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Holiday hours

Offices at both the
City of Plymouth and
Plymouth Township will
be closed Monday in
recognition of the
Fourth of July holiday
Both offices reopen
for normal business
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Restaurant crawl

The fifth annual Old
Village Restaurant
Crawl, sponsored by the
Plymouth Community
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is set for 5:30-8:30
p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4
Participating restaura
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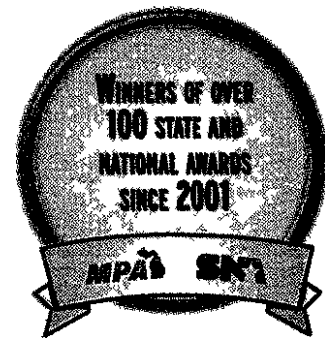
Township forum

The six candidates for
supervisor, clerk and
treasurer in the Aug. 3
Plymouth Township
Republican primary will
take part in a candi
dates' forum at the
Plymouth District
Library.

The July 12 forum,
sponsored by the
League of Women
Voters of Northwest
Wayne County and the
Plymouth Observer, will
be divided into three
parts, 45 minutes each
They'll begin with the
supervisor's forum at
6:30 p.m. The forums
will be taped for broad
cast on Comcast cable
Candidates will be
allowed a one-minute
opening statement, a
one-minute response to
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Local folks gathered in Kellogg Park to listen to the music of the Plymouth Community Band and enjoy a lovely summer evening

Concert goes back to say thanks

Patriotic theme pays homage to country and its vets

Story by Brad Kadrach • Photos by Bill Bresler

Concert-goers attending the weekly Plymouth Community Band performance Thursday in Kellogg Park were transported back to the 1800s Thursday night, if only for a short time

From all indications, they didn't mind the journey

As part of its annual salute to veterans and their country, the Plymouth Community Band conducted a patriotic show in the park complete with some 40 Civil War re-enactors performing drill routines during the band's performance of "American Civil War fantasia"

It was the second straight year the re-enactors were part of the concert. Band director Carl Battishill said the move was such a big hit last year it was worth doing again

"We've done a patriotic concert for

years, and it's always a big hit," Battishill said. "We tried the Civil War thing last year, and I liked it a lot, it went over big with the people, so we decided to do it again"

Plymouth Historical Museum Director Beth Stewart and her husband, state Rep. John Stewart, arranged for the re-enactors, then hosted an ice cream social at the museum following the concert

Divided into two acts, the concert featured *The Star Spangled Banner*, *George Washington Bicentennial March*, *Fugue on Yankee Doodle* and a salute to the late comedian Bob Hope. Music following the intermission included *America the Beautiful*, *Armed Forces Salute* and the popular Lee Greenwood patriotic classic, *God Bless the USA*

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Jeremy Abbott plays french horn during the Plymouth Community Band's patriotic concert in Kellogg Park Thursday

Festival turns city into work of art

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER



Women try on handmade jewelry at Plymouth Art in the Park

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock was preparing his talk to volunteers last week about the significance of the annual Art in the Park arts and craft show, which begins next Friday, when even he took a double-take

"As I was calculating the figures, I was somewhat surprised at what I came up with," said Sincock. "I figured out the event dumps about a million dollars into the local economy"

"I don't think that's far-fetched, considering what the vendors spend, and what the more than 50,000 visitors to the city spend in and around the area during the three days," he said. "It's obviously a huge event for the Plymouth community"

Art in the Park runs next Friday through Sunday, July 9-11. Friday the show operates from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual event celebrates its 24th year, growing from a few booths and tables in Kellogg Park to one which takes over down-

town streets with more than 400 vendors

"We've been working hard all year to make this show fabulous, and it certainly will be," said Dianne Quinn, organizer of the summertime event. "People want cool stuff for their homes, and we think it's the best place to find it"

Art in the Park is listed by Sunshine Artist magazine as one of the top 50 art fairs in the country, and Quinn - along with her daughter, Raychel Rork - spends hours looking at more than a thousand applications from those who want to be part of the three-day event.

