qualifications and experience of the firm. Proposals received will be reviewed against the following criteria:

1. Familiarity with the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant Program projects with evidence of experience with ADA compliance regulations.
2. Understanding and interpretation of project requirements and familiarity with federal rules and regulations of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
3. Success, if any, of the firm with respect to past performance on other work for the Charter Township of Plymouth.
4. The firm's prior experience with the Community Development Block Grant Program.
5. Professional experience of principal personnel which will be assigned to the Charter Township of Plymouth specific projects.
6. Availability of adequate staffing levels, staff resources and present work load to complete the projects as assigned.
7. Geographical proximity of the main office or the active branch to the Charter Township of Plymouth.
8. Pricing information.

All proposals shall be submitted to the Division of Public Services to the attention of Patrick Fellrath, Township Engineer, Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 prior to 4:00 pm on Monday, June 29, 2009, and clearly marked "CDBG PROJECT PROPOSAL-ENGINEERING".

Award of this project shall be based solely on evaluation of these initial proposals. Proposals shall contain pricing information. Costs for these Engineering Services will be negotiated with the selected firm.

The Charter Township of Plymouth will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status or handicap. The Charter Township of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part, any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and to act in the best interests as determined by the Plymouth Township Board. This announcement is being made for the purpose of conforming to the United States Housing and Urban Development Procurement Regulation 40 CFR Part 85.36.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ROAD ENGINEERING SERVICES Community Development Block Grant

In compliance with Federal requirements, the Charter Township of Plymouth is seeking proposals for Engineering Services to assist in the implementation of roadway and other large pavement projects funded through the Community Development Block Grant program.

The Scope of Services shall include coordination and assistance of the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant program specific to roadways and other large pavement projects. This shall include coordination, design, field inspections, staking, administration and any other related engineering services. All services shall conform to the laws and regulations of the United States Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant program including all required ADA regulations. The term of contract shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Any firm desiring to be considered for this project and having the capabilities for this work shall submit three (3) copies of proposals containing information on the qualifications and experience of the firm. Proposals received will be reviewed against the following criteria:

1. Familiarity with the Charter Township of Plymouth's Community Development Block Grant Program projects.
2. Understanding and interpretation of project requirements and familiarity with federal rules and regulations of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
3. Success, if any, of the firm with respect to past performance on other work for the Charter Township of Plymouth.
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Verizon Wireless proposes to construct a 100-foot tall monopole telecommunications tower and equipment compound located at 40111 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Verizon Wireless invites comments from any interested party regarding the likelihood that the proposed construction would adversely affect historic properties. Comments may be sent to: G2 Consulting Group, LLC, Attn: K. Bouchard 1866 Woodslee Drive, Troy, MI 48083. Comments must be received by June 30, 2009.

Published: June 11, 2009

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Milk Products for the 2009-2010 school year. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Jim Larson-Shidler in the PCCS Business Office at (734) 416-2740. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClendon Educational Center (attn: Milk Products Bid), 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48187 on or before 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 23, 2009. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JUNE 15-21

Educational seminar

Coronary Artery Disease: Advances in Treatment, a free educational seminar presented by St. Mary Hospital at the Livonia Community Recreation Center 10-11 a.m. Monday, June 15. The speaker is Ed Motley, Manager Heart and Vascular Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Registration required. Call (734) 655-8950.

Fibromyalgia and chronic pain

Health class takes place 7 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. No charge but limited to 15 guests. Reservations requested. Call (734) 756-6904. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, chiropractor and holistic physician.

ALS of Michigan fund-raiser

Join ALS of Michigan (Lou Gehrig's Disease) for its 4th Annual Lou Gehrig Day at Comerica Park 4:05 p.m. Saturday, June 20. A limited number of tickets are still available for this nationally televised game between our Detroit Tigers and the Milwaukee Brewers. Proceeds will enable the nonprofit to provide Michigan programs and services to benefit people with ALS and their families. It also helps support research into the cause, treatment and cure of this devastating disease. Two ticket packages are available at \$50 and \$100 per person, and include a ticket and a commemorative Lou Gehrig Day T-shirt. The \$100 package includes a baseball buffet luncheon and silent auction at Hockeystown Café from 1:30 p.m. to game time, with several retired Detroit Tigers on hand for a special meet-and-greet. For information and to order tickets, call (800) 882-5764, Ext. 225, or visit www.alsfmichigan.org.

