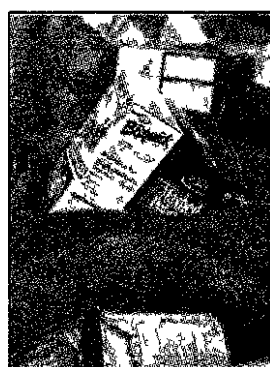


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Plymouth has been chosen
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by the U.S. Congress in 1919,
was founded in Paris to address
the needs of returning World War
I veterans. Today, it serves all
veterans including current
military people.

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The Wayne County Clerk's
Election Division is accepting
nominating petitions for
candidates for trustees for
the Plymouth District Library
Board.
Candidates must be at least
18 years old and residents of
the city or township of
Plymouth. Three non-partisan
seats will be up in the Nov. 2
election. These seats will be
for four-year terms, beginning
Jan. 1, 2005.
For information on the library
or activities of the board,
contact Library Director Pat
Thomas at (734) 453-0750, ext.
218, or thomas@plymouthlibrary.org.
Blank petition forms can be
obtained from either the city
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Petitions must be filed at
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Award given
Plymouth Township Treasurer
Ron Edwards recently accepted
a Certificate for Achievement
in Financial Reporting for his
comprehensive annual financial
report for 2002.
The award was presented by
officials from the Government
Finance Officers Association at
a recent meeting of the township's
Board of Trustees.
The award is offered after a
detailed analysis of the township's
records. He said he had to go
down to Wayne County to go
through old records because not
everything was available in
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From grief springs love

Childhood friends discover each other at mom's funeral

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Alison Beh distinctly remembers her childhood friend, Mark VanKerckhove, would want to play house and kiss her when the two were growing up together.

For his part, VanKerckhove doesn't remember it that way. It hardly matters, though, because he'll be kissing her plenty soon enough.

The two are getting married Saturday. Which is a pretty remarkable thing, considering the road — and the distance — their relationship has traveled since they were kids playing at Alison's house in Trenton. Since then, it's gone from Grand Rapids to Kalamazoo to Mount Pleasant and as far south as North Carolina.

The pair, separated for years, now plan never to be apart again.

"I always had a crush on her," said VanKerckhove, a Plymouth resident who attended Detroit Catholic Central. "That she came back into my life is amazing."

The families met when both were in the congregation of Christ the King Church in Detroit. Both moms were students in the adult catechism class there in 1981 and became friends. They did Christmas Eves together, and when the parents visited, so did the children — Alison, and Mark with his twin brother, David.

DIFFERENT PATHS

The separation started when the Beh family moved to Grand Rapids. Alison and Mark lost touch for awhile, although Mark went over for her party after she graduated from Rockford High School. She didn't return the favor when he left Catholic Central, then she went on to Western Michigan University and Mark moved on to Central Michigan University.

"We didn't talk for awhile, but I knew what she was up to because our moms talked," Mark remembered. "College went on, and I thought about her a few times, but we didn't keep in contact."

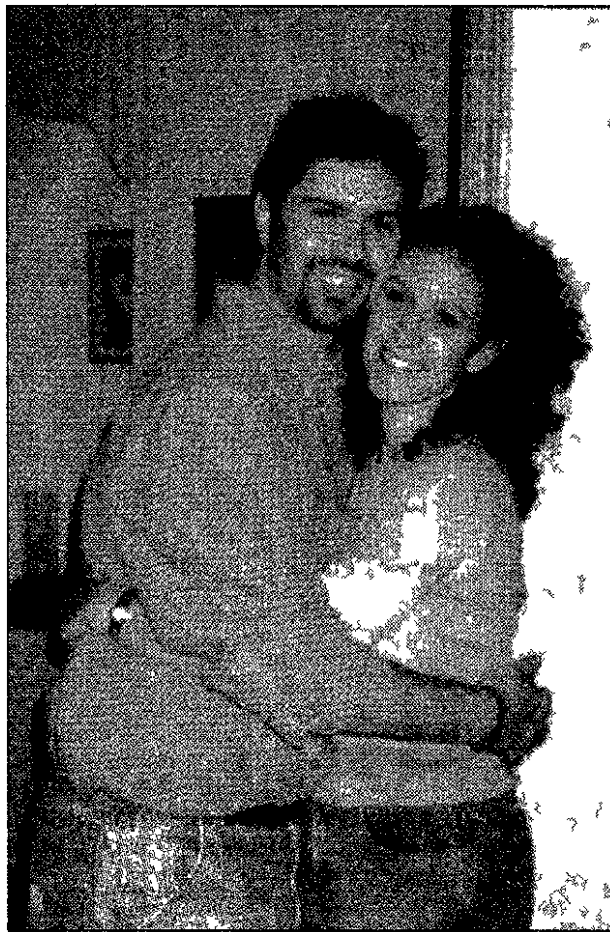
Then came what everyone agrees is the pivotal day in the relationship: Aug. 23, 2002 — a tragic day for Mark and his family, but a hopeful day for love.

Mark's mother, Mary Ann, succumbed to Gilman-Barre syndrome, an autoimmune disease which, according to her husband, Al, isn't usually fatal. Alison and her mom, Susan Norwick, came to the wake. It was the first time Alison and Mark had seen each other in years.

From the ashes of his grief, Mark found his budding feelings for Alison. "Mom made me believe things happen for a reason," Mark said. "I really do believe my mom helped us get together."

It was at the wake that Alison found out Mark had been asking about her. Impressed by the fact that, during a tragic time for him he'd been concerned about her, Alison went home and told friends about him. She even-

PLEASE SEE LOVE, A5



Mark VanKerckhove and Alison Beh were childhood friends before going their separate ways. On Saturday, they will wed.



This picture of Alison Beh and Mark VanKerckhove during a playful moment from their childhood made it onto the announcement of their July 3 wedding.

Stewart: No on tax, racinos 'a done deal'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Smokers will be paying the second-highest cigarette tax in the nation beginning July 1 after Gov. Jennifer Granholm this week signed a bill increasing the tax by 75 cents per pack.

However, it's not the end for Granholm's attempts at raising more money for a cash-starved state budget, as racinos — legalizing slot machines at race tracks such as Northville Downs — could be next on the agenda.

"It's got the votes, it's wired," Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, said of legislation to allow slot machines at race tracks, including Northville Downs. "But I don't like it because it's too close to Main Street Northville. It will run up the

cost of city policing services to the taxpayers, and bring in more raffia."

"The lobbyists have done an effective job and counted noses," he added. "They've contributed mega bucks to those who will vote 'yes.'"

Stewart said Granholm is playing passive-aggressive with the racino issue.

"She says she doesn't want more gambling in the state, but at the same time she says we need the revenue," Stewart said.

Stewart predicts racinos will be a "done deal" sometime next month. As for the cigarette tax, for the second time in a couple of weeks Stewart again voted against the measure increasing state taxes to \$2 per pack.

"I think more cuts can be made administratively in several budgets,"

Stewart said, "particularly the Medicaid budget. I don't think we've cut the administrative fat out of this budget, yet."

While he voted "no" on the tax, Stewart said he helped broker the deal to increase the cigarette tax hike because the Republicans promised to produce 13 votes to help the Democrats reach the 55 needed for passage. Stewart noted the increase in cigarette taxes is likely to invite some big problems.

"The obvious," Stewart said, "is that we'll likely see smuggling of cigarettes from Ohio and Indiana."

Stewart also predicts that later this year the Legislature will have enough votes to put the issue of term limits on the ballot in 2005. If passed by voters, it would extend term limits for both the Senate and the House from six to 12 years.

Fourth of July Picnic promises family fun

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER



The sprayscape at Plymouth Township Park is bound to be a popular attraction again, as it was for Blake Connell last year.

While preparations continue for the annual Fourth of July Parade through downtown, Plymouth Township officials are also getting ready for their annual summer rite: The Fourth of July Picnic.

A staple for years in the township, the picnic, held in Plymouth Township Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., offers a family event that draws thousands of people from all over the area. It features an inexpensive meal, games for both young and old and a family atmosphere its organizers say is hard to beat.

"Where else can you bring three or four thousand people out to have a great time with their families?" said township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who organizes the event. "It's always a great time." This year's event features the

return of a hot air balloon sponsored by Re-Max, which provides an opportunity for youngsters to get a ride.

Also on hand will be the Plymouth Community Fire Department and the Plymouth Township Police Department, each with vehicles and equipment available for hands-on demonstrations. Games for the adults will feature prizes such as an overnight hotel stay and dinners for two. Kids games — finding coins in the sand, three-legged race, water balloon toss, etc. — will also have prizes.

The other highlight for children is the bike decorating contest, which features cash prizes, and the fishing derby.

Hot dogs, chips, ice cream and pop will be available for 5 cents each.

"It's going to be a great event," Edwards said.

Officials ponder land rights

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Would residents of a proposed 100-unit condominium project be better off as residents of the city of Plymouth or Plymouth Township?

That decision could hinge on whether the two governments can agree on who will control 10.5 acres of CSX railroad property, of which eight acres are located within city boundaries and 2.5 acres in the township.

Representatives of the two communities are expected to meet Monday to negotiate what is known as a 425 Agreement, an intergovernmental contract that would allow one municipality to have control of the entire site located at Starkweather and Pearl.

Before an agreement can be signed, however, there are a number of issues that need to be addressed.

"One of the issues we're working toward resolving is who would collect the property taxes," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said. "If we had jurisdiction over the entire site, the city would collect the taxes and give the township its share. There are also questions of planning, service levels and a multitude of other issues."

Township Supervisor Steve Mann agrees with that assessment, for the most part. However,

"Maybe it would be in the best interests of those residents to be township residents," Mann said.

"They would have water rates that are half the cost of the city's, tax rates that are a quarter those in Plymouth, and full-time police and fire, especially since the city has been considering a volunteer fire department."

"If we're going to look at turning over control of a small parcel within the township, then we need to move very carefully," he added.

Crosswind Communities of Novi is proposing to build units that will range from 1,300 to 1,500 square feet, and sell in the vicinity of \$180,000-\$220,000. A pool is planned for the center of the complex.

The site, currently owned by CSX Railroad, is tax-exempt, according to federal law. Constructing homes on the property would bring in tax dollars for both communities.

Dick Schram, the head of land acquisition for Crosswinds, isn't concerned the property sits next to railroad tracks and residents will hear the noise from passing trains, referring to similar projects in Royal Oak, Brighton, Birmingham and Detroit.

However, Mann isn't sure the property is suited for such a venture.

"We question whether that property is suitable for development," he said. "It has some special needs, and it needs to be developed professionally and cautiously."

The acreage currently is only accessible through the city, however Mann said there are areas in the township that are only accessible by going through either the city or Washtenaw County. So having township property surrounded by the city wouldn't set a precedent.

"If we do determine it's in the best interest to enter into a 425 Agreement with the city, there needs to be some revenue coming back to the township for giving up the property," Mann said.

The city's tax rate is 15.5 mills, while the township tax rate is much lower at 3.2 mills. Indications are the city is willing to give the township its 3.2 mills, but the township is seeking a higher tax compensation for giving up the land.

"Any discussion of what might or might not happen is premature until elected officials look at an agreement," Sincock said. "We'll get there. It will just take time to work through some of the issues."

As for Crosswinds, too much delay could mean an end to a multi-million dollar project, and additional tax revenue for both communities.

"We're working with the planners, and hopefully it will be resolved shortly," Schram said. "If there's no cooperation, the whole thing could fall apart."

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Blues Traveler keyboardist Ben Wilson honed his talent in his hometown of Ann Arbor.

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COLLECTIBLE SALE

The Plymouth Historical Museum sponsors a collectible book and magazine sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 10-11. It's a sale of historical and collectible books and magazines from local collectors and duplicates from the museum's collections. Subjects include early history books, Michigan history, military history, Native American history, antiques and collecting. Life and other magazines from the 1930s to the 1980s.

For information or to donate books for the sale, call the museum, (734) 455-8940

PATRIOTIC PERFORMANCE

The 110-member Plymouth Community Band performs a patriotic music salute to veterans and members of the Armed Forces during a 7 p.m. concert Thursday in Kellogg Park. Forty Civil War soldier reenactors in uniform, with muskets, will perform drill routines during the Civil War medley.

The event will be followed by an ice cream party at the Plymouth Historical Museum, where free ice cream cones will be handed out courtesy state Rep. John Stewart and his wife, Beth, the director of the museum.

PAWS WITH A CAUSE

Dogs (and their owners) are being invited to join Paws with a Cause for its fourth-annual Laps for Learning PAWS Walk, set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 24, in Kellogg Park.

The 1.5-mile walk, sponsored by IAMS, is open to all, with or without the family dog, and will wind its way through accessible, tree-lined city neighborhoods.

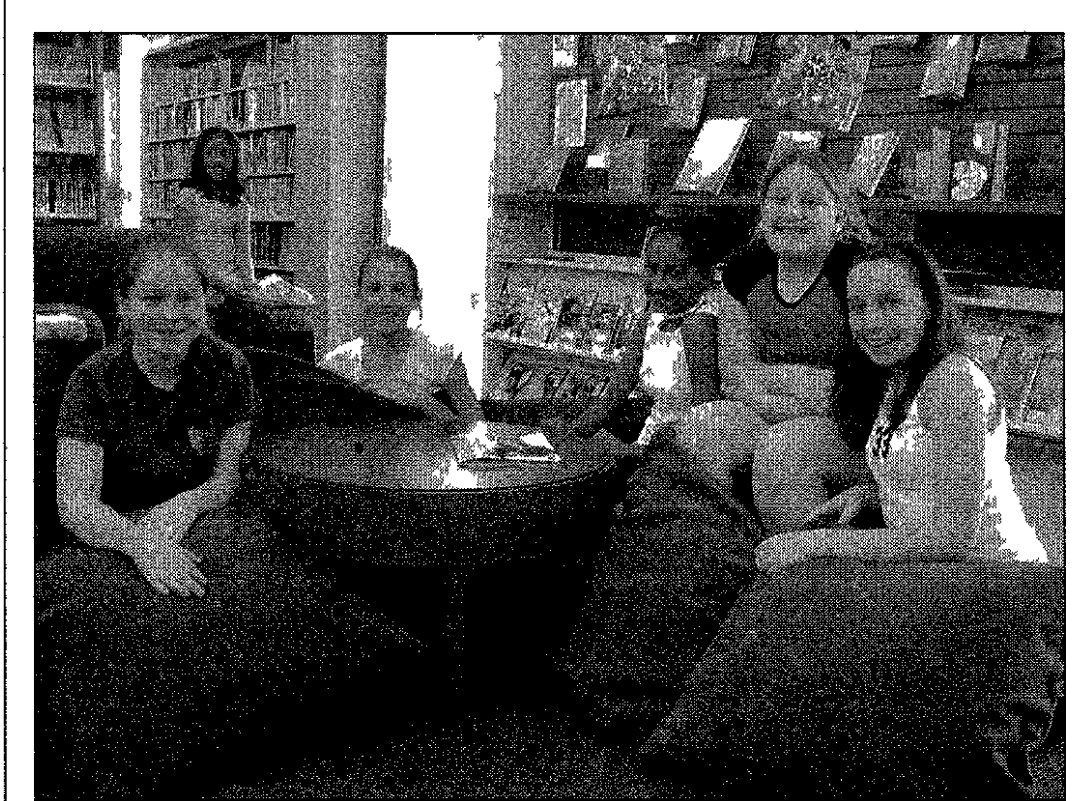
Registration starts at 10 a.m. All dogs must be on a leash, under control at all times and have proof of current rabies vaccination. Children 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The Plymouth Canton Civitan Club kicks off the event with an all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$6 for adults, \$3 for kids) at the Masonic Temple.

For more information, fliers or pledge sheets, contact Sue Brooks by e-mail at pawsemisue@yahoo.com or by calling (248) 693-9789.

TROOP SUPPORT

Lakepointe Family Chiropractic changed its hours Monday, and in conjunction with the change is conducting 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-



Summer readers

Jessica Skiver (from left), Stephanie Whitt, Freyal Shah, Molly Lutz and Janel Skiver pick their next book while taking part in the Teen Summer Reading Program, which is off and running at the Plymouth District Library. Nearly 200 students have signed up for the seven-week program that includes special events, prizes and movies.

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 through July 29, then ship the packages overseas.

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

NEW SHAREHOLDER

Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., announced Kent Early of Plymouth was elevated to shareholder status within the

firm. Early, who joined the firm in 1999, earned a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1994, and a master of science in business administration from Eastern Michigan University in 2001.

He currently serves as an account manager in the firm's Municipal Group, working extensively with cities, villages, and townships as well as road agencies and drain commissioners, overseeing all projects within the communities he works.

POETRY CONTEST

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest.

Poets from the Plymouth area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 250 prizes. Contest deadline is Sept. 30.

The contest is open to everyone, and entry is free of charge.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and style, to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19920, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear at the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by Sept. 30. Poets may also enter on line at www.poetry.com.

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.

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Putting teeth in his passions

Varied interests spice up career for Plymouth dentist

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

It's a place where you can go to not only learn everything you wanted to know about coral, but also to help save endangered coral reefs around the world.

It's also a place to go if you need to find out whether the wine you've chosen goes with the spaghetti you're serving for dinner.

Oh, by the way, it's also a place you can go if you need to get your wisdom teeth pulled.

That makes the office of Dr. Laurence Seluk, for 29 years a dentist, a multi-service destination. Seluk keeps a 360-gallon salt water fish tank in his office which harbors, among other things, Banggai Cardinalfish, which can survive in the tank's protected environment.

Seluk has also grown coral in the tank for areas around the world where coral environments are threatened. It all stems from his love of scuba diving.

"I like scuba diving and I want to bring that back to people," said Seluk. "Coral that grows here goes everywhere. We share it with people who need it or want it."

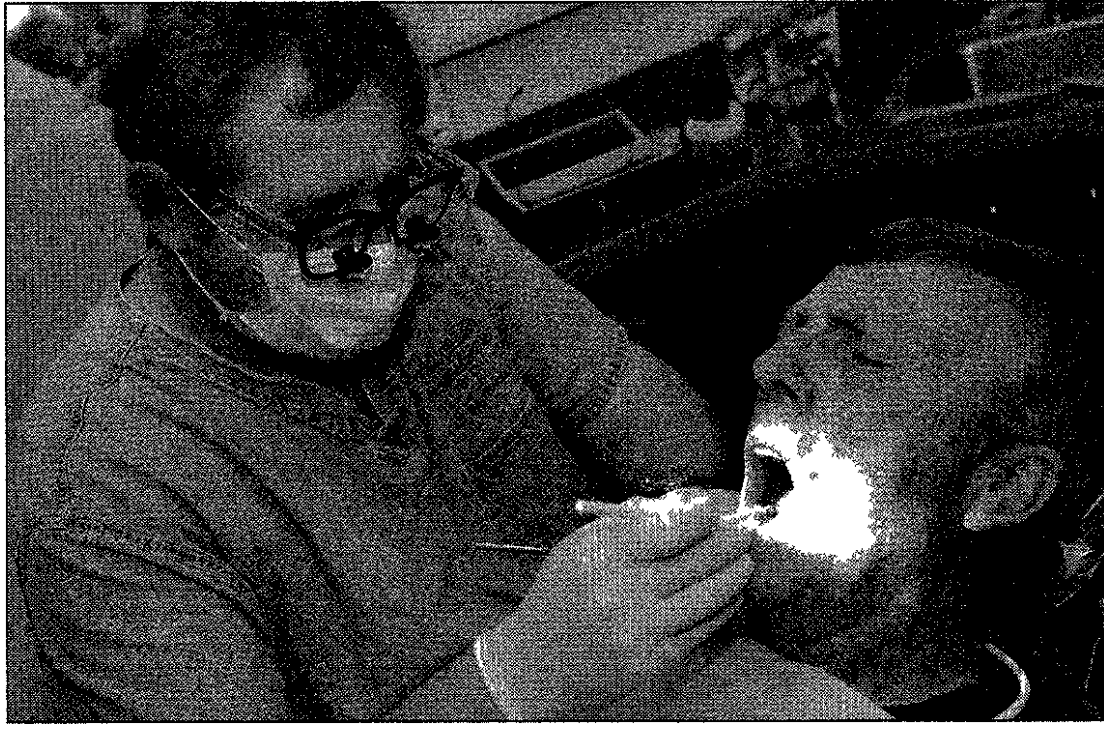
Perhaps his biggest passion is wine. Seluk, an avid wine-maker himself, has lectured on wine for a variety of groups, including sororities and civic organizations such as the Plymouth and Belleville Rotary clubs.

His wines have won medals from the American Wine Society, including a gold for his Cabernet Franc.

"For me, it's a passion," Seluk admits. "There's a lot that goes into it. I'm a student of it."

And, of course, there's the dental practice. In Plymouth for 25 years, Seluk is a well-educated man — bachelor's degrees from Michigan State and Michigan, plus four years of dental school — who has made training films for his industry.

But it's a profession he got into almost accidentally, work-



Dentist Larry Seluk works on patient Chuck Urbin of Pinckney.



Dentist Larry Seluk, who has practiced for 29 years, said he "moves too quick to ever burn out."

ing for a company making various products out of various materials. It paid off when he went to dental school.

"They paid me a lot of money to make useless things, and I got jobs nobody else wanted," Seluk said. "When I went to dental school, they thought I was a genius. I wasn't, I'd just learned all this stuff about materials."

Now he puts it to good use. He formed the Plymouth Research Institute some 15 years ago, which includes dentists, lab technicians and other professionals. The group meets nine times a year to discuss subjects like the changing technology.

"When I went out to give lectures, I found people who were going to study groups were far more 'on top' of things," said Seluk. "We're very broad-based."

Seluk, a dental specialist specializing in prosthodontics, focuses on dental implants in his office. According to information provided by Seluk, the average 50-year-old American is missing 12 teeth, and a third of those older than 65 are missing all their teeth.

Dental implants are anchored in the jawbone as replacement root and act as permanent teeth.

The process, which can be accomplished within a few months and can last for 30 years, helps people "get their smiles back," according to Seluk.

"We work with oral surgeons, periodontists," Seluk

said. "Sometimes patients' needs are varied. It's a more comprehensive treatment."

Not only does Seluk seek continuing education, he makes sure his staff has that chance, as well. Dental assistant Danielle Wellman, who's been with Seluk for eight years, is chasing her bachelor's degree at Wayne State University.

"I've dragged her everywhere," Seluk admits. "Everything is always changing, and she's constantly learning."

Seluk's a passion that impresses Wellman.

"He's quite a character," Wellman said. "He's passionate about what he does. He's good-hearted and he's always about quality of care. He goes 150 percent in everything."

Seluk goes about his business, and his passions, full-speed ahead.

"I've never gotten burned out," he said. "I move too quickly to get burned out."

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Township gets good rating for bond sale

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

In an attempt to be able to sell \$6 million in municipal bonds at as good an interest rate as possible, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards met with officials from Standard & Poor's about the township's financial rating.

And he came away with good news.

After meeting with Edwards during the Governmental Finance Officers Association conference in Milwaukee, Wis., last week, Standard & Poor's issues a AA rating for the township, a rating Edwards said reflects the overall quality of life in Plymouth Township.

"It reflects the financial integrity and stability in the township over the past few years," Edwards said. "They look at the community as a whole. You get a rating like that because (S&P) thinks it's a pretty strong community."

Edwards met with S&P officials specifically about the \$6 million in bonds the township is selling to finance half of the \$12 million township hall project.

According to Edwards, the

The AA rating could save the township as much as \$200,000 per year over the 20-year life of the bonds.

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The township had no previous rating, Edwards said, because it had issued no debt, other than what it incurred through the Western Townships Utilities Authority and Wayne County. The fire department, he said, borrowed about \$1 million, but that such ratings "aren't given for amounts that small."

Edwards said the S&P rating should be a positive sign for township residents.

"It's all about taxes," Edwards said. "It tells residents they won't have to pay more interest on the bonds. It's about S&P telling us we have a strong community."

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City OKs 3 percent hike for non-union staff

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners have approved a 3-percent wage hike for non-union personnel.

The action doesn't affect union employees, some of whom have already negotiated wage increases, or City Manager Paul Sincock.

"The increases are in line with the Plante & Moran compensation study," said Commissioner Ron Loiselle.

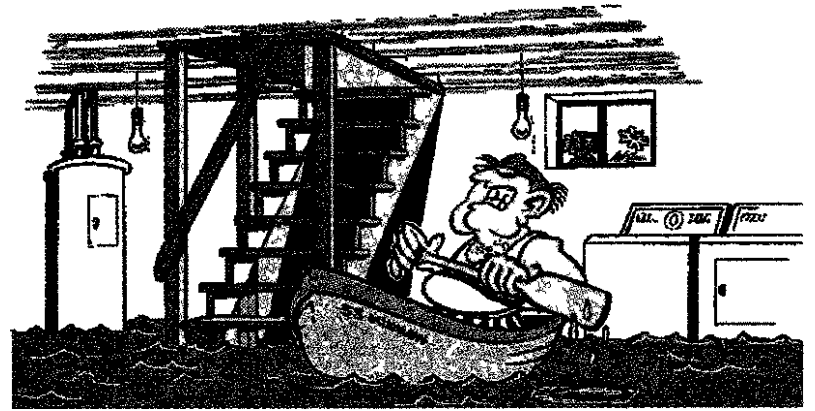
"We need to recognize the employees, especially since they are taking on a lot of extra work these days."

Sincock said the wage increases will total less than \$40,000 in the next fiscal budget.

"These are tight budget times, but we need to recognize hardworking, loyal employees and keep them in line with the cost of living," added Mayor Stella Greene.

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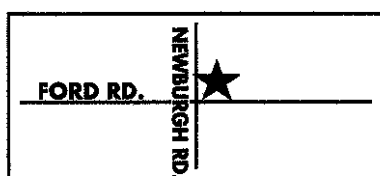


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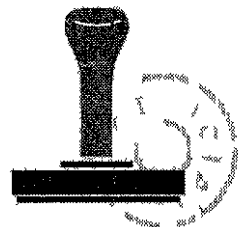
DEATHS

F
Elmer John Fick, of Redford Township died June 22

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Fotene 'Fay' Karmanos of West Bloomfield died June 23
Shirley A Kudia, 73, of Livonia died June 23

M
Marguerite "Rita" M McKinney, 84, of Farmington Hills died June 23
Jason R Moricz, 33 of Garden City died June 18
Aileen M Mulcahy of Livonia, died June 22

S
Robert E Sage 82 of Farmington died June 22



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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between June 16-22

■ Tuesday, June 22 - Investigation on Ann Arbor Trail residential rescue runs on Lakewood on Parkview, on Tyler and on Lincoln vehicle accidents at Plymouth Road and Concept and on southbound I-275 north of 5 Mile commercial rescue runs on Beck

■ Monday June 21 - Vehicle accident on Beck at the M 14 ramp, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Haggerty and on Starkweather industrial rescue run on Halyard, vehicle accident, with extrication and wash-down, on westbound M-14 at Beck residential rescue run on Mill vehicle accident on westbound M-14 at Beck smoke investigations on Main and on westbound M-14 at Beck, vehicle accident on M-14 at Sheldon

■ Sunday, June 20 - Vehicle accident at Schoolcraft and Haggerty rescue run on Northville Road, residential

rescue runs on Tyler and on Newporte industrial rescue run on Port

■ Saturday, June 19 - Wash-down on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon, investigations on River Oaks and on Turtlehead, smoke investigation on Church, residential rescue runs on N Territorial and on Jener, fire on Wolf River

■ Friday June 18 - Commercial rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on Ann Arbor Road, industrial rescue run on Helm, residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Forest and on Plymouth Road single family fire on Plumtree, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road, investigation on Halyard, special run on Penniman

■ Thursday June 17 - Investigation at Plymouth Road and Eckles, commercial rescue run on Haggerty downed wires at Sheldon and Marlin vehicle accident at Hines and Riverside, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks residential rescue run on Mill

■ Wednesday, June 16 - Industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on Sheldon single-family fire on Turkey Run, vehicle accident at Sheldon and 5 Mile, rescue run at Bradner and Lakeland residential rescue run on Timber Crest

'A parent's worst nightmare'

Friends find themselves in line of fire at Freedom Festival show

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

John Thackaberry didn't need to watch the news to hear about the shooting spree during the Freedom Festival fireworks Wednesday.

He heard about it directly from his son Chris's fiancée, Jane Peterman of Livonia, calling from the back seat of Detroit Police squad car to tell them that Chris's buddy, Bryant Bevan, and his friend, Laurie Foster, were among the nine people wounded.

"It's a parent's worst nightmare," said Thackaberry. "We were in bed when we got the call."

Bryant and Foster were house guests at the Thackaberrys, making a 12-hour stop while in route to his family home in Pennsylvania. The Thackaberrys and their guests went to dinner, then the young people decided to go downtown.

"They were in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Laurie's father, Mike Foster, who with her mother, Meg, flew in from Seattle Thursday morning. "The doctor said it looks like Laurie will make a complete recovery. Hopefully, there will be no lasting effects although she will need a per-

sonal escort through the metal detector at airports.

Thursday evening, doctors operated on her shattered left arm, putting into two steel plates to tie the bones together. She also was shot in the buttocks.

Bryant who was standing to her right was shot four times, first in the foot, then twice in the leg. The fourth shot in his upper buttocks came after he had fallen down.

I really didn't know what was happening, said Bryant, who graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with Thackaberry June 2. I felt the crowd push and heard the shot. I thought it was a firecracker.

"We really didn't have a choice as to where to run, and we ended up running down the corridor where the bullets were flying."

Chris was standing to the right of Bryant with Peterman and saw the shooting unfold. It seems like there was a group of four, five guys to the left who pushed the guy from the group, Chris said. The first shot he was leaning back and he kept firing until he hit the ground. He landed on a woman's blanket next to her little kid. He got up and walked away and left the gun



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chris Thackaberry recounts his experience Friday at his father's home in Garden City. Thackaberry, his fiancée Jane Peterman, and friends Bryant Bevan and Laurie Foster found themselves in the middle of the shooting at the Freedom Festival fireworks Wednesday night in Hart Plaza.

That's how police got the gun. Chris watched as the man, believed to be a 32-year-old Detroiter, shot a man in the chest and a woman in the back and watched them fall to the ground. That's when he and Peterman fell to the ground.

"We were inches from Bryant and Laurie," he said. "We fell back and to the right and they were unlucky and moved in the direction of the bullets."

While Chris saw Bryant loaded into an ambulance, he and Peterman weren't sure what had happened to Laurie. Fearing she was lost in the crowd, he searched the area with a Detroit police officer while Peterman waited in the police car. They gave up when the fireworks display was ending.

Little did they know that because of the injury to her

arm, she was among the first to be sent to Detroit Receiving Hospital.

Chris and Peterman were taken to the fifth floor of Detroit Police Headquarters, and while there, a emergency room nurse, a staff sergeant in the Air Force, called him to let him know how Bryant and Laurie were doing.

I knew more about what was going on at the hospital than the police," said Chris. "I ended up telling them what was going on there."

While the Thackaberrys got their call around 10:30 p.m., it was about 1 a.m. when the vibration of his cell phone woke up Bryant's father, Ron, who was on a business trip.

"They said he had been shot and that he was fine," said Bevan. "But it didn't equate him being fine and being shot."

According to Bevan, his son has been known to visit emergency rooms when on vacation. Bryant explained it as putting himself in situations where he's prone to injuries.

I was actually being good this time, he said.

Bevan came to Detroit while his wife stayed in Pennsylvania where she was picking up several cadets at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. They had been on Bryant's track team and were returning from Europe.

Both Chris and Bryant will begin flight training in January, and Bevan doesn't expect it will hurt his son's career even though one bullet was within a half inch of shattering his femur and the other was within a centimeter of his spine.

"It's a miracle," he said. "We're fortunate the Lord was looking over and keeping him safe. His injuries are mild in comparison to what could have happened."

It shouldn't hurt his career, but we'll have a flight surgeon at McGuire Air Force Base (in New Jersey) take a look at him.

On Friday, Bevan and his son headed to Detroit to see Laurie one last time before driving back to Pennsylvania. Before leaving, Chris summed up their feelings about attending other fireworks displays.

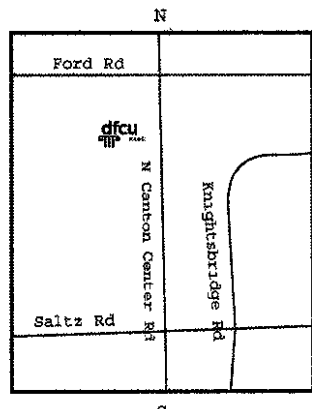
"It's not the fireworks I'm scared of, just the guns," he said.

"It can't happen twice, can it?" Bryant added.

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ON STAGE

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 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 Lous and Chautauqua Express
- Aug 4 — Hometown Kids concert with Phoenix and the

Celebration Youth Orchestra
 ■ Aug 11 — Harpbeat
 ■ Aug 18 — Elmo Thumm
 The concerts, sponsored by New Liberty Bank, start at noon. For more information on the concerts, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278

MUSIC IN THE AIR

- July 2 — Red, White, Bluegrass & Blues An American Music Celebration, featuring the Cass Avenue Ramblers, followed by Harmonica Shah & Howard Glazer
- July 9 — No concert because of Art in the Park
- July 16 — The Warren Commission, featuring vocalist Suzy Marsh, fresh from her Detroit Music Awards nomination as Best Female Jazz Vocalist
- July 23 — Steve King &

The Ditties Veteran Oldies King provides a great evening of family entertainment
 ■ July 30 — Thornetta Davis for blues and R&B
 ■ Aug 6 — King Sweat, playing R&B, classic soul and some rock-&-roll
 ■ Aug 13 — Bobby Lewis & The CrackerJack Band The final appearance by The CJB at Music in the Air, as the Dean of Detroit Rock & Roll retires this year
 ■ Aug 20 — Impact 7 revue-style show featuring music from Motown to Earth, Wind & Fire
 ■ Aug 27 — Pamela Ransford & The Plymouth Guitar Band
 ■ Sept 3 — September Surprise featuring mystery guests
 The concerts, sponsored by Community Financial, start at 7 p.m.

LOVE

FROM PAGE A1

She confessed to Norwick she was having feelings for Mark. She encouraged her daughter to explore them.
 "Mary Ann was one of my very best friends, and Mark is so much like her," Norwick said. "I told Alison if I could pick anyone for her, it would be him. He has all the qualities I'd want in a husband for my daughter."
 It was the grieving Mark who wound up consoling Alison and her mother, which provided an emotional spark to Alison.
 "Mom and I were driving to the funeral, crying the whole way, and we were trying to pull ourselves together," Alison said. "We wanted to be strong for them. No sooner had we walked into the funeral parlor than we started sobbing. It was Mark who comforted us, telling us it would be OK, when we were supposed to be there comforting him."
 The pair exchanged phone numbers at the wake and, a couple of weeks later, Mark invited her to a jazz festival, but Alison couldn't make it. However, she made it to Mount Pleasant for

the Western-Central football game. Instead of watching the Broncos play the Chippewas, the pair tailgated and watched Michigan play Ohio State on television.
 The couple was getting along well and, in fact, shared their first kiss — "I'm not sure she really wanted to," Mark laughs now — and planned a weekend in December 2002 to "see where this was going."
 Where it was going was to the altar. And that's OK with Norwick and with Mark's father, Alan.
 "I think this idea of being friends first is such a neat thing," Alan VanKerckhove said. "It's wonderful."
 Friends thought the relationship was headed for the rocks when Alison took a job in North Carolina in July 2003. But the couple fought off the down side of a long-distance relationship.
 "It was the hardest thing I've ever done," Alison admitted. "He and I are really strong people, and we got to see each other maybe once a month. When there were times we couldn't meet, we'd find a way. We talked every day. When we woke up we called each other, when we went to bed we called each other."

There was always a ton of communication."
THE QUESTION
 Mark finally decided Alison was the one, and proposed to her Nov. 26, 2003. Ironically, it was the same date — 35 years earlier — his father, Alan, had proposed to his mother. Alan climbed a ladder, pretending to be fixing a window, and popped the question to a surprised Mary Ann, who had her hair up in rollers.
 Mark took a different route, planting a trail of chocolate kisses with "notes and a little gift" at each station, then eventually popping the question. The couple weds at their old church, Christ the King in Detroit, where the same priest who baptized Mark will perform the ceremony.
 With the wedding less than a week away, Mark VanKerckhove still feels the reality sinking in, and it's a good feeling.
 "Sometimes I look back and think, 'I'm marrying Alison Beh,'" he said with a smile. "For us to come back into each other's lives is really a blessing."

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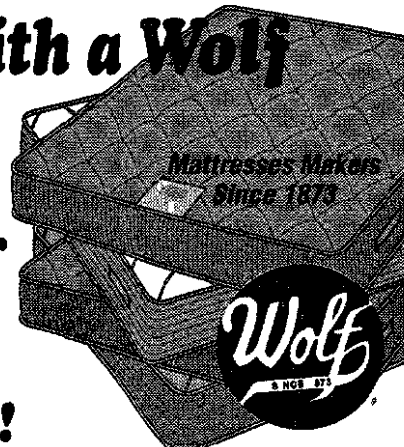
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Outgoing school board trustee Elizabeth Givens accepts a clock as a token of appreciation from board President Judy Mardigian at Givens' last board meeting Tuesday night

Board praises departing Givens

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth Givens of Canton Township attended her final school board meeting as a member of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday night.

After serving two terms and eight years, Givens decided not to seek re-election in the June 14 school board election.

Board members praised Givens for her years of service, including as board president for two years from 2001-03.

Board member Mark Slavens said Givens' greatest accomplishment came during discussions on where to build Plymouth High School.

