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Original Munchkin

Karl Slover at 4 foot 4 the shortest of the original Munchkins in the 1939 movie *The Wizard of Oz* will be at Michigan Made for the annual Plymouth After Dark event 5 p.m. Friday Aug 8

Slover 82 will be available for photos autographs and stories It's part of Michigan Made's celebrating *The Wizard of Oz* event in conjunction with After Dark the annual event sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

Michigan Made is located at 830 W Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth For more information call (734) 207 8794

Scholarship

Officials at American Legion Post 390 of Plymouth awarded a \$5 000 scholarship to Canton High School graduate Angela Tablac

Tablac who plans to go to Northwestern and pursue a journalism career maintained a 4.0238 grade point average graduated first in her class and edited the school news paper



The scholarship is awarded on the basis of scholarship and leadership qualities and a 3.5 GPA or better Applicants must also have a parent grandparent or immediate family member serving in the U.S. military

Tablac was one of 42 applicants A committee of three past post commanders Robert Armstrong Charles Master and Richard Allen and Salem High School counselor Jan Dersey picked the winner

Blues fest

The Lower Town Grill in Plymouth will be the site of the Lowertown Blues Fest to benefit the Detroit Music Awards Show in April 2004

The blues festival takes place at Lower Town Thursday Aug 7 with doors opening at 6 and showtime at 7:30 p.m.

The show will feature Wixom Slim & The Wyze Gyze Shirley Franklin and Delta Drive the Sax Maniacs Jerry Mack and the Terraplanes Stoney Mazur and the Westsiders and Val Ventro and the Motorcity V8 Thayne X of the Bone Conduction Blues Show will host

Sponsors include Lower Town Grill the Motor City Music Foundation the Blues Society Wave Records the Detroit Music Awards and No Cover Productions

Admission is \$5 Lower Town Grill is located at 195 W Liberty in Plymouth For more information e-mail Nancy Schoenheide at motorcitymysic@hotmail.com or call (248) 486 3424

Model Ts parade in Plymouth

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Logging at best 200 miles per day and traveling at a top speed of 35 miles per hour, a Model T Ford would not be a driver's first choice for getting from point A to point B quickly

But for Model T owners, it's all about the style, taking your sweet time along less-traveled roads and, of course, curb appeal All these attributes were evident Friday afternoon in downtown Plymouth as the antique cars, called "Tin Lizzies" in their day, parked along-side Kellogg Park, attracting crowds of onlookers Sunny skies and 80-plus degree temperatures helped make for a thriving crowd

"They're old they're running and they look good," said Greg Gardner of Plymouth, as he eyed Model Ts parked along Penniman, in front of the Penn Theater

Gardner was among those coming to Plymouth just to see the Model Ts Another self-proclaimed Model T fan was Bob Kohl of Canton

Model Ts are unique in their own way, Bob Kohl said

Kohl's son, Rob, visiting from Napa Valley, Calif., said he liked seeing the different variations in models

Nearly 250 Model Ts were expected in downtown Plymouth as part of Model T Ford Club International tour Members hail from states as far east as North Carolina Local stops along the Hines Drive cruise included Greenfield Village, Northville and Henry Ford's Dearborn estate

The Model T was produced between 1908 and 1927 and was touted as a vehi-



PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Blake Abbey and his grandfather, Allen Young, check out the Model Ts parked along Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth

cle for the masses because of its affordable cost

Just as cars are constantly being improved upon now, the same was true in the days of the Model T, said Morris Cameron, of Ashland, Va

Cameron said that his 1920 Model T has demountable tire rims, making tire changing easier than in earlier models

Another improvement to his car was a water bag hanging from the rear - which he said has multiple uses

It's good for if the wife makes too much noise or needs to wash the bugs off her teeth, he said jokingly Its official use is for cooling the engine if it overheats

Model Ts are not low-maintenance cars, despite their relatively simple design and uncluttered dashboards When it rains, wipers need to be operated by hand All have manual transmission, which means stick shifts

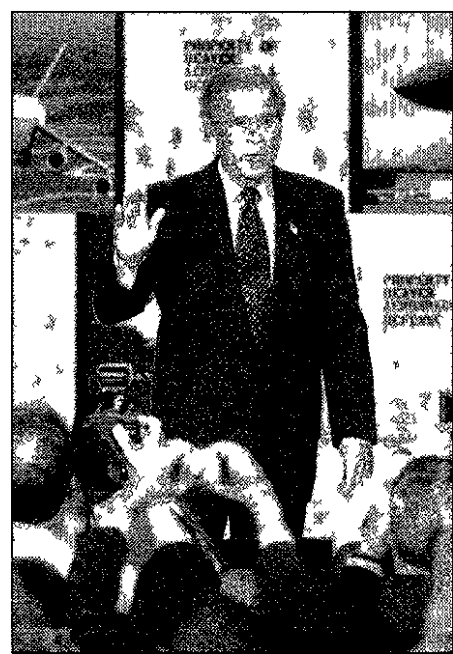
Simplicity is all part of the appeal, though, said Ken Gibson of Acton, Ontario, which is west of Toronto

PLEASE SEE MODEL T, A6



Robert Slee from London, Ontario, checks his manifold cooker where turkey stew has been cooking using heat from the manifold as he drove His car is a 1927 Model T Tudor

President Bush stumps in area



LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
President George W. Bush waves to audience as he walks on stage at Beaver Aerospace and Defense in Livonia

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

President George W. Bush received a rock star's greeting when he bounded onto the stage Some 700 people, attired in blue business suits and blue collar uniforms, cheered and waved flags then quickly grew quiet to listen to the president

Most were employees of Phillips Service Industries in Livonia, and gathered at Beaver Aerospace & Defense (owned by PSI), in a building which normally houses the machinery to build parts for jets and missiles

Employees found out about the President's visit a week before the Thursday afternoon event, and the company went into nonstop motion, preparing for its distinguished guest

"We were really busy, but it was worth it The biggest challenge came a couple of days before the president got here, and the secret service agents came in to

PLEASE SEE PRESIDENT, A6

Citizen petition drive targets township hall funding

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The group of citizens pressing to put the issuance of municipal bonds for a new Township Hall to a vote of the people is pushing ahead with its petition drive as their 45-day clock continues to tick

Citizens for a Responsive

Government are questioning township officials who want to issue some \$6 million in municipal bonds to help pay for the \$12 million project They have until just after Labor Day to gather 2,050 signatures - 10 percent of the township's 20,505 registered voters - in order to force the issue to a ballot

PLEASE SEE PETITION, A7

Plymouth handed federal fire grant

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Paying the costs of training, equipment and such is a lot easier when someone else is kicking

in some of the money That's what happened for the Plymouth Community Fire Department, which will receive a \$66,000 grant from the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security for fire operations and firefighter safety The grant was

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LOOKING AHEAD
A highland fling
In Thursday's Filter section read how Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village will host the 154th annual Highland Games



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BLOOD DRIVE

The Plymouth post office sponsors a blood drive and bone marrow registry at its Beck Road office 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Postal officials said they're sponsoring the event because of a shortage of blood in southeast Michigan and to make marrow transplants available to all. Potential donors can call to make an appointment, but walk-ins are also welcome.

For more information, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111.

GOLDLOCKS AND THE BEARS

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* at its newly renovated location Aug. 5-Sept. 14.

Show times are at 10:30 a.m. weekdays and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Tickets to all public performances are \$7.50.

For ticket information or group rates, call the theatre, (248) 349-8110. The theatre is located at 135 E. Main in downtown Northville.

WILD WEDNESDAYS

The folks at Oasis Golf Center are trying to help local kids cure the summertime blues by offering entertainment one day a week.

For a cost of \$12, kids will be able to enjoy unlimited miniature golf and driving range privileges, pizza, pop and ice cream 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Wednesday.

"We hope to become a great alternative for parents to drop off their kids with us as opposed to the usual mall or movie theater," said Cara Gray, director of marketing.

Children 9 and younger must be accompanied by an

adult. Oasis Golf Center is located at 39500 Five Mile Road.

STRINGS CAMP

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra sponsors a 'Summertime Strings Camp' 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Aug. 11-12 at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

The two-day camp includes orchestra, group sessions for each instrument, scale class, conducting class and recreational activities. Instructors include Lindsay Reimer and musical director/conductor Nan Washburn.

Camp fee is \$100. Register by Aug. 4 or obtain more information by calling (734) 451-2112 or (734) 394-5484. The Summit on the Park is located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

PLYMOUTH AFTER DARK

The Plymouth Community

Chamber of Commerce hosts its third annual "Plymouth After Dark: When the Stars Come Out" event Friday, Aug. 8 from 7:30-11 p.m.

Live music by Bobby Lewis and the Crackerjack Band starts at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park. Some of the "stars" expected include the Flintstones, Clark Gable, Scarlet O'Hara, Marilyn Monroe, Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks and others.

The event will include free entertainment, music on the street corners, and limousine rides from store to store. Papparazzi will welcome the 'stars' to town to officially kick off the event at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

MIRACLE NETWORK

The Sports Club of Novi Gymnastics makes the Children's Miracle Network, gymnastics and kids a priority during National Gymnastics Day Aug. 2.

The Sports Club of Novi joins thousands of organizations across the country in celebrating the fourth-annual National Gymnastics Day. The money raised at this event will benefit Children's Miracle Network.

Children's Miracle Network, which keeps the money in the community, is the alliance of 170 children's hospitals in North America. Those hospitals treat 17 million children each year for every disease and condition imaginable, including cancer, pediatric AIDS, muscular dystrophy, heart dis-

ease, leukemia, sickle cell anemia, asthma and accident trauma.

The event takes place between 11 a.m.-1 p.m., with children of all ages and abilities invited to donate any amount of money to Children's Miracle Network at the gymnastics entrance Aug. 2. Then they can enjoy a fun and exciting artistic and rhythmic gymnastics class. Children will rotate to different activities every 10 minutes.

Individuals donating \$25 or more are eligible to win prizes in a drawing. Several prizes have been donated by generous Sports Club of Novi employees, including a personal training session, a massage, a private swim lesson, a pilates training session, a private gymnastics lesson and more.

Jennifer Sturgis of Novi will do a brief gymnastics exhibition at noon, followed by an autograph session. Sturgis is joining the Western Michigan Women's Gymnastics team in the fall.

MONEY PLANNER

Franchise expert Mark Cory, owner and operator of the FranNet (Franchise Network) - Detroit office, will speak at the OLC Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, July 28, in the social hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial Road.

Cory will speak on "Turning Your Entrepreneurial Dream into Reality." His talk will focus on why individuals should start their own businesses, a

comparison of franchise vs independent business, back-chasing and tips on safely researching and selecting the right business opportunity.

Admission to the talk is free. The public is invited.

For information or directions to the presentation, call Ed Walton at (734) 634-2245 or the church office at (734) 453-0326.

POSTCARD BOOK

Officials at the Plymouth Historical Museum announced the release of a new book by Arcadia Press, "Plymouth In Vintage Postcards." The book is full of hundreds of images of Plymouth as printed in postcards from two centuries.

The postcards include many views of downtown Plymouth as it has changed over the years, postcards of historic homes, parks, businesses, people and more.

The origin of postcards stems from 1898 when Congress passed legislation allowing the private printing and mailing of postcards, museum officials said. At that time, cards could be printed from personal pictures when you had your photos developed. One option was to have the picture made into a postcard with a divided line on the back for the address on one side and any message on the other. Cards could be mailed for penny postage.

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Friends mourn Canton officer

Service for police veteran set at Plymouth Township church

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Funeral services for Canton Police Officer Gordon Lewis Stevens will be 11 a.m. Monday, July 28, at NorthRidge Church, Ridge and Territorial roads, in Plymouth Township.

Visitation will be today (Sunday, July 27) from noon to 9 p.m. at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton. Stevens, 52, was killed on Wednesday afternoon when his parked patrol vehicle was struck from behind by a car driven by a 23-year-old Kentucky resident. The crash occurred on Lotz Road just north of Van Born in Canton.

He was the first officer in the 25-year history of the department to die in the line of duty.

The driver and two occupants of the other vehicle are in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, where the driver is under police custody. According to Michigan State Police, who are handling the investigation of the incident, all are in stable condition.

As of Friday afternoon, state police had not completed their investigation. They would not release details or indicate whether charges would be filed.

Stevens, a 25-year-veteran of the department, was a member of the first reserve force that was formed in 1976. For two years the officers

patrolled the streets (mostly dirt roads) of Canton from 5-11 p.m. in cars that were used by the public works department in the daytime.

They all served without pay until a full-time department was established in 1978 after voters approved a millage.

Dan Anteau, one of those original officers who retired a couple of weeks ago, remembered Stevens as someone who loved his job.

"He showed up every day looking forward to going to work," Anteau said. "He was a class act."

His voice choked and tears welled in his eyes as he remembered his fallen comrade.

"If you wanted something done, you could depend on him to do it," he said. "If somebody needed to be trained, he'd step right in and volunteer. If you needed something followed up on, he would take charge and get it done."

Stevens had just started his 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. shift on Wednesday when he pulled his patrol car off to the shoulder of Lotz Road to check on a vehicle that appeared to have been abandoned in some tall grass.

He returned to his car to run the information through LEIN (the Law Enforcement Information Network) and while sitting in his vehicle, another car topped a small hill heading south on Lotz and plowed into Stevens' patrol unit.

A passing citizen called Canton



Gordon Lewis Stevens, a 25-year-veteran of the department, was a member of the first reserve force that was formed in 1976.

Police to notify them of the accident.

Stevens was partially thrown from the car, which was extensively damaged. He was taken to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne where he was pronounced dead about an hour after the accident.

"When you hear about something like this, your first hope is it's not serious," Anteau said. "Then you hope it's not someone you know. When I found out it was Lew it was like someone just kicked me in the gut."

Bob Greenstein, Canton's first police chief and now a semi-retired attorney, said he had similar feelings.

"I was in a parking lot at a Canton shopping center talking with another police officer," Greenstein said. "The report came over the radio. We both heard it together. It was like someone hit me with a car."

Greenstein was the township supervisor when the reserve police unit was formed and was also appointed police chief since, as a lawyer, he had some legal experience.

Stevens was among the first 15 people to be hired by Greenstein.

"He was probably one of the nicest guys I've met in my life," he said. "He was always a gentleman, always kind. I've never met anyone who didn't believe this guy was the ultimate police professional."

Canton Police Capt. Laura Golles, commander of the patrol division to which Stevens was assigned, remembered him as a "great guy with a good sense of humor—a real easy-going, nice person."

Golles said she had known Stevens for the 23 years she has been with the department.

The patrol division was hard hit by the news, she said.

"It had a heavy impact here," she said. "This was our first line of duty death."

She said the mood around the department on Friday was not one of anger but of disbelief.

"We know what we might expect when we enter a high-risk situation," she said. "But this was a routine thing, nothing out of the ordinary, nothing that could call for high-risk service," she said. "He was stopping to check a parked vehicle. That's not high risk."

And police chaplain Wayne Byrum, whose years with the department have been spent delivering death messages to families of accident victims or others who have died in incidents investigated by police, said this was the first time he ever had to deliver such a message to an officer's family.

"When I got a call from dispatch about a possible fatal accident involving four people, one a police officer, I asked who the officer was and they said 'Lew,'" Byrum recalled.

"I said 'Lew Stevens?' How is he? They said it didn't look good."

Byrum had known Stevens and his wife, Karen, for 17 years.

