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McCotter meets

Staff from U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's district office host office hours at the Plymouth District Library from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, June 22, at the Plymouth District Library. McCotter (R-Livonia) and his staff are able to provide assistance with issues involving the federal government, including social security, Medicare, military and veterans' affairs, small business concerns, student loan repayments and a variety of other issues. For more information, call (734) 632-0313.

Double honor

Megan Beems of Plymouth, a junior at Detroit Country Day, was recognized with two awards at the annual Honors Convocation held recently.

Upper school director Brad Gilman presented Beems with the Cornell University Book Award and the Wellesley College Book Award. The Cornell is given by the Cornell Club of Michigan to a high school junior who has a keen interest in current affairs and has contributed to the school as well as to the outside community. The Wellesley recognizes the woman in the junior class who has made an outstanding contribution to her school in terms of scholarship, achievement, leadership and citizenship.



Beems, who hopes to become a transplant surgeon, is the daughter of Gretchen Beems of Plymouth.

High-tech credit

A high-technology employment tax credit has been approved for MSC Walbridge Coatings, Inc., of Plymouth Township, state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) announced this week. The company will lease a 54,000-square-foot building for a new technical center. The project will lead to the creation of six new jobs in the first year of operation and a total of 27 new jobs over five years. The tax credit is valued at some \$800,000. "I am glad we're able to support local businesses who will produce jobs for residents in my district," Stewart said.

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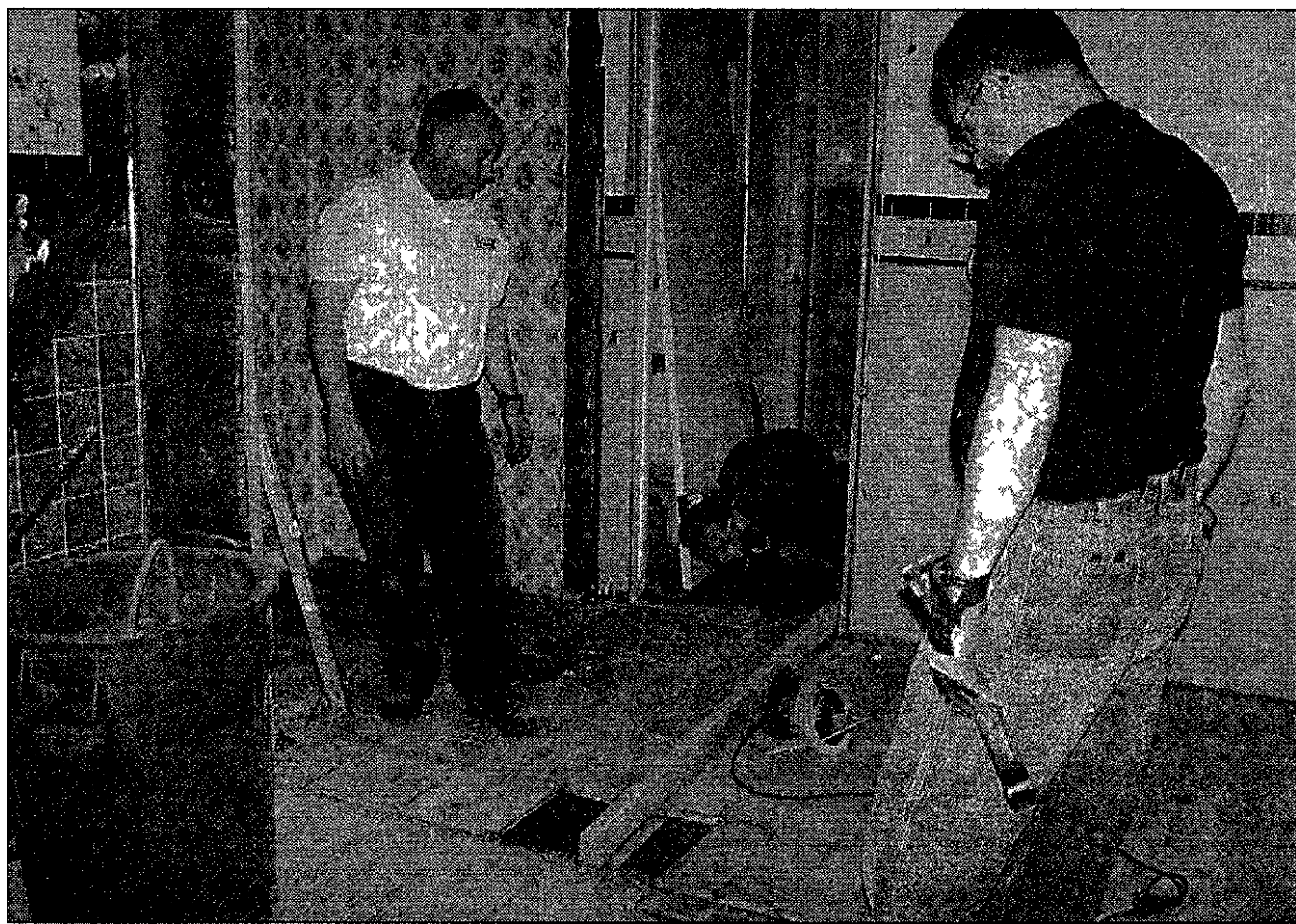


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Plymouth Rotarians help rebuild the bathroom in the Oakview home of a Plymouth Township woman as part of the club's Rotary Cares program.

Rotary comes to the rescue

Project helps Plymouth woman's family keep its home

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Tina Colaluca and her husband bought the house on Oakview in Plymouth Township, it was the epitome of a fixer-upper.

"We originally bought it for the area and double lot," said Colaluca, 34. "We didn't want to put a lot of money into it. We planned on eventually tearing it down and building another house."

That was the original plan. "It didn't quite work out that way," remembered Colaluca.

Several years after moving in, Colaluca found herself

divorced, a single mom of two young children with no education or work experience and her life dramatically changed. "I had no savings and the house was in foreclosure," she said. "I was home with two little kids and I had to figure out how to feed them and save the house."

"The last thing I wanted to do was rip them out of their home," added Colaluca. "The most important thing is where I raise them."

Colaluca borrowed money to get the house out of foreclosure and performed odd jobs to barely feed her children and keep the house.

Keeping the house was one thing. Keeping it up was another.

"My heat would frequently go out, the water heater was leaking, the wallpaper was peeling and there were cracks in the floor," she said. "But, I was just grateful I had a roof over my head."

For eight years, the Plymouth Noon Rotary has initiated a Rotary Cares project, helping those in need to complete an interior or exterior project on a home. Rotarians heard about Colaluca's situation and contacted her.

"We talked to people who knew Tina, and they said she needed a new bathroom," said Rotarian Nancy Baldwin, co-chair of the Rotary Cares committee. "We followed up on it, and she needed way more than a bathroom. The house was literally falling apart."

"I was thinking that it would be great to get a window," said Colaluca. "I was shocked when they told me they were going to redo the entire bathroom and fix the plumbing, get me a new water heater and furnace, a new kitchen, replace all the win-

PLEASE SEE ROTARY, A6



Plymouth Township resident Tina Colaluca credits Rotary Club members with getting her home back in order.

Higher bond could be cheaper

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials are expected to increase the amount of a fall bond issue, with the net result a savings to taxpayers.

According to Patricia Brand, executive director of business services, "what we thought was a \$107 million bond issue ends up being closer to \$109 million."

However, Brand says the district will be able to keep the interest rate to taxpayers lower because the district will eventually sell the bonds in two issues.

"We could not complete the work and expend 85 percent of the proceeds within the IRS timeline, which is three years," Brand told the board of education. "We'd have to sell them in two series to meet IRS guidelines."

Brand said the district will have to split the bond sale because of the amount of work needed to be completed in the school buildings.

"The good news is that even though the dollar value is higher, the actual millage we would levy is lower than what we had originally anticipated," she said. "The taxpayer is paying less interest because we're doing it in two series, thereby lowering the interest cost."

The board of education earlier voted to ask voters to approve \$107 million to build a new elementary school in Canton, \$91 million for renovations and repairs at all district buildings, plus \$1 million for immediate repairs to Central Middle School.

School officials will meet with Michigan Department of Treasury officials later this month to present their case for the bond issue. If approved by the state, the board is expected to set a September date for the bond issue.

"Because we're pushing the project out into the future, there's an inflation component that we need to add to the project cost," she said. "We're still in the process of refining the numbers every day."

According to figures from Brand, the \$109 million bond issue would cost the owner of a \$235,000 home an additional \$47 annually in taxes.

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Parade hopes to honor vets

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township resident Joe Starr believes World War II veterans represent the greatest generation and wants to see them honored in this year's Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade in downtown Plymouth.

"I think we should show them we appreciate what they did," Starr said. "It's not so much for me and my generation, but so my kids can see them and understand what they did for us."

Starr is recruiting World War II vets to participate in this year's parade. And he's hoping to honor as many as he can find.

"They fought for their kids and the future of our country," Starr said. "They felt it was their duty to fight, then came home and rebuilt the nation and

moved forward. We need to realize what we have before us, before they're all gone."

World War II vets who want to be part of the parade can contact Starr at (734) 459-2325.

Parade organizer Fred Hill said the celebration of veterans is only part of a number of new entries in this year's parade. The Aces High Monster Truck team will roll in with an 11,000-pound, steel-bodied 1972 Chevy El Camino, which sits 14 feet tall.

"Everybody will move out of your way, that's for sure," Aces High driver Shelley Kujat said.

"Tying up the truck (changing the tires) before the parade will be a show in itself," said Kujat's husband and crew chief, Ron Kujat. "It takes about an hour to do."

The tires are 6 feet tall and weigh 1,200 pounds.

PLEASE SEE PARADE, A6



The Aces High Monster Truck team will roll into Plymouth for the Fourth of July parade with an 11,000-pound, steel-bodied 1972 Chevy El Camino, which sits 14-feet tall.

Township hopefuls invited to forum

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

There are six candidates for the three full-time elected positions in the Aug. 3 Plymouth Township Republican primary, and they'll share a stage for a candidates' forum at the Plymouth District Library.

The July 12 forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and the Plymouth Observer, will actually be divided into three parts, 45 minutes each for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

The races feature

■ Supervisor — Schoolcraft College staffer Richard Reaume, who ran and lost for treasurer in 2000, against Don Schnettler, a building inspector for Plymouth and the head of Citizens for Responsive Government.

■ Clerk — incumbent Marilyn Massengill against Lola Isminger, who has worked in the Dearborn clerk's office for 14 years, the last two as the deputy.

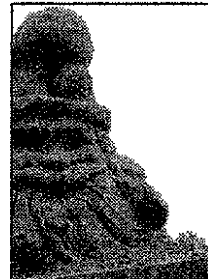
■ Treasurer — two-term incumbent Ron Edwards against John Morrison, who ran for the board of trustees four years ago.

The supervisor's forum starts at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 12, with the clerk's forum at 7:20 and the treasurer's forum from 8:05 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Comcast Cable will tape the forums for broadcast leading up to the election.

Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, a one-minute response to questions and a two-minute summation. The forum will be moderated by Anne Marie Graham Hudak of the League of Women Voters.

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TROOP SUPPORT

Lakepointe Family Chiropractic is changing its hours Monday, and in conjunction with the change will conduct a support drive for troops serving overseas.

Staffers at the clinic, located at 42875 Five Mile, will be collecting non-perishable items (hard candy, handy-wipes, comics, magazines, powdered beverages, peanut butter, tuna-beef-chicken in foil packages, peanuts-pretzels-cookies, etc.) during their new business hours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Staffers will collect donations from July 21-29, then ship the packages overseas.

For more information on the collection or on the clinic itself, call (734) 420-1004.

COACH OPENINGS

Plymouth High School has openings for coaches for the 2004-05 school year.

The school needs coaches for boys' freshman soccer and basketball, varsity cross country for boys and girls, and a girls' freshman basketball coach.

Interested applicants should send a resume to Athletic Director Terry Sawchuck, Plymouth High School, 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187. For more

information, call (734) 582-5700.

KIWANIS BREAKFASTS

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects, and the breakfast Saturday is a special one.

Father's attending Saturday's breakfast get their tickets for \$1 off. Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, and again July 10, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free.

Proceeds from the breakfasts — which include all-you-can-eat eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice — support community activities such as an annual scholarship, sweat suits for First Step, Bentley Elementary School read-a-thon, church directories for area hotels/motels, Halloween costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth.

The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman.

GARDEN WALK

Trailwood Garden Club presents the ninth-annual "Flowers

are Forever Garden Walk from noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 22.

Participants will enjoy several lovely gardens, and complimentary refreshments will be served. Garden tools will be collected for the Capuchin Kitchen Gardens.

Tickets are \$7 pre-sale and \$8 the day of the tour, raffle tickets will be available for \$1 or three-for-\$2. Tickets are available at Saxton's Garden Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, and Georgia Randimtis, (734) 459-7146.

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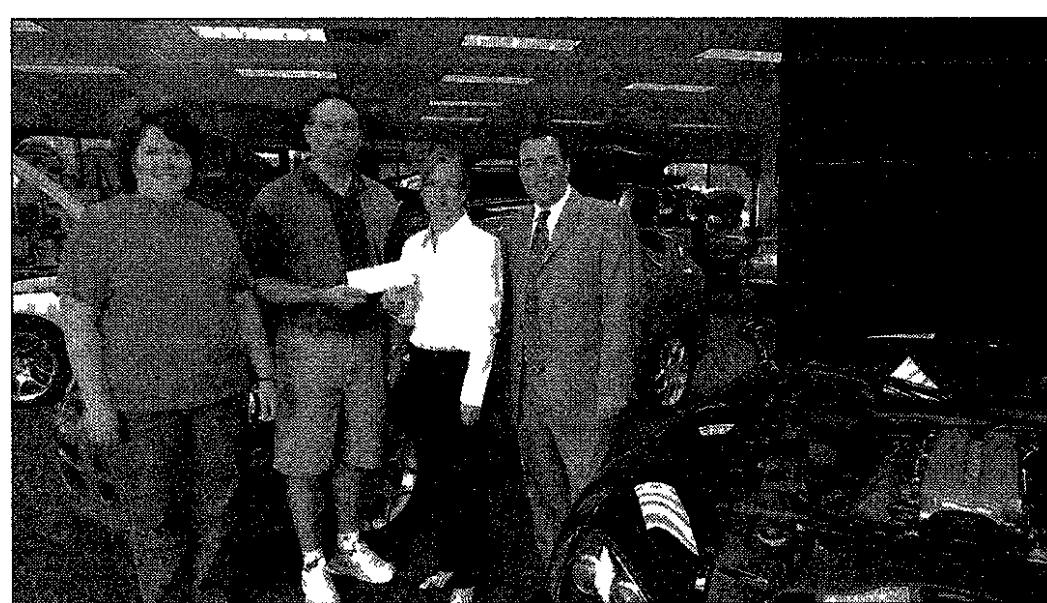
Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School has a few openings in selected grades for Fall 2004. Specifically, there are openings in kindergarten, fifth grade and seventh grade.

For more information, call Terri O'Connor or Kay Reilly, (734) 453-3053.

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAM

The Plymouth District Library has planned a wide variety of programs as part of its Teen Summer Reading program, "GET LOST @ THE LIBRARY."

To kick off the program, the library staff has planned a soccer murder mystery pizza party, "Death Gets a Red Card", to be held Monday, June 21 at 6 p.m. (not 7, as previously advertised)



Funding for Field

PTO President Robin Klavon (from left) and Principal Kurt Tyszkiewicz of Field Elementary in Canton received a check from Nichole Scott, Director of Operations and Jason Scott, General Manager of Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth for \$665. The check was from the fund-raiser "Dodge Drive for Kids Program." Dodge donated \$50 for expenses, and an additional \$5 for each demonstration drive of a Grand Caravan, Ram Pick-Up and Durango completed with an evaluation form. "It was a mutually beneficial program," said Nichole Scott, director of dealership operations for Dick Scott Automotive Group. "Parents are genuinely interested in testing the versatility of the vehicles and we're able to provide additional dollars to schools in our area."

calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 230.

Pizza, pop and dessert will be served. This program is made possible by the support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library. All should register in advance for this free program by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Monday, July 12.

Appointments can be made by calling Carolyn Liebau, (734) 455-5395, or drop-ins are welcome.

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Setting the stage at Carnegie

Famous hall 'overwhelms' kids who made the trip

BY LAUREL GNAGEY
CORRESPONDENT

Students from the PCEP Choir program say they knew singing at Carnegie Hall would be an exciting, once-in-a-lifetime experience, but most admit they were not quite prepared to be so overwhelmed.

"I don't know what I expected but it exceeded anything I could have imagined," Briana (Bre) Overmars, recent Salem High School graduate, said of the recent trip. "I didn't quite feel worthy to be on this stage where so many magnificent performers have stood."

Incoming senior Zack Dunlap said even after seeing the famous hall in photos, there was nothing like the view from stage.

"We were walking around the back stage that has all this concrete block, we turned a corner, and, whoa, there it was," Dunlap said. "I was surprised at how packed out it was. You can't duplicate that feeling."

Members of the Chamber and Madrigal choirs at PCEP were



Choir members representing Plymouth-Canton put in their rehearsal time for their performance at Carnegie Hall, which many said was "overwhelming."

invited by Eastern Michigan University Professor Dr. Leonard Ricanto to sing Beethoven's *Mass in C Major* at Carnegie Hall. Ricanto was making his third appearance as a guest conductor. In addition to PCEP, the mass choir included groups and individuals from EMU, the Plymouth Oratorio Society, and South Lyon and Roscommon high schools.

In between several practice sessions during the five-day trip to New York, PCEP students took in the sights, including Ground Zero and the Statue of Liberty.

"I think it was important for everyone in choir to go to Ground Zero," Overmars said. "It gives us a feeling of connectedness and helps us understand the people of New York, their fears and how they've rebuilt their lives."

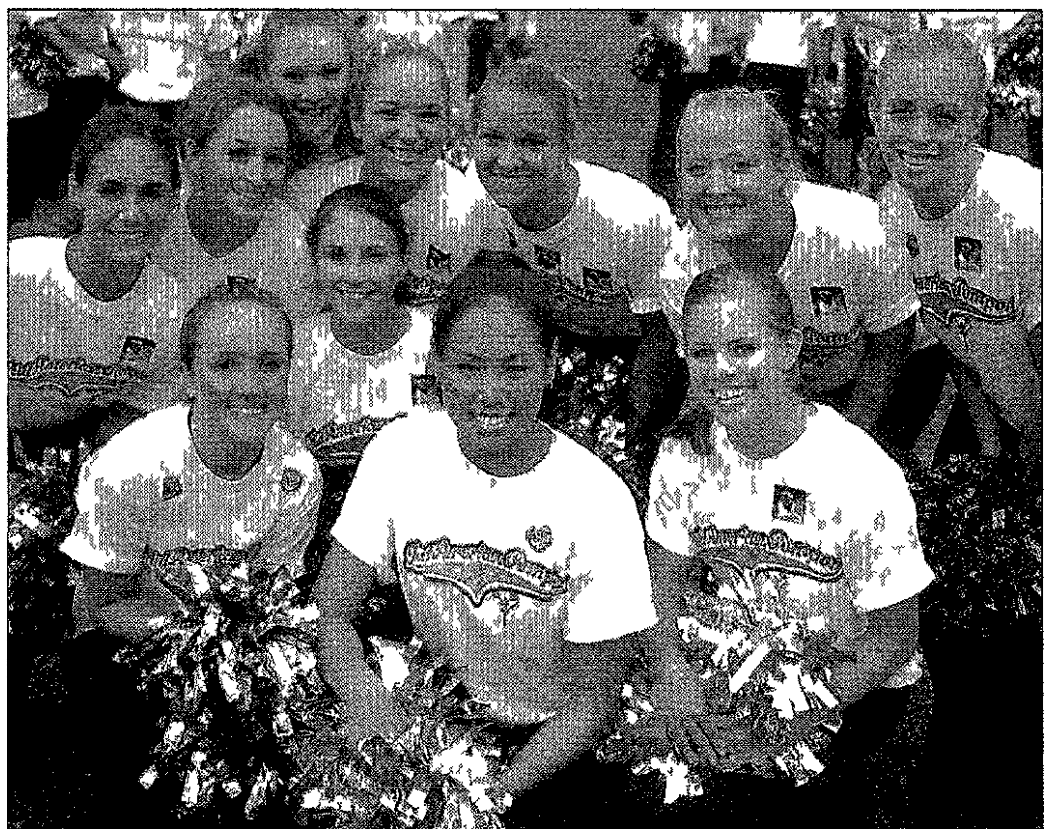
Students also saw *Phantom of the Opera* and Broadway's latest hit musical, *Wicked*.

"I enjoyed going to see the shows," incoming senior Katrina Chzek said. "*Wicked* was so good."

Although incoming senior Zack Pew said singing at Carnegie was his favorite experience of the trip, visiting Tom's Restaurant ranked right up there. He and Dunlap are huge *Seinfeld* fans who couldn't wait to visit the restaurant made famous as "Monk's" on the show that starred comedian Jerry Seinfeld.

"We ate there and had pie. We even took pictures of the pie," Pew said. "Characters in the show always talked about how good it was at 'Monk's,' and one episode was actually called 'The Pie,'" Pew said.

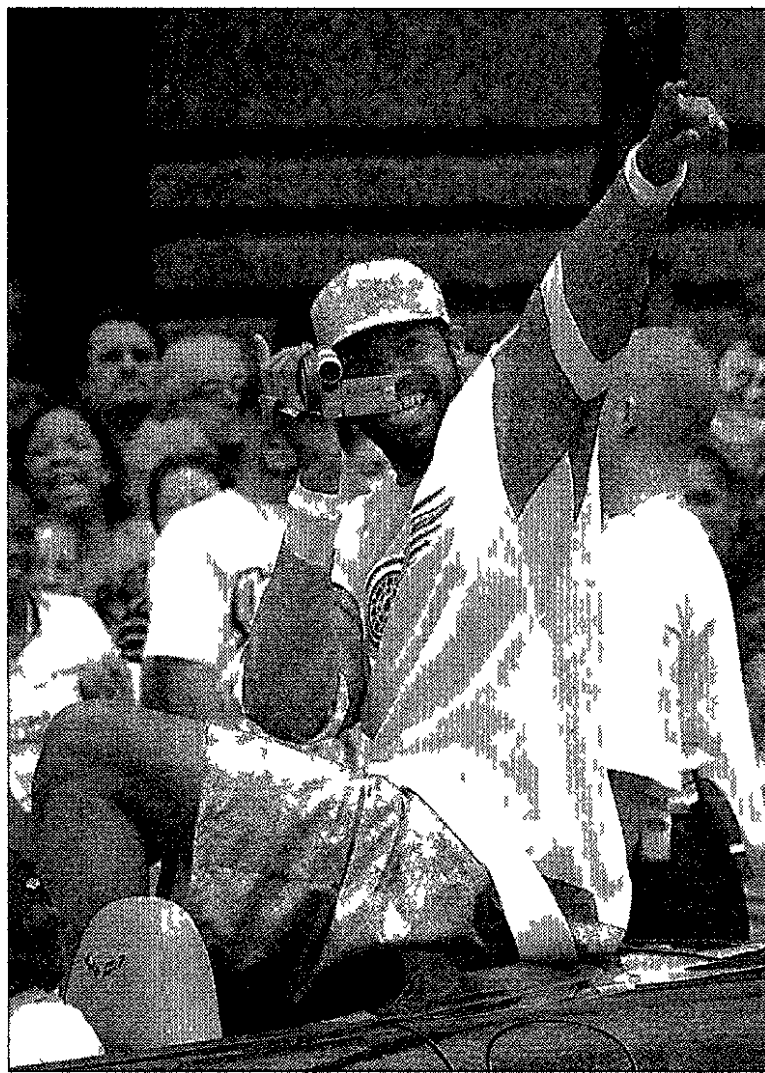
"It was de-lish," Dunlap said, as he explained why the two and several other students just had to visit the restaurant and sample the famous apple pie. "We're like those irritating people that when someone says something we say, 'That's like that one *Seinfeld* episode.'"



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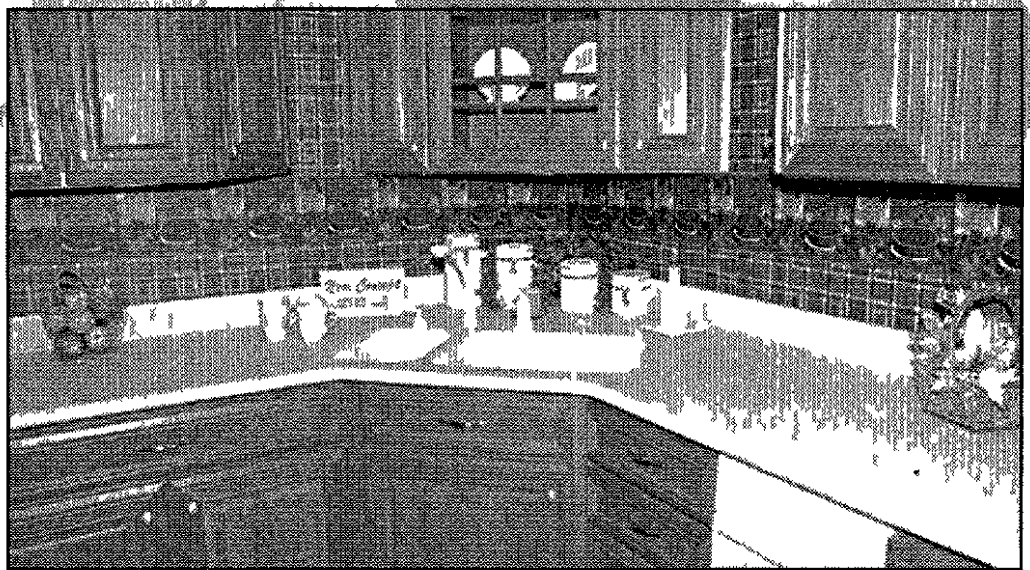
Parade party

Members of the Mid American PomPon Squad (above) marched in the Detroit Pistons Championship Parade in downtown Detroit Thursday. Members of the team include Tara Kay and Blair Locklar of Plymouth High School and Karla Hubchik, Megan Kryska, Rachel Ray, Elise Simpson, Michelle Lager, Kerry Dreffe, Tiffany Richards, Allison Ruda and Kayla Powers of Canton High School. Left, Rasheed Wallace does a little of his own recording while fans cheered during the parade.



Plymouth-Canton student Keshia Oliver greets the Regis Philbin wax statue during a visit to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum.

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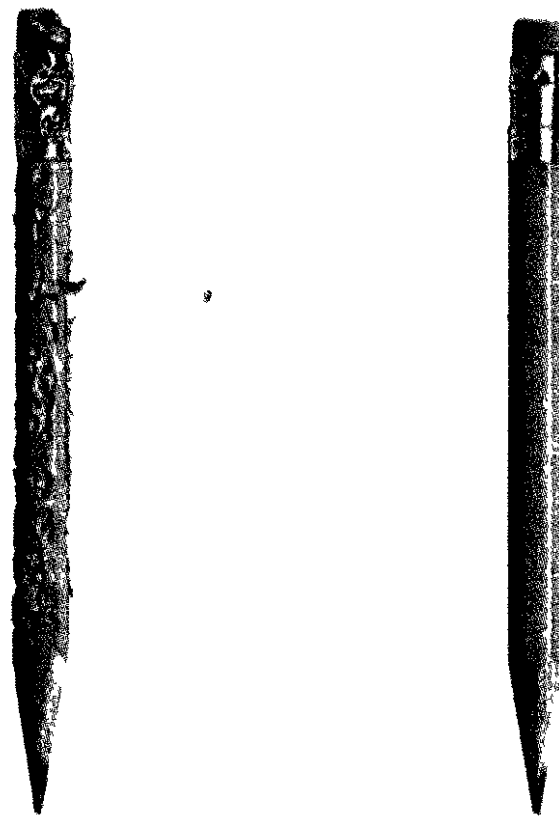
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Someone stole two tires and rims from a 2004 Chevy Monte Carlo parked at the Lou LaRiche dealership in Plymouth Township. The car was parked in the lot on the west side, near the showroom. The thieves left it sitting up on two cement blocks.

Car theft
An owner dropped off a 2004 Cadillac for maintenance prior to selling it at Don Massey Cadillac, and when he went back to check on the car, it couldn't be found. A records check found the car had not been sold.

Big bang
Sometime between 5-7 a.m. someone stuck an M-80 firecracker underneath the windshield of a Ford F-150 parked on Chester. When the firecracker exploded, it damaged the windshield wiper assembly, the hood, the windshield and the dash. Police have no suspects or witnesses.

Cell gone
Sometime between 9 a.m. June 9 and 4 p.m. June 12, someone opened a display case at Global Communications and stole a cell phone. According to the owner, the phone was a rare, expensive model sold in Europe. The phone was worth an estimated \$350.



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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between June 9-15:

■ Tuesday, June 15 – Residential rescue runs on Fox on Newport, on Brookline on Blunk and on Holbrook, rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Beck.

■ Monday, June 14 – Residential rescue runs on Newport, on Sheldon, on Hidden Creek, on Coolidge and on Haggerty, vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 west of Beck on Haggerty south of 5 Mile and on Red Maple Court (with wash-down), investigations on Adams and on Harvey, rescue run on

eastbound Hines industrial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Sunday, June 13 – Residential rescue runs on Newport, on Haggerty, on Elmhurst, on Thornridge and on Starkweather, carbon monoxide detector run on Maple, downed wires on Ann Arbor Trail, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, smoke investigation on Starkweather.

■ Saturday, June 12 – Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on 5 Mile, on Northville Road on Red Maple and on Forest, industrial rescue run on Keel, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road and on S Main, investigation on Deer Creek Run, rescue run on southbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road vehicle accident with wash-down at Sheldon and Nantucket.

■ Friday, June 11 – Industrial rescue run on Halyard, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail, rescue runs on Starkweather and on Penniman, special run on Ann Arbor Road, carbon monoxide detector run on Sheldon.

■ Thursday, June 10 – Downed wires on Auburn, commercial rescue runs on Helm, on S Main and on Concept, rescue run on Ann Arbor Road at I-275, residential rescue runs on Pacific,

on Haggerty and on Jener, rescue runs to a public building on Ann Arbor Road, mutual aid given run on northbound I-275 south of Joy.

■ Wednesday, June 9 – Residential rescue runs on Sheldon, on Haggerty and on Governor Bradford, downed wires on Ann, on Adams, on Evergreen on Harvey, at Union and Church and on Auburn investigation on Landers, vehicle fire on General Court, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road.