"There was a real conflict in the community, the school district, within the school buildings, with this board," said Slavens, "and Liz, somehow, put together a plan that took the best of both of those ideas that was keeping the third



Outgoing school board trustee Elizabeth Givens, a former board president, accepts a hug from school Superintendent Jim Ryan at her last board meeting Tuesday. Barry Simescu will take the seat she has vacated.

school with the other two and allowing movement for the 11th- and 12th-graders, while creating smaller learning communities for the ninth- and 10th-graders.

"That's a legacy that will live a long time in this district and help a lot of children," he said. "I always felt that you were

more confident than any of us in making decisions," said board President Judy Mardigian. "You made an excellent contribution to our district and you will be remembered."

Barry Simescu of Plymouth will take over the seat vacated by Givens at the board's July 6 meeting.

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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 directores for area hotels/motels, Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth.

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Church has roots in Plymouth, but grows strong in Canton

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Forty years ago 33 people got together and decided to start a church on Main Street in Plymouth

Main Street Baptist Church is no longer on Main Street, or even in Plymouth, for that matter. None of the founding members are even alive.

But, the focus of the church - to praise Jesus Christ - has remained the same all these years.

"I think one of the most important aspects of Main Street is God's love that pours out of the people and into others," said Jan Munday, a church member for nearly 40 years. "There's a diverse population

at Main Street," she said. "There's an acceptance and a love. There's a reaching out to the community within the church body and outside the church body."

There have been a lot of other changes over the years when Main Street Baptist Church was located in the building where the Salvation Army now operates.

That was before church members raised \$63,000 to build a new structure in Canton at 8500 North Morton Taylor Road in 1980.

Members moved in the following year, according to Munday, who is preparing a brochure about the history of the church for a celebration that was planned for this week-

end, featuring a concert and visits from former pastors and church members who have moved away.

"We really believe the future of Main Street and our community is nothing but up, and we give God all the glory because he's the one who is doing all that," according to the Rev. Jeff Noble, Main Street Baptist Church pastor.

When Noble came to the church five years ago there were 50 members and today there are 200.

Noble said he's most happy to report that there have been 62 people baptized in Christ in the last five years.

Members like to live out the church motto "Seeking, Sharing and Serving the Lord,"

he said. Today, church members are working on a new building project with the hope to add 10,000 square feet to the existing 7,000-square-foot building.

"We have outgrown our current facilities and we're praying God will prepare peoples' hearts about (the expansion)," Noble said, adding that the church is also debt free after recently paying off a \$100,000 loan.

Some of the church programs include a men's bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, a men and women's bible study Monday evenings and a SAFE (Setting Addicts Free Eternally) ministry that helps people overcome addictions at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. The public is

invited to attend all church programs, including SAFE.

"Our current pastor has such a heart for evangelism to share Christ with the world," Munday said. "The most important thing of all is that we truly want God to get the glory, because it's about him and not about anybody else. If the relationship is you and God then everything else falls in place."

Another recently started program at Main Street Baptist is English as a Second Language class.

"Part of that is helping them use the bible as one of the books of teaching," Noble said. "There have been ups and downs, but God has done tremendous work through the people at Main Street," Noble

said. "There's a spirit of unity and love for one another and a desire to see people come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. I find that very exciting."

Supporting missionaries has been a main focus over the years.

"God has brought people in, trained them and sent them out into the world," Munday said. "And he's brought people to stay there. It's exciting to see how God has blessed and how God has worked through Main Street."

Main Street Baptist Church services are 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. Bible study is at 9:45 a.m. Sundays.

Plymouth man brings indoor skate park to Canton Township

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Michigan Avenue sports corridor will get a new neighbor when a skateboard and inline skating park opens in the former Michigan Dekhockey facility in late July.

"It will be designed and run by skaters," said Bradd Rymph, owner of Simplicity Board Sports in Canton. "It will feature the midwest's largest half-pipe, a ramp that will be 80 feet wide."

Rymph will serve as manager of Simplicity Sk8 Park, a position he was asked to take by Plymouth resident Dave Rymph, who bought the former 16,000-square-foot Dekhockey building at 45109 Michigan Avenue. "I've been wanting to open a skate park," the Plymouth resident said. "My kids love to skate. We've taken vacations to skateboard parks."

Finding the facility was the problem. Now, after three years of looking, Rymph will bring an indoor park for skateboarding and inline skating to the corri-

dor. "We're only developing the indoor facility now," Rymph said. His plans include building an outdoor park at the facility in the future.

"He (Rymph) has a very successful store. It's been there for five years," Rymph said. "I realized that I needed a day manager. My kids shopped at Bradd's store."

Team Pain Enterprises of Florida - that built ramps for ESPN X-Games - will design and build the Canton park. "It will be like sculpture almost," Tito Porrato said. "It will be like a professional golf course designed by professional golfers."

Those who will design Canton's park are skaters who intend to create a high-end park with specialty surfaces, the big ramp and a street course that will offer curves and embankments. Unlimited flow is important in the design, which will allow skateboarders and inline skaters to co-exist at the new facility.

The design team will work with Rymph to provide for "the

needs of skaters and the community," Porrato said. "Skateboarding is an individual sport. It offers each person an opportunity for his own style. They will learn to use the facility with other skaters."

Canton will be the only community with a privately owned skatepark in the southwestern Wayne County suburbs, said Rymph, who has visited Team Pain's parks in Kentucky, Lansing and Grand Rapids.

Supervisor Tom Yack is delighted with plans to build a skate park and to occupy the vacant Dekhockey building. "Whenever private enterprise provides a service we might have to provide, it's great news. We were ready to plan one for the softball center, but then we got wind of their plans."

While some of Canton's parks have inline skating areas, there is no bona fide skateboarding center for the community's teens and adults who climb aboard. "Everybody wins with this project," Yack said. jmaliszewski@homecomm.net (734) 459-2700 Ext. 13

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If you like to eat, like to share time with old friends and make new ones, the 3rd Annual Grub Crawl in Canton is for you.

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The popular event is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township. It is designed to highlight area restaurants and to bring people together.

Tickets are \$30 and are now available at the Canton Chamber of Commerce, 5820 Canton Center Road, Suite 110, Canton. The event is open to the public. Tickets are available on first-come, first-serve basis. Guests must be at least 21 years of age. Buses and passenger vans will be available to transport guests to all participating restaurants. When you

Approximately 25 patrons will start at each restaurant. Guests will arrive at a restaurant, park their car, sample free food, enjoy entertainment (if available), purchase drinks (if they wish) and then catch the trolley and be transported to another restaurant.

buy your ticket, you will receive a Grub Crawl T-shirt that is your ticket to the event. Here's how Grub Crawl works: Approximately 25 patrons

will start at each restaurant. Guests will arrive at restaurant, park their car, sample free food, enjoy entertainment (if available), purchase drinks (if they wish) and then catch the trolley and be transported to another restaurant.

The vans and buses will drop off/pick up guests throughout the evening (they will stop at participating restaurants approximately every 15-20 minutes).

At the end of the evening the buses will take patrons back to restaurant where they started. The last bus will depart at 9:45 p.m.

Restaurants that will participate include: 4 Friends Restaurant, Ashoka Indian Cuisine, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's Bar & Grille, Crow's Nest, Damon's, LaShish, Mexican Fiesta II, Palermo's Pizzeria, Roman Forum, Rusty Nail, Shark's Club, T.C. Gator's, T.G.I. Friday's. To buy tickets, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.



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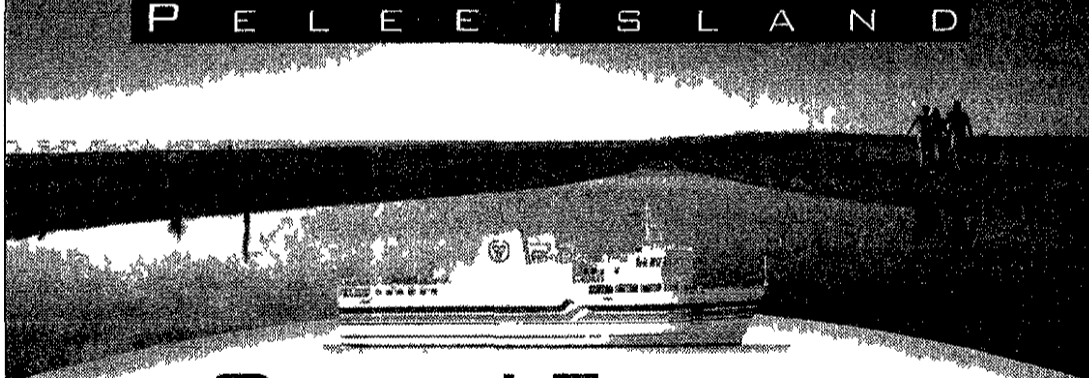
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'Rendezvous'

Saxophonist engineer hits right note with his new CD

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

What does mechanical engineering and a saxophone have in common? The answer is simple: Justin Young of Canton.

He is so talented, said his dad Jim. "Everything is so hard in music. I have seen him play a ballad and tears are coming to people's eyes."

And he will say that's not just a father crooning about his son, an engineer with North America Yazaki and a successful saxophonist. Young has played professional saxophone since he was 16. He graduated from University of Michigan on a music scholarship.

"At the beginning, the sax was hard to play. When I first brought it home, I couldn't even remember the notes," the 23-year-old resident said.

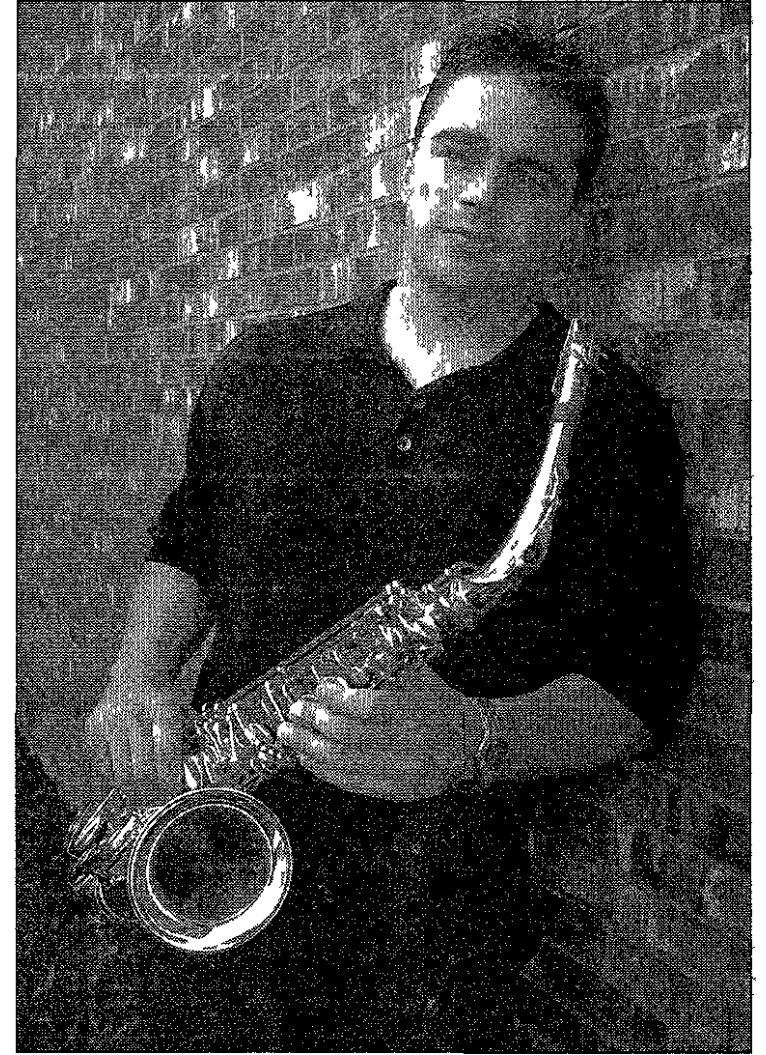
That is history. Today, Young performs in his own band, Justin Young and Friends, as well as in his father's band, Kaleidoscope. He and his family, including mom, Linda (his marketing guru), produced his CD *Rendezvous*, for which he wrote the music. He has already sold some 800 CDs.

It was fun, Young said, recalling his first professional gig with Kaleidoscope. "It opened up a new light on playing. I thought, 'Wow, this is cool!'"

Young was hooked. But col-



Justin Young, up and coming saxophone star, plays in his recording studio his family built in the basement.



Justin Young of Canton recently completed his first CD, *Rendezvous*.

lege was on the horizon. "I always liked playing with Legos and I wanted to be an engineer," he said. "I like designing things."

Right after graduation, Young headed to Yazaki where he is on the design team for the 2007 KA DaimlerChrysler Jeep Liberty's liftgate and headliner. His mom also works for Yazaki, but with the Yazaki Learning Center.

It is no accident that Young, as well as his sister, Nicole, are musically minded. It's in his family's genes. His dad is a professional musician and together the family has built a recording studio in the basement. "It was made for Justin because he is so gifted," Jim Young said.

Interestingly, the sax wasn't Young's first instrument.

Like many little boys, the drums drew his attention. But his dad had a plan. "It was premeditated so they could help themselves get through college," Jim Young said.

In the sixth grade, dad bought the brother and sister each a saxophone. After the initial introduction to the instrument, Young was on his way. There weren't many saxophone players. It's a rarity — sax players who play professionally and play contemporary music, his dad said.

Young started and played the alto sax for five years. He then switched to a soprano sax — the type Kenny G plays — and his budding career took off.

It's hard to keep in tune so for a lot of people, it's a turnoff, Young said.

As far as his dad is con-

In the sixth grade, dad bought the brother and sister each a saxophone.

cerned, some people can play the saxophone. His son does that, plus has showmanship. It's something about the whole package. It's like Elvis. He had his charisma.

In December 2000, Young expanded his horizons. He had his wisdom teeth out and while at home recuperating, decided to write some music. He composes on a keyboard — not that he's ever had lessons on that instrument — and just kept going.

"I don't write music on the sax because there is no one to accompany me," Young added. Young tries to write music

everyday with the goal of producing more CDs, getting his music on the radio and touring. Yet engineering remains his career, and one that has taught him dedication. It is important to me as an engineer to improve everyday, he said.

Recent Liberty Fest guests likely heard Young playing in Heritage Park. If you missed him, you can catch him at the Motor City Casino, Greektown Casino or the MGM Grand. He also performs at corporate events, weddings and community festivals.

To learn more about Young and his music, log on to his Web site at www.justinyoungsax.com.
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Justin Young with his saxophone.

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Study on alternative water supply source makes sense for Oakland

Several communities in Oakland, Macomb and Genesee counties have joined together to study the feasibility of providing an alternative water supply to that offered by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

I wholeheartedly support that effort and have taken a leadership role to help the communities I serve join in this important undertaking. Communities in the suburban Detroit region are embarking on this road because they realize that they need



John McCulloch

Part of that strategy must include consideration of alternative water providers in the event that we have another major power outage such as occurred last summer.

We all remember the inconvenience when that power outage caused significant disruption of our water supply facilities. This proposed planning initiative addresses that kind of accident, whether natural or man-made, and it also takes into consideration the more important aspect of an ongoing security assessment effort as part of our homeland security measures.

Macomb and Genesee counties already are in the process of determining the feasibility of building a water treatment plant that could serve the tri-county area. It is exceedingly uncomfortable to think about it, but we must be mindful of the reality that we live in a world where ter-

rorism, whether domestic or foreign, is a fact of life. Recognizing that the majority of communities in Oakland and Macomb counties rely on Detroit for water, there is a widespread potential danger if there is a terrorist attack.

Even if only a small portion of the water supply were compromised in an attack, the confidence in the entire system would be in jeopardy. In other words, a small contamination would have the same psychological impact as total contamination. That's why I endorse a regional approach with several water providers by truly decentralizing the system.

The more partners we have in this equation, the better it is. More and more Oakland County communities are signing up. The idea behind the study is to provide a reasonable measure of reliability and security. If one system goes down or is somehow compromised, there still would be a partnering system to provide backup.

It is evident that my primary concern today is backup reliability and security. For that reason, I believe it is important for Detroit to participate. I envision a situation where these alternative sources could provide backup to Detroit and vice versa.

Admittedly, it will be expensive to develop this program. It's ambitious, but it is a matter of security and public health. Those two factors should override collateral concerns. As I've said before, I don't know of anyone who wants to compromise water quality. This is a bold step, but if we are to complete this journey, it's one we need to take.

John McCulloch is the Oakland County drain commissioner.

Fixing problems with DWSD isn't a task for state's politicians

A recent public hearing held in Bloomfield Township by state legislators on the practices of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) was really an exercise in beating a dead horse.



Kurt Kuban

Led by Rep Shelley Taub, R-Bloomfield Township, and Rep Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, the June 7 meeting was the third and final hearing conducted by the House Select Committee on the DWSD, a committee Taub proposed and chairs. The meeting was attended by less than a handful of area residents, which would seem to indicate that interest in the issue is no longer as strong as Taub and LaJoy had either thought or hoped.

According to Taub, the committee is looking at several aspects of the DWSD, including departmental efficiency and its rate-setting and security policies. But make no mis-

take, the ever-increasing water rates were the main topic of discussion at the hearing.

It's no secret that over the course of the last couple of years, Detroit has endured the wrath of suburban leaders and residents, who are upset about annual increases in water and sewer rates. And for good reason. A number of investigations have proved the DWSD, which supplies water to 4 million people in 126 communities, has had serious problems, from leaky water pipes to confusing rate-setting policies.

But all of those issues either have been or are currently being addressed by the bipartisan Southeast Michigan Consortium for Water Quality, which is trying to resolve the dispute between Detroit and its disgruntled suburban customers in a non-political format.

The 40-member group of government, business and environmental leaders from both the city and the suburbs, led by federal Judge John Feikens, has made great strides to find common ground, evidenced by Detroit's decision this week to share more finan-

cial information with its suburban customers.

When Taub introduced the resolution to form the committee in October, she said it is going to take regional cooperation to fix the DWSD's problems. She also said it's time to quit pointing fingers and find a workable solution. But it seems the very objective of these hearings, and the committee itself, is to point fingers at the inefficiencies of Detroit, which has already been made clearly evident.

Ironically, the three people who testified at the June 7 hearing — Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, Wayne Domme, superintendent of the Bloomfield Township water department, and John Schandavel, engineer for the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) — all suggested that communication between Detroit and the suburbs has greatly improved.

"Detroit has made great strides in the last year in explaining the rates," Domme said.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Taub said the com-

mittee will issue a full report of the committee's findings in July, and will recommend legislative changes if they are needed. But it's hard to imagine what the committee might determine that hasn't already been said.

Both Taub and LaJoy are up for re-election, and it doesn't hurt either of their causes to grandstand on this issue. Taking potshots at Detroit is easy and has never hurt the career of a suburban politician.

But fixing the DWSD is a regional problem that must have a regional solution. Politicizing the issue and pointing fingers at Detroit is the surest way to cause further division.

Taub and the state Legislature should get out of the way and let the consortium do its job. If at some point the members of the consortium come back and say they failed, then it will be time for legislative solutions.

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LETTERS

Time to repeal law is now

This is in response to Richard Miller's opinion about repealing the mandatory helmet law in Michigan.

H B 4325 is an adult choice helmet bill similar to Florida's helmet law. Only riders with a minimum of two years experience or who have passed a safety class and who are 21 years of age or older would have a choice of whether to wear a helmet or not.

There are now 31 states where, as an adult, I have the choice of wearing a helmet or not. If what Mr. Miller says is true, why haven't insurance

companies raised their rates in states that have repealed their mandatory helmet laws? Here in Michigan, I have to wear a helmet. Why aren't my insurance rates cheaper than in states where I don't have to wear a helmet?

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation did a study after they repealed their helmet law. They determined that, in fatal motorcycle accidents, 28-29 percent of fatalities were from head injuries. Of them, a slightly higher percentage of the victims were wearing a helmet compared to the victims who were not.

N.H.S.T.A. recently released motorcycle fatality statistics for

2003. There were a little over 3,000 motorcycle fatalities in the U.S. last year. A higher percentage of the victims were wearing a helmet compared to those who were not.

Mr. Miller claims that, by repealing the helmet law, Michigan citizens will be burdened with \$140 million in added economic costs. For what? He does not say. The fact is, more states are repealing their helmet laws, because they are finding out this is not true. Mandatory helmet use does not reduce fatalities.

There is no truth to the claim that the public will have to pay more in taxes or insurance for "incapacitating, cata-

strophic injuries that are likely to occur from hitting the pavement at high speed without a helmet or insurance," according to Mr. Miller. In fact, the costs associated with the treatment of motorcyclists injuries account for less than 1/10 of one percent of total U.S. health care costs (National Center for Health Statistics).

Michigan's economy will actually get a boost from tourism dollars, if the helmet law is changed. The time to change Michigan's mandatory helmet law is long overdue. I urge state legislators to vote yes on H B 4325.

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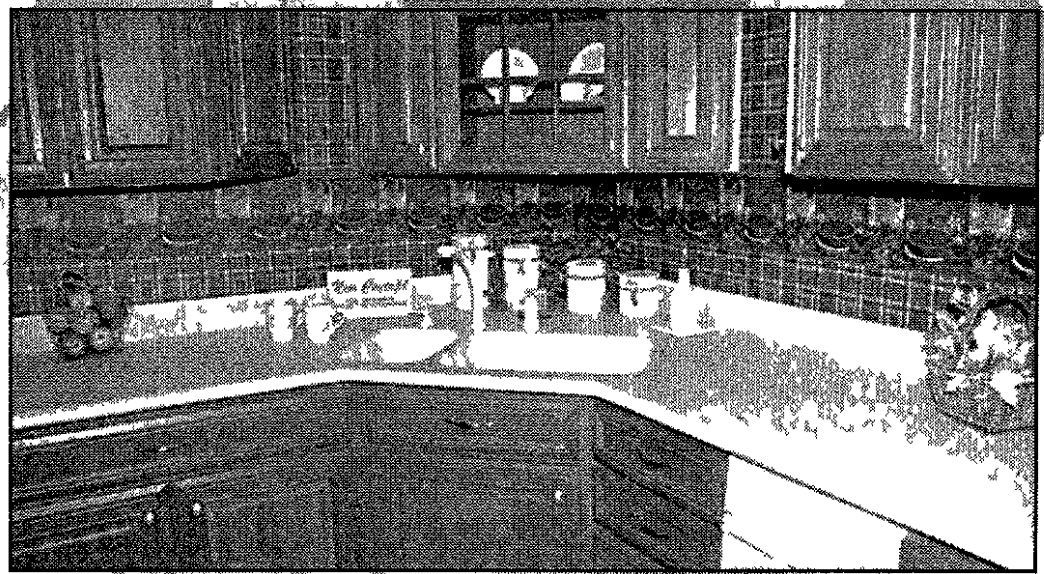
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Ernie Harwell leads walks throughout the state

Walking is booming among boomers. In a national survey by Harris Interactive published in 2003, baby boomers (the survey targeted a group of more than 1,000 adults age 44 to 56) rated walking as the No. 1 form of exercise they plan to pursue when they retire. Can walking be good for all ages? Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network are working to make the answer "yes."

The Michigan Blues are sponsoring a second round of free WalkingWorks fitness walks led by the company's health and fitness advocate, legendary baseball broadcaster Ernie Harwell.

"Walking is good medicine. It's preventive - keeping your joints oiled and your body ready to go," Harwell said.

Harwell will lead walks scheduled for today in Detroit, Sunday, July 25, in Lansing, Sunday, Aug. 1, in Grand Rapids, Saturday, Oct. 9, in Marquette, and Saturday, Oct. 30, in Frankenmuth.

The Detroit walk will start at 11 a.m. in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan courtyard at Congress and the I-75 service drive in downtown Detroit. Registration, warm ups, family festivities and a Harwell autograph session begin around 9 a.m.

This year the Detroit walk will end at Comerica Park just prior to pre-game festivities honoring the 1984 Tigers World Series championship team. Walkers pre-registering with the Blues before June 20 will be eligible for a \$10 discount on \$20 tickets to see the Tigers play the Arizona Diamondbacks. The game will have a reunion theme in honor of the 1984 World Series champions.

In the spirit of reunion, several Tiger legends and other sports greats and celebrities will join Harwell for a pre-walk pep rally in the Blues courtyard. Confirmed to date are 84 Tigers Tom Brookens, Darrell Evans and Dave Bergman. Also joining in are former Piston and current announcer Rick Mahorn, former Lion Lem Barney, former MSU basketball great Greg Kelsey and - to help everyone get moving - Motown legend Martha Reeves.

Additional pre-walk activities will appeal to all ages, from face painting and a visit from Tigers mascot Paws for children to massage therapy and Tai Chi for adults. All are free to registered walkers. People can register by phone at (800) 733-BLUE (2583) or online at www.bcbsm.com.

This year, the WalkingWorks program features a partnership among the Blues and other major downtown organiza-

tions, such as Compuware and the Federal Executive Board, which helps coordinate activities and pool resources of federal agencies in metropolitan Detroit.

At each WalkingWorks event, Michigan Blues organizers say they hope to not only encourage Michigan residents to make walking a regular habit, but also to raise awareness of the connection between physical activity and optimum

health. A majority of Michigan adults (53 percent) reported in 2002 that they do not meet recommended levels of physical activity (30 minutes a day for five or more days a week). Nearly a quarter of Michigan adults reported that they don't engage in any leisure time physical activity at all.

In the same year, 62 percent of Michigan adults were either overweight or obese. Michigan

has the third highest rate of obesity in the nation.

A report released last year showed that the four million Michigan residents who are physically inactive generated costs of nearly \$8.9 billion in 2002, or \$1,175 for each adult. These costs are borne largely by employers - through health insurance premiums and lost productivity - and by the state, through Medicaid payments. Blue Cross Blue Shield of

Michigan and Blue Care Network are nonprofit and independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has 4.8 million members in a variety of health care benefit plans, including Traditional Blue Cross Blue Shield, Blue Preferred and Community Blue PPOs, Blue Choice Point of Service and Blue Care Network of Michigan.



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To make finding homes a greater challenge, spring and summer brings an influx of homeless cats and kittens to shelters. The Michigan Humane Society's three shelters typically take in hundreds of cats and kittens each month, however that number can increase to the thousands during the spring and summer months.

National statistics show that only 3 percent of cats brought to shelters find a home. While the Michigan Humane Society cat adoption numbers are considerably better at 30 percent, their goal is to dramatically increase cat adoptions in an effort to find a permanent, loving home for every adoptable cat or kitten at their shelters. Visit a Michigan Humane Society shelter in Detroit (313-872-3400), Rochester Hills (248-852-7420) or Westland (734-721-7300). Or, visit the web site at www.michiganhumane.org and click on Adopt A Pet to check out photos and detailed descriptions of many adoptable cats and kittens. Adoptable pet listings are updated daily and include contact information for the appropriate Michigan Humane Society shelter. The web site also provides a map to each shelter and shelter hours under "MHS Info."

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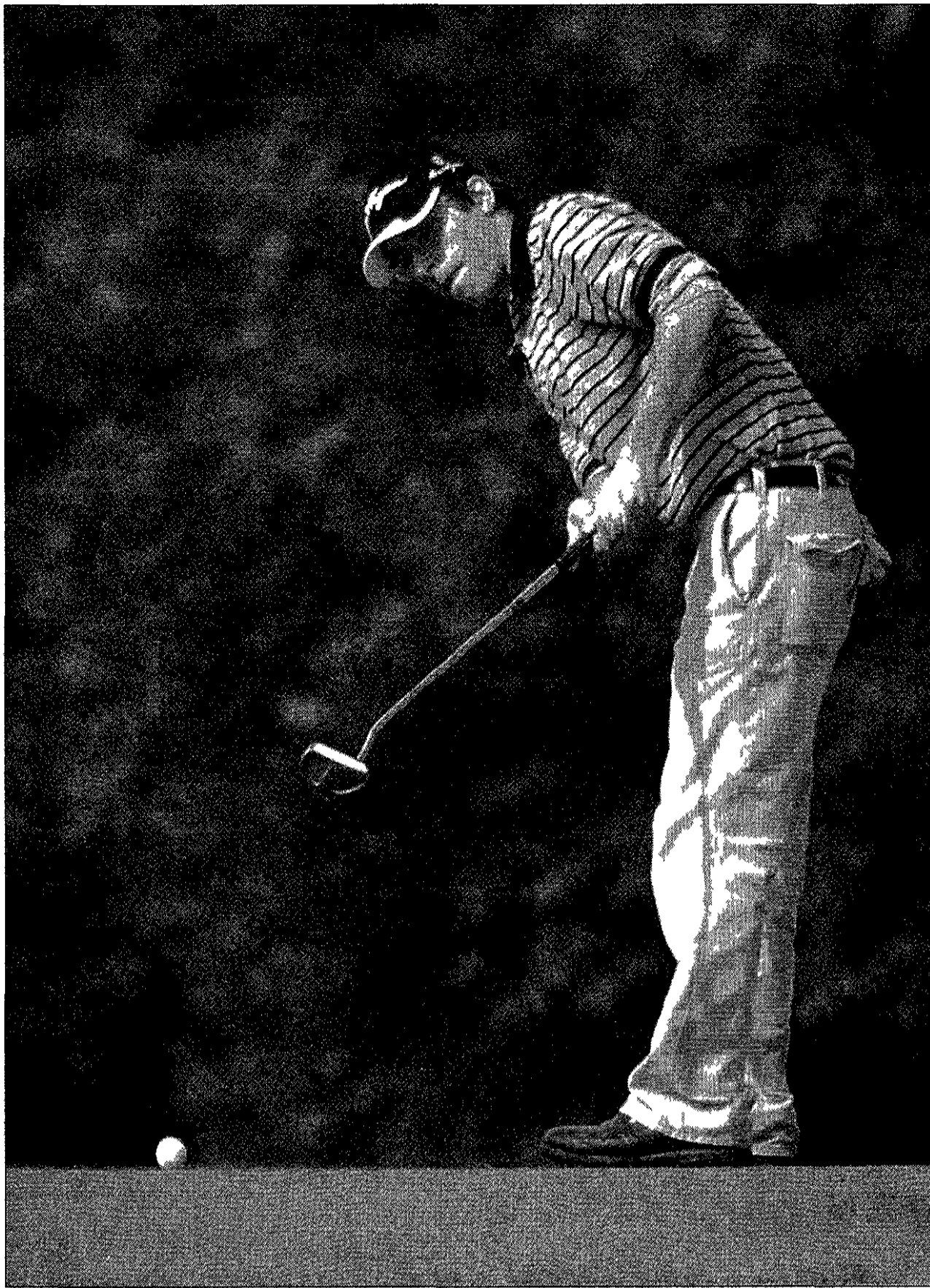
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Plymouth resident Craig Werner, a student at Redford Catholic Central High School, eyes the path of a putt at Friday's Mejer Junior Players Tour played at Salem Hills Golf Course in Northville

Local golfers find the fairway in junior event

The 174 junior golfers who participated in Friday's Mejer Junior Players Tour event at Northville's Salem Hills Golf Course did their best to avoid two things that most kids on summer vacation covet — sand and water.

Several Observerland-area participants in the one-day, 18-hole event were successful in side-stepping the Salem Hills hazards, notably Canton's Ross Gerulis, who earned medalist honors in the boys 13-

Several Observerland-area participants in the one-day, 18-hole event were successful in side-stepping the Salem Hills hazards, notably Canton's Ross Gerulis, who earned medalist honors in the boys 13-and-14 (years old) division with a 77.

Plymouth resident Patrick Gallagher matched Gerulis's 77, but it was only good enough for a tie for second in the boys 15-and-up bracket. Wolverine Lake's Tony Lis edged Gallagher by firing a four-over 76.

The 5-year-old MJPT program is a 26-event circuit that attracts some of the top young golfers in Michigan to many of the state's premier courses. Players are awarded points depending on where they finish in the standings each week. The top point-earners at the end of the year are awarded trophies.

Registered players are eligible to compete in two events in the summer, but can earn additional berths with top-10 finishes.

"The turnout we had at Salem Hills this week was above average," said MJPT commissioner Alger Baker, who said the usual field of players aged 8 to 18 is in the 150 range. "Salem Hills is a ideal site for this kind of event because it is a quality course, but it is very playable for the younger golfers. We try to reserve the more difficult courses for our Power-Built tour, which draws older, more accomplished

PLEASE SEE GOLFERS, B5

Sidelines

Double winners

Livonia-based Waza Flo won the Western Suburban Soccer League's under-10 boys Select Division One title June 12 with seven wins and two ties. The next day the team won the Gold Division of the Novi Jaguar Invitational, beating the Michigan Wolves in double overtime with a penalty-kick shootout.

The tournament took place Memorial Day weekend, but the under-10 boys final had to be rescheduled because of rain.

The team members are Franco Fenech, Livonia; Jake Finkbner, Farmington, Matt Trumbore, Novi; Casey Hagen, Plymouth Township; Adriel Neely, Farmington Hills; Joe Stephan, Plymouth; Logan Tigani, Livonia; Jeff Thomas, Livonia; Connor Furgason, Plymouth; Cameron Roberts, Redford; Christopher Clark, Farmington, and coach Dan Diac, Novi.

All-Star selection

Plymouth resident Laura Stewart has been named to a collegiate All-Star team that will play the Women's Olympic Softball team Friday at University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

The scheduled double-header is part of the preparation for the Women's Olympic team, which will participate in the Summer Olympics this August in Athens, Greece.

Stewart was selected as a pitcher against the Olympic team after having a record-breaking year at Western Michigan University.

During this past season, Stewart set the single-season record for strikeouts (236) and wins (23) at WMU, and is ranked among the MAC leaders in nearly every pitching category. Stewart was also named to the Academic All-American Conference First Team.

Grid tryouts

The Detroit Downriver Diesels' minor league football team will hold open tryouts at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6.

The tryouts will be held at the Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Road in Taylor. The tryouts are open to those 18 and older and the fee is \$10 per person.

For more information, please call (313) 294-0890 or visit www.detroitdownriverdiesels.com

Rock workouts

The Salem boys soccer team will hold optional conditioning workouts from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. beginning July 7 on the fields in front of the Phase III building adjacent to the high schools.

The workouts will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until July 23.

Official tryouts for the team will begin Aug. 9. For more information, contact Salem coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

Club attracts area's best swimmers

The Colony Swim Club's 25-meter outdoor pool is much more than just a summer recreational hang-out for its hundreds of members.

It's also a training facility for many of the elite youth swimmers in the Plymouth-Canton area.

The club, located one-quarter mile west of Plymouth High School off Beck Road, is the home of a competitive swim team that competes in the Summer Independent Swim League along with three clubs from Livonia and one from Northville.

"There are 182 members on the swim team between the ages of five and 18," said Robin Maslyk, the club's parent liaison. "In the summer, the kids practice about two hours a day and we have two meets a week. Each swimmer can swim in up to three events in a meet and the meets are divided into age groups."

Maslyk said both the boys' and girls' results are combined at the end of the meets when the final score is accumulated.

"The events available vary depending on the age groups of the kids," she said. "Some of the younger age groups swim shorter distances than the older ones. With as many kids as we have competing on our team, it's hard to let them all swim in more than three events. Meets last about two to two-and-a-half hours as it is."

"The league is pretty competitive. There are two teams that usually battle it out for first place every year, but you never know what can happen."

The team is coached by Kathy Sonnanstine, who is the parent of a Colony Swim Club team member.

"We're lucky to have Kathy as a coach," Maslyk said. "She volunteers a lot of her time and does a great job."

Special kids thrilled with 'Challenge'

Sometimes the simplest things in life bring the greatest rewards.

Like when 11-year-old Connor Jablonowski of Garden City quit kicking the soccer ball with all his might to the opposite end of the soccer field and started passing it with purpose to his teammates.

A casual observer would not have been impressed by the basic maneuver. However, Connor's mom, Darlene, felt a sense of pride for her autistic son that words could not measure.

Connor's rapid improvement on the soccer field was honed on one of the mini-soccer fields located on the upper level of Canton's High Velocity

Sports facility. Connor, a student at Garden City's Burger School, is a participant in HVS's Soccer Challenge program, which gives physically and mentally challenged youngsters a chance to compete in soccer instead of watching the game from the sidelines.

"During the first week of the program, Connor would just walk up to the ball and kick it as far as he could," Darlene Jablonowski explained. "Now, after eight weeks, he's actually passing the ball and interacting with his teammates. He loves it, too. We have the schedule on the refrigerator and he'll remind me when it's time to play."

While Connor's enhanced

soccer moves are impressive, Darlene Jablonowski has gotten more satisfaction from another skill Connor has mastered while participating in the program.

"He's socializing with the other kids, which is something he had a hard time doing before," she said. "He'll go up and show another player his watch, things like that. This program has done a lot for him."

HVS's Drew Crawford said the program was the idea of his fellow employee, Tracy Thelen, who is the mother of a special-needs child.

"A lot of times, there isn't a lot offered for kids with disabilities," Crawford said. "So Tracy came up with the idea of

the Soccer Challenge so that these kids could get an opportunity to do something fun and athletic. It's been great so far. It's basically a clinic for the kids. They learn how to dribble, pass, shoot and work as a team. We've received positive feedback from the parents."

The trainer for the eight-week program is Amy Gizicki, a member of the Salem girls soccer team.

According to Darlene Jablonowski, Gizicki has used a perfect blend of patience and expertise to teach the kids soccer fundamentals.

"Amy has been absolutely great with the kids," she said.

PLEASE SEE CHALLENGE, B3

Coach turns soccer team around quickly

A year ago, Thurston's girls soccer team struggled to score — to put it politely.

The Eagles had a 1-13-1 record and were shut out in more games than they had total goals for the season.

A combination of moving down to the Mega Blue and Jason Brater becoming the new head coach paid immediate dividends. The Eagles went 11-7-1 overall and had an 11-0-1 record in the league. As a reward, Brater — a 31-year-old history teacher at the school — was named the Observerland coach of the year.

"We used a more aggressive style than we previously had," said Brater, a Cornell grad who had taken the 2003 season off from coaching, but had been a junior varsity and varsity assistant coach prior to that.