"I was just shaking," he said. "I've known him for years. I've been on runs with him in the car. I was just devastated."

Byrum will officiate at the funeral. In addition to his wife, Stevens is survived by his father, Gordon E. Stevens of Canton, a sister, Carolyn (Eric) Lehr, a sister-in-law, Katherine (Mark) Trupp, and three nephews and nieces.

The family asks that memorials be in the form of contributions to the Michigan Humane Society.

Valvoline partners with Habitat

Valvoline Instant Oil Change and Habitat for Humanity-Detroit are teaming up this summer to build a Habitat for Humanity house in Detroit's Tri-Centennial Village, a 16-block neighborhood located in Core City neighborhood on Detroit's near west side.

Valvoline Instant Oil Change, located at 44075 Ford Road in Canton, is offering a free car wash Tuesday, July 29 to help raise the remaining \$5,000 needed to sponsor their house at Habitat for Humanity's Detroit's Blitz Build 2003.

During this day-long event, Valvoline Instant Oil Change will be offering free car washes, Valvoline authentic car haulers

with a donation of \$20, and Mark Martin murals with a \$50 donation. All of the donations made will go toward the remaining \$5,000 needed.

"This has been an excellent opportunity for the employees of the Valvoline Instant Oil Change team to come together to give back to the community," said Bob St. Jacques, Valvoline Instant Oil Change regional manager. "We are very excited to be a part of this Habitat for Humanity project and contribute to the revitalization of Detroit's neighborhoods."

"We are very pleased to work with Valvoline to support families in need of affordable housing," said Tim Hudson, development director

of Habitat for Humanity Detroit. "The employees at the Valvoline Instant Oil Change centers are really going out of their way to help a family in need while strengthening an entire community."

Habitat for Humanity Detroit is hosting Blitz Build 2003 the week of Sept. 6-13, where Habitat for Humanity Detroit and hundreds of partners will be contributing funds, skills and leadership to construction of 14-16 single-family, decent, safe, affordable houses in partnership with Detroit families in need. VIOC will be one of the house sponsors.

For more information about this project, please visit www.habitatdetroit.org

Popular act back for 'Music in the Park 2003' concert series

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's "Music in the Park 2003" series continues Wednesday with a noon performance in Kellogg Park.

The concerts, designed to promote music and children in the park, are also sponsored by New Liberty Bank and the City of Plymouth.

The remaining concert schedule:

- July 30 - Guy Lous, Chautauqua Express
- Aug. 6 - The Clelands
- Aug. 13 - elmoTHUMM

■ Aug. 20 - Zak Morgan

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 Sheldon. For more information on the concert series, visit <http://plymoutharts.com> or www.storytellerdesign.com/musicpark.html. Information about the performers is available at www.storytellerdesign.com/musicperformers.html. For more information call (734) 416-4278.

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Special Olympics classic an annual favorite City OKs nonunion pay hike

For the 15th consecutive year Canton has hosted the Summer Sports Classic — the annual Special Olympics State Softball and Golf tournament. This year more than 1,600 athletes, coaches and their families attended the games at the Canton Softball Center on Michigan Avenue.

"The tournament originally started out to be the accumulation of end-of-the-year programs for softball," said tournament co-director Terry Jobbitt. "Then it became the state tournament. This is the biggest tournament for Special Olympics."

The golf tournament was added a few years later and the name was changed to the Summer Sports Classic.

The tournament featured athletes, both male and female, ranging in age from 8 through adult.

The event is competitive but a great source of camaraderie for the participants. There are no male or female divisions and no age divisions. It's all



Coach Jason Ouellette of Sterling Heights (left) takes a break with members of his team — Tracey Jenkins of Plymouth (right), Billy Ardt of Livonia and Bailey Fox of Plymouth — to play Uno before playing their baseball game.

based on ability according to Jobbitt.

"Girls and boys play together and an 8-year-old might be

playing along with a 16-year-old," he said.

Events got under way on Friday and the golf tourney

took place at Pineview Golf Course in Ypsilanti.

The weekend long competitions included a home run derby, softball games, softball skills competition and ice skating at the Arctic Edge.

A dance was held Friday night at Summit on the Park

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth city commission on Monday approved a 3-percent wage hike for non-union employees working for the city.

"We have budgeted for the 3-percent increase in our new fiscal year budget, which amounts to \$37,667," said City Manager Paul Sincock in a memo to the city commission.

"This action would not affect union employees or the city manager, who have other contractual agreements with the city."

The pay adjustments for the 30 non-union workers will be retroactive to July 1. Any employee who exceeds the salary range for any position will receive a 3-percent increase that will not be added to the base pay.

At the June 16 city commission meeting, Sincock asked for a 3-percent wage increase for non-union employees. However, commissioners voted 3-2 to give a 3-percent bonus instead of a pay raise, and then rescinded the bonus when Sincock indicated the

bonus would alter bargaining strategies with the unions.

Meanwhile, contract negotiations are continuing between the city of Plymouth and two of its unions.

City Manager Paul Sincock said he's holding discussions with the four-member Police Command Officers union, and the Teamsters, which represent municipal services workers plus three Zamboni operators at the Cultural Center. Both contracts expired July 1.

The city commission delayed a request for the transfer of a Class C liquor license belonging to the Lower Town Grill on Liberty Street in Old Village.

Nick Hermann of Novi is purchasing the business, but not the building, from Kim Guenther.

However, despite assurances the taxes from 2001 and 2002 will be paid, the commission refused to give conditional approval until personal and real property arrears of more than \$14,500 have been remunerated.

The city commission will review the liquor license transfer at its Aug. 4 meeting.

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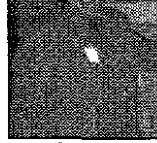
Laura Nickel Gadzag

Laura Gadzag, 41, of Canton died on July 12, 2003, at home. Laura was born Sept. 10, 1961, in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She worked as a secretary in the medical field.

Survivors include sons David, Ryan, and Adam, parents Lawrence and Dorothy Nickel, brother, Bill, and faithful companion, David Taylor. Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton Chapel.

Grace "Johnnie" Antoinette

Crosby
A memorial service for Johnnie Crosby, 87, of Livonia (formerly of Plymouth) will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council in Plymouth.



Mrs. Crosby was born Feb. 11, 1916, in White Plains, N.Y. and died July 21 in Livonia. She graduated from Cornell University with an undergraduate degree in nutrition.

She also received a master's of fine art degree from Eastern

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She was a well-known artist who loved to paint watercolors. She had many shows including an exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts and was named a finalist in the poster design competition. She also was featured at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Hawan Watercolor Society. She received several awards for her paintings, which were published in a book of outstanding artists. She perfected her craft in Greece, Mexico, Spain and Hawaii. She also loved to write short stories.

Mrs. Crosby was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Crosby. Survivors include children, Robert (Sara) Crosby of Kalkaska and Russell (Monica) Crosby of Plymouth, grandchildren, Christopher Crosby of Frederick, Mich., Bill (Shawn) Crosby of Grand Blanc and Matthew Crosby of Plymouth, great-granddaughter, Emma, and sisters, Anna (Joseph) Valentine of Bridgewater, Conn., Mary Hamp of Milham, Hawaii, and Catherine Johnson of Livingston, N.J.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Johnnie Crosby Art Memorial Fund or the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements made by

Schrader-Howell Funeral Home

Sheila L. Wiggins
Services for Sheila Wiggins, 27, of South Lyon, were held July 21 at the Plymouth Baptist Church in Plymouth with the Rev. Bill Barber officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Sheila was born March 9, 1976, in Ann Arbor and died July 17 in Pittsfield Township. She was a veterinary technician at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic in Northville. She came to the South Lyon community in 1992 from Canton. She was a member of MENSA, loved animals, cooking and music.

Survivors include parents, Gerald and Diane Wiggins of South Lyon, brothers and sisters, Neil (Denise) Wiggins of Hope, Mich., Brian (Robyn) Wiggins of Redford, Lon (Keith) Shade of Canton, and Deborah (Rob) Gardner of Canton, grandfather, Charles Pace of Clarkston, several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

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Daniel Michael Saxton
Services for Daniel Saxton, 38, of Plymouth were held July 17 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim McNulty officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. Mr. Saxton was born Feb. 22, 1965 in Livonia and died July 13 in Plymouth. He was a Project Manager for Exhibit Works of Livonia.

Survivors include wife, Lee Ann Sexton of Plymouth, daughters, Samantha Sexton, Abigail Sexton, and Elizabeth Sexton, parents, Richard (Patricia) Sexton, brothers, Philip Sexton, Thomas (Michelle) Sexton, David (Cheryl) Sexton, and Stephen (Sarah) Sexton, many cousins, nieces and nephews, and mother-in-law, Mona Riddell. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Frederick Oswald Hanson
Services for Frederick Hanson, 92, of Canton, were held July 23 at the Old

Apostolic Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with William Scheffler officiating. Burial was at Cherry Hill Cemetery in Canton.

Mr. Hanson was born June 22, 1911, in Boston, Mich., and died July 19 in Superior Township. He came to the Plymouth community in 1951 from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He was active as a carpenter, builder and artisan in wood until his death. He was known for his innovative construction ideas in furniture and decorative wooden boxes. His family was most important to him. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and cousin.

Mr. Hanson was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Hanson. Survivors include children, Leon (Sandy) Hanson of

Plymouth, Lisa (Erik) Salonen of Windsor, Ontario, Madehne (Eero) Salonen of Windsor, Ontario, and Nancy Hanson of Royal Oak, grandchildren, Christie Banners, Karl Hanson, Tom Hanson, Erka McArthur, Stuart Salonen, Elizabeth Salonen, Ingalls Salonen, Stefan Salonen, and Francine Salonen, great-grandson, Elliott McArthur, sisters and brother, Martha Koskela of L'Anse, Selma Murto of L'Anse, Roy Hanson of L'Anse, and Ruth Hanson of L'Anse.

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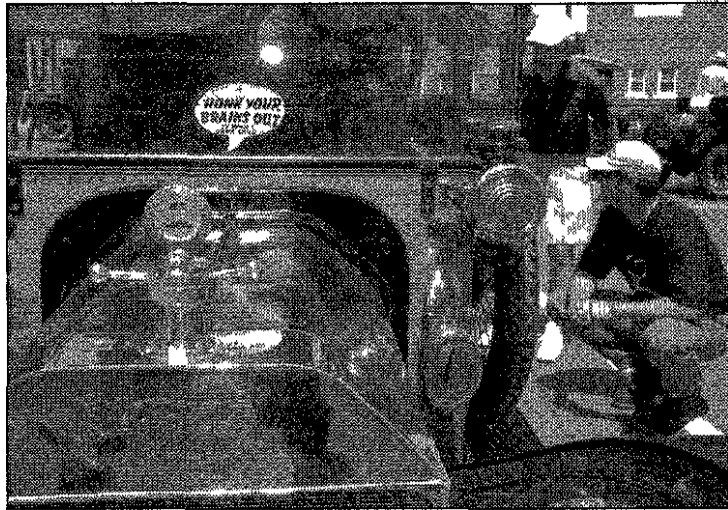
"With no radio in the car it's real peaceful," said Gibson, who was riding with his wife, Phyllis.

A Model T owner from Menasha, Minn., who didn't give his name, said that not everyone appreciates the car's simplicity.

"I've had (drivers) flip me off and call me names - they don't like being behind them," he said.

But the drivers who like the vintage autos are much more dangerous, he said, as they pass him to eyeball his set of wheels - sometimes nearly causing accidents.

Beth Stewart, Plymouth Historical Museum director, was helping direct Model T traffic from the corner of Pennman and Main, with a



Mark Fischer, crouching, and Ed Judd look over a 1915 Model T Depot Hack owned by Frank Woodin of Illinois

two-way radio in hand. The cars' arrival was delayed, which meant volunteers had to wait a while before helping to usher in the cars.

"We're really thankful we have lots of wonderful volunteers," Stewart said.

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PRESIDENT

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work with us," said Stephan Hadley, facility manager for PSI.

"We're not really sure how he chose us when he decided to come to Michigan," said Bob Phillips, PSI vice president. "He was having a fund-raiser here in Dearborn, and wanted to visit a local business to deliver his economic message. We started getting calls from the White House several weeks ago. I think they looked at it as a good opportunity and a good place to come to."

Beaver employs 94 people, and PSI employs a total of 500. Bush visited the Livonia industrial district to speak about the economy, and about his proposed \$13 billion in tax cuts.

Bush told the enthusiastic

crowd of cuts to the small business tax, capital gains tax, an increase in the child credit, and eliminating the marriage penalty tax.

The event's host business, Beaver Aerospace & Defense, owned by PSI, will save \$70,000 on next year's taxes, the president said.

"What that means is there is more money to invest in research and equipment. Bill Phillips (PSI president) said tax relief will allow him to hire 10 more workers," Bush said, prompting a roar of applause.

The crowd also cheered news about the troops in Iraq. "As you know, earlier this week two of the favorite henchmen of Saddam Hussein were brought to justice," Bush said, referring to Hussein's sons who were killed in a gunfight Monday.

Bush predicted the end of the economic recession, which he described as the 'shallowest recession in America's history'.

"I think he really believes what he's saying. It was a great speech," said retired Ford engineer and Northville resident Tom Grobes.

Gini Britton, treasurer for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, agreed.

"It was great. I like what he had to say and I think what

he's proposing is going to stimulate the economy, and get people back to work, just like he said," Britton said.

Hadley had the opportunity to briefly meet the president. "I didn't really know what to expect, but I thought he was just an extremely personable man," he said.

Tom Mark of Birmingham got tickets to attend the event from his daughter, Lisa, who works for McCotter in Washington, D.C.

"I thought it was an excellent speech, just like a mm State of the Union Address," he said.

"I gave him a 'nne,'" said Troy resident Robert Currie. Although Beaver Aerospace & Defense has been growing fast, and hiring employees while the rest of the state has been struggling with a 10-year high in unemployment rates, the company's employees felt encouraged by the president's message.

"Sure, the company has been in good shape, but who really feels secure? Nobody," said Lloyd Foy, truck driver for Beaver. "The thing we really need to do is stick together, and keep the economy going. We'll all get through it that way."

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"(Assistant Chief) Mark Wendell is our grant writer, and he did a great job writing this one," Chief Larry Groth said

"It's our third year applying, and we obviously got turned down the first two times. This time, (McCotter) wrote a very nice letter in support of our request"

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Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety Program funds will be used for training, wellness and fitness, fire-fighting equipment, personal protective equipment, and modifications to fire stations and facilities

Specifically, Groth said, Plymouth will use the grant for "turnout" gear - helmets, coats, pants, boots, etc. A portion of the grant will also be used for what Groth called an "industrial strength" washer-extractor to be used to clean and dry turnout gear

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the U S Fire Administration (USFA), a division of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (EP&R) and assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States

These funds are used by the

nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, emergency Medical Service programs, and Fire Prevention and Safety Programs

"We must protect and promote the safety and the skills of the firefighters who protect us," said McCotter. These funds will give them access to the best training, the most advanced equipment, and up-to-date facilities they need and deserve as they continue to serve our communities"

In this - the seventh round of the 2003 Assistance to Firefighter Grants program - 450 grants totaling almost \$27 million were awarded to departments throughout the U S

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PETITION

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Township officials voted 4-3 July 15 to build the new complex - which would include a Township Hall and a public safety building - on 9.39 acres of property at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, to be acquired from Don Massey. The petition targets just the bond issue, not the project in its entirety

"The resolution for the funding is the part I have the biggest problem with," said township resident Don Schnettler, who started the group. "It's my understanding that if the bond doesn't go through, the property won't be financed anyway"

That's not necessarily true. The township board would have several options at that point, according to Supervisor Steve Mann. The board could decide to finance the project using other governmental financing options, or they could finance it using existing funds

However, Mann said, the municipal bonds are the most cost-effective, particularly, he said, since there will be no need for a tax increase to pay them off

Plymouth Township is in such a great financial position that we are able to move forward without increasing taxes

'The resolution for the funding is the part I have the biggest problem with. It's my understanding that if the bond doesn't go through, the property won't be financed anyway.'