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Concerts continue in Kellogg Park

Here are the concert schedules for the Friday night and Wednesday afternoon concert series in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Music in the Park is presented Wednesday afternoons at noon by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The Music in the Air series is presented Friday evenings by the Downtown Development Authority. Those start at 7 p.m.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

■ June 23 – Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady
■ June 30 – Celebration concert, Matt Watroba and special guests Robert Jones and Kitty Donohoe
■ July 7 – Josh White Jr.
■ July 14 – Gemini
■ July 21 – Marc Thomas & Max the Moose
■ July 28 – Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express
■ Aug. 4 – Hometown Kids concert with Phoenix and the Celebration Youth Orchestra
■ Aug. 11 – Harpbeat
■ Aug. 18 – Elmo Thumm

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Rain halts for opening of annual Liberty Fest

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The thunder rumbled and the rain poured down for maybe half an hour late Thursday afternoon - the opening day of Liberty Fest. But then the rain stopped, and while the skies didn't exactly clear, at least it stayed dry.

Liberty Fest organizer Bob Dates said after that brief downpour, everything turned out great for the first night of the event.

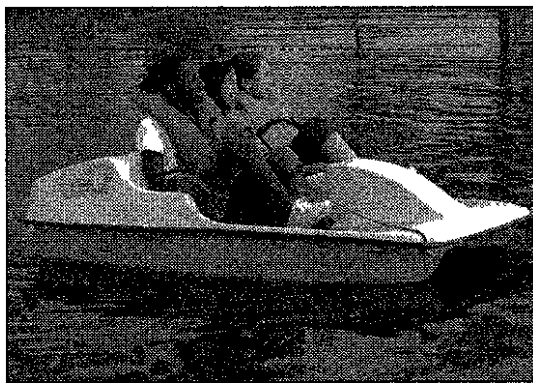
"We had a wonderful evening of activities," he said. "The crowds were large and enthusiastic."

Opening night events included the family movie, *Finding Nemo*, the kids' fun zone and even the paddle boats were out.

"We had our traditional kickoff with the movie (at the amphitheater)," Dates said. "That whole hill was packed with at least 3,500 people. It was one of the largest movie crowds we've ever had."

While the movie night is a traditional family affair, Dates said local teenagers seem to have discovered it.

"A lot of teens came to hang out this year," he said. "It was evident last year that they have dis-



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Shaakira Haywood, Alissa Uwu, and Kaitlyn Kray of Canton enjoy a paddle boat ride at the Liberty Fest in Heritage Park Thursday evening.

covered the Liberty Fest.

He said teenagers used to just come out for the Saturday night fireworks.

"But now they're coming out each day," he said. "We think that's great."

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Aubrey Warner laughs as fellow Twister players collapse in a pile at Discovery Middle School's eighth grade farewell party. The event, which had been planned since September, drew 270 out of 300 students.

Discovery students survive 8th grade

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

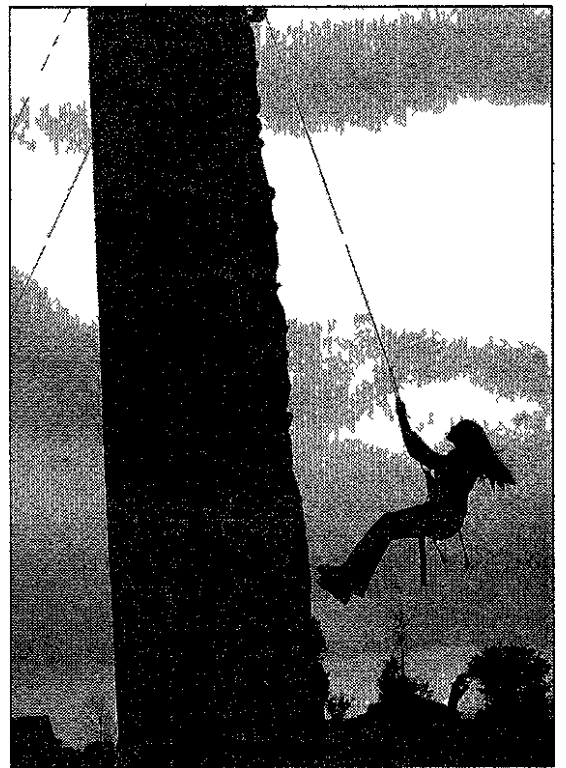
Eighth-graders at Discovery Middle School in Canton Township wore "I survived 8th grade" T-shirts at a farewell activity night to celebrate the end to their middle school careers.

This year's theme was "Survivor," and students participated in various activities, including dancing, rock climbing and a dunk tank with teachers as the targets. Dancing in the cafeteria, basketball in the gym and other activities helped give students a memorable going away party.

Each student was given a disposable camera to record their memories, and local merchants donated prizes for the event.

Parents helped chaperone, and wore shirts proclaiming "I survived my 8th grader."

"It was a great way to end the year," said Assistant Principal Clint Smiley. "It really put an exclamation point on their middle school careers."



Meghan Miller rappels down a rock wall featured at Discovery Middle School's eighth-grade farewell party.

Cops have suspect in counterfeit case

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

They aren't naming him, but Plymouth Township Police believe they have a suspect in the passing of a counterfeit \$20 bill.

The bill was passed at the Baskin-Robbins ice cream parlor on Ann Arbor Road last week. According to township Detective Mark Hoffman,

someone paid with a bill that aroused the suspicions of store management.

The bill was forwarded to the bank to be checked, and the bank kicked it back. When managers gave a description of the person who passed the bill, something clicked with the responding officer.

"When he heard the description, our officer said it matched someone he had


contact with," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said the case will likely be referred to the U.S. Secret Service, which conducts investigations into counterfeiting. Detectives will relay any potential suspect information on to Secret Service agents.

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The second theory says that the cause of trochanteric bursitis is from inflammation of the tendon of the gluteus medius muscle as it anchors into the back of the greater trochanter.

Neither theory explains how either the trochanteric bursa or the gluteus medius tendon may become inflamed. In most cases, doctors' inquiries lead to the conclusion that the person was not engaged in any activity that could have irritated the bursa or strained the tendon.

Even more difficult for doctors to explain is when you present with bilateral trochanteric bursitis.

Since cause is difficult for a physician to determine, treatment is similarly uncertain. The most common initial therapy is to give you something for pain. The expectation by your doctor is that this episode will resolve over time. If such is not the case, then injection into the trochanteric bursa usually suffices. If the problem persists, then physical therapy becomes the treatment of choice. The regimen of heat, massage, muscle stretching and strengthening done 3-4 times a week for 3-4 weeks often resolves the most tenacious trochanteric bursitis.

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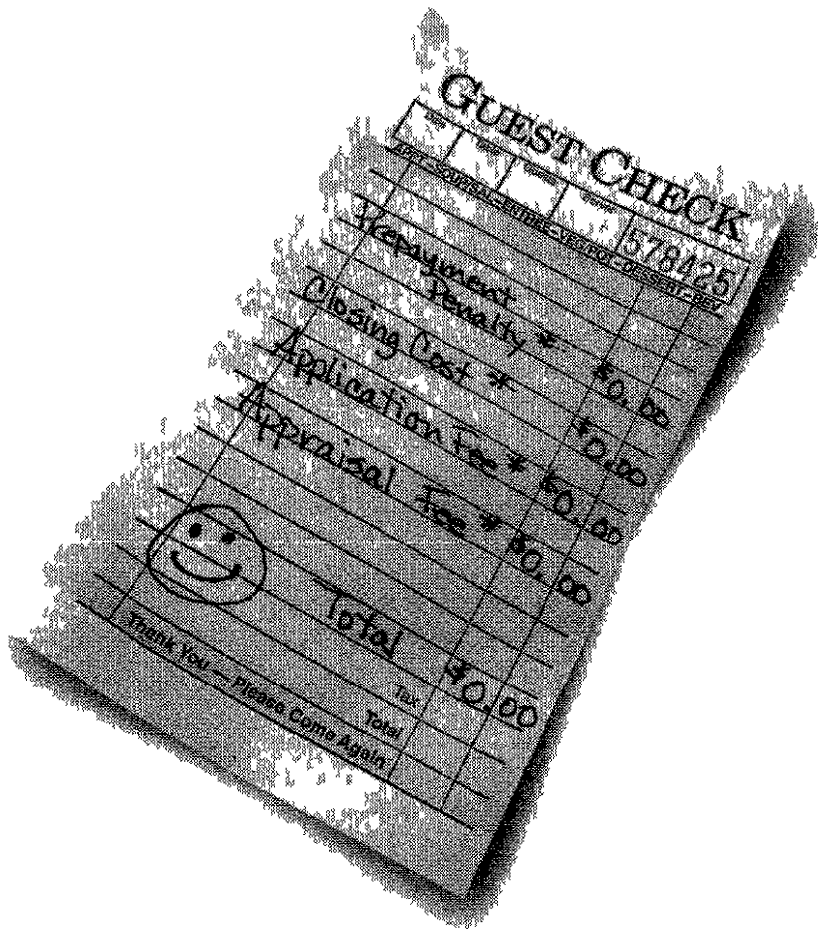
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Up, up and away

Kids make like eagles and soar into the clouds

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a great day for flying, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the 100 or so Young Eagles who showed up at Mettetal Airport on Saturday.

Well, technically they weren't all Young Eagles, but they were young and they wanted to fly. And that's what the day was all about.

Sponsored by local chapter 113 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the annual event gives kids age 8 to 17 the chance to take to the skies and learn what flying is all about - from the ground up.

The original goal of the program, which was started in 1993, was to get a million kids flying by the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight, according to Dave James of Canton, a member of the EAA and local sponsor of the Young Eagles. That anniversary was Dec. 17, 2003.

"We hit the goal last October," James said. "I think now we're up to 1.1 million kids."

Even though the weather on Saturday was drizzling and dreary, the group managed to get about 100 kids in the air, in planes owned and piloted by local pilots who volunteered both their airplanes and their time.

At one point James called a halt to the proceedings until a front blew through.

"At 2,400 feet it's pretty smooth," he said. "But above and below that it's really choppy."

That didn't matter to Heather Griffin, 16, of Plymouth who attends Canton High School and is an official member of the Young Eagles.

"My dad's a pilot," she said. "I've been up about three times with the Young Eagles, but I've flown a lot more than that."

Heather, son of Joseph and Lorraine Griffin, was waiting for the weather to clear just a bit so she'd get her turn aloft.

The first time she was offered the controls when flying with her dad was a kind of memorable experience.

I took the controls for about three seconds," she said. "Then I flipped out and let go."

Watching a reporter taking notes, she added, "You're not gonna put that in the paper, are you?"

But Abby Kirk, 9, (she said), a fifth-grader at Nankin Mills School in Westland, didn't seem concerned about how she came off in print.

She was there with her brother,



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Abby Kirk, 9, takes hold of the controls in the cockpit as her brother David, watches during the fly-in day at Mettetal Airport in Canton.

er, David, 8, a third-grader who was there representing his Cub Scout Pack.

Watching the weather and waiting for her chance to go up (for the first time) Abby was cool and calm.

"I'm not afraid because my mom's a security guard at Metro Airport," she said.

And David said he wasn't scared, either.

"My dad used to fly," he said. Alexander, 10, and Bradley Ryktarsyk, 12, of Livonia were old pros at the flying event.

They've done it before," said their father, David Ryktarsyk. "This is their fourth time."

Bradley, an eighth-grader at Frost Middle School, was matter of fact about the experience.

It's like flying on any bigger plane, except it doesn't go as high," he said. "The last time I flew they let me take the controls and I was doing doughnuts over Walled Lake."

The only time Bradley was a little scared was when it came to landing.

"He was only scared because his little brother was driving at the time," said their father.

That would have been Alex, who said, yes, he'd like to be a pilot when he grows up.

Why? "Because it's fun to fly by yourself in the air," he said, "and drive the plane."

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Kiwanis Club raffles Ryder Cup tickets

Some people — particularly golfers — call the upcoming Ryder Cup matches pitting American golfers against those from Europe the biggest sporting event in the world.

And, for the first time, the tournament will be played in southeast Michigan, at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township.

Tickets can sell for thousands of dollars, so when a member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth got his hands on a pair, club president Rob Noel suggested raffling them to raise funds for the charitable causes supported by the club.

That's why a major portion of the money raised will go toward funding the public restroom being constructed near The Gathering in downtown Plymouth. The pricetag for the rest room, of which the Kiwanis Club has been a major proponent, is expected to exceed \$100,000.

With the completion of the project, according to Kiwanis officials, Plymouth will join more than 600 cities around the world that have public toilets, most of them outside the United States.

The Kiwanis club has two tickets for each day of the tournament, which runs Sept. 14-19. The tickets are for all three practice days and the three match competition days, with access to the international pavilion and complimentary parking. Only 150 raffle tickets will be sold, at a cost of \$100 each.

With six winners (one for each day) ticket-buyers have a 1-in-25 shot at winning. The drawing will take place at the Kiwanis golf outing at Fox Hills Aug. 5.

For more information, call Dave Siegrist, (734) 453-7106, or Jim Jabara, (734) 455-7373.

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets Thursdays at noon at Ernesto's

ROTARY

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dows and I didn't even know about landscaping and central air until they started."

The Rotary moved Tina into a club member's rental unit until the project was completed. "We thought it would be a two-week project, but it's still not done," said Baldwin. "But, we hope to have her moved back in next weekend."

"Tina has been over there working with us each weekend, painting or working in the yard," said Baldwin. "She definitely had a need, and appreciates what we've done."

Rotarian and project co-chair Ken Ingle said it's been a rewarding project.

"It's a great program because you're helping a needy person in the community who has no other means of doing it, but would really like to," he said.

"You're tired at the end of the day, but you can't wait to get back to it. It's a wonderful feeling."

Baldwin said most of the materials and labor were donated, allowing for the Rotary club to spend only \$2,800 on the entire project.

"If we had to pay for everything, it probably would cost about \$25,000," she said.

Life is looking up a bit for Colaluca. She currently works full time at a finance company in downtown Plymouth, goes to college full time and is one year away from a teaching certificate from Madonna University, and takes care of her sons, Anthony, 8, and Nicholas, 7.

"I have a great appreciation for the Rotarians, coming out here on their own time to help me out," said Colaluca. "I already see my life as such a blessing, and I'm so grateful for how this has all turned out."

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Ian Smith, 2, of Canton plays pilot in an airplane hanger at Mettetal Airport where kids learned about planes through coloring books, experimental aircraft displays and free plane rides Saturday.



David Gerrity and Alex Komar enjoy an aerial view of Canton during the annual fly-in day at Mettetal Airport Saturday.

PARADE

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apiece and Shelley Kujat climbs them like a mountain climber to get to the cab. The 1,300-horsepower, small-block engine will probably drink every bit of the 60 gallons of alcohol injected fuel it carries.

"It's the only fire-breathing monster truck in the world because the exhaust headers do emit three-foot flames," Ron Kujat said. "We'll tone it down as much as we can because at 7:30 in the morning we don't want to wake up all of Plymouth."

Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross will get a complete makeover on a float by Salon Awesome in Plymouth.

They've had the same hair and outfits for so many years, so we're going to give them a more updated look," salon owner Rachelle Fryd said.

Hill said there will be many of the old favorites back — includ-

ing the Fifth Michigan Regiment Band, the 24th Michigan

Infantry with its tattered flag and rifle salute, Steve King and the Dittles, Plymouth singing sensation Sarah Lenore and the Plymouth Centennial Park Band — among the 80-plus entries in this year's parade.

"There are sure to be plenty of goose bumps," Hill said.

It's the eighth year of the Good Morning USA Parade, and Hill said despite some financial cutbacks there have been a number of sponsors who have come forward to help fund the \$30,000 event.

"We've had some additional people step up to the plate," he said.

Once again, Hill's Bleacher Creatures will be seated at Pennuman and Mam with a prime time seat and a July Fourth bag of goodies. Seats are available for \$10 by calling the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

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Dog's best friend?

'Pawfessionals' make life comfy for stay-at-home pets

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Karen Lundhild says dog sitting isn't a luxury, but a necessity.

"I don't think it's pampering at all," said Lundhild, who lives in Canton with her husband, Kevin, and their dog, Lady.

Having Roberta Cubbin come once a day, an average of three times a week, to walk Lady is "just part of good pet care," Lundhild said.

"My dog looks for her on the days when I don't need her," Lundhild said. "My dog misses her and expects me to walk her at the same time Roberta is here."

In fact, Cubbin has been visiting the Lundhild residence since she started her "pawfessional" pet sitting company, Comfy Creatures, in 1998. It's a full-time job for her, as well as her fiancé and business partner, John Chapman.

Lundhild says she especially likes that Cubbin was a veterinarian technician before starting her business, because she comes to the job with a lot of experience working with animals. Cubbin, a Wayne resident, noticed that Lundhild's other dog, Max, had a health problem that the veterinarian missed. That dog died a month later. But Lundhild remains a big fan of Cubbin's.

They met in 1998 when Lundhild worked eight to 12 hours a day and wanted someone to let her dogs out.

"If you're going to have a dog, you have to take into consideration that it can't be left like a cat," she said. "It needs to be walked and let out of the house."

An added benefit, Lundhild says, is that she enjoys having someone watching her house when she's not there.

"We bring in the mail, water plants, turn on the sprinklers, take out the garbage, alter the blinds and bring in flyers and packages that could be a red flag that they're on vacation," Cubbin said.

Cubbin started the business when she worked as a vet tech and clients, who were in a bind, had nowhere to leave their pets when they went on vacation.

"When I was growing up I wasn't allowed to have animals and I would go to our neighbor and ask if I could walk their dogs," said Cubbin, who studied to be a teacher at Eastern Michigan University. "They got free service when I was little. Now I get paid to do what I always loved to do."

Lady is among 62 Comfy Creatures clients in Livonia, Westland, Canton, Plymouth, Belleville, Garden City, Wayne and Romulus.

"Some dogs need extra attention or extra care and some clients want to pamper their pets," said Cubbin, explaining that she provides whatever they need, which might include more than one visit in a day. "Most of our customers treat their pets like they're their children."

"A lot of people enjoy the benefits of a pet sitter over going to a kennel, because the animals aren't exposed to other animals where they can pick up upper respiratory problems or fleas," said Cubbin, who comes home to a house full of pets — four cats, a dog, a



John Chapman and Roberta Cubbin of Canton walk Maggie in a nearby park.

bunny and two fish. She's insured and bonded.

Clients who have multiple animals find it's usually cheaper to hire a pet sitter than to place them in a kennel, she added.

The cost for a 30-minute visit when clients are out of town is \$14, an overnight stay that lasts a minimum of 12 hours is \$70, a 20-minute visit for a walk, puppy care or to administer medication is \$12. She trims nails for \$12.

Along with giving pets "potty breaks," Cubbin says, her visits provide entertainment and exercise and she will even provide post-surgery care. They also help clients house train puppies by making mid-day visits to reinforce commands that the owners are trying to teach.

Sometimes clients will call with special needs. For instance, during the power outage last August, some pet owners asked Comfy Creatures to make visits to their homes to comfort their dogs who are frightened during storms.

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Keep in mind, too, Cubbin says, it's not only a service for dogs and cats. Cubbin and Chapman have taken care of everything from goats to ferrets, bunnies and a four-foot iguana.

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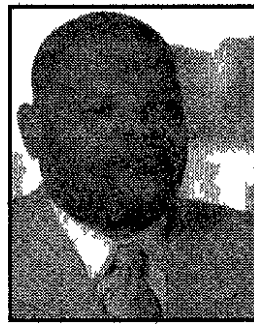
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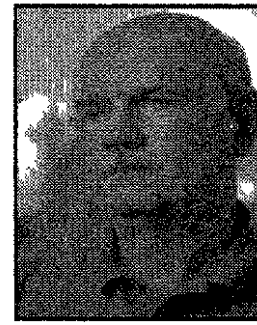
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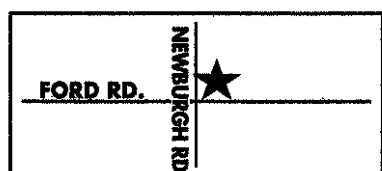


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Sheriff: Goal is to work with county communities

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans says he views his role as basically a simple one. "What I wanted to accomplish in my job is to make Wayne County safer," he told Canton Chamber of Commerce members at a Thursday morning breakfast. "I know that sounds like a cliché, but there are ways that can happen."

Evans said he's using a 'systemic' approach that he's not seen used in the 34 years he's been with the department, particularly in working with suburban police agencies. In previous years there was far more stepping on toes, irritating each other and duplicating services, he said. He said he has sat down and talked with local police leaders and asked what his department can do to make their jobs better.

25,000 to 27,000 people living in Wayne County who are wanted for felony charges and many of them are linked to predatory behavior. Before I took office there was no one whose whole job was to track them down," he said. That's where the fugitive apprehension team came into play. In the last 16 months, we've arrested 4,000 of those folks," he said.

and they're back on the streets," he said. "Then they never show up in court." He said there were 7,000 people in Wayne County who are wanted for failure to appear on drunk driving charges. So he formed the Last Call unit. "We go out an arrest them," he said. "In the last six months we've arrested about 570 or 575."

Equestrian will ride high in her third Liberty Fest parade

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

For 17-year-old Rebecca Arnold of Canton, this year's Liberty Fest parade marked the third year she's ridden her Arabian stallion at the festival. Rebecca, who's been riding since she was 10 years old, rides with Harmony Acres Arabians out of Northville. And it will be a busy summer, since the group rides in parades all over Michigan. Rebecca's a student at Washtenaw Technical Middle College, a combined high school/community college program, according to her mother, Jenee Arnold. "She'll graduate next year with both a high school diploma and an associate's degree," Jenee said. As for the parade, Jenee was there, too, right in front

of the Arabians marching with a gymnastics group from Splitz Gymnastics. Jenee, who taught gymnastics for 20 years, said a couple of years ago the Arabian contingent needed someone to march in front of them carrying their banner. Jenee approached her students to see if they were interested. They were, and those who weren't carrying the banner were doing cartwheels in the parade. "So many wanted to do it," Jenee said, "that this year I asked the people at Splitz if they'd like to enter their own group in the parade." They were interested so Jenee and the Splitz gymnasts had their own team - marching in front of Rebecca and the Arabians. jgladden@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459 2700

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Noting that Canton is in better shape than some other communities in its ability to provide services, Evans said, "Even in Canton the director has to decide where to put his resources. He said his department, which has a \$100 million dollar budget and employs 1,500 people, can look at and analyze data that local agencies don't see. He cited two programs he has started that can assist local communities - the Fugitive Apprehension Service Team and the Internet Crimes Unit. Crooks are not geographically limited," he said. "They can go anywhere. He said there are roughly

In response to a question later from chamber member Greg Greene about the success of the program, Evans said it wasn't perfect. "I'm happy with the success we've had," he said. "But there are still about 27,000 fugitives out there, even with the 4,000 we've taken off the streets. Citing another program he started, Evans said his office no longer gives early release to pre-trial felons. In dealing with drunk drivers, Evans said the problem is that local agencies can and do arrest them when they see them. They spend the night in jail, sober up, pay a \$100 bond or so

and they're back on the streets," he said. "Then they never show up in court." He said there were 7,000 people in Wayne County who are wanted for failure to appear on drunk driving charges. So he formed the Last Call unit. "We go out an arrest them," he said. "In the last six months we've arrested about 570 or 575."

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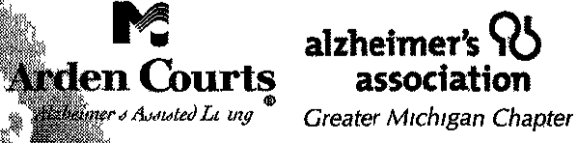
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Current education system needs a major overhaul

During the last campaign, President Bush drew a lot of jeers after he mangled his grammar and asked his famously rhetorical, "Is our children learning?"

Every educator knows that for all too many children, the answer seems to be "not enough." Earlier this year, one of my classes was discussing how the modern feature story was really born out of battlefield coverage during the Civil War.

Jack Lessenberry

To illustrate, I showed a brief portion of the Hollywood epic *Gettysburg*. Afterward, a college senior asked "which side wore blue and which gray?"

Virtually every educator, including those in Ivy League schools, has similar horror stories. Far too many of our students cannot do simple math problems, distinguish between plurals and possessives and, in one class of 75 university students last fall, four thought Al Gore was still vice president of the United States, while two thought Joe Lieberman held the job.

And when it comes time for commencement, lists of degree-earning students in engineering and the hard sciences at many schools basically read like a combination of telephone directories from various Asian nations.

Grace Boggs knows this is true — and, what's more, she knows the reason why. "Our whole top-down educational system was created 100 years ago to prepare an immigrant population for factory work," she said. "That doesn't work for a generation whose central reality is televised images."

Boggs, incidentally, may be the most amazing woman in

Detroit. The daughter of Chinese immigrants, she earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from Bryn Mawr, moved to Detroit and married a black auto worker with an eighth-grade education who proposed on their first date.

The marriage lasted 'til his death a decade ago and was a happy and productive one. For years, they both worked on a variety of social movements, but in recent years, Boggs has become increasingly interested in the problems of education. "How are we going to redefine education so that 30 to 50 percent of inner-city children do not drop out of school?" something that virtually assures that many will end up in jail, she asked me one morning.

She had just had her daily workout swim, and her eyes twinkled with energy. (This summer, by the way, she turns 89.) She thinks the answer is "a new, more participatory form of education that empowers our children to view themselves as change agents — and active citizens."

Forty years ago, something happened that she thinks should be a model on which we can build. The Mississippi "Freedom Schools" that flourished in the summer of 1964 across what was then a terrifying terrorist state within the United States.

That was a revolutionary summer in Mississippi, one in which three college students were tortured and murdered for daring to attempt to register black Americans to vote. It seems a miracle that more people were not killed.

And according to those who participated in the ad hoc "Freedom Schools," they performed a minor miracle themselves by getting people hungry for education, enthusiastic about learning and voting.

The world is different today, Boggs notes. "There is no longer an African-American community, let alone one that reveres education."

"There is no longer even agreement on the meaning of 'education,'" she says. Naturally, this comes at a time when adults without a decent education have essentially no chance for even moderate success.

Grace Boggs is not, however, given to despair. Last weekend, she hosted a conference in Detroit designed both to honor the memory of those "Freedom Schools" and to see what possible lessons they may hold for the future.

"We need to bring the community together to envision schools that ignite our desire to learn and rebuild our communities," said Al DeFreece, a graduate student from New York who has come to work with the institute Grace founded, the Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership. "All over urban America, schools have become war zones where students can't learn and teachers can't teach because they are based on control and regurgitating information rather than participation and empowerment."

Whether the "Freedom School" concept is the right model is yet to be proven. Voter turnout and education levels in Mississippi are still abysmal, even though those civil rights goals have long since been achieved.

But what is beyond dispute is that conventional education methods have failed in Detroit and elsewhere in urban America, and the much-ballyhooed "charter schools" seem to be doing no better. Dropout rates are soaring, few high school graduates go on to college, and many who do are semi-literate at best. Given all that, something, indeed almost anything, might be worth a try.

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When a son becomes a father, the pattern of life begins again

Teach your children well
Their father's hell
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Don't you ever ask them why
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Was it so long ago that this responsible young father was a hell-raiser, an angry young man, a lost soul and all those other phases young men go through

He began as one of two Twin brothers who were always competing, needing, arguing, fighting. Fathering them was like being a referee caught in the middle of a hockey fight after the gloves have dropped.

Was his quick young mind making a record of all the mistakes a father is liable to make coming on too strong when he should have back-pedaled, wimping out when he should have laid down the law, raising his voice when he

should have whispered menacingly or being too silent when a strong word was needed.

All these choices will come later. His son is just beginning to find his way at nine months. He is a poser, already aware of the camera even if he doesn't quite know what it is. He smiles, he gestures, he plays to the crowd. But he saves his biggest smiles for Mom and Dad.

Dad has become a home-builder, a nest-maker. An all-thumbs teenager has grown into a competent repair man, a green thumb, a color-sensitive decorator, a barbecue chef and a pretty good diaper changer.

After years of putting on too many pounds, he realized the best thing a father can do is to be healthy for his child. So he's been working out, losing weight, getting into shape — ready to lead his son on walks in the woods, teach him to ride a two-wheel bike, swim with confidence, and someday he'll be a coach for soccer or baseball or computer camp.

So much ahead, so much to anticipate. It would be nice to say it will all be a breeze, that self-confidence will carry him through. But the truth is there will be times when being a father is frustrating, infuriating, perplexing.

After years of being best buddies, after years of being his son's biggest idol, his strong support, the son will begin to pull away. Dad will become this stranger who just doesn't understand what it's like to be young, who listens to old people's music, who just isn't (whatever the word is then).

There will be shouting matches. There will be strained relations. There will be worry. There is always worry — why does he do such dangerous things, why does he hang around, with such low-lives, why doesn't he study harder, doesn't he know how important it is? Why doesn't he want to go on vacation with us this year?

But for now Dad is in the grace period, a time when fathers walk like gods before their sons. And he's relishing it.

Time away from work is time stolen from the important job of being a Dad. Still he strives and burns with ambition for himself and his son.

My son now has a son who will speak his first word, take his first step, attend his first day of school, go to his first baseball game, play his first soccer match, win his first geography bee, fall in love.

This is my son's first Father's Day. Jim has earned this day with his love for Aidan, his good humor, his dedication to getting it right.

And I can tell him that he will have many times to swell with pride for his son, as I have often been proud of my sons for races won, tests passed, degrees earned, troubles overcome.

This is Father's Day, a perfect time to tell your kids how much you love them.

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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano first attended the conference last year in Pittsburgh and began a campaign to land the conference in Wayne County.

"As we address economic development issues and opportunities associated with global

outreach initiatives, we are honored to have the world renowned Airport Cities Conference in Wayne County," said Ficano.

Among the airport city concept topics presented are industrial, commercial, residential and office development, retail, hotel lodging, tourism, entertainment, financing and the impact on quality of life.

"As an international gateway, Wayne County is poised for development surrounding the airport that ensures long-term competitiveness to this region," Ficano concludes.

An increasingly fast pace networked world is changing the rules of industrial competition and business location decisions. International gateway airports, like the Detroit-Wayne County Metropolitan Airport, are leading the discussion on business location decisions, giving rise to an emerg-

ing airport oriented development "Airport Cities".

International communities expected to participate in this year's conference are Amsterdam Schiphol, Hong Kong, Dubai, Heathrow (Great Britain), Shanghai, South Africa, Brazil, Beijing, and Athens to name a few, along with dozens of domestic and neighboring countries.

The conference goal is to bring together international participants who want to examine how airport environments around the world have successfully benefited from the economic gateway that airports provide.

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Jenison ends Shamrocks' bid for state baseball title

A demanding league schedule certainly paid off dividends in Redford Catholic Central's Division I state baseball tournament run.