The additions of Cindy Wyler and Bernadette Fisher helped

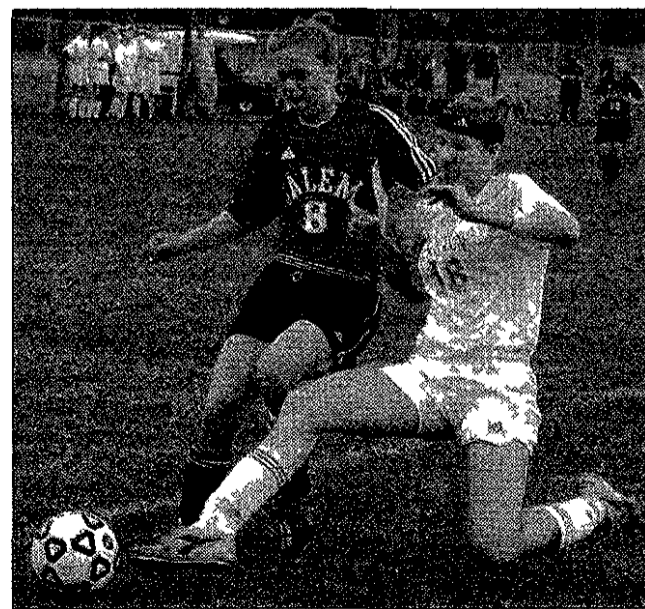
(with 37 goals and 28 assists). But the credit has to go all the way around. The girls were more like a team this year. Rather than each girl trying to score, the offense was trying to score. They would give up shots to pass for a better shot. They were unselfish all the way around."

As for the players on the Observerland girls soccer team, it's no surprise that it was dominated by teams from the Western Lakes Activities Association — since the league had five schools ranked in the state's top 10 for much of the year.

Livonia Stevenson leads the way with three members on the team, while Salem, Canton and Livonia Ladywood have two each.

Redford Union, Garden City and Livonia Franklin have one member each.

To see who they are, please turn to page B2.



Salem's Marissa Sarkesian and Canton's Katie Esper battle for the ball during a game earlier this year. Sarkesian earned All-Area first-team honors while Esper merited honorable mention recognition. For the complete All-Area team, see page B2.



Melissa Dobbyn
Liv. Stevenson



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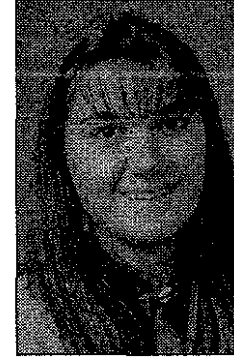
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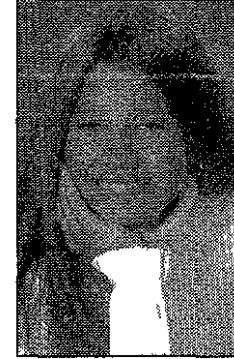
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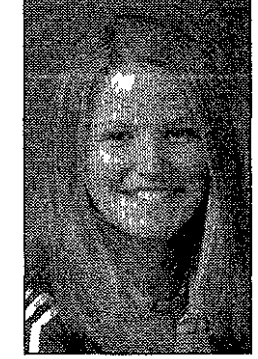
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Lia Williamson
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Salem



Sue Christenson
Liv. Ladywood



Renee Farrell
Liv. Franklin



Christine Williams
Liv. Ladywood



Brittany Cervi
Canton

FIRST TEAM

Melissa Dobbyn, Sr F, Liv Stevenson The senior bounced back nicely from knee surgery after missing entire the previous season to score 23 goals and add six assists for the WLA and Division I district champions Dobbyn bound for the University of Michigan made the All State Dream Team as well as first team All State in Division I All Region All District and All Western Lakes.

Melissa is the best player in the state as far as I'm concerned said Stevenson coach **Chris Pinta** of his team MVP She was always the most marked player on our team and the most marked player in the state Heads were turning every time she runs and hits the ball She can do it all and she's the best player I've ever coached boys or girls

Stefanie Stephens Jr F, Redford Union There was no mystery in the Panthers offense this season Stephens was going to shoot the ball And when she did more often than not she scored Stephens set a school record with 32 goals and added seven assists on the season in leading RU to a 10 7 1 overall mark and a second place finish in the Mega White

Everyone knows we're going to her on every play and it makes no difference said RU coach John Jazwinski of his All Mega White player She's as good as I've seen against a quadruple team and she sees that a lot She's a target player

Holly Walker Jr F Garden City Walker was the mainstay of the Cougars offense - averaging 77 minutes in her 18 games But she also scored 17 goals had nine assists and was GC's first threat on offense

She probably should have had more assists but we couldn't finish said GC coach Bill Torri She has a good first touch is a nice passer and very quick She's a very nice player

Walker just a junior was a first team Mega Red selection

Jamie Radley, Jr F Liv Stevenson The junior made third team All State in Division I along with reaping All WLA honors She finished the year with 11 goals and nine assists

Jamie is the hardest worker I've ever seen Pinta said She's extremely coachable and she's a student of the game She always looking to get better and she does game by game

We look to have her lead us next year **Andrea Johnson, Jr F Canton** The junior earned All Division All Western Lakes All Regional and second team All State (Division I) honors She tallied a team high 20 goals and four assists leading the Chiefs to a 14 3 3 record

Andrea is a solid player who could play any position on the field even keeper said Canton coach Don Smith In most of our games she was the best player on the field She has great field sense and can kick

ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

FIRST TEAM

- F-Melissa Dobbyn Sr Liv Stevenson
- F-Stefanie Stephens Jr RU
- F-Holly Walker Jr Garden City
- F-Jamie Radley Jr Liv Stevenson
- F-Andrea Johnson Jr Canton
- MF-Marissa Sarkesian Sr Salem
- MF-Lia Williamson Jr Liv Stevenson
- D-Jordan Falcusan Sr Salem
- D-Sue Christenson Sr Liv Ladywood
- D-Renee Farrell Jr Liv Franklin
- D-Christine Williams Sr Liv Ladywood
- GK-Brittany Cervi Jr Canton

SECOND TEAM

- F-Bernadette Fisher Fr Red Thurston
- F-Rachel Perry Sr Canton
- F-Caitlin Colwell Sr Westland Glenn
- F-Kate Howe So Liv Stevenson
- F-Lindsay Rowe Jr Liv Ladywood
- MF-Michelle Allen Jr Liv Churchill
- MF-April Kosinski Jr Garden City
- MF-Amy Gizicki Jr Salem
- D-Kathryn Wheatley Jr Salem
- D-Jessica Cleary Sr Ply Christian
- D-Megan McCarthy Jr Salem
- D-Jessica Cadwell Jr Liv Franklin
- D-Beckie Walker Sr Luth Westland
- GK-Mindy Magoulick Sr Liv Stevenson

COACH OF THE YEAR

Jason Brater Redford Thurston

HONORABLE MENTION

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Year

Renee Farrell Jr Def, Liv Franklin. The junior started and played in 18 of 19 games for 10 B 1 Franklin scoring three goals

As the leader of the defense at center back the All Western Lakes selection helped the Patriots limit 17 of their 19 opponents to two goals or less

Renee anchored our backfield with confidence Franklin coach Jen Barker said She is a smart player who reads the game well and helps dictate play offensively and defensively One of her goals came off a 60 yard dribble She assisted on many goals on either corner kicks or service from the back to a front runner

Renee is a key component to our defense and she helps to keep everyone organized and helps out blocking shots She uses her speed well to chase down forwards or loose balls She does a great job of limiting the other team's chances of getting close to the ball

Christine Williams Sr Def, Liv Ladywood The senior defender started all four years for the Blazers and this season served as the team's stopper en route to All Catholic League and All District (Division II) honors

As a junior Williams made All Catholic All District and was honorable mention All State She had one goal and two assists this season while marking the opponent's top player

Williams who carries a 3.5 grade point average also made the Division II Academic All State team She is headed to play this fall at the University of Findlay (Ohio)

Christine has also been a key defensive player for us the last four years Logsdon said Because I force her to play a very defensive role for us she does not obtain many stats but she is definitely a dominant player on our team

She is very strong in the air and plays with great intensity and passion She has been an exceptional role model for her teammates and will be greatly missed

Brittany Cervi Jr GK Canton After playing sparingly last year Cervi established herself early this year and finished with 10 shutouts and a 14 3 3 record She earned All Conference and All District recognition after allowing just 11 goals in 20 games

Brittany is not a big girl but she is very tenacious and quick to the ball said Canton coach Don Smith Early in the season she wanted to come off the line a little too soon but she was a fast learner as her record shows For her to perform like she did this year after only playing in a couple of games last year was great

equally well with both feet

Marissa Sarkesian, Sr MF Salem The senior was voted All Western Lakes All District All Regional and first team All State (Division I) She scored 10 goals and dished out 18 assists leading the Rocks to a 11 6 1 record

Marissa is an extremely talented player who gets every member of the team involved when she's out there said Salem coach Joe Nora She is very fast very athletic and does a great job of being in the right position at the right time on the field

Lia Williamson Jr MF, Liv Stevenson The junior made second team All State (Division I) as well as All Western Lakes She finished the year with 10 goals and five assists

Lia is doing all her scoring from the midfield which is pretty impressive Pinta said She can finish she's a leader very good with the ball and is a smart player

Aside from (Melissa) Dobbyn she's the smartest player on our team

Jordan Falcusan Sr Def Salem The senior enjoyed a dream season that culminated in enough post season hardware to fill a decent sized trophy case The Rocks' defensive catalyst racked up 16 goals and four

assists on her way to making the All Division Dream Team All Western Lakes All District and first team All State

Jordan's biggest strength is her work ethic Salem coach Joe Nora said She out hustled everyone else on the field plus obviously she has great skills Her hard work amplified her skill level and made her a special player

Sue Christenson Sr Def Liv Ladywood The senior defender garnered first team All Observer honors for the second straight year while earning first team Division II All State accolades as well as All Catholic League honors

Christenson finished with three goals and six assists this season She had 17 goals and 17 assists in her career

Sue has been a key player and the core of our defense the last four years said Ladywood coach Jill Logsdon of the second year captain We had a young defense but Sue and Christine (Williams) helped mold them into a powerful force

One amazing thing about Sue is her ability to generate offense from the sweep er position She truly start our offensive attacks with her great vision

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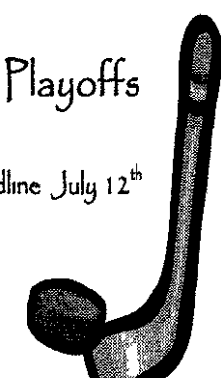
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Inaugural Hershey's track and field event draws 80

Canton Township Leisure Services hosted its inaugural Hershey Track-and-Field event on June 22 at Plymouth High School. Over 80 boys and girls between the ages of nine and 14 participated in the competition, which was free for local residents.

"We were very pleased with the turnout," said Canton Township Leisure Services spokesperson Ann-Marie Carravallah. "We spread the word through the other camps and programs we put together, and I thought the number of participants we drew was very good for the first year."

Athletes were eligible to compete in a maximum of three events. The track events included the 50-, 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes. The field events included the softball throw and the standing long jump.

Listed below are the results for this year's competition.

**INAUGURAL CANTON LEISURE SERVICES
HERSHEY'S TRACK AND-FIELD RESULTS
June 22 2004 Plymouth High School
50 METER DASH**

BOYS 9 & 10 1 William Askew 2 Devin McMillan 3 Michael Akleh

GIRLS 9 & 10 1 Rachael Hille 2 Karah McKinney 3 Shelby M
100 METER DASH

BOYS 9 & 10 1 Mosea Miles 2 Devin McMillan 3 Rodger MacArthur
GIRLS 9 & 10 1 Jessica Rice 2 Karah McKinney 3 Alexandria Felts
BOYS 11 & 12 1 Justin Robinson 2 Steven Robinson 3 Mitchell
Vaughn

GIRLS 11 & 12 1 Jamie Fobar 2 Marguerite Wooley 3 Tracey Fu
BOYS 13 & 14 1 Tyree Scott 2 Sohil Shelh

200 METER DASH

BOYS 9 & 10 1 William Askew 2 Mosea Miles 3 Ryan Fobar
GIRLS 9 & 10 1 Rachael Hille 2 Jessica Rice 3 Alexandria Felts
BOYS 11 & 12 1 Andrew Kne 2 Mitchell Vaughn 3 Justin Robinson
GIRLS 11 & 12 1 Jamie Fobar 2 Kathy Belikov 3 Tracey Fu
BOYS 13 & 14 1 Tyree Scott 2 Sohil Shelh

SOFTBALL THROW

BOYS 9 & 10 1 Devin McMillan 2 William Askew 3 Daniel Derosa
GIRLS 9 & 10 1 Andrea Jublonski 2 Lenora Jordan
BOYS 11 & 12 1 Justin Choma 2 Andrew Fontaine 3 Justin
Robinson

GIRLS 11 & 12 1 Margarute Wooley 2 Tracey Fu

STANDING LONG JUMP

BOYS 9 & 10 1 Mosea Miles 2 Daniel Derosa 3 Joel Hartom
GIRLS 9 & 10 1 Karah McKinney 2 Alexandria Felts 3 Rachael Hille
BOYS 11 & 12 1 Andrew Fontaine 2 Jay Thanedar 3 Ashwin K
GIRLS 11 & 12 1 Erica Piccirilli

400-METER RUN

BOYS 11 & 12 1 Justin Choma 2 Andrew Fontaine 3 Andrew Kne
GIRLS 11 & 12 1 Kathy Belikov

CHALLENGE

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She knows the sport well and realizes that it takes time for these kids to learn.

"The most satisfying thing about it so far is seeing how much the kids have improved," Gizicki said. "We work on basic drills for half the practice then

play a game the second half. The improvement I've seen in the kids over the past eight weeks has been amazing."

The program is designed for kids from 6 to 14 years old. They meet for a one-hour practice once a week for eight weeks. The registration fee is \$50.

"Because it's new, there aren't as many participants as we

hope there will be in the future," Crawford said. "Hopefully, the word will get out there about how beneficial the program is for the kids, and it will continue to grow."

The second eight-week session begins today and runs through Aug. 29.

For more information on how to get your child involved, call HVS at (734) 487-7678.

Baseball school sessions set

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.

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Merger of associations good for bowling

A new format has been installed for the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and the Detroit Women's Bowling Association following its annual awards dinner and installation of officers and directors for 2004-2005 held June 17 at the DeCarlos Banquet Center in Warren.

Since the merger of men's and women's organizations were voted and passed on in May, it was already preceded by the unification of both the GDBA and DWBA earlier in the year.

The consolidation into one office was keep up the administrative duties and keep the costs down at the same time for the men and women who work so diligently behind the scenes.

So guess what? It's really working in Detroit and should carry over at to national level starting Jan 1. The program turned out a little longer than expected as

both the men and women official appointees, along with awards honorees, were all presented together at one large event.

As he has done for the past 11 years, Judge David Szymanski swore in all of the newly elected and appointed officials.

Immediate past GDBA president Kenneth Swan handed over the gavel to incoming president Jerry Owczarski of South Lyon.

Among the highest honorees each year are the King and Queen of Detroit bowling. Those awards were presented by DWBA President Myrtha Cooper to Altramese (Mickey) Webb, who recorded a 225.6 composite average for the 2003-04 season, and by Swan of the GDBA to Mark Moore, the new captain of the All-City first-team and champion of the 2004 GDBA Masters tournament.

Moore also captured the singles title with an 804 series in the GDBA City event. He was also a member of the Lang's Wangs team which captured first in the same tourney.

Since the trend is away from hardware (trophies) to apparel like embroidered jackets, Moore won't have to buy a jacket for the next 50 years. John Bennett received his

championship jacket for winning the 2003-04 GDBA Senior Masters Championship, while the Bowler's Achievement Award was presented to Frank Gavie (nephew of John P. Gavie).

Ernie Segura, Jr. (or was it really the actor Nicholas Cage?) presented the Meritorious Service Award to Henry Mistele, owner of Mayflower and Beech Lanes. Henry has served as master of ceremonies at the John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament in every recent event.

The DWBA women installed Libbi Fletcher as first vice-president. New directors for 2004 and beyond include Ann Block, Lisa Henkel and Anita Maiorana.

The DWBA City Tournament champions include Division I, Fab Five, total pinfall 3,608, Division II, I'm Not Drunk Enough, 3,740, Division III, Logicals and Chique Ladies (tie), 3,807 each. Among the doubles winners Division I, Norma Maynard and Lesley Houghtaling 1,552, Division II, Colleen Glombowski and Crystal Winbiger, 1,634, Division III, Jennifer and Suzanne Bator, 1,586.

Crowned singles champions Division I, Jamie Consigho, 523 plus 321-844, Division II,

Becky Smith, 642 plus 191-833, Division III, Felicia Dickerson, 746 plus 137-883.

All-events champs included Division I (handicap), Colleen Glombowski, 2,401 and actual 1,705, Division II (handicap), Valerie Misch, 2,395 with 1,903 actual, Division III (handicap), Felicia Dickerson, 1,985 plus 411 plus, 2,396, Actual, Lisa Bishop, 2,226. Jenice Perich earned the Agnes Eckstrom Memorial Award based on series over-average score as she rolled games of 216-278-232 for 726 series, which was 201 pins over her 175 average.

Michelle Ewald was the Queens winner, while Most Improved went to Kimberly Crowell, who jumped 42 pins from 150 to 192.

Helen Seaman was also honored as Secretary of the Year.

All of the above was preceded by a fine family style meal, which they always do for bowlers. The sport makes one arm much longer than usual, so it's easier to reach for the extra helping of chicken or roast beef, or whatever else is served.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or E mail at tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net

After sluggish start, Rams unbeaten in 10

Manager Rick Berryman certainly had concerns, but wasn't in the panic mode when his Michigan Lake Area Rams got off to a 1-4 start in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Since then, the Rams are unbeaten in their last 10 games, sitting in second place with 21 points, while battling the Longhorns for the direct seed into the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in August in Johnstown, Pa.

Berryman didn't anticipate that two outfielders he had signed prior to the summer, Madonna University's Preston Picard and Oakland University's Brad Noel, wouldn't be available because of personal family matters.

Michigan State pitcher Dan Noble also had to have reconstructed arm surgery following his last outing of the year in the Big Ten Tournament. And yet another outfielder, Adam Schulz of Wayne State, was also injured, but has since returned to the lineup.

"We had some guys hurt early and we were a little weak," said Berryman, whose team improved to 10-4-1 in the LCBL following a 7-3 victory Friday over Eagles at Ford Field. "We lost some close games. We had to regroup and get some players."

Berryman got a boost when he landed former Michigan Prep Mr. Baseball Nick Thurman of Warren Mott, who spent his freshman year playing football at Bowling Green State University.

The 6-3, 225-pound Thurman plans to transfer from BG and play baseball, according to Berryman.

"He's strong what a player," the Rams manager said. "He was a huge pickup for us and has been a valuable asset. He'll also pitch."

Four teams in the LCBL are 20-and-under, while the other four, including league-leading Michigan Bulls, are 22-and-under. The other postseason berth at stake is the National

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Amateur Baseball Federation (College Division) Tournament in Toledo, Ohio.

"The games this year have been closer, there's been a real competitive balance," Berryman said. "We have a lot of kids playing. There's a lot of party."

Livonia Stevenson High grad Gary Zielke pitched five strong innings of relief for Thurman, the starter, to get the win over the Eagles. He allowed just two runs on three hits and two walks.

Zielke also went 3-4 at the plate and scored a pair of runs. Ryan Heath and Kyle Fedorka (Madonna) added two hits apiece, while Thurman contributed a two-run, ground-rule double. Stevenson's Brian Campbell (Central Michigan) also knocked in a run.

In Wednesday's 1-0 win over the Panthers, Thurman went 2-for-3 with a run scored. The Rams, who had a total of six hits, got an RBI triple from Ben Darga, scoring Thurman with the game-winning run.

Other hits were collected by Jon Wiesman (Wayne State), who had a double, Dan Dobberowsky and Campbell.

Redford's Corey Krug, who played high school baseball at Southfield Christian and now throws for Hillsdale College, tossed a four-hitter in the victory.

He faced just 23 batters, allowing no runs and no walks in seven innings.

"As the players get to know each other better we've been pitching well and have gotten some timely hitting," said Berryman, the former Redford Union High coach and now MU assistant.

UM-Dearborn joins Wolverine-Hoosier

The Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference announced Tuesday that the University of Michigan-Dearborn has joined the league as an associate member effective July 1. UM-D will compete in men's and women's basketball, and volleyball starting with the 2004-05 season.

"UM-Dearborn has competed against WHAC members for a number of years and is a great geographical fit for the WHAC," said WHAC Commissioner Dr. T. Alan Twietmeyer. "Our current member institutions are excited to have the Wolves as a conference member and look forward to what they can bring to the WHAC."

UM-Dearborn Athletics Director Peggy Foss also expressed excitement on behalf of the university.

"The University of Michigan-Dearborn Department of Recreation and Athletics is pleased to be a member of the Wolverine-

Hoosier Athletic Conference," said Foss. "It gives our athletes an opportunity to establish school rivalries, play in front of larger crowds and develop a sense of belonging. The WHAC is known for its academic and athletic integrity, which is important to the UM-Dearborn athletics program."

UM-Dearborn is an NAAIA member institution, but was not affiliated with any conference before accepting an invitation to the WHAC. Foss added that UM-D hopes to make additions to the number of sports it currently offers over a five-year period in hopes of becoming a full member of the WHAC in the future.

The WHAC took the first of two substantial hits in 2003 when Tri-State University announced it was leaving the conference in a bid to become an NCAA institution. Spring Arbor was the second

school to announce its intentions to leave the WHAC, joining another NAAIA conference (MCC) following the 2003-04 season.

With the addition of UM-D, the WHAC will be able to keep its automatic NAAIA bid status in volleyball and men's and women's basketball. Dr. Twietmeyer reiterated that the WHAC continues to strive for additional members to help in areas where the number of conference teams in a given sport has fallen to a less-than-desired level.

"We continue to explore options to add NAAIA member institutions that are not part of a conference currently as well as look into associate membership in certain sports," he added. "We are pleased that our current institutions are also making plans to add sports, helping the WHAC to continue its growth."



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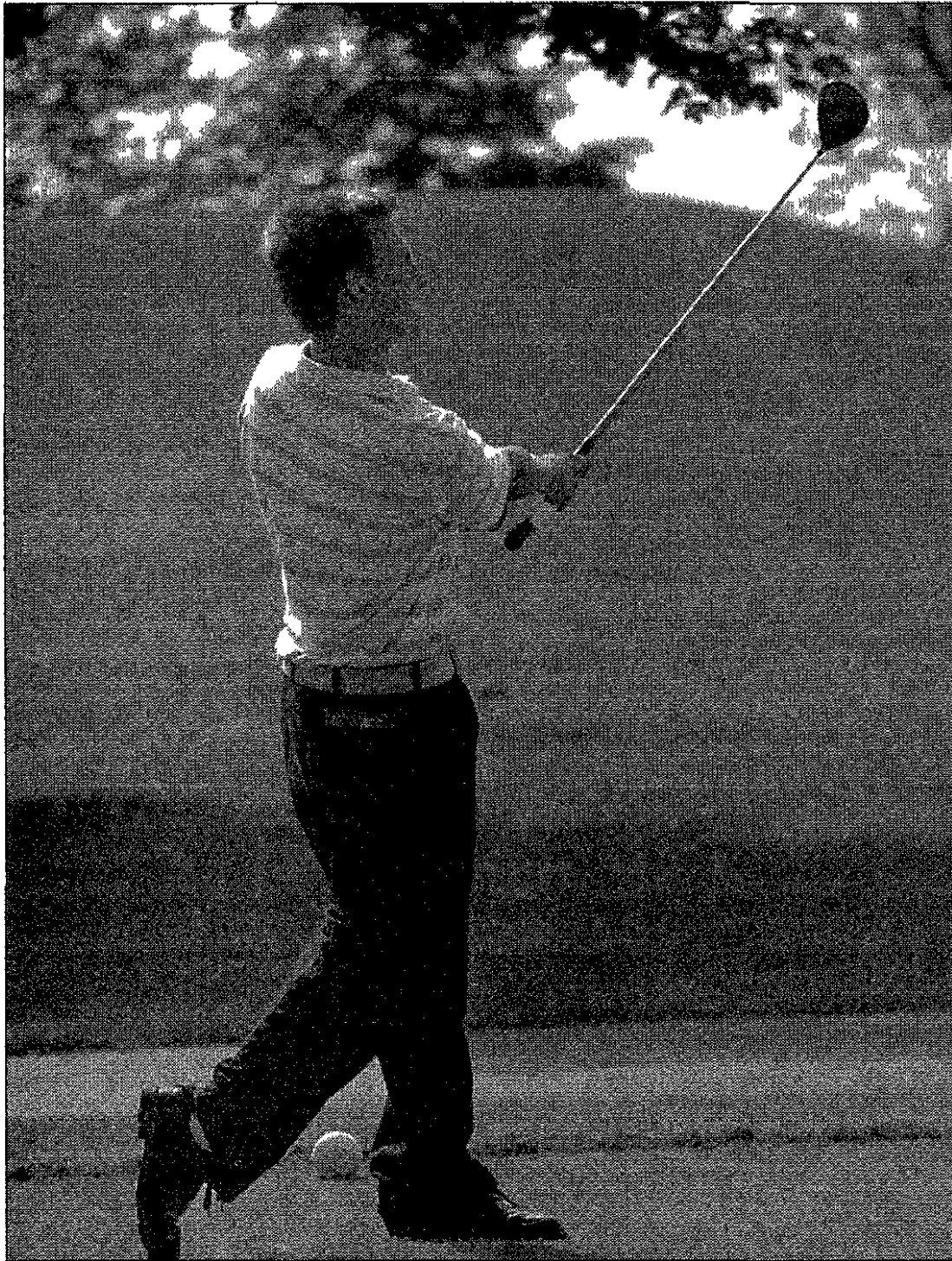
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Plymouth resident Nicholas Foster, a student at Redford Catholic Central High School, watches his drive sail down the middle of the first fairway Friday during the Meijer Junior Players Tour at Salem Hills Golf Course

GOLFERS

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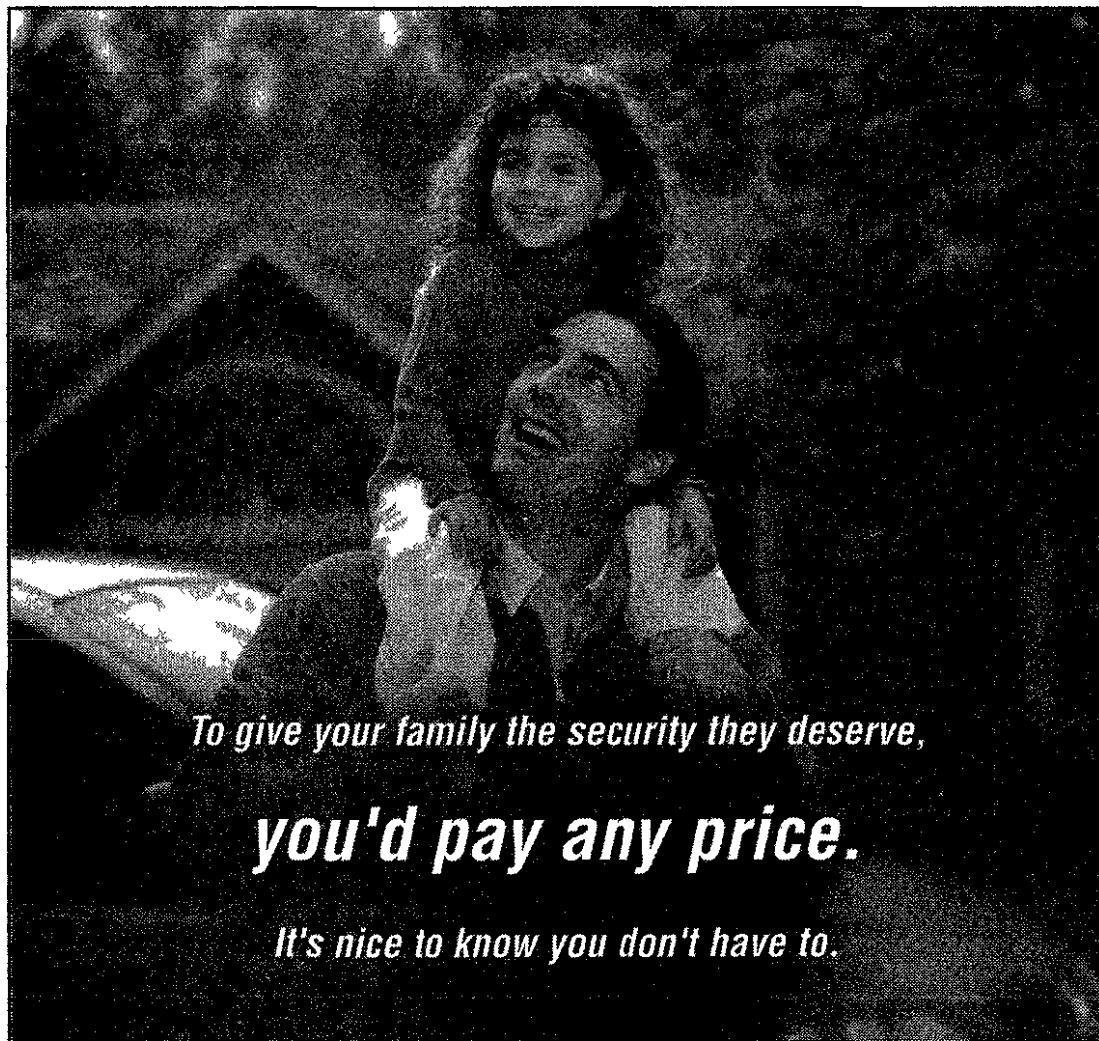
A pair of Plymouth residents – Nick Taggie and Nicholas Foster – turned in respectable rounds of 82 to finish in a tie for 13th in the 15-and-up division. Canton’s Ryan Hoeman

and Plymouth’s Craig Werner both fired 87’s and Livonia’s Drew Herron carded an 88.

In the girls 15-and-up division, Grand Blanc’s Sarah Gerbig almost lapped the field with her 77, which was 15 strokes better than the runner-up, Justine Benford of Linden. Livonia Stevenson golfer Chrissy McHenry shot a 96, which earned her fifth place

Livonia’s Ryan Alger gave Gerulis a run for his money in the 13-and-14 age group, shooting a 78 to finish in a three-way tie for second.

Plymouth’s Brendan Murr was the highest Observerland-area finisher in the 10-to-12 bracket. He finished seventh with an 88, 15 shots behind medalist Billy Teer of Grand Blanc.



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For more information, call Kelly McCausland at (734) 454-0704 or e-mail bigju016@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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GOLF INFO

Tryouts for Madonna University's men's and women's golf teams will be 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 e-mail at billdurham@pga.com

Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all levels of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course near Plymouth.

For more information, log on at www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272

SOCCER SIGNUP

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 Web site at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

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Anyone interested in those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700 or stop at the Plymouth athletic department, located at 8400 N. Beck Road in Canton to pick up an application.

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.

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ments, and picture CD of the reunion.

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STEVENSON GRID REUNION

Livonia Stevenson High School plans to stage a 40-year football all-player reunion, Friday, Sept. 10, during its game against Livonia Churchill.

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LIVONIA GOLF PRACTICE

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is offering golf practice from 9 a.m. to noon each Wednesday at the Community Recreation Center, located at Hubbard and Five Mile roads.

An annual pass or daily fee is required in addition to the \$6 bucket fee. For more information, call (734) 466-2900.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to the Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150

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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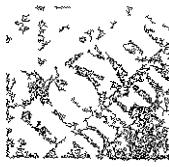
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Around Town

Deb Madonna

Tanger kids have spirit

Graduation from the IPSEP Program at Tanger Center doesn't look any different than graduation from other preschool graduation celebrations

Wearing graduation caps and big smiles, the children marched into the auditorium to the tune of *Tomorrow's a New Day*. They walked in with confidence that matched the theme for the day, "I think I can, I think I can. I know I can."

IPSEP is the Infant-Preschool Special Education Program in the Plymouth-Canton school district. The program is open to children from birth to 6 years of age.

Tanger's staff consists of teachers, speech and language therapists, occupational and physical therapists, a nurse, psychologist, social workers, and paraprofessionals. Jennifer Anderson, Norma Beauchamp, Donna Brzuch, Teri Dillon, Lori Franzen, Tracee Harris-Kloian, Mary Kay Herr, Lisa McBride, Susan Niekirk, Janice Niemienski, Lori Place, Carmen Placinta, Patty Shiffer, Loren Schwartzfeld, Francie Smilie, Kathy Smith, Julie Woodhams and Corrine Yergenson.

It was obvious the staff rehearsed the songs as many times as the children. No one missed a word or hand gesture as they sang *I've Been Working on the Railroad*, *Magic Sticks* and *The Three Little Pigs Blues*.

For the finale, the IPSEP staff handed out diplomas. As the children's names were called, they waved to mom and dad, as proud families took pictures and videos.

No graduation would be complete without extended family. These little ones were lucky enough to have their adopted "grandmas and grandpas" in attendance. The seniors citizens are from Plymouth Inn. The children sang *Skinnamarink* and dedicated the song to their special guests.

Parents and the IPSEP staff put on a great graduation party. They have also worked with parents, preparing for the next step in the children's education.

If the children are lucky enough to have teachers and therapists like the ones they've had at Tanger Center, who believe in them, stand by them, and maybe sing a song or two, school will be a remarkable and fantastic experience.

What do the small graduates, the class of 2004, want for themselves? They want to play with friends and the chance to do everything.

That's where parents come into the picture. Their job is to hold all the doors open so their children will have the opportunity, and to cheer for them every step of the way.

MEDICAL CAREER

Caleb James of Taylor, a sophomore at Plymouth Christian Academy, recently enrolled in the National Youth Leadership forum on Medicine, which takes place in Washington, D.C., July 18-27. Caleb joins 350 high school students from around the country who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential and an interest in a career in medicine.

The forum will introduce Caleb to concepts in public health, medical ethics, research and general practice. Caleb is class chaplain at PCA, where he has lettered in soccer, cross country and track, and has played junior varsity basketball. He has maintained a 3.89 grade point average.

He participated with the 2003 Plymouth Canton robotics team, where he received the creativity award.

Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. If you have an item you'd like to contribute to *Around Town*, she can be reached at clarion@storytellerde.com.

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The beat of different drums

Corps bangs out an evening of entertainment

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

The snares' crisp cadence and the blast of the brass sliced through the cool summer evening Tuesday as eight top-notch drum corps from the U.S. and Canada competed in Drum Corps International's Summer Music Games 2004 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium in Canton.

Some 3,000 people packed the bleachers at the Park to be dazzled by dynamic drill, a myriad of musical selections from classics to jazz to show tunes and outstanding choreography and dance.

"It gives me goose bumps already!" said Bloomfield Hills resident Cherie Foronato as the drum cadences reverberated across the Park in warmups before the show began.

"Drum corps is in my blood," said the 1974 graduate of Regina High School in Harper Woods. "I was on a state championship drill team in high school, sponsored by the VFW. We were state champs for 12 years and I coached the team after I graduated."

"Just hearing the drums today brings back a lot of memories. When I saw the article in the paper, I just had to come."

Foronato brought her sister, who was also on the Regina team, her mother and her daughter, a high school sophomore. "I wanted my daughter to see what I was part of in high school," she said.

EVOLVING

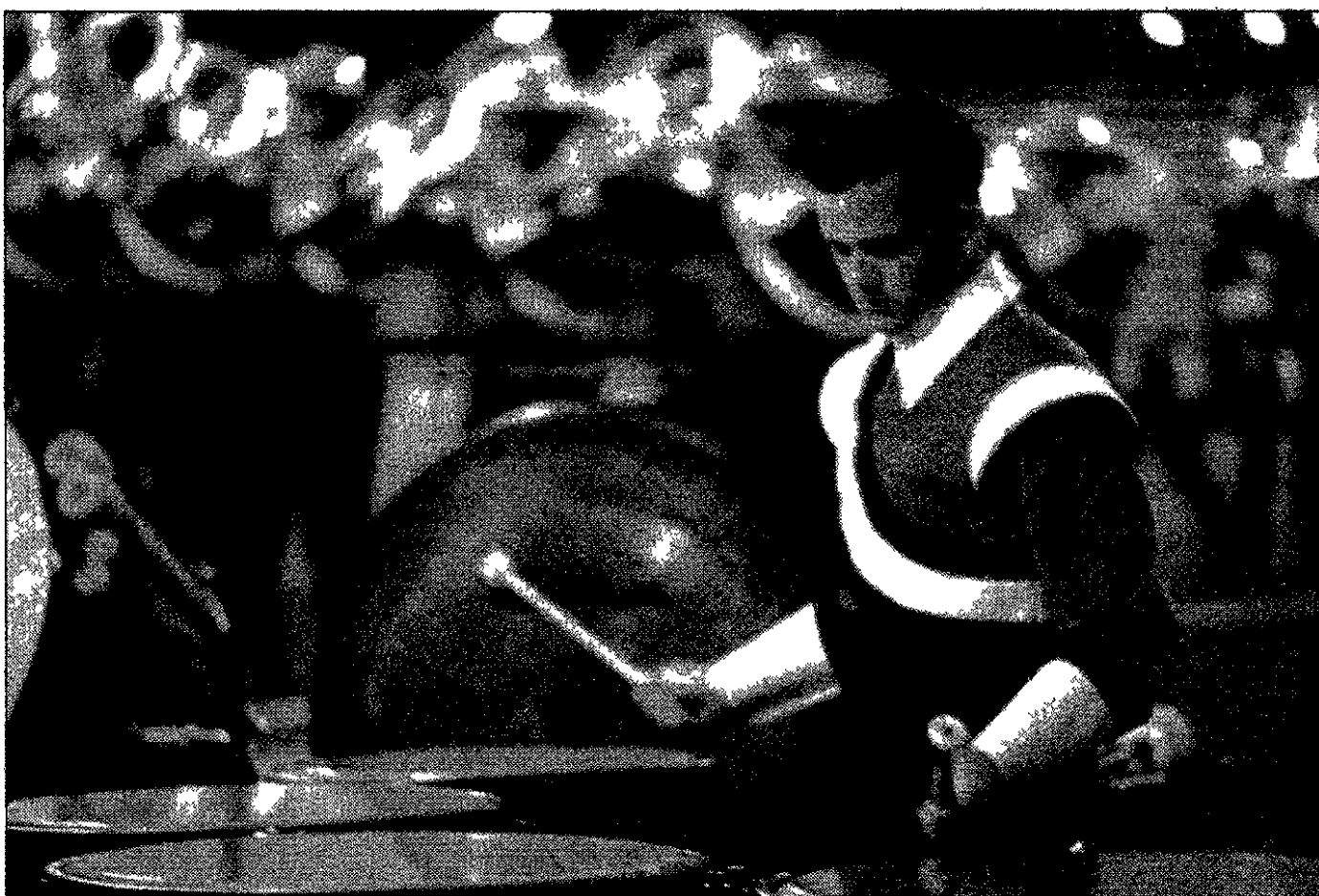
The drum corps of today are a far cry from those some 80 years ago when the concept materialized. The early corps were comprised of World War I vets primarily for marching in parades and promoting patriotism. The corps evolved through the years and became increasingly complex, creative and competitive in the 1960s and '70s. Drum Corps International was established in 1972 for youth ages 14 to 22.