Don Schnettler resident

now or in the future," Mann said. "We have a great economic climate for building a facility at great competitive prices and financing a portion of that facility at outstanding interest rates. It'd be a shame not to be able to take advantage of that"

It would be "disappointing," Mann said, if the petition drive were to be successful and voters in turn turned down the bonds. The township board, he said, would then have some "difficult decisions" to make

"The board would have to answer some serious questions as far as continuing with the project if the item were to fail for some reason," Mann said

The township board would have to consider how they would wish to proceed if that financing option were taken

away. If the board saw fit, there are other ways to finance this project"

If Schnettler's group is successful getting the 2,050 signatures it needs, those signatures would have to be certified by township Clerk Marilyn Massengill. Once that is accomplished - and assuming the signatures were valid - Massengill would schedule a special election with Wayne County elections officials

"I'll call the county to establish the date for the election," said Massengill, who estimated the election will cost \$10,000-\$12,000 to run. "I'm hoping to have it done and over with by November. We'll certify the signatures and go from there"

Schnettler is still looking for help circulating the petitions. Anyone wishing to get involved can call him at (734) 459-8735

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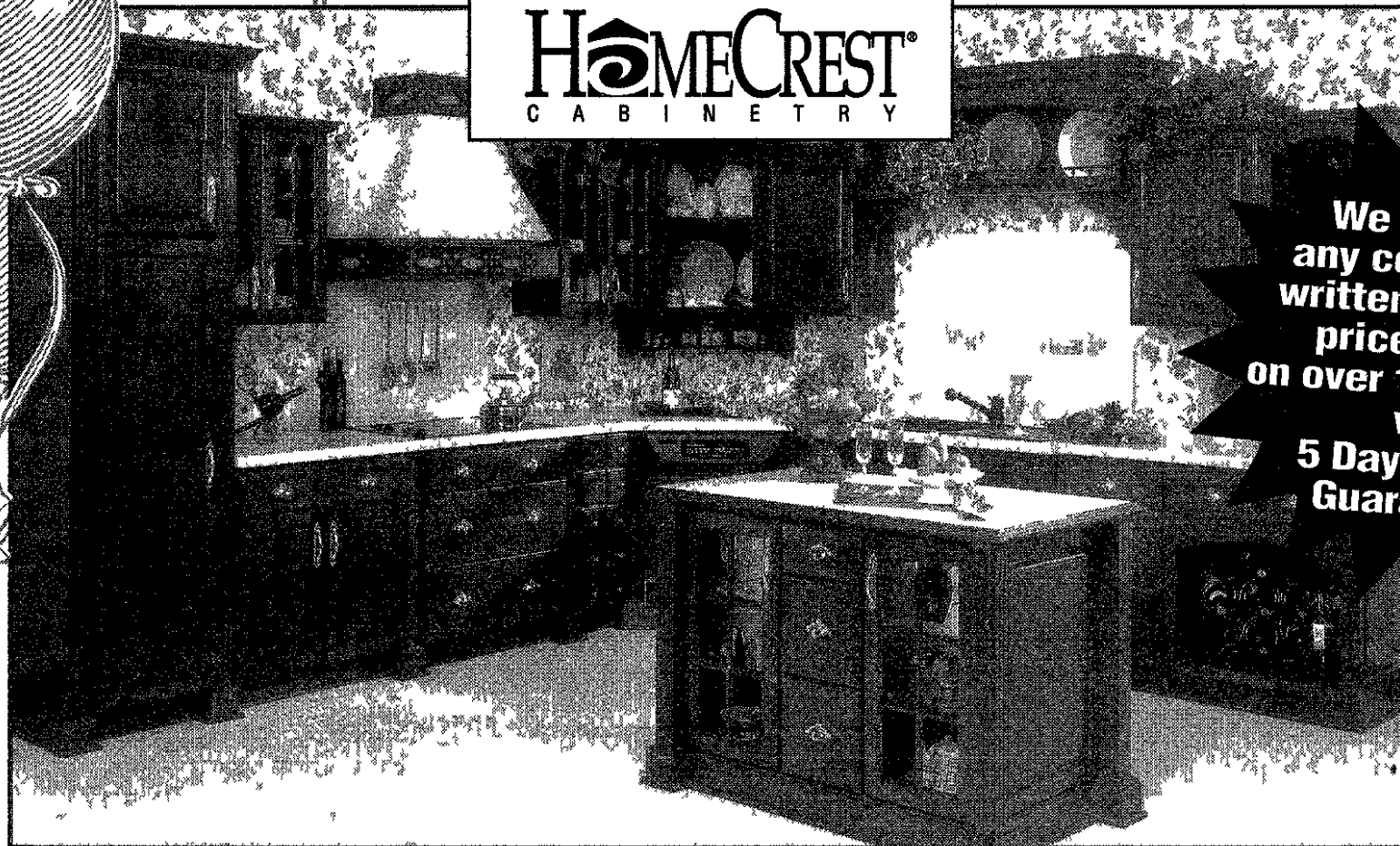
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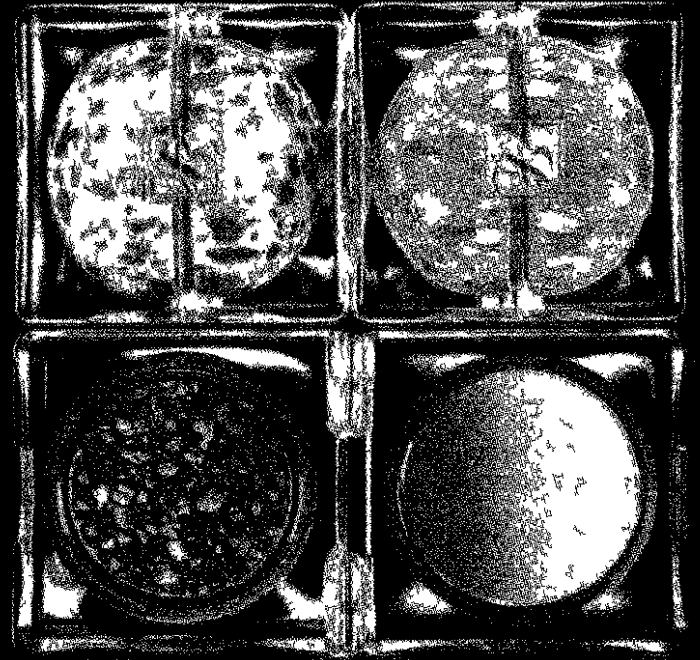
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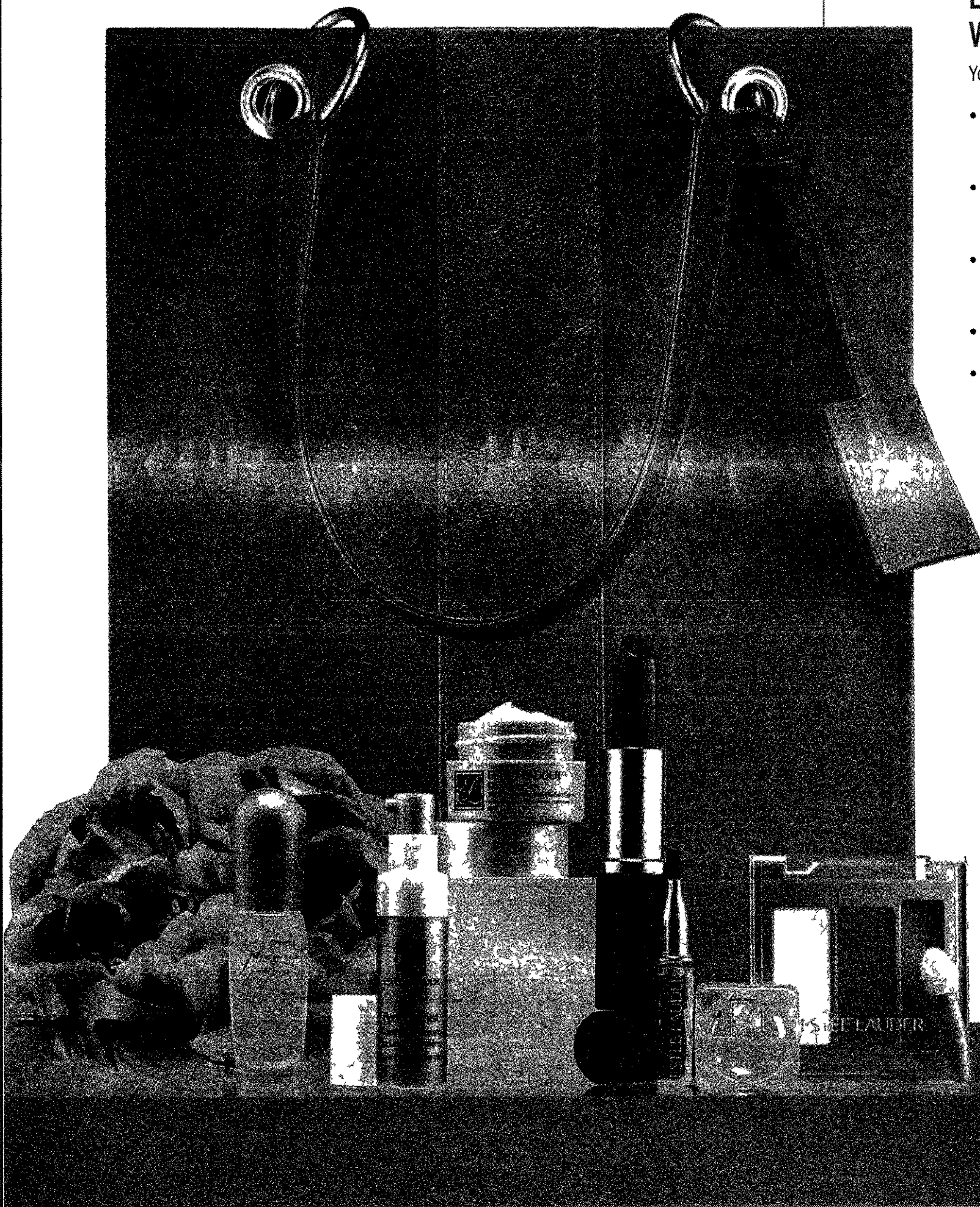
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Sidelines

Huskies, Lakers advance to MSHL Final

David Rohlfis had a part in all four of his team's goals Thursday, and the Huskies needed it in edging the Spartans 4-3 in a Metro Summer Hockey League playoff semifinal Thursday at Farmington Hills' Suburban Training Center.

The eighth-seeded Huskies advance to the MSHL Championship game against the top-seeded and unbeaten Lakers. That game is at 7 p.m. tonight at Suburban Training Center.

Rohlfis scored the Huskies' first three goals, the last coming with 6:20 remain-

MSHL SEMIFINALS

ing in the second period and giving the Huskies a 3-2 lead.

With 11:38 to go in the third, Rohlfis assisted on what proved to be the winning goal, scored by Trent Daavettla. Daavettla also had one assist, while Dwight Helminen and Lars Helminen each contributed two assists.

For the Spartans, seeded 10th entering the 12-team playoffs, Todd Davis, Brad

Fraser (West Bloomfield) and Garret Kondratek (Canton) scored goals.

This game, however, belonged to the goalies. The Spartans' Rick Marnon (Canton) was exceptional, but the Huskies' Brent Bocson (Troy) proved to be a bit better.

In Thursday's other MSHL semifinal, the Lakers got three goals and an assist from Bryan Marshall (Livonia) and two goals and two assists from Mike Vigilante in beating the fourth-seeded Warriors 9-

The Warriors led 5-3 when Jason Moul (Livonia) scored the third of his four goals with 4:22 to play in the second period. But after that it was all Lakers, they outscored the Warriors 6-1 the rest of the way, with Marshall scoring two of the goals and assisting on third.

Matt Frick (Auburn Hills) also had a goal and an assist for the Lakers, with Mike Weber, John Vigilante and Stavros Paskaris each scoring goals. John Maurer

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Gold medalist

Sarah Stobbe of Plymouth recently competed at the AAU Nationals in Knoxville, Tenn., and earned a gold medal in taekwon-do point sparring. Stobbe also earned a bronze medal in forms.

For Stobbe, a long-time student at the American and Korean Taekwon-Do Schools in Wayne, it was her first trip to nationals. Her instructor is David Kenealy, a second-degree black belt.

Tennis champs

Several local youths included in the namesake of the tournament won themselves medals at the recent fifth annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior Open Tennis Tournament. The three-day tournament, held at the Livonia YMCA, featured the grandson of Jud Kingsbury, Ryan, taking top honors in the boys 16 and under category. He defeated Rochester's Robert Schoenhals 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 in the finals. Other area champions included Ashley Moccia (Livonia) in the girls 18 and under division; Hunter Bielfield (Farmington Hills) in boys 10 and under; Kevin Karoub (Farmington Hills) in boys 12 and under; and Dan Carlson (Farmington Hills) in boys 18 and under.

Several players were runners-up and consolation winners at the tournament as well. They included Kelsey Judd (Westland) girls 14 and under; Sara Galante (Canton) girls 18 and under; Saif Osman (Farmington Hills) boys 16 and under; and Jason Beydoun (Westland/Redford CC) boys 18 and under.

Rams win

The Michigan Lake Area Rams won a tune-up game for the AAABA regionals Wednesday evening.