But in Friday's semifinal at Battle Creek's Bailey Park, the Shamrocks met their match when top-ranked Jenison made it 33 straight wins in a row with a 6-1 victory.

CC ends its season at 25-10 overall, while 34-1 Jenison took on 36-4 Ann Arbor Pioneer in Saturday's Division I championship game. Pioneer ousted Birmingham Brother Rice, CC's Central Division foe, in the other semifinal, 2-0.

After disposing of another divisional rival Warren DeLaSalle in Tuesday's quarterfinal, 10-3, not to mention Catholic League champion Dearborn Divine Child reaching Division II championship game, CC had high hopes, only to be demed by Jenison right-hander Casey Robrahn, who struck out 10 and allowed just three hits and no walks in going the distance.

"Their pitcher was tough, he threw strikes and mixed up his pitches well," CC coach John Salter said. "And he threw his breaking ball for strikes."

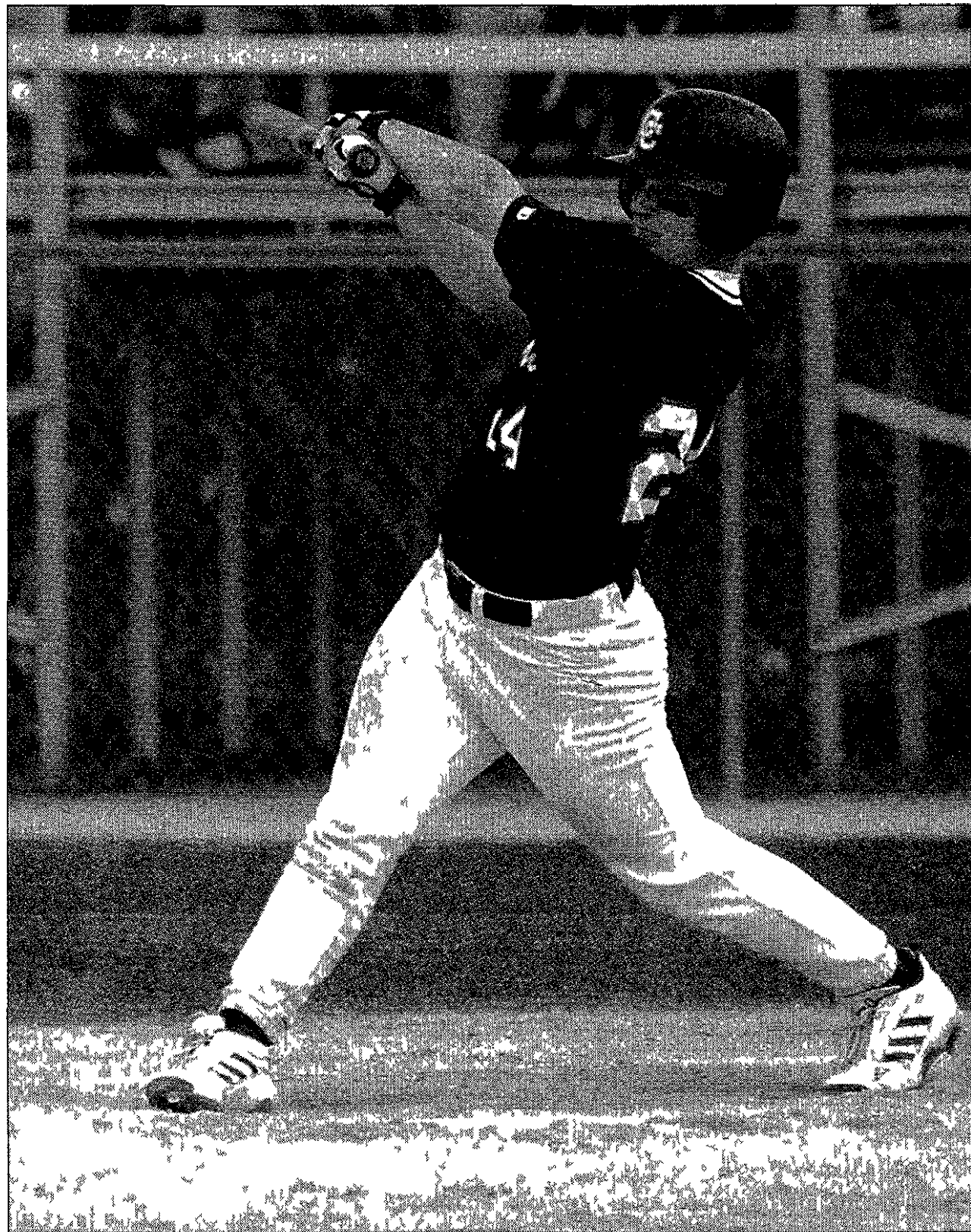
"He and (Steve) Antoniotti of Rice are probably the hardest throwers we've seen all year."

The game's hinged on three pivotal plays — all in Jenison's favor.

The Wildcats got two unearned runs in the top of the first inning.

Tony Clausen led off with a single and Sean Markle's sacrifice bunt was bobbled twice by CC starter Bobby Henderson, whose throw toward first sailed into the right field bullpen, allowing Clausen to score all the way from first. It also allowed Markle to

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Redford Catholic Central's Ryan Gallagher strokes a hit in the bottom of the sixth inning in Friday's Division I State Semi-final game against Jenison. Hits were few and far between for the Shamrocks, who fell 6-1.

Sidelines

Local aces

Three local golfers recently recorded holes-in-one at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

■ Canton resident Marnie Jones used a 3 wood to ace the 107-yard third hole on the Woodlands layout on June 12.

■ Plymouth resident David Juhnke aced the 90-yard first hole on the Strategic Fox on May 29 using a wedge, and

■ Canton's J.R. Taylor found the cup on his first shot on the Strategic Fox's 134-yard sixth hole.

Baseball camp

It's not too late to register for the Canton High School Baseball Booster Club's annual baseball camp, which will be held Monday-Friday, June 21-25, at the Chiefs' baseball field.

The camp, which will include a wide range of baseball instruction from members of the Canton coaching staff and players, will run from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. Campers will get an opportunity to play in a game on the varsity field on Friday.

The camp is open to kids aged 8 to 14 years old.

To register, show up at the field no later than 9 a.m. Monday. The registration fee is \$100.

Coaches sought

Plymouth High School is searching for head coaches for the following athletic teams: boys freshmen soccer, boys freshmen basketball, boys varsity cross country, girls varsity cross country and girls freshmen basketball.

To apply for one of these positions, send a resume to: Plymouth High School - Terry Sawchuk, Athletic Director, 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

For more information, call (734) 582-5700.

Chief track honors

Several members of the Canton High School Regional champion boys track team were honored recently with a variety of annual awards.

Seniors Devin Thomas and Brad Waldmann were presented with the team MVP awards. The Most Improved Athletes awards went to Dave Calille, Rich Hensel, D'Angelo Pitts and Derek Reeves.

Lester Booker, Jon Chapman and Ray Elsbrenner earned the Coaches Award, while the Senior of the Year plaque was presented to Scott George and Brandon Reeves. Julian Smith and Rodney Preston were presented with Junior of the Year honors, Cyrus Azizi and Andy Rossow were named Sophomores of the Year, and Eric Zech walked away with the Freshman of the Year award.

The 2005 captains, who were elected by team members and coaches, will be Calille, Dave Otting, Preston and Reeves.

The team was coached by Bob Richardson.

Richardson's 2004 season 2nd to none

They may have to build a new trophy case at Canton High School — or at least expand the current one — to hold all of the hardware won by the Chiefs' boys track team this season.



Richardson

"It was the best team in Canton history, considering we went undefeated in dual meets, won the conference and won the regional for the first time ever," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "Last year, we were very, very strong, but this year even exceeded that team."

For his efforts and the many accomplishments of his team this year, Richardson was named Observerland Coach of the Year (See related story on page B2).

"In my opinion, all the success this team has had the past few years would not have been possible without the outstanding coaching staff I work with," Richardson said. "Our athletes are lucky to have coaches like Paul Bedford, Matti Kilpelainen, Darrell Burton and Landon Burkhardt working with them. On the other hand, us coaches are blessed to be able to work with some very talented athletes."

Richardson has coached the Chiefs since 1989. Prior to that, he coached Canton's girls track team from 1979-85, and he served as an assistant coach at Paw Paw High School from 1975-78.

A former football, baseball and basketball coach, Richardson admitted track is his favorite sport to coach.

"It's a low-key type of coaching compared to some other sports, but I like the fact that you can challenge the athletes to constantly get better," he said. "The most satisfying part is when one of your athletes runs his fastest time ever and it turns out to be the difference in a meet."

Richardson had high praise for his 17 graduating seniors, who compiled an impressive 24-3 dual-meet record over the past four years.

Five hoop stars commit to Madonna

Madonna University men's basketball coach Chuck Henry won't know for at least a couple of years how successful his initial attempt at college recruiting turned out, but his gut feeling is positive.

"I'm extremely happy with the five kids we have signed so far," said Henry, who was named to succeed long-time Crusaders coach Bernie Holowicki in March.

Madonna, which has yet to have a winning season, finished 10-19 last year.

"They're all quality kids, quality students, and I think they're going to prove to people that they are quality basketball players as well."

After several successful seasons as a high school coach at Wayne Memorial and Canton Agape, Henry admitted he enjoyed the challenge of con-

vincing the athletes to attend Madonna.

"I loved every minute of the recruiting," he confirmed.

Henry is very familiar with the player who tops the list of incoming Crusader freshmen — it's his son, Charlie, a first-team Class D All-State performer at Agape this past season.

A 5-foot-9 point guard, Charlie Henry averaged 21 points and five assists for the Wolverines during his senior season. He also could offer Shaq a few pointers at the free-throw line as he swished 103-of-115 (90 percent).

"Charlie is a true point guard with outstanding ball-handling ability and good three-point shooting range," Chuck Henry said.

Joining Charlie Henry at Madonna will be former

Agape teammate Jordan Napier, a 6-3 swingman who averaged 19 points and eight rebounds for the Wolverines in 2003-04.

"Jordan is very strong physically and he has good shooting range as well," Henry said. "Because of his strength and shooting ability, I think he could step in right away next season and help us out."

Henry's third signee — 6-0 guard Mike McKeever — will have a much longer drive home for summer break than Charlie Henry and Napier. McKeever is from upstate New York, and, like Charlie Henry, is a slick-dribbling point guard.

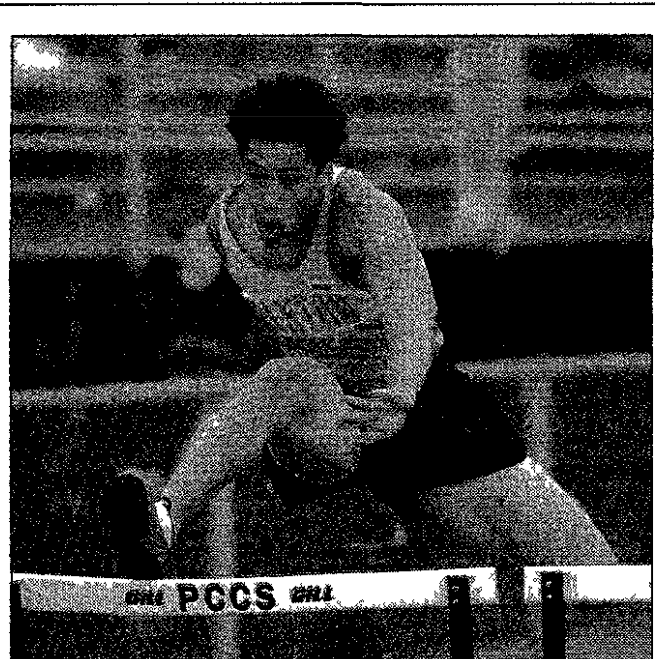
"Mike and my son actually met each other about three years ago at a five-star basketball camp in Pittsburgh," Henry explained. "Bernie

(Holowicki) met Mike through my son and started recruiting him. Mike was recruited by several larger schools, but decided he wanted to play at Madonna. I think we really got a steal with Mike. He and Charlie give us two really young point guards, but two very good point guards."

Livonia Stevenson 6-1 guard Keith Hearn has also committed to Madonna. Hearn was an excellent all-around athlete at Stevenson who used his superior athleticism to excel on the basketball court last season.

"Keith is very athletic, very strong," Henry said. "He participated in football and track as well as basketball, and was actually one of the best track

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High hurdler

Canton's Julian Smith was one of the top all-around track-and-field performers in the Observerland area during the 2004 campaign. Smith's outstanding efforts in the long jump, the 110-meter hurdles and as a member of the Chiefs' 4 x 100 relay team earned him a spot on the All Area boys' track team. For a rundown of the entire team, see page B2.

Bucks shut out Toledo Slayers, 3-0

The Michigan Bucks minor-league soccer team stymied the Toledo Slayers Thursday, 3-0, in a Premier Development League game played in Perrysburg, Ohio.

The Bucks, who improved their record to 5-2-1 (16 points), now sit three points behind first-place Fort Wayne in the PDL's Great Lakes Division.

Jacob Peterson ignited the Bucks, scoring the game's first goal 20 minutes into the contest. It was Peterson's first start of the season.

"Jacob has really given us a lift — he's like a Detroit Piston," said Bucks coach Don Gemmill.

"He dishes the ball quickly and moves well without the

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ball offensively and works hard defensively."

University of Michigan graduate Knox Cameron and Ryan McMahan, a former Michigan State University standout, also scored for the Bucks.

Cameron now leads the Bucks with 10 goals.

Jeff Wiese was flawless in net for Michigan, extinguishing all Toledo scoring chances to record the shutout.

The Bucks will be home — Hurley Field in Berkley — for two games next week against Fort Wayne and Kalamazoo.

FIELD EVENTS

Jon Smart, Redford CC shot put: The junior who had an area best throw of 50 feet 9 inches was regional champ on and also repeated as Catholic League A B Division champion

He also led Catholic League to the Dearborn Elks and Observerland Relays titles along with winning the Jackson Tory Clark (Adrian) and Livonia Stevenson invitational crowns

He topped the 50 foot mark four times Jon is a dedicated athlete with a commitment to excellence CC coach Tony Magni said His easy going manner belies his intense competitiveness His best throws came in the biggest events

Nick Barrett, Redford CC, discus: The junior missed the first half of the season due to an emergency appendectomy but bounced back to become a Division I runner up at the state meet after winning both the regional (with a personal best 157'2) and the Catholic League A B title (154'7)

In his first competition following surgery Barrett won the Jackson Invitational with a toss of 151'0 and went on to lead his team to the Observerland Relays discus title He also won the Tory Clark (Adrian) Invitational Barrett also broke 50 feet in the shot put (50'2) at the state meet

Nick has an immense competitive drive Magni said Despite an injury shortened season he qualified for the state meet in both throws He utilizes his strength and speed to deliver big throws when they are most needed

Paul Stradtner, Garden City discus: The senior recorded the longest throw in the state this season with a toss of 175'5 in a dual meet against Taylor Truman

Stradtner is a three time state qualifier two year regional champion and three year league champion in the discus He also was a state qualifier in the shot put (2003)

He also holds the Garden City freshman sophomore junior and senior school records in the discus

Paul is very explosive thrower GC coach Scott Murray said He is strong an very fast through the circle He has worked very hard on the discus

His best throw in the shot put this season was 49'2

Brad Waldmann, Canton high jump: Waldmann enjoyed an incredible senior season setting a school record (6'7) while going unbeaten in dual meets He was the Regional and WAAA champion and placed first at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions second at the Team State Finals and tied for fourth at the State Finals Waldmann also threw the discus 152'7 the shot put 44'3 and ran the 110 high hurdles in 15'4 seconds

Brad showed fantastic leadership skills as a captain in 2004 said Canton coach Bob Richardson He led by example with his tremendous work ethic and determination to be successful Brad is being recruited by numerous Division I and II schools for the decathlon and is leaning toward Eastern Michigan University

Julian Smith, Canton long jump: The junior saved his best effort for the State Finals leaping 21'9'75 to finish sixth He was also Regional champion runner up in the WAAA meet third at the Team State Finals and first in the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions This was Smith's first year in track and field and he was voted Junior of the Year by his team mates and coaches

Julian is one of the most talented athletes in Canton history where he also excels in football and basketball and is being recruited by numerous Division I and II universities Richardson said We are expecting a lot more of his contributions in the 2005

track and field season

Ryan Santa, Liv Churchill pole vault: The sophomore was regional (13'0) and WAAA champion (12'6'3) along with winning the Ann Arbor Huron River Relays Invitational

As a freshman he took the Hawks Invitational crown

Ryan was a very hard worker in season Churchill coach Rick Austin said He was very strong on the runway and excels in the bigger meets He's very competitive and a very humble young man who also excels on the soccer field

Jon Chapman, Canton pole vault: The senior recorded jumps of 13'0 three times in 2004 He finished second at the Team State Finals third at the WAAA meet sixth at the Regionals and was undefeated in dual meets this season He also was the top vaulter at the Elks Relays and tied for first at the Observerland Relays This is Chapman's second consecutive year on the Observerland's first team

Jon's high school career has been plagued by numerous injuries but his hard work and determination to compete helped him lead the Chiefs as a captain this season Richardson said Jon has been accepted to attend Brigham Young University after he returns from the two year Mormon mission assignment he will begin in the fall

RUNNING EVENTS

Rodney Preston, Canton, 110 meter hurdles: Only a junior Preston was the Regional and WAAA champion in the 110 high hurdles He set school records in the 110 high hurdles (14'4 seconds) and the 300 intermediate hurdles (39'8 seconds) Preston was voted Junior of the Year by his teammates and coaches Besides competing in the hurdles Preston also excelled in the long jump pole vault discus and several relay teams

Rodney was one of the most dedicated and hard working athletes on the team for two seasons and he will help lead Canton as a team captain for the 2005 season said Richardson

Bill Makela, Redford CC 300 hurdles: The senior represented Michigan in last weekend's Midwest Meet of Champions held in Delaware Ohio

Makela finished fifth in the Division I state meet (38'64) breaking his own school record for the second time after winning the regional (38'8) and the Catholic League A B Division titles

He also went 14'7 in the 110 hurdles and was undefeated in both hurdles events during the dual meet season along with being Catholic League champ in both events

Makela also won both hurdles titles at the Stevenson Invitational and took the 110 highs at Jackson

The two time state qualifier is headed to Grand Valley State University and was recently nominated for the Joe Pascuzzi Award for track and academic excellence He was also a first team All State in hockey

Bill is a tireless worker who never misses a practice or goes easy Magni said He is always 100 percent He unlaces his skates after a state championship hockey game puts on his track shoes and gets working on the track He has been the team MVP two years in a row

Erik George, Liv Churchill 100 dash: The senior clocked a personal best 10'9 earning a runner up finish in the Western Lakes meet after a third place showing in the regional He also finished third in the Observerland Relays and took first at the Ann Arbor Huron River Relays Invitational where he repeated as champion

George also ran the 200 (23'1) and was a pivotal member of Churchill's 400 800 and 1600 relay teams

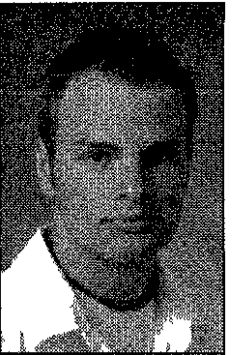
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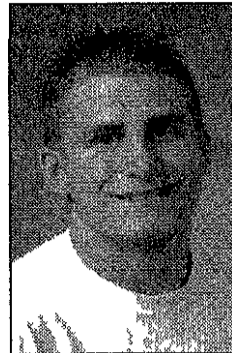
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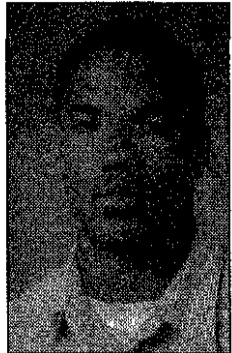
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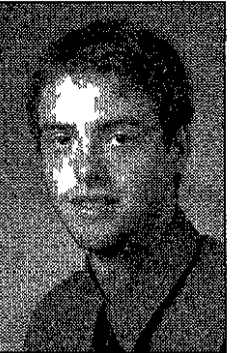
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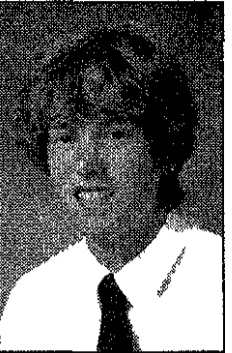
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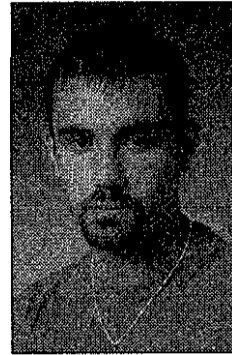
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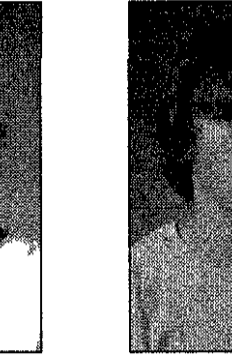
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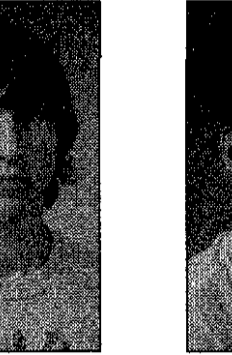
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Andy Rossow
Canton



Joe Crist
Salem



Adam Warner
Salem

and possesses outstanding acceleration Austin said He was a great closer in the 400 relay He led by example in practice and worked hard during the off season to improve

George lettered all four years in track and played football

Devin Thomas, Canton 200: The senior's best time of 22'2 was in the State Finals where he finished fifth He was Regional champion in the 100 and 200 and ran on the Regional champion 400 and 800 relays which set school records Thomas was WAAA champion in the 200 and anchored the first place 800 relay He also placed second in the 100 and 200 at the Team State Finals

Devin was a captain in 2004 and was voted as a team MVP his junior and senior years Richardson said Devin was one of the man contributors in the many team successes the Chiefs experienced in 2003 and 2004 as WAAA champions and as the 2004 Regional champion

Ben Moldenhauer, Lutheran Westland 400: The senior placed at the Division IV state meet in three events including the 400 (fifth) 800 relay (third) and 1600 relay (fourth)

Moldenhauer was Metro Conference champion in four events including the 200 400 800 relay and 1600 relay He won the Monroe Jefferson Invitational with a meet

record and CO area best time of 50'2 Moldenhauer holds 11 Metro Conference titles and was a state placer all four years for the Warriors

Ben is one of the hardest working most dedicated athletes on our team Lutheran Westland coach Mike Unger said He always thought he could win races He was a very determined runner but very humble

Keith Hearn, Liv Stevenson, 800: The senior capped a strong senior season by placing ninth at the Division I state meet with a career best time of 1'55'42 He also anchored Stevenson's state qualifying and school record breaking 1600 relay team (3'23'7) Hearn was also regional (1'55'9) and Western Lakes champion (1'57'75)

As a junior Hearn also qualified for the state meet in the 800 after winning the regional and anchored the 4 x 800 relay team Keith is probably the most coachable athlete that I have had the pleasure to work with in any sport Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said He's a great competitor and loves the challenge of good competition

Hearn as played football and was a second team All Observer pick in basketball

Dave Lucas, Redford CC 1,600: The senior was a state qualifier after taking second at the regional (4'26'2) He had a season best 4'26'0 including a first at the Stevenson Invitational third in the Catholic League A B meet and a sixth at the West Bloomfield Invitational

Lucas also ranked among the top five times in the area in the 800 (2'01'0) and the 3200 (10'06'0)

He also made All State as a sophomore as part of CC's state championship cross country team He also made All State in cross country last fall

David has been one of the areas premier distance runners since his sophomore year Magni said He has the speed to run a fast 800 meters the endurance to run a strong 3200 meters and the self discipline to train hard for both

Maxwell Working, Redford CC 3200: The junior clocked the area's top time this season in the 3200 (9'52'2) and the area's second best time in the 1600 (4'31'0)

Working was the Jackson Invitational champ at 3200 meters took fourth at the Stevenson Invitational sixth at the regional and fifth in the Catholic League meet

Maxwell is a great student who runs intelligent races Magni said His steady improvement since his freshman year culminated this year with an area best in the 3200 and second best in the 1600 We look for even more improvement from Max next year

RELAY EVENTS

Canton 400 (Julian Smith Brandon Reeves Dave Cahille, Devin Thomas) The foursome of Smith Reeves Cahille and Thomas set a new school record of 43'3 seconds at the Regional meet which earned it first place They also finished second at the WAAA meet third at the Team State finals second at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions

and turned in an impressive time of 43'3 at the State Finals

Julian and Dave will return in 2005 to help lead the Chiefs in the sprint relays Richardson said This will challenge our sprinters and coaches to reload both of our sprint relays in 2005

Canton 800 (Andy Rossow Brandon Reeves, Dave Cahille Devin Thomas): The quartet set a new school record of 1'30'0 at the State finals where they finished eighth They were also regional champions WAAA champions runners up at the Team State finals and second at the Ann Arbor Meet of Champions We will miss Brandon and Devin a lot next year but Andy and Dave will be ready along with two new men to continue our successes in the sprint relays Richardson said

Stevenson 1600 (Collin Hall Trevor Hearn Brandon Kneefel, Keith Hearn) This quartet won both the regional and WAAA meets after breaking a 26 year old school record with a time of 3'24'6 in the Stevenson Twilight Invitational They recorded their best time at the regional (3'23'7) and placed 14th overall in Division I Three of the four members are seniors with the only returnee being Trevor Hearn a junior who ranked among the top ten in the area in the long jump (20'4'5)

Hall's best time this season in the 400 was 51'0 where he took thirds at both the regional and WAAA meets Kneefel ran a personal 52'3 in the 400 and placed sixth in the WAAA meet

Stevenson 3200 (Matt Rzepka Brandon Kneefel Collin Hall Keith Hearn) Running together for the first time all year the Western Lakes champions ran an 8'15'34 Three of the four members ran on Stevenson's 1600 relay with the lone exception Rzepka a freshman who made third team All Area in the individual 1600 with a time of 4'38'6

Salem 3200 (Joe Crist Adam Warner, Brian Kutnick, Adam Kosteva) This foursome picked up steam as the season wore on finishing with its best time of the year (8'13'54) in the Division I state meet It finished 5'2 in dual meets fourth in the WAAA and second in the regional

Warner and Kutnick are all seniors while Kosteva and Crist both return next year following their junior year

Crist ran a 2'04'9 in the 800 while Warner went 4'39'0 in the 1600 and 10'17'3 in the 3200

This relay team came together as the year progressed said Salem coach Geoff Baker They worked hard and turned in their best time in the last meet of the year

ALL-AREA BOYS TRACK TEAM

2004 ALL-AREA BOYS TRACK TEAMS

FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1 Jon Smart Jr Redford Catholic Central 2 Dan Haller Sr Lutheran Westland 3 Phil Rocker Sr Livonia Churchill

Discus: 1 (tie) Nick Barrett Jr Redford CC Paul Stradtner Sr Garden City 2 Chuck Cannon Jr Churchill 3 Ryan Danescu Sr Redford CC

High jump: 1 Brad Waldmann Sr Canton 2 Joe Mielke Sr Livonia Franklin 3 Matt Graham Jr Livonia Franklin

Long jump: 1 Julian Smith Jr Canton 2 John Mitchell Jr Livonia Stevenson 3 Brian Rumao Jr Salem

Pole vault: 1 (tie) Ryan Santa Soph Churchill Jon Chapman Sr Canton 2 Bill Breslin Jr Churchill Derek Reeves Jr Canton

RUNNING EVENTS

110-meter hurdles: 1 Rodney Preston Jr Canton 2 Ross Farquhar Sr Churchill 3 Bryan Anderson Jr Churchill

300 hurdles: 1 Bill Makela Sr Redford CC 2 Brad Zygmuntowicz Jr Redford CC 3 Corey Stewart Sr Canton

100 dash: 1 Erik George Sr Churchill 2 Eddie Brown Jr Redford Thurston 3 Brandon Reeves Sr Canton

200: 1 Devin Thomas Sr Canton 2 Darrian Miller Jr Wayne Memorial 3 Mike Palombo Jr Redford CC

400: 1 Ben Moldenhauer Sr Lutheran Westland 2 Andy Rossow Soph Canton 3 Collin Hall Sr Stevenson

800: 1 Keith Hearn Sr Stevenson 2 Joe Horka Jr Churchill 3 Matt Patra Jr Redford

Union

1600 1 Dave Lucas Sr Redford CC 2 Alex Lumley Soph Salem 3 Matt Rzepka Fr Stevenson

3200 1 Maxwell Working Jr Redford CC 2 Dan Horgan Sr Redford CC 3 Tim Howse Soph Churchill

RELAY EVENTS

400* 1 Canton (Julian Smith Jr Brandon Reeves Sr Dave Cahille Jr, Devin Thomas Sr) 2 Stevenson (Nana Adamako Soph Greg Wilson Jr Kevin Murawski Fr Brian Chandler Soph) 3 Wayne (Blaine Simmons Soph Terrill Ford Jr Darrian Miller Jr TJ Dillard Sr)

800 1 Canton (Andy Rossow Soph Brandon Reeves Sr Dave Cahille Jr Devin Thomas Sr) 2 Stevenson (Nana Adamako Soph Trevor Hearn Jr Brian Chandler Soph Keith Hearn Sr) 3 Lutheran Westland (Kevin Bartos Jr Rick Schwartz Jr Doug Haller Sr Ben Moldenhauer Sr)

1600* 1 Stevenson (Collin Hall Sr Trevor Hearn Jr Brandon Kneefel Sr Keith Hearn Sr) 2 Canton (Cyrus Azzi) Soph D'Angelo Pitts Jr Rodney Preston Jr Andy Rossow Soph) 3 Lutheran Westland (Eric Kehoe Jr Mark Yapp Sr Doug Haller Sr Ben Moldenhauer Sr)

3200 1 (tie) Stevenson (Matt Rzepka Fr Brandon Kneefel Sr Collin Hall Sr Keith Hearn Sr) Salem (Joe Christ Sr Adam Warner Sr Brian Kutnick Sr Adam Kosteva Jr) 3 Redford CC (Dave Lucas Sr Dan Horgan Sr Max Working Jr Mike Kurtz Jr)

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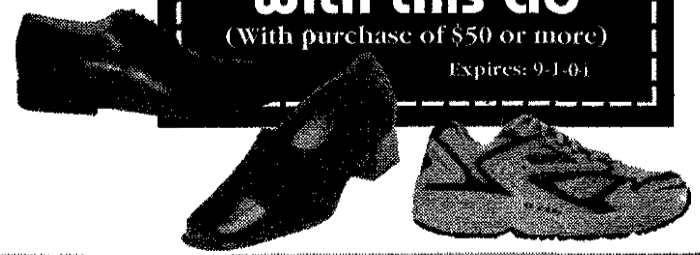
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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The Canton High School girls swim team is holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 26. To donate bottles please call Donna McClellan at (734) 981-7438 or Kay Kane at (734) 453-1253. Arrangements can be made to drop bottles off or have them picked up.