"Although being a band director and being at P-CEP is what I love, drum corps was my first love," said Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park. This is the 25th summer Whitlock has been associated with the activity in some capacity. He now serves as a music consultant for the Santa Clara Vanguard and the Carolina Crown.

"DCI asked us if we would take over this show because the facility in Portage where it had previously been held was under construction," said Whitlock. "I really wanted to expose our kids to the next level of activity in the marching arts. But it was the band parents that actually made this project come to life - from serving the food to security to ticket sales."

John Jackson, president of the P-CEP Music Boosters, sponsors of the event, couldn't agree more. "We have a group that is nothing short of phenomenal," he said. "This is an absolute total team effort and there were a lot of secret heroes that really helped to make this a reality."

Past booster president Gerry Olexsey concurred. "Normally something of this magnitude takes six to eight months to plan," he said. "We pulled this off in about two months due to the fantastic teamwork." He said those on the team included the school district,



The Cavaliers from Rosemont, Ill., were in town for the Drum Corps International's Summer Music Games 2004 at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park stadium in Canton.



Kiwanis Cavaliers from Kitchener, Ontario, Canada were a favorite part of the performance.

The hometown Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps entertained the crowd with an opening exhibition performance, followed by the competitive lineup.

the Community Education Office, businesses and Plymouth Assistant Principal Julie Kaminski, a former member of the P-CEP Marching Band.

The eight competing corps were housed at the middle and high schools in the district and at the Summit.

Both Jackson and Olexsey also had high praise for the maintenance staff they said often went well beyond their

assigned duties.

The event turned out to be a profitable moneymaker for the band boosters as well, supplying needed funds for instruments, instructors and staff, said Jackson. "With the school budget crunches, we need to do all we can to help out financially."

The Cavaliers from Rosemont, Ill., named world champions for the last three out of four years, provided a free clinic for middle and high school musicians Tuesday afternoon before the games began.

The hometown Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps entertained the crowd with an opening exhibition performance, followed by the competitive lineup. Awards were presented by John Jackson and Canton Supervisor Tom Yack. First and second place in Division III went to Marion Glory Cadets, Ohio, and Lake Erie Regiment,

Pennsylvania, respectively.

Division I top spots went to Capital Regiment, Ohio, bronze, Madison Scouts, Wisconsin, silver, and The Cavaliers, Illinois, gold. The Cavaliers wowed the audience with a fast-paced 11-minute 007 repertoire eliciting an explosive standing ovation. They entertained several hundred appreciative fans after the closing ceremonies with an encore musical performance.

Rounding out the competition were Southwind, Kentucky, fourth, Kiwanis Cavaliers, Ontario, fifth, and Pioneer, Wisconsin, sixth.

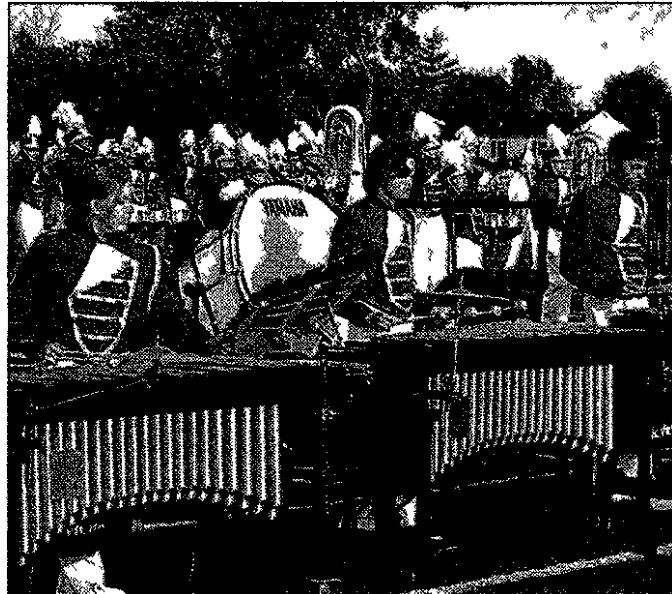
SUMMER FUN

The Canton competition was one of the first stops for many of the corps. "We are just beginning our summer," said Jeff Fiedler, director of The Cavaliers. The 135-member group practices 12 hours a day during the month of pre-tour preparations before beginning a 35-shows, 82-day tour that begins Memorial Day and ends August 15.

Fiedler was pleased with the new P-CEP venue for the competition. "We've been treated great and the facilities are tremendous," he said. "Of course I have a soft spot in my heart for Plymouth." Fiedler was an instructor for the P-CEP Marching Band from 1988 to 1991 during the time of the back-to-back national championships in 1990-91.

And for those who didn't make this year's show, things are looking good for a return performance in 2005.

"While this is certainly a good fundraiser, it also brings the world of drum corps to Canton and it exposes our kids to the next level of marching performance," said Whitlock. "It is a shining example of the pursuit of excellence and dedication in reaching a goal."



The Marion Glory Cadets came up from Marion, Ohio, to perform Tuesday.

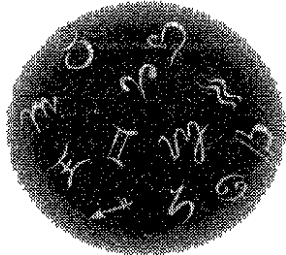


A host of volunteers presented the hundreds of participants at the DCI Summer Music Games with gourmet cookies as a gift from the P-CEP Music Boosters.



Star Struck

(June 27-June 30)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

At some stage this week you'll come to the conclusion that it's time to make more of your talents. You don't have to change careers or do anything drastic at least not yet. But you do have to give serious thought to your future concerning the Almighty Buck and stress.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Your confidence is likely to take a tiny positive as the week unfolds, but it'll be short-lived. Ride it out and don't get discouraged. This is one of those times when negative events are likely to have positive results. Think peaceful thoughts and respect yourself.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Over the next few days while Venus shifts cosmic gears you'd be wise to listen carefully to friends and colleagues because they may spot things that you cannot. You don't always know best, so you better be ready to admit that fact. Remember that success and excess aren't the same thing.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The time has come to draw the line on the past and let go of the very things you have been trying to hold on to. With the Sun in your sign this week's astro aspects are all about making a fresh start. Drag yourself away from your troubles and refuse to waste your time on self-pity.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

A powerful aspect between Mercury entering your sun sign is meant to remind you that we are only as healthy as we are able to trust—and unless you start trusting those you have to deal with on a daily basis then you will always be on the defensive. Value cooperation rather than conflict.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

What has been worrying you the most these past few weeks will affect you the least, so put it out of your mind and with luck you'll forget it for good. A more carefree phase is about to begin, so cheer up and look on the bright side. Sometimes you need to let the pressure build for a while until a breakthrough becomes possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

The emphasis is on the domestic area of your chart, and though you may be the kind of Libra who prefers to avoid family show-downs, you really have no choice this week. Say what has to be said and listen to what others say. Then act on what you learn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Someone you haven't always seen eye-to-eye with will offer a hand of friendship this week, 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. Be bigger than life now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

You may experience a crisis of confidence this week when the orb of communication Mercury enters your element. Don't let it worry you if you seem to be the only one who doesn't know what's going on. According to the planets that's to your advantage, Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

You are apparently reluctant to reveal your true feelings to someone influential. Not doing so may be the easy solution, but not necessarily the right one. There are ways of expressing your feelings, and once you've learned that there are significant benefits to be had.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

It's love that makes the world go round, not money, status or possessions. Something will happen this week that reminds you what life is really about, and it'll amaze you that you had somehow forgotten. Make it your mission to wake up those who are still asleep.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

A change of scenery will do you good, so if fate points you in a new direction this week, don't be afraid to march into the unknown and let your hair down. If you're going to take risks, now is the time when they are most likely to pay off. Ooh laa laa, Fishy!

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Relationship talk is 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.

Find out how often you and

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*.

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Celebrations recognize anniversaries

St. Hilary Church of Redford and Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia have cause to celebrate. Each is recognizing milestone anniversaries in the next few weeks with a variety of activities. Festivities to honor St. Hilary's 50th anniversary begin at 11 a.m. Mass followed by a noon Home-Coming Picnic with food, music, baseball game, magician, and moon-walk on Sunday, June 27, at 23901 Elmira. For more information, call (313) 533-1560 or visit the Web site at home.twm1rr.com/hilaryredford/index/html. All current and former parishioners, grade school alumni, all current and

former staff, neighbors and friends are invited. Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit holds its celebration on the same Sunday. In 1966 a piece of property was purchased and in 1968 a group of people were united to form Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. But it wasn't until 1980 that a church would be built at 9083 Newburgh Road. Since that inception so much has happened and yet remained the same. Priests came and went. Families were lost and found. The church liturgy was changed to make it easily understandable and church hymns became more contemporary. Community

Outreach which was the backbone of the church is still going strong and surprisingly enough there are still people out there that need help. Church fellowship has expanded to the point where there is something for everybody, children and adults, old and young. So it is with gladness of heart that they celebrate 35 years at an anniversary party 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 27. The service will be followed by a picnic. For old members see the changes that have occurred and for potentially new members, come see what the church is all about. For more information, visit the Web site at www.holyspiritlivonia.org.

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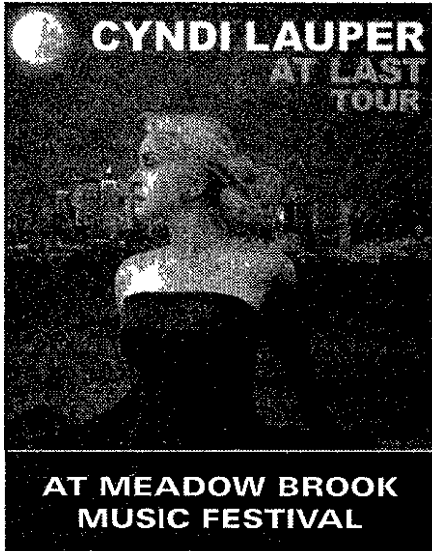
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- 4 "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom
- 5 "Angels & Demons," Dan Brown

NON-FICTION

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- 2 "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," Lynn Truss
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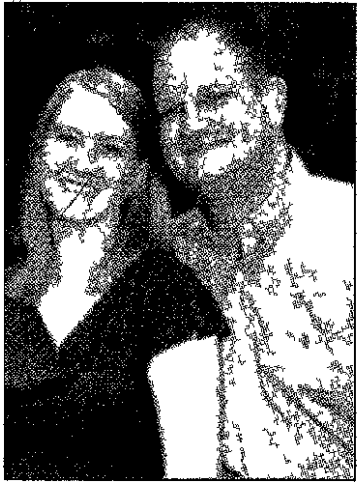
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Butterfield-Retherford
 Thomas and Christine Butterfield of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia Butterfield, to Daniel Retherford of South Lyon, the son of Stephen and Jeanie Retherford of Plymouth
 The bride-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Canton High School and attended Bauder College in Atlanta, Ga. She's a manager at I Do, Too! Bridal in Plymouth
 The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Detroit Catholic High School in Redford and attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He's a service manager for Krug Lincoln-Mercury in Howell
 A July 23, 2004, wedding is planned at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton



Bryn Graskewicz
 Bob and Jen Graskewicz of Commerce, Mich., announce the birth of their daughter, Bryn Jilhan Graskewicz, born at 7:29 a.m. April 6, 2004
 Bryn came into the world weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 18 inches long
 Proud grandparents are David and Irene Whitmore of Plymouth and Tim and Juanita Graskewicz of South Lyon

Hospital celebrates cancer survivors

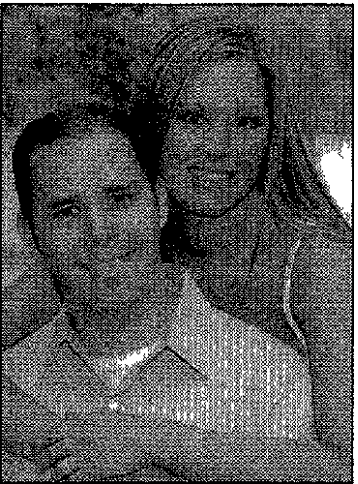
More than 200 cancer survivors and their families attended a special "Celebrate Life" gathering at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia on Sunday, June 6
 Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson welcomed guests with opening comments, Omar Majid, M.D., director of radiation oncology gave an update of Cancer Services at St. Mary Mercy, and JoAnne Purtan, Channel 7 "Healthy Living" news reporter was the event's key speaker
 Guests enjoyed a reception with refreshments and music by pianist and St. Mary Mercy Hospital staff member, Tom Zeoli, of Novi. A tree planting ceremony took place in the hospital's front yard to celebrate life and growth. The tree was donated by Oakley Lawn Services



Omar Majid, an M.D. and director of radiation oncology shovels dirt on the tree as part of a ceremony to celebrate cancer survivors at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia



Clarks' golden
 Wilbert and Corrine (Schifle) Clark of Canton celebrate their 50th anniversary June 28, 2004. The couple was married June 28, 1954 at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth
 Wilbert was born in then-Ypsilanti, while Corrine was born and raised in Plymouth. The couple resides in the same place where Wilbert was born. Wilbert was in the U.S. Army, stationed in Brownsville, Texas, when they got married. Corrine worked at the Burroughs plant
 They celebrated the golden occasion with a barbecue at the home of their daughter, Carol Barringer, with brother Terry Clark of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and five grandchildren — Kelly, Greg, Brent, Grant and Mike — in attendance



Maul-Matthews
 Richard and Laurie Matthews of St. Joseph announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittany M. Matthews, to Kevin W. Maul of Plymouth, the son of Bill and Ruth Maul
 The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in commercial recreation and facilities management from Central Michigan University in 2001. She's a senior sales manager for Marriott International
 The prospective groom earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality business from Michigan State University in 1996. He's currently employed by Trans Inns Management of Farmington Hills as the director of revenue management
 A Nov. 6, 2004, wedding is planned at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville

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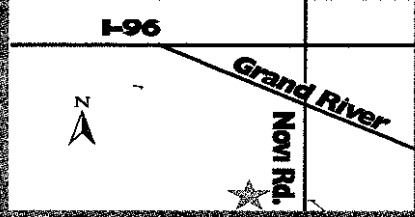
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Tickets are \$14 and available by calling (734) 462-4443 Opening the season on Sept 17, is 'How the Suffragists Changed Michigan' A representative from The Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame in Lansing tells the story of the suffrage movement in Michigan

On Nov 5, Northville elementary teacher Khris Nedam speaks about living in Afghanistan and the role she

now plays in the future of the children in this war-torn country

Dec 10, Frieda Spafford talks about The Red Hat Society, a social group that is rapidly increasing in popularity Please wear purple attire with a red hat if you are over age 50 or lavender attire and a pink hat if you are not

The Society began on the West Coast after its founder Sue Ellen Cooper read Jenny Joseph's poem about an old woman wearing a red hat Three years later the group has grown to an estimated 400,000 women across the US Their sole objective is to have fun

On Jan 28, retired Wayne

Parks Historian Nancy Darga tells how the Wayne County Parks System grew out of the evolution of the automobile industry, combining rivers with roadways across the landscape, in the 'History of Hines Park - A National Treasure in Your Backyard'

Feb 18, Marvin Arnett speaks from her 1930s memoir of Detroit, 'Pieces From Life's Crazy Quilt' It is an African-American woman's personal account of her life from the Great Depression through the Detroit race riot of 1943

On April 15, Pam Lorenz of Beulah, Michigan closes the season with a discussion on the block print artistry of Gwen Frostic



Finishing touches

Darius Kelly 14, Oak Park and Corey Carr, 13 of Redford work on the Summer Solstice Youth Mural Project at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center The 230 square foot mural will be donated to the Lighthouse of Oakland County after it leaves the art center at summer's end The mural is just one of several activities in conjunction with the BBAC's fund raising gala Summer Solstice A Midsummer's Nigh Dream, on Saturday, June 26 For more information call (248) 644 0866

Plan your weekend activities each Thursday with Filter

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently seeking proposals from interested and qualified firms to provide Construction Management Services for a Township Hall Project Specifications for the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk 42350 Ann Arbor Road Building No 3 Plymouth Michigan 48170 Proposals will be received at the Charter Township of Plymouth on July 13th until 11:00 a.m. local time, at the Clerk's Office 42350 Ann Arbor Rd Plymouth MI 48170, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and proposers name and address read aloud

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND/OR NEGOTIATE THE BEST OFFER FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

Please submit proposal on or before the date and time given above to

Charter Township of Plymouth
42350 Ann Arbor Rd
Plymouth, MI 48170

All proposals must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope marked

RFP - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction June 29 2004 The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Road Westland MI 48185

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	COLOR	VIN
1991	Pontiac	Sunbird	Blue	1G2JC14K6M7579758
1983	Buick	Park Avenue	Brown	1G4AW69Y3DH534014
1990	Jeep	Cherokee	Black	1J7FJ36L5LL112397
1997	Saturn	SL1	Black	1G8ZH5282VZ1259866
1987	Ford	Tempo	Grey	1FABP33SHK197376
1994	Ford	Taurus	Green	1FALP5240RG105136
1991	Ford	Escort	Blue	1FAPP15J5MW332459
1997	Dodge	Stratus	Green	1B3EJ46X1VN502638
1999	Dodge	Neon	Blue	3B3ES47CXXT535119
1994	Chrysler	Caravan	Green	1C4GH54LXXR154602
1993	Chevy	Corsica	Grey	1G1LT53TXY241592
1986	Chevy	Cavalier	Red	1G1JF27W1G7219686
1980	Pontiac		Black	2N37SAP160257

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004, PRIMARY ELECTION

PLEASE NOTE that Tuesday June 6 2004 is the last date to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday August 3 2004 Registration for Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk 42350 Ann Arbor Road Building 3 or at any Secretary of State Office The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354 3224 The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday If a resident is unable to register during those hours a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a convenient time for the resident

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. C-2004-02

AMENDMENT TO FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 51 1250 OF CHAPTER 51 FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALE OR FURNISHINGS PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF SEVERABILITY PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS.

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE.

Chapter 51 Section 51 1250 is hereby amended to read as follows

51 1250 Alcohol Beverages, Sale or Furnishing to a Minor.

A It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell or furnish alcoholic liquor to a person who is less than 21 years of age or fail to make diligent inquiry as to whether the person is less than 21 years of age In an action for the violation of this section proof that the defendant or the defendant's agent or employee demanded and was shown before furnishing alcoholic liquor to a person under 21 years of age a motor vehicle operator's license or a registration certificate issued by the Federal Selective Service or other bona fide documentary evidence of the age and identity of that person shall be a defense

B If a violation of this subsection is the result of an undercover operation in which the minor received alcoholic liquor under the direction of the State Police the Commission or a local police agency as part of an enforcement action the retail licensee's clerk agent, or employee is responsible for a Civil Infraction and may be ordered to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100 00) Dollars

C A person found to be in violation of this Section except as specified in subsection B shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500 00) Dollars or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the court

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause sentence section paragraph or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person firm corporation legal entity or circumstances shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid said judgment shall not affect impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not been included in this Ordinance

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance as amended shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No C 2004 02 considered for first reading at the June 22 2004 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday July 13, 2004 The Ordinance in full is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170 during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Phone No 734 354 3224

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to State Law 257 252 the following vehicle(s) will be sold at Public Sale at Mayflower Auto Transport 1179 Starkweather Road Plymouth Michigan on the date and time listed below

Tuesday, June 29 2004 5 30 p.m.

VEHICLE(S)

YEAR	MAKE	STYLE	MODEL	ID NO	CASE NO
1979	Chevy	PU	Siera	TCD149F710172	04 1444
1992	Toyota	4D	Corolla	JT2AE94A0N0272447	04 2281
1985	Cadillac	4D	DeVille	1G6CD6982F4336847	04 2231
1990	Plymouth	2U	Laser	4P3C544R1E107314	04 2662
2000	Ford	PU	Ranger	1FTYR10C4YPA62254	04 2623

Inquires regarding these vehicles should be directed to Officer Brian Walker, City of Plymouth Police Department at (734) 453 1234 Ext 532

LINDA J LANGMESSER

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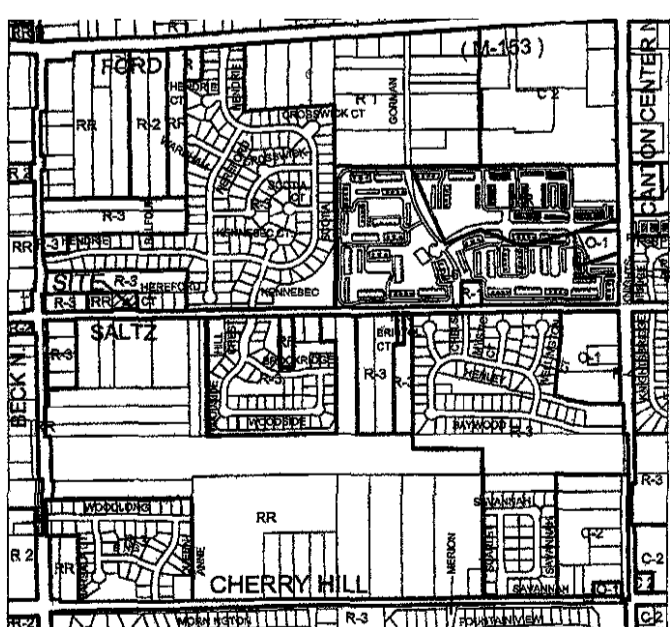
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday July 19 2004 in the *Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7 00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

KOVACS REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 062 99 0029 702 FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRE) TO R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) Property is located north of Saltz and east of Beck Road



SECTION 16



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday July 16 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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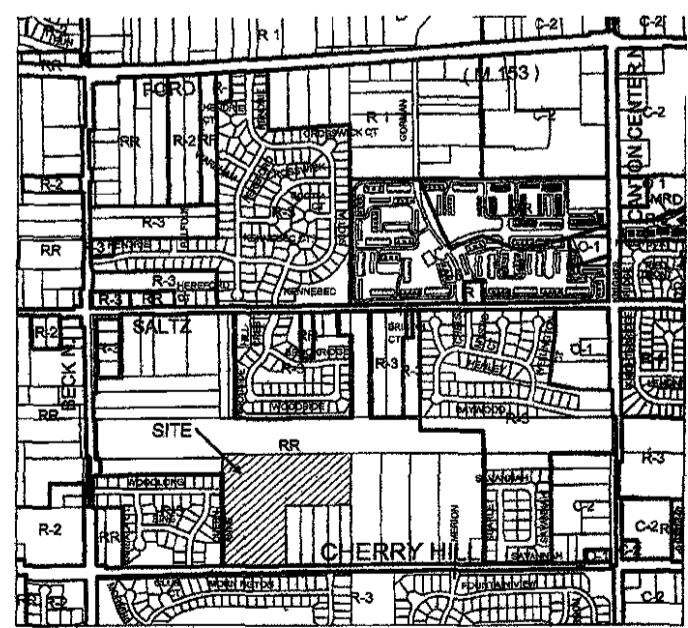
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 063 99 0036 000 FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/5 ACRES) TO R 2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (2 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE) Property is located north of Cherry Hill between Beck and Canton Center Roads



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VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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To submit an item for the Plymouth Canton community calendar mail it to 794 S Main Plymouth MI 48170 e mail it to bkadrich@oe homecomm net or fax it to (734) 459 4224

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 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.

Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross offers a variety of health and safety classes throughout the month of July at the Livonia Community Service Center 36650 Five Mile. Classes include first aid various CPR courses child/infant CPR baby sitter training and nurse assistant training. To register visit the Web at www.semredcross.org or call (734) 542 0442.

Carpal tunnel seminar

Dr Nicole Whitehead appears at 7 30 p.m. July 14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a free seminar focusing on how proper structure nutrition and exercise can help avoid carpal tunnel syndrome. To register call (248) 426 0201. Seating is limited early reservations are suggested.

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 plan



New officers

The Plymouth Business & Professional Women's Club has chosen its new officers. They are (from left) President Gail Scherer, First Vice President Elizabeth Johnson, Recording Secretary Marilyn Almpich and Corresponding Secretary Joanne Delaney. Not pictured is Treasurer Jean Wagner.

ning 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. 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 Trillum Landscaping. For

more information or to register visit www.wbo.mich.org or call (734) 332 9300.

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.

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

Hawks for Hearts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors a Hawks 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 Mich and 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 from 10 a.m. 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 0360.

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.

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 Genitt (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 available 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.

CLUBS

DAR

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 veterans 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 100 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.

REUNIONS

As space permits the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print without charge announcements of class reunions. Send the information to Reunions Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion one contact person and a telephone number.

REUNIONS

Brighton High School

Class of 1984. The class of 1984 is planning the 20 year reunion on Aug 7 2004. For more information call Sally Rector Langley at (517) 505 4970.

Canton and Salem

Class of 1994. A 10 year reunion is planned for Nov 26 2004 at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. For more information call Julie at (810) 227 4671 or e mail pcep1994@yahoo.com.

Garden City High School

Class of 1984. A 20 year reunion is scheduled for June 2004 at the Livonia Holiday Inn West. More information on class mates.com or e mail Michelle (Pietryka) Taylor at msidrew@comcast.net. Class of 1994. The 10 year reunion is scheduled for Nov 27 at the Hellenic Cultural Center. E mail GCHS94reunion@yahoo.com for more information.

Livonia Bentley

Class of 1964. A 40 year reunion is planned for July 31. For more information call (734) 416 5993 or (517) 431 3431. Class of 1974. A 30 year reunion of the Class of 1974 will be held Saturday Nov 27 at Laurel Manor. Tickets are \$70. Classmates are being sought. Please visit www.Bentley74.com for further information or notify Kathy (ladipaolo) Jones at (734) 462 9438 or e mail at meandmrsjones1@hotmail.com or Dave Marlowe at (734) 462 2465 or e

mail at dmarlowe@motor.com.

Class of 1984.

A 20 year class reunion is being held Sunday Sept 5 2004 at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center 39200 Five Mile Road Livonia. For more information contact April (Greig) Santori e mail april_santori@sbcglobal.net.

Livonia Churchill

Class of 1974.

A 30 year reunion is planned for Sept 11 2004. Dinner open bar and live band. For more information contact Cathy (Good) Welker at (810) 231 0745 or cathythegood@yahoo.com.

Livonia Stevenson High School

Class of 1974.

A 30 year reunion picnic is planned for Aug 7 2004 at Bi Centennial Park on Seven Mile Road. Starts at 10 a.m. goes all day. For more information call Kim (Geiger) Anderson at (734) 846 2321 or kj2003@comcast.net.

Northville High School

Class of 1984.

A 20 year reunion is planned for Aug 7 at The Novi Sheraton at Eight Mile Road and I 275 Northville. For more information call Amy at (248) 349 8885 or e mail Perpick@Fastmail.fm.

Our Lady of Good Counsel-Plymouth

Class of 1978.

A 26 year reunion is planned for July 31 2004. Contact Cletus Karamon at (313) 399 7875 or e mail ckaramon@aol.com.

Plymouth Canton/Salem

Class of 1984.

A 20 year reunion is planned for Saturday Aug 14 2004 at the Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information www.plymouth.canton.salem.1984.org or call (313) 533 2599.

Redford Thurston High School

Class of 1964.

A 40 year reunion is planned for Oct 2 2004 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information call Barb Smith (734) 427 1123. Looking for classmates to assist in planning reunion. Contact Daune

Koester at either (517) 432 3949 or e mail dkoester@msu.edu.

Redford Union

Class of 1959.

A reunion is planned for Sept 11 2004 at Sandtraps on Five Mile in Livonia. Activities are planned for Sept 10 and 12. Cost \$45 per person. For more information call Linda (Moehle) Brenner at (313) 535 6884 or e mail fsbrenn@juno.com.

Redford High School

Class of 1954.

A 50 year reunion is planned for Oct 15 2004. A dinner dance will be held at Embassy Suites in Livonia. Call Joyce Beecher King at (248) 478 3621. St. Mary's of Redford. Class of 1962. A class reunion is planned for Sept 21 2004 at San Marino Golf Club in Farmington Hills. For more information call Leon Narozny at (248) 349 8639 or e mail leon38spl@aol.com.

Walled Lake Western

Class of 1994.

If you are interested in attending the 10 year class reunion please e mail your contact information to walledlake94@yahoo.com.

West Bloomfield High

Class of 1984.

A 20 year reunion is planned for Oct 9 2004 at the Livonia Marriott. Looking for classmates. For more information call (248) 330 3353.

Western High School

Class of 1993.

A 20 year reunion is being planned and organizers need help in finding classmates. Please e mail the information to wlv93reunion@hotmail.com. Class of 1954 January and June. A 50 year reunion is planned for July 16 18 2004. For more information call Bob (734) 427 2139.

Winship School (Detroit)

Class of 1960 66.

A class reunion is being planned for Sept 4 2004. For information call Shirley Katz Kaplan at (248) 557 6532. E mail scshoolies@ameritech.net.



BEVERLY D. BARAN

Born in Redford Twp Michigan, died at Providence Hospital Southfield on June 24, 2004 at the age of 71.

Loving Sister of Hazel Ruschak, Dennis (Connie) Wilcox, Douglas (Mary) Wilcox, Sharon (Jim) Cuthrell, John (Marjorie) Wilcox, Judy (John) Anderson, David Wilcox & Jeffrey Wilcox. Dear Aunt of many nieces & nephews. Committal service 10am Monday at Parkview Memorial Cemetery 34205 Five Mile Rd., Livonia. 20 year resident of Farmington MI. Howell resident for the past 3 years. Clerk at Michigan Bell Telephone Co for 21 years, retired in 1994. Graduate of Clarenceville High School, Livonia. US Air Force Veteran of the Korean War. Was a Staff Sergeant in Hawaii & Japan for 4 years. Enjoyed reading the newspaper, smoking drinking coffee and eating at Big Boys twice a day.



EVANTHIA SAMRA

Born in Pontiac, MI died at Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills on June 23 2004 at the age of 75. She was a 1947 graduate of Pontiac Central High School studied art at Madonna College and resident of Farmington since 1966. She was an accomplished artist and her work can be found in private collections. Former Farmington Arts Commissioner member of Farmington Artist Club & Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL). She was most known for painting her family, and her arts & crafts. Beloved wife of the late Fred for 41 years. Loving Mother of Karen (William) Edwards Gail (Paul) Stone George (Marilyn) Samra & Lisa Samra. Dear Grandmother of Margaret, William & Catherine Edwards Michael & Mark Stone and Gregory & Victoria Samra. Daughter of Sophia Savvas and the late Azarias Savvas. Sister of Anastasia (George) Mulopolus and Savva Savvas. Funeral service Monday 10am (in state 9am) at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman Road Livonia, MI. Visitation Sunday 2-9PM at THAYER ROCK FUNERAL HOME 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Road). Inauguration Prayer Services Sunday 7PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

JACK LAWRENCE NIEDERMEYER

Age 58, of Barking, Plum Boro PA, died Wednesday June 23, 2004 in Plymouth MI. He was born in Detroit, MI on October 7, 1945 and had lived in the New Kensington area since 1972. He had previously resided in MI. A Steelworker, he was a roller and ladleman at Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp's Brackenridge Works for 27 years prior to his retirement in 1978. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving as a SGT with the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church, Arnold and a life member of the VFW Post 92, in Lower Burrell, PA. He enjoyed boating, water sports and traveling. Survivors include His wife of 32 years Jamie Chickarella Niedermeier 2 sons Jon (Shirley) Niedermeier of Plymouth, MI Justin Niedermeier of Vandergrift, PA. 4 daughters Candace Rae (Bob) Roberts of Plymouth, MI Leanne (Mark) McDade of New Kensington, Heather (Paul) Sawhook of Natrona Heights, PA Heidi (Todd) Spencer of Sarver, PA 9 grandchildren Crystal Jacob, Sherri Jesse, Stefanie Nathan, Matthew, Sarah and Robert. One great granddaughter Kalee Nicole His Mother, Jean Rae Budbill Niedermeier and brother James (Patkida) Niedermeier of Jacksonville NC. He was preceded in death by his Father Louis Emil Niedermeier. Visitation and services with military honors were in Pennsylvania.

ORVILLE L. SMILEY

Age 87, of Farmington Hills passed away on June 23, 2004. He was born in Dayton, Virginia. He was married to his wife Virginia for 60 years. Mr. Smiley is survived by his wife Virginia children, Bobby Smythe of Kailua, Hawaii and Barbara Maibach of Farmington Hills, MI, 5 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was a Command Pilot in World War II, retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Colonel and served at the Pentagon in the Department of Defense as Director of Automated Systems Research and Information. He served in World War II the Korean & Vietnam Wars. He received awards from U.S., England, and Vietnam, such as Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross. He deeply loved his family, his country, and his God and enjoyed traveling, being outdoors and helping others. Mr. Smiley graduated from Dayton High School in Virginia in 1934. He also attended Shenandoah University in Virginia and the Harvard Advanced Management Program in Boston, MA. Visitation will be June 28 2004 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI. Burial will be held with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on August 18. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, Alzheimer's Association.

Messages
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JOHN "AL" ADAMS, Sr.

Age 79, of Plymouth, died June 24, 2004. He was born December 8, 1924, in Detroit. He was a resident of Dearborn. He worked as a Building Superintendent for over 35 years, and also served as Canton Township Building Inspector. He was also proud to serve as Constable of the 35th District Court for 35 years. He took great joy in playing Santa Claus for various schools, businesses, and private parties. He even appeared as Santa on the cover of a Hallmark catalog. He embodied the spirit of Santa all year round, and took great pride in the 25 years that he played Santa. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in both World War II and Korea. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Frances his children, Sandra (Harold) Bessert, John A. Adams Jr., Jeffrey Adams, and Pamela (James) Mason his grandchildren, Kimberly, Jeremy Lindsey, Kelly and Abigail, his sisters Shirley Mott, and Rita Proctor and his brother, Richard Adams. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth Monday 11am Visitation Sunday 1-8pm. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or Calvary Baptist Church.

FRANK MCARTHUR

79, of The Villages, FL, formerly of Birmingham MI passed away Friday June 25 2004 at The Villages Regional Hospital. He retired from a position of Vice President with Peoples Bank. He is survived by his wife Marcella M. McArthur, 5 children and eleven grandchildren. All Faiths Cremation Society The Villages FL 1-800-843-6253.

In Memory Of



IN LOVING MEMORY OF JEREMY TYLER FLETT

May 30, 1979 - June 25, 2003
A delightful son caring brother, a true friend to so many. We will miss you forever Jer! With love, always.

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6677 Orchard Lake Road
www.800wesleys.com

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First Page

Publishing company opens new chapter

Joe Aller dreamed about eventually retiring from the world of finance to peddle the half dozen books he planned to write. He's glad the opportunity arose sooner than later to leave his job — although he won't be relaxing anytime soon.

In October, Aller purchased Proctor Publications in Ann Arbor, a company with 20 years in the business, after the owners decided to retire. Shortly thereafter, he renamed it First Page Publications and moved the entire operation to Livonia. At age 40, he's leaving the consulting business behind to help fledgling writers like himself publish their work.

On Saturday, June 26, Aller is inviting everyone to share his new venture when he launches a dozen books by authors from Westland, Farmington, West Bloomfield, Southfield, Bloomfield Hills and throughout metro Detroit at an open house 1-5 p.m.

Aller is putting his master's degree in business to work by adding a marketing component to the publishing company. Aller self-published his first book, *Carly's Closet*, written for his 7-year-old daughter. The single father of one is working on the second book in a series

FINDING A NICHE

"I found there were a lot of other people like me, frustrated, who wrote query letters and had rejected submissions," Aller said. "Commercial publishers go for the big names like Madonna. You might have really good writing, but don't have the name. We do all the marketing. We don't take a project unless we can market it. In the beginning, I talked with all the authors and asked them what was your experience, good and bad. I hired four marketing people whose sole job is to come up with events to sell the books."

First though, Aller has to believe in a book. New First



Area authors recently gathered for a pre-launch party.

Page titles include a children's book on peanut allergies, another by a member of the Eighth Air Force Bomber Group who outlives all his peers, the aviation history of Henry and Edsel Ford, and a book on cancer and hospice by Ron Gries (Bloomfield Hills).