ALS attacks the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord that control the ability to move, speak, swallow and eventually breathe, while the mind stays fully aware. Gehrig, the legendary New York Yankee, succumb to the

disease.

JUNE 22-28

The key to health

7 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at Whole Foods, 7350 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield. The key to health is a fully functioning digestive system. The key to restoring health naturally will be discussed along with simple solutions. Limited to 20 guests. For reservations, call (734) 756-6904. Presented by Dr. Carol Ann Fischer, chiropractor and holistic physician. No charge.

Lumbar Spinal Stenosis

Learn about getting relief from this medical condition that is caused by gradual narrowing of the spinal canal, at an educational event, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, at Botsford Hospital's Administration Building, Community Room 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. This is an opportunity for patients with spinal stenosis to meet with an expert and learn more about the management and treatment of their disease. (877) 477-DOCI

ONGOING

Fitness classes

Exercise classes for men and women continue through April at the Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty, north of Five Mile. Jeanie Weaver is a certified personal fitness trainer with 30 years of teaching/training experience. The sessions infuse Pilates, functional strength training, balance work, flexibility and motivational techniques in a 90-day fitness plan. Call (248) 446-9176 or (313) 300-0957. E-mail jeanieweaver@charter.net.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meet 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Courtyard Room at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia; and 7 p.m. Sundays at the Marion Professional Building at St. Mary's Hospital, 14555 Levan at Five Mile, Livonia, in Classroom 1. Call (313) 387-9797. Anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively

is welcome. For more Greater Detroit Overeaters Anonymous information call (248) 559-7722 or visit www.ooa.org.

Breast cancer support group

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

Caregivers support group

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

Wayne metro caregiver support

Are you a caregiver of an aging parent, spouse or relative? Wayne Metro's Caregiver Support Groups offer assistance to those struggling to find or give quality care to their loved ones. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon, at the Kay Beard Building on Michigan Ave., Westland. Meetings are also held at the Village of Redford on Six Mile. The morning group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the second Thursday of the month; the evening group meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Adult care may also be available. Call Nancy Coman at (313) 843-2550, Ext. 233.

Parkinson Support

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

CPR classes

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Arthritis support group

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

Tai Chi classes

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

Recovery, Inc.

The support group meets at 10 a.m., Wednesdays at Prince of Peace Church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc. is an international, non-profit, self-help, community-based organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

Self-help meetings in Livonia run 7:30 p.m. Mondays, St. Matthew's Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile; 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft; and 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard. Call (313) 561-2521 or visit www.recovery-inc.org. No charge, contributions collected.

Low vision support group

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

Arthritis Foundation programs

Winter classes begin for warm-water and land-based exercise programs, Tai Chi, and a six-week series that offers keys to successful arthritis self-management, in Canton, Redford and Westland. Call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