PAL GOLF OUTING

The Milford Police Athletic League (PAL) is sponsoring its 15th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 23, at the Lyon Oaks Golf Course in Wixom. The cost is \$90 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and dinner. Proceeds will benefit PAL and also Substance Abuse and Violence Education (SAVE). A 9 a.m. shotgun start will begin the festivities. For more information, contact Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

PLYMOUTH POM BOTTLE DRIVE

Plymouth High School's varsity and junior varsity pom squads are having their annual bottle drive on June 26. To make a donation, please contact a Saberette or Judy and Jessie Bono at (734) 455-4318 to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.

PLYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL

The Plymouth Volleyball Camp for grades 6-10 will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 26-28, at the high school. For more information, call Kelly McCausland at (734) 454-0704 or e-mail bigu016@yahoo.com.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth Wildcat football golf outing is scheduled for July 31 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads. Registration is from noon until the 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per golfer, \$50 for dinner only. There will also be games and drawings. Money and entry information may be sent to PHS Football Golf Outing, 47450

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BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Doyle Baseball School will return to Plymouth Christian Academy for two sessions this summer, from July 5-9 and July 12-16. Baseball and softball players between six and 16 years old will be instructed in hitting, throwing and fielding from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day during the five-day school. Doyle Baseball, now in its 23rd year, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada. More than 500,000 players have received instruction at the school, including several pro players. Tuition is \$95 per player for payments received before June 18, \$115 for those received after that date. To register call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734) 459-3505, ext. 117 until July 10. After that, call PCA baseball coach Don Shumaker at (734) 416-0513.

GOLF INFO

Tryouts for Madonna University's men's and women's golf teams will be at 11 a.m. June 19, at noon on July 26 and at 10 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Whispering Willows, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. Scholarships are still available for both teams. For further information, call coach Bill Durham at (734) 564-5267 or contact via email at billdurham@pga.com. **Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all phases of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.** For more information, log on at www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking fall youth soccer registration from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the month of June at the Recreation office, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth. All first-time registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for those competing in

under-six through under-eight divisions is \$60 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For under-nine and older divisions, the cost is \$65 for city of Plymouth residents and \$95 for non-residents. For further information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or check its website at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

HOOP CAMPS

The dates are set for the Canton/Salem Girls Summer Basketball Camps, conducted by Salem coach Fred Thomann and Canton coach Bob Blohm. For girls entering fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades this fall, the camp will be from 1-3 p.m. June 21-25. All camps will be in the Canton gym. Cost is \$70, checks made payable to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. For more information, call (734) 416-2937 or (734) 414-8156.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Top 50 Junior Golf Tour, presented by the Michigan Section PGA, is seeking volunteers to help with its upcoming junior golf season. The tour is a southeast Michigan golf tour designed to give boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 the opportunity to earn scholarship money to further their educations after high school while promoting the growth of the game. "We have experienced tremendous growth in the tour throughout the sign-up period so far this spring," said tour director Dan Thomas. "Due to that growth, we could certainly use the assistance of anyone that could help us out." Anyone that likes golf and likes working with young people is more than welcome. We could use additional folks to help us by working as starters, for tournament registration and sign in, scoring and transportation. Interested volunteers should contact Thomas at (248) 321-9900. The Top 50 Junior Tour consists of 10 qualifiers and 10 tournaments, played on Michigan public and private courses between June 15 and Aug. 20.

Rams down Thunder, 4-2

After dropping four straight, the Rams won their fourth in a row Wednesday with a 4-2 win over the Tecumseh (Ontario) Thunder at Ford Field. Ryan Heath went 3-for-3 for the Rams (5-4), including a double, a run scored and a stolen base. Dan Dobberowsky

had a hit, RBI and scored a run, while Adam Schulz, Brian Campbell and Ben Darga each contributed a hit. Winning pitcher Corey Krug gave up two runs on six hits over five innings. He struck out seven and walked two. Kyle Fedorka got the save, pitching

a scoreless sixth with two strikeouts. Bevan Bezaire was the losing pitcher for the Thunder (1-4-1). He allowed three runs on seven hits. Ryan Maedel and Lance Tofflemire each had an RBI for the Thunder.

Crusaders garner 4 AAU volleyball crowns

The Crusader Juniors, an AAU volleyball club, walked away with four state age-group girls tournament championships, June 4-5, in Grand Rapids. Thirteen of the 15 Crusader Junior teams earned either ribbons or placement medals.

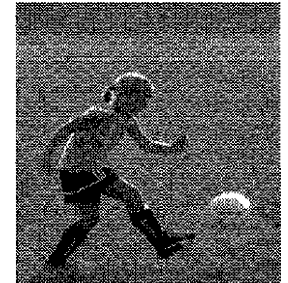
Among the first-place finishers Members of the 16 and under club division team coached by Amanda Suder and Tera Morrill include Mikayla Armbruster, Justin Bennett, Megan Olind, Laura Schroeter and Michelle Szymanski, all of Livonia Ladywood High School. Sarah Haskins and Lindsay Vogelsberg, Plymouth H.S.; Lauren Purdy, Novi H.S.; Jordan Pilut, Livonia St. Michael's Grade School; Diana Bajdo, Dearborn Divine Child H.S.; Stephanie Cripps, Novi Middle School. Members of the 14 and under club division team coached by Rayna Vert include Kelly Snitchler and Jamie Pounders, Livonia Stevenson High School; Stephanie Labby, Livonia St. Edith Grade School; Eren Ural, Livonia Frost Middle School; Lindsay Petrusha, Plymouth Our Lady of Good Counsel; Jill Slabey, Plymouth West M.S.

Paula Dietz, Katie Hildreth and Paige Janer, Novi M.S.; Allison Holmes, Megan Knoth and Hannah Matyiku, Northville Hillsdale M.S.; Kirstin Kirk, Marshall M.S. Members of the under 13 competitive division squad coached by Ashley Frost include Kristy DeClercq, Collen Lasecki, Katie Matz and Erin O'Dowd, all of St. Michael's; Chelsea Adams, Livonia Riley Middle School; Renee Berger, Livonia Emerson M.S.; Lindsay Hostetter, Livonia Holmes M.S.; Emily Pawlik, St. Edith; Andrea Conover, Bridget Hickey, Courtney LaValley, Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows Grade School; Kacy Moran, Plymouth West M.S.; Kim Hildreth, Novi M.S. Members of another under 13 competitive division team coached by Heather Spooner include Allison Derrig, St. Michael's; Danielle Kotlarczyk, Riley M.S.; Mary McGovern and Kaitlyn Williams, St. Edith; Katrina Yelick, Plymouth Our Lady of Good Counsel; Krissy Smith, Detroit Country Day; Kayla Nieszgoda, Redford St. Mel's; Courtney Majeske, St. Peter's; Mariana Anguiano, Our Lady of Sorrows; Hilary Diaciano and Paige Henry, Novi M.S.; Sammy Kerr, Bryant M.S.

Christine Mech, Novi Meadows M.S.; Laura Taylor, Hillside M.S.; Allison Vakerics, Divine Child Grade School. **Among the third place finishers** Members of the 18 and under club division team coached by Natalie Sayre and Marylu Fryburger (Hemme) include Julie St. Onge and Amy Szymanski, Ladywood H.S.; Dana Strarnecki, Livonia Churchill H.S.; Lindsay Allen, Amanda Cieslak, Alex Dzingile, Nicole Ellul, Ellen Mrowka, all of Divine Child; H.S.; Megan Brundie, Grand Blanc H.S. Members of the 16 and under club division team coached by Michelle Yesko include Kimberly Hemming and Elizabeth Jeter, Stevenson H.S.; Shea Truxell and Allison Westfall, Churchill H.S.; Erinn Phillips, Westland John Glenn H.S.; Julie Longenhorst, Farmington Hills Mercy H.S.; Kristen Marzonia, Courtney Ratkowiak and Audrey Smith, Novi H.S.; Lindsey Hunt, Divine Child H.S.; Katie Partyka, Madison Heights Bishop Foley H.S.; Alison Scoffins, South Lyon H.S. **Reaching the quarterfinals** Members of coach Lee Cagle's 16 and under open division team, Teresa Coppelle, Salem H.S.; Carly DeClercq, Churchill H.S.; Theresa Hamilton, Ashton Judis, Kaitlin, Kumm and Maria Mezzadri, Stevenson H.S.; Jennifer Swartz and Heather Linden, John Glenn H.S.; Madison McCoy, Redford Thurston H.S.; Jackie Racwan, Divine Child H.S.; Megan, Kead, Milford H.S.

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Taylor bowler equals series strike record

If you are interested in record high scores, the Detroit area record high series has been tied earlier this month by 21-year-old Jeffery Hicks of near-by Taylor.

His 35 strikes of a possible 36 has equaled the record for a three-game series of 879 established in 1998 by Mike Makowiec of Livonia, who edged Ken Kossick of Canton a few months earlier with a score of 878.

Who will be the first in our area to go 900? It may be sooner than you think as Hicks only left a solid 10-pin in the ninth frame of the first game, June 2 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, bowling in the Wednesday Invitational Trio League.

Hicks has now bowled nine 300 games in three years, the last six have come in the past three months, one of which



Hicks

He came into the summer league with a 220 average in the regular season. He also scored a 299 a week ago at Taylor Lanes.

Jeffery was unaware of any high series records while he was flirting with a possible 900, but was quite pleased to share the top spot all-time with Makowiec.

Kossick has topped 800 ten times in his career, mostly in the All-Stars, while Makowiec has had four 800s.

As far as I know, only five perfect series of 900 have been bowled in the nation, first by college bowler Jeremy Sonnenfeld.

A few others followed. Then there was pro bowler Glen Allison, who rolled a 900, but it was not sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress, leading to much controversy over the years.

There have been a lot of great bowlers with 300 games galore, but could never seem to top an 800 mark for a three-game series.

Many of us would be happy with just a nice 700 series, still not so easy, but still within reach for a fair to good bowler.

Does the equipment get some of the glory? It just so happens that in his last five perfect games and in the record 879 series he was throwing a 15-pound Storm Triple XXX Factor.

"The lane conditions were just right for this ball," Hicks said.

That points to the fact that knowing your equipment and how it fits various lane conditions can go a long way for bowlers who want to get maximum results for their game.

Let's keep an eye on this rapidly developing future superstar, the sky's the limit for Jeffery Hicks.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, the world's largest with 50,000 members. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or E-mail at tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net.

SPORTS SHORTS

WALKING CLUB

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Everyday, on a drop-in basis, people will meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer) and walk a variety of routes mapped out by the Recreation Department, or they can blaze their own trail. There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m., the evening start time is 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and

Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class (Webbed water gloves provided. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.)

The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries.

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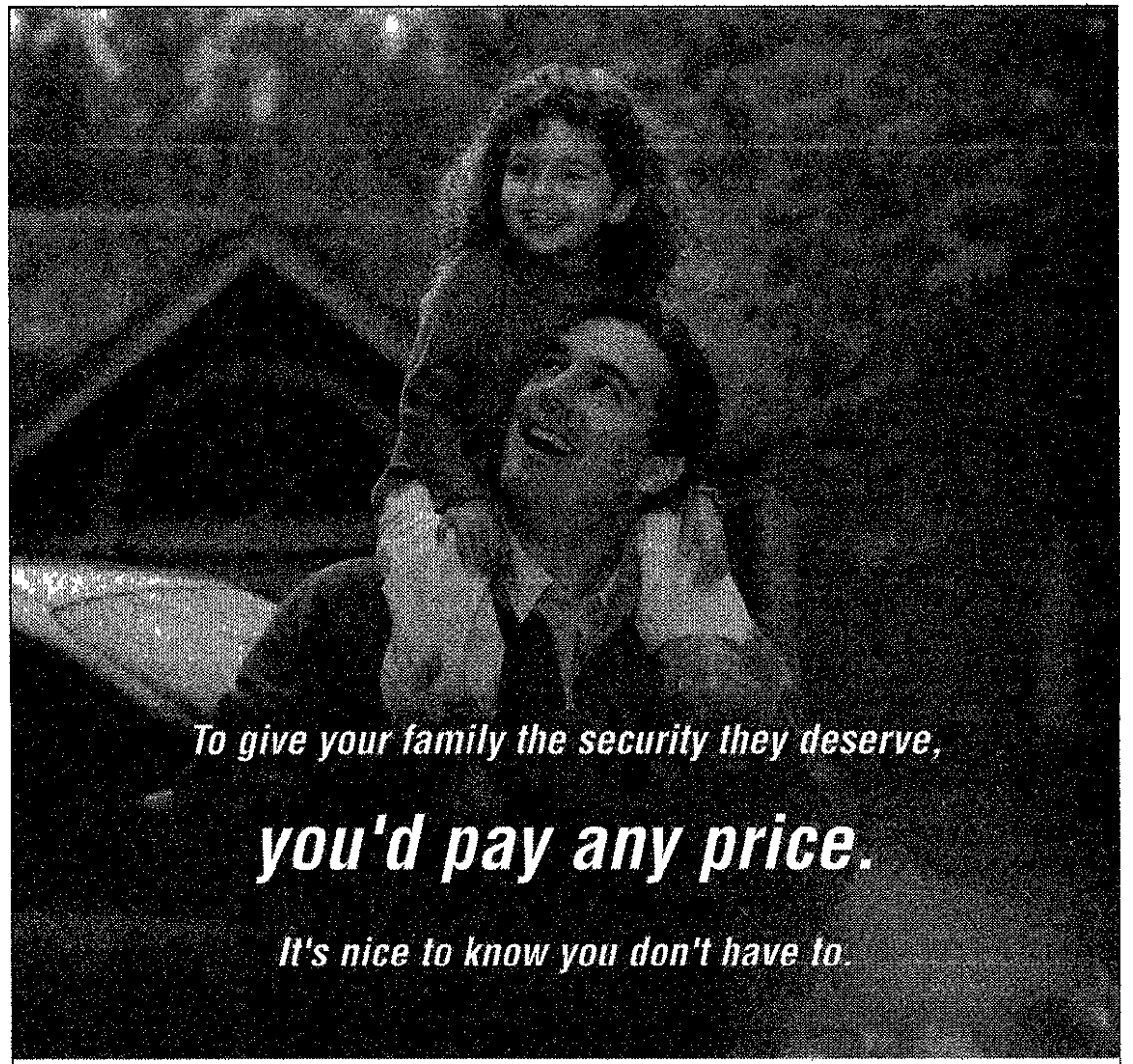
GLENN FOOTBALL REUNION

Westland John Glenn will stage a football reunion for all former players and coaches, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1-2.

A schedule of events includes meeting at halftime for the football homecoming game (Oct. 1), as well as an informal dinner (Oct. 2) at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall.

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BASEBALL

FROM PAGE B1

wind up a third and score on Robrahn's groundout to short "Getting the lead early was key," Jenison coach Gary Cook said "It was unfortunate for them they didn't play good defense, which certainly helped us

"Then we were able to play the small game late to pad our 2-0 lead"

After allowing three hits and hitting a batter over the first two innings, the lefty Henderson set down the next nine batters in order

But in the sixth, the junior got into trouble when he allowed a single to Markle followed by a walk to Markle Salter then elected to go to his bullpen, bringing in junior Greg Marrone from center field

In five innings, Henderson gave up four hits, walked one and hit one batter

"I thought Bobby did a nice job of settling down after the throwing error," Salter said

Mickey Sheehan, Jenison's cleanup hitter, greeted

Marrone with a sharp grounder, which took a wicked hop, much to the surprise of CC second baseman Joe Dudzinski

And what appeared to be a sure double-play, turned into a triple up the gap in right center, scoring both runners to make it 4-0

"Our kid (Dudzinski) said it hit the hip of the infield and it just went over his head," Salter said "If it's a double-play ball it might get us out of the inning"

Pete Vanderkolk then scored Sheehan with an RBI single and B J Wells' sacrifice bunt was thrown away at first, scoring Vanderkolk to make it 6-0 as the Wildcats sent nine batters to the plate during the inning

CC's best scoring opportunity came in the top of the sixth Marrone was hit by a pitch Derek Brooks followed with a one-out infield single followed by Ryan Gallagher's single to load the bases

Junior catcher Eric Vojtkofsky then drilled a Robrahn pitch into the right-center gap, only to have Jenison right fielder Nick Ferris flag it down with a clutch running grab Marrone,

tagging from third, scored on the play, but Brooks was doubled off second to end the inning

"If that gets in there we score three runs and it's a tight game," Salter said "I was yelling for Marrone to tag, but when you make those kind of plays like they did, it gets you to the next step

"He (Brooks) thought it was up the gap He should wait to see if it's in -- in a 2-run game you don't take that chance, but I can't fault him (Brooks) because he's hit well for us all year and he's made some nice defensive plays in the field"

In the final inning, Clausen, the Jenison center fielder, robbed CC designated hitter Nate Rzeppa with another timely catch

"Those two guys (Clausen and Ferris) are excellent outfielders and they've been doing that all year," said Cook. "In a

big park like that you can run it down"

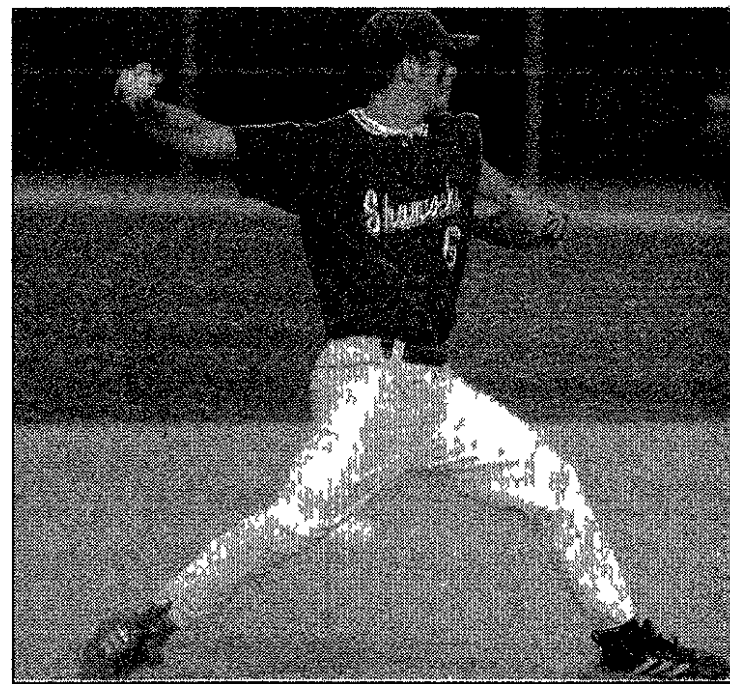
Jenison, making its fifth semifinal appearance under Cook, last reached a state final in 1985

"We're delighted because the state tourney is a hard road and you need a few breaks," Cook said "We executed some things offensively and we played well defensively behind Casey (Robrahn)."

For Salter and his CC team, a couple of key moments could have turned the momentum the other way

"We had hoped to put more pressure on them," Salter said "We had our chances in the sixth If the ball falls in it's a much tighter game

"But they (Jenison) deserved to win They're a solid team and they made two nice plays in the outfield and they do a good job of bunting runners over"



Redford Catholic Central shortstop Mike McDonald throws out a runner at first base during Friday's Division 1 State Semi-final game against Jenison The Shamrocks fell, 6-1

HOOPS

FROM PAGE B1

performers in the area his senior season He's a shooting guard who has tremendous strength We really think he's going to be an exciting player for us"

The Crusaders' final signee - at least for now - is Andrey Douthard, a 6-5 forward/center who prepped at Taylor Truman

"Andrey runs the court really well," Henry said "He's got a good upside and I think his best years are ahead of him He plays with a lot of energy"

Henry said there are an additional four or five players who are close to committing to the Crusaders

Joining Henry on the Crusaders' bench with be assistant coaches Holowicki, Gary

Schumaker and Monte Denard

Henry said Holowicki, 72, is feeling much better following a February stroke that forced him to step down as head coach at Madonna following nine seasons

"I am really looking forward to coaching with Bernie," Henry said "He has so much knowledge that he can pass along to me and the players"

Schumaker, who will serve as the teams recruiting coordinator, formerly coached the boys' team at Riverview High School and the girls' squad at Northville High School

Denard is a former head coach at Inkster and Dearborn Heights Robichaud high schools He has 15 years of head-coaching experience to his credit

"I couldn't be happier with the staff I have put together," Henry concluded

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Hooking up, dangerous teen idea

A disturbing article appeared in the New York Times Magazine several weeks ago about a new sex trend taking place in our middle and high schools. School counselors have corroborated the rumor with stories from kids like the following:

Mandy sat in her counselor's office explaining, in a matter-of-fact way, what was going on between herself and a 15-year-old boy from her school. "I like him as a friend. I'd probably like him more if he had any interest in me. But we hooked up anyway."

"What do you mean by hooked up?" queried the school counselor.

"Oh it's no big deal," replied the innocent young lady. "He just wanted oral sex and I gave it to him. But we're not going out. We're just friends."

For those of you who haven't heard about the newest teen craze, the phrases the kids might use when talking to friends on cell phones or via the computer will include hooking up with someone or having a friend-with-benefits.

As Benoit Denizet-Lewis wrote in the *NY Times Magazine*, teenagers talk about hook ups as matter-of-factly as they might discuss what's on the cafeteria lunch menu - and they look at you in a funny way if you go on for too long about the "emotional components of sex." Lewis goes on to say that many of the adolescents see dating as a bit passe.

James Hong, co-founder of the Web site hotornot.com, where teens meet online and rate each other, thinks that hooking up and hanging out are the main reasons why teens log on to his site. "This demographic (under 24 years old) doesn't want to appear like they're needy and looking for a relationship."

When you ask students whether hooking up might hurt their reputation, the opinions go both ways. Some of the teens consider it no big deal, and cite Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky as the model couple of "it's not really sex." Other teens take a more realistic stance. Girls realize that if they get a reputation for being too available for hook ups, they will be seen as sluts, while some boys worry that too much of being a 'player' may spoil their chances for a real relationship down the road.

Lewis, in his article, described the rules that govern hookups.

"If you want it to be a hookup relationship, then you don't call the person for anything except plans to hook up. You don't invite them out with you. You don't call just to say hi. You don't confuse the matter. You just keep it purely sexual (usually favoring the boy), and that way people don't have mixed expectations, and no one gets hurt."

The media and Hollywood have done a splendid job of desensitizing us to anything that might smack of a moral baseline. From living together outside of marriage, to having babies out of wedlock, the consensus is that anything goes. And they would tell you that you parents, who may get worked up about all this, are simply being sticks in the mud.

But even if you don't agree that the current teen behavior is morally offensive, think about the ramifications for these young people when they get into marriage and have this baggage from their adolescence that negatively impacts their sex life within the bounds of marriage. It's already happening and causing great trauma to young marriages where commitment and trust just aren't a part of the contract.

It's worrisome and worth talking to your teen about, even before they approach these opportunities in middle school. If their self-worth is based on how often they can hook up, we're all in trouble.

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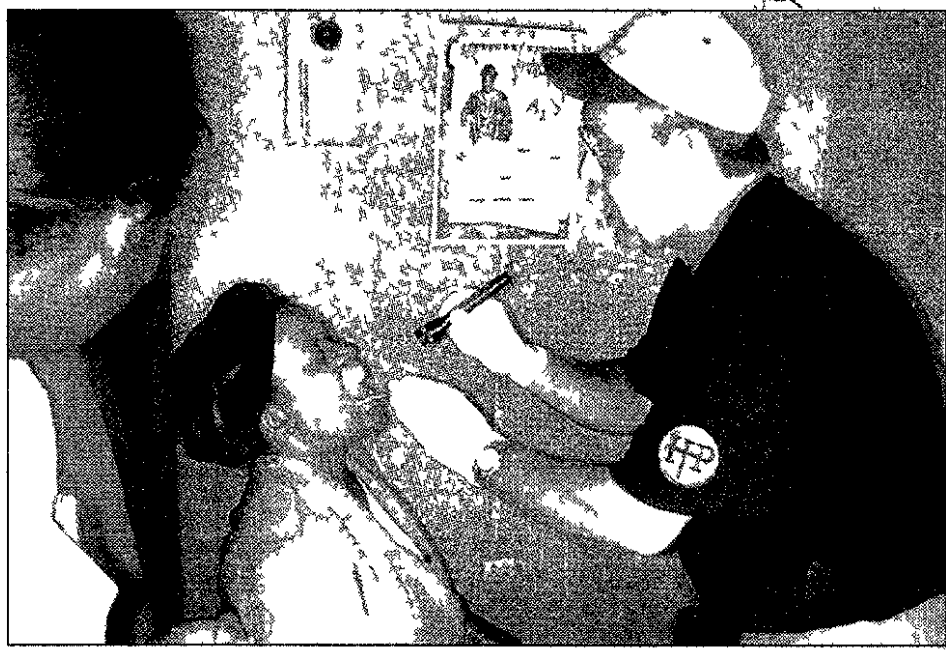
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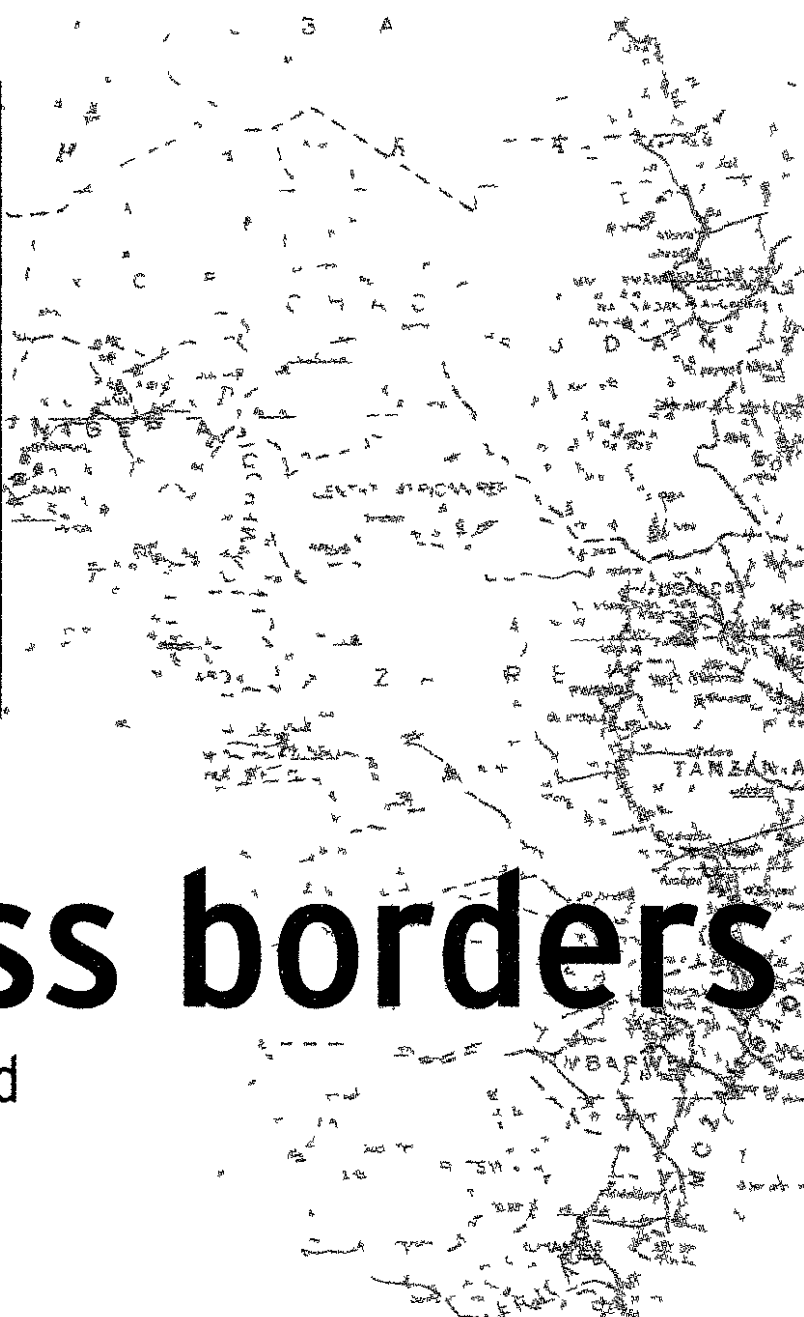
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The medical team headed by Dr. Lawrence Fallat estimates they saw some 1,000 patients during their 10-day trip to Nigeria. Fallat, who has an office in Canton, said the team saw diseases ranging from worms and malaria to broken bones and club foot.



Healing across borders

Medical team fights culture shock to bring aid

BY BRAD KADRACH
STAFF WRITER

It's not like Dr. Lawrence Fallat is a neophyte when it comes to the medical problems Third World countries face.

To the contrary, Fallat, a podiatric surgeon with an office at Oakwood Hospital's Canton facility, has spent a good deal of his career traveling to impoverished nations and providing whatever health care he can.

But perhaps none of his travels prepared him for what he, and the team of medical professionals, encountered on a recent trip to Nigeria. He and his team had been requested by a tribal chief from Abia, Nigeria, who had heard about the good works he'd done.

"His people needed lots of help," Fallat said. "They have many medical problems, basically with no medicine and no doctors."

The trip, which included a dentist, a paramedic and an optometrist, among others, was supposed to be a screening visit, a chance to go down and see what was needed in preparation for a return trip to actually provide services.

When the team got there, though, conditions were much worse than expected. There was no running water or electricity, and malaria patients were plentiful. The area was also rife with parasitic disease, and Fallat said the polio epidemic is "like it was in the United States" years ago.

TEAM EFFORT

Not prepared to actually treat patients yet, the team did what humanitarian teams do. They made do.

"The second day we put our money together and bought out the local pharmacy," Fallat said. "We got all the antibiotics and ointments we could find."

It wasn't going to be enough, and the doctors knew it. Word quickly spread around a village desperate for medical care that U.S. doctors were seeing people, and patients gathered in droves. Broken bones and club feet - the fixing of which is Fallat's specialty - abounded, but the doctors were hard-pressed to be able to do anything.

"We didn't have any way of even taking X-rays," Fallat said. "We can fix these things, but there they sat and here we were."

Even if they'd had the equipment, conditions would have been deplorable. Trash covered the ground, there was no running water to speak of, and, to make matters worse, rats had taken up residence in what the doctors were using as a waiting room.