"What I look for is if it's a unique topic," Aller said. "Karen Dean's *Let's Go Series* to locations such as Mackinac is easy to market. We have motivational-type books written by people who've experienced crisis. I'm excited about Shelly Lazarus' *Hockeytown Hero* now in its second printing, the only authorized biography of Steve Yzerman, and *The Winter Spirit* by Gina Joseph about a little girl who finds Santa's journal with all his secrets about how he does it all in one night." Ken Rogers' (Southfield)

book, *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder*, was written a while ago, but appropriate now about a retired policeman from a small town — how he struggled with stress after shooting someone."

Diane Dignan tackles the subject of women hitting the glass ceiling on the climb up the corporate ladder in *The Boys Club*. The 42-year-old Farmington Hills resident originally became inspired to write during her student days in Livonia Public Schools. Today, she's an employee benefits consultant for McGraw-Hill in Troy.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"We're working on layout and final editing now with Sarah Hart, who has done a fabulous job making suggestions and comments that will

be helpful," Dignan said. "When you're working on it, there are things you don't always see. This is something I wanted to do my whole life, but never had confidence to move forward. Knowing there's someone out there who believes in you makes a big difference."

Carrie Arnold tried the traditional publishing route, but soon grew frustrated. Arnold, who grew up in West Bloomfield and now lives in Ann Arbor, wrote *Running on Empty*. At age 24, she's about to publish the story of her journey to becoming a recovered anorexic. Her eating disorder began at around age 12, went into remission for a while then returned around age 20. At that time, she had to drop out of school and was hospitalized three times.

"I sent out queries to agents in

New York, but didn't have the skills and got frustrated," said Arnold, a student at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Arnold is now serving an internship with the Oakland County Health Department. It's not a step down to self-publish. I've taken classes on traditional publishing where I learned it soon becomes whoever's book that's working on it. With self-publishing, it's very much your book no matter who works on it."

Arnold wrote the book because she couldn't find one on the shelves to carry her through recovery. In addition to revealing the process in written word, she's developed an extensive bibliography for the book, and a Web site.

"You get a lot of mixed feeling in recovery," Arnold said. "A lot of times I thought I was going crazy. You have such irra-

tional thoughts. You're being pulled to throw up this salad with fat-free dressing that's the only thing you've eaten all day. You feel like you're the only one going through this. I recorded my thoughts in stacks of journals, but it was helpful for me in recovery to speak with other people who'd been there. They were the greatest inspiration for me."

FUN MEMORIES

On a lighter note, Betty Walton writes about her 18 years as a sorority mother at U-M in her first book, *They Called Me the W*. Written under her pen name W.B. Devine, Walton says, "It's humorous in the telling, but not in the living." The Westland resident averaged four hours sleep a night.

"The house mother now called director lives with the girls 24/7 nine months during the year with 62 women in the house, and a staff of 10. Sometimes it was like running a small hotel, making the menu, cleaning the house," Walton said. "You're a guardian, nurse and mother mostly during the night. There's always something going on with fraternity boys because where you have beautiful girls, you have crazy boys."

Scenarios with naked boys seemed to happen almost every year, so Walton had to change some of the names — but all of it is true.

"It's nonfiction but it reads like fiction," Walton said. "Over the years, I had a lot of individuals who were dear to my heart and others who were bad, drank too much. I knew what happens when boys are allowed to visit at 4 p.m. on weekends in girls' rooms. Years ago, they were only allowed to drop them off at the end door."

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MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

"We try to program a variety for the older generation as well as family and children although they all seem to attend all of the concerts," said Lois Mize, co-chairperson of Music Under the Stars, sponsored by the Livonia Arts, Commission in conjunction with Livonia Parks and Recreation. The series opens 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, with 60's pop music by Deb Davis & The Restrosomics at Civic Center Park.

Old favorites such as the Livonia Symphony Orchestra perform along with new talent, among them The Sahne Fiddlers and their mix of American folk fiddle, bluegrass, western swing, and Celtic music. Last year the arts commission put an announcement in the *Observer Newspapers* to search for performers. They received enough responses to fill out the schedules for this year and last, but Mize says they're always looking to freshen up the series. Call Debbie Dufour in Livonia's Community

Resource, (734) 466-2536, if interested.

"It's part of our mission," said arts commissioner Mize, "to expose the arts to the community."

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Westland Cultural Society began doing that 19 years ago when it presented the first Summer Concert Series. Sponsored by Westland City Council in cooperation with Westland Parks & Recreation Department, this year's offerings include everything from Dixieland to country/western and Motown 6 p.m. Sundays in the performance pavilion behind the Westland Public Library. Tonight, Pam & Scott play easy listening music.

"We always have a good turnout," said Ernie Johnson, the cultural society member who schedules performers. "We had 30 or 40 people line dancing to the Western concert this year in addition to those in the audience."

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Redford Civic Symphony should set toes a tapping with a variety of marches, standards and patriotic music when it opens the 17th annual Concerts in the Parks presented by Redford Parks & Recreation Department 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, in Capitol Park. In addition to the nine

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- June 29 - Redford Civic Symphony, orchestra
 - July 6 - Phil Gramm, big band
 - July 13 - Big Daddy Lackowski, variety
 - July 20 - Dr. Dixie & the Good Time Band, Dixieland
 - July 27 - Terrie Lea & the Wild Mustangs, country western
 - Aug 3 - Peter Quinn, Irish
 - Aug 10 - Central Park West, jazz
 - Aug 17 - Sun Messengers, classic rock
 - Aug 24 - The Missing Links, big band
- Redford Township also holds a concert and summer movie nights in conjunction with Wayne County Parks. Movies begin at dusk.
- Aug 11 - Bobby Lewis & the Cracker Jacks, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bell Creek Park, Five Mile and Inkster roads
 - Friday, July 30 - "George of the Jungle," Bell Creek Park
 - Saturday, Aug 21 - "Cheaper by the Dozen," Capitol Park, in conjunction with Commission on Children's Issues

Dates are subject to change depending on weather conditions. In case of rain, the movie will be rescheduled.

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- July 1 - Deb Davis & The Restrosomics, 60's pop music at Civic Center Park
- July 8 - Stardust Swing Band, 30's & 40's original big band charts at Civic Center Park
- July 15 - Kevin Tee & the Firebirds, 50's & 60's classic rock at Greenmead
- July 22 - Saline Fiddlers, folk, bluegrass and American fiddler at Greenmead
- July 29 - Gary Pillow, country at Wilson Barn
- Aug 5 - elmoTHUMM, family and children's program at Wilson Barn
- Aug 12 - Company of Strangers, bluegrass and folk rock at Livonia Community Center
- Aug 19 - Livonia Symphony Orchestra, pops and classics inside the Livonia Community Center

concert series featuring big band, jazz, Irish, country/western, and classic rock, the department in conjunction with Wayne County Parks will sponsor movie nights and an additional concert.

"A lot of spectators or listeners are seniors," said Mike Curle, director of park maintenance. Curle schedules the bands beginning in January. "We brought a lot of people back from last year, but we have two new bands, Terrie Lea & the Wild Mustangs country and western, and Central Park West jazz band, and I'm real excited about the Sun Messengers (classic rock)

who we had for the first time last year.

The concerts are something we like to do for the township. It's a really nice time. People really love it. Rain or shine they're out there. I'll be there for all of them. It's nice that you can sit outside and enjoy some nice music."

AFTERNOON DELIGHT

As with all of the series, families and children are the focus of the Afternoon Delight summer series sponsored by Garden City Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer Newspapers* with

assistance from Garden City Parks 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays through July 21, under the main covered pavilion in Garden City Park. Among the entertainers are a magician, championship yo-yo master, and two children's comedians.

"They're family interactive programs for kids of all ages," said Amelia Oliverio, chamber

executive director. "It's a way of the businesses giving back to the community."

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Ernie Harwell

Laughter: Exercise with a smile

Laughter has long been called the best medicine. So I've always thought it ironic that it's also regarded as contagious. But have you ever thought of laughter as exercise? In fact, laughter is aerobic exercise because it increases your heart rate by working body muscles. Like all aerobic exercise, laughter helps strengthen the heart and lungs, increasing their ability to use oxygen.

Numerous studies have shown that laughter also stimulates the brain, the nervous system, the hormonal system and the muscular system, all while helping to reduce blood pressure and allergy symptoms, strengthening the immune system and reducing stress.

A few minutes of hearty laughter can burn calories equivalent to several minutes on a rowing machine or exercise bike. Laughing gives the diaphragm, abdominal and facial muscles a complete workout. Some people even include their back, leg and arm muscles in a good laugh.

Now, I'm sure this doesn't mean that laughing can take the place of working out. But it does mean that the next time a hectic schedule or illness prevents you from exercising, the best thing you can do is have a good laugh.

One more thing: If folks laugh at you when you tell them that laughing is exercise, be sure to laugh right along with them, because like any other exercise, the benefits come in direct proportion to how often you do it.

And please remember to take care of your health before it's longgggg gone!

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 titled *Life After Baseball*, is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

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Getting fit

Diets fail, lifestyle changes go the distance

Ronaele Bowman is a low carb success story but not because she follows Atkins, South Beach or another trendy diet. Last year, the Livonia resident decided it was time to start making healthy choices after her cholesterol hit 350. Initially, she went on Atkins and dropped her numbers 150 points in six weeks.

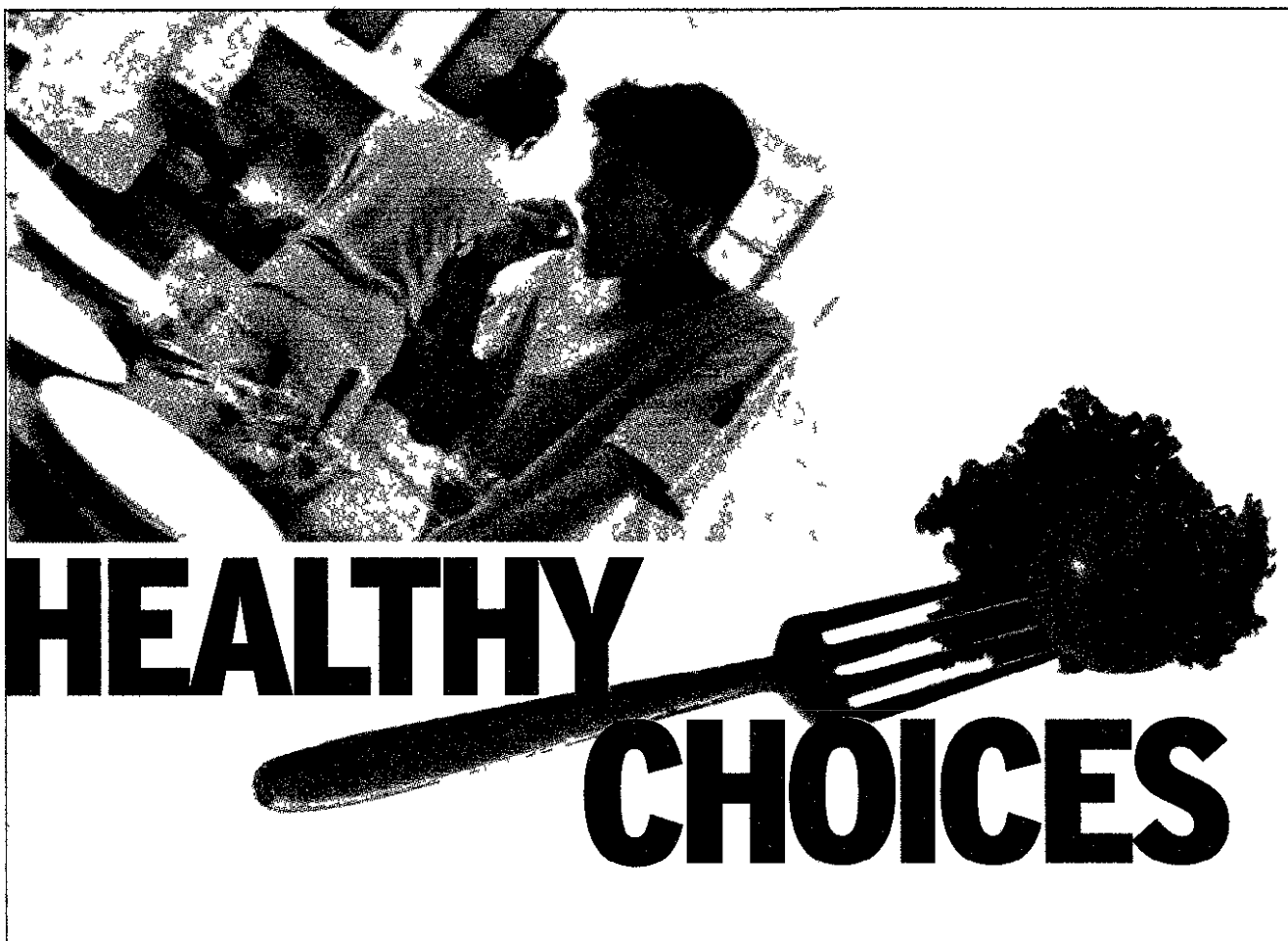
Bowman knew by this point though that diets weren't the answer. She'd battled weight problems for all but the first five of her 61 years. Since age 12 she's tried every weight loss program, hypnosis, doctor prescribed amphetamines, but none of them worked long term.

"Because I regarded it as a diet, I put weight back on," said Bowman. "Now I regard it not as a diet but as a lifestyle. It's not extreme. I don't live on bacon and eggs and cheese. I watch fat intake and the carbs. I eat chicken and fish, steak once in a while but it's not the mainstay. I eat a lot of salads with chicken on them for protein, and a lot of vegetables. No cookies, ice cream, cereals. If I do, it's low carb, no sugar, no white flour."

KEY TO LOSING WEIGHT

Dr. Peter McCullough says leaving simple carbohydrates behind is key to weight loss. As medical director of Beaumont Hospital's Weight Control Center, he doesn't recommend diets such as Atkins to patients although he admits that type of approach does have a clear impact on body weight.

"What is the key component in these diets? Is it the protein? No, it has to do with the restrictions of car-



bohydrates. Three things put weight on - sugar, simple carbohydrates, cookies, crackers, breads, saturated fat, primarily in the form of animal fat, also alcohol. Can you get fat from protein or complex carbohydrates like apples or carrots, or eating fish? I doubt it," said McCullough. "Yes they work but primarily because they restrict. Atkins had one right concept to restrict carbohydrates. The mistake is to restrict complex carbohydrates like fruits and vegetables."

There's no doubt obesity can lead to diseases such as diabetes and heart disease but is the cure as risky? McCullough believes the diets can be dangerous and apparently he's not

alone. On Wednesday, June 22, the Partnership for Essential Nutrition (www.essentialnutrition.org) warned the public about health risks associated with low carb diets.

The diets are unhealthy because it allows unlimited fat," said McCullough, a cardiologist. "Saturated fat leads to cardiovascular disease and we are overloading the body with protein. For patients with early chronic kidney disease, it's too much of a load for the kidneys and it's having the patients go into kidney failure."

"Atkins is a relatively unbalanced diet. Patients get ketosis, an abnormality that develops in the blood

stream and occurs in about 60 percent of patients on Atkins. The worry is if someone has underlying heart disease they can get very ill. In one case a 17-year-old girl who went on Atkins died from cardiac arrest. It highlights some real potential concern.

McCullough suggests everyone could be healthier and thinner simply by eating fish, beans and nuts for protein, animal proteins like nonfat yogurt, fresh fruits and vegetables.

A typical diet still needs 45 to 55 percent of calories derived from carbohydrates from fruits and vegeta-

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Are high-protein, low-carb diets good?

It concerns Darlene Zimmerman when a patient thinks he or she can lose 10 pounds in the first week or two by going on a high protein, low carb diet. As a registered dietitian for the Heart Smart program at Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute, Zimmerman keeps up-to-date on the latest research on nutrition. To date, there are no long-term studies on low carb diets according to an article published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in April 2003.

"There are no long-term studies to show whether it's safe or not," said Zimmerman, who teaches a nutrition class for cardiac rehab patients at Henry Ford Health System in Livonia. "One study keeps being referred to in *JAMA* that looked at literature on high protein diets to date. They evaluated 107 articles and made conclusions, are these safe, effective? Carbohydrate intake didn't matter. The people who lost the most weight took in fewer calories and stayed on their diet plan for a longer time."

"No study evaluated low carb diets in people over 53 years of age, and low carb diets were not studied in people with hypertension, diabetes or high cholesterol levels so we don't know what happens to them. Researchers concluded there is not enough evidence to recommend for or against low carb diets."

What worries Zimmerman is that some of the diets eliminate whole food groups and with them vitamins and minerals not found in other sources. Fruits and vegetables provide essential nutrients for a healthy body and mind.

"I'm concerned about missing nutrients and foods, whole grains (including whole grain breads and cereals), low fat dairy, fruits, vegetables which have been linked to reducing the risk of heart disease and cancer. These are important foods to have daily," said Zimmerman.

"Some good has come out of this. People are reading labels, looking at fiber content but it's this whole issue of lifestyle, stop smoking, start being active every day and eat a variety of food. That's what works. We're not addressing portion size. Portion size matters. In the '80s it was the fat-free craze. We thought if we eat everything fat-free we're not going to gain weight. If we eat low carb to excess and think that, we will gain weight. We forget the basics of a calorie is a calorie."

Eat too many calories and excess pounds begin adding up. The solution, however, is not

'We're not addressing portion size. Portion size matters. In the '80s it was the fat-free craze.'

Darlene Zimmerman
registered dietitian

to go on the latest diet Beverly Price advises clients to look inside themselves for answers. One of the ways to do that is through yoga. From 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, she presents a one-night yoga experience at Center for Yoga in West Bloomfield to give people a taste of how to eat mindfully, dump the diets and lose weight once and for all. For more information, visit the Web site www.BevPrice.com.

"Food is a small part of the process when trying to lose weight," said Price. "I teach people mindful awareness, to pay attention to sensory qualities of food, enjoying it for what it is. I teach breathing techniques to get through tough situations that trigger overeating, how to integrate self-care techniques like yoga and meditation into daily living. I'm not necessarily putting them in contorted positions but using breathing and posture that can help delay impulse control, recognize hunger and fullness, and to avoid using food or starvation to mask emotions."

Price believes yoga is safer than following a high protein diet.

"In the past I've had clients with high blood pressure, kidney problems and just overall not feeling good as a result of following the most popular diets," said Price, who like Zimmerman recommends eating a balance of complex carbohydrates, whole grains, fruit and vegetables, protein and fats.

"On a high protein and fat diet along with limited carbs our body produces ketones that are really not healthy for some of our major organs, especially kidney. The other reason I think it's dangerous is we do know the Atkins diet has been known to lower cholesterol in some individuals, but a low blood cholesterol does not necessarily make you immune from heart disease. Another danger psychologically is that you're still in the diet mentality. It does not solve the underlying problem."

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bles or patients end up with bad breath, an unhealthy body chemistry and constipation," said McCullough. "And they should eliminate or reduce sugar, saturated fats and simple carbohydrates."

McCullough also recommends reading the book *Eat, Drink and Be Healthy* by Walter Willet, a medical doctor and professor at Harvard Medical School.

ENERGY BALANCE

"The core component is healthy choices. Eating healthy is only half of the equation. The other half has to do with energy balance, how many calories you put out per day with your effort. It's portion control and energy balance. It's like driving a car. You want your eating and exercise habits to be very safe. You don't drive

200 miles an hour."

McCullough practices what he preaches. At a recent breakfast meeting, he chose yogurt and fruit over bacon dripping with grease.

"I never ever eat burgers and fries just like I wouldn't cross over the yellow lines on the highway," said McCullough. "I don't think there's a lot of room for cheating. You don't cheat in your marriage or on taxes, and I'm not sure it's good to cheat on what you eat."

Bowman doesn't think it's cheating to enjoy a cookie every now and then as long as it's low carb. Her and husband Hugh opened the Low Carb Depot in Livonia last December with a variety of dressings, shakes, tortilla wraps, breads, cereals, cheese-cakes, muffins, and cookies.

"It's a lifestyle change. That was my fault, always thinking it was temporary," said Bowman, director of Westland Youth Assistance. "I walk or bike every morning. That's very

important as is drinking water which is key to any healthy lifestyle. I get pretty upset when people say low carb is not a healthy diet. I feel the best I have in my life."

"The worse thing we eat is sugar. So many products we eat are filled with sugar. The pop is leading to tooth decay and early diabetes. Following low carb is really about restricting the sugar and white flours. I don't eat gobs of protein. My husband has strawberries in his shake in the morning, and we eat a lot of cantaloupe and papaya."

McCullough's concern is dieters choosing low-carb products in response to a weight problem. "For years the medical community has said to get the fat out of our diet," said McCullough. "10 to 15 years ago that led to low fat products and people who thought we can't get fat from eating all this low fat bread, but they have gotten heavier."

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The ulnar nerve supplies control to the 4th and 5th fingers and courses past the elbow in a groove. This site is vulnerable to compression leading to ulnar nerve entrapment syndrome* a numbness and tingling in the 4th and 5th fingers and loss of strength in the hand itself.


In addition you have a sac called the olecranon bursa that rests between the back of the elbow joint and the skin overlying that bone. This bursa can fill up with fluid and bulge giving your arm an awkward appearance and cause you concern about possible infection in the elbow.

Rheumatoid arthritis and psoriatic arthritis can cause inflammation of the elbow joint capsule and osteoarthritis can wear away the cartilage of the joint. The effect of either inflammation or wear and tear is to cause the elbow joint to lose its ability to extend and rotate. Gout rarely affects the elbow joint itself but can cause pain and swelling around the elbow particularly at the olecranon bursa.

It is important for your doctor to make a correct diagnosis of the reason for your elbow pain. Each of the conditions noted above has distinct treatment. Elbow pain is not a minor nuisance rather for your doctor it can become a difficult problem.

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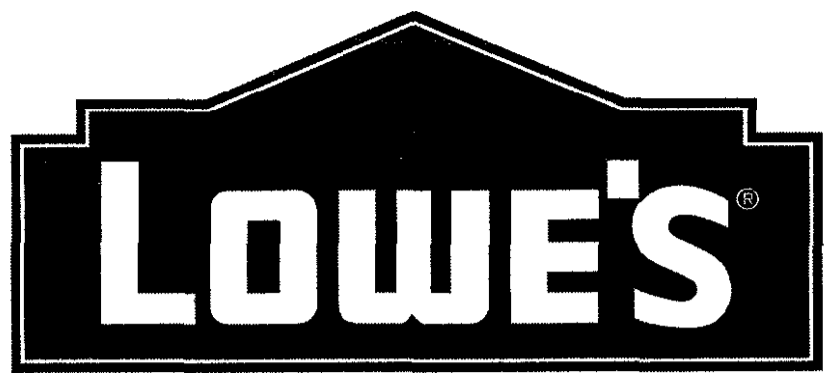

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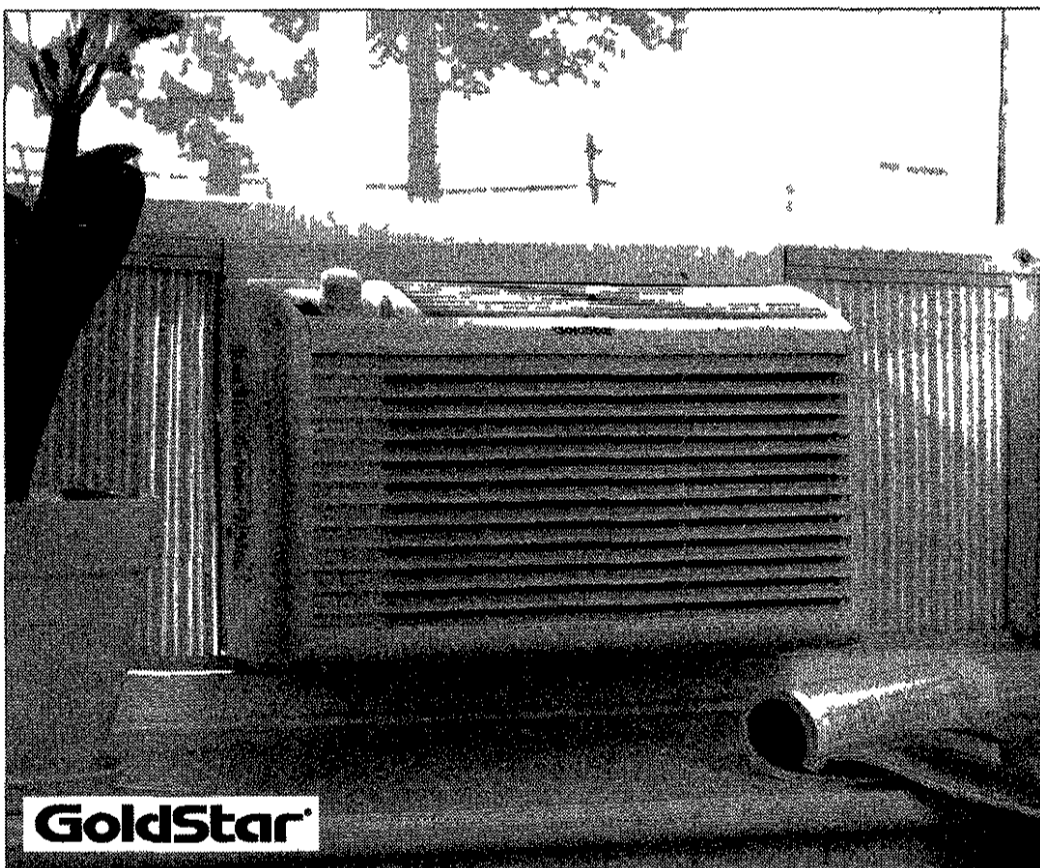
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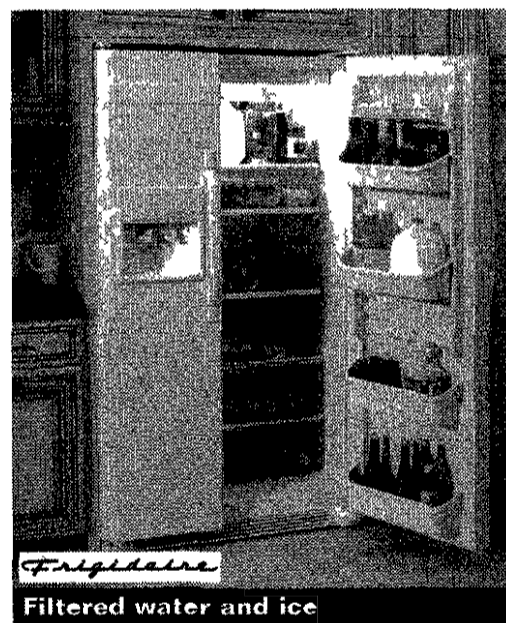
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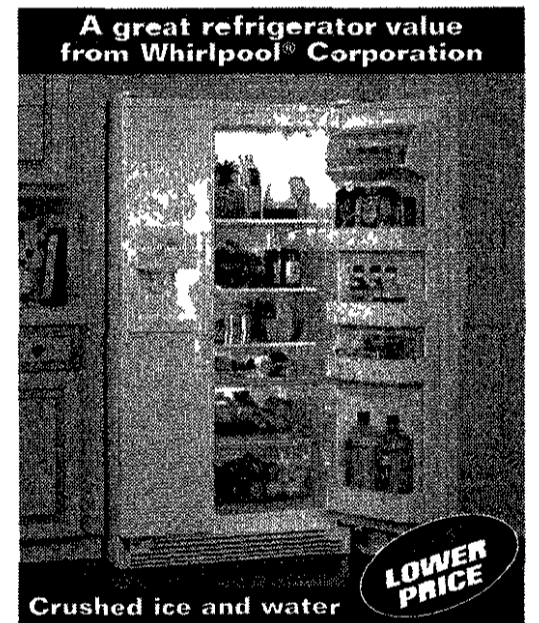
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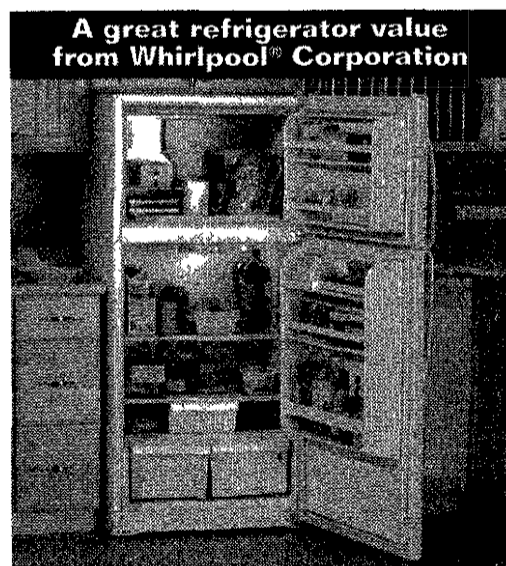
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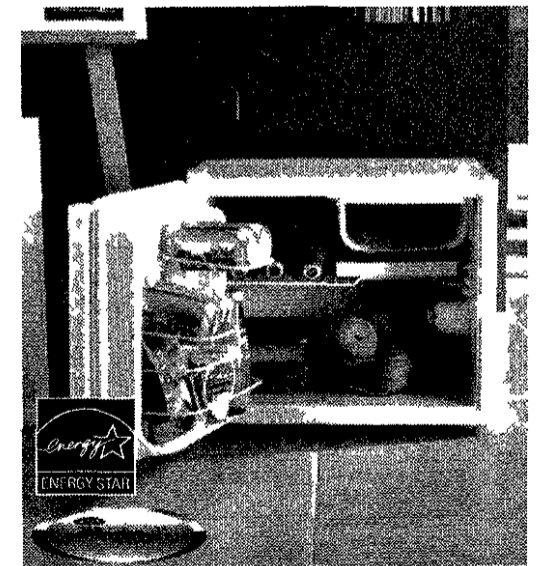
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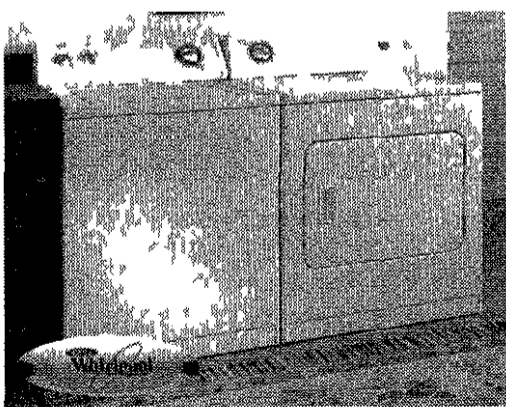
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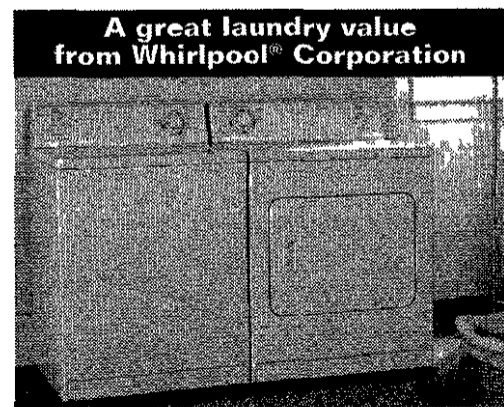
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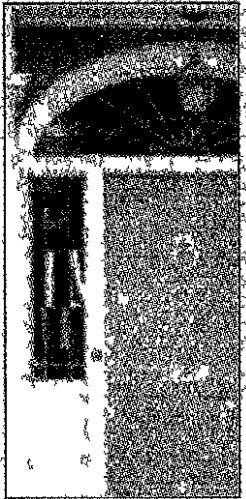
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Create space to work from home

More and more people are firing up the family PC and working from home these days.

In fact, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, 19.8 million people worked from home in 2001, whether as full-time employees or to 'catch up' on work they couldn't finish at the office. It has now become the norm for employees to take work home. In these times of company reorganization, downsizing and a fluctuating economy, workloads have increased, but the hours in the day remain the same. As a result, working at home has become a viable solution for those who want to maintain a home life while keeping the boss happy.

"Hectic lifestyles are causing more and more people to 'cocoon' - to spend as much time as possible at home. This has spawned an increase in specialized areas, such as home offices, dens, sitting rooms, exercise rooms, game rooms, home theaters and media rooms," said Linda Reimer, president of Design Basics Inc.

Developers, aware of the trend toward more people working at home, are incorporating home offices into their new housing plans.

Working at home requires a space dedicated as a 'home office.' Whether it's a corner of the dining room table, a desk in the basement or a private office, organizing it is essential for maintaining good business practices.

Many people let clutter build up until it becomes unmanageable, and then find themselves overwhelmed with the task of straightening up. A messy desk and chaotic filing system can drain your time, energy, focus and productivity. That's why you should follow these tips for getting your home office organized.

GET ORGANIZED

- Dig into your piles. Don't despair over an unruly mess of paper piles. Devote a small amount of time to sifting through them daily. This makes the job more manageable, and if you stick to it, you will reach the end in no time.
- Make the trash can your best friend.
- Establish a filing system. Keep cur-

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rent files in a deep desk drawer or a filing cabinet within reach of your desk. Store items you use periodically in a less accessible location. Try color-coding files for better organization. On the electronic front, give computer documents logical names so you'll recall them faster.

■ Keep often-used items within reach. Items you use frequently should be kept on your desk. This includes pens, a calendar, a message pad and any other items that are part of your daily routine. Store a tape dispenser, a stapler, a calculator, paper, etc. in a desk drawer so they are accessible, but are not cluttering your surface space.

■ Create an efficient desk setup. Position your desk so that you can see people who approach the door. Place your computer monitor directly in front of you to discourage interruptions by family members. Make sure the phone, fax and printer are all within reach so you don't waste time getting up and down. Ensure that your desk chair is comfortable and fits your space.

■ Avoid jotting notes on small pads. 'Sticky' pads and small note pads are great for some things, but important information should be better annotated. You don't want to lose a crucial phone number or associate's name. Use a



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Organize a home office and keep it clutter free to increase your productivity and efficiency. Position your computer to minimize interruptions.

bound notebook, like a spiral one, to hold all your notes. Mark the date and any notes you have for the day. This way you'll be able to retrieve information fast and have a record of what business transpired.

■ Get family members to respect your

space. Set up rules for your home office. If you use the family computer for your business dealings, be sure each member of the family has his or her own log-on identity so your work doesn't get altered or erased.

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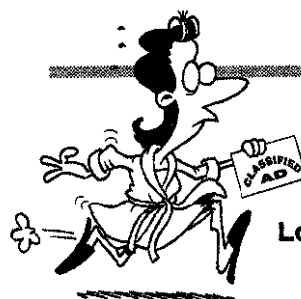
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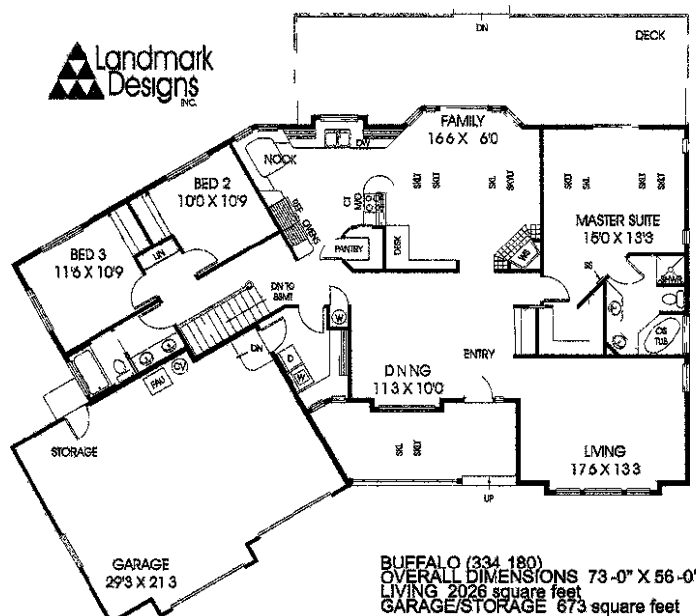
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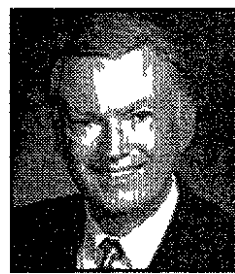
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PLYMOUTH 1 4 PM Wow!!! This pampered (smoke free) Classic Glenview colonial (with 1st floor study) sits high on over 8/10 of an acre of lushly landscaped priceless property with beautiful mature specimen trees +++You're sure to appreciate many costly visible updates like premium low maintenance windows & doorwail Conran kitchen counters newer carpet & more Hardwood floors in 3 of the 4 master sized bedrooms 3 way stone fireplace Very attractively priced at \$375 000 East of Beck & South off North Territorial on Glenview to Drury to LeBlanc & West on Cambridge

MIKE & MARY GLADCHUN RE/MAX On The Trail (734) 459 1234

PLYMOUTH OPEN SUNDAY 2 4 This charming Bauss built detached condo at 46331 Ann Arbor Rd is nestled in a very private setting & is absolutely perfect! Great room w/replace & soaring ceilings dream kitchen w/Corian counters huge sunroom terrific finished bsmt 3 full baths 2 car garage & brick paver patio w/walks \$389 900 Joan Dawkins RE/MAX on the trail (734) 459 1234

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Plymouth Open Sun 1 4 IMPRESSIVE TUDOR IN RIDGEWOOD WEST 48998 Quail Run Drive S (W/Joy Rd W/Beck) 4 bed 3 1/2 bath huge family room lg finished room in bsmt plus full bath & cedar closet Circular drive adds to drama and convenience off street parking Offered at \$389 900 PAT ALLMAAND CBR 734 634 6161 Pocket Ph agentplus@hotmail.com Real Estate One... 217 W Ann Arbor Plymouth

REDFORD Open Sun 12 4 3 bed brick ranch full bsmt 2 car garage 28619 Glendale for directions call Gary Adams 248 361 0964 Realty World First Choice

REDFORD Open Sun 12 4 26421 Kenneth 3 Bed Brick Ranch 2 car garage finished yard \$143 500 248 515 7521

Redford Beautiful Bungalow Completely redone! 4 bed 3 bath skylights ceiling fans large kitchen w/pantry car 3 car garage new Andersen windows Price reduced \$159 900 Open Sun 2 5pm 19378 Centralia Call Roger at (248) 895 5256

Open Houses 3030

Redford OPEN SUN 1-4 26437 Student (W/Five Mile between Beech Daley & Inkster Rd) PERSONALITY PLUS BUNGALOW with updates hardwood floors galley kitchen w/separate dining area kitchen appliances C/A garage \$140 000

Amert Trust REALTY Call SUE SCHRAM 248 521 7790

REDFORD OPEN SUNDAY 1 4 29634 W Davison S of Schoolcraft E of Inkster One of Redford's finest Come see this 3 bedroom ranch ranch 2 car garage totally updated full basement stove fridge washer/dryer brick paver patio central air A must see!