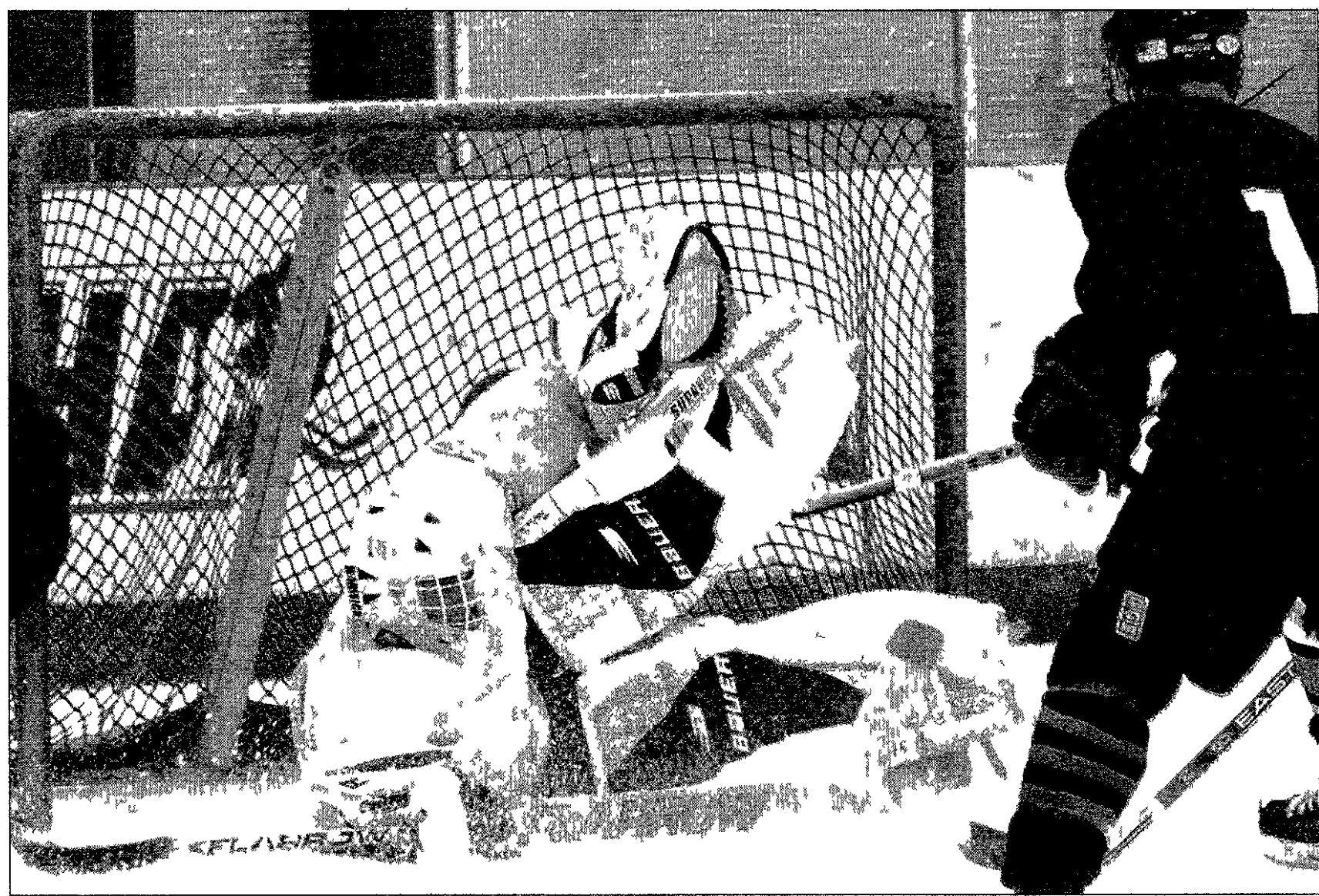
The Rams used five different pitchers in securing a 6-4 win over Jet Box at Fraser High School. The Rams now stand at 22-11 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Corey Krug (Redford), Jon Hastings, Mike McCormick, Bobby Lothian and Jeff Niemec (Catholic Central) combined their pitching efforts for the victory. Hastings picked up the win while Niemec recorded a save. Thanks to four runs in the fourth inning, the Rams were able to hold off a couple of late threats from Jet Box.

Racing results

Livonia's Mike Jaynes came through with a heat win on Saturday night at Flat Rock Speedway, but couldn't sustain the momentum into the 50-lap Late Model feature and finished 17th overall. Steve Cronenweitt (Westland) was 13th in the feature while Ken Ahlgren (Garden City) was 18th. Justin Schroeder (Canton) was 15th in the 30-lap Street Stock feature.

On Sunday at Toledo Speedway, Harold Fair Jr. (Canton) was 24th in the 100-lap Street Stock feature while Steve Cronenweitt Jr. was fifth in the 20-lap Factory Stock feature.



Spartans goalie Rick Marnon saves a shot Thursday night during a semifinal game despite his efforts the Spartans were eliminated.

ERIC BRONSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth girl among best at Motor City

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
 STAFF WRITER

GOLF

Ryan Alger edged fellow Livonian Greg Killeen on the first playoff hole to win the boys 13 and under division of the 2003 Motor City Jr. Championship golf tournament at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

Both Alger and Killeen shot an 82 during the competition, finishing well ahead of the rest of the pack.

Livonia golfers dominated the boys 13 and under bracket. Josh Proben (88), David

Muller (89), Dylan Green (91), Daniel MacKinnon (92), and Brian Bunt (94) all finished just behind the leaders. Steve Schumacher (96) and Adam Cregar (98), both of Farmington Hills, followed the Livonia group in that division.

Catholic Central High School student Brian King took top honors in the boys 14-15 division with a winning score of 76. He edged Livonia's Dan Barczuk (78),

Colin Fitzgerald (78) and Patrick Alger (79) to win the division. Plymouth's Craig Werner shot an 81 to round out the top 5 finishers.

Kim Haskins of Livonia carded the lowest score in the girls 16-17 division with a 90. She finished six shots ahead of Lauren Mack (Livonia). Maria Palau of Farmington Hills shot 100, and Danielle Rose Powers of Canton shot a 102 in the division.

Livonia's Ashley Bint finished in second place in the girls 14-15 division with a score of 111. She finished

three shots ahead of Plymouth's Kelsey Rertz and Laura Proven (Farmington Hills) had a round of 115 to take fourth place.

Although Sean Burry (Livonia) finished in the middle of the pack in the boys 13 and under division with a 99, he won a different sort of competition. Burry was the only Observer-area golfer to win a closest-to-the-pin competition. His shot on the seventh hole landed just 6 feet, 8 inches from the cup, the best shot of any boy any age on that hole.

Local golfer scores points in tour event

David Stevens of Plymouth shot an 82 Thursday at Stonehedge North Golf Course in Augusta, finishing 14th in the boys 15-and-over division in this Mejer Junior Players Tour golf event.

Stevens scored five tour points on a course measuring 6,310 yards.

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Rick Knuth of Livonia was the only other Observer-area golfer in this division, he shot an 89.

In the boys 13-14 division, Drew Herron of Livonia shot a 100 and Sean Burry of Livonia had a 104 on a 5,835-yard course.

At last Monday's Mejer Junior Tour event at Quail Ridge in Ada, Ryan Hoeman of Canton shot an 89 in the boys 15-and-over division, finishing three strokes out of the scoring on a 6,475-yard course.

In the boys 13-14 division, however, Jimmie Vitek of Plymouth had an 87 to place 13th and score six tour points on the 6,014-yard course.

The Mejer Tour visits Stonebridge Golf Course in Ann Arbor on Monday and Cascades Golf Course in Jackson on Wednesday.

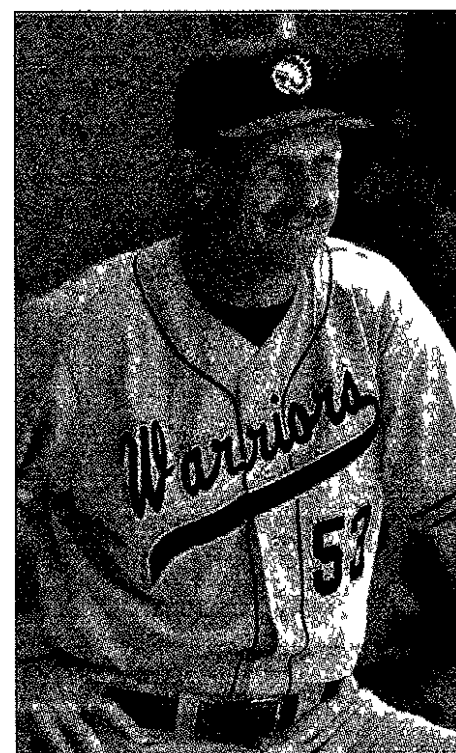
A narrow miss

Chris Sidor of Redford shot an 80 Thursday in the boys 16-and-over division at the Power-Bilt Junior Tour stop at Thornapple Pointe in Grand Rapids, missing a point-scoring position by two strokes on the 6,750-yard course.

Andy Thackaberry of Canton shot an 84.

At the Power-Bilt Tour event Tuesday at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township, Rachel Thomas of

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Detroit Tiger pitcher Dan Petry has coached the Cobras to three-straight victories at the AABC regional tournament in Battle Creek.

Cobras on tourney roll

The 18-year-old NFWB Cobras won their first three games in the AABC Connie Mack regional baseball tournament in Battle Creek last week.

They opened with a 7-6 win over the Youngstown (Ohio) Astro Falcons on Wednesday.

NFWB broke a 4-4 tie with three runs in the sixth inning with Kevin Zerbo's two-run double and Evan Rodriguez' RBI single.

The Cobras had to rally twice to tie the score.

They did so with a pair of two-run singles by Bryan Smith and Brendan Rosenbergh.

Zerbo, Rosenbergh and Mike Monterey had two hits in the game. Mike Kirschenheiter was the winning pitcher, and Dan Lentz earned a save.

The Cobras overcame a 4-1 deficit going into the seventh inning Thursday to defeat Mean Industries of Saginaw in eight innings, 9-6.

NFWB's only hit through six innings was a bunt single by Lentz.

The Cobras scored five runs in the seventh with just one hit — a two-out, two-

BASEBALL

run single by Doug Pickens to tie, 4-4.

They scored two more runs on the play when Mean Industries made two errors that enabled Rodriguez and Pickens to score, also.

Mean Industries scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to send the game to an extra inning.

In the eighth, the Cobras got three runs on a sacrifice fly by Smith and Rosenbergh's two-out, two-run single for a 9-6 lead.

Monterey pitched the seventh inning and got credit for the win.

The Cobras won their third in a row Friday when they mercied West Michigan Elite from Grand Rapids in five innings, 14-5.

Pickens was 3-for-4 with a double, a triple and four RBI, Monterey was 2-for-4 and knocked in two runs, and Zerbo was 2-for-3. Lentz was the winning pitcher.

The tournament continued through Sunday.

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O&E GOLF TOURNEYS

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will sponsor two golf tournaments in August.

The Men's Open is a 36-hole medal-play tournament to be held Saturday and Sunday, Aug 9-10, at Fox Creek and Whispering Willows golf courses in Livonia.

The entry fee is \$95 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded.

The Women's Open will take place Sunday, Aug 10, at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 and does not include cart. The event is flighted and prizes will be awarded.

All participants must have a USGA handicap. Entries are open to the first 200 golfers, entry deadline is 6 p.m. Aug 3.

For more information, please call (248) 476-4493.

ed at 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road.

The camp's aim is to help beginning and intermediate players develop proper skills and a knowledge of the game. Cost is \$25, payable at registration, and includes instruction, T-shirt and a soccer ball to take home.

Register by calling (734) 414-7422.

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp for girls in grades five through eight will be from 5-8 p.m. Aug 5-7 at St John Center, located south of Five Mile and east of Sheldon. The camp will be conducted by certified AAU and OLGC volleyball coaches.

Cost is \$75. For more information, call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

BOOSTERS MEETING

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug 5 in Room 401 of Plymouth HS. Parents of all freshmen and sophomore football players are encouraged to attend.

There will be information regarding practices, financial reports and upcoming fundraising events.

COACHING POSITIONS

There are several positions for coaches for the 2003-04 seasons currently available at Plymouth HS.

Included are girls basketball assistant, football assistant, volleyball assistant and boys basketball assistant.

Anyone interested in any of those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5702.

GOLF OUTING

The two Plymouth-area high school hockey teams will be hosting a golf outing on Saturday, Aug 23, at the Hickory Creek Golf Club in Plymouth.

Cost of the event is \$110 per player or \$400 for a foursome and includes green fees and a cart, a steak dinner, on-course beverages and a chance to participate in a silent and live auction.

Check-in for the event is at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8

a.m. The dinner and auction will start at 1 p.m.

There will also be prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin. Anyone who gets a hole-in-one at the event can also win a two-year lease on a car courtesy of Hines Park.

For more information on the event, contact Deborah Tollison at (734) 981-2802 or Chris Wolfe at (734) 453-8332.

PHS GRID CAMPS

Plymouth High School will host a 4-3 and option football camp July 28-30 at the Plymouth practice fields. The 4-3 will be a defensive camp and the option teaches offensive skills, associated with each of those styles of play.

All players of all skill levels are welcome to attend. Cost of the camp is \$40 and includes a T-shirt. Sessions run each day from 6:30-7 p.m.

Contact Plymouth HS football coach Jay Blaylock at (734) 582-5696 for more information.

GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbird Softball Organization will host their second annual scrambles golf outing on Saturday, Aug 16 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course.

Cost of the event is \$100 per person or \$380 for a foursome, which includes greens fees and a cart, unlimited driving range use, buffet dinner, lunch at the turn, door prizes and the chance to win a 2003 Chevrolet with a hole-in-one.

Check-in for the event is at 7

a.m. with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Dinner will start at 1 p.m.

For more information on the event, contact Mike Burnard at (734) 844-3528 or visit the Thunderbird web site at <http://thunderbirdsoftballtripod.com/Parents/golffouting.htm>.

FALL SOFTBALL

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will sponsor men's slow-pitch and women's slow-pitch softball leagues this fall, with all games at Plymouth's Massey Field.

Registration for returning teams begins July 28, new teams may start registering Aug 4 until the league is full. The season will tentatively begin the week of Aug 25.

For more information, call the Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, Ext. 302, or go to the Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

GOLF OUTING

The date for the Plymouth HS Golf Outing is Saturday, Aug 2. The outing will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m. at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads, play begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The format is a four-person scramble, with 18 holes of golf followed by a steak dinner and presentations. Cost is \$120 (\$60 for dinner only).

Side attractions include 50/50 longest drive contest (\$10 per golfer), 50/50 closest to the pin (\$10 per golfer), and 50/50 skins game (\$20 per

team). Fees for games must be paid at registration.

Checks should be made payable to PHS Athletics and mailed to PHS Athletic Dept (attn: Kurt Britnell), 8400 Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187. Spots are limited. Mail your check by July 19.

CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The City Golf Championship Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug 2-3 at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton.

Cost is \$85 per player and includes two days of 18 holes of golf, cart and awards.

The tournament is open to men and women from Canton, Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Romulus, Inkster and Van Buren Township.

Golfers living outside these cities may sign up in the Open Division.

Registration deadline is July 27. For more information, call Wayne Parks and Recreation at (734) 721-7400.

LEARN-TO-SKATE

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association Mini-Mite instructional program is enrolling new players.

This learn-to-skate hockey program is geared toward beginning players.

It emphasizes skill development with instruction by experienced USA Hockey-certified coaches.

The program runs from September through March. Registration forms are available at the Plymouth Cultural Center or on line at www.pchockey.org.

SOCCER CAMP

Grace Lutheran Church of Canton is accepting registrations for its seventh annual soccer camp, open to children 5-11 years old. The camp will run from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Aug 4 to Thursday, Aug 7 at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 46001 Warren Road, west of Canton Center Road.

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Longtime bowling professionals opening their own pro shop

Saturday, Aug 9, 2003 This is the date for the grand opening of the new pro shop at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills. The sign says 'Aleta Sill's Bowling World'. It is now under the new ownership and operation of Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen. There will be many fine door prizes given out that day, including some bowling balls and lots of other good stuff. They have been open for a few days now, but this will be a celebration of sorts, the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to someday be able to have a shop of their own.

Most readers are familiar with Aleta Sill, a member of both the Greater Detroit and



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Al Harrison

National Bowling halls of fame. She earned her place in bowling history by becoming the first woman pro bowler to surpass \$1 million in career earnings. This feat is made more incredible by the fact that throughout the early years of her 19-year pro career, the ladies' prize money was about enough to buy dinner and a fresh hair-do.

Michelle Mullen has had a successful run on the pro tour as well, with four national titles to her credit. She had been living in Chicago, but having teamed up with Aleta in doing "Digital Coach" lessons, she moved right into our area and now resides in Dearborn.