At one point, as the doctors looked on, one of the rats bolted from beneath a table and scared the bejezus out of them.

Still, the team got to do some good doctoring. "We were in a perfect spot to triage," said Dr. Brian Allen, a podiatric surgery resident at Oakwood Hospital. "It was like a little M*A*S*H unit."

A busy one, by all accounts. According to Fallat, the 10 professionals on the trip saw about 1,000 patients. People suffered from worms and, especially, malaria. Dr. Frank Patino, a researcher for pharmaceutical giant Pfizer, was astounded by that.

"I interned for three years at Oakwood and only saw one case," said Patino, who heads a humanitarian organization called Health Help Project that was part of the mission. "Down there I must have seen 150."

EYE-OPENER

Patino, who has been in many places and seen many things, called going to the Nigerian bush country a culture shock. On the road, he would see people on hands and knees, cupping their hands to drink muddy water from a puddle.

The people use their own feces for fertilizer, then walk the fields barefoot. The doctors had to rush things at the end of the day, because there was no electricity, and administering medical attention by candlelight didn't seem practical.

When the locals would feed the doctors, it was gen-



Nigerians warmed up to Dr. Frank Patino of Plymouth Township, who donned the ceremonial garb of the local residents.

'It's really a culture shock, no matter how many times you go to these places. It strikes you every time...the diseases and the infrastructure that makes people's lives so difficult.'

Dr. Frank Patino, researcher

erally cooked rat for dinner. The water they served was largely contaminated.

It's really a culture shock, no matter how many times you go to these places," Patino said. "It strikes you every time - the diseases and the infrastructure that makes people's lives so difficult."

In addition to the medical assistance, Patino and his team are going to try to do something about the infrastructure in the area, hoping to bring electricity and running water. He's working with a water management expert at Pfizer, trying to develop a plan for a return trip.

When they go back, how long they stay will be determined by the overall plan.

It overwhelms you to realize you can throw a lot of medicine at these people, but if you don't do something about the infrastructure they just go right back where they were," Patino said.

Despite the tribulations, the doctors who were part of the team found themselves jazzed by the experience.

"We would have liked to have been able to do more," Allen said. "For us, it was a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

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Dr. Lawrence Fallat, a podiatric surgeon who works out of the Oakwood Hospital medical facility in Canton, saw plenty of club-foot patients.



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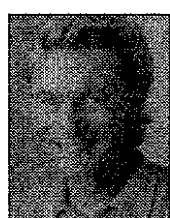
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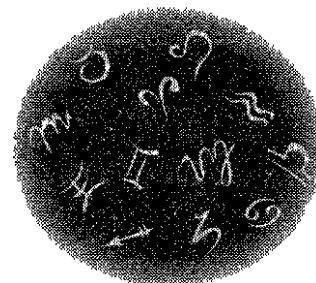
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By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Someone you haven't always seen eye to eye with will offer you a hand in friendship with the Moon in your element now and if you're wise you'll accept it. The planets suggest there is no trickery involved your former foe really does want to make up.



TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The more you think about what you're going to do the less likely it is you'll do it so put your thoughts on hold and take action kiddo! Which direction you take matters less than that you do something. The potential for change has never been greater.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You have more control over your present circumstances than you realize and much to gain from a new attitude or approach. Mars sign shift on Wednesday may throw you off course briefly. Remain true to your principles and beliefs.



CANCER (June 22-July 23)

It's a terrific couple of weeks for Moon Children with the Sun returning to your birth sign. Let others make the big decisions now while you sit back and watch the world go by. That might sound like strange advice but there are times when you can do more by doing nothing.



LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Dishonesty is not in your cosmic character so avoid involvement with someone who has something to hide. With so much going on beneath the surface now you are hardly in your element. In a few weeks when the Sun returns to your birth sign all will seem very different and positive.



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You'll be amazingly outspoken and dynamic this week especially when dealing with people on a one on one level - employees ex and current loves. A potent mixture of charm and cockiness will help you get your way in most situations. Milk it for everything!



LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Let those you love know how much you appreciate them now. They know already of course but it doesn't hurt to spell it out. Even the best of relationships can fall into a rut over time so do something to spice things up.



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

The Sun in your element for the next four weeks means you're capable of really big things so don't waste your time and energy on trivial issues. Certain people may be ready for a fight but you're under no obligation to give it to them.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You don't lack for big ideas but if you're going to be the best at what you do you must be sensible. Sadge. You can't possibly pursue every dream that passes through your head. Be selective. If you keep your cool every thing will work out in the end.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Time for "in with the new!" Make it your goal this week to stop letting things that happened a long time ago affect the way you live now. What's done is done but if you learn from the experience you'll find it easy to move on. Don't dwell on your mistakes.



AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

You never like to admit that others might know better than you but this week you'll be forced to acknowledge that your opinions were off the mark at best. But it's no big deal. You're only human after all.



PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

There will be some people you like some people you don't and some people you'll never get along with no matter how hard you try. The most important thing is that you don't let anyone tell you that you have to be nice to someone you instinctively mistrust.

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LIBRARY WATCH

The Plymouth District Library offers the following programs during June:

- Astronomy Discussion Group, 7 p.m. Monday, June 21 - Join lively astronomy popularizer Mike Best in this monthly discussion group. Best shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration required. For more information, contact starmikebest@comcast.net or call (734) 459-BEST.
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- Animal Tracks with Lisa Hunter, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. June 22 - Be an outdoor detective using/catchy tunes and games to learn about favorite critters. Pick up free tickets for this program.

beginning June 14 at the Reader's Advisory Desk. ■ Baby Play, 10 and 11 a.m. Monday, June 28, repeated 10 a.m. Saturday, July 3 - This program is for babies 6-24 months. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Registration not required.

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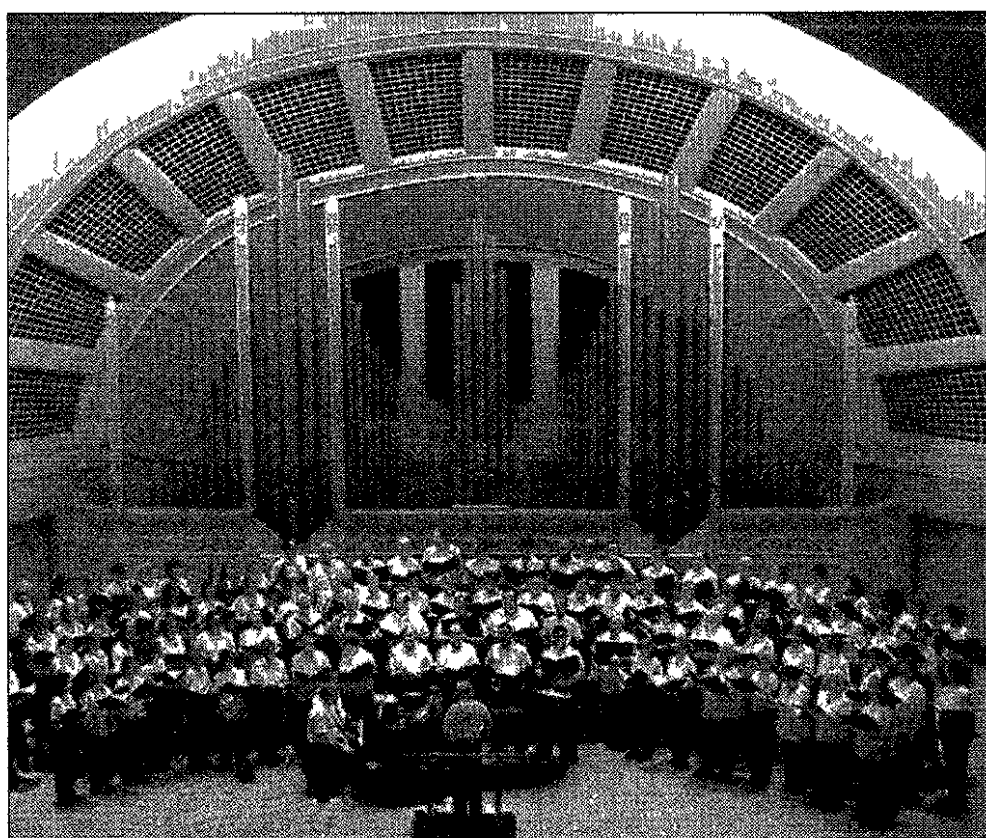
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exchange program experience.

Pratt was a member of the chorale in 1966. He returned for 1972 and 1973 to serve as a staff member with his wife Kathy. Both Kathy and Pratt will sing in the reunion concert 3 p.m. Sunday June 27, at Hill Auditorium on the University of Michigan campus. Tickets are not necessary as a free-will donation will be taken to offset expenses. For more information, call (734) 455-6512.

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"We have singers, coming from all over the U.S. and Japan," said Pratt. "My aunt and uncle who were staff members are coming from El Paso. The chorale reunion is not just a southeast Michigan thing. We tried to reach so many people, all kinds of folks from different walks of life."

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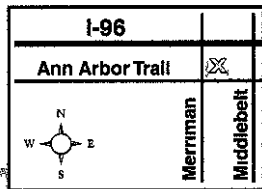
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Relationship talk is an aphrodisiac to women

Q. Why don't men listen to what you are saying and how you are feeling? When I try to get my husband to talk about our relationship or my personal feelings, he just shuts down and leaves the room. Can you help me?



Love Doctor
Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D.

Couples differ in what they talk about with each other. And it is no surprise that men and women differ in how much they want to talk about the relationship with their partner. Studies show that relationship talk is important to women, but not to men. Relationship talk is any discussion with your partner that focuses on the state or fate of your relationship. There is evidence from my long-term study on marriage that the more time wives spend with their husbands and

disclose personal feelings, talk about the relationship and tell their spouse what they need out of the relationship, the happier wives are in their marriage. This was not true for husbands. Husbands engage in relationship talk at the beginning of a relationship because they feel it is necessary to get to know their partner, but once they become a "couple," this talk has negative implications for the relationship. Findings show that the more time husbands

report they engage in relationship talk with their wives, the less happy they are in their marriage and the greater likelihood of divorce. Studies find that relationship talk is therapeutic to women. Women find this very reinforcing for what they want in their relationship. Relationship talk builds intimacy and closeness for women. But when wives engage in relationship talk, husbands often interpret this as nagging or that their relationship is in trouble. Most importantly, husbands believe that they did something wrong. This interpretation causes the man to withdraw from communication altogether. Thus, relationship talk may have different meanings for men and women,

which inevitably puts that couple at risk. For women, it is important to remember that men's perception of relationship talk is that you are bringing up a problem they need to fix. So don't forget that if you want to discuss your relationship, try to bring up the topic in a non-threatening manner. Men need to keep in mind that women like to talk about the relationship even when things are going well and there are no problems. Men should also remember that relationship talk is like an aphrodisiac for women, it builds intimacy and closeness and without it, women may distance themselves from their partner and the relationship.

your partner discuss your relationship by taking the following Love Doctor Quiz. Respond to each statement using a scale from 1-4 where, 1=never, 2=rarely, 3=sometimes, and 4=often.

In the past month how often did you

- 1 Reveal very intimate things about yourself or your personal feelings
- 2 Talk about the quality of the relationship, for example, how good it is, how satisfying it is, or how to improve it
- 3 Tell your partner what you want or need from the relationship
- 4 Spend time discussing and trying to work out problems between the two of you

Add up your points across the 4 questions. Scores Range from 4-16. The higher the score, the more you talk about your relationship with your partner.

To submit a question, e-mail The Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com. Her column appears every two weeks in the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.

Terri L. Orbuch, Ph.D. is a psychologist, sociologist, author, Oakland University professor and research scientist at the University of Michigan. Listen to the Love Doctor on 100.3 WNIC FM every Tuesday morning between 7 and 7:30 a.m. To buy a copy of the Love Doctor's new book, Love Lesson #1: Relationship Realities, go to www.detroitlovedr.com (\$5.95 + shipping).

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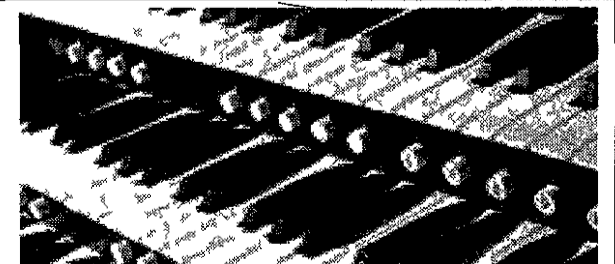
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AROUND TOWN

Kiwanis breakfasts

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects. The breakfasts will be served from 8:11 a.m. July 10, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4. Cost is \$6 for adults \$3 for children 6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free. Proceeds from the breakfasts - which include all you can eat eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice - support community activities such as an annual scholarship, sweatshirts for First Step Bentley Elementary School, read a thon, church directories for area hotels/motels, Halloween costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth. The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman

Hip-Hop music camp

Detroit Opera House presents Youth Under Construction Hip Hop Music Camp for youth ages 9-17 interested in the music industry or performing arts. Campers will receive a workbook to focus on their goals, project planning, team building and time management. Participants will receive a CD, lyric poster, T-shirt, video, play script and a complete song lyrics book. Camp is scheduled July 6-17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in Detroit. Fee is \$300. For more information e-mail tickets@motopera.org or call (313) 237-SING.

Women Business Owners

Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan hold their monthly meeting July 6 at the Lake Forest Golf Club, 3110 W. Ellsworth in Ann Arbor (1.5 miles south of I-95 and Ann Arbor Saline at Ellsworth). It's an open house this month with networking opportunities and light refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m. and the program sponsored by Deanna Dokman of First Capital Mortgage and JoAnne Marshall of Trillium Landscaping. For more information or to register visit www.wbo-mich.org or call (734) 332-9300.

ways@comcast.net or call Jan (734) 844-1707 for details.

Tai Chi Society

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan, a non-profit charitable foundation, offers Tai Chi classes for health improvement in Livonia at 38121 Ann Arbor Road at 7 p.m. Monday/Thursday. For more information call (734) 591-3530. Beginner classes start July 5.

Madonna golf

Madonna University in Livonia holds its ninth annual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Links of Novi. Tickets are \$175 per person or \$700 for a foursome if purchased before Aug. 1 and includes golf, welcoming gifts, lunch, dinner, prizes and more. Sponsorships are available. For information or to reserve a spot call (734) 432-5421.

Crafters needed

Crafters are needed for Delta Kappa Gamma West Middle School's 18th annual juried show Saturday, Oct. 23. The show runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. E-mail the

ways@comcast.net or call Jan (734) 844-1707 for details.

Hawgs for Hearts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors a Hawgs for Hearts motorcycle poker run to benefit its cardiology services Sunday, July 25. Registration is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the day of the event at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 5 Mile in Livonia. The ride to Hell Michigan back starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. There will be five poker card drawings along the way with food awards, entertainment and motorcycle vendor booths. Sponsorships are available. Fee for the run is \$10 per rider, \$5 per passenger. Call (734) 655-2980 for more information.

Garden walk

The Gardens of Northville sponsor the 11th annual Garden Walk on Monday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. Six gardens in Northville will be featured. Tickets will be available in advance only after June 14 from Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. No tickets will be sold the day of the walk. For more information call Kate Daniel (734) 591-

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Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling 2005 Entertainment books to support the symphony's 2004-05 concert season. Buyers will receive a free 2004 Entertainment Book now and their 2005 book in late August. Buyers can pick the books up at the symphony office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth by calling the symphony office (734) 451-2112 or calling Mary Thomas (734) 453-3016. The books cost \$20.

Howell summer camp

The Howell Conference and Nature Center is still offering enrollment for its summer camps. Resident camps are offered for children entering grades 2-12. Seven different camps - Camp Discovery, Backpacking, Isle Royale, High School Extreme, Extreme Adventure Explorer, Nature Discovery and Lakeshore Adventure - are being offered. Rates range from \$185 to \$335. Summer day camps are also available for children in grades 1-6. Daily non-membership rate is \$26

weekly rate is \$120. For more information call (517) 552-3363.

Crafters wanted

Organizers of the annual Northville Sidewalk Sale are looking for crafters and food vendors for the annual event scheduled for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. Craft booths are available for \$40 per booth, food booths cost \$100. Booths are eight foot spaces. For more information call Sally or Toni Genitti (248) 349-0522.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice, 3840 Packard in Ann Arbor, is looking for caring, dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and Monroe counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running and clerical services. Call Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator (734) 973-1145 for more information.

Fish Fry

The Plymouth VFW is again featuring Friday Night Fish Fry for only \$7 from 5-7 p.m. Also, Sunday brunch is avail-

able from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the third Sunday of the month. The post is at 1426 S. Mill St.

Foster Care

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is a foster care agency in the community that places children in loving foster homes. The agency is in need of loving and stable homes committed to parenting children ages 10 to 17 years old. Call (734) 971-5776 to find out how you can help.

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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veteran's hospitals, schools and community service. Call 734-420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

American Legion

Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible. Contact (734) 459-7324 for further information.

Woman's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September to June, excluding January. Persons interested in joining contact club president Judy Krieman at (734) 459-1027.

Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club

Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further info.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com

Moving on

A dozen students ages 4 and 5 graduated from the preschool program at Tutor Time Child Care/Learning Centers in Plymouth during a June 4 ceremony. The students dressed in their little caps and gowns, did a performance for their parents and even performed the cap-tossing ritual, according to owner Neena Judge.



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LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the Observer with their list of best sellers, based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons.

The books are available by placing a request with the library on the Web at plymouthlibrary.org or by calling (734) 453-0750.

FICTION

- 1 "The Da Vinci Code," Dan Brown
- 2 "The Rule of Four," Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason
- 3 "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom
- 4 "The Taking," Dean Koontz
- 5 "Angels & Demons," Dan Brown

NON-FICTION

- 1 "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," David Sedaris
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- 3 "Big Russ and Me," Tim Russert
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- 5 "Father Joe," Tony Hendra

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- 5 "Angel Bites the Bullet," Judy Delton

CAMPUS NEWS

HOPE COLLEGE

Catherine Jones, Rachelle Ruark, Stephanie Harrier, Meghan Wind, Kathryn McLean and Ryan Weaver, all of Canton, were named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2003-04 school year at Hope College. To be named to the list, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

HOWE MILITARY SCHOOL

Cadet Richard Clark, an eighth-grader and the son of Susan Clark of Plymouth, was named to the Principal's List for the sixth six-weeks grading period of the 2003-2004 school year. He received the award by attain-

ing at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college-prep curriculum. Clark has attended Howe since August 2003.

Cadet Mark Lewallen, a 10th-grader and the son of Anita and Steven Lewallen of Plymouth, has been awarded the Zuercher United States History Award (silver), a President's Award for Educational Excellence, the Colonel Thomas S. Merritt Marksmanship Medal and the Department of the Army Superior Cadet Designation (LET II).

Lewallen also made the Headmaster's List for the sixth six-weeks grading period of the 2003-04 school year by attaining at least a 3.0 B average in his studies in a college-prep curriculum. He has attended Howe since August 2002.

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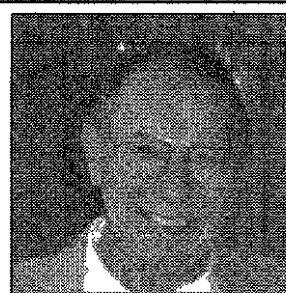
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ED PUROLL

Bloomfield Hills, MI. Rancho Santa Fe, CA. Naples, FL. Ed Puroll passed away on June 17, 2004 at 5:40 PM in Cleveland Clinic in Naples, FL. He was born November 13, 1920 to Catherine and Joseph Puroll and was the youngest in his family of three brothers, Walter, Ray and Chester and one sister Verna. Ed is survived by his wife of 28 years, Virginia Mottu (Ballou) and his son Brian (Julie) and grandchildren Lindsey, Emily and Haley from Petoskey, MI. He is also survived by his daughter Marcia O'Connor (Dennis) and grandchildren Kelley, Caroline and Dennis IV. Ed is survived by his stepson R. Michael Ballou from Miami, FL. In addition to Ed's family, Ed leaves behind a host of friends and colleagues who admired Ed for his character, trustworthiness and good judgment. Ed was president and co-owner of Mezey Puroll Automotive Agency which is a sales representation company doing business with Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, based out of Southfield, MI. After Ed's retirement from Mezey Puroll Automotive, Ed and his wife Virginia began their second careers starting EVP Enterprises doing business as Pet Supplies Plus, based out of Wheaton, IL. Ed called it his "fun business." Since idleness was never a virtue of Ed Puroll, he enjoyed his second career which was so completely different from his sales business. Sports played a big part in Ed's life. He was an outstanding fast pitch pitcher for Briggs, winning the ASA World Title and won 95% of the games he pitched. Ed was inducted into the Amateur Hall of Fame October 26, 1982. Ed also enjoyed hockey and golf. Ed traveled to numerous places for vacations as well as his professional sales career but was happiest sitting on the terrace of his home in Rancho Santa Fe overlooking the mountains and listening to Fox News. Ed was a member of the Rancho Santa Fe Country Club. Ed was a wonderful consultant and advisor to others in his profession. He was a person who took great pride in the achievement of others. Ed did so much for so many people in a quiet way without fanfare and with no desire for credit. He will be remembered for the anchor he was to his family and all of those who knew him. Viewing will be Wednesday, June 23 from 5-9 PM at the William R. Hamilton Funeral Home, located at 820 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, phone 248-644-6000. Services will be the following morning, Thursday, June 24, 10:00 AM at the Kirk in the Hills, located at 1340 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Following the service, interment will be in White Chapel in Troy. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Taylor University c/o Scholarship Fund, 236 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989.



MARY ELLEN BAIR

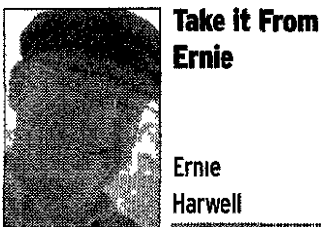
Age 74 of Novi, MI, died June 17, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Keith Bair. Loving mother of Derek (Christina) Bair of Canton and Darrin (Christina) Bair of Plymouth. Dearest Grandmother of Emily, Nicholas, Joshua, Makensie and Garrett. Mrs. Bair was a retired salesperson for Martin Universal Design. She was also a school librarian in Findlay, OH. She came to the Novi community in 1979 from Findlay. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Findlay. She dedicated her life to her family. She loved books and enjoyed teaching children to read. Visitation will be Friday, June 25, 2004 from 9 AM to 10 AM at the Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth. Funeral services will be following visitation at 10 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Library.

RICHARD P. DAVIS, SR.

Age 84. Died June 16, 2004. Beloved husband of Pauline. Dear father of Richard (Jean), Debra (Gerald) Mayer and Todd (Cathy). Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Founder and owner of Adapted Aquatic Services Inc. in Livonia. A funeral service was held June 18, 2004 at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia. Memorials suggested to University of Michigan, Neuro Rehabilitation Program, 355 Briarwood Cir., Bldg. 4, Ann Arbor, MI 48108. Attn: TBI Program.



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Ernie Harwell the voice of the Detroit Tigers for more than four decades retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today at age 86 Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with Miss Lulu, his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled *Life After Baseball* is available at local bookstores or by calling 1 800 245 5082.

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Remedying the urge

Bionic devices relieve 'Gotta Go' symptoms

Until December, Fay Kritzer's life revolved around the bathroom. The Farmington Hills teacher never left home without knowing where she could find relief from an overactive bladder that had her "going" 20 to 25 times a day.

Then she learned about a Beaumont Hospital study of a bionic device to treat urinary urge incontinence, a condition involving a strong, sudden need to urinate followed by an involuntary loss of urine or leakage. A battery-operated device implanted under the skin, the Bion uses an electrical current to stimulate the pudendal nerve in the pelvis to help control urination.

A second research study begins next month for urgency frequency without incontinence. Those interested in participating should call (248) 551-3355.

"From a technology view it's really a state of the art device," said Dr. Kenneth Peters, director of urological research at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Principal investigator for the Bion studies, Peters is testing possible candidates at his Birmingham Urological Associates office.

Candidates for the devices have failed medications. They don't tolerate or respond to them. The Bion is a nerve neuromodulation device. Everything runs on nerves. In

this case the nerves are overactive. This overrides that."

Kritzer has only praise for the device. A teacher at Pershing High School in Detroit, she began having bladder problems after a hysterectomy in 2000. At age 48, she's leading a normal life after undergoing implantation as an outpatient.

A randomized study, the device will remain on for half of the patients during the next five years. The others will have the device turned off after a year. It will remain off for 45 days and then be turned back on for the remainder of the study.

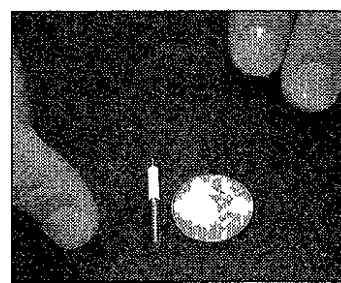
"After I had it implanted they didn't turn it on for 45 days and nothing changed," said Kritzer. Then they turned it on and I felt it. In the beginning I thought it was a lot of work because I had to sit on a charge pad every day for 25 to 45 minutes, but now I do that while I'm on the telephone or watching television. What it's really done for me is I can go an hour, two or three and not go to the bathroom and it doesn't leak. "While encouraged about early results of the study, Peters currently relies on InterStim for treating bladder problems of patients. The pacemaker-like device was approved by the FDA in 1997. The Bion has not yet received FDA approval.



Fay Kritzer talks with Dr. Kenneth Peters about how her new bionic implant is working during a follow-up appointment at Birmingham Urological Associates.

It's difficult to anticipate all of the conditions the devices could control in the future but each have their own advantages. Younger patients might prefer the Bion which can't be detected beneath the skin but needs re-charging. The InterStim is the size of a stopwatch. As with pacemakers, the battery is replaced every eight to 10 years.

"So far the majority have seen significant improvement with no adverse events," said Peters. The benefit of the Bion is it's minimally invasive and can be used in any area of the body. University of Michigan is doing a study on migraine headaches. There's a potential for erectile dysfunction.



Dr. Kenneth Peters displays the latest bionic device for urinary incontinence. Peters says this simple looking device is extremely complicated, with over 36 parts inside.

has been implanting the device for six years.

"It's dramatic," said Relle. "The classic patient has shopped around numerous physicians with unsuccessful results. Numerous medications have failed. The moment it's turned on it drops from eight times a night to zero to one time their first night."

Although Relle's used the device on men, the majority of his patients are women.

"There are millions of women with these symptoms," said Relle. "InterStim is becoming increasingly used for urinary control issues especially in women, symptoms of frequency, urgency."

In the meantime, Dr. James Relle is claiming a 90 to 95 percent success rate for InterStim patients of Preferred Urology Consultants in Southfield. The Beaumont Hospital surgeon

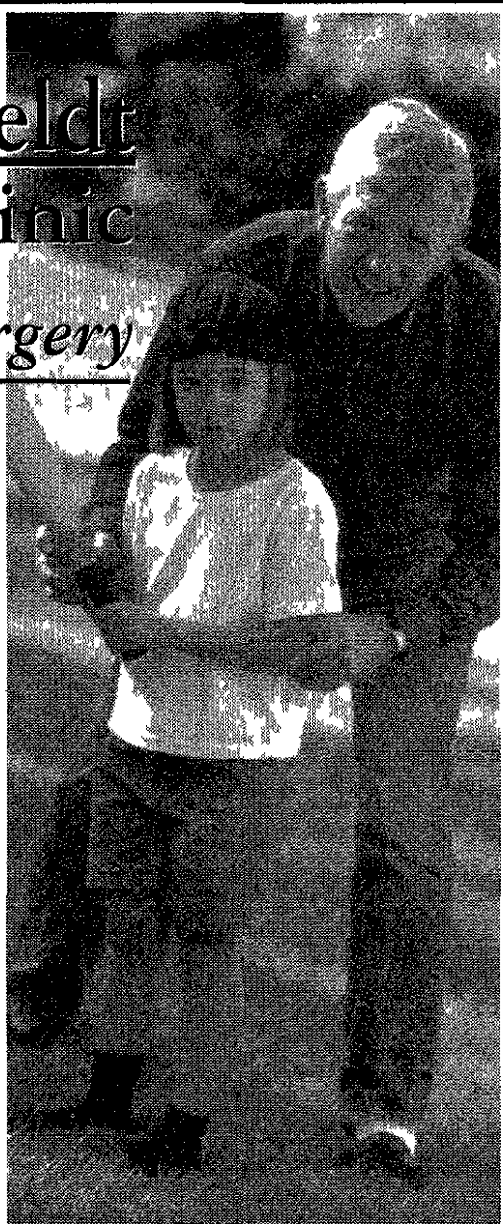
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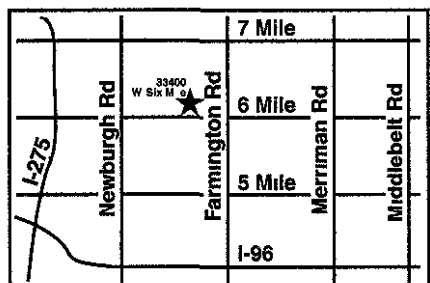
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Contact lenses not enough to protect eyes from sun

Some soft contact lenses and rigid lens materials on the market block harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays from passing through the pupil. These lenses are helpful since long-term sun exposure, even in small amounts, can cause serious damage. But UV blocking contact lenses alone cannot provide necessary protection.

The American Optometric Association encourages contact lens wearers to also wear sunglasses, even if their lenses are among those that block UV rays. Dr. Carmen Castellano, chair of the Association's Contact Lens and Cornea Section, adds that UV blocking contact lenses should not be seen as the end of the story. "They do nothing to protect the conjunctiva (where growths may form) or the eyelids (where skin cancers may form)."

Sunglasses protect the delicate skin around the eyes and other areas of the eye not covered by the contact lens. Wearing sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat or cap are excellent prescriptions for pro-

tecting one's eyes while soaking up the sunshine. The Association recommends that to be effective, sunglasses must block out 99 to 100 percent of both UV-A and UV-B radiation, screen out 75 to 90 percent of visible light, and be free of distortion, imperfection and variation in color. Neutral gray lenses are the best for maintaining color perception.

Consumers should look for lenses that have met the Association's Seal of Acceptance for Ultraviolet Absorbers/Blockers, providing substantial protection of the eye from naturally occurring environmental UV radiation. The Seal of Certification and Acceptance Program provides for voluntary, impartial product evaluation in order to inform the purchasers and users of eye- and vision-related products that those products meet generally accepted specifications.

For more information, log onto www.aoa.org and click on Clinical Care Center and Ophthalmic Standards.

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and urinary retention, to treat patients with pelvic pain."

Terry Pawlowski couldn't drive home to Westland from her job in Southfield without stopping as many as two times for a bathroom break. Then Relle diagnosed her with interstitial cystitis, a painful bladder condition, and recommended implantation of InterStim. That was two years ago.