ROCHESTER OPEN SUN 1 5 962 River Mist Dr N/Avon E/John R 3 bed 2 1/2 baths finished walk out bsmt \$367 500 (248) 651 5022

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ROYAL OAK Open Sun 1 5 4109 Grandview S of 14 Mile E of Woodward 3 bed 2 bath CA finished bsmt great deck \$184 900 248 549 4284

ROYAL OAK 3 bedroom bungalow with garage Many updates Park like setting \$179 900 3422 Starr Rd Open Sun 1 5 248 219 7019

ROYAL OAK Open Sunday 1 4pm 3102 N Altadena S of 13 E of Rochester 3 bed room bungalow in Red Run Sub Priced reduced! 2 full baths finished basement 1 1/2 car garage Appliances stay New a/c & furnace in 1999 water heater 2002 \$189 900 248 563 4275

ROYAL OAK OPEN SUNDAY 725 S Kenwood E of Campbell S of 11 New Construction! This home offers more than your average Royal Oak home Birmingham style home has all the upscale living that you are looking for Hardwood floors granite counters beautiful cabinets and attention to detail throughout 2nd floor laundry room Master bed w/sitting area Fireplace in family room Kitchen has bar area to eat at Asking \$399 900

CHRIS LEE Real Estate One 26236 Woodward Royal Oak MI 48067

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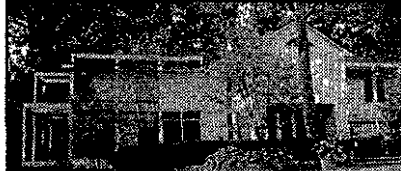


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BLOOMFIELD HILLS Sophisticated
Contemporary w th unique des gn Built in 1997 3 story Colonial with extensive use of maple granite & glass Four bedroom 4 1/2 bath multiple exterior decks open floor plan gourmet kitchen & wine cellar Total privacy
(B00LHA) 248-642-8100 \$1,695,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Hills of Chelsea Park
Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial w th numerous upgrades Grand Swarovski chandelier granite n kitchen foyer formal dining & living room Library second play room grand master & second master bath
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CANTON Classic Elegance
Custom built on approx 1 acre Foyer w th staircase 2 story great room w th fireplace & crown molding kitchen & master bath w th granite tops 3 bedrooms have a bath & walk in closet Basement w th walk out and 3 car garage
(B51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$823,000



OAKLAND Elegant
4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath beauty w/hardwood floors cherry cabinets and granite countertops Fam y room fireplace and high ceiling luxury master suite brick paver patio 3 car garage and fin basement Walk to Bear Creek park
(B10RID) 248-652-8000 \$469,000



WHITE LAKE Sunsets on White Lakefront
Updated ranch 3 BR 2 1/2 BA Walkout lower to over 70 w/2 permanent docks & boathouse Kitchen has movable island & doorwall to Eon deck DR has wall of windows & open LR & lib Newer 2 1/2 car garage
(B55RID) 248-363-1200 \$560,000



OAKLAND TOWNSHIP Sensational
Custom estate on approximately 10 acres 6 x bedrooms 8 baths gourmet kitchen open floor plan & sta rase Walk out with game exercise & bedroom Garage holds 16 cars pool with waterfall & 3 tier deck
(B01BRE) 248-642-8100 \$1,600,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Chelsea Park
Tucked away n the woods Des gner perfect neutral decor Cooks delght kitchen w th granite & hardwood formal living & dining area First floor laundry Jack & Jill bath and process su te
(B06CHA) 248-349-5600 \$624,000



PLYMOUTH Entertaining Home At It's Finest
Stunning contemporary w th 3 story atrium kitchen with granite counters ceramic floor newer stainless appliances finished walk out with kitchen exercise area sauna hot tub tree lot with pool & 3 car garage
(B77WES) 734-455-5600 \$665,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Move Right In
To this 4 bedroom 4 full bath colonial a Dual sta rase hardwood floors oak kitchen nook brary 2 story foyer and family room with gas fireplace finished gourmet kitchen w th island 3 bedrooms 2 full bath 3 car garage
(B76NEW) 248-652-8000 \$599,500



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



BLOOMFIELD Gracious Tudor
Beautiful estate s ze lot w th Koi pond & fountain 6 x bedrooms 3 full and 3 half baths Ins de you will find the charm of yesterday w th today's modern amenities Updated pool and tennis courts and lush landscaping
(B80CRA) 248-642-8100 \$1,499,900



NORTHVILLE Luxurious Condo Living
Three bedroom 3 1/2 bath side entry end unit w th walk out Great room with trap ace master has luxurious bath & closet Lower level has ter fo cherry cabinets wet bar ceramic tile cat pet & TV alcove
(B04LOC) 248-349-5600 \$419,800



ROCHESTER HILLS Beautiful Colonial
New construction with 4 bedrooms 3 baths 3 car garage and premium elevat on Loaded w th upgrades Hardwood floors 9 foot ceiling central air stainless steel appliances 2 story great room and foyer
(B95ESS) 248-524-1600 \$449,900



ROCHESTER HILLS Transferred Executive
Private cu de sac located on first floor master su te w th fireplace walk in closet 3 bedrooms 2 baths up gourmet kitchen w th island gas eat room fireplace sun room off nook partial finished LL w cedar closet
(B37CRO) 248-652-8000 \$559,000



HIGHLAND Prestwick Golf Community
Spectacular home site w/sweeping fairway views Warm & inviting 5 BR custom home Spacious chef's kitchen 2 story FR Formal LR & DR Fin w/o LL w/dedl bath A1 th perks of class A golf membership
(B04TRO) 248-363-1200 \$464,900



SHELBY TOWNSHIP Impeccable Taste
Extensive use of granite oak & maple throughout Great room with 20 ceilings 2 kitchens dual sta rases and a fabulous master Central vac 4 gas forced air & cent al air zones 2 laundrys 4 fireplaces & finished walk out
(B63QUE) 248-642-8100 \$1,449,999



ORCHARD LAKE On 2 Sports Lakes
Enjoy Orchard & Upper Straits Lakes Awesome 2 acre property w th huge deck gazebo paths and nature Six bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 2 fireplaces cathedral ceilings huge dining room & office It's one of a kind
(B47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$2,249,900



ROCHESTER Top Quality Throughout
Custom 3 1/2 year old great room Ranch Three bedrooms 2 full and 2 half baths finished daylight basement w th wet bar pavers & pro landscap ng island kitchen with granite pantry 2 way fireplace
(B40BLO) 248-524-1600 \$415,000



ROCHESTER HILLS Fabulous Subdivision
4 bedroom 4 1/2 bath brick colonial with open floor plan Two story GR w/gas frplc LR with ceiling to floor windows basement finished with full bath and workout room 3 car side entry garage & n ground pool
(B39CED) 248-652-8000 \$589,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Home is Gorgeous
4 or 5 BR w/3 full baths & powder rm Fin master su te Floor to ceiling windows Lib DR lg brkfst rm 2 FP hwd flrs cath ceilings Kit w/island range pantry & Coran ctrs Fin LL w/o has FR w/bar & frplc guestin law ste w/BA
(B8ACAM) 248-626-8800 \$629,900



BRUCE TOWNSHIP Spectacular
Hilltop estate on approx mately 2 27 acres back ng to Stony Creek Kitchen with granite counts Viking appliances great room formal dining living room library master & 3 bedroom Walk out lower level
(B52PIN) 248-642-8100 \$1,250,000



NORTHVILLE Prime Lakefront Location
Prestigious Stonewater offers this newer 4 bedroom 4 1/2 bath Colonial w th a finished lower level suite Marble & granite Two story entry w th Brazil an cherry hardwood floors Island kitchen w th custom maple cabinets
(B54PAR) 248-349-5600 \$949,900



TROY Lovely Newer Colonial
Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial with Troy schools Three year old home located deep in the sub A lot of upgrades including beautiful hardwood flooring and crown molding Three car attached side tu red garage
(B81ASH) 248-524-1600 \$429,900



ROCHESTER Private Quiet
Cu de sac setting over coking valley and park 2 story porch entry and great room w/b ridge & gas fireplace w/ island kitchen w/granite counters Master suite w/jetted tub shower & walk in closet Walk out barn
(B33BLO) 248-652-8000 \$499,933



KEEGO HARBOR Gorgeous 5 BR Colonial
Granite foyer high ceilings & windows w/ views of lake Sta rase leads to MBR w/ Jacuzzi full BA & WIC Upper level w/3 BR & lot overlooking LR Entry level has MBR w/W C & shower Kit w/granite counters & built in cabs
(B22CAS) 248-626-8800 \$1,490,000



NOVI Beautiful Private Estate Home
Approximately 1 acre lot with custom amenities Extensive use of granite oak & maple throughout 2 full baths and 2 master suites Finished lower level walk out with second kitchen 10 acre commons & small lake
(B22VAS) 248-642-8100 \$999,000



SOUTH LYON Welcome Excellence
Your search is over for a luxury home Four bedrooms with private baths Neutral with Brazil an cherry floors on main level Granite kitchen w th tumbled marble fireplace Hearth room & custom lighting
(B78POS) 248-349-5600 \$849,900



SHELBY TOWNSHIP Bonus Room Colonial
Four bedrooms 3 baths 4 fireplaces and daylight basement Custom kitchen with granite ceramic floor and butlers pantry Hardwood floors in forma dining library & foyer Elegant master with 2 walk in closets
(B15HAW) 248-524-1600 \$589,000



LAKE ORION Prestigious Sub
Minutes to Rochester 1 75 and Chrysler Grand colonial on large lot w/ premium brick elevation 2 story foyer w/Palladian windows spacious kitchen w/ island hardwood floors new granite counter to brkfst area & FR
(B00KOS) 248-652-8000 \$429,900



ORCHARD LAKE Perfectly Private
Great for entertaining Beautiful contemp in woods MBR his & her walk in closets trayed ceiling Custom kit w/island Jenn Air gas cooktop & oven hwd flr
(B06DEE) 248-626-8800 \$760,000



BIRMINGHAM New Construction
On a premium street! High quality with attention to detail Four bedrooms 4 1/2 baths butler area 2 fireplaces & home theatre Jack & Jill bath fifth bedroom & bath in lower level Sky lights kitchen with island & formal dining
(B20PLE) 248-642-8100 \$925,000



PLYMOUTH Custom Built Dream Home
Lovely 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath Colonial w th 3 car attached garage 2 fireplaces finished walk out family room library master suite w th jetted tub dual staircases w th 2 story foyer
(B74FOX) 734-455-5600 \$575,000



ROCHESTER HILLS New Construction
4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial with 3 car side entry garage and full basement Home sits on nearly one acre of wooded land Many impressive features throughout Luxury master su te w/jetted tub Rochester schools
(B73BRE) 248-524-1600 \$429,900



CLARKSTON Custom 20 Room Home
On approx 82 acres of natural comfort & luxury 6 bedrooms 7 3/4 baths All on private 20 acres 60 deep spr ng fed lake heated barn for the toys horses welcome Call to make your appointment today
(B66MIL) 248-620-7200 \$1,595,000



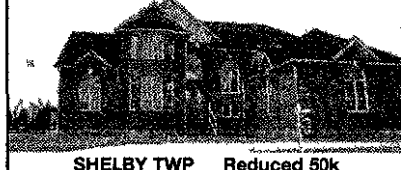
CLARKSTON Extraordinary Contemporary
Overlooks serene open flr plan w/ vaulted ceilings FF Designer staircase & lights Large loft overlooks dram c family room w/ vaulted ceiling & cozy fireplace with oak mantle Spacious kitchen w/ big cookers
(B64STA) 248-626-8800 \$408,900



ROCHESTER Surrounded By Nature
Located on Paint Creek on approximately 3 1/2 acres Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial with kitchen breakfast room first floor master & windows that overlook wooded lot Numerous upgrades & walk out basement
(B68OL) 248-642-8100 \$639,500



GROSSE ILE In a Choice Neighborhood
Three bedroom 2 1/2 bath rambling brick Ranch with 2 car attached garage basement formal din ng room lib ary with bay window vaulted ceiling in great room w th fireplace & 4 season sun room
(B36LOS) 734-455-5600 \$479,885



SHELBY TWP Reduced 50k
New 2003 construction Large fully built colonial all w th 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 2 story foyer lead ng to Great Room First floor master with sunken Jacuzzi separate shower Library formal DR daylight basement
(B27GOL) 248-524-1600 \$499,900



COMMERCE Hands Down Winner
Brick two story w/ is and atmosphere on approx 1 4 acres featu es 4 BR 2 1/2 BA w/ceramic tiling lg FR study hwd flrs skylights volume ceilings 3 car att gar w/winding drive patio deck 947 ft of lakefront
(B01VEN) 248-363-1200 \$674,500



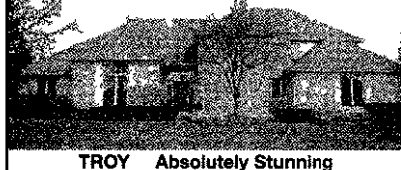
FARMINGTON HILLS Luxurious Mini Estate
Secured on almost 1 acre Private wooded backyard is the backdrop for built in pool Jacuzzi tennis ct outside bar Patio & gardens Updated to white kit w/granite counters Never hwd flrs furn & roof fin LL
(B87STO) 248-626-8800 \$459,900



LAKE ORION Six Car Garage
Lakefront 3 bedroom 2 bath Cape Cod over 1 acre 228 on Mill Lake Renovated in 01 first floor master with fireplace sitting area & 2 walk in closets cherry kitchen cabinets Brazilian cherry floors and walk out
(B95MAH) 248-642-8100 \$549,900



SALEM TOWNSHIP Country Home
Beautiful 5 bedroom 2 full and 2 half bath 19th century Colonial on approx mately 2 9 acres Great master bedroom hardwood floors country kitchen & forma dining Pole barn pond deck & gazebo A must see
(B66TER) 734-455-5600 \$679,000



TROY Absolutely Stunning
Joe Craig built Tudor w th 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths and first floor master Two way fireplace in great room and MBR forma dining room Back of property w th large pines for total privacy Home warranty included
(B52RIV) 248-524-1600 \$549,900



COMMERCE Serene Woodbridge Lake
Elegant light filled 4 BR 4 BA lakefront home offers soaring ceilings rich wood cabinetry sweeping lake views Spacious gourmet kitchen lux FR master su te finished w/o LL Very private wooded setting
(B25FOR) 248-363-1200 \$634,500



MILFORD Welcome to Royalty Home
Has it all sits on wooded 3 63 acre lot Two story foyer & GR w/2 spiral staircases FF master 4 addl bedrooms on 2nd floor with Jack & Jill baths two study rooms finished w/ oak bsmt w/ lot Library toy room
(B56TAL) 248-626-8800 \$2,200,000



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Immaculate
Four bedroom 2 bath Colonial on wooded lot with Pine Lake boating & beach Glass Florida room with built in Jacuzzi neutral decor newer ceramic tile wood floors & wood casement windows Bloomfield Hills schools
(B70BIR) 248-642-8100 \$494,500



DEARBORN Gorgeous Executive Condo
3 350 square foot Ranch 3 baths finished basement 2 car attached garage gated community at TPC go t course overlooking la rway Master w th jetted tub & separate shower spacious kitchen with granite
(B5PRES) 734-455-5600 \$749,900



OAKLAND TWP Custom
French country home on approx mately 2 37 acres w/ stream 5 BRs 4 full baths FF master su te w/frplc Fin w/o bsmt w/theatre room sauna hot tub In ground heated pool waterfalls 4 car garage w/porte cochere
(B10PEB) 248-652-8000 \$1,250,000



FENTON All Sports Lakefront
Beautiful views from this main lake setting Contemp open floor plan 4 BRs 3 BA's spacious rooms stunning master su te w/2nd frplc hot tub Lake views Water frontage 2 garages quick US 23 access
(B79RUN) 248-363-1200 \$575,000



TROY Beautiful 4 Bedroom Colonial
2 story ceramic foyer 3 car garage butlers pantry master bedroom w/w/ripool 2 story great room w/ fireplace 4 bedrooms with walk in closets upgraded kitchen built in bookshelf in the library Paved patio
(B80WOO) 248-626-8800 \$474,900



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Beverly Hills
On nearly an acre 3267 SF cape cod. 480 SF in finished basement with w/f. Fabulous sun m & fabulous 1st fl. mstr. ste \$599,999
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(248) 212 9080

Beverly Hills
Unique brick French colonial on 1.6 acres 3368 SF 5 BR 2.5 BA in basement, 3.5 car garage on a designed/owned by arch. firm near \$649,900
ED BARTER
(248) 763 0120

Birmingham
Charming 5 BR 3 full & 2 half BA colonial w/true cooks kt. LR w/gas flpl. for mal DR sun rm & fm bsmt. w/irc area \$749,900
ROD ARMSTRONG
(248) 366-2204

Bloomfield
Custom brick ranch w/open flr plan. cath. cool ngs bay window & brick pavers. Fin bsmt. w/exercise rm sauna & steam rooms \$314,900
NORMA SHEENA
(248) 425 1330

Bloomfield Township
Beautiful 1.78 acre building site suitable for w/ a lot lower level. Home on property can be torn down or used as is \$599,999
JOLIE LEVINE WARPOOL
(248) 212 9080

Commerce
3 BR 3 BA ranch on 2 acres w/pool. Mstr BR w/BA & deck. 1st flr laundry. Full fm bsmt w/gas flpl & bar. 2 car att gar \$399,900
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470-3584

Commerce Township
Awesome golf course community home w/2000 SF 3 BR & 2.5 BA fam rm. lrng kit & fm bsmt. rec & play rm \$314,500
ROD ARMSTRONG
(248) 366-2204

Commerce Township
4622 Berstein (S/Steeth & E/Benite n) 2 BR 3 BA condo LR w/frpl granite kt. 1st flr mstr BR. In bsmt gar w/wooded lot \$255,000
DENNIS J TERRY
(248) 302 2004

Dearborn Heights
Large ranch has 4 b g BRs 2 BA b g fam rm & fm bsmt. 2 frplcs BRs w/walk n closets. New paint. Hrdwd frs. Appliances stay \$279,900
RICH KAYLOR
(734) 476 9287

Dearborn Heights
25505 Stanford (S/Oxford & W/Wiley) 1105 SF 3 BR home w/fin bsmt & gar. Beautiful decor & updated. Move n condition \$183,900
FARIDA
(248) 797 5511

Farmington
Farmington Meadows Sub 4 BR 2 BA brick home w/1164 SF. Attach ga. fresh paint. Flende s Elementary School in sub \$189,900
JANET GUARDIANO
(248) 202 1399

Farmington Hills
Barrington Green Beauty! 3 BR 1.5 BA 1590 SF coo mal FR w/frpl. 10 mal DR kit w/bkfst nook. 2 car att gar \$240,000
JANET GUARDIANO
(248) 202-1399

Farmington Hills
Spacious updated brick ranch on wooded lot. Vaulted ceilings & hrdwd flrs. DR enc. Florida in whot tub & s/vlghts \$254,900
NORMA SHEENA
(248) 425 1330

Farmington Hills
2 BR 2.5 BA condo w/vault ceilings. K t w nook, mstr BR w/bath DR. 1st flr laundry. All appls stay. Deck 2 car garage \$205,900
DENNIS J TERRY
(248) 302 2004

Farmington Hills
Lovely 2600 SF 4 BR 2.5 BA colonal FR w/frpl updated kit. 1st flr laundry. In bsmt. C/A 2 car gar & more \$349,900
VIRGINIA VARTANIAN
(734) 748-3224

Farmington Hills
28880 Aranel (S/13 MI & W/Oxford Lk. Rd.) Updated 3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch w/wood flr plan. 3 way frpl. hrdwd frs. ceramic kit. fm bsmt deck \$259,900
ANDREA PACHECO
(248) 321 9285

Farmington Hills
2505 SF 4 BR 2.5 BA ranch on almost an acre. LR w/frpl. DR den partially fm bsmt w/frpl. 2 car garage in ground pool \$339,000
ANDREA PACHECO
(248) 321 9285

Farmington Hills
Beautiful 3 BR 1.5 BA ranch on gorgeous one acre lot in very popular sub. Hardwood floors. Many updates \$228,900
BARBARA SCHULTZ
(248) 212 0088

Farmington Hills
4 BR 2 updated baths. FR (14x35) gas fl p. updated kt. w/ice cabinets & Pergo flr. Ne ca cet. 2 tier deck. 2 car garage \$230,900
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470 3584

Farmington Hills
Updated 4 BR 2.5 BA colonal has newer roof w/n downs furnace. C/A & remode ed kit. w/granite. Fam rm w/frpl. Bsmt & garage \$284,899
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470 3584

Farmington Hills
4 BR 2.5 BA co on al w/frpl walk out bsmt. Updated kit cabinets. Newer furnace. C/A & vndows. Appls stay. Farmington Schoos \$199,900
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470 3584

Farmington Hills
4 BR 2.5 BA colonal. Formal lv & dn rms. Fam rm w/frpl bsmt 2 car gar. Updates roof windows carpet & porch \$259,900
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470 3584

Farmington Hills
Lovely 3 BR 2 BA brick ranch on 2+ acres. Bsmt w/glass block windows. 2 car att gar. Newer roof. C/A carpet & fresh y painted \$359,900
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470 3584

Farmington Hills
Outstanding 4 BR 2 BA 2 lav cape cod. LR grt rm. formal DR den gourmet kit. Hrdwd marble & ceramic flrs. Year round greenhouse \$550,000
SANTINA PALAZZETTI
(248) 613 5614

Hartland
Meticulous 3 BR 2.5 BA cape cod. Grt rm w/cath cell & frpl. 1st flr mstr ste w/walk n closet & vdu ry BA. Hrdwd flrs in kit & foyer \$279,900
SANTINA PALAZZETTI
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Lathrup Village
Absolutely gorgeous! Many updates. New roof kt. C/A & e ect 2 frplcs. encl Florida rm. Fenced yard w/arb. Dana Frankl n com \$247,900
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125 SF 2 BR 2 BA condo w/vaulted ceilings. Mstr BR w/walk n closet & BA. In unit laundry. Private balcony. Carpet \$145,000
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(248) 202 1399

Novi
Private entry 2 BR condo. Fin bsmt. fam m. updated kt. new carpet in BRs & hall. Pool. Tennis crt & clubhouse. n complex \$129,900
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470 3584

Novi
Adult community (50 or older) Bt 1999 w 350 on Walled Lake. Private balcony. All appliances stay \$99,900
ROXANNE FITZPATRICK
(248) 470 3584

Novi
Big 2575 SF 5 BR 4 BA colonial w/add 1000 SF n fin bsmt. Gourmet kit. mstr ste w/bay sht gty & 2 closets. Hrdwd flrs \$349,000
BIRGIT WILHELM
(248) 464-0222

Novi
3 BR 1.5 BA colonial w/very private well. mstr bed ya d. Mstr BR w/2 walk n closets. New carpet. paint & doorwalls \$214,900
BIRGIT WILHELM
(248) 464-0222

Novi
New 3 BR 2.5 BA end unit condo w 9 ce ngs & access to 1 ghts 2 story foyer grt rm w/frpl. p.c. den. gqr met kit & 1st floor laund y \$287,000
SANTINA PALAZZETTI
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Orchard Lake Village
5207 SF 4 BR contemporary LR DR fam m gran thachery kit & wet bar. Fin walk out 3 car ga. West B omf eld Schoos \$489,899
JOLIE LEVINE WARPOOL
(248) 212 9080

Orchard Lake Village
Unque flr plan in 3766 SF 4.5 BR 3.5 BA home w/contemporary flar. 2 frplcs. stand krt. w/dapple flr walk out n ground pool \$539,000
JOLIE LEVINE WARPOOL
(248) 212 9080

Pontiac
In Indian Village near mal schools & meo cat 3 BR 1.5 BA home w full basement & detached garage \$84,900
MANUEL MANO YONO
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Redford
Sharp brick colonial w/extra lot. Many updates. Family room w/frpl. Immediate occupancy! \$199,900
BARBARA SCHULTZ
(248) 214 0088

Redford
Great space inside & out! 4 BRs 2 baths. huge fam y rm. attached garage plus 2 car detached mechan cs garage w/220 line \$126,000
ELAINE GAY FOSTER
(248) 932-8442

Rochester Hills
Beautifully appointed 3 BR 2.5 BA condo. Natu al fl p. bsmt & ga. Updated roof. flooring. tu. nace. C/A. bl n ds & carpet \$183,000
SANTINA PALAZZETTI
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Rochester Hills
1507 Streamwood Ct. N/Harmin & E/Woods (Streamwood to end turn left). Prem um 2 BR co do on the C nton River \$159,900
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Royal Oak
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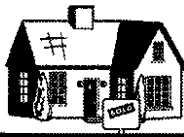
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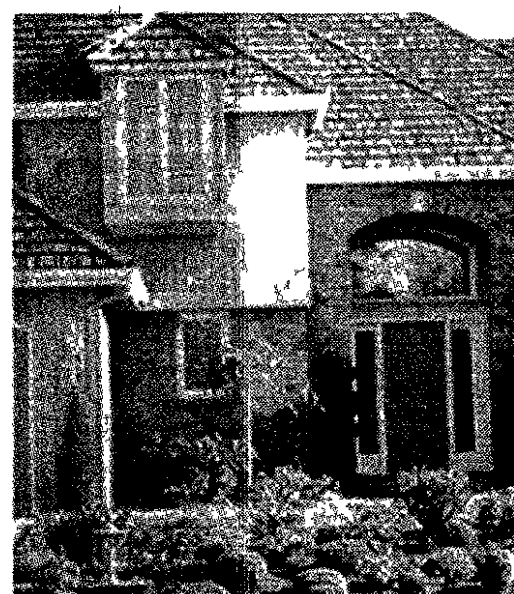
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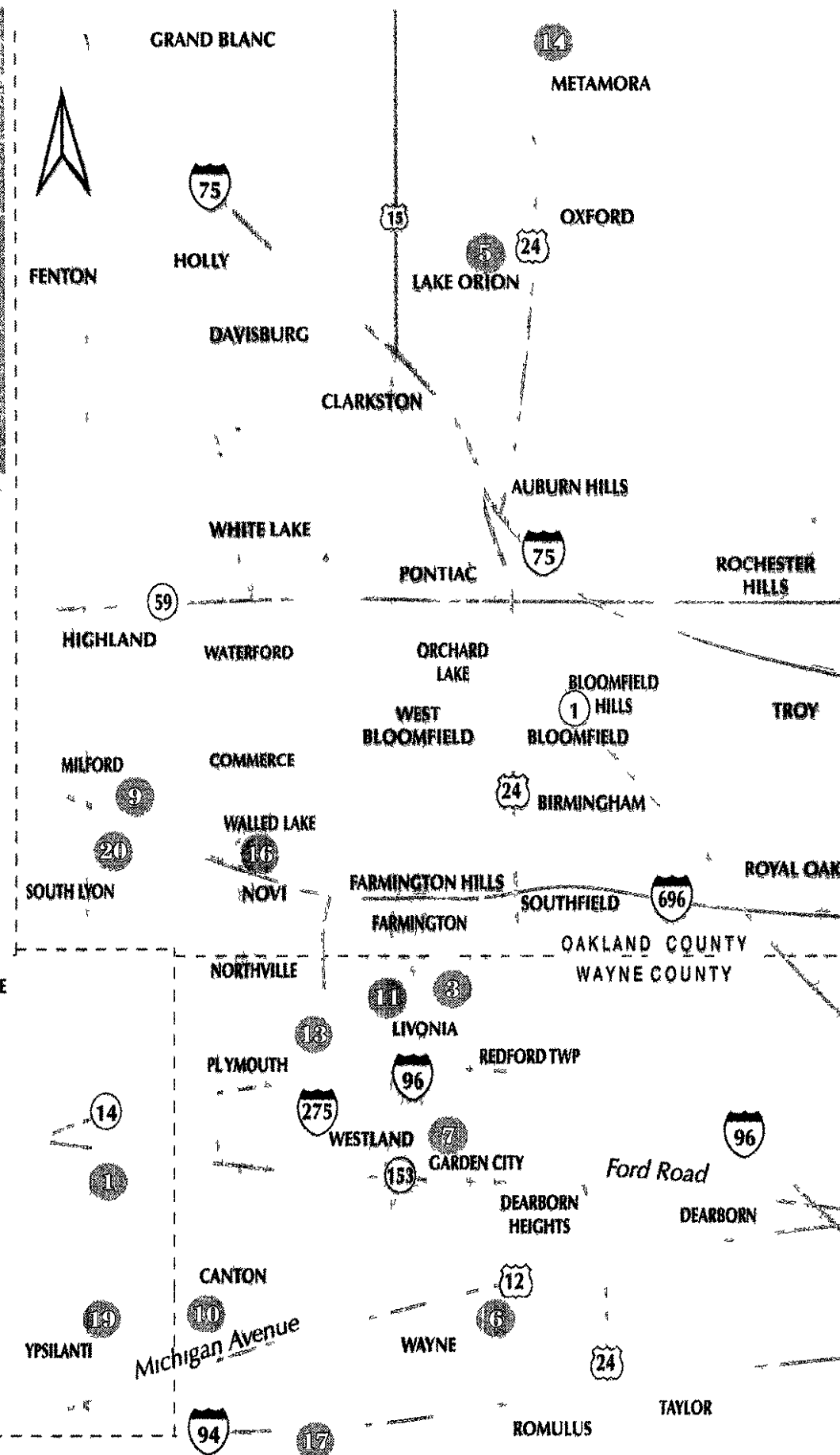
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Manage Workplace Stress

Your clock radio alarm goes off on a Monday morning, but you have no desire to go in to work. Your day is packed. You have meetings back to back all morning. In the afternoon, you have to prepare for your upcoming business trip, dictate letters to your administrative assistant and read dozens of e-mails. Who knows if you'll even have time to eat lunch. You are feeling so stressed that you're contemplating calling in sick.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the federal agency which researches work-related illness and injury, defines job stress as the harmful physical and emotional responses that occur when the requirements of a job do not match the capabilities, resources or needs of the worker. The consequences of such workplace stress are serious. Studies have found that work stress increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, psychological disorders and other health problems. Signs of job stress vary from person to person, according to the duration of stressors and intensity of the stress, but some symptoms are:

- * insomnia
- * loss of mental concentration
- * absenteeism
- * depression
- * extreme anger or frustration
- * physical illnesses

Such stresses are caused by an array of workplace factors, but some common ones are:

- * job insecurity
- * adjusting to workplace culture
- * mental, physical or sexual harassment

It's important for the sake of your health to try to reduce workplace stress. Here's how:

AT HOME

* It's hard to focus at work when you can barely keep your eyes open, so try to get at least seven or eight hours of sleep a night. Don't have the time? Build more rest into your life by a) going to bed 10 to 15 minutes earlier and b) maintaining a consistent sleep schedule, even during vacations and on weekends.

* Start the day off right with a healthy and energizing breakfast. If you are short on time, pack a yogurt, fruit or other foods, and munch at your desk.

* It may be hard to schedule exercise into your day, but it's a proven stress reliever. Participate in some form of exercise to give yourself an extra burst of energy. Try activities like yoga, aerobics or working out at a gym.

* Don't smoke, drink or abuse other substances to reduce stress. They will only make things worse.

* Relax in a way that works for you. Pick up the phone and call a friend. Turn on some soothing music. By making time for pleasurable activities, you can help your stress levels subside.

AT WORK

* It may sound like a New Age technique, but aromatherapy can reduce stress. Apply calming oils of scents like rose, lavender or nutmeg to pulse points for a calming sensation.

* Sit straight and comfortably in your seat. Try breathing in and exhaling to relax your nerves and muscles.

* Encourage your colleagues and human-resources staff to take time out to celebrate accomplishments. Host a retirement party. Go out for a drink to celebrate a coworker's birthday.



Workplace stress can be a serious threat to your health. Manage Workplace Stress

* Give yourself a break from work. Try to take that full half hour or hour for lunch. If you really can't, small breaks can do wonders. Go for a short walk around the office or outside.

* Increase your water intake and don't overindulge on caffeine, which will only make you crash later on.

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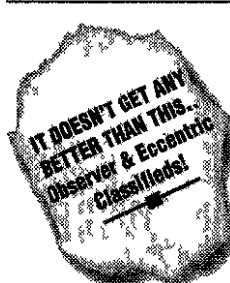
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Help Wanted SALESPERSON

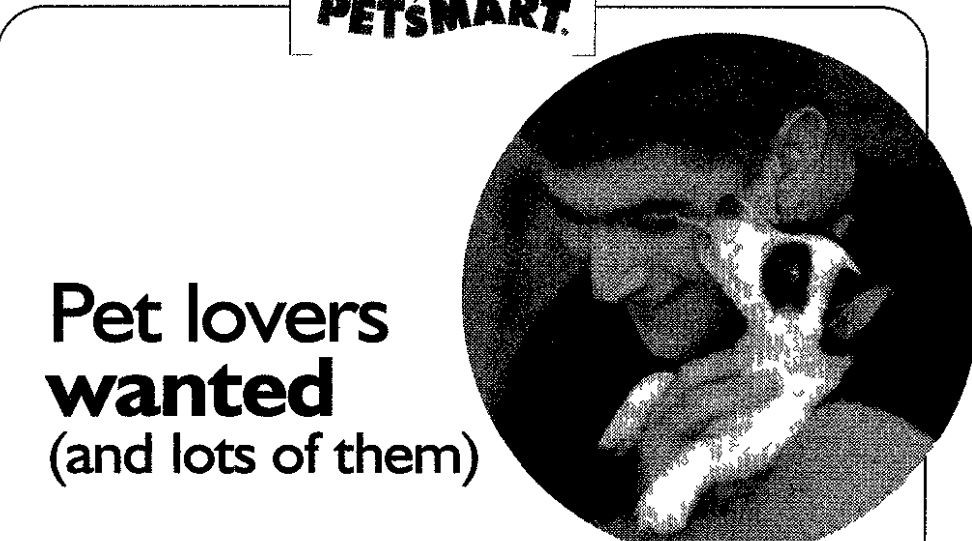
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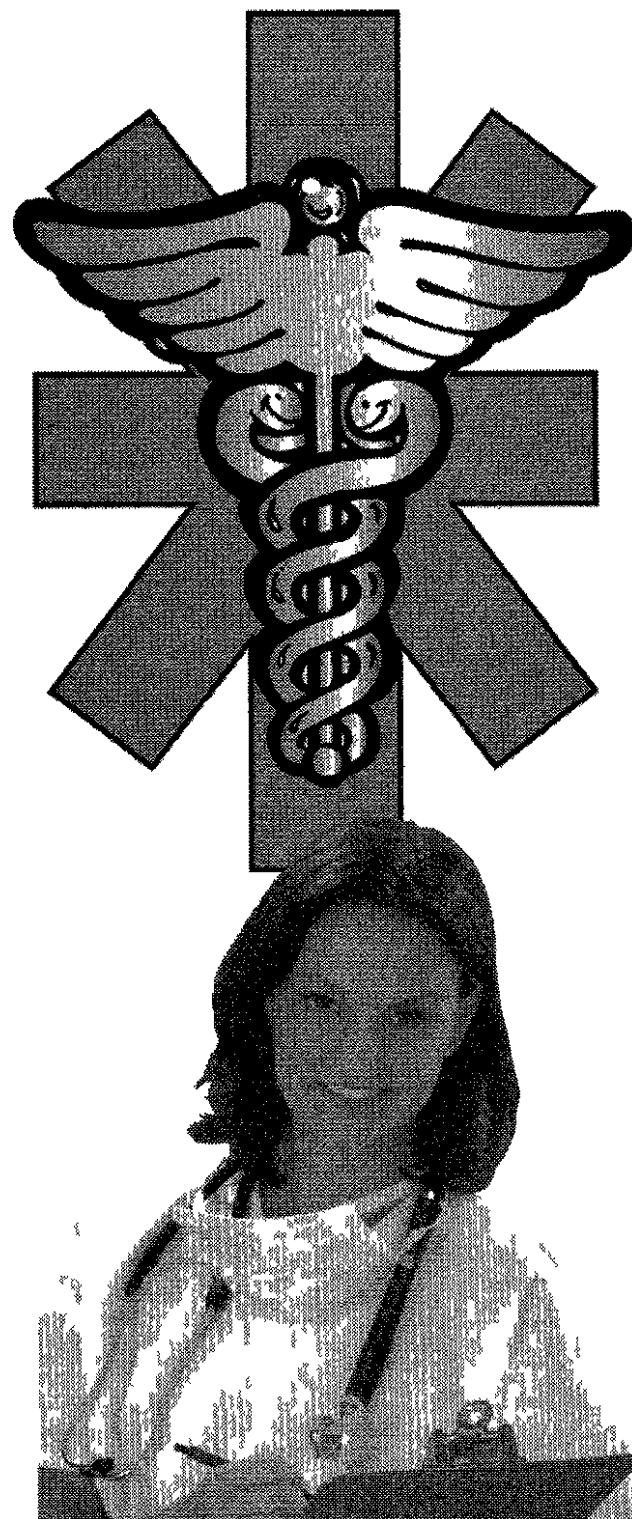
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OFFICE ASSISTANT Light bookkeeping in showroom sales. Livonia. Call 734 427 8158 or fax resume 734 427 8178

OFFICE ASSISTANT General office duties including filing mail processing data entry and shipping. Must be physically able to lift up to 50 lbs. To apply for this position please go to www.libertymutual.com click on Careers Search Jobs and use requisition number 9061 BR in Key Word Search field.