Michelle is a "Gold Level" USA Bowling coach, one of only a small group at this level in the world. She was also named "Midwest Bowler of the Decade" (1990s) by the Professional Women's Bowling Association.

Another factor that they bring to the table is their long-

running contact with some of the ball manufacturers. They both have exceptional working knowledge of the design and dynamics of most balls.

Lisa Bishop came out of the youth ranks only yesterday (so it seems) and developed as a consistent winner on the ladies pro tour. Lisa has been a winner at all levels, including Dan Ottman's Michigan Junior Majors Association (MJMA), where she was a dominant force during her teen years at that stage of development. Lisa learned the trade while working for Lew Ivancik in his shop.

Aleta also worked with bowling "guru" Mark Robey at Westland Bowl. Robey operates the "Bowler's Aid" pro shops at Westland Bowl and Skore Lanes. We bowlers are fortunate to have a choice of so many fine pro shop operators in our area, and it will prove out that there is a place for all of them as they are all so talented and knowledgeable in doing what they do best.

The three women of the new

pro shop will join the ranks of such established and highly skilled ball fitters in our cities such as Ryan Wilson, of Pro-Am in Livonia, Mike Samardzija of K&S in Farmington, Mary and Mark Mohacs of the Right Approach at Merril Bowl in Livonia, Tom and Evan Relch of Strike Force at Oak Lanes in Westland, Wil Soukas of The Pro Shoppe at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills, Bill Zacheranik of Z&Z Pro Shop at Mayflower Lanes in Redford, David Mahaz of David's Right Line Pro Shop at Cloverlanes in Livonia, David Sill at Novi Bowl in Novi, Randy Pierce at K&S Pro Shop at Super Bowl in Canton, Howie Gerenraich of Pro-Am II in Airway Lanes in Waterford, Ray Kreuter at Langan's All Star Lanes in Walled Lake, Todd Stuart at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights, Lew Ivancik at Taylor Lanes in Taylor, Frank Pietras at Pine Tree Bowl in Dearborn Heights, Bud Mulholland of Bud's Pro Shop on Highland Road in Waterford, Fred

Baus, Jeff Suma and Kerry Kreft of S&B Pro Shop located in Bowl One Lanes in Troy.

The pro shops are much more than just a place to buy a bowling ball and shoes. A ball is still an unfinished product until it goes under the drill press of an expert. They will advise you on how to best play the various lanes, help you with some good information that will most likely help improve your game, sometimes even going so far as to recommend some new equipment or to just rejuvenate the balls you now have.

Every bowler should get to know the pro shop operators in your favorite bowling center or your neighborhood. We have seen all three, Aleta, Michelle and Lisa, on TV with the ladies pro tour raising their trophies in victory. Now we wish them good luck in their new venture.

■ The final results are now in for the 2003 WIBC National Championship Tournament just completed at Reno, Nev. It ran from mid-April to last week at the

National Bowling Stadium. The Livonia Trophy team, which was holding at the fifth spot by a narrow margin was shot down in flames, winding up ninth in the "Classic Team" event.

Bishop fared much better as she was able to cling to her runner-up spot in Classic all-events with 2,045 pins. She was only three pins from the leader and a scant two pins from dropping into a three-way tie for third place. Lisa can now have another plaque for the walls in the new pro shop at Country Lanes.

Scott Matusicky was the big gunner at Woodland Lanes in Livonia with a 300 game on July 1 in the Tuesday Summer Trio league and then was able to keep throwing strikes and carry-over the following Tuesday with a 299 on July 8, earning two award scores in the space of two weeks.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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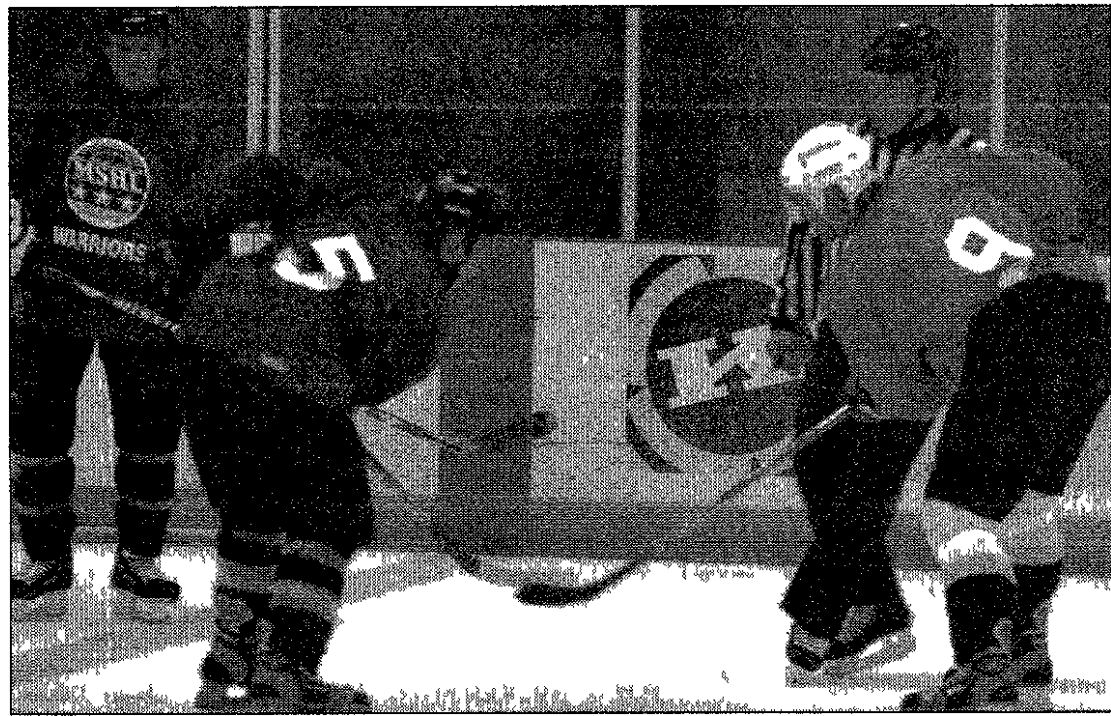
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The Lakers remained unbeaten heading into tonight's MSHL championship game with a 9-6 win over the Warriors

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FINAL

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(Plymouth) contributed three assists and Matt Fortier (Livonia) had two. The Warriors' Moul also had an assist to go with his four goals. Jason Bloomburg (Canton) had a goal and four assists and Adam Krug (Livonia) got a goal and three assists. Lanny Jardine (Bloomfield Hills) and Matt Howard were in goal for the Lakers, with Stephen Yu (Garden City) and Chris Bahash in the net for the Warriors.

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TOUR
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Livonia scored a 92 to place 11th and score eight points in the girls 16-and-over division on a 5,968-yard course. In the boys 16-and-over division, Aaron Newman of Farmington Hills was one stroke out of the point scoring with an 80 on a course of 6,684 yards. Patrick Shaw of Plymouth was one stroke further back with an 81. Other Observer-area scorers were David Koch of Farmington Hills, 84, Andrew Lulek of Canton, 86, and Adam Dwyer of Plymouth, 88. In the boys 11-15 division, Brian King of Livonia shot an 83 to finish 15th and score four tour points on the 6,316-yard course. Austin Kromp of Plymouth was 17th with an 83, scoring two points. Patrick Alger of Livonia had a 93.

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SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center 2125 Denby Drayton Plains Call (248) 693 4389 or visit the club's web site at http://go.to/ocsa for more information

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association a non tournament bass club meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor For more information call Ron Fodor at (734) 676 2863 or send an e-mail to river_rtf122@home.com

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258 5502 for more information

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School located on Middlebelt Road between Seven

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FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center 15218 Farmington Road Visitors are welcome For more information call Mark Boggs at (734) 464 6155 or e-mail somefore@aol.com

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CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

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- Z 03 12 1137 Beech Non Use Variance Requested From Yard Setback Zoned R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant Thomas Robert
Z 03 13 425 Ann Non Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback for 2nd Story Addition Zoned R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant Stella Contracting, Inc
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All interested persons are invited to attend

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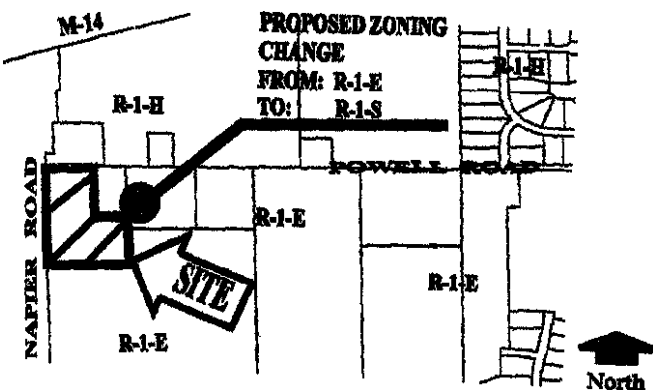
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

- PROPOSED ACTION AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: R-1-E Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO: R-1-S, Single Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 20, 2003
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78 046 99 0003 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-S, Single Family Residential District. Application 1799/0603



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 141 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-046-99-0003-000.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37 The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Township, MI 48170 At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission

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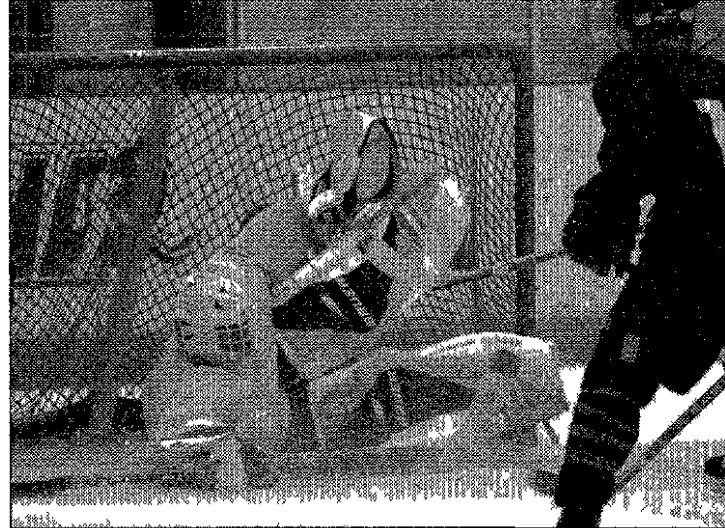
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Time for the never-ending birthday

When my college roommate, old friend and former partner in crime came into town, my 'Never-ending Birthday' began. She visited in mid-July, the time falling just right for my early August birthday.

At lunch, talking with my friend, it was if we hopped into a time machine and traveled to 1976. It didn't matter that nearly 30 years had gone by, it didn't matter that she was a little grayer, it didn't matter that I was a little more maternally.

It didn't matter that she had married in 1978, left for Colorado, moving again to California, and again to Arizona, where she has finally settled. It didn't matter that five children and two grandchildren had been born between the two of us, and it didn't matter that her life had taken one direction and mine had taken another.

No matter the circumstances of life, she was still my dear friend. Inside still the same. As we lunched we laughed about the same things that made us laugh years before. Moms and men and this "chick" named Sara. Even 30 years later, some things never change.

In college days, we ate macaroni and cheese, Doritos and ice cream. As we ordered, the only thing that seemed somewhat changed was that our palates had taken on a sophistication not developed at 19.

We ordered our pizza with lettuce instead of pepperoni.

After lunch, dropping her off at her brother's place, I wondered when I would see her again. You see, we are a strange mixture of phobias. She, afraid to drive on the freeways, and me, phobic about flying.

Doesn't make travel easy for either of us.

Phase two of 'The Never-ending Birthday' kicks off soon. Meeting my mom for dinner for a child swap, it has been hunted that my birthday presents may arrive with her.

Gifts aren't a pivotal element of celebrating 'The Never-ending Birthday.' It is the lunches, the dinners, or the breakfast get-togethers that make 'The Never-ending Birthday' a success and in keeping with the spirit of the season.

Phase three of 'The Never-ending Birthday' will start the beginning of August. It is then that the calls start to come in earnest. Friends wanting to meet, for a lunch in September, a dinner in October, I even have a breakfast scheduled for late November.

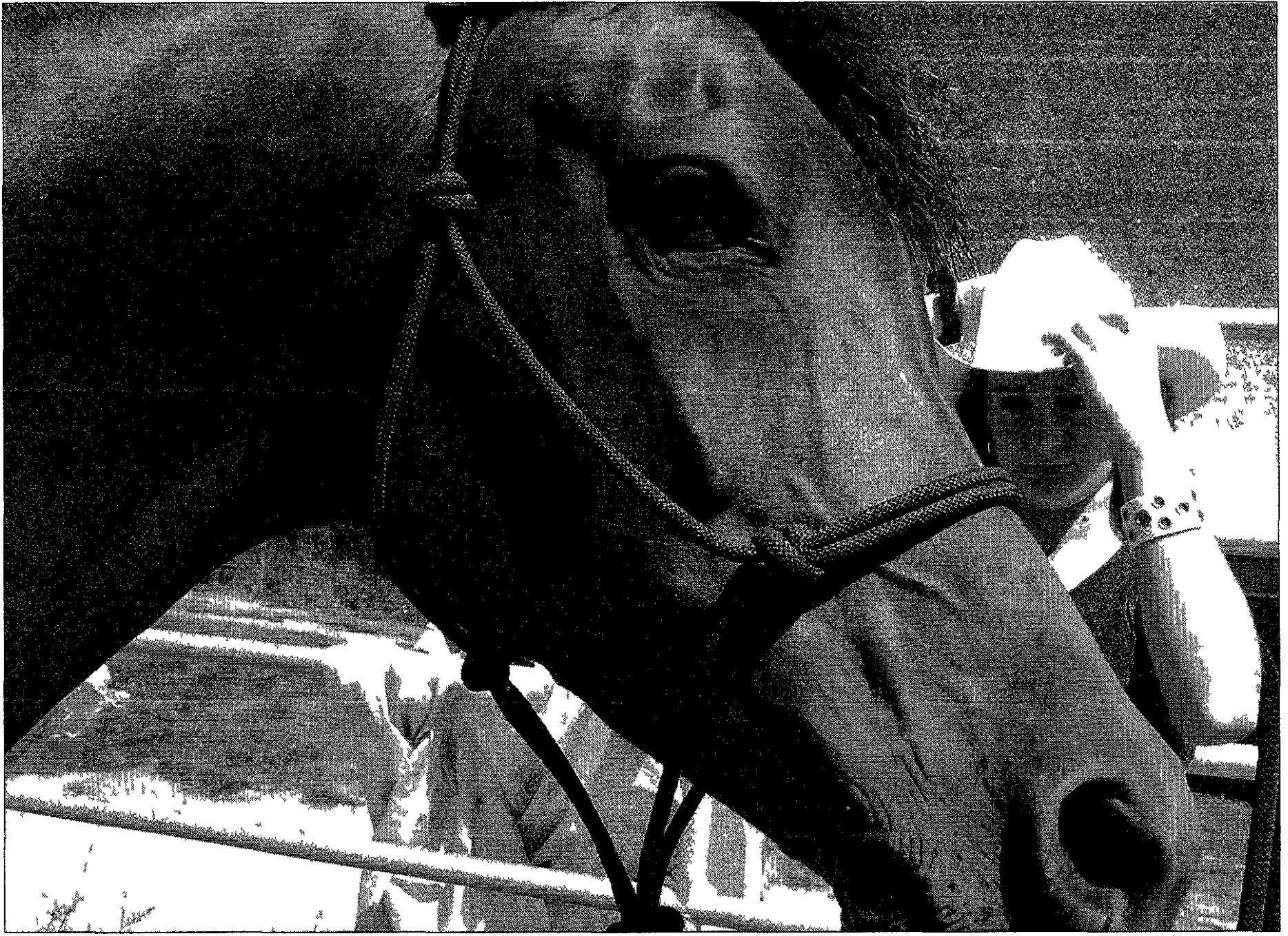
Not as expert as 'The Never-ending Birthday' as my daughter, who stretches her March birthday celebrations well into the month of June, I am still accomplished at keeping my special day going for more than several months after August.