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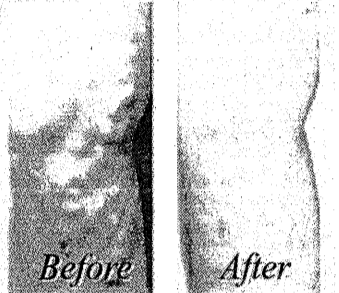
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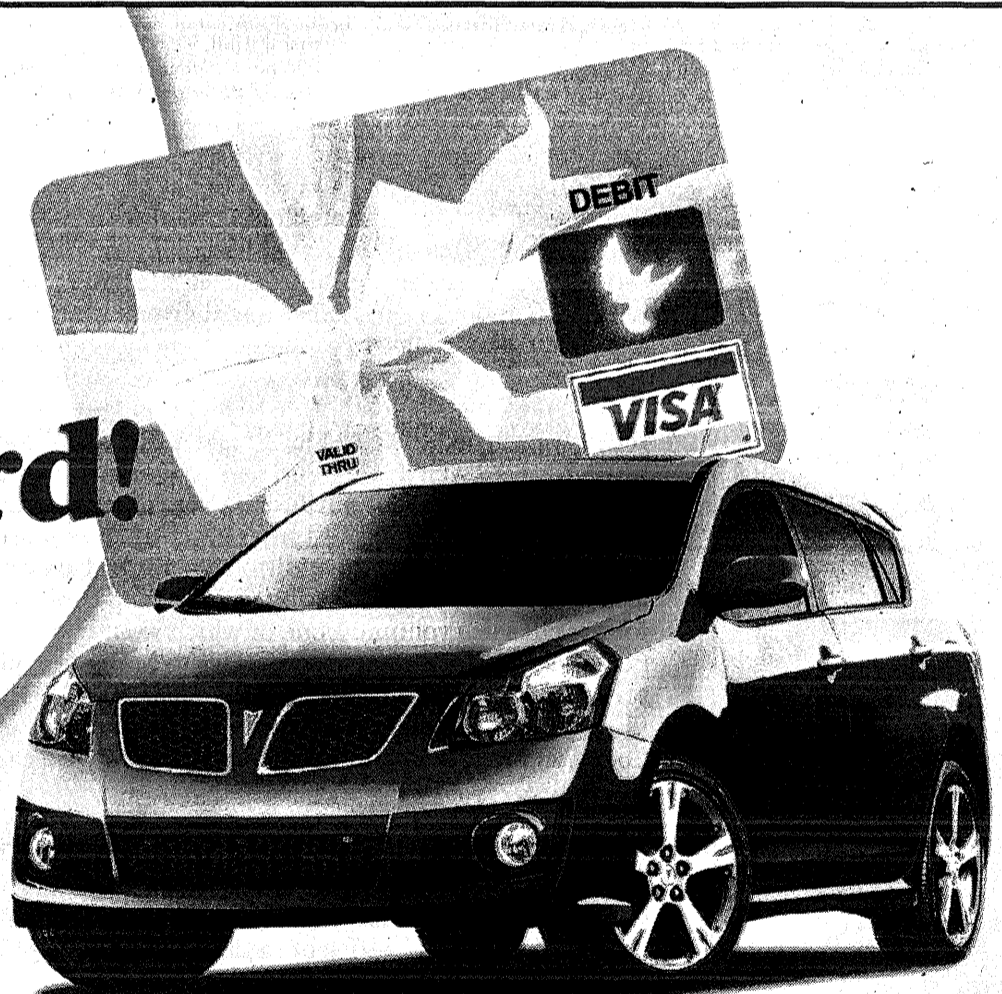
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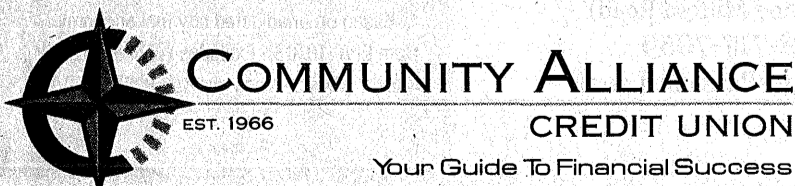
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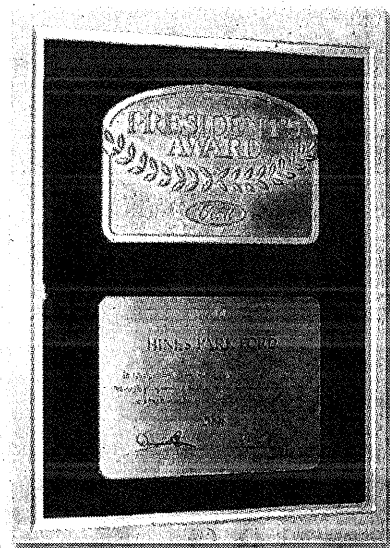
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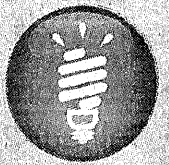
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- 9 Dash off
- 12 Pleased sigh
- 13 Mocking
- 14 Blyth or Sothem
- 15 Swimsuit piece
- 16 Vineyard valley
- 17 Peak discoverer
- 18 Consume to no avail
- 20 College deg.
- 21 Bit — bit
- 23 Dit partner
- 24 Outback dweller
- 28 Numskull
- 30 Kind of glance
- 32 Bruins
- 34 Polynesian plants
- 35 Shake —
- 36 Lobster —
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- 40 Radio noise
- 41 Pinch
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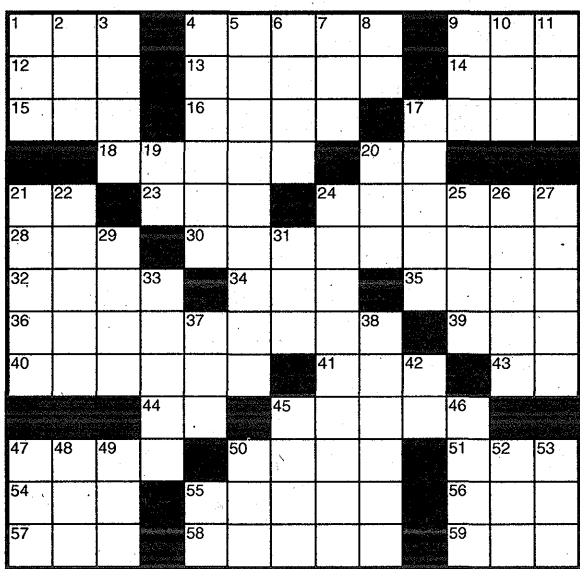
DOWN