"When your reputation gets better and grows, you're going to attract better and more talent," said Quinn. "We use the 'wow' factor in determining who gets in. When we open their packet and application, we want to go 'wow'"

This year, according to Quinn, there will be 135 new artists among the more than 400 who will have displays, from more than 30 states

One of those returning for his seventh Art

PLEASE SEE ART, A8

Counselor's CPR skills save toddler's life

BY BRAD KADRACH
STAFF WRITER

Carol Krogman had to learn CPR skills as part of the terms of her employment as a teacher at Montessori Center of Our Lady in Livonia.

On Thursday, she had to use them

Krogman, a counselor at the day camp conducted by the Plymouth Salvation Army, is being credited with saving the life of a toddler during a field trip to Camp Dearborn in Milford Thursday

Salvation Army campers were

playing at the beach when Krogman noticed the little girl, whose age is being estimated at 3, face-down in the lake. According to witnesses, the little girl had wandered from a family group enjoying a barbecue

The 22-year-old Krogman dashed to the girl's side, pulling her from the lake and performing CPR on the beach

"She was floating with her face in the water, as limp as she could be," said Krogman, the daughter of Ed and Tammy Moyer of Livonia. "I picked her up, took her back to the shore and did the CPR to get her breathing. At first she wasn't, but

then she started coughing"

The little girl's family was apparently enjoying a family reunion barbecue at the camp, and the girl wandered off. Camp Dearborn officials didn't return phone calls seeking comment

Krogman said it's the first time she's had to use the CPR skills, but she wasn't nervous - until it was all over

"My instincts kind of kicked in, but I wasn't nervous until afterwards," she said. "Afterwards is when I thought, 'Whoa!'"

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County's money woes sink Bridge

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After receiving a \$25,000 grant last year from Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Jan Gooding thought the summer Bridge program she runs for at-risk students in the Plymouth-Canton school district was on solid ground

With the money, Gooding - and her teaching colleague, Rick McCoy - were able to offer more scholarships, reduce tuition costs and provide transportation to students who participated in the 5 1/2-week program that helps incoming ninth-graders who haven't done well academically in middle school make a solid transition into high school

And, with three more years of funding, the program was on better footing than some others which faced cuts because of budget problems facing Plymouth-Canton schools

However, because of what is being termed "a misunderstanding," the Bridge program will not be getting another \$25,000 this year because of Wayne County's own budget constraints, with future funding doubtful

"We don't want to appear ungrateful, but the county did tell us we would get the grant for three more years," said Frank Ruggirello, director of community relations for Plymouth-Canton schools. "The contract was written for one year, but they told us we could count on four"

As a result, modifications in the successful program had to be made at the last minute as school officials found out the program, which costs nearly \$50,000 to run, would lose half its funding. The number of scholarships for the program have been reduced, fewer students are participating, partly because tuition was raised from \$200 to \$450, and transportation money was taken from other at-risk money that was to be used at the high school level

"We're running a modified program because of the funding," Gooding said. "We're going to have to evaluate if we can afford transportation in the future"

Nancy Mouradian, head of communications for Ficano's office, said the county would have liked to continue funding for the Bridge program, but the money just wasn't there and no promises were ever made

"Everybody's budget is experiencing a lot of suppression," she said. "There's been a misunderstanding to the best of my knowledge, that promise was never made"

According to Alan Amen, director of community resource development and outreach for Wayne County, the money given Plymouth-Canton was part of funding for a pilot program that had to be dismantled this year because of the lack of funds

"What they're doing with the Bridge program is good, I saw it and talked with students," Amen said.