With each passing year, I cherish each and every moment of my 'Never-ending Birthdays.'

It happened somewhere in my 30-somethings. The birthdays stopped being about the party. The celebrations ceased to be loud and raucous events of wine and song. Birthdays became quieter, becoming simply moments, times spent enjoying friends and family. Getting together for lunches and dinners and the occasional breakfast.

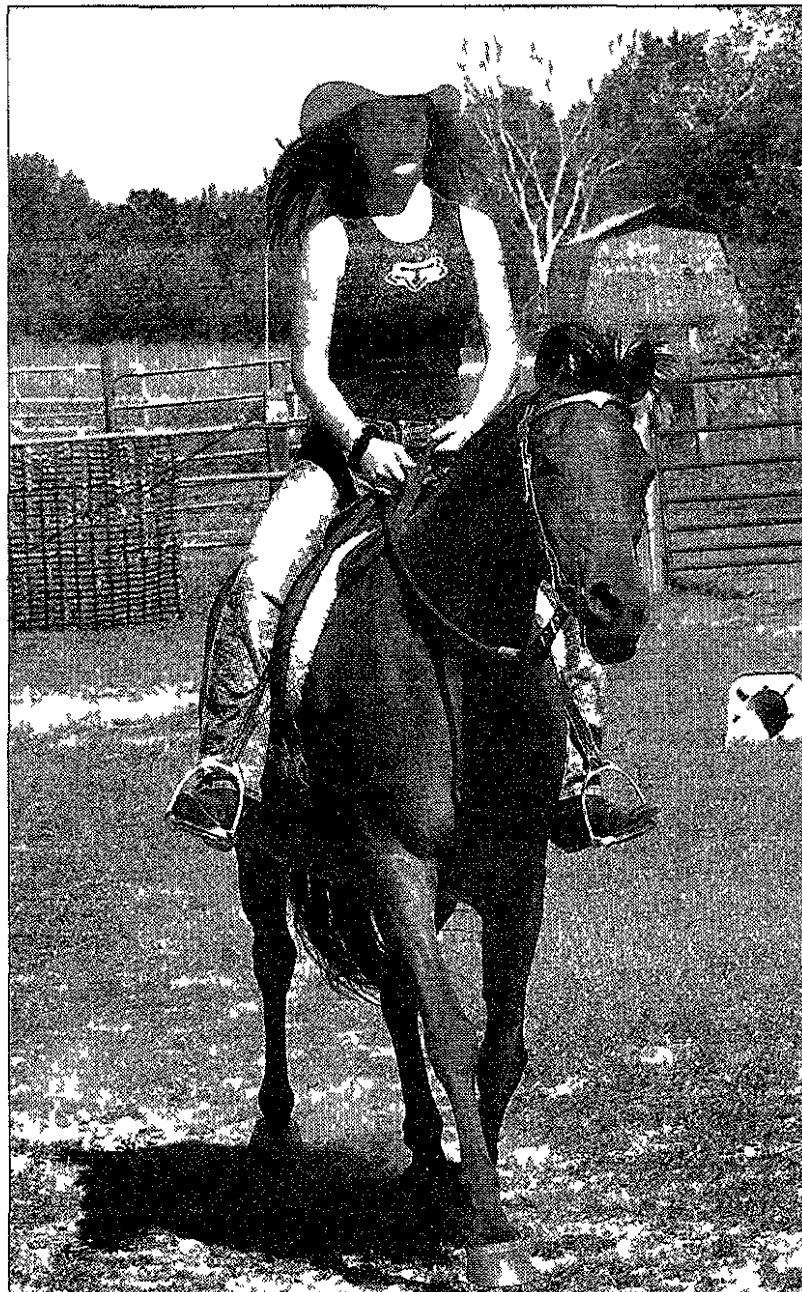
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Rebecca Arnold dons a cowboy hat before training her horse Sadefa.

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Rebecca Arnold rides her horse Sadefa around the practice area. Arnold began riding horses at the age of 10.

Career grooming

Canton teenager sets goals to be a horse trainer

BY LAURA COLVIN
STAFF WRITER

Rebecca Arnold and Sadefa share a special kind of friendship, a bond that forms only when care, trust, dedication and mutual respect are in abundant supply.

The attachment between the 16-year-old Canton teen and the 12-year-old Arabian mare began three years ago, when Rebecca's passion for horses earned her an invitation to join the parade team at Harmony Acres farm.

When we're out and about and we meet very enthusiastic young people that are smitten with horses we often ask them to join us," said Nancy Harm, who owns Harmony Acres Parading Arabians along with her husband, George. "And I mean smitten, because some kids like (horses) but they don't realize the work involved."

The couple was showing the horses in costume and demonstrating parade training techniques at the 2000 North American Horse Spectacular when they met then 13-year-old Arnold.

For two years, Arnold participated in parades as a Harmony Acres banner-carrier, then an escort - the person who prevents children from running up to pet the horses.

"For us it was an answer to prayers because Rebecca wanted to be around horses and I was paying \$25 an hour for riding lessons," said Rebecca's mom, Jenee Arnold.

COST CONCERNS

Besides, Rebecca was getting to the point in her lessons when she needed a horse of her own. With the cost of ownership, boarding, veterinary and other expenses, it just wasn't something the family, with three other children, could afford at the time.

So in exchange for helping out with the horses at Harmony Acres, Rebecca was able to ride at the farm. But the honor and privilege of serving as a parade rider had to be earned.

And earn she did.

For the comparatively short time spent participating in the parades, Rebecca worked countless hours back on the farm, learning to care for the needs of the horses, learning parade training techniques, learning everything there was to know. Most importantly, perhaps, she learned to understand and connect with the horses.

"She's been in some of the biggest parades this year," said Harm. "And that's a good indication that I have confidence in her ability to ride. Some of those parades are a lot more challenging than others."

PARADE READY

Some of the farm's six horses have appeared in more than 300 parades in

PLEASE SEE CAREER, C3

Fund-raising event provides day of hope

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

A year ago, 2-year-old Christian Conrad had enclosed himself in a world all his own, a space where playing constituted staring at his own image in a mirror and where communication even with his own mother was impossible.

Twelve months later, Christian now plays on his own, can dress himself and can even answer a series of simple questions.

To the outside observer, it may seem like a small thing that Christian, 3, recognizes his own "sissy" and knows that a cow goes "moo."

To Monique Conrad, however, it is a very big deal. In fact, it's everything.

"When we first started (therapy), the only thing he could do was self-stimulate, he liked to look at himself in the

mirror, said Conrad, a Farmington Hills resident. "Now, he stacks blocks. He does puzzles. He comes when you call him."

Conrad and her husband, David, attribute Christian's solid progress to Applied Behavioral Analysis, the intense therapy he's been doing. ABA is a structured teaching program where lessons to be taught are broken down into their simplest elements.

COST CONCERNS

However, it's expensive. Last year, Monique Conrad's best friend, Michelle Brown, helped organize the first Christian Conrad Faith Benefit, not only to help fund the expensive treatment for Christian, but also to raise awareness about autism. The benefit raised more than \$20,000.

This year, Conrad and Brown hope to do even better, particularly in terms of raising awareness. The second benefit, scheduled Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Wilcox Picnic Pavilion in Hines Park in Plymouth, seeks to not only raise money, but to bring awareness to the community about autism and provide fellowship and support for and from other parents. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to interventions for the Medical Interventions for Autism through Pathways Medical Advocates, according to Conrad.

"There are wonderful therapies for autism, it's a tremendous commitment, and not everyone can do it," said Conrad. "One of the things we're hoping for the benefit is to teach other parents how to do it. For the child, there's so



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Monique Conrad says her son, Christian, is making progress in his fight against autism.

PLEASE SEE HOPE, C3



Patrick-Tharp
Mr. and Mrs. George Patrick of Sylva, Ga., are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Teresa Marie Patrick, to Donald Edward Tharp II, son of Mary Tharp of Canton and Donald Tharp of Middletown, Ohio. Teresa is a graduate of the University of Georgia with her master's degree. She is currently employed as a systems analyst at Exopack in Savannah, Ga. Donald is a graduate of John Glen High School in Westland and is currently self-employed as owner of Don's Painting Service in Savannah, Ga. A July 26, 2003 wedding was planned at Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church in Savannah, Ga.



Zalewski-Young
Verna Zalewski of Cement City and Gary Zalewski of Portage Lake are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Alexis Zalewski, to Christopher Thomas Young, son of Thomas and Carol Young of Plymouth. Heather is a spring 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan. Christopher is a spring 2002 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is currently employed as a professional basketball player in Antwerp, Belgium. A July 18, 2003, wedding is planned at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor.



Brock-Hart
MaryLou and John Brock are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Marie Brock, to Scott Ryan Hart, son of Linda and Leo Hart of Plymouth. Christine is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and holds a master's degree in social work. She is currently employed as a school social worker for Westwood Community School District. Scott is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is currently employed as a plumber with Horton's Plumbing. A Sept. 20, 2003, wedding is planned at St. Michael's Church.

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Sharland-Welchko
Kathy and Randy Sharland are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Marie Sharland, to Shaun Michael Welchko, son of Susan and John Welchko of St. Clair Shores. Kelly is a 1996 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan School of Engineering. She is currently employed by Ford Motor Company. Shaun is a 1996 graduate of Lakeshore High School and Wayne State University in computer science. He is currently employed at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe Shores. A Sept. 19, 2003 wedding is planned at Redeemer Lutheran Church in St. Clair Shores.

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CAREER

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Detroit and the Midwest, including America's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit, The Michigan Parade and the Oldsmobile 100th Anniversary Parade in Lansing. The horses and riders also recently appeared in the Fourth of July Parade in Canton.

Riders must have the ability to keep the horse calm in what is usually a chaotic and noisy environment. Horses can startle at unexpected occurrences such as jet fly-overs, cheering crowds and large balloons.

A rider who's not confident with the horse's ability to remain calm might also get nervous in such a situation. "Chances are you'd tense up in your legs and in your reins and your horse would think 'Oh, my gosh, if my rider's frightened maybe I should get out of here,'" said Harm. "That's why I like my riders to have a lot of experience with the horses."

In her three years interacting with the horses at Harmony Acres, Rebecca has gained a great deal of experience and insight.

Although she participates in the care of all six horses, she's formed a particularly strong bond with Sadefa, the horse she's ridden 10 recent parades.

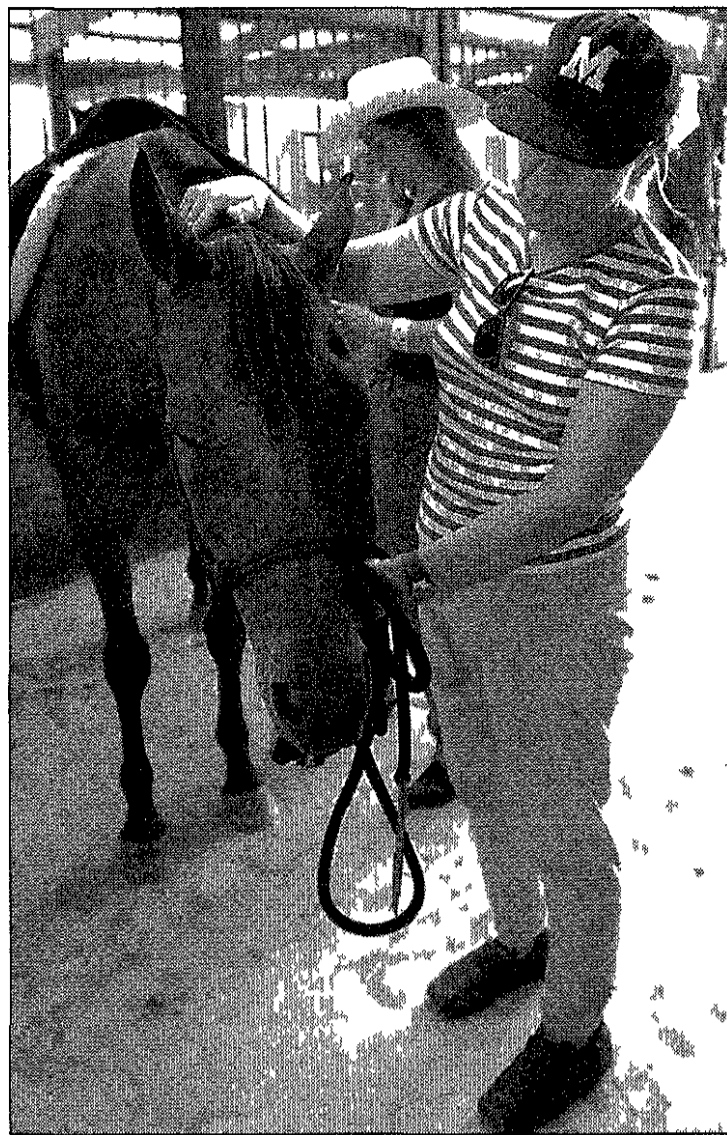
"The horses have to understand that you're in charge," Rebecca said. "If the horse thinks it's the leader it is going to do whatever it pleases."

With lots and lots of gentle training the folks at Harmony Acres believe in mild techniques like reinforcement and praise - Sadefa knows who's in charge and is clearly comfortable with Rebecca.

In addition to the normal hours of training, riding and grooming every week, Rebecca also comes out and spends nearly a whole day helping to get the horses ready the day before a parade.

Horses are bathed, groomed and made to look their parade-going best. Even their hooves get a coat of polish.

"The Arabians really stick out to me," said Rebecca, who's trained with many different breeds of horses. They just have



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Horse owner Nancy Harm keeps Sadefa calm as Arnold puts a saddle on her back

this majesty about them that says 'I'm beautiful, look at me'."

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Home-schooled until she reached eighth grade, Rebecca now attends Washtenaw Technical Middle College, a charter high school within Washtenaw Community College.

At the age of 18 she'll receive both her high school diploma and her associate's degree.

After that, she's just not sure. "I'm only 16," she said. "I have lots of time to decide."

For now, she's happy doing the things teenagers do. Rebecca loves to dance, hang out with her friends and read and has what she calls a whole library' of books that have contributed to her knowledge of horses.

But, like everything else in life, some things can only be learned from experience.

'There's stuff about horses you can't learn from books,' she said, "like how to listen to them or to know what they're thinking."

And, she said, the training is a good all around exercise for her, as well as the horse.

"The training uses your mind as much as your body," she said. "You have to think about what the horse is thinking and think about how you could maybe make the horse understand better."

So her love of horses that began to develop when she was around 8 years old continues to grow stronger as she grows up. Someday, when she's able to make the financial and time commitment necessary, Rebecca hopes to own her own horse.

It's a big responsibility, but she'll be ready.