OFFICE ASSISTANT/TELE MARKETING Full/part time Fax resume 248 426 9420

Help Wanted-Office Clerical (6020)

OFFICE ASSISTANT For receiving incoming calls payroll preferable. Quickbooks Pro exp. Billing clerical. 6 7 hrs 4 days/wk for small contracting co in Novi area. 248 608 8617

OFFICE ASSISTANT Part time Mon-Fri days for human services office in Canton. Entry level. Needs good communication skills. Ability to operate communication equipment including computer skills. \$9.50 per hour. Submit application at 32321 Schoolcraft Rd Ste 200 Livonia (734) 458 8140

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RECEPTIONIST for 4 person psychotherapy office in Southfield. Good people skills, phone computer work and light bookkeeping knowledge. Full week with hours negotiable within reason. References requested. Fax resume to 248 355 4779

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MEDICAL ASSISTANT Nov pediatric office seeks experienced MA's Fax resume 248 305 6179

Medical Biller Medical practice seeking full time medical biller Knowledge in Medicare/private insurances required...

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Patient Account Rep Patient Account Rep needed for large multi state group physicians practice head quartered in Farmington Hills...

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RN'S Pre op and Recovery Full & part time Mon Fri Days Operating Room Experienced Full time Mon Fri Days...

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NANNY 2 days/wk flexible 4 kids Pay negotiable References needed Canton 734 397 2153

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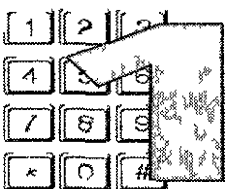
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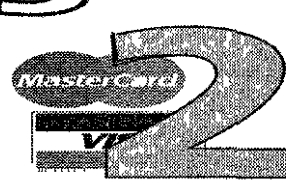
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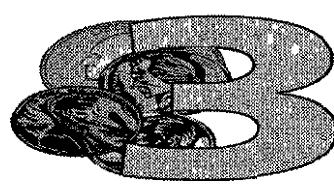
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Pette WF 61 sort of cute smart
spiritual & go to a living
with some health challenges and
am seeking a happy honest sen
or male who is tired of facng h
s challenges alone & needs some
tende lovng care Great cook
writer philospher Ad# 572933

FUN AND ADVENTURE

41 SWF seeks a gentl eman for
ten and adventure over 50 who
lusts to enjoy fe
Ad# 728605

TRY IT OUT

SFW 47 beautiful blonde with a
charming and confident casted
Enjoys the bookies a metra nng
and cooking Seeks a special
SWM to make her home a home
He should be intell gentl firm ac
tly amnt onaly sear a handsome
gentle ad marriage minded
Ad# 640050

JUST MOVED BACK

Adore a SWF 33 5 5 150 lbs
brown hair and light green eyes
Seeking a stable man a SWM
35 47 who is affectionate and
Humorous for a committed rela
t onsh p Ad# 644179

NICE MAN WANTS NICE MAN

SBF 28 145 lbs 5 3 with 2
young children Looking for a
SWM 38 52 for a long term re
l onsh who's firm ac tly secure
with h s own house No m d
games please honest man only
Ad# 760706

GOOD VALUES WARM HEART

24 52 113 blonde/blue I have
one chld shared custody I am a
home owner and a Chr stian I like
to have a dancng travelng etc
Seeking a role man 21 29 who is
employed has good values and a
w m heart Ad# 760468

ESTABLISHED WOMAN

Good looking 40 I have back
hair dark brown eyes medum
complexion I have one 14 yr o d
chld at home I am professonal
employed and own my own home
am looking for a man with the
same interests who a nice with
good values and good looking
Ad# 759908

GENIUS

SWF 62 58 blonde hair blue
eyes enjoys tamly get to geters
mus c cards excersng d eam
dru se dancng campng and
much more Looking for a SWM
58+ to share special t mes
Ad# 728948

GAMES OVER

41 120 lbs 5 7 pet to SBF
seeks an adre head on the r
shoulders future plans of mar
riage mature enjoy life to the
flest 18 23 SBF Ad# 759284

HAVE TEST FOR LIFE?

SWF 49+ pete b unette seeks a
trustworthy emot onal y secure
attractve SWM 49 60 N/S with
no dependents Ad# 742277

SELF SECURED

SWF 56 125 hazel eyes blonde
hair enoys card mus c seekng
n someone who is 55 and older fun
kikes himself openminded and
loves mus c Ad# 752505

PET LOVER

SBF 56 155 lbs black hair
brown eyes likes dancing
rfoves d inner seeks honest
respectful ma e 30 65 who loves
pets Ad# 758134

OUND GOOD TO YOU?

SBF 50 59 175 lbs w th short
black hair and brown eyes Enjoys
bowling camping and softball
Looking for a man with the
outgoing SWM 35 50 who is
open mided kes pets wks and
enjoys times Ad# 728508

SOMETHING MISSING

56 years young want a special
f nd in my life Mssng the l t
things a hug a kiss holding
hands Enjoys just about every
thng but mssng the othe half
in my life Ad# 406107

HUMOR IS A PLUS

Full fig SWF 40 59 with
green eyes reddish brown hair
Looking for a real SBF 30 40
who's got things to go to treat
a woman Ad# 756254

THE WHOLE PACKAGE

SWF 67 165 lbs w red hair blue
eyes kds and grand k ds Looking
for a SWM 50 68 who is about 6
with facal hair he k ds a home
N/S and knows how to treat a
woman Ad# 756254

A BEAUTIFUL MIND

Full fig SWF 40 59 w th
green eyes reddish brown hair
Looking for a down to earth
fng loving intell gentl SWM
who is open minded and has a
sense of humor Ad# 754174

GIVE ME A CALL

Full figured SBF 18 57 230
lbs w th short hair and a dash
to Looking for a real SBF 30 40
who's got things go ng to
sell Ad# 751774

ALL IN TIME

SBF 25 57 180 lbs down to
earth for quality time seeks SBF
who likes to cuddle down to earth
knows what he wants out of life
and how to get it Ad# 751474

NEWLY SINGLE

SBF 18 good person newly sin
gle seeks SAM age unimportant
be sweet chldren cat someone
to talk to Ad# 751354

VERY INDEPENDENT

Single black Mom almost 22
looking for serious rel onsh p
w th a single black male 23 30
Ad# 744532

DO YOU LOVE THE LORD?

SBF 45 years o self employed
oves God Seeks a SM 45 56
who is serious about a rell onsh
Ad# 744590

ACTIVE

41 year old SWF searchng
for an honest energetic sprrtual
easygo ng SWM 45 65
Ad# 742983

LOVING & HONEST

SWF 38 5 8 with red hair green
eyes and a good sense of humor
Enjoys campng movies karaoke
and time with a special someone
She is n sea ch of an honest easy
going compa e SWM 26 to 30
years old Ad# 744108

ACTIVE LIFE

SWF 55 5 6 average bu ld
green eyed blonde In sea ch of a
cons derate thoughtful funny
SWM 55 65 who enjoys dancng
and be ng outdoors Ad# 743857

INDEPENDENT LADY

DB Mom 38 5 9 full figured
thoughtful who sports t avl con
certs museums campng time
and more Seeks down to earth
understanding good humored
empy eyed drug & d seas free
SM 34 45 with own transporta
tion who loves kds & animals
Ad# 742940

BROWN EYED LADY

SWF 54 48 enjoys dancng
rbs funny movies page turn
books Desires SWM 40 65
that I can look up to who can make
me laugh and is handsome and
secure in finances and self
Ad# 473551

ATTRACTIVE & AVAILABLE

SWF 38 57 interested n meetng
a man who enjoys the simp
p esures n life Interests are time
w th her children campng basket
ball golfng music and concerts
Looking for a SWM 30-45 who is
fun to be around Ad# 444655

AFRICAN PRINCESS

SWF 38 58 31 years old
Seeks a SBF 30 39 who doesn't
mind a ge woman loves ch dren
and can have fun w thout d rnkng
& smoking Ad# 728327

SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY

Th s 31 year old SB Mom p us
s ad enjoys romantic evenings at
home and go ng around chldren
She seeks a genu ne SBF 31
39 Must love chldren
Ad# 742004

VIBRANT PERSONALITY

SWF 29 5 3 110 lbs w th
ong blonde hair blue eyes act ve
loves the outdoors Hopng to meet
blonde interests are mov es bowl
ng and dancng She is lookng for
a sensitive financially secure N/S
SM 35 50 whose chldren are
grown and knows how to apprec
iate a woman Ad# 641647

WALK AND TALK

SWF 31 5 2 115 lbs enjoys d n r
er movies go ng around chldren
and havng fun Th s a black lady
s looking for an honest SWM who
is a good conversationalist for a
possble re lat onsh Ad# 739214

BELEVER IN HAPPINESS

She is a down to earth 5 6 46
b onde hair blue eyed sweet SWF
with a SWM 40 60 who is ab e
to express h s feelings be famly
oriented and an oy working around
the house Ad# 729233

BROWN QUEEN SEEMS MAN

Single black female 46 57
brown hair and brown eyes hop
ng to meet a single black male 46
52 Ad# 729303

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

SWF 40 5 4 enjoys the out
doors campng at home and much
more She is honest and workng
in a fun loving gentlman who s
honest happy educated and pro
fessional Ad# 729268

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME

SWF 46 looking to meet friends
and new rel onsh ps She is anx
ous y stepng into a new stage n
her ad nsh She is sweet ve
spoken upbeat and down to
earth Ad# 729257

WANTED CLASSY MAN

I m 64 white versatle woman
52 dark hair and dark eyes I
enjoy dancng travelng excerss
Seekng a companion and maybe a
re at onshp I am a home owner n
Maconn Ad# 403303

FIT THE BILL?

SWF 42 5 8 115 lbs n sea ch
of a marriage minded well pro
portioned SWCM 45 50 6+ N/S
N/S drug free Ad# 728344

LOVE THE LORD?

m a Born Again Chr stian SWF
57 a mentally stable active lvely
carng person Looking for a play
ful good humored SBF 45 55
who is a Born Again Chr stian
and loves h s life for the Lo d
Ad# 728531

CONTACT ME TODAY

SWF 45 5 2 Hobbies are a clas
mus c and go ng for walks in the
park She hopes to meet a SWM
35+ Ad# 728609

SUMMER FUN

SWF 33 tall & slim ntl travel
jazz & blues museums workng
out p ys and shopng Seeks an
excng well g comed clean cut
with color SWPM 33 49 N/S
Ad# 728143

I WOULD LOVE TO TALK!

SW Mom 27 5 3 265 lbs w th
long hair & ds k b own eyes
In sea ch of a fun lovng stable SW
gent man 25 35 who loves k ds
and knows what he wants n life
Ad# 739229

FIT THE BILL?

Thin SWFF 55 57 with brown
hair/eyes She wishes to meet a
tal athletc energetic trustng
N/S SWM 50 60 who has a
degree Ad# 738896

TAKE A GAMBLE

SWF 43 200 lbs long brown hair
& a smoker has chldren not lovng
at home Seeks a carng honest
affectionate employed SWM 42+
who enjoys travelng bngng and
casinos Ad# 735474

LET

49 have two grown daughters
educated work full tme 5 4
brownish red hair hazel eyes and
a little overwe ght I am looking for
a guy who doesn't have any k ds
Looking to someone to hang out
w th and maybe sed to long term
Ad# 738138

ONE OF A KIND

SWF 50 w th above average
looks good comman cat amuse
festvs travelng a SWM 57 70
who is ovng humorous N/S
N/D fun and affect onate
Ad# 482569

SERENDIPITY

SWF 26 5 6 138 lbs blue eyes
two chl dren enjoys the outdoors
sports and much more! She is
seekng a SWM 24 30 with a
good head on h s shoulder s
knows what he wants out of life
and how to get t Ad# 738574

SOFT SPOKEN BRUNETTE

SWF 39 5 5 125 lbs a smoker
Loves travelng the outdoors and
reading Seeks a fun ovng
SWPM 35 60 w th a mlar inter
ests to frendsh p poss ble LTR
Ad# 727158

SINCERE SEEKS MR RIGHT

DVF 42 5 4 medum bu ld blue
eyes ong blonde hair smoker
social dr nker Enoys travelng
cas nos fshng crochery darts
and card fls markets Read
Wng hooky Searchng for a best
friend eventualy leadng to a LTR
Ad# 528217

MAKE YOU SMILE

Respectable SBF 34 is lookng
for a big husky SBF 30 40 who
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more Seeking a friendly and
down to earth SWM 49 55 with
s mlar inte sets Ac# 735834

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140 lbs vo utpous blue eyed
blonde interests are mov es bowl
ng and dancng She is lookng for
a sensitive financially secure N/S
SM 35 50 whose chldren are
grown and knows how to apprec
iate a woman Ad# 641647

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hair Enjoys going to cubs bowlng
mov es dinners plus more
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compat ble but church go ng
and shares s mlar interests
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NONE

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l short blonde hair bluish green
eyes great sm le seekng someone
down to earth g self personally
outgoing activ ts and many othe
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33 SBF full figured 5 8 bak
hair brown eyes one chl at home
enjoys life employed looking for
someone comat ble who enjoys
life smoker/dr nker ok kind and
honest Enjoys kds and can work
around my schedule Ad# 726972

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SWF 41 full figured motivated
kds n/s Looking for a gen
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some fun with I would ask that
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45 SAF pete vegetarian nde
pendant active Looking for hand
some As an or Wht man prof
40 45 who will respect me
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SWF 57 5 4 red curly hair
brown eyes Enjoys mov es the
star boatinng swimmg cookng
and tme with famy Seeks a
SWM 55 79 who is ambitious
sprrtual successful and fun
Ad# 473611

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dren at home Seeking an attractve
SWM 37+ who is less chllie and s
a resons ble Ad# 712280

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has a g ss sense of humor and
enjoys quiet evenings at home
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end get a ways campng cuddl ng
and more Seeking a SWM 57 70
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medum bu ld Enoys flea markets
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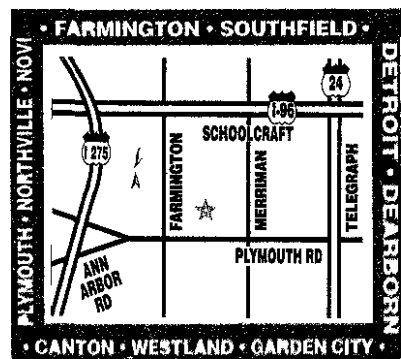
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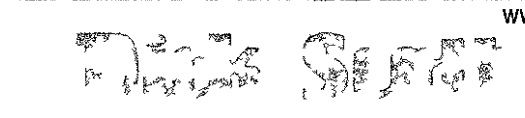
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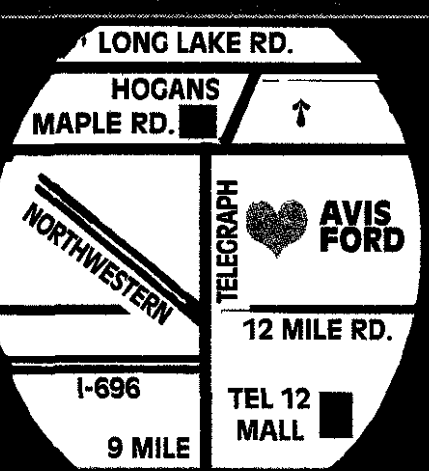


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TIPS TO BE MORE CAMERA READY

NEW YORK — Models look good in photographs because they are relaxed and happy to be there

Most people though tense up and are too posed when they're having their picture taken says photographer Trix Rosen. But these same people then ignore the little things that can make a difference adds *Charlie Green*, makeup artist for Victoria's Secret.

Real people look beautiful when they feel good. Relax and trust yourself. Allow yourself to feel the joy of the moment and you'll like the way you look in your photos," Rosen advises.

Meanwhile, Green suggests makeup practice runs for special-event photos such as wedding or reunion pictures.

"Even if you don't usually wear makeup, wear some basics like mascara and blusher when posing for photos. When the flash goes off, your features will get lost if they

aren't emphasized with makeup," she says. "Foundation makes you look camera ready."

Green's other beauty hints include:

Create a fresh, shine-free complexion. Apply powder in your T-zone to reduce shine. An oil-free cream-to-powder foundation works well, and oil-absorbing sheets can blot your face after makeup is applied.

Apply lip gloss. Nothing looks better in a picture than shiny, sexy lips. (Green uses Sweet Talk Mouth Watering lip gloss in Posh Peach on model Gisele Bündchen for Victoria's Secret shoots.)

Be strategic with shimmer, which can give you a radiant look if applied correctly. It goes only on the top of the cheekbones and eyelids to illuminate the face. But if your skin is broken out, opt for matte makeup because shimmer products accentuate shine.

HOW TO STORE A BRIDAL KEEPSAKE

NEW YORK — Even though they rarely wear it again, most brides make an attempt at preserving their wedding gown, mostly for posterity's sake.

Proper cleaning and storage is essential, according to Steve Saidman, owner of Imperial Gown Restoration and Preservation in Fairfax, Va. Saidman is profiled in the June-July issue of *Modern Bride* as one of the top trendsetters in the wedding industry.

His recommended ritual for preserving a gown includes "wet-cleaning" over dry-cleaning, which might not remove all stains and it might damage detailing on the dress. The gown also should be air-dried, he says.

Professional wet-cleaning is usually by hand or by use of a specially built and programmed machine that doesn't

agitate the contents. The water temperature is tepid and the cleaning agents are of a very low pH. Fabrics are rinsed repeatedly in a neutralizing agent as well as fresh water, and removal of the water is never done by wringing or by use of high-speed extraction.

After it's cleaned, the gown should be folded and wrapped in acid-free tissue paper and then placed in an acid-free box. Paper products that contain acid yellow as they age and the color will transfer to the gown, Saidman explains.

A dress left for years on a hanger likely will get stretched out and lose its shape, he adds.

And, Saidman says, don't use a plastic bag for storage. It can trap moisture or odor near the gown and accelerate deterioration.

FRAGRANCE FAVORITES ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK — Sarah Jessica Parker and Sigourney Weaver were there, but the real star of the FiFi Awards was Ralph Lauren Fragrances.

The women's perfume, Ralph Lauren Blue, was the consumer-choice winner at Wednesday night's ceremony hosted by The Fragrance Foundation. The scent was the favorite of readers of both *Cosmopolitan* and *CosmoGirl* magazines who participated in an online poll.

Cosmopolitan readers also liked *Beyond Paradise* by Estée Lauder.

Meanwhile, *CosmoGirl* readers selected *Adidas Adrenaline Man* as their top pick for men and *Cosmopolitan* readers favored *Very Sexy for Him* by Victoria's Secret.

Adrenaline Man and *Very Sexy for Him* also were among the winners selected by *Fragrance Foundation* members, who include designers, packagers, retailers and mem-

bers of the media. Other men's fragrances of the year were Ralph Lauren's Purple Label and Black by Kenneth Cole.

The favorite women's fragrances were *Narciso Rodriguez for Her*, *Burberry Brit*, *Celine Dion Parfums* and *Pure Tiffany* by Tiffany & Co.

Top European fragrances were *Gucci Pour Homme* and *Chance* by Chanel.

Origins Natural Resources: Calm To Your Senses Collection and *Avon's Avon Planet Spa* won the FiFis in the bath and body categories, and *Elton Rocks* by Elton John and *Space NK Home London's Potpourri* and *Passive Diffuser* were the top interior scents.

Oscar de la Renta, whose fragrances include *Oscar*, *Intrusion* and the soon-to-be-released *Rosamor*, was inducted into *The Fragrance Foundation's* hall of fame.

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the pink carpet

Of course there was high style on the runway at the Allure fashion show, held June 18 at Erhard BMW, Farmington Hills — but plenty of the latest looks could also be seen in the crowd. “Fashionable attire” was required at the event, which raised money for the Michigan Special Olympics. Here are a few of the attendees who were fit for the pink carpet.

Eva Hanna of Troy brightened up a little black dress by pairing it with shockingly hot accessories. Not everyone can pull off these heels — pink leather stilettos tied behind the ankle in a dainty bow. A flash of pink will always spice up an outfit for an evening out.

Britani Gooden of Ann Arbor and Diane Kuza of West Bloomfield (top left) utilized accessories to spice up classic black. Gooden wore a satin pink belt — hung low over her hips and tied in a knot — and a thick pink bracelet. Kuza's black and white patterned scarf broke up black monotony. She paired her strapless top and knee length skirt with open-toed strappy sandals. A must have this summer.

Natasha Robin from West Bloomfield and Lauren Bacall from Farmington Hills (bottom left) looked like they belonged on the catwalk. You can count on a solid-colored top to complement patterns and prints such as the flowers on Robin's orange and black skirt. Bacall's suede beige purse — made unique with its chunky silver straps and beaded ornaments — complemented her flowing skirt and simple tank top.

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SHARON EISENSHTADT PERSONAL SHOPPER CATERS TO CLIENTS' TASTES

By DeAnna Belger ■ Photo by David Reed

pink profile

Sharon Eisenshtadt feels extremely blessed to be the selling manager of Select Personal Shopping at Marshall Field's. She oversees a dedicated department of 15 personal shoppers at the Somerset Collection in Troy. Eisenshtadt worked in sales throughout high school and college and was thrilled when the position became available. Eisenshtadt believes a personal shopper is an "everyday hero." Anytime she is not at work, she is at home with every member of her family. Eisenshtadt laughs, "In my off time, my family is like glue. We are a really happy, cohesive family." She could hardly stop smiling when describing how much she loves her job and her family for Pink readers.

❖ What does a personal shopper do?

We build a relationship with a guest and we service all of their needs, anything that we can sell in this store. We can serve many needs for many different people. We want to give a great service and we want people to feel comfortable. We want to be a household name and help people's lives become easier.

❖ Why would someone want to utilize a personal shopper?

This entire service is about an experience. They can go shopping on the floor themselves. We have to provide them with something that will make them come to us. The only way to do that is to provide a phenomenal service free of charge.

❖ What types of needs do you fulfill?

My staff can help someone with their registry, wardrobe, invitations, household accessories, china, fine jewelry, cosmetics, anything that Marshall Field's has in the store. The bulk of our business is wardrobing. We create a look for people and then maintain the look for them. It is 80 percent of what we do. If a client has an upcoming party, we can arrange for them to meet with our caterer.

❖ How do you find your clientele?

It starts off with one person. Usually one person is sought out by us or referred to us. And that person becomes family. Then the family becomes the friends. And then the friends refer other friends. We do this over and over and that is how we become a household name.

❖ What are the perks?

It depends on what the customer likes. Some customers just want to be fashion forward and want us to pull it off the floor in their size once it comes in. That customer wants us to call them the minute it comes in. They don't care about the sale. Other clients are looking for a great deal. They want us to call them to set up appointments for upcoming sales events or when the item they want is on sale.

❖ What do you say to someone who feels nervous about coming in?

We try to feel it out over the phone. People give us clues to let us know how they are feeling. There is no pressure. The guests feel like we are doing a great service. Some people call and say, "I have this great skirt that I need something to go with." If we get them to trust us, they will come back to us.

❖ What can customers expect from their first experience?

The best scenario is when we are able to get enough information over the phone. Then when they come in we do an interview sheet. If we get enough information over the phone then we can prepare the showcase room and the client can just start when they arrive. If we learn more during the interview process they may go pull more than. The worst scenario is if the guest comes in and there is nothing waiting for them. It takes away from the experience. The experience should 'wow' the guest. People come here to relax and to fill a need. Our best bet is when we fill that need and make them feel entertained.

❖ What types of questions do you ask new clients?

We try to get to know them. We ask a lot of questions. We find out everything from what kind of china they like to if their ears are pierced. We ask if they have children, if they are married, and if they have any upcoming weddings or vacations. We get a really good sense of their lifestyle, all of the things they do.

❖ What is the best part of being in this business?

When you give someone a great experience, it touches them. I feel like if I had to think of something I want to do with my life, it is to touch people and make them happy. I feel like I have done a good deed and I get all of that from this job. Husbands have said to me, "You have changed my wife's life." That is amazing. To give someone that experience, to touch someone, to change them. There is no downside to that. It is only happy stuff. In a world where sometimes things are not so happy, this is a really happy place to be and I feel really lucky to be in this position.

If you have a candidate for a Pink Profile, e-mail dbelger@homecomm.net





KELLY'S KLICKS

STAR-SPANGLED STYLE IS BEST KEPT MILD

Q How can I show my patriotic pride without looking like an over-the-top cheesball for the upcoming July 4th weekend?

A First rule No appliqué sweaters Outside of that, anything goes, but may I suggest moderation? Also, never underestimate the power of accessories A simple summer dress in red or blue paired with a special edition Fourth of July cableknit clutch by Margaret Nicole will do the trick The white cotton cableknit lined with red polished cotton and adorned with double-faced blue and red satin ribbon, screams Martha's Vineyard Swoop one up for \$130 at margaretnicole.com

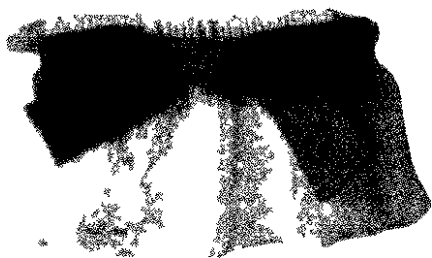
Or, you can don something as simple as blue jeans or a denim mini paired with a white tee or a Ralph Lauren Racerback Polo \$39 at polo.com To jazz it up, head to your local fabric store or to mytrim.com for some red grosgrain ribbon (about \$3) and fashion a cute bow belt or use it to accentuate an all American ponytail Also great at polo.com the sporty white transit jacket, with contrasting blue-and red striped tape at the inner collar hem and cuffs, for \$87.50

Or really have some fun with the 'Cool Sandy' tee (think Grease Lightning) at fredflare.com for \$22 Paired with a red hoody cropped pants and flops the results will be fashion fireworks

Kelly Lee runs the online style magazine BussBuss.com and designs fabulously fun clothing and accessories Got an online shopping question? Ask kelly@bussbuss.com!



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SUMMER'S FINALLY HERE, AND THE

After months of dry skin and ruined leather pumps we finally get to enjoy a few blissful months of barbecues, beaches and long sunny days. However, as we draw closer to summer we are one step closer to the unmentionable, the ungodly, and the undisputed darkest nook of the mall — the dressing room. Yes, I'm afraid to say that with summer comes the swimsuit.

Yet there's good news this year. One-piece swimsuits are hotter than ever this season, and new hip designs are prepared to extinguish fears of dressing rooms everywhere.

Better yet, by this time they're probably on sale.

Designers have pulled out all the stops for this season's line of one-piece suits. Check out Birmingham's Tender on West Maple for fabulous one-piece designer suits by Emilio Pucci, Daslu, Paul Smith, Etro, Anne Louise Roswald, and Wolford ranging from \$170-\$325.

Bikini-lovers can opt for a one-piece with front, back, or side cut-outs. These half-bikini/half-one-piece suits emphasize your sexiest areas while also showing some major fashion chops.

For those of you who prefer a little more coverage, the tankini is a perfect compromise between the bikini and the one-piece. This tank top paired with bikini bottoms covers you up while giving your midriff the option of live coverage or commercial time. Either way, the tankini still protects you against those scary rays and is a sexy alternative to the bikini. Parisian has a great selection of tankinis. Check out Ralph Lauren's sailor-inspired navy and green striped tankini for \$92.

Calvin Klein's black halter tankini, \$88, and DKNY's red and white polka-dot tankini (also available in a full one-piece), \$94, are also cool picks.

If you're just an old-fashioned kind of girl who loves the one-piece in its natural form, you're not forgotten because this season's necklines are hot. Expect to see halter, asymmetrical, strapless, and deep plunging necklines taking over one-pieces everywhere. Each of these necklines adds flirty and fun flair to this season's one-piece.

Be Creative has a fantastic one-piece halter suit designed in gorgeous earth tones for \$84. Also check out Anne Klein's red metallic suit with a criss-cross back for \$94. Both are available at Parisian.

Classic black gets a sexy update in this barely-a-one-piece by Ann-Louise Roswald, which features daring cutouts and hardware, \$220, Tender.

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NE-PIECE HAS ARRIVED

A dramatic neckline adds flattering flair to this earthy suit by Be Creative, \$84, Parisian.

Whichever cut you prefer choose a suit with style this summer. Adornments such as ribbons, rhinestones and metallics are huge right now. Select a suit with designs or color. Polka dots, stripes and animal prints are designers' favorites. The hottest colors are neons, pinks, corals and oranges.

Keep in mind that bright colors will add a vibrant glow to any skin tone and make you appear tanner when soaking in the sun.

Not ready for zebra prints and neon yellow? Although brights and prints are hot right now, you can never go wrong with a great suit in a solid color. In this case, there's one brand for you: J. Crew. Whether it be a cut-out, halter or strapless one-piece, you fancy, jcrew.com has it in this summer's coolest solid colors.

Whoever said the dressing room was scary?



The retro colors and shapes in this suit by Emilio Pucci are almost as bright as the sun, \$325, Tender.

ON THE COVER

Powell Peabody models a black cutout swimsuit by Ann-Louise Roswald, \$220, Tender, Birmingham. Photo by Jeff White.

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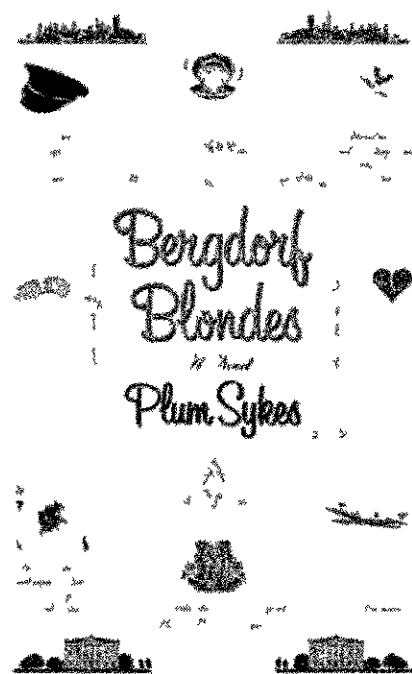


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FASHION INSIDER CHRONICLES MANHATTAN HIGH SOCIETY IN BERGDORF BLONDES

By Jocelyn Noveck □ Associated Press



NEW YORK — Plum (Sykes, of course) strides hurriedly into Soho House, one of Manhattan's most exclusive spots, her Manolo (Blahnik of course) loafers clacking on the floor, a white rabbit scarf by Tommy (Hilfiger of course) draping her neck.

"I am having SUCH a manic day," she announces. "It's absolutely BONKERS!"

Later that night Sykes will be attending a society gala in a bare shoulder animal-print chiffon dress borrowed from her designer friend Alexander (McQueen of course). Then it's to the airport, for a 6 a.m. flight to London. "I might as well not even go to bed!" she complains, not too unhappily.

These days life is even crazier than usual for Sykes, a 34-year-old willowy British fashion writer who's been a presence in the hippest New York fashion and society circles since she arrived seven

years ago and was promptly dubbed a Manhattan "It" girl.

Now she can add best-selling author to her CV. Her debut novel, *Bergdorf Blondes*, now in its ninth printing and about to hit No. 7 on the New York Times list of best sellers, was inspired by the superrich, pencil-thin, husband-seeking Manhattan single girls she's met on her rounds of New York parties — girls she calls "Park Avenue Princesses."

It is a world few of us would recognize even those who live in Manhattan. So first, a lesson in some of the Park Avenue Princess lingo, according to Sykes.

PH: Prospective Husband, as in the ultimate prize, the overarching goal of any girl. Without a fiance, a girl is just a "Balenciaga bag that's lost its buckle."

PJ: Private Jet, as in the only respectable way to get to Paris for a shopping weekend, or a quick break on the Riviera.

ATM: No, silly, not a cash machine. Even better: A rich boyfriend.

MIT: Mogul in Training. Richer than an ATM, and thus even more desirable.

MTM: Better yet! Married to a mogul.

Ana: As in anorexic, but in a GOOD way — thin enough to catch one of the above-mentioned men.

Sykes, who's kept her day job as contributing editor at *Vogue* magazine, swears that all the lingo in her book is real. But the characters themselves, she insists, are not. Such a claim evokes a skeptical wink from some observers, who say that the book's narrator, called only "Moi" (French for "me"), is a thinly veiled version of the author.

"No, my life isn't Moi's life, but sometimes I wish it was," Sykes says. "I mean, imagine if all your problems could be solved with a Bellini (the preferred cocktail of a Park Avenue Princess) at Cipriani's (the preferred watering hole)'

In any case, Sykes clearly lives a life not too unlike that of the girls in her novel. For example, the parties — when she first arrived she went to one every night, although she says she stays home much more these days. And, of course, the clothes. Sykes, 5 feet-11-inches and slender, showed up for an interview dressed down ("I don't like to wear expensive clothes during the day") but still very chic in a new pair of Hudson Jeans (the "Supermodel" line), a Juicy Couture T-shirt, an H. Hilfiger jacket and fur scarf, and the aforementioned Manolos.

Sykes' — er, Moi's — best friend in the book is Julie Bergdorf, an heiress to the Bergdorf Goodman department store for a time, who takes to announcing at dinner parties that she has "\$100 million in the bank, and not a penny more." Julie is thin — sorry, "ana" — and gorgeous, and ridiculously chic. And, of course, she's blonde — but only because she highlights her hair every 13 days at the Bergdorf's salon. Sykes' twin sister, Lucy, an editor at *Marie Claire* magazine, does the same thing (Plum does not because she's a brunette).

The book has been reviewed by some as tacky and a little trashy, and by others as witty and highly entertaining. And indeed, it can be all those things.

Bergdorf Blondes can go from language that sounds just too fake to be enjoyable — "Totally icky! I thought I was going to vom!" — to genuinely hilarious moments such as when Moi gives her Park Avenue Princess friend a set of little Beatrix Potter books for her baby shower, and "she totally freaked because it was more books than she'd ever read."

Or Moi's description of a sample sale at Chanel, where women will kill each other for the chance to designer-shop at Gap prices. "The hottest sample sales in New York are so fraught with danger they make the Gaza Strip look peaceful," Moi advises, adding that "the president should take tips from the PR girls there, because the Chanel guards run a tighter ship than the Department of Homeland Security."

Or the book party organized by Julie to broaden her friends' minds — except that no one has read the book, everyone is dressed in diamonds and the only question they can think to ask the poor professor leading the meeting is whether George Clooney or Brad Pitt should appear in the hypothetical movie.

Which leads to the question: Are society women really this dumb?

Sykes, who was raised in Kent, England, and educated at Oxford, says she's discovered something funny about "the daughters of American wealth," something she calls "an amazing combination of cleverness and ditziness."

"These girls are all college-educated, smart, well read," she says. "And yet at the same time, you've never seen a more educated girl get so overexcited about something like a new purse."

Sykes is now working on her second novel, *The \$10 Million Divorcee*, which covers another subculture of Manhattan's wealthy society women: those who marry, and then divorce, exceptionally well.



Bellini cocktails served at Cipriani's are a favorite of the socialites in *Bergdorf Blondes*. The Bellini was reportedly created in 1943 at Harry's Bar in Venice in honor of the painter Giovanni Bellini. The original recipe was made with fresh pureed white peaches, sparkling white wine and a splash of raspberry or cherry juice to give the drink a pink glow.

Here are two versions of Bellinis. Blended or chilled, they'll definitely infuse some cool into your next backyard party.

Quick version:

1 part Peach Schnapps
3 parts Champagne or sparkling wine
Combine in Champagne flutes, serve

A little more elaborate:

2 ounces peach nectar
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
1 ounce Peach Schnapps
Crushed ice
3 oz chilled dry Champagne
Mix the peach nectar, lemon juice and Schnapps in a chilled glass. Add half a cup (or more) of crushed ice, stir, and add the Champagne. May be prepared in a blender to produce a frozen drink. Serves 2.

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horoscope



By Miss Anna

♦ **ARIES:** (March 21 - April 20)

Have confidence in your hunches or intuitive flashes this week and follow through on them when the timing is right

♦ **TAURUS:** (April 21 - May 21)

Try not to become involved in another's financial dealings - the outcome may be much worse than you could have ever thought

♦ **GEMINI:** (May 22 - June 21)

Your week is a bit hectic with problems arising with a family member. Harsh words may be exchanged over future plans - let things cool down a bit before you start the discussions back up again

♦ **CANCER:** (June 22 - July 23)

A new romance is just around the corner, if you are looking for it. Work is really the name of the game this week, and if you try to get out of it, you'll no doubt land in an even more restrictive setting

♦ **LEO:** (July 24 - August 23)



Your love life, pleasurable or creative interests, and fun matters involving children will be featured this week, providing you discard negative thoughts and feelings

♦ **VIRGO:** (August 24 - September 23)

A number of diverse interests will be highlighted this week. Domestic matters, possibly concerning children, improvement of property and innovative career concepts may keep you busy

♦ **LIBRA:** (September 24 - October 23)

There are some romantic developments in the works for this week. A partnership may work nicely for you and money dealings should be sound if you put your trust in reports from experts

♦ **SCORPIO:** (October 24 - November 22)

You will probably take the initiative in a business financial situation early in the week. However, this could be a time of win some and lose some

♦ **SAGITTARIUS:** (November 23 - December 21)

Both your interests at home and monetary gain are linked this week. Personal plans may cut into work time, but you are

currently pretty organized and will be able to cope with a number of interests. Travel plans for later in the year arouse deep interest in you

♦ **CAPRICORN:** (December 22 - January 20)

You will no doubt need to strive very hard to keep your head above water this week - try to look at it as a positive learning experience - a lesson to be learned

♦ **AQUARIUS:** (January 21 - February 19)

This week will start a moderate trend in which your best traits and talents will be intensified and your self-confidence will soar. Give renewed consideration to a financial matter involving others. This may be a case where diplomacy pays off

♦ **PISCES:** (February 20 - March 20)

You are feeling attractive this week and that feeling is communicated to everyone around you. Naturally, you will get your share of attention as a result. Although you enjoy romance, it is more likely that you are presently being pursued, instead of doing the pursuing

style scope



By K Snyder

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK

This week a sassy birthday girl will drop strong hints to her best friend that she must plan to have the birthday girl's VIPs meet at her fave dining spot to celebrate. She will also let that friend know that Guerlain's newest fragrance, L'Instant is the only thing that she should possibly consider wrapping up for the energetic birthday girl this year. Then, because no birthday is complete without a pampering treat, head to the Aveda Experience Center at Somerset and register to receive your complementary stress relieving treatment and personalized aroma anytime during your birth month



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John Davidson is also an entrepreneur

The challenge of really touching the audience with words and songs is all-consuming to me. Davidson also runs a company with his wife that makes educational card games focused on geography. It was created when the couple was home-schooling the youngest of their three children. I am more proud of the Borderline geography card games, which my wife and I co-created, than anything I have ever been a part of in my life, he says. I have always loved maps, travel, and geography. Somehow if I have my bearings regarding a location, or a place where people live, or where something has taken place it gives me a feeling of who and where I am. The games are available in toy stores and educational parent-teacher stores across the country.