"I couldn't go to my son's soccer games, now I can go shopping, to games. I'm pretty much back to normal and not constantly looking where's the bathroom," said Pawlowski. "I was kind of skeptical at first but I'm glad

I've had it done. It was a nightmare. A lot of people don't even know it's out there. I hope they get help."

Relle says it's not unusual for patients to think twice about having a device implanted in their body. "Patients are intimidated by any kind of technology buried in them," said Relle. "When patients realize how this can restore normalcy to their lives it becomes an easy decision."

Kritzer is relieved to be a part of the Bion study. It changed her life.

"People don't realize what it's like until it happens to them. A lot of women my age seem to have this problem. This is such an embarrassing problem. You can't get help unless you seek it. I would encourage people to get help."

JUNE

Braille open house

The Oakland County Library for the Visually and Physically Impaired is hosting a free Braille Open House on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The library is located in the West Wing Extension of the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan. Instructor Janet McInnis of the Michigan Commission for the Blind will teach Braille basics to attendees. The open house is designed for sighted or non-sighted individuals who desire to learn this skill. Please call the library for additional information and to sign up for the open house at 248-858-5050.

Fibromyalgia support group

Dr. Sander Paul, an endocrinologist from William Beaumont Hospital, will discuss thyroid and adrenal diseases related to the cause and treatment of fibromyalgia. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$5. Refreshments will be served. For information, call (248) 344-0896 or visit hfcc.org.

St. Mary Golf Classic

Win a Jag and Support Cancer Care at the ninth annual St. Mary Mercy Hospital Golf Classic. Friday, June 25, at Cattails Golf Club in South Lyon. Proceeds from the event are designated for cancer services and programs provided at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Golfers will meet Joe Gagnon, The Appliance Doctor, who is serving as this year's Golf Classic Honorary Chairperson. The 18-hole scramble features two shotgun starts: a morning round at 7:30 a.m. and an afternoon round at 1:30 p.m. Non-ship golf is \$200 per person for 18 holes of golf and a cart. Beverages, refreshments, and prizes are included. A continental breakfast and luncheon will be available for morning golfers. The afternoon round of golf will be followed by cocktails and dinner. Non-golfers can attend the event for lunch and cocktails only for \$100. Jaguar of Novi will challenge each golfer's hole-in-one skills by offering an opportunity to win one of four Jaguars on each Par 3 hole. Over \$500,000 worth of Jaguars will be displayed on the course. Jaguar is also sponsoring a \$100,000 Shoot Out where golfers can try their luck at a 165-yard hole-in-one Shoot Out. The outing fills up quickly, so call early. Corporate sponsorships

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are still available. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1580. For more information, visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org.

Urinary Tract Study

Beaumont doctors are recruiting men for a clinical research study to determine if a combination of medicines can relieve lower urinary tract symptoms including painful urination, pelvic pain, decreased urine flow and urgency and frequency of urination. Needed are men 45 years old and up who have been diagnosed with lower urinary tract symptoms and can participate for 16 weeks in the study, which includes five visits to the hospital. For more information, call (248) 551-3355.

UPCOMING

Women and Heart Disease

A presentation by Farouk Salahi, M.D. and dietician Margaret Strehl, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Crittenton Hospital, Rochester.

Comedy for a Cause

Benefit for Chronic Illness Coalition, 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia, 36071 Plymouth Road. Features comic impressionist J.R. Remick and John Evans. Tickets are \$15 each or \$26 for two. Receive 25 percent off the cost of your meal with reservations or half off pizza during the show. You must be 21. To reserve your tickets, call (248) 788-6965.

Meningitis vaccines

Many schools and pediatricians recommend meningitis vaccines for college-bound students who will be living in dorms or group settings. Oakwood Healthcare System is offering the vaccine at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital doctor's dining room at 33155 Annapolis Road, Wayne, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 13. The cost is \$75. A parent or guardian must accompany students under 18. Clinics are on a walk-in basis; no appointment necessary. Call (313) 586-5492.

Hawgs for Hearts

A Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Cardiology Services will take place on Sunday, July 25. The ride to Hell, Michigan, and back begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. There will be five Poker Card Draws along the way, along with food, awards, entertainment, and motorcycle vendor booths. Registration is an event day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. For directions or additional information, visit the Web

site at www.stmarymercy.org. Sponsorships are available and currently being accepted. All sponsors and in-kind donors will receive recognition. Fee for the Motorcycle Poker Run is \$10 per rider and \$5 per passenger. All street-legal motorcycles and enthusiasts welcome. For sponsorship details or more information, call (734) 655-2980.

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Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group, 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Adult grief support group

A self-help support group for any adult grieving the death of a loved one meets the first and third Monday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at Community Hospice and Palliative Care, 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland. No charge. Open to all. For more information, call (734) 522-4244.

Breast feeding support

La Leche League of Livonia offers breast feeding information and support, 10 a.m. the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Sarah at (734) 266-0632 or Jane at (248) 471-4232.

Volunteers needed

The Alzheimer's Association is seeking individuals who are interested in providing information and support to callers dealing with issues about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Alzheimer's is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys mental capabilities. Help for individuals affected by Alzheimer's can be found at the association's help line and through other services provided by the offices in Southfield. To volunteer, call Rebecca Reiten at (800) 337-3827 ext. 240.

Prenatal Yoga

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering an ongoing Prenatal Yoga class, 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, in Classroom 1 at the

Marian Women's Center at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-1145. Through traditional yoga poses and postures, the mom-to-be will strengthen mind and body to help adjust peacefully to the daily changes of pregnancy. This class also includes guided meditation and relaxation techniques that will increase expectant moms' awareness, confidence, and focus. The expectant mom can experience a deeper connection with her baby while creating a safe and healthy environment to begin life. This program is safe for all trimesters.

Research volunteer opportunities

Beaumont Hospital needs volunteers for research in a variety of areas including blood pressure, breast cancer, bronchitis, diabetes, Parkinson's, prostate cancer, urinary incontinence in women, and dialysis grafts. For more information, call Beaumont's Outpatient Clinical Research Center at (888) 80-STUDY.

Healthy cooking classes

Classes continue with Valerie Wilson, a whole foods chef who's been teaching cooking classes since 1997 and is the author of *Perceptions in Healthy Cooking*. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit www.macroval.com.

Volunteer opportunities

St. Joseph Mercy Hospital has multiple opportunities. Volunteers are needed to install Lifeline units in clients' homes. No experience needed; training provided. There is also a need for volunteers to escort patients to departments within the hospital and to visit with newly admitted patients. For more information about these and other opportunities, call Volunteer Services at (734) 712-4159.

Meningitis Vaccinations

Meningitis vaccinations for college-bound high school students are being offered through Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan by appointment only during May and June in its office at 25900 Greenfield, Suite 600, Oak Park. The cost is \$85. Call (800) 882-5720 ext. 8755 for more information or visit www.vna.org. While early symptoms are easily mistaken for the flu, bacterial meningitis can result in death in as little as two hours. College freshmen living in dorms are six times more likely to get the disease than those living off campus. Vaccination reduces the risks of contracting the disease.

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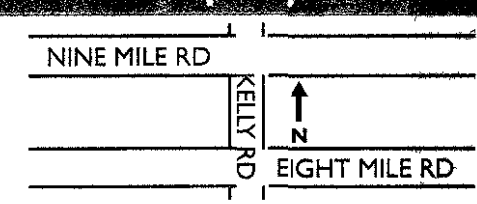
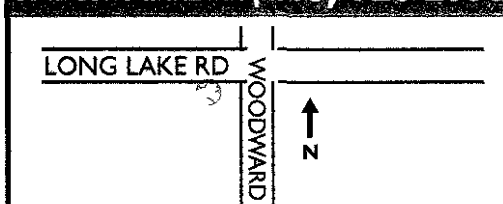
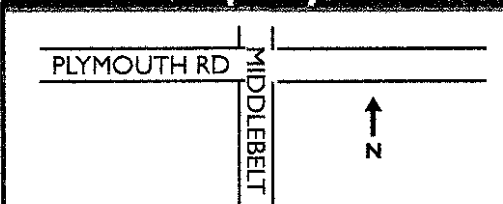
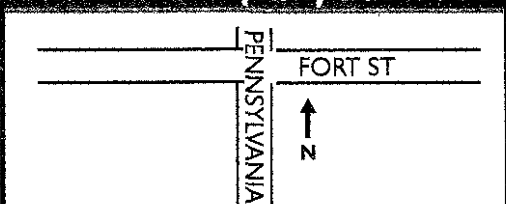
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Weight loss a delicate balance between food intake, burn off

There has been a lot of news recently regarding the content of the American diet and why most of us are getting fatter every year. As it turns out, there are some hard mathematical realities regarding diet and exercise that are worth understanding.

Food provides energy in the form of kilocalories, which we abbreviate to "calories." Fats have the highest calorie content, and protein and carbohydrates have lower levels of calories per gram of food. For example, a gram of fat has nine calories while a gram of protein or carbohydrates has



Dr. Peter McCullough

only four calories.

It comes as no great surprise that the average amount of calories people eat each day varies greatly.

When we take in about 3,500 calories more than we burn over time (a week or a month), we typically gain one pound. So as an example, if a

person routinely eats about 2,700 calories per day and only burns 2,200 calories per day, there is a 500 calorie excess per day. After seven days, that person should gain about one pound. Obviously most people gaining weight are just slightly ahead on their food intake over their output, and so the weight gain is slower - but will be steady throughout adult life.

Ordinarily, we use or "burn" calories every day with the normal functions of our body. It turns out the brain utilizes a large amount of calories per day. The amount of exercise

burns a relative minority of calories over a day.

I recently used a new arm-band technology that estimated my caloric output for a 24-hour period. On days that I did not get exercise, I burned 1,800 calories, and on days I did some modest exercise, I burned 2,200 calories, only 400 calories more than days I didn't exercise.

What can we do about these hard mathematical facts? The keys to losing weight are to create a caloric deficit, typically about 1,000 calories, and then weight will move down. It makes sense to visit a dietitian

and get an estimation of your caloric intake. Your caloric output should be about 2,200 calories a day provided you are active and exercise at least 30 minutes a day (jogging, elliptical, treadmill, aerobics, etc.). Newer technology should be able to give us a handle on our caloric output in the near future.

Good luck in doing your personal calorie math.

Dr. Peter McCullough is Chief of Beaumont Hospital's Division of Nutrition and Preventive Medicine and Medical Director of the Beaumont Weight Control Center.

Tips for exercising safely this summer

Now that the warm days are upon us, more people start taking their exercise regimens outdoors. After spending months inside on a treadmill, Michiganders can't wait to get outside and work up a sweat in the fresh air on the many running, biking and hiking trails around the state.

During any season, proper hydration is key to exercising safely. In addition to the recommended eight glasses of water a day, experts advise drinking six to eight ounces of water for each 20 minutes of exercise.

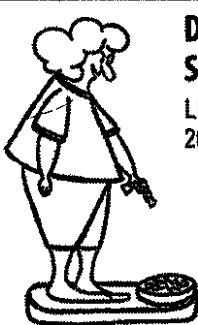
"Manufacturers are now making equipment that aids in staying hydrated," said Robert Wolfe, co-owner of Moosejaw Mountaineering, an outdoor adventure retailer with locations in Rochester and Birmingham. "Instead of carrying around water bottles, outdoor exercise enthusiasts like

runners, bikers and hikers can use hands-free hydration systems, such as those from Camelbak to stay hydrated without stopping their activity."

Wolfe also points out that proper exercise attire makes a big difference in staying safe during the summer heat.

"Clothing made of special fabrics that are specifically designed to wick sweat and moisture away from the skin is always a good idea," said Wolfe.

There are several guidelines for any exercise wardrobe to help your body cool itself. Dark-colored clothing absorbs and retains heat and should be avoided. Instead opt for a light-colored, loose fitting wicking material like cotton which absorbs heat and aids in the evaporation process. Wear a fairly loose hat or visor designed for sports use to block the sun. And above all, use a sunscreen.



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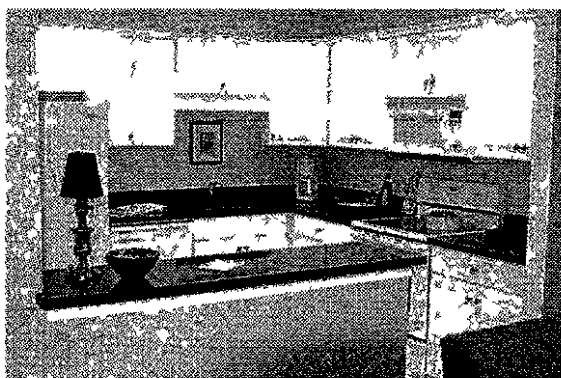


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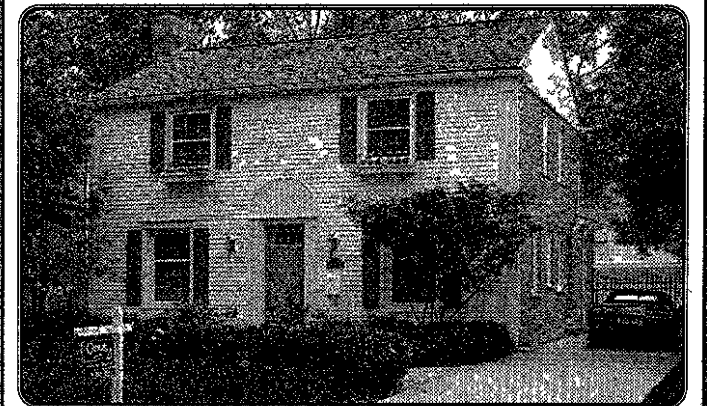
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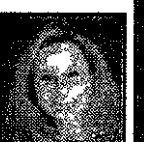
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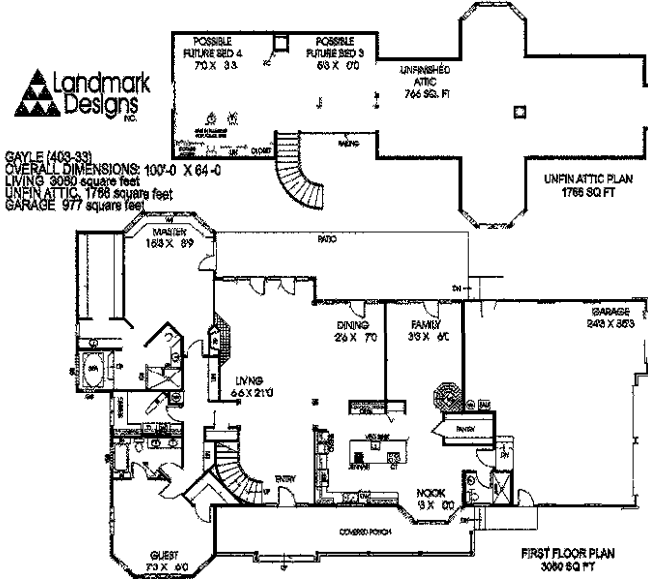
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carpeting 2.5 BA 3 BR DR GR white kit Bleached
wooden floors 2 fr replaces Jacuzzi full basement 2
car gar
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BIRMINGHAM In Town Living
Newer construction hardwood eat floor part custom kit
w/granite counters Fab MBR vaulted ceilings WIG &
luxury tub dual showers French doors to balcony &
part fin bsmt Move in and enjoy the summer in 3 rm
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NOVI You Want It, We Got It
All the most wanted features open floor plan 1st floor
master fireplace finished LL 4 BR 4 BA FFL large
deck and wooded lot & sidewalks Northville Schools
Fresh Paint
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TROY New Construction
A spectacular new sub w/Troy schools 4 bedroom
3.5 bath home w/3 car side entry garage and premium
elevation Circa staircase oak island kitchen MBR
with jetted tub and separate shower
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ROCHESTER HILLS 2 Acres in Historic
area Pond white bay gourmet kit dual gas fireplaces
vaulted ceilings LB w/built ins 2nd BD w/private bath
1st floor master w/2 walk in closets lge shower/tub
Whole house filtration sys granite counters warranty
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FARMINGTON HILLS Steal Of A Deal
Best of locations in town Best location in sub Cul de
sac location for this beauty 4 big BR high ceilings
center island in the kitchen library FR Fin shed
basement circular driveway and more
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HUNTINGTON WOODS Enjoy This Perfectly
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loaded w/charm Custom kit w/SS appliances granite
counters and ceramic floor Sits on beautiful landscaped
lot Just move in and enjoy
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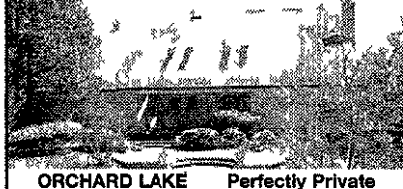
SOUTH LYON Welcome Excellence
Your search is over for a luxury home 4 BR suites
w/priv baths Neutral w/Brazilian cherry floors on Main
level Granite kitchen w/tumbled marble FF Spacious
heartth room Custom lighting Spectacular custom
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SHELBY TWP Reduced 50k
New 2003 construction Large quality built colonial w/
4 bedrooms 3.5 baths 2 sto & foyer leading to Great
Room First floor master with sunken Jacuzzi separate
shower Library formal DR daylight basement
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ROCHESTER HILLS Premium Location
2 story foyer w/circular stairway leads to gourmet kit
w/granite island walk in pantry newer built in ovens
cook top & breakfast area w/doorwall to deck Full brick
FR fireplace & cathedral ceiling Luxurious MBR
(B82NEW) 248 652-8000 \$529,977



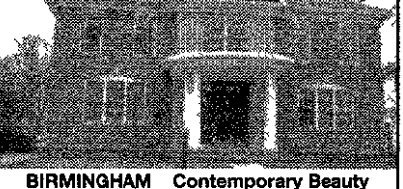
ORCHARD LAKE Perfectly Private
Beautiful contemp nestled in woods overlooks ravine
open floor plan vaulted ceilings Beautiful MBR
his/her W/closets trayed ceiling Cust kit w/stand
lamin Ar gas cook top ovens hardwood floor
(B06DEE) 248-626 8800 \$760,000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS 4 BR 2.5 BA Colonial
w/open floor plan vary a garage w/land and opens to
FR Extensive recent y painted in bsmt and on a large lot
Home warranty and Bloomfield Schools
(B94KEN) 248 642 8100 \$549,900



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed offers 4 spacious BD 4.5 BA Mstr
suite w/ fireplace 2 WIC & granite bath Gourmet kitchen
w/walking stove Sub Zero frig Walkout LL w/hot tub
pool Sauna & full granite kitchen Awesome lot
(B55VAS) 248 349 5600 \$1,250,000



BIRMINGHAM Contemporary Beauty
with class lines Two story full brick colonial w/
w/dramatic pillared entrance Built in 2001 on a quiet in
town street Dramatic entrance Brazilian cherry wood
floor custom kitchen Maple kitchen w/ island and
walk in pantry MBR with jetted tub
(B55CAT) 248 524 1600 \$799,900



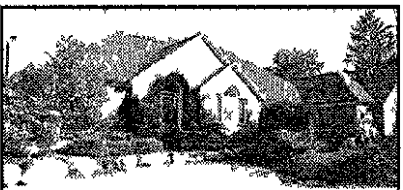
OAKLAND Beauty and Nature
This is the Goodison Hills home you've been waiting for
High private and wooded overlooking Paint Creek and
trail Gourmet kitchen all appl included hardwood
floor 4 bedrooms 3 car gar finished walk out
(B15FOR) 248-652 8000 \$519,715



WEST BLOOMFIELD Ultimate in Luxury
Exquisite custom built & designed home w/finest
amenities conveniences Open floor plan soaring ceilings
2 gourmet kits one w/sitting rm fpc & DR area
Awesome MBR w/sitting rm 2 way f rplc 3 R 4 car gar
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FARMINGTON HILLS 4 BR, 3.5 BA Contemp.
Wooded 3/4 acre lot (approx) Jacuzzi MBR w/balcony
GR w/vaulted ceilings & wall of windows overlooks priv
wooded yard FR w/lu bath on LL w/WO Marble flrs
newer carpet nat f rplc in LR ceramic kit & indoor grill
(B66STO) 248 642 8100 \$479,000



TROY Candidate for Architectural Digest
Spectacular 4 BRs 5 BA cust bld ranch w/over 5000 sq
ft presents space GR w/bath ceiling gourmet kitchen
bksfr & cust cabinets fully equipped kit in LL +
bdrm & office Hobby st or collectors gar + 3 car att gar
on approx a 3.4 acre lot
(B32ADA) 734-455 5600 \$645,000



ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
4 bedroom 3 bath colonial w/in full basement and 3 car
side entry garage Two story foyer with oak staircase
GR with custom fireplace Maple kitchen w/ island and
walk in pantry MBR with jetted tub
(B53SEV) 248-524 1600 \$549,000



HARBOR SPRINGS Lake Michigan Frontage
Gorgeous 5 BR 5.5 bath home Beautiful views from
circular top location This 3 story home is great for
entertaining Game room features a full bar 2 kitchens
Great deck & hot tub
(B24SLA) 248 363-1200 \$3,000,000



SOUTH LYON Serenity and Elegance
Every upgrade is possible exclusive 1/2 acre wooded
condo Two tier decks overlooking ravine Fin shed
over level complete with wet bar and den
(B64SAW) 248 626 8800 \$449,000



BLOOMFIELD Sprawling 4 BR 2.5 BA
Brick ranch in woods w/ Bertha Villas Sub
Exceptional lot just under one acre LR w/frplc custom
built ins and moldings Cherry hardwood floors FR
w/cathedral ceilings & 2nd f rplc Newer kit much more
(B80CHU) 248 642 8100 \$449,000



PLYMOUTH Spectacular Cape Cod
Dramatic entry in this beautiful 3 bed 2.5 bath home
presenting 3 car att gar bsmt paver patio See thru f rplc
from great rm to fam rm + f rplc in mstr ste All sitting
on approx a 3.4 acre lot
(B27HOW) 734 455 5600 \$499,900



TROY A Rare Find on Over One Acre
with Troy schools 4 bed come 2.5 baths and finished
walk out lower level Neutra throughout Lots of
storage All appliances are included Immed ate
occupancy Troy schools Just start unpack ng!
(B39BEA) 248-524 1600 \$409,900



MILFORD Custom 20 Room Home
on approx 2.2 acres defines comfort & luxury 6 BR
7.3 BA All on private 20 acres 60 deep spring fed lake
heated barn for the toys horses welcome Call to make
your appt today
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TROY Beautiful 4 Bedroom Colonial
2 story ce amic foyer 3 car garage butlers pantry
master bedroom w/ whirlpool 2 story great room with
a fireplace 4 bedrooms with walk in closets upgraded
kitchen built in book shelf in the library Paved patio
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GRAND BLANC Spacious 4 BR, 3.5 BA
Contempo arly home w/3 car gar Vaulted ceilings LR
w/gas f rplc Be bar carpet h dwd and tie floors Neutral
decor T/O a l appliances and fin bsmt wirec oom and
w/ht room Home warranty included
(B25GRE) 248 642-8100 \$409,000



CANTON A Dream House
A stunning home presenting 4 bdrm 3.5 baths sitting
on approx 1/2 acre prof landscaped yard Remodee
ed kit w/Cor counters GR w/cath ceiling prof fin bsmt
& 2 c att gar You'll love it
(B99CHE) 734-455-5600 \$439,900



LEONARD Custom Family Home
4 bedroom 3.5 bath contemporary with first floor
laundry Great Room formal dining room full basement
and 3 car garage Custom cabinets 2 f r faces and C/A
Jacuzzi dimensional roof great pond view
(B32DON) 248 524-1600 \$634,500



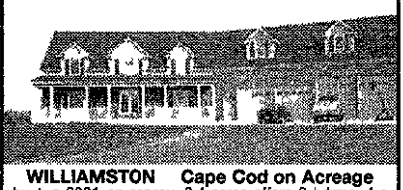
Hands Down Winner
Pristine brick 2 story w/island atmosphere approx 1.4
acres features 4 BD 2.5 BA w/ceramic tileing lrg FR
study hardwood floors skylights w/ome ceilings 3 car att
garage w/rolling drive patio deck 947 ft of ekefront
(B01VEN) 248 363 1200 \$674,500



BEVERLY HILLS 4 Br Colonial Wooded Lot
Lovely four bedroom colonial is waiting for new family
with room to grow Large wooded lot master bedroom
w/private BA walk in closet and dressing area Formal
living room with fireplace and dining room eat in kit
(B00WOO) 248 626 8800 \$424,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Newer 3 BR, 3.1 BA
condo w/many upgrades Marble baths MBR
w/Jacuzzi 2nd BR w/private bath with tie kit w/cor
hardwood floors and DR w/balcony and views of pond Just
Perfect
(B82GAT) 248-642 8100 \$415,000



WILLIAMSTON Cape Cod on Acreage
built in 2001 on approx 2.4 acres offers 3 bedrooms 4 c
att gar hickory flrs maple staircase stone nat f rplc
deck off sunroom LL walk out 3.5 baths over 3600 sq
ft of living space You'll love it
(B20CHE) 734-455 5600 \$475,000



OAKLAND Custom Built Estate
Approximately 7.5 wooded acres on Stoney Creek
Fin shed W/O bsmt leads to indoor pool 4 car attached
garage plus 3 car garage open floor plan 4 BR 5.5 BA
lrg kit expansive deck w/gazebco
(B05HIG) 248-652-8000 \$1,499,000



COMMERCE Large Corner Lot
4 BD 4.5 BA only floor plan of its kind Extra lge
kitchen area 1st floor master Step inside and prepare
to be overwhelmed Too many awesome upgrades to
list Home Warranty
(B01BRI) 248-363-1200 \$464,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Live Lavish
on the approx 5 acre estate w/guest house and 6 car
garage Gourmet kit plus 3 mini kitchens 3 f rplcs and a
fin W/O Inground pool sauna 2 patos and 2 tier deck
7 BRs 6 baths 1st fl MBR and loaded w/women ties
(B61ROC) 248-642-8100 \$1,695,000



NORTHVILLE Golfer? This is For You!
Beautiful home w/updates w/ upgrades 4 BR 3.5 BA
1st floor MBR maple cabinets & f rplc T/O Gourmet
kitchen with stainless steel appliances & granite
P professionally landscaped & nvisible fence
(B77BAY) 248 349 5600 \$649,900



FREEDOM TWP Custom Built Home in 2000
20+ ac offers in a wonderful 4 bdrm 2.5 bath
po on all w/gc att gar w/k out bsmt Gembeal barn
stone f rplc in fam rm Cedar deck & panoramic views
w/brck paver w/kway
(B10BET) 734 455-5600 \$469,900



CLARKSTON Custom Built Southern
Colonial Situated on private lot w/so much to offer
Amenities include hand carved fireplace 1b w/bu it ns
huge 1st floor master w/ing w/private den Commercial
bar and theatre room in finished over level
(B08ELK) 248-652 8000 \$940,000



CLARKSTON Stunning Great rm Ranch
3 BR master bath & wic formal DR doorwall to lrg
deck 3 BR 2 BA invis fencing extra clean bld 1994
loaded w/extras move in cond full bsmt FP CA
sprinklers conc drive A must see
(B03GAR) 248-363 1200 \$254,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Contemporary Lakefront
home on the border of Franklin 4 BRs 4 fu BA
maste suite w/frplc marble bath & built in indoor
swimming pool w/sauna LL level w/pool room dance
floor and 2nd kt extends w/deck overlooking lake
(B29CHA) 248 642 8100 \$1,395,000



NORTHVILLE Quiet Wooded Lot
Approx 1/2 acre Stream & kol pond enhance site for
this immaculately maintained residence featur ng 3 car
gar w/plenty of room for family & friends 4 BD
LR/home office formal DR & much more
(B87EL) 248-349 5600 \$412,500



WEST BLOOMFIELD 2 Story Contemp
Custom bld 2003 home w/Pine Lk frontage 4 bdrm 3.5
bath 3 f rplcs LR DR FR LB open fr plan Granite flrs
countertops custom design kit 2.5 car c rd driveway
w/brck paver w/kway
(B80ORC) 734-455 5600 \$1,960,000



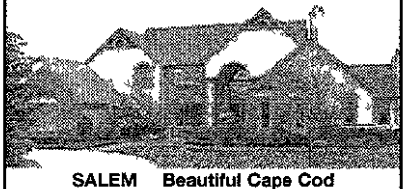
LAKE ORION Impressive Lakefront
An island assessable by bridge w/water on three sides
2 wraparound porches boathouse w/hoist hardwood flrs
turn of century style open floor plan w/skylights and
widows w/walk stone fireplace invite ng lake fishing home
(B04LON) 248 652 8000 \$675,000



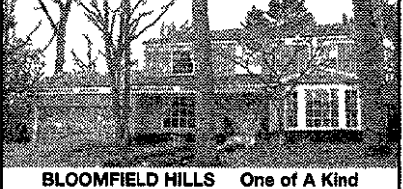
CLARKSTON Village of Clarkston Waterfront
on the Mill Pond stunning Louisiana style home 4 BR 3
BA hwdw frs upgrades and updated mahogany front
door open fr plan great for entertaining designer roof
new kt 03 2nd flr laundry views
(B75GLE) 248 363-1200 \$474,900



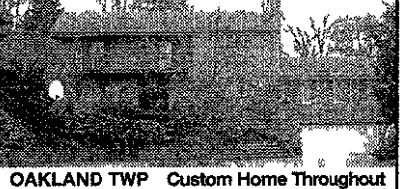
LEONARD Beautiful Custom Colonial
approx 2.5 acres w/5 BRs & 4 1/2 BA's open spacious
LR DR lge FR w/grdn m & fin LL W/O w/lu bar game
rm hot tub 5 a rm steam & sauna Lighted basketball
cort ce rink & custom pool Aprtm over 5 car gar
(B73CUR) 248 642 8100 \$689,000



SALEM Beautiful Cape Cod
Convenient count y living for the buyer who seeks
peace & quiet yet needs quick drive to Ann Arbor or
meto Nested in high on a hill w/ approx 2.74 acs 4 BR
4.5 BA kit w/cherry cab hrdwd flrs and more
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS One of A Kind
European stone home built in 2002 with original
foundation in 1984 Large kitchen w/ top of the line
appliances Living room with stone fireplace
hardwood floors and doors with a warm English finish
(B11DEN) 248 524-1600 \$1,199,000



OAKLAND TWP Custom Home Throughout
Brick 4 bedroom colonial w/4 baths Brazil an rosewood
finished basement w/wet bar and fireplace Formal
living room 3 in room 9 eat room and fam y room
breakfast nook and heated gar on lge wooded lot
(B45LIV) 248 652 8000 \$629,900



HIGHLAND Golfers Paradise
Near M ford 1.5 story contemp designed by Lubin
Best of everything Located at 12th green walk of
w/ndows soaring ceilings 8 ft doors huge fin W/O
curved walls Amish cab theater rm/full bar
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NOVI 3290

NOVI WATERFRONT TOWNHOME

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Orion Township 3310

SCENIC LAKE FRONT 4 bed 2 bath 5 min to I75 Must see to appreciate \$384,900 Home warranty inc 248 391 2934 For more info & pic HNO com id #17855

Orchard Lake 3315

of spectacular views of 3 lakes on this private lane Walls of windows overlooking Dove Lake 200 from canal to Cass Lake Totally renovated throughout with chef's kitchen 1st floor master apar suite Extensive decking with pool and hot tub magnificent architect designed gardens \$1,800,000 ECH 80THR Call (248) 646 1400

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Plymouth 3347

Beautiful 2924 sq ft 2 story on 82 acres in Plymouth Twp 4 bed 3 bath full bsmt 2 car attached garage patio deck & 2 fireplaces High rolling lot \$380,000 Financing available upon sellers approval 231 242 0142 No Realtors please

BY OWNER 4 bed 2 1/2 bath colonial on 7 acre com

Finished bsmt Newer carpet windows roof & more \$344,900 734 207 1659

COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE

Pristine home on cul de sac extra wide brick paver circular drive 4 bed 4 full bath 2 half bath very spacious home w/ finished daylight lower level Professionally decorated upgrades galore Custom 3 car garage 3850 sq ft main level + lower level beautifully finished Seller price before listing \$680,000 Call for appt 734 905 9095

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2 1/2 Bath colonial in Plymouth 2 Story town and great room w/ gas fireplace Formal dining room Kitchen has island and breakfast area w/ bay that has door leading to patio Includes air bsmt invisible fence and sprinkler system 5 Years old \$359,900 CALL BARB MILLER (248) 535 1877

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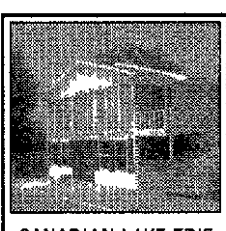
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You are in the middle of writing an important letter to a client when the inevitable happens - your computer crashes. Or you are trying to save a résumé - but it's taking longer than a root canal. You grumble and sigh, pacing in disgust and frustration at your alleged piece of high technology. Routine maintenance is the best way to keep your computer running efficiently. Here is how, according to computer experts:

1 Get rid of files that you don't use. Move old files to a CD or ZIP® disk. Dump files into your computer's trash that have ".chk" and ".tmp" extensions or that start with a tilde (~). These are files your computer has created that you never see and don't use. Your computer also creates "cache" files when you hop online. Find your cache and trash any ".gif," ".jpg," ".tif" or ".pif" files that you don't use. Uninstall any programs that you know you'll never use and trash them. Once you toss everything you don't need, empty out the trash bin.