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HOPE

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much hope there we should be ashamed not to embrace it."

The commitment is a major one, in both time and expense. Christian gets several hours of therapy a day, much of it from his mother and father, more from people the Conrads must pay.

Insurance doesn't cover ABA, according to Conrad, because too many doctors still think of it as a mental disorder. Therefore, most insurances will only cover medication prescribed by what Conrad feels is wrong-thinking doctors. She said last year's statistics show autism affects one in every 166 boys, and the medical community, she says, often misdiagnoses it.

But to families like the Conrads, it's well worth the time. Christian, whose autism the Conrads believe was caused by an adverse reaction to his first vaccination shots, couldn't communicate at all a year ago. Now, according to his mother, his vocabulary spans some 200 words, some of which he can put into short sentences. "Fix the train," "Push me, please," and "Tickle me."

PROGRESS

It's the kind of progress Conrad believes is made possible by ABA, even though many doctors don't believe in it. That's why she's hoping to change some minds with the fund-raiser. Those who attend will learn autism awareness, nutritional, vaccine and other cutting-edge information, and the role of holistic medicine.

There will be a moon bounce



RICK SMITH | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Three-and-a-half-year-old autistic child Christian Conrad swings in his backyard on a new playset his dad built

for the kids, a free barbecue lunch, clowns and face painting and raffles, prizes and sports memorabilia.

Among the speakers Eric Moore, pastor at Canton Community Church, Dr. John Hicks of Pathways Medical Advocates, Betsy Prohaska, diet counselor and author for Pathways, and Gina Truesdell-Todd of Behavior Building Blocks, PC.

Those attending will also get a firsthand look at the progress Christian has made, and the hope his case holds for others.

"It's been so wonderful to see his progress, and if someone

gave \$5 (last year), they were a part of that," Monique Conrad said. "The fund-raiser is a day for hope, and fellowship, for people to come together in their journey. We praise God for Christian and his autism, because they've taught us what's really important."

The second annual Christian Conrad Faith Benefit is scheduled 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Aug. 9 at the Wilcox Picnic Pavilion in Hines Park in Plymouth. The pavilion is located on Hines Drive east of Northville Road.

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BIRTHDAY

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moments of times spent talking, chatting, remembering. Never-ending moments recapturing the time of your birth, moments to spread throughout the year, moments you will hold in your heart, moments of the birthday that never ends.

Phase four of "The Never-ending Birthday" will start next July. I have inked in a date on my calendar, with a promise made to myself.


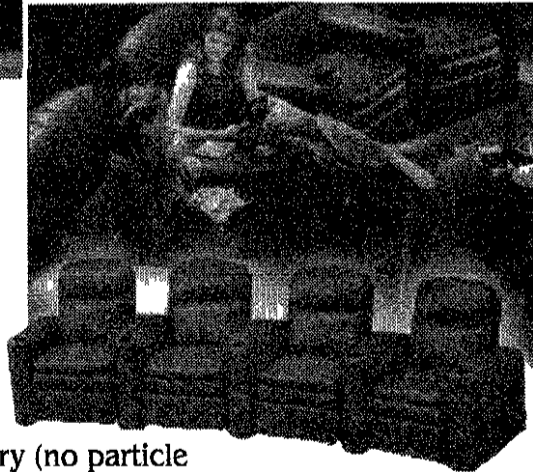
On that date next July, I will find every ounce of my courage. I will climb upon an airplane and let it fly me to Arizona.

When I get there I hope my friend will find every ounce of her courage. She will merge

onto the freeway and from that airport in Arizona, she will pick me up. We will go, we will lunch and chat and laugh and remember. From that moment in time it will all begin again.

Cathy Standish still celebrating her never ending birthday is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the Observer. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com

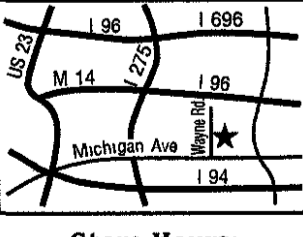
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Proceeds go to U-M Transplant Center's donation awareness programs. The cost is \$22 for 5K run, \$15 for one-mile hike and \$35 for family hike on day of hike. Early registration is \$18 for 5K, \$12 for one-mile and \$30 for family hike. Call (734) 936-3460 or visit the Web site at www.gaultracemanagement.com to register.

ACR accreditation

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A little dose of sunshine makes for healthy bones

BY SANDY BAUMANN
CORRESPONDENT

Did you know you can enhance the health of your bones and teeth simply by being outside in summer sunshine? According to Dr. H.F. DeLuca of the Department of Biochemistry at University of Wisconsin in *Healing with Vitamins*, 10 minutes of sun on the hands and face each day helps your body manufacture your daily allotment of vitamin D, which is needed for the health of bones, teeth, and more. You need to go outdoors in sunlight because window glass in homes and cars filters out the sun rays needed to make vitamin D. Moreover, in northern climates like Michigan, little vitamin D is made in winter, so summer sun is necessary to store this vitamin in fat

The need for vitamin D increases with age.

cells to use in winter. To avoid the risk of skin cancer and yet make vitamin D, you can safely expose your skin to the sun without sunscreen before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Wearing a sunscreen of SPF8 prevents about 95 percent of vitamin D synthesis. Dr. David Williams, in his *Alternatives* newsletter, recommends "at least 30 minutes of direct sun exposure three times weekly (without sunscreen, long sleeve shirts, hats, etc.)."

The need for vitamin D increases with age. The RDA for adults is 200 IU, it increases to 400 IU for persons age 50 plus and to 600 IU for those age 70 plus. The findings that many people are deficient in vitamin D is supported by 1998 research reported in *New Encyclopedia Vitamins, Minerals, Supplements and Herbs*, which showed that 57 percent of 290 newly admitted patients in a Boston hospital were deficient in vitamin D.

Others persons who are susceptible to this deficiency include alcoholics, those taking anti-convulsant drugs (like Dilantin), persons with kidney or liver disease, and those whose circumstances don't expose them to much sunlight, including office workers, persons in nursing homes and institutions, and homebound elderly.

Those with darker skin who live in northern climates are especially at risk for vitamin D deficiency. The July 2002 issue of *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* detailed a study on the vitamin D status of non-pregnant African American women ages 15 to 49. Of the 1,546 African American women, 42 percent were deficient in vitamin D compared to only 4.2 percent of the 1,425 white women. This deficiency may explain the increased risk for breast and prostate cancer among African Americans. A National Cancer Institute survey found between a 10 to 27 percent reduction in deaths

from breast, prostate, and ovarian cancers among persons who live in areas of the U.S. that have the most sun and therefore the most chance to make vitamin D.

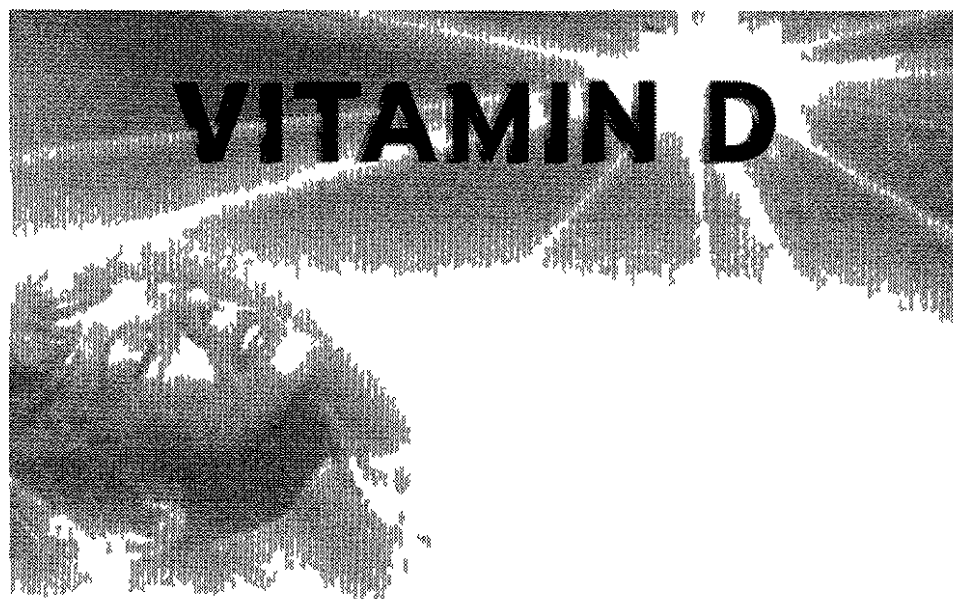
VITAMIN D AND CANCER

Epidemiologists Cedric and Frank Garland noted in the 1999 *Annals of the New York Academy of Science* that the geographic pattern of colon cancer mimics that for rickets, which is a disease resulting from vitamin D deficiency. According to their paper, the risk for colon cancer increases in areas that have low winter sunlight due to northern location, pollution, and extensive winter cloud cover. A Swedish study showed that persons with the highest vitamin D intake were nearly half as likely to get colon and rectal cancers as those who had the lowest intake. Dr. Michael Holick, of Boston University Medical Center and a leading researcher on the health effects of vitamin D, says, "We think now that being able to maintain adequate vitamin D levels may be important for decreasing your risk of getting prostate cancer, breast cancer and colon cancer."

The body needs vitamin D to incorporate calcium into bones and teeth. PDR for Nutritional Supplements indicates that low levels of vitamin D are associated with increased bone fracture and osteoarthritis. They report that low blood serum levels of vitamin D have been linked to faster progression of arthritis of the knee. Dr. David Brownstein, a West Bloomfield physician, writes in his book *Overcoming Arthritis*, "I have found very low levels of vitamin D in patients with arthritis. Vitamin D levels should be checked regularly."

REDUCED RISK

Professor Terry Diamond at St. George Hospital in Sydney, Australia, says, "We know from studies published in the past, that if you correct the vitamin D deficiency in a high risk population group, you can reduce the risk of hip fractures by 25 to 40 percent." Dr. Michael Holick asserts that at least 40



percent of American patients in the northeast United States who suffered hip fractures have vitamin D deficiencies. He also conducted a study with senior citizens in Maine. He showed that these seniors lost 3-4 percent of bone mass in their hips and spines in the fall and winter, some of which they regained in spring and summer.

Dr. Holick did research with a group of normal women ages 22 to 66 who had mild high blood pressure of unknown origin. They were treated to full-body UV-B light, while the control group received full-body UV-A light. Those who received the UV-B light (comparable to sunlight) increased vitamin D levels 40 times that of the control group and dropped 8 mmHg in blood pressure, essentially returning to normal levels. After this study, Dr. Holick suggests walking 15 to 20 minutes daily in spring, summer, and fall to normalize your blood pressure, increase aerobic capacity, and improve vitamin D.

From this research, you can see that your mother was right when she said, "Go outside and play!"

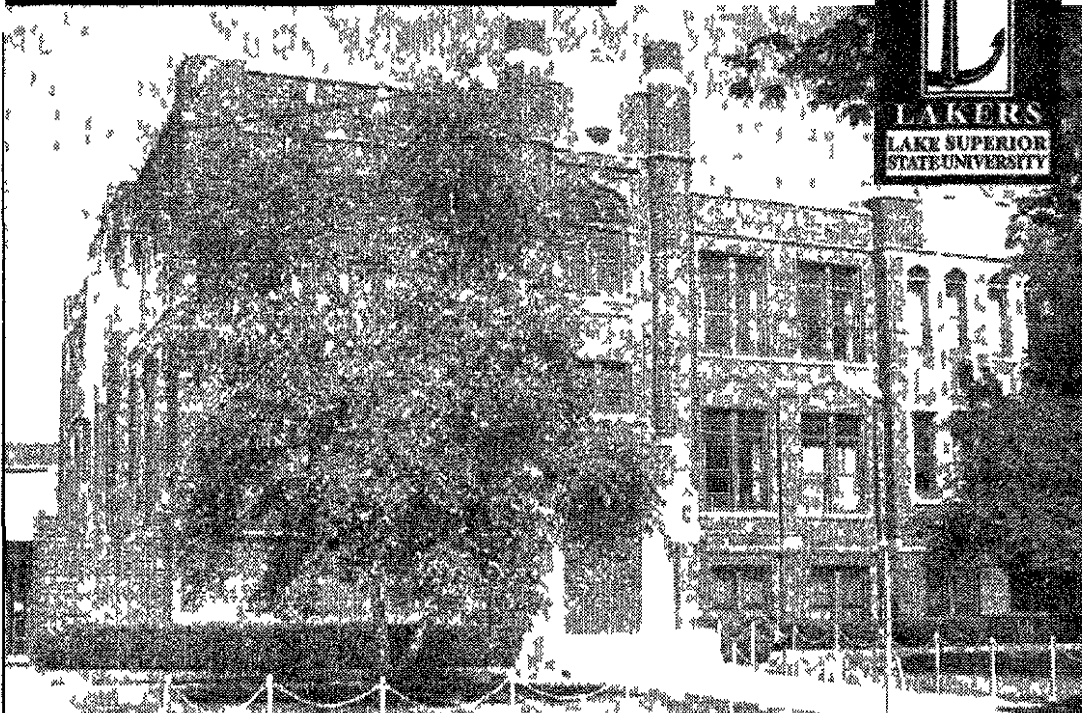
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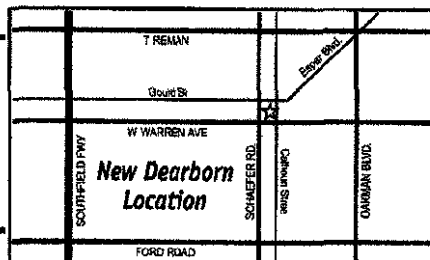
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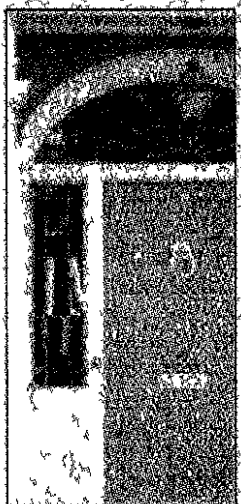
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Carefree living, choices at Gateway Village of Novi

It's all about choices and value for price at Gateway Village of Novi. Attached condominiums - raised ranches and townhomes - in what has become known as a new urban lifestyle are under construction at the northwest corner of Grand River and Meadowbrook in that city.

One hundred eighty-four residences will be built, eight to 16 per building. Additionally, three retail buildings to which developers hope to attract businesses like a coffee shop, dry cleaners and hair salon, will be part of the community. Also, there are several acres of open green space and a wetlands.

Prices start at \$209,900.

"We're really excited about this project," said Pierre Nona, vice president of

'They're in the infancy stages of a downtown (Novi) area - shopping, entertainment, restaurants, bars. To succeed, they need residents.'

Pierre Nona
 Triangle Development



Attached condominiums, raised ranches and townhomes at Gateway Village of Novi have construction alternatives so that purchasers can pretty much design their own units.

Triangle Development. "Mixed use is exciting. We're trying to sell a lifestyle. We left a lot of open space. A big part of this is location. Novi is in the infancy stages of a downtown (Novi) area - shopping, entertainment, restaurants, bars. To succeed, they need residents. Not residents with a house on a half acre, but lots of residents and a variety of residents. Both the ranch and the townhome plans have construction alternatives so that purchasers can pretty much design their own units.

"Visitors are impressed all around - openness, flow, what's included, what we're creating here, the community," said Suzanne Sutton, sales representative. A lot of people are impressed with the quality they see.