Q Can you give me information on what Johnny Crawford has been doing since he played Mark McCain on *The Rifleman*?

—Lucy B., New York
Crawford, now 58, had a few pop hits as a teen, so when *The Rifleman* went off the air in 1963, he continued acting, but also pursued music. However, he soon left the pop field and began focusing on Big Band music. He worked as a vocalist in a New York band led by Vince Giordano before starting his own orchestra. Today Crawford's passion for that music has turned into a full-time career. He has his own orchestra and produces period music for movies and special events. His band appeared in the film *The 13th Floor* and he sings over the closing credits of 2002's *Welcome To Colmwood*. Personally, he was reunited with his high school girlfriend in 1990 and they married five years later. They live in Los Angeles.



Big Band man Johnny Crawford.

Q I'd like to know where John Davidson is right now.

—Betsy George, Ohio
The singer/actor/former host of *Hollywood Squares* can be seen this summer in the musical *State Fair* at a theater in Beach Haven, NJ (pop 1,278), and in *The Will Rogers Follies* in Tulsa, Okla. He also performs regularly at theaters, theme parks and clubs across the country. "Trying to anticipate and manage the relationship between audience and performer is fascinating to me," the Pittsburgh, Pa. native says. "It always has been."

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Barbara Hale (here with Jimmy Stewart) still acts today

Q Whatever happened to Barbara Hale from the *Perry Mason* show?

—Virgene S., Oregon
She's 82 and still working, though her last TV appearance, a *Perry Mason* mystery with Hal Halbrook, was in 1995. As the legal eagle's brainy secretary Della Street, Hale defined the smart but lady-like female sidekick. She and the late Raymond Burr were such fast friends that Burr, who cultivated flowers, even named an orchid for her. Ironically, Hale originally turned the role down. "Then the producer said, 'But Barbara! Raymond Burr is going to do it and you know him. I said, 'I'll do it!'" The mother of three, including actor William Katt, lives in California.

Q What can you tell me about the two leading actors who appeared in the *Captain Video* sequel in the early '50s?

—Ely T., New Mexico
Captain Video Master of the Stratosphere appeared in 1951, two years after the pioneering TV sci-fi series *Captain Video and his Video Rangers*. In the sequel, *Captain Video* challenged the evil Vultura on the planet Atoma, and was played by Judd Holdren. Larry Stewart portrayed Ranger Holdren went on to make *Zombies of the Stratosphere* and *Commando Cody Sky Marshal of the Universe*. He gave up acting for the insurance business, and died in 1974. Stewart acted steadily for only another year but became the first president of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in 1977. He died in 1997. ★



Captain Video appeared in 1951.

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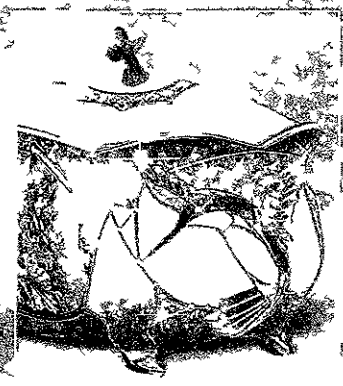
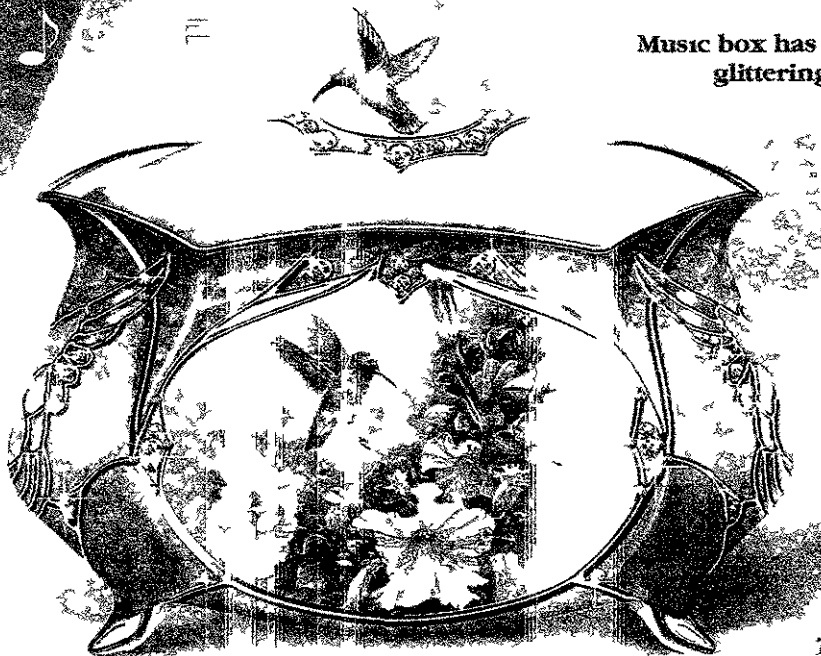
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To children, this unique merry-go-round is a great ride. To residents of Burlington, a farming and ranching town of 3,678, the carousel—with its 46 hand-carved animals and four chariots—is a national treasure that put their town on the map.

"It took us a while to see what a treasure we had," says Jo Downey, project director of the Kit Carson County Carousel.

The carousel, bought by the county in 1928 for \$1,250, fell into disrepair after the annual county fair was canceled during the Great Depression. By the time it resumed in 1937, the carousel was in need of renovation. Some suggested lighting a match and bidding it farewell. Although support was eventually generated to spare the carousel, a full-scale restoration wasn't begun until 1976.

"Sometimes I don't think anyone but us believed in the project," Downey says of the 26-year restoration, which she estimates cost \$2.5 million.

Built in 1905 by the Philadelphia Toboggan Co. for the Elitch Gardens amusement park in Denver, the carousel reportedly is the only one in the country that still has original paint on both the scenery paintings and the animals. It's also a rare menagerie carousel, meaning it has animals other than horses.

"I remember the excitement the day they started taking the varnish off and found it had the original paint," recalls Mabel Scheierman, 85, one of the original volunteers who



BY MICHAEL NOLAN
Photos by Matthew Starling

The restored 1905 Kit Carson County Carousel twirls to the delight of children in Burlington, Colo. sold cookbooks, held flea markets, and collected donations to raise money for the painstaking and delicate restoration work.

"That paint makes the carousel unique," says Brian Morgan, past president of the National Carousel Association, an organization dedicated to preserving and restoring antique carousels.

"Most carousels that have been around awhile were used and abused, repainted frequently, not necessarily with any artistic ability," Morgan says. But the Kit Carson County Carousel was used only during the annual fair and had never been re-painted.

"They could have just painted over it, but they treated it as art and the fill-in painting is spectacular," Morgan says.

All the animals are hand-carved in great detail. A snake slithers up the giraffe's neck and there's a gnome with a spear riding upon the back of the zebra. Real antlers are mounted atop the deer and genuine horsehair streams from the tails of many of the carousel's steeds.

The animals, some valued at more than \$200,000 apiece, do not move up and down like those on modern merry-go-rounds. Instead, the ride is fast, revolving at 12 mph, compared with the average carousel speed of 8 mph.

Forty-five oil paintings depict scenes from Victorian life. Housed within the carousel is a 1909 Wurlitzer Monster Military Band Organ capable of creating the sound of a 12- to 15-piece band.

Ours is not the most elaborate carousel, but it has the most historic integrity, Downey says of the ride that has been designated both a National Historic Landmark and a National Historic Site.

In October 2003, the National Trust for Historic Preservation bestowed upon the carousel its National Preservation Honor Award. Today, a 12-sided cupola, complete with motorized windows, houses the gem, which costs 25 cents to ride and is open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

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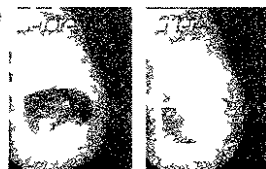
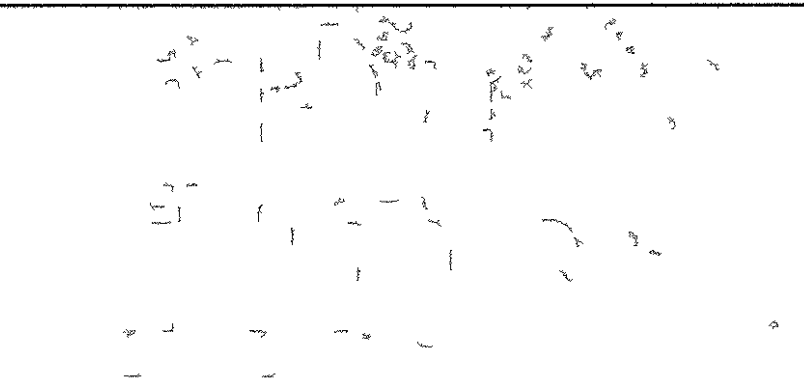
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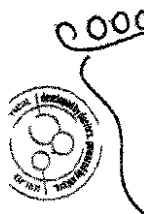
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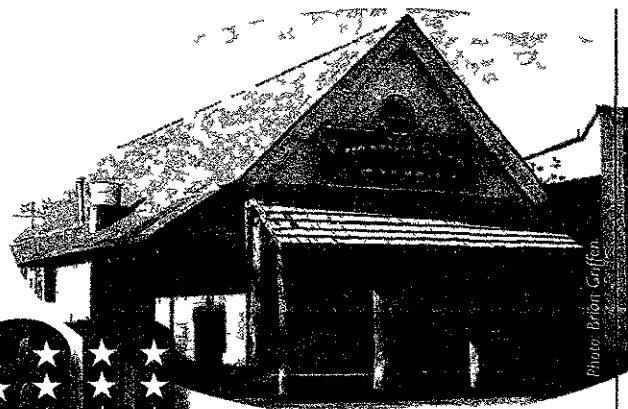
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The Great American Hamburger

by MARTI ATTOUN



By 6:30 a.m., the grill sizzles at Sioux Sundries in Harrison, Neb., (pop. 279) as Delores Wasserburger takes orders from the breakfast crowd: bacon, eggs, toast and 2-pound hamburgers. Sometimes they're waiting in line for me to open, says Wasserburger, 66, who has been famous in this cattle country town and beyond for 30 years for her humongous old-fashioned Coffee Burgers, named after local rancher Bill Coffee.

One day Coffee brought his ranch hands in and he said, Delores, let's really fill 'em up today. So I just kept stacking up the meat.

A Coffee Burger consists of two 1-pound freshly ground beef patties smothered with six slices of yellow American cheese and tucked slip sliding into a regular hamburger bun. The old-fashioned burger is served with traditional toppings of lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles—plus a fistful of napkins to mop the juice that trickles down your wrists and smile.

We don't say, 'Where's the beef?' Wasserburger says. We say, 'Where's the bun?'

Hamburger fans from every state and 14 foreign countries have found their way to the variety store and diner combo where Wasserburger sells crocheted dolls and birthday cards up front, and a half ton of hamburgers each month in the back. She signs autographs and poses for pictures. That's just how it is when folks find the hamburger of their dreams.

Burger bliss can be found across America in homey come-as-you-are places where the hamburgers range in size from teeny 2-ounce Cozy Burgers made since 1922 at the Cozy Inn in Salina, Kan., (pop. 45,679) to Ye Olde 96er (that's 96 ounces or 6 pounds) at Denny's Beer Barrel Pub in Clearfield, Pa., (pop. 6,631). With its custom bun and condiments, this world's largest menu burger weighs up to 9 pounds, measures 16 inches in diameter, and is nearly a foot tall. Owner Dennis Liegey began serving them in 1998 and hasn't had a diner polish off one of the \$24 burgers yet.

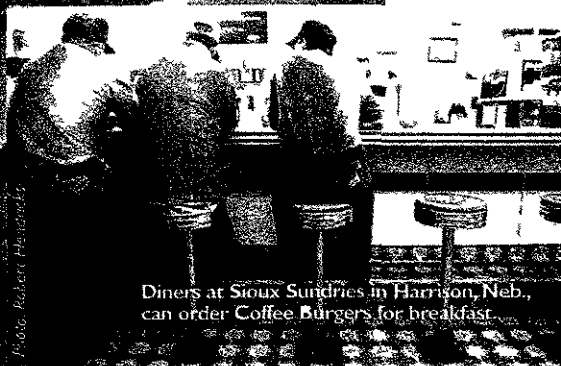
We get football players in here who order it. People call and rent motel rooms here so they can try this burger. We've had a tremendous amount of fun with it, Liegey says.

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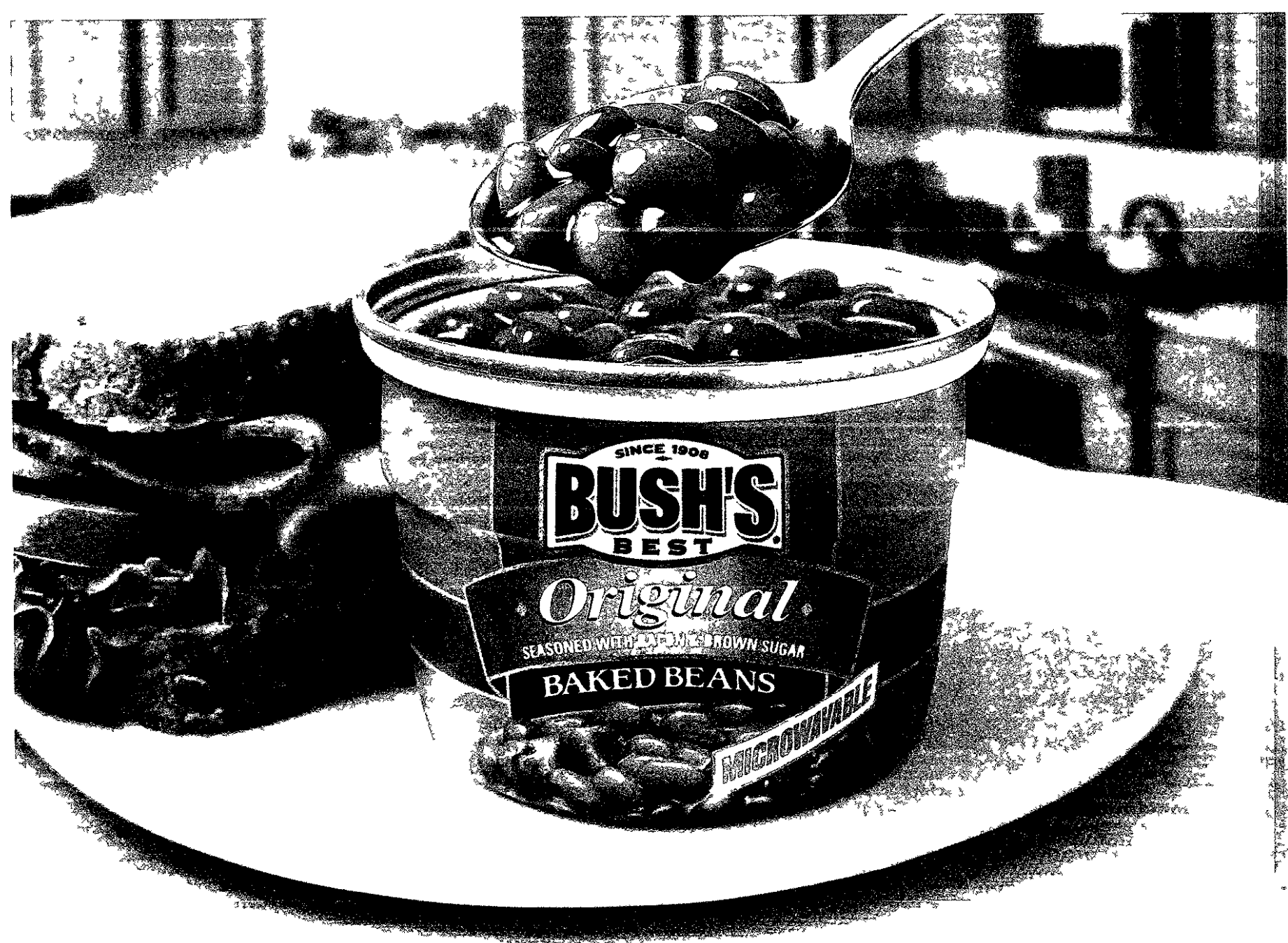
What's under the bun varies as widely as its size. Some hamburger devotees demand them plain, some prefer them piled. And



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many find their perfect match in the regional version.

Oh my goodness, you've just got to try one. Roy Alexander, 74, says about the Guberburger, the hometown favorite brushed with melted peanut butter at the Wheel Inn Drive-in in Sedalia, Mo. (pop. 20,339). It's been served since the 1950s when an out-of-towner swapped the idea for an order of Susie-Qs (curly fries).

Alexander cruised the Wheel Inn as a teenager in his 1947 Chevrolet. Since retiring 17 years ago, he's been hanging out inside the Wheel Inn three times a day.

It's just like it was in the 1950s, he says about the drive-in with its red-and-white checkered floor and red stools planted around a U-shaped counter. Carhops take orders at the car and deliver them on a tray that hangs on the car window.

The favorite hometown burger in El Reno, Okla. (pop. 16,212) is evident with one whiff of downtown. The Route 66 town is famous as the Fried-Onion Hamburger Capital of the World and celebrates its legacy the first Saturday in May with a 750-pound, fried-onion community hamburger.

Three downtown eateries with in three blocks serve the regional burgers. Johnnie's Grill, Robert's Grill and Sid's Diner. In the early 1900s, as many as 14 hamburger stands spiced the frontier town. For this burger, a mound of thinly sliced yellow onions is flattened onto a quarter-pound ball of ground beef and sized into the patty.

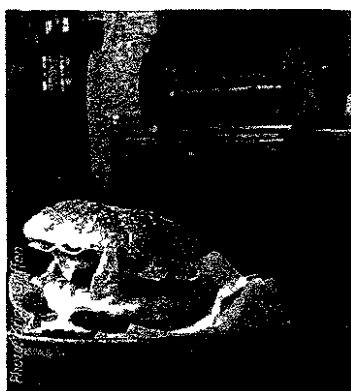


Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell (right) hoists a 9-pound burger prepared by Dennis Liegey (center) at Denny's Beer Barrel Pub in Clearfield, Pa.

It's a hometown deal and has quite an aroma, says Steve Galloway, 47, owner of Johnnie's Grill, in business since 1946. "We used to have one guy who'd fly his helicopter here to get fried-onion burgers."

Mom-and-pop places

Hamburger hankerers arrive on skis if necessary for a Shooting Star Burger served at Utah's oldest saloon, the 1879 Shooting Star Saloon in Huntsville (pop. 649). This dream burger includes two beef



Served at Utah's oldest saloon, the Shooting Star Burger features a Polish knockwurst.

patties: a split Polish knockwurst, grilled onions, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, and secret spices on a toasted bun. It's served in a heap of atmosphere.

Some people come in just to see Buck, owner Heidi Posnien says. Buck was a 297-pound Saint Bernard dog, the world's largest, and his head is mounted over one booth and

Conn. continues his family's tradition of serving the "original" hamburger. In 1900, Louis Lassen filled a customer's request for a quick meal to be eaten on the run. He sandwiched a broiled beef patty between toast and sent the customer dashing.

Lassen, 43, still uses his great-grandfather's vertical broilers and prepares the same no-frills burger with daily ground steak—no ketchup or mustard allowed.

"In the old days my father would just throw 'em right out if they asked, but now you've got to be a little more tolerant," Lassen says. "We don't want to spoil all the quality of the product by throwing that stuff on there."

Frank Menches, who sold pork sandwiches at his lunch counter in the 1880s in Akron, Ohio, is said to

flanked by moose, elk, and bear. The ceiling is plastered with dollar bills signed by customers, and the original booth seats are stuffed with horsehair. Customers belly up to the original oak bar while a 1940s jukebox belts out Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash, seven songs for a dollar.

Taverns and mom-and-pop places often serve the best old-fashioned hamburgers, discovered Bill Bunyan, 65, of Dodge City, Kan. (pop. 25,176). The retired history teacher completed his quest last August to eat a hamburger in each of Kansas' 105 counties.

The best are rustic places, Bunyan says. I ate open-faced chili cheeseburgers at Lizard Lips deli (Toronto, pop. 312) where there's a tank nearby for (fish) bait. Oh, and in Salina, I was in hog heaven at the Cozy Inn.

The inn's miniature Cozy Burgers have been cooked on the same 18-by-36-inch cast-iron grill in the six-stool diner for 82 years. Customers pitched a fit in the 1940s when the owner installed a new grill, so he put the old one back. Other than the price creeping up about a dime a decade, nothing has changed. Most people eat five or six of the 80-cent Cozy Burgers, notes manager Larry Jackson, 46, who savored his first at age 4. He ships frozen batches nationwide to loyal customers.

Jackson daily grinds 90-percent lean beef by hand for the plain and simple recipe: a ball of beef is flattened on the grill and sprinkled with onions, salt, and pepper. That's it.

An employee got fired once for putting on cheese, Jackson says.

Which just goes to prove, some people are pretty particular about the way they serve—and eat—the all-American burger. ✪

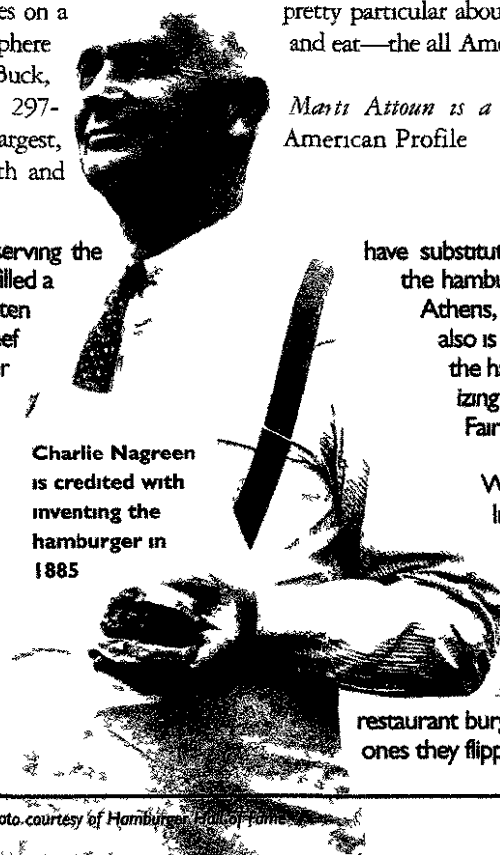
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Hamburger HISTORY

Hamburg steak, brought by German immigrants, first appeared on menus in the United States in the 1840s, but just who first transformed it into America's favorite sandwich—the hamburger—depends on who you ask.

Seymour, Wis., (pop. 3,335), home of the Hamburger Hall of Fame, credits Charlie Nagreen with inventing the hamburger in 1885. Just 15, Nagreen drove his ox-cart concession to the Outagamie County Fair and sold meatballs. He flattened the meatballs and placed them between two slices of bread to make them portable.

The town honors "Hamburger Charlie" at its annual Burger Fest and cooked up the world's largest hamburger—8,266 pounds—in 2001. This year's festival is Aug. 7. Jeff Lassen, owner of Louis' Lunch in New Haven,



Charlie Nagreen is credited with inventing the hamburger in 1885.

have substituted beef and invented the hamburger. Fletcher Davis of Athens, Texas, (pop. 11,297) also is credited with inventing the hamburger and popularizing it at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.

No one disputes that Walt Anderson and E.W. Ingram founded the first fast-food hamburger restaurant, White Castle, in 1921 in Wichita, Kan., or that Americans ate an estimated 8.2 billion restaurant burgers in 2002—plus the ones they flipped at home.

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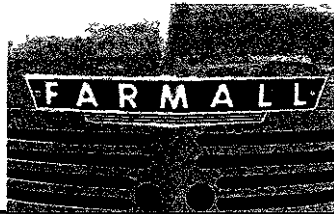
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Hometown Heroes

Dancing in the Streets

As Laurie Mason Schmidt calls out square-dance moves, performers rev up and roll out. Steering eight Farmall tractors, the men twirl wheel-to-wheel with their partners and maneuver in and out of square-dance routines so fast they send dirt clods flying around Main Street in Nemaha, Iowa (pop. 102). The rehearsal, which includes dances such as

the Virginia Reel, attracts everyone within earshot. This unique display originated in January 1998, when a group of Nemaha farmers formed a square-dancing tractor act to celebrate their town's centennial. What began as a one-night stand has sashayed into a much-in-demand attraction with thousands of fans. Six years and 80 festivals and fairs later, the Farmall Promenade is still promenading.



Damon Mooney (foreground) and members of Farmall Promenade are all

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I holler they foller, Schmidt says. They follow on eight restored 1950s Farmall tractors—four men driving H models and four men gussied up as women driving smaller C models. The couples are named for seed corn companies: Mr. and Mrs. Pioneer, and the Dekalbs, the Wilsons and the Garsts. 'Wheel meets wheel, hood meets hood, move those tractors, lookin' good!' Schmidt continues her patter. Russ Davis, also known as Mrs. Dekalb, swings that tractor round, wearing a yellow gingham skirt that billows and exposes a pair of bloomers. Davis is quite a looker with cat-eye sunglasses, a red curly wig and thick mustache.

They're as corny as their crops, but also quite skilled at perfectly paced allemandes, reverses, grand lefts and rights, and teacup chain formations. 'This is farm country and people understand how difficult this is,' onlooker Don Cook of Nemaha says. 'There's no power steering and everything is original. They just miss each other by inches.'

Damon Mooney, president of the Farmall Promenade, formed the square-dancing act based on his memories of Nemaha's livelier days in the 1950s. As a kid, he watched with fascination as a troupe of farmers square-danced on tractors for fairs there and in nearby Early (pop. 605).

One of those originals was Bill Smith, 81, the father of current performer Lynn Smith. 'Oh, we're much better than they were,' says Lynn Smith, appearing in costume as Mrs. Pioneer. 'I've seen their Super 8 movies.'

Hundreds of hours of street practice—along with a lifetime of practice in the field mowing around trees—preceded the debut of the Farmall Promenade in July 1999 at the Nemaha Centennial. Nine of the 10—all except cabinetmaker Dave Cook—are farmers. They range in age from 44 to 62 and all live within three miles of Nemaha. Two serve as alternates.



"All right balance. Now don't be slow. Honor your corner. And away we go..."



...ssied-up for a performance in downtown Nemaha, Iowa.

Schmidt a physical education teacher at Schaller-Crestland School in nearby Schaller (pop 779) created the tractor-related calls and taught the men their moves because none had any square dancing experience. The group choreographed their moves first with toy tractors, then plowed into the real deal.

I've driven tractors since I was a little girl and I tried it at first, Schmidt says about the whirling in sync. I was so scared—all that movement.

No one is more amazed by their fame than the promenaders themselves. We have people who plan their summer vacations around our shows, Mooney says. It just puts a smile on their faces.

The group has performed around the Midwest at town festivals, county fairs, and at the Iowa State Fair. To get around easier, they bought two semis to haul their show tractors, which have been retired from their duties on the farm. They even charter a bus and take half the town wherever they go.

What's neat is that we've all grown up together and known each other our whole lives, says Neil Wedeking, also known as Mr. Dekalb. It's good to get together with your neighbors like folks used to do.

Roland Schmidt, one of the substitute dancing drivers, agrees. We like the camaraderie, working as a family and promoting our town, he says.

Nemaha is likewise promoting its local celebrities. On the road entering town, a sign proudly announces Nemaha—Home of the Farmall Promenade. ↗

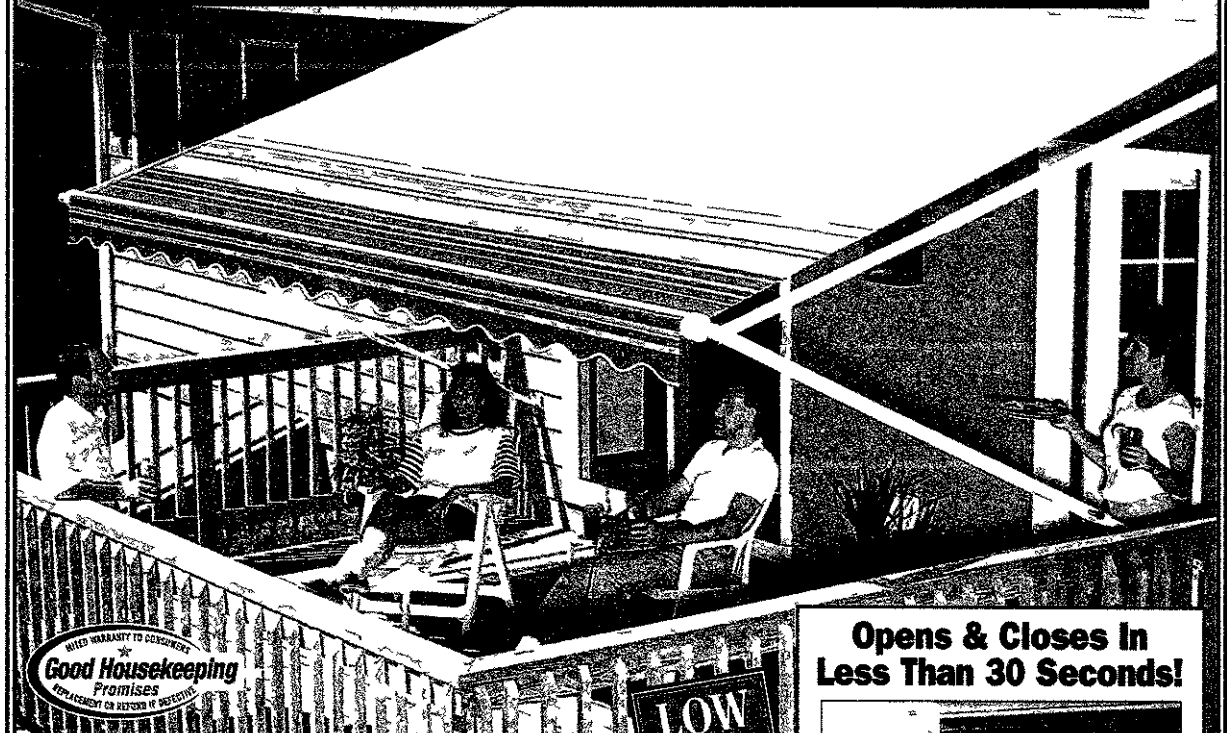
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 A country fair featuring a tractor pull, downhome food, children's activities, motocross races, and a demolition derby at the Ray County Fairgrounds (816) 776-6961

NEBRASKA

Stir Up Days—Ashland, July 16-18
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Tri-County Fair—Wishek, July 8-11
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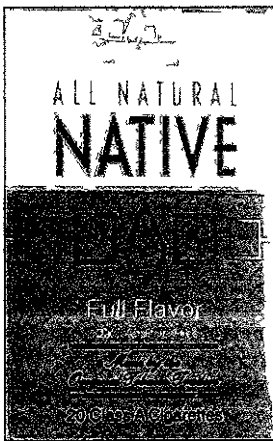
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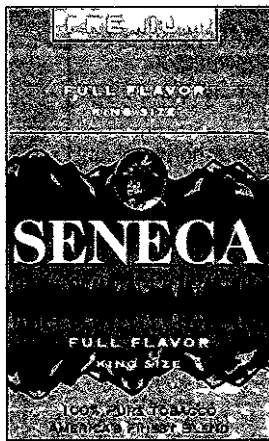
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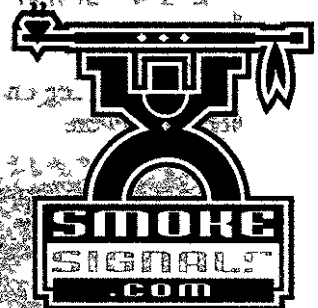
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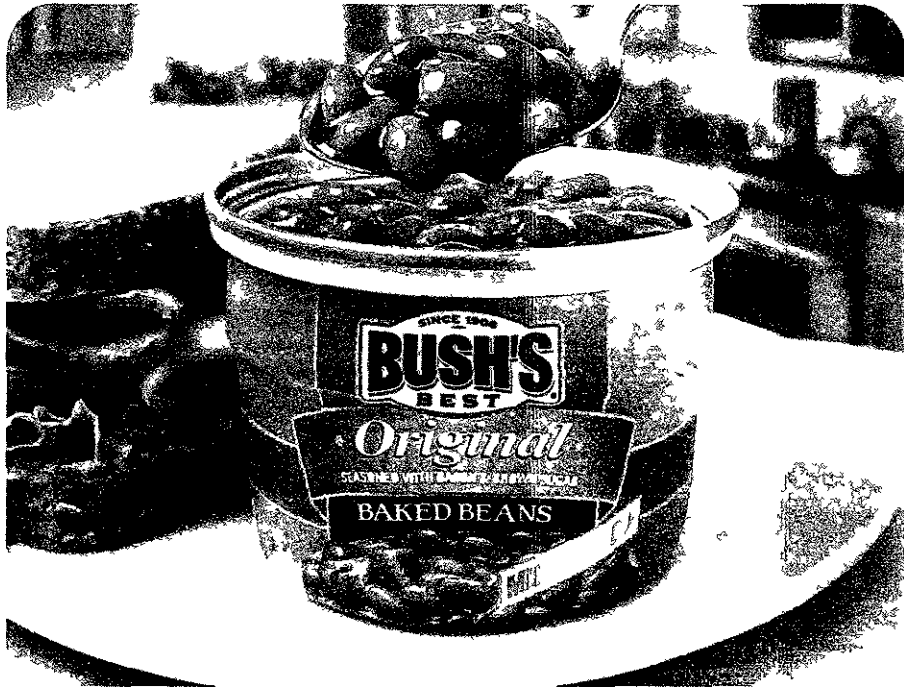


Charleston Coconut Pie

- 4 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup self-rising flour
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 stick butter or margarine, melted
- 2 cups milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 8-ounce can flake coconut

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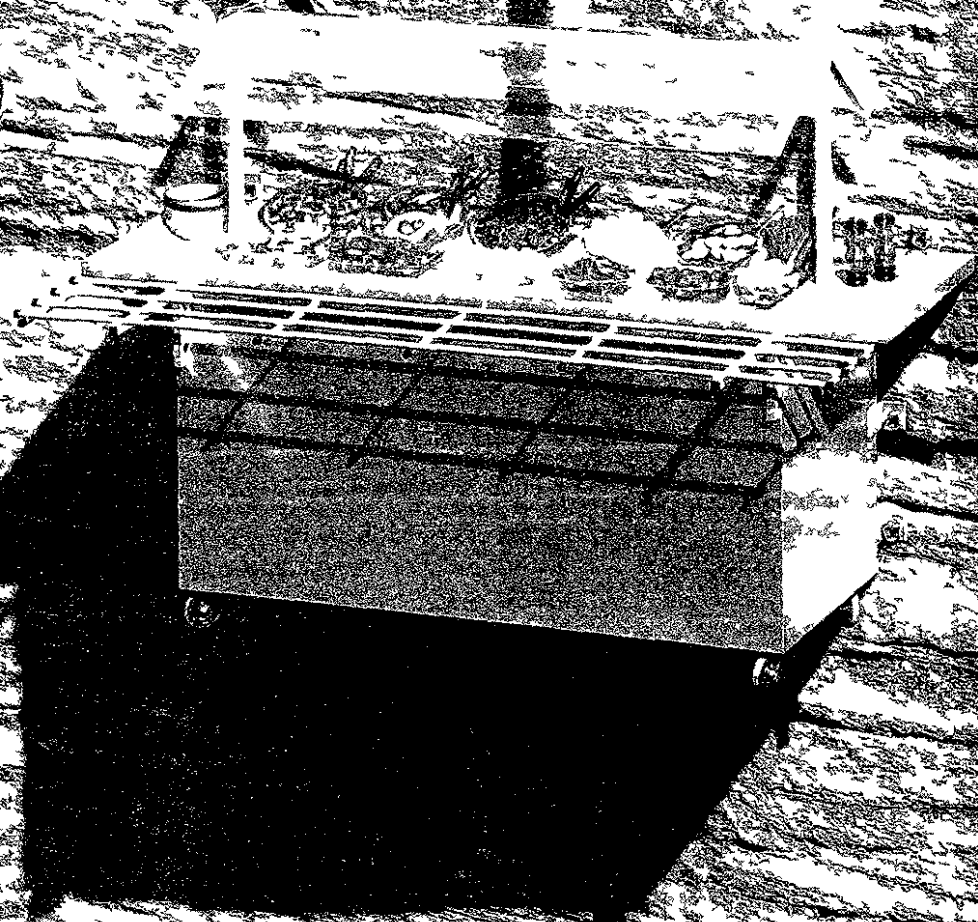
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