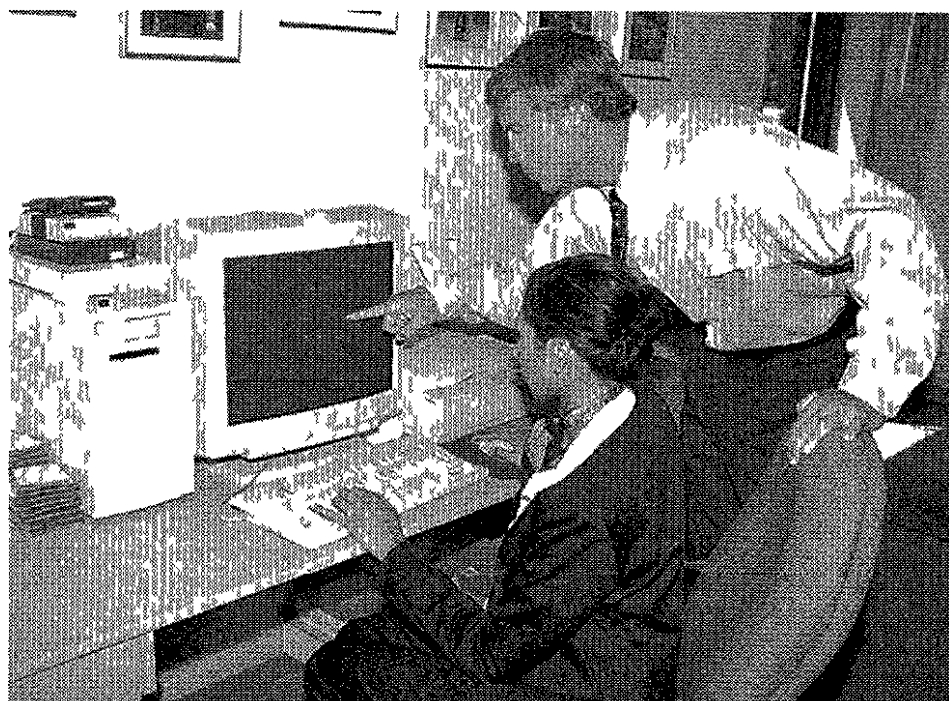
2 Your operating system likely came with some programs to help clean it up. A disk scan or similar program searches for errors on your hard drive and corrects them, organizes data on your hard drive to help it run more efficiently, and marks bad sections of your hard drive so that data won't be saved there. You should run such programs about once a month.

3 A virus-protection program can prevent your system from getting a virus. Update virus definitions every month - you can usually download updates from the program's Web site, and your computer will remind you to make updates too.

4 Upgrade your programs regularly. For example, if you use a Microsoft Windows-based system, you can go to the company's Web site and download any program upgrades free of charge.

5 It's a good idea to back up your system regularly onto a ZIP disk or CD, depending on how often you use it (heavy users should back up daily, while more average users can back up weekly). This way you won't lose any hardware settings, Internet bookmarks or other customizations you've made.

6 Believe it or not, the simple task of letting your computer start up and shut down correctly - using the shut down and start up



Don't get caught looking for a lost file after your computer crashes.

commands - can prevent many operating problems.

7 Sometimes no matter what you do, your computer's hard drive will just crash. When you buy a computer, it will usually come with a CD of the original operating system (OS). Keep the CD in a safe place so you'll have it if you become the victim of such an unfortunate event.

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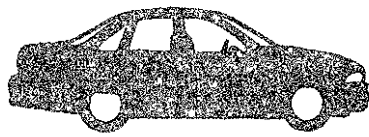
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2004 Ford F-150: it's really great

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Avanti NewsFeatures

It took a lot of guts. For a company that sold more than 800,000 Ford F-150s in 2002 - representing 23 percent of its total sales in the domestic market - and go ahead and redesign it, well, it took guts. Or maybe it was gut-wrenching, knowing the old adage, don't fix what isn't broken.

The F-150 has always been a strong contender in the full-size truck market here in America, and it showed with the advent of Toyota, Nissan and Mazda throwing their hat in the ring over the last decade. A full-size pick-up? Ah, those are only bought by construction guys and cattle ranchers, right?

I don't think anyone expected women would ever buy a full-size truck 20 or 25 years ago. Today, however, it's common. And I know for a fact that my 10- and 12-year old girls won't buy a passenger car - they want a truck. Cars are too small, they tell me. And those words were spoken while driving in a full-size passenger car.

A little history, courtesy of Ford's own files: the very first factory-assembled pickup was built in 1925 and cost \$281. More than 34,000 were built that year. In 1948, the F-series became Ford's all-new, post-war line of vehicles. The designations ranged from F-1 (1 ton) to F-8 (3 ton).

The very first F-150 was introduced in 1975, while in 1988, the first 4x4 SuperCab F-150 was launched. The F-Series has been America's best-selling truck for 26 years running. There have been a host of changes in redesigns in the years after 1980, but this one has got to be the best.

And now, in 2004, the F-150 has been redesigned once again, providing it with a lot more comfort features, configurations, better engines and trim levels.

You've got a ton of choices here, folks. That's what makes the F-150 so successful. Every cab choice - Regular Cab, SuperCab and SuperCrew - comes with four full-size doors. Talk about convenience. For you or your passengers, even for the dog. No more fiddling around with the little half-door that you had to have closed before you closed the driver's door.

And speaking of the interior rear room, it's six inches longer providing even more comfort to your year passengers and any equipment you have to haul.

Two inches deeper this year are all of the cargo boxes, whether you choose the 5.5 foot (which will easily fit in your garage) 6-foot or 8 foot lengths. On the 5.5-foot box, you can finally choose from the Flareside or Styleside styles. In the rear, the tailgate benefits



2004 Ford F-150. Vehicle type: Full-size truck. Power: 5.4-liter V8. Mileage: 14 mpg city/18 mpg highway.

from Ford's own Tailgate Assist, which helps you open and close it with a little more ease.

Let me get one quick thing out of the way. Please, for your comfort and convenience, get the running boards put on this truck. I'm not of small stature and I had a heck of a time getting in and out of it. I love the fact that its ground clearance is hefty but climbing in is a chore without them.

The frame of the F-150 is almost nine times stiffer torsion ally than previous models, which improves ride quality, durability, quietness and the ability to drive it easier.

There are five distinctive models to choose from: XL, STX, XLT, FX4 and Lariat, being the top-of-the-line, no holds barred model. Driven this week was the Lariat SuperCab 4x4 SS model with its 145-inch wheelbase. Believe it or not, each model choosing has a distinct look to it and is easily distinguished from the others.

The F-150 is beautifully styled with rounded corners, an aggressive front end and a rear treatment that exerts its mark as a truck.

On the inside, you'll find a host of refinements and a look that makes it feel more like a passenger car than a full-size truck. There is so much room inside that a little kid could get lost. Up front, there's a huge center console separating two large and comfortable captain's chairs.

And up top, there's an overhead rail system that lets you customize your storage options. Available is a simple storage area for glasses and garage door opener, but you can also slide in a DVD entertainment module.

Instrumentation is thoughtful and logically placed. Everything is within the driver's reach and easy to understand and operate. The interior surfaces are clean and have softer touches, further

lending itself to the female market.

Power is delivered by either a 4.6-liter single overhead cam Triton V8 or a 5.4-liter single overhead cam Triton V8. Driven was the 5.4-liter which was quite powerful driving it around town and on the freeways. The 5.4-liter delivers 300 horsepower and is mated to a new four-speed automatic transmission. The 4.6-liter gives you 231 horsepower, has two valves per cylinder and a cast iron block also mated to a four-speed automatic.

We talked about the added rigidity of the F-150. There's more to that than just ride quality. It's also a safety issue. Its structure allows this truck to absorb more crash energy and disperse it before it reaches the interior cab.

Other safety features include dual-stage driver and front-passenger airbags, driver's seat position sensor, safety belt pretension and an electronic crash severity sensor. If the vehicle detects there isn't a passenger in front, it automatically deactivates the passenger's side airbag.

There are side canopy airbags, SeuriLock system to protect the vehicle from theft, battery saver that turns off the interior lights automatically if you leave them on, and a fail-safe cooling system that allows you to drive the F-150 even if most of the engine coolant is lost.

In the rear bumper are sensors that detect objects in the way through a series of warning tones, culminating in a steady tone when the vehicle is about eight inches away from the object. The pedals are adjustable for your comfort and there's a keypad entry access feature that lets you enter the vehicle without a key.

Motor Trend gave its coveted Truck of the Year award to the F-150 this year. An accolade it deserves. Go take a look, I think you'll agree.

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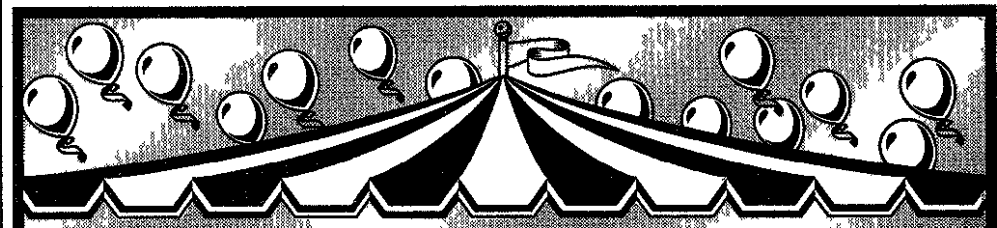
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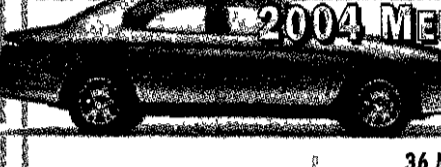



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Art openings always draw cultural creatives, and artsy people tend to cultivate styles that are worth a second look. Such was the case at the art opening for an exhibit lasting all this month at CPop in Detroit. Tes One and Books IIII, two painters from Florida, unveiled their work at the event, and *Pink* spotted many fashionable people in the crowd.



Jim Kotter of Royal Oak sports a Western-inspired shirt with jeans, while his friend, Coline Huez, from France betrays her European-influenced style with a draped shawl, ribbon belt and pointy pink shoes.



Rhonda Snelp and Amber Van Allen of Royal Oak are up basic black with bright blue accents and rattle up 'The es.ist?' & ratcheting pair of track outs.



Dr. Daniel Haddad and his wife, Janet, of Bloomfield Hills, sport professional urban chic as they browse the gallery. Haddad, of the LaserEye Institute in Troy, pairs black pants with a crisp, casual shirt and square-toed shoes, while his wife dons a houndstooth tweed fitted jacket and stylish flats.

DESIGNING YOUR OWN PROM DRESS IS SEW COOL



Kristin Gerhart, Unique Hill, Katherine Walquist and Pam Soilliere (left to right) pose in their winning creations with Tony Haberman, owner of Haberman Fabrics, Royal Oak (center).

Haberman Fabrics on Main Street in Royal Oak staged a colorful, fun Prom Dress Fashion Show and Contest on June 8. The event was a benefit for Mothers Against Drunk Driving and to support the creative ambitions of talented young women from throughout the region. Contestants came from far and wide to Haberman Fabrics, the region's epicenter for fine fashion and decorating fabrics. Michelle Compton, President of Oakland County MADD, greeted the audience of 150 enthusiastic contestants, friends and family members and expressed appreciation for their support. Audience admission donations contributed \$800 for MADD. Winners, selected by audience balloting, received

gift certificates and merchandise from Haberman Fabrics, Universal Sewing Centers (located in Haberman Fabrics) and a myriad of Royal Oak shops, restaurants and theaters.

The grand prize winner in the category of 'Dresses Sewn by Professional Seamstresses' was Unique Hill, a Royal Oak Dondero student from Detroit whose grandmother Linda Hill, created her dress. Runner up was Kristin Gerhart, a Lahser High School student from Bloomfield Hills whose mother Karen Gerhart sewed her design.

In the category 'Dresses Sewn by Non-Professionals' the grand prize winner was Katherine Walquist, an Anchor Bay High School student from Chestertfield whose mother made her dress. Runner up Pam Soilliere, a Chippewa High School student from Clinton Township, sewed her own gown.

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CORRECTIONS

An article in the June 6-12 edition of *Pink* mistakenly noted that the Michigan Humane Society offers a free veterinarian visit for newly adopted pets. In the June 13-19 edition, a photo of Audrey Pawl from the Sephora-Somerset Collection was misidentified as Sheila Timnion. *Pink* regrets the mistakes.

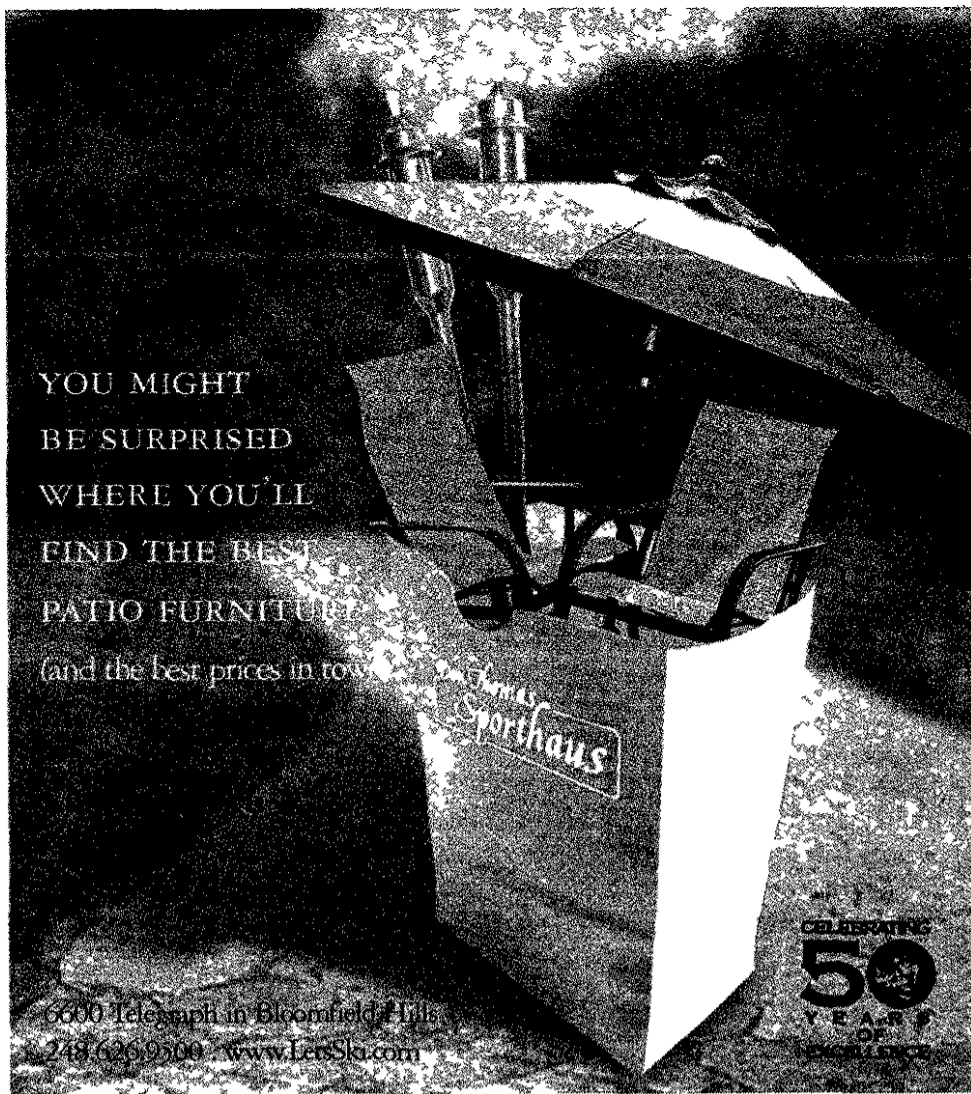


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Q Help! Father's Day is, um today (yikes!) and I've got nothing. I need to send something ASAP and have no original ideas on what to get — surely he can't stomach another tie. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated!

A Better late than never — a motto I live by with fervor! Just be sure to pick up the phone and/or send Dad an e-card with an IOU. He just wants to be remembered and appreciated like the rest of us!

Why is it that men are so hard to shop for? Probably because they're normally not into the same things we are. Whatever the reason, it's a problem that forces us to buy them ties year after year. But not this year, I've done the dirty work and scoured the web for some Dad-friendly and hubby-friendly finds, so go on — treat the man who gave you life or the man you decided to share yours with!

For the golf-addicted Dad, check out [ameandlulu.com](#) for their wonderful golf head covers. No cheesy Disney character heads found here, just some elegant solids and plaids. Snag a set of four for \$100. Monogramming's also available for an extra charge. That golf-aholic also got a sweet tooth? You're in luck, the chocolate truffle golf balls at [plumparty.com](#) are far from being par for the course and are wallet-friendly at just \$14.50.

Perhaps Pops is more Jetter than Tiger? Baseball cufflinks for \$28 at [uncommongoods.com](#) should score a homerun in his book.

No time for sports, just work, work, work? The on-the-go Dad would flip for a fashionable and practical new laptop bag.

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Got homebody Dad on your hands? Consider a rockin' hammock from [brookstone.com](#) for \$299 or the new Panasonic Diga DVD recorder for \$699 from [bestbuy.com](#). A little much for your budget? Perhaps a Sony home theater system for \$199.99 would make Dad flip? Then head to [circuitcity.com](#).

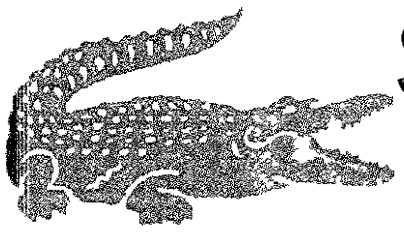
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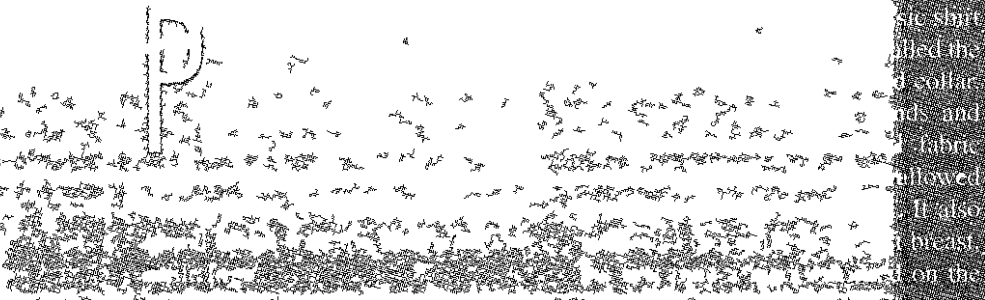
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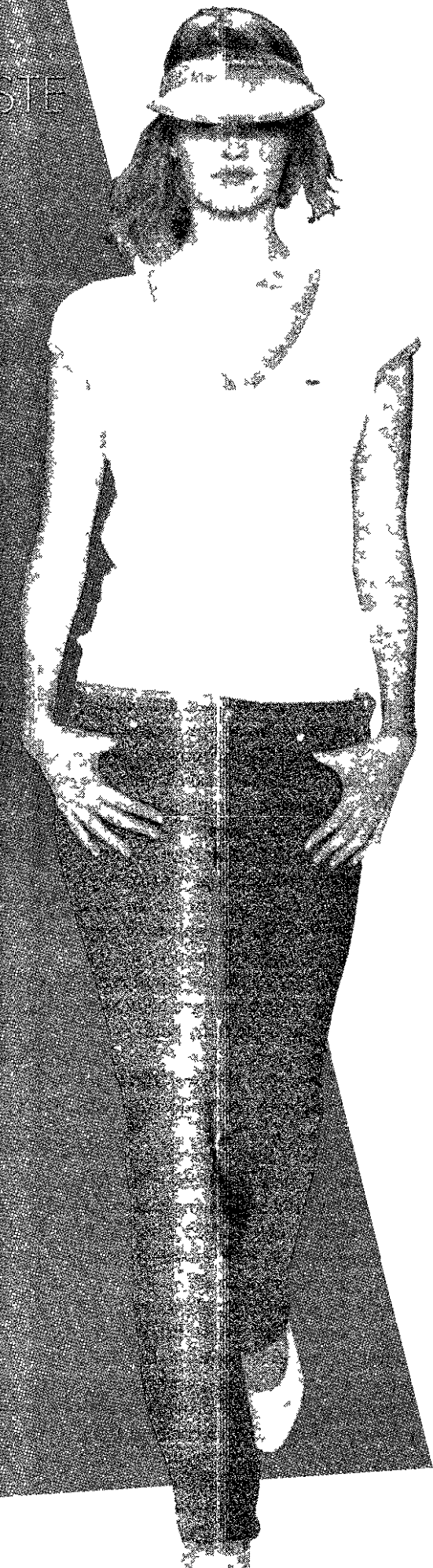


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There's a new twist on interior design — and it takes place outside the home. Many homeowners are establishing outdoor rooms and decorating exterior spaces this season, and the trend's popularity is on the rise.

As more people entertain at home, they find that outdoor rooms fulfill their needs. Homeowners are shifting their focus to include outside living areas and landscaping in their designs. Outdoor rooms are becoming equally important to a home's atmosphere as the interior.

Exterior living spaces not only include foliage and other increasingly popular plants — such as wave petunias, trailing impatiens, lily hibiscuses and jungle gold impatiens — but also cushioned furniture and expensive kitchens. That's right: Outdoor kitchens now feature ovens made of brick, not just grills anymore.

"People are bringing their inside outside," said MaryPat McClatchy, account executive of Garden Media Group. "Outdoor rooms are an extension of your indoor life. They shouldn't be that much different."

The trend is popping up everywhere: Pottery Barn, Crate & Barrel, and at many local venues as well.

Rob Gardner, assistant manager of Pottery Barn at Somerset, said that outdoor furniture has sold more this season than any other. Pottery Barn continues to add more pieces to the Chesapeake Collection, their line of outdoor furniture, indicating the success of the products.

Leigh Oshtrak of Pottery Barn said their goal is to show products in a "lifestyle setting," allowing customers to see an ideal situation that they are also able to accomplish. The arrangement consists of the typical chaise loungers, tables and umbrellas, but also coffee table, books and CDs, margarita mixes, trays, pitchers, outdoor pillows and beach towels.

Crate & Barrel now has over 100 items classified for outdoor life, while Target has over 500.

Part of the lure of outdoor rooms is the spa-like experience made available every day, McClatchy said. But landscaping is an essential facet of decorating outside. Creating an oasis in your own backyard is worthwhile and probably easier than you think.

The classic gardening trend popular in the 90s has passed, said Fiona Brinks, Vice President of the greenhouse at Bordine's Nursery. People don't like the work involved.

Container gardening — planting in containers and using them as decorations — is the fastest growing gardening trend. Quick enough to be done in a weekend, container gardening delivers instantaneous gratification and is simple enough to change each season. This trend allows everyone includ-

ing senior citizens and people who live in apartments and condominiums the option of adding color to their life without the hassle or necessity of the old kind of gardening.

Another advantage of container gardening is the opportunity for extreme diversity. It's possible to plant four or five differ-

ent types of plants in one pot. Hostas and petunias offer a striking combination of texture and color, Brinks said.

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outdoor room, foliage gives a lot more texture and depth, a different level of sophistication. It's more tropical and exotic, McClatchy said.

Don't wait until next year to create an outdoor room. Your guests will thank you.

"People don't garden like they used to. They decorate."

BLOOMS FOR OUTDOOR ROOMS

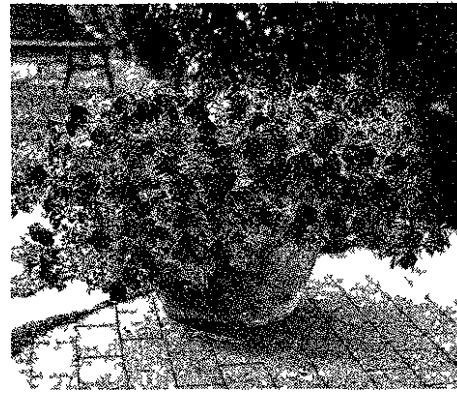


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Can using flowers help fit your backyard with color? Petunias love sunlight and need plenty of water and are ideal for containers. Anything from a single stem to a bushy plant is desirable for outdoor living spaces.



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Begonias — the perfect solution for gardeners without much sun! Begonias need shade and are a beautiful contrast to other plants in the garden.

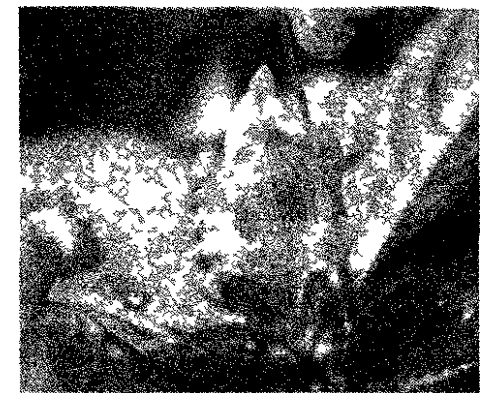


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Watch out for changing hues from the Magilla Perilla. In sunlight, a bright pink tinge emerges, in the shade, the Magilla appears more green or purple. This funky foliage grows in sun or shade and will flourish in either.



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By Lindsey Paterson Pink Contributor

Pottery Barn is marketing outdoor rooms (center) with drapes, lights strung into climbing vines and indoor-style furnishings including a coffee table stacked with outdoor tableware. Don Thomas Sporthaus in Bloomfield Township offers The Winston Collection, (above) in the Allure design, which makes backyards comfortable and inviting. Outdoor rooms also can feature structures, like this mosaic wall (left) overgrown with purple wave blooms.

'WE ALWAYS WANT TO LOOK OUR VERY BEST'

A lesson in fashion from the Stepford Wives

By Samantha Critchell ■ Associated Press ■ Photo by Andrew Schwartz

The very feminine and very fitted - floral dresses featured in the new movie Stepford Wives look like they were designed by men who feel threatened by career-oriented, suit-wearing women - especially when those women are their wives.

That's exactly how they should look, says Ann Roth, the film's costumer.

'The clothes should be what men fantasize about for their good little corporate wives. There should be nothing hip, nothing edgy. The women should - in their own dopey way - look like paper dolls. They should look simplistic. They should be larger than life, meaning that they're perfect in a not-real way,' she explains.

Not that the movie's stars, including Nicole Kidman, Glenn Close, Faith Hill and Bette Midler, were complaining when they were stuffed into cheery sundresses that embrace the hourglass shape of 1950s housewives. 'When you bring the waist in 3 or 4 inches with corsets and waist cinchers,

and give everyone long legs, the actresses don't seem to mind at all,' Roth says.

The costumes are almost characters in the film, a comedic update of a 1975 thriller of the same name as Kidman's Joanna Eberhart makes the transformation from a high-powered New York City executive to a suburban housewife who watches her neighbors exercise in their high heels. Eventually Kidman realizes that she's living among blond, beautiful robots.

'We always want to look our very best,' explains leader of the pack Claire Wellington (Close). Eccentric neighbor Bobbie Markowitz (Midler) isn't buying it, though. She tells Joanna that she looks like Betty Crocker when she puts on a bubble-gum seersucker frock.

Roth, interviewed by phone, says she works in the world of movies, not fashion, so she had no idea that the gingham capris and retro halter dresses in "Stepford Wives," many in pastel Lilly Pulitzer-esque

prints are very in step with today's trends.

The sundresses and petticoats in the hoe-down scene have three-quarter circle skirts. I defy you to find that in any store today! It's too much fabric for real fashion, she says with a laugh.

(The costumes actually were designed 18 months ago, long before designers unveiled their spring-summer collections, and the prints were inspired by Italian upholstery fabric.)

While the women of Stepford clearly live a well-to-do life, Roth says she didn't consciously choose recognizable brands or sig-

nature designer looks, except for the gay architect character Roger Bannister (Roger Bart), whom Roth described as "very Tom Ford" referring to the former Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent designer. He got a wardrobe full of Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana and Versace. Otherwise, the outfits could have come from Manolo Blahnik or Sears.