There's a floor plan they can tailor to their needs, she added.

Another big selling point, Nona said, is the Five Star energy package that includes higher efficient furnace, water heater, air conditioner, insulation and

caulking.

Not only is it cost savings, but social good comes as well, Nona said.

Gateway Village has easy freeway access to I-275 and I-96 and popular destination points like Twelve Oaks, Novi Expo Center, Kensington Metropark and Proud Lake State Recreation Area.

"Novi is a great area," Nona said.

The standard ranch plan, 1,612 square feet, includes a recreation room and full bath at garage level, two bedrooms and a full bath one level up. Base price is \$209,900.

A bedroom can be substituted for the rec. room at ground level for \$1,000 and a master suite with its own bath plus a half bath can be substituted on the first floor for \$3,500.

The standard townhome, 1,974 square

feet, includes two bedrooms and a bath on the main living floor, a recreation room and full bath on the top floor for \$239,900.

Substitutions also are possible on the townhome. Upstairs, two bedrooms and loft can replace the rec room for \$1,000 or a master suite with glamour bath for \$3,500.

On the main floor, the two-bed/one-bath configuration can be replaced with a master suite including its own bath, plus a half bath for a \$3,500 premium.

All end units carry a \$9,000 premium.

Both the townhome and ranch feature a great room, dining area and kitchen with a counter that can be used as a breakfast bar.

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and dishwasher in the kitchen, wood flooring in the foyer, vinyl in the kitchen/nook, ceramic in the baths and carpeting throughout the rest of the home, and extra wide stairs.

Landscaping also is included. Brick and vinyl siding are primary exterior materials.

There's no landscaping or outside maintenance for people to worry about, Nona said.

"Care-free living," Sutton added.

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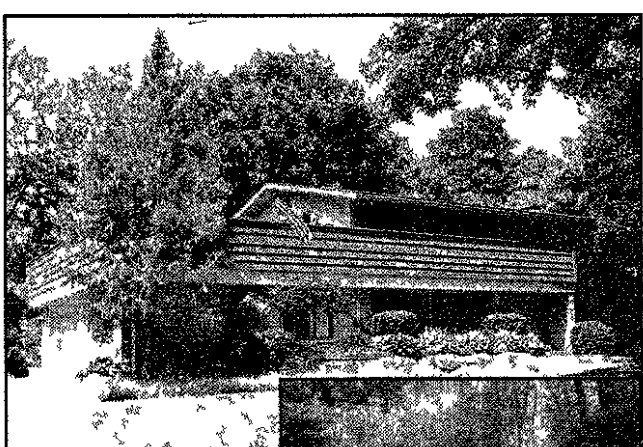
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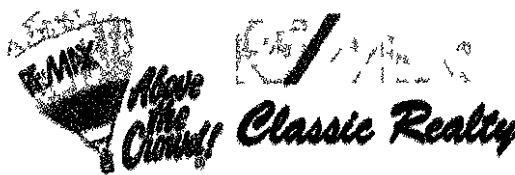


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College landlords hit for multiple tenants in homes

BY ADRIENNE NETTLES
THE TUSCALOOSA NEWS

A house is a house. Or is it? It's a question facing city leaders who are tackling case-by-case compliance with a city ordinance that bans more than three unrelated people from living in a house zoned as a single-family residence.

The most recent challenge of the ordinance involves local businessman and landlord Phillip Weaver and property he owns on Riverside Drive.

Neighborhood activists say Weaver knowingly violated the city ordinance by allowing seven or more students to live at two of his rental properties on Riverside. Weaver says he's being unfairly singled out.

A group of neighborhood associations have filed suit in Tuscaloosa County Circuit Court challenging the

city's interpretation and enforcement of the ordinance and urging the city to prevent more than three unrelated people from living in single-family homes.

City leaders are aware that the prime violators of the ordinance are students, most attend the University of Alabama and live in or near the city's historic districts.

The city adopted the ordinance in October 1972. It states that it's illegal for any person, firm or corporation owning rental property to allow a dwelling to be used in violation of the ordinance.

City Attorney Bob Ennis said enforcing the ordinance in older areas of the city is problematic. "It's very difficult to factually determine how many people are living in a home. It's a fact-driven inquiry."

In May, neighborhood activist

Virginia Powell requested that the city department of Community Planning and Development investigate students' alleged occupancy of two homes on Riverside Drive, which abuts UAs campus and her Sherwood Drive home.

The homes, which are owned by Weaver, are at 1312 Riverside Drive and 1207 Riverside Drive. The two-story duplex-style homes were built during the early 1900s and feature kitchens on both levels and outside entrances on each floor.

Weaver presented evidence to the planning department showing the structures have been used as rental property since the mid-1950s.

City Planning Director and Zoning Officer Bill Snowden said evidence meant Weaver's homes were exempt from the ordinance, which affects only homes built after its adoption.

"Under the law, we had to determine whether the houses were legal non-conforming to the unit dwelling," Snowden said. "We determined it was a legal nonconforming use based on what Weaver submitted and a staff investigation."

Powell and other neighbors in the historic districts around the UA campus last month appealed Snowden's decision to the Tuscaloosa Zoning Board of Adjustment, but not enough board members sided with the neighbors to override Snowden.

Recently, a lawyer on behalf of residents in the Caplewood, Riverside and Sherwood neighborhoods filed suit, seeking to block Snowden's ruling.

Weaver, owner of Weaver Rentals, said he would deal with the court challenge as it moves forward.

He said he feels neighborhood


activists, including Powell, are singling him out as a student landlord. "I really don't appreciate it," he said. "The city made its ruling, and it's been upheld twice. There's a lot of people in town that rent way more properties than me."

Weaver said student tenants often inquire through him about their rights in case they're approached by a zoning or police officer about the number of tenants in a house.

"We've had students ask us about this, and I've informed them they have a right to privacy, but that they have to comply with the laws."

Weaver said that while Riverside Drive is being targeted, in some of the adjacent neighborhoods, many of the property owners rent out either the upper or basement levels of their homes and may have several unrelated people living in the houses.

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Psychic medium has plans for old farm

BY ANNE WALLACE ALLEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

After a century and more as a simple home to sheep and dairy cows, this old hilltop farm is crossing over to the other side — it's the future site of a spiritual healing center for Rosemary Altea, a British medium who calls herself "the voice of the spirit world."

Altea inherited the 560-acre property from Llewella Day, a third-generation farmer who lived there until her death in January 2001.

It's an unlikely gift for Altea, a polished and fashionable author and public speaker who now spends much of her time in southern Vermont and who has no yearning to raise cows, horses or sheep.

She says she told Day not to leave her the farm.

"I refused this property at least a dozen times," said Altea on a recent tour of the large, decrepit, brick farmhouse. "It really is a millstone around my neck. I'm a really busy person and the last thing I need is to keep tripping up here every five minutes."

But leave it to her. Day did, and now Altea is making the best of it, with plans for a healing center there that both peo-

ple and animals could visit, free of charge, for help with what ails them.

Altea and her followers will be something new for Ira, population 460, a former farming town set in the steep hills a few miles southwest of Rutland.

Altea is a Leicester, England, native, raised as a Baptist, who says she knew early on she had unusual abilities.

"I've been strange ever since I can remember," she said. "I have seen faces and heard voices. People from the spirit world would drop in and visit."

At first she doubted her sanity. Later, when she was in her 30s, newly divorced with a young daughter, a mentor showed her she had the gift of communicating with people who have died — and of acting as a channel for God's healing grace," she said.

Soon after, she published her first book, *The Eagle and the Rose*, which made it to *The New York Times* best seller list. She's since published other books about her work.

Apart from healing, Altea does private consultations for people who want to communicate with someone who died. She's comfortable with the skepticism that can come along

with her job.

"You've got to admit it's interesting," she said after doing an on-the-spot consultation for a visitor.

She believes Day herself is watching her as she makes plans for the farm.

"I know that when I die, my daughter's going to get visits from me on a regular daily basis," she said with a smile.

Altea believes that there is life after death, and that living creatures are spiritual beings who come to Earth to learn. As such, apart from her many written works, she also offers lectures and seminars to show others how to enhance their own healing abilities.

And she heals — literally — by the laying on of hands.

Healing will often take away the fear, even if it doesn't take away the tumor," she said.

Book sales, an extensive Web site, and the paid lectures enable Altea to put in her time at the unpaid healing. She visits people at their homes and in hospitals, and they travel to see her. As soon as one of the two houses on the Ira estate is fixed up, those travelers will be meeting her there, she said.

Healing is how Altea met Day. Mutual friends suggested Altea visit Day, who had can-

cer, in 1999 at Day's farm. Day had read many of Altea's books. The two became close.

"We were total opposites," Altea said. "She was an old Vermont farmer who wore dungarees, a string around her waist, and a cap. She was extremely opinionated, she was straightforward."

But they had some fundamental things in common.

"She had a total and absolute belief in God, and so do I," said Altea.

Day was a University of Vermont graduate who never married or had children and who lived at the farm all her life — the last 38 years of it alone. She had originally willed the farm to a brother and some friends and business associates, but she revised her will twice before her death to leave it all to Altea, according to court records.

Those relatives and others contested the will, but it was upheld by a Rutland County Probate Court judge this year.

Neighbors on the hilly road seem unfazed by the change in the farms fortunes.

"Everybody's kind of just sitting back to watch and see what happens," said John Farrell, an Ira dairy farmer who was friends with the Days

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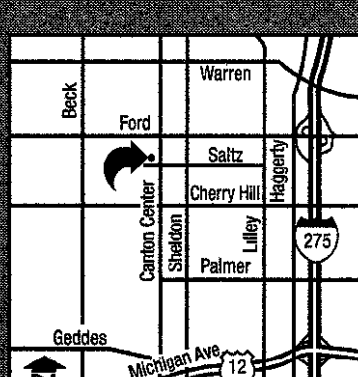

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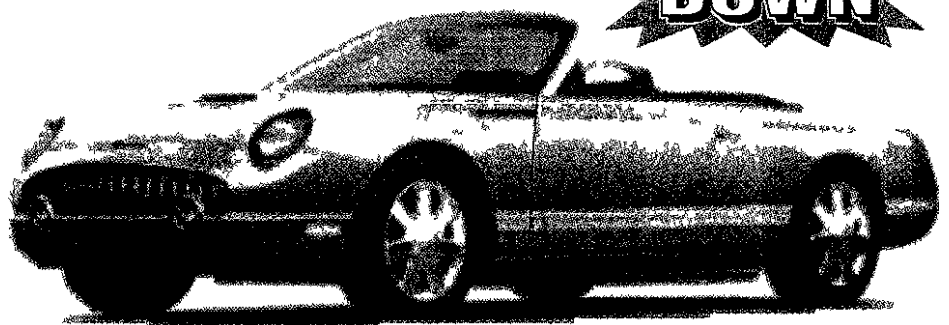
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TAKE A LOOK AT THE FEATURES ON 2003 RANGER 4X4 SUPER CAB EDGE!
 Auto, 4 0L, Four Door, Sliding Rear Window, Speed Control, Tilt Wheel, Power Windows, Power Locks, Keyless Entry, Air, MP3 Audio Player
4 AT THIS PRICE 145 AVAILABLE

MSRP \$23,775	39 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL			
A-PLAN WITH RENEWAL \$15,658!	A-Plan	ZERO DOWN	\$208⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1105 DUE AT SIGNING
	Everyone	ZERO DOWN	\$238⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1135 DUE AT SIGNING

2003 F-150 Super Cab!

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TAKE A LOOK AT THE FEATURES ON 2003 F-150 SUPER CAB!
 XLT, Auto Trans, Air, Power Windows, Power Locks, Speed Control, Tilt Wheel, Captain's Chairs, Keyless Entry, Sliding Rear Window, Dual Media
10 AT THIS PRICE 15 AVAILABLE

MSRP \$21,410	24 MONTH LEASE WITH F150 RENEWAL			
A-PLAN WITH F150 RENEWAL \$15,757!	A-Plan	ZERO DOWN	\$188⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1,172 DUE AT SIGNING
	Everyone	ZERO DOWN	\$218⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1202 DUE AT SIGNING

2003 T-Bird Convertible

TAKE A LOOK AT THE FEATURES ON 2003 T-BIRD CONVERTIBLE!
 Shadow grey, black accent pkg., heated seats, keyless entry, power windows, locks, seats, Audyophle sound system, power tilt telescoping steering wheel, dual auto temp air Stock #34349
12 AVAILABLE

MSRP \$38,515	39 MONTH LEASE			
A-PLAN \$33,426!	A-Plan	ZERO DOWN	\$430⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1,100 DUE AT SIGNING
	Everyone	ZERO DOWN	\$475⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1,150 DUE AT SIGNING

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2003 Taurus SES 4 Door!

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 Spoiler, Console, Power Windows, Power Locks, Power Seat, Speed Control, Tilt Wheel, Six Disc CD, Adjustable Pedals, Keyless Entry
50 AT THIS PRICE 20 AVAILABLE

MSRP \$22,135	39 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL			
A-PLAN WITH RENEWAL \$14,449!	A-Plan	ZERO DOWN	\$237⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1,150 DUE AT SIGNING
	Everyone	ZERO DOWN	\$267⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1180 DUE AT SIGNING

2003 Escape XLT 4X4!

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TAKE A LOOK AT THE FEATURES ON 2003 ESCAPE XLT!
 Auto, Air, Power Windows, Locks, Driver Seat, Perimeter Alarm, Tilt Wheel w/Speed Control, Privacy Glass, Remote Keyless Entry, Cargo Cover
4 AT THIS PRICE 25 AVAILABLE

MSRP \$24,000	39 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL			
A-PLAN WITH RENEWAL \$19,485!	A-Plan	ZERO DOWN	\$287⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1040 DUE AT SIGNING
	Everyone	ZERO DOWN	\$317⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1070 DUE AT SIGNING

2003 Explorer XLS Sport 4 Door! 4X4

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TAKE A LOOK AT THE FEATURES ON 2003 EXPLORER XLS SPORT 4 DOOR! 4X4
 Sport Package, Privacy Glass, Aluminum Wheels, Power Windows, Power Locks, Speed Control, Tilt Wheel, Dual Media, Step Bars, Keyless Entry
40 AT THIS PRICE 25 AVAILABLE

MSRP \$30,375	39 MONTH LEASE WITH RENEWAL			
A-PLAN WITH RENEWAL \$19,990!	A-Plan	ZERO DOWN	\$281⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1,175 DUE AT SIGNING
	Everyone	ZERO DOWN	\$311⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1205 DUE AT SIGNING

2003 Windstar SE!

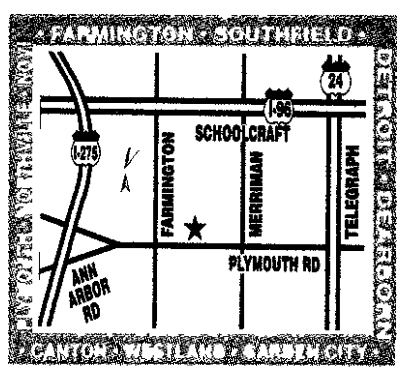
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3 AT THIS PRICE 19 AVAILABLE

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A-PLAN WITH RENEWAL \$20,002!	A-Plan	ZERO DOWN	\$231⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1248 DUE AT SIGNING
	Everyone	ZERO DOWN	\$261⁰⁰ PER MONTH	\$1278 DUE AT SIGNING

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