- 1 Quick punch
- 2 Flair for music
- 3 Warm spell in winter
- 4 Sunflower grower
- 5 Showing little or no emotion
- 6 Egad!
- 7 Compilation
- 8 Metric wt.
- 9 Yes, in Yokohama
- 10 Pen contents
- 11 Vane dir.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 27 — on (incited)
- 29 Tiny jumper
- 31 Relief
- 33 — craftsy
- 37 Woody's ex
- 38 Dishwasher cycles
- 42 Film rating
- 45 Roast pig repast
- 46 Face shape
- 47 No.
- 48 One, to Conchita
- 49 Midnight teller
- 50 Dept. head
- 52 201, to Claudius
- 53 Dixie fighter
- 55 Beside or near

SUDOKU

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6	3	7	9	8	2	9	1	
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8	7	2	6	1	9	9	8	7
3	1	9	7	8	6	9	2	
7	9	6	2	9	6	1	7	8
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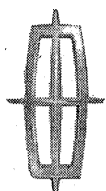
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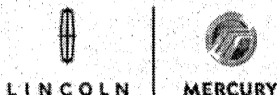


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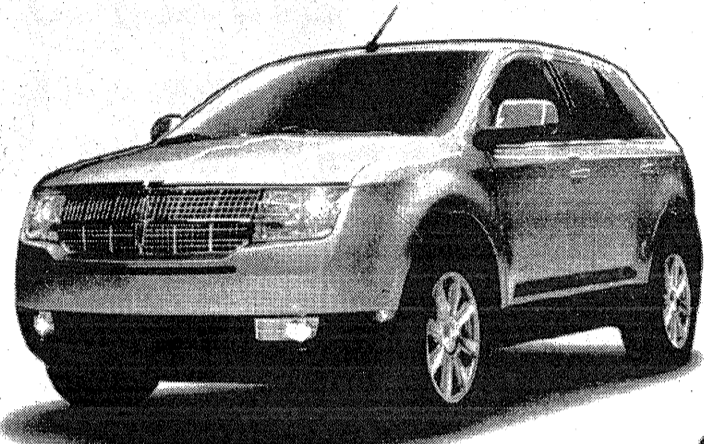
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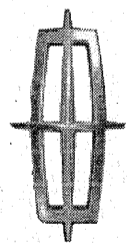
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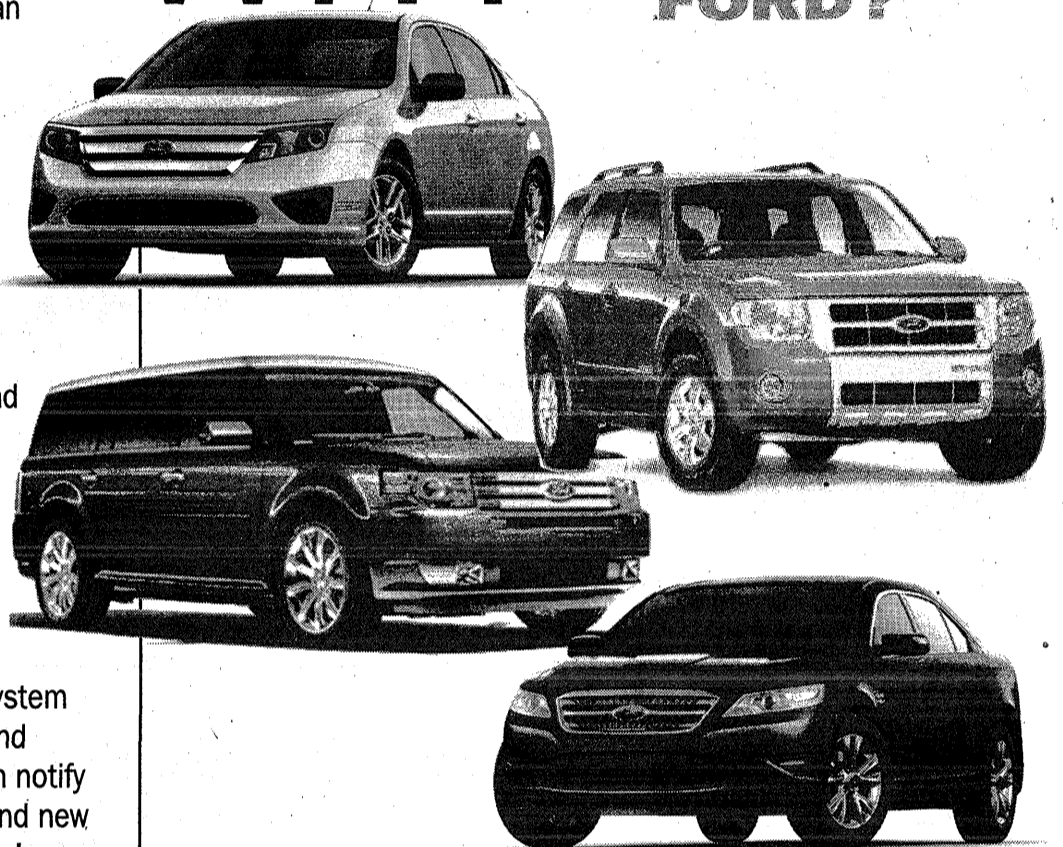
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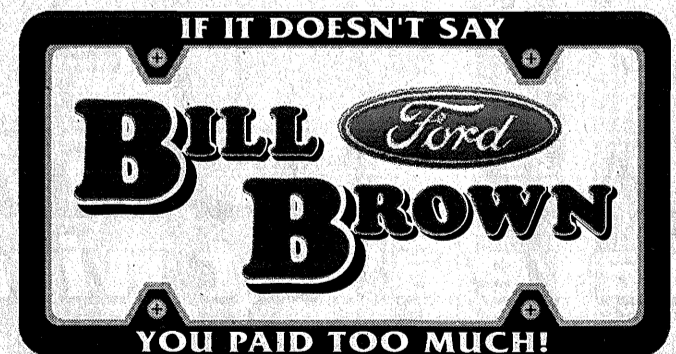
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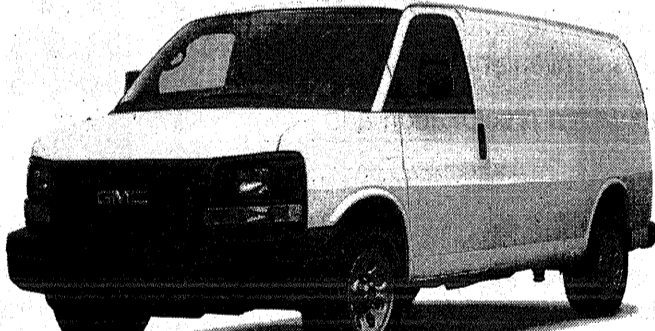
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