Among Roth's favorite costumes are a hand-embroidered strapless beige evening gown made of 70 yards of silk tulle and a printed silk chiffon dress with ruffles, both worn by Kidman.



The costumes worn by the Stepford wives are exaggerated versions of spring's feminine dresses.

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By K Snyder

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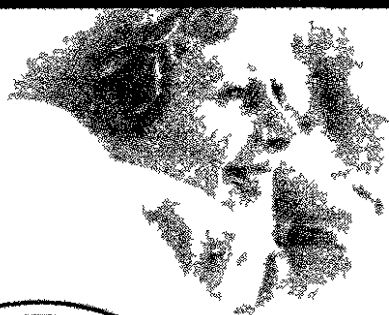
California's proposed fuel regulations

tried true

By K Snyder

Orange peels make great garnishes, but not-so-pretty thighs. In the quest to banish cellulite, two new products have hit the market that claim to help us do just that. The Healing Garden Spa Therapy Active Anti-Cellulite Treatment available at drug stores, claims to "naturally reduce the appearance of cellulite through plant-based complexes and caffeine." This foamy gel comes in a mousse-like can and is meant to be massaged into affected areas. I figured the product might just work because it is absolutely FREEZING cold when applied to the skin - shocking the tissue into shape or something. Maybe it does eventually. But why wait when you can run out and get Poetic's Fat Girl

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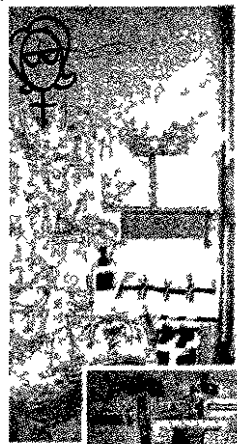


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HOMETOWN GIRL FANCHON STINGER PUTS COMMUNITY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Native Detroit Fanchon Stinger greets Fox 2 News Morning viewers with a bright smile at 6 a.m. with partner Alan Lee. A six-time Emmy winner, Stinger uses her finely tuned talents and generous warmth to impact her hometown in a positive way. She is an investigative reporter and proud member of the FOX 2 Problem Solvers Team. Stinger is also the editor of the "FOX 2 Honor Roll," a special news feature that highlights outstanding young people who are making a positive impact in the community.

When she can break away from her hectic schedule at Fox 2, Stinger enjoys motivational speaking, exercising, traveling, and reading. She is a member of Word of Faith International Christian Center and currently resides in Farmington Hills with her husband. Stinger took time out of her busy schedule to answer a few questions for *Pink*.

Have you always been interested in broadcast journalism?

Yeah, I have since I was 15. I thought about law and medicine for a minute, but I

cover story

I didn't like math. Doing what we do, we get a sense of how important life is. We get to see people's raw emotions, how they handle life. My personal belief is that this is my community, my hometown. We all live here; it is up to us to make it the best. Broadcast journalism takes having a personal investment in what is going on.

What is a typical day for you working at Fox 2?

My days are never typical. I usually get in around 5 a.m. I go on the air at 6. After the show, we have meetings, then I may do one of three things. I have a show called *Front and Center with Fanchon Stinger* that airs four times a year and is community based. The next one will air July 15 and it will be on race relations in Detroit. I also have the *Fox 2 Honor Roll* which airs every Monday at 6, so sometimes I will be writing interviews and doing those stories. We have incredible young people in Detroit. I think it

is important that we salute them, uplift them, to hold them up as role models for their peers. To say, "hey, our future is bright if these people keep on moving."

And then I do something with homes in the city of Detroit where every Sunday we profile a home that is up for auction. These are homes that can be rehabbed that people can get at a low cost. We are trying to build better communities in the city.

I usually get out around one or two o'clock, sometimes 3.

How do you get ready to go on air?

There is a process. I usually get up between 3:30 and 3:45 a.m. and shower. I do half my make-up at home, and then when I get to the station, I finish the rest of it. I have some great friends that help me with my wardrobe. In the mornings, every thing is kind of timed. I get in, put my make-up on, come back and read over the show that will be aired at six o'clock.

How did you get involved in restaurants?

That was a venture with four friends that my husband and I met at the University of

Michigan. We felt Royal Oak needed something a little bit more hip, yet classy, more New Yorkish. After three years in the making, we opened Bastone Cafe Habana and Sank, which is the lounge downstairs. It was a huge endeavor; we all went to New York to get ideas. Cafe Habana is the very first authentic Cuban restaurant in Michigan.

How did you get your name?

It is my real name. My middle name is Lotus. My mom found it in a baby book; she loved it. Fanchon means freedom in French; my grandfather was French. I used to hate it, now it has grown on me and I like it. Even though people hear it everyday, they still have a hard time remembering it. I always say, "Fanchon rhymes with mansion."

What is the most interesting story you have covered?

Covering the attack on the World Trade Center, being there and living through that. During that story, there was a point where I wasn't a reporter; I was feeling the same thing that everyone else was feeling in terms of the fears and what was going on. It was kind of like the entire country had banded together.

What is the best part of your job?

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horoscope

By Miss Anna

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

This week is no time for excessive independent behavior. Try to tone down any possible conflicts between work and home. By the week's end, you will seem more like yourself — looking for change, variety and adventure.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)

Any career efforts should be put on hold this week, and extra time should be spent with loved ones. The next month will definitely favor marriage or other close ties.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

You have a number of positive trends going for you this week, starting with romance—there are also excellent job and career indications. Your upbeat feelings are real and contagious to those around you.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

Domestic troubles seem to be highlighted this week and may jar you into reality. Get to the heart of the matter as soon as possible, and don't defeat yourself by talking in circles. Project your charm.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Your financial picture looks quite rosy this week. Make sure to save a few dollars for a rainy day. It's time to stop bottling up your feelings, express your anger in a constructive way.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Although expectations are high this week, it may be best to lay low, and wait for a better day — for you are bound to meet with opposition everywhere you turn. Avoid any overindulgence or overdoing.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

A rather dullish mood will give away to a real sense of being alive, and an interesting job idea promises to send more income your way, if you are willing to learn a new skill.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

This week seems to be mostly pleasant, even though a bit ho-hum. Zero in on chores both at work and in the home that need to get done, and you will feel like you've accomplished something.

SAGITTARIUS. (November 23 - December 21)

The week seems to revolve around money and social interests — and they may integrally relate to each other. Resist any urges to take risks concerning financial rewards.

CAPRICORN. (December 22 - January 20)

Your creativity is strong during the week, whether in a solo project or group situation. Romance may also put stars in your eyes, as you and a loved one see heart-to-heart on an important issue.

SQUARUS (January 21 - February 19)

During the next few weeks you are likely to make a major decision regarding your highest ambitions, a big job or career change is possible, but don't do anything unless it's been researched.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

This week may seem just like a struggle for survival — primarily on the job, but also in other people's various problems. Everything seems to be intense, and you should tread lightly, especially when involved in other's emotions.

style scope

By K Snyder

THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY...

As we move from galivanting Gemini girls to cool Cancer cuties this week, your birthday celebration should embrace your softer side. Honor your day with a visit to the salon for a relaxing mani/pedi to keep those digits up-to-date in the freshest spring colors, especially this week's *Pink Pick* of lilac. Then, give yourself enough time to get ready for a sunset date with your dreamboat. Plan for an intimate celebration that includes champagne, a spread of juicy fruits and savory cheeses and other delectables outside on the patio. The gentle evening breezes, romantic conversation and sweet kisses will perfectly wrap up your past year and set the mood for a more balanced and meaningful new year. Ahhh.

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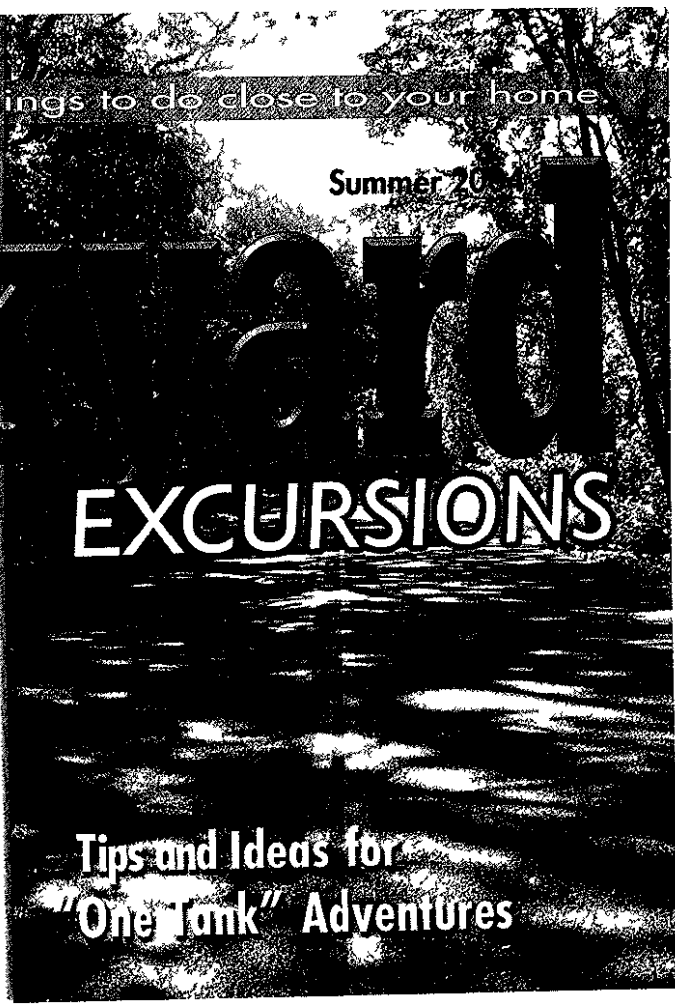
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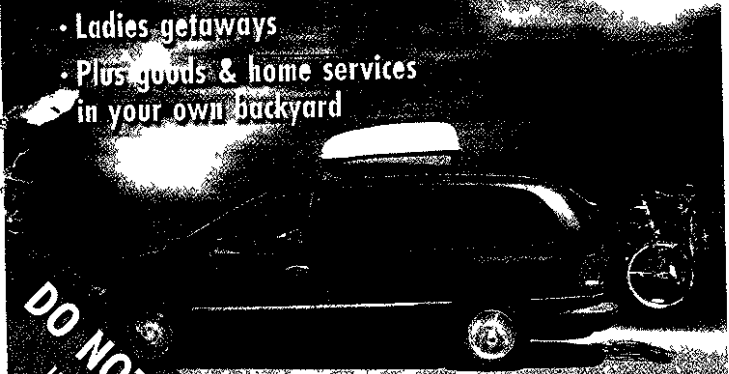
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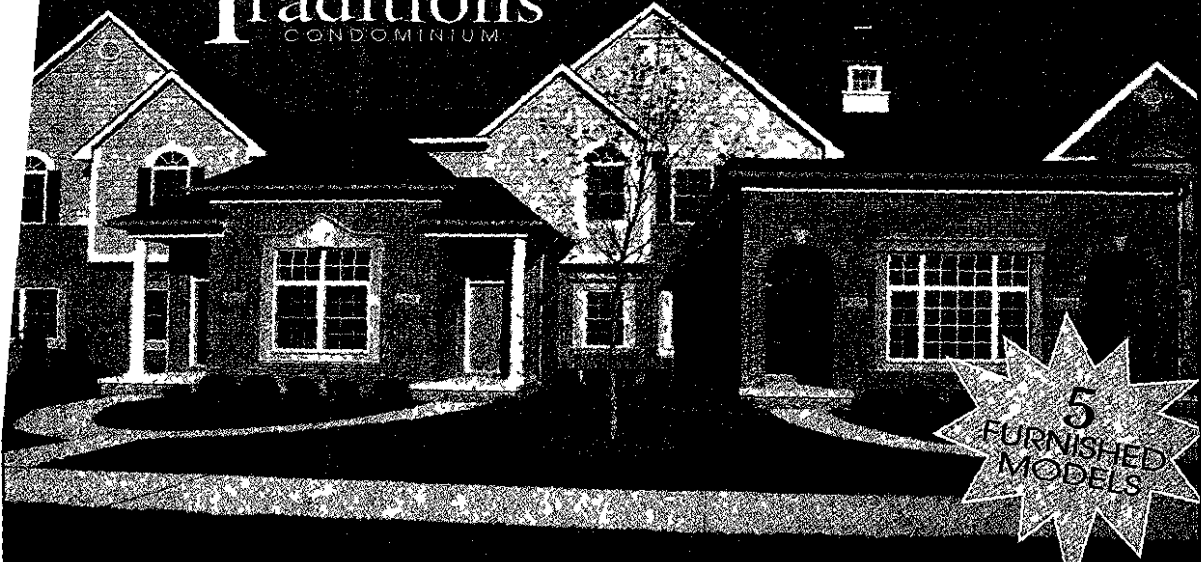
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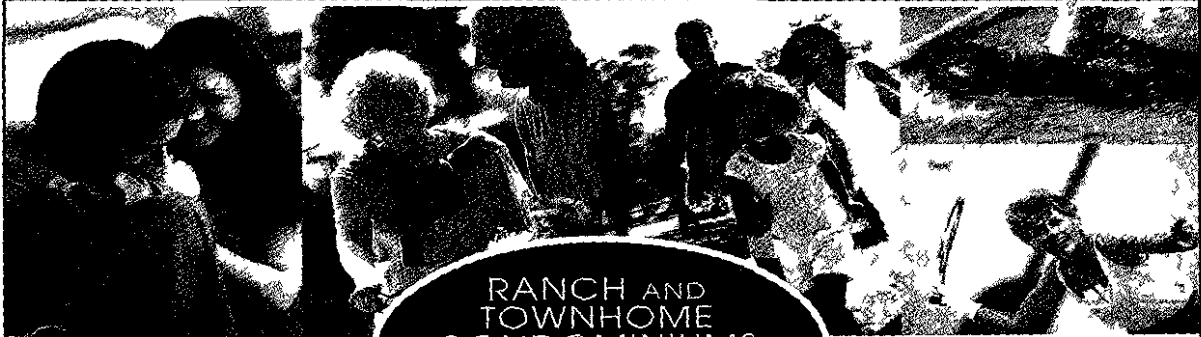
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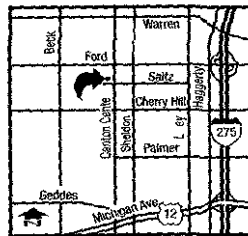
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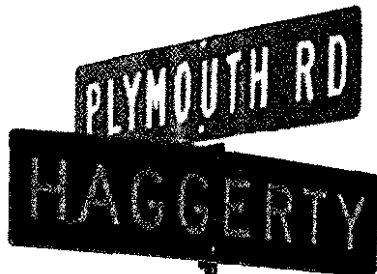
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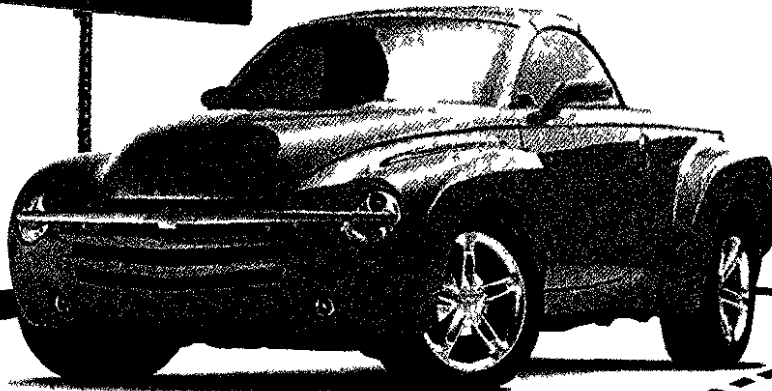
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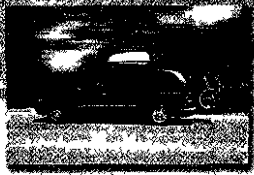
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The focus of this guide is to provide our neighbors with ideas and resources to enhance their free time. We won't be focusing on the standard tourist destinations and activities; we will be highlighting the lesser-known destinations, those wonderful and unexpected hidden treasures that can make your next vacation a true adventure. As you travel, let your natural curiosity and spirit of adventure lead you to them.

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Note: Mileage was calculated using RoadTrips Do-It-Yourself. The beginning point of travel was defined at I-275 and Six Mile Road in Livonia, Michigan (the center of our distribution area). Estimated drive times based on a driving average of 50 miles per hour. All distances noted are one-way.

Indexes

We have included a number of indexes you will find useful when making your travel and leisure plans. The **Advertiser's Index** (on page 29) lists all of our advertisers by distance from your home. Each listing includes the page number where more information can be found. **More Travel Destinations** on pages 22-23 lists a variety of additional information sources who are happy to offer assistance by providing information about the area. Finally, the **"State Travel Bureaus"** on page 9 is where you will find the addresses, phone number and websites for a number of state travel bureaus that are near us.

Legend Symbols

For quick reference you will see icons at the end of listings. They mean the following:

- SD** – Senior discounts available
- ♿** – Wheelchair accessible
- RR** – Reservations Required
- Ⓜ** – Non-smoking facility
- 🐕** – Dogs allowed (may be extra charge)
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- ✳** – Advertiser has an event listed in the Festival and Events Sampler (see pages 18-21)

Mobility Impaired Access

Many of the attractions listed in this publication provide access for the mobility impaired. However, because the definition of access varies from attraction to attraction, we make no attempt to identify the quality of that access. Before you travel, call ahead to confirm access.

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Visit Our Website

You may also visit the Backyard Excursions website at www.backyardexcursions.com to find a menu with many selections of interest including:

- Enhanced lists of festivals and events—refer to this calendar often as it will be updated frequently
- E-coupons—as a reader of Backyard Excursions you are eligible to receive discounts and special deals from many of our advertisers. Click on the e-coupon link and select the advertise(s) of your choice
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Tours & Group Travel

Note that many of the attractions offering tours require travelers to make an appointment. Groups should always call ahead to make reservations and ensure good service.

We hope you enjoy this issue and use it often. Look for the fall issue of Backyard Excursions—which will be available in September 2004—in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *HomeTown* newspapers as well as at many local establishments throughout your area.

I wish you a safe and exciting summer season.

Carol Heminger, Editor
Backyard Excursions





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♿ ♻️ 🚗 76 miles

State Travel Bureaus

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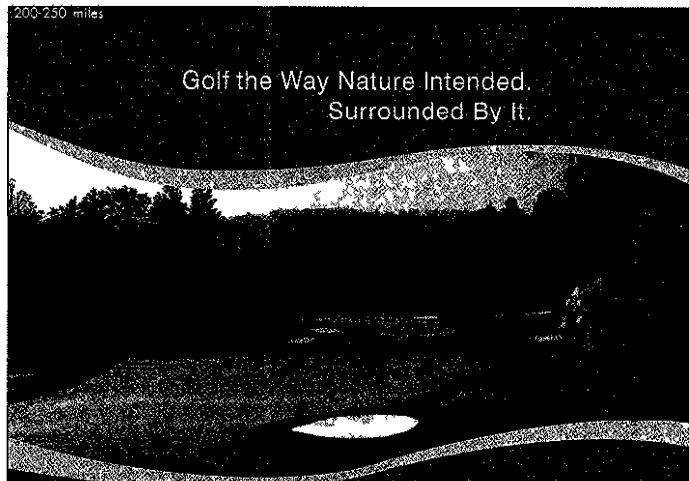
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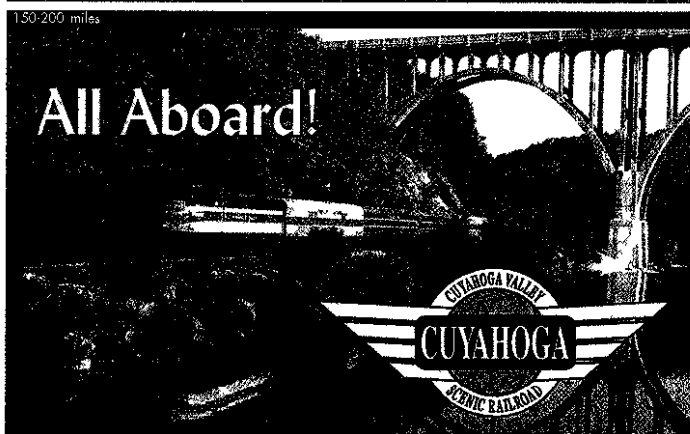
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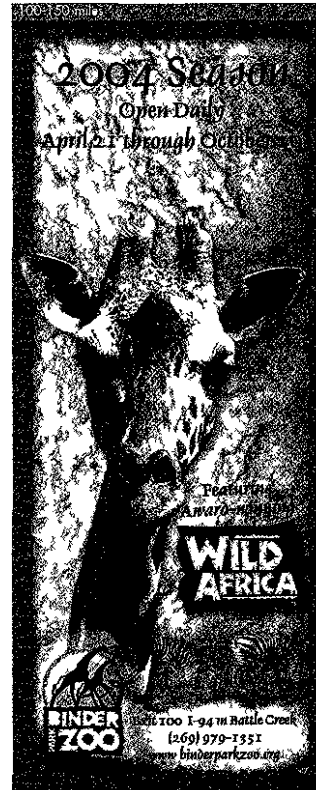
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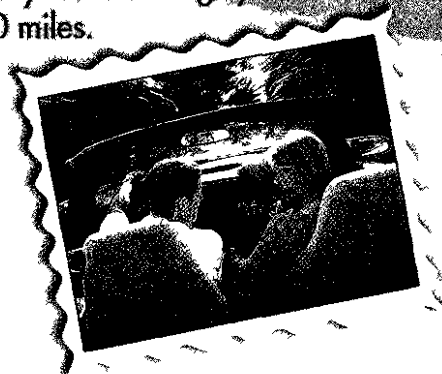
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♿ 122 miles

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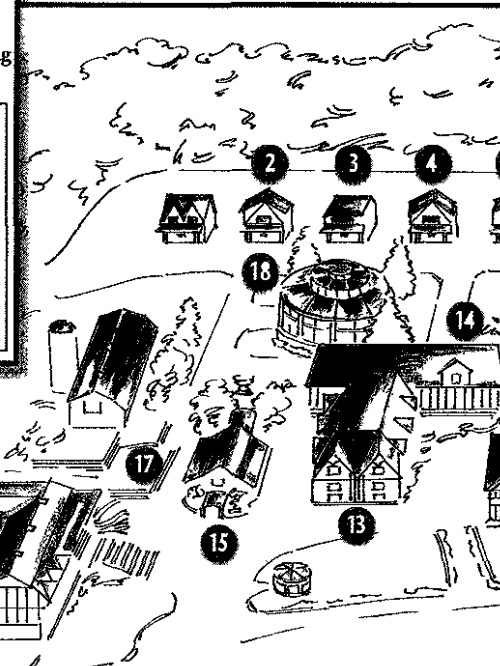
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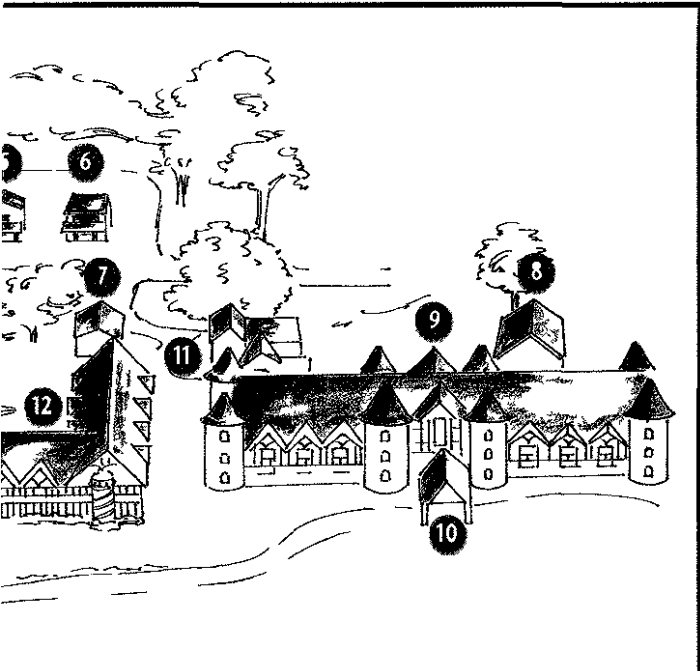
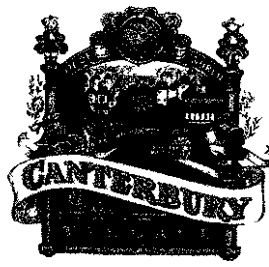
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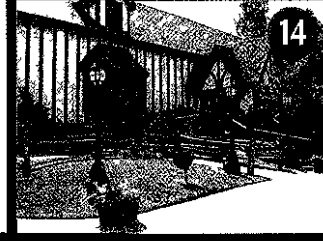
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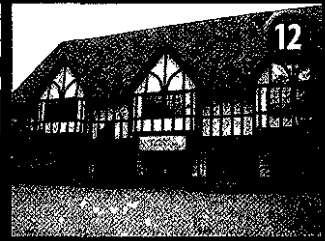


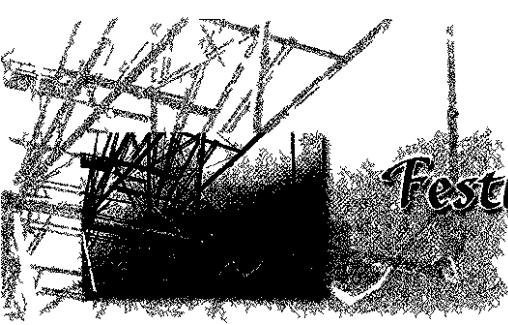
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(various locations)
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- Aug 12-Oct 30** **'Dam Yankees Dinner Theatre**
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- Aug 14 Sept 26** **Michigan Renaissance Festival**
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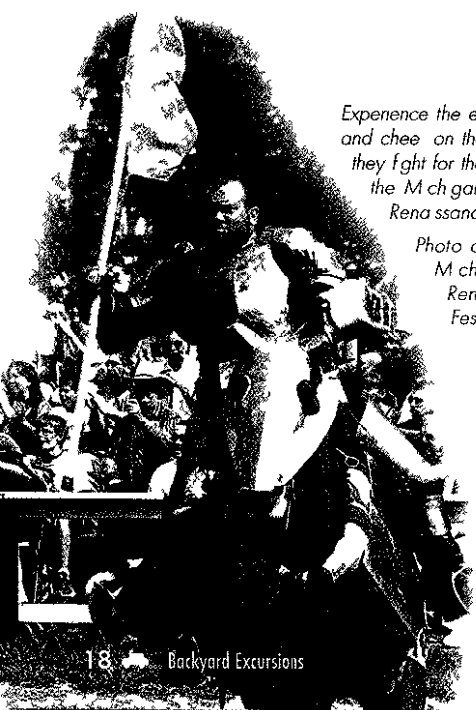
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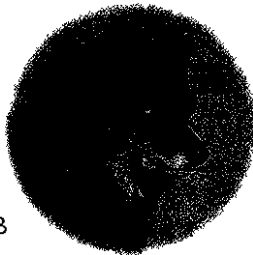


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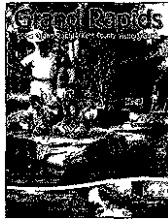
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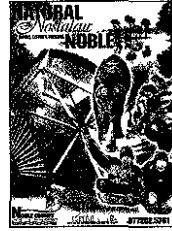
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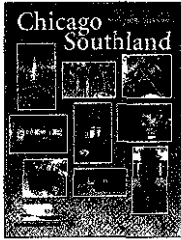
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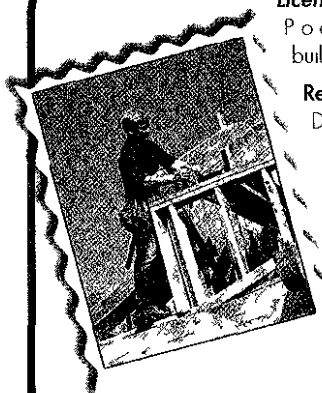
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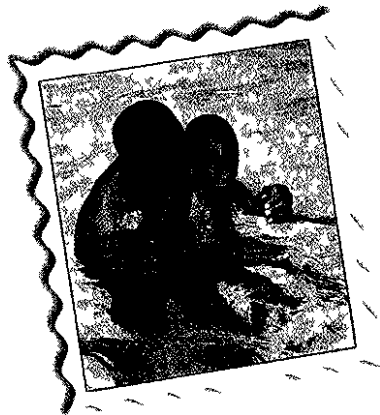
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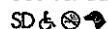
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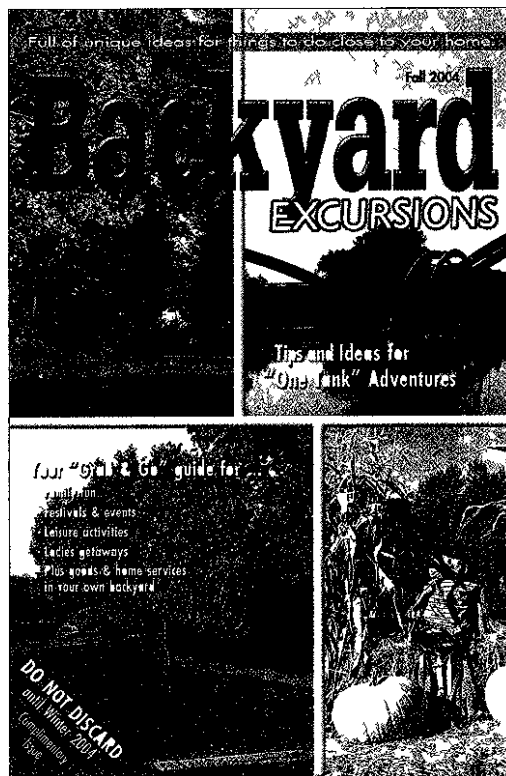
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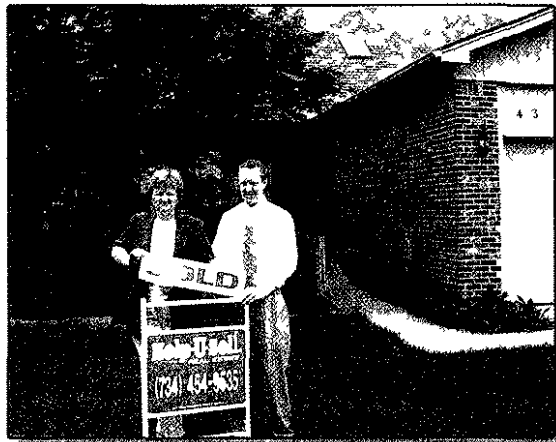
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