PLEASE SEE MONEY, A3

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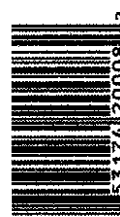


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Sentence is bittersweet end for victim's family

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

Sentencing of the driver convicted in a Southfield woman's 2003 traffic death brought a bittersweet end to the victim's family's ordeal

"It was a bittersweet moment. Nothing will bring her back," said Gary Martin, son of 89-year-old Sophia Martin, who was killed in January 2003 while on her way to visit her late husband's grave at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Carol Levitte, a Plymouth attorney, was convicted of negligent homicide in the incident. She was sentenced Tuesday to 4.5 years in jail, two years probation, 120 hours of community service and more than \$1,000 in fines by

Oakland Circuit Judge Nancy Grant. The crime carried a maximum two-year sentence upon conviction.

Gary Martin, a Southgate resident, addressed the court during sentencing.

"I didn't want to be vindictive, but I did want her to know what (the accident) cost our family," he said. He was one of seven family members who attended the sentencing. "I don't think there was anyone in the court who wasn't crying."

The accident occurred at 2:45 p.m. Jan. 21, 2003, when Martin attempted to turn left from 12 Mile to Inkster Road. Levitte was convicted of running a red light.

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CLARIFICATION

A story in the July 1, 2004 Plymouth Observer should have said the Web address for the Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Club is www.QSL.NET/W8NJH.

CHICKEN BARBECUE

The Mayflower Lt. Gamble VFW Post 6695 hosts a chicken barbecue from noon to 4 p.m. July 4 in the back yard of the VFW Post, 1426 S. Mill.

The \$6-per-person cost buys the diner a half-chicken, baked potato, cole slaw and a roll with butter.

Proceeds will benefit the VFW scholarship funds.

FOOTBALL BOTTLE DRIVE

Members of the Salem High School football team will be collecting returnable bottles and cans throughout Plymouth and Canton communities on Saturday, July 10.

To assure your donation is picked up, call Linda Sorensen at (734) 476-390.

40TH REUNION

Organizers are busy working on the 40th-year reunion for the class of Detroit's St. Andrews High School Class of 1964, and they're looking for Plymouth-Canton residents from that class.

The reunion is slated for 2-8 p.m. July 25, at the pavilion in Beverly Park in Beverly Hills. The reunion is a picnic, so participants should bring their own food and drink. There is no cost to attend.

Beverly Park is located on 13-1/2 Mile between Southfield Road and Evergreen. For more information, call Paul Schwab, (248) 559-4535.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Lake Pointe Bible Church presents Son Games Vacation Bible School July 12th-16th from 6:20-8:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate.

For further information call Sherril Parson at 734-454-1891.

RED CROSS HEROES

The American Red Cross is looking for nominees for its 2004 Red Cross Heroes. The 2004 honorees will be recognized at the Red Cross Everyday Heroes luncheon Nov. 17 at the Marriott Renaissance Center's Columbus ballroom. Anyone may nominate a Red Cross Hero.

Nominees must live in or have performed the heroic act in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb counties between Aug. 1, 2003 and July 31, 2004. Those chosen must be available for video/photo-

graphy in advance of the ceremony.

Nominations may be submitted on-line at www.semredcross.org or by calling (313) 494-3490. Deadline is Aug. 11.

MUD DAY 2004

Mud Day returns to Wayne County at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 6. Children ages 12 and under are invited to take part in one of the county's most popular events. County officials mix more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water.

Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age to participate in "Mud Limbo," and the wheel-barrow races. The Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

KIDS' FINE ARTS CAMPS

Youngsters get a chance to cartoon, draw and paint at the Plymouth Community Arts Council during a Visual Arts Camp July 19-23.

Young artists ages 7-14 will create fun individual and group artwork with pencil, pen, paint and pastels from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. each day and host their own "opening exhibition" on Friday afternoon.

The August 9-13 workshop will offer the challenge of sculpture. Carve plaster, play with clay and make paper and sand casts just for starters. Kids should bring a lunch.

The cost is \$125 for PCAC members, \$140 for nonmembers. To register or for more information, call (734) 416-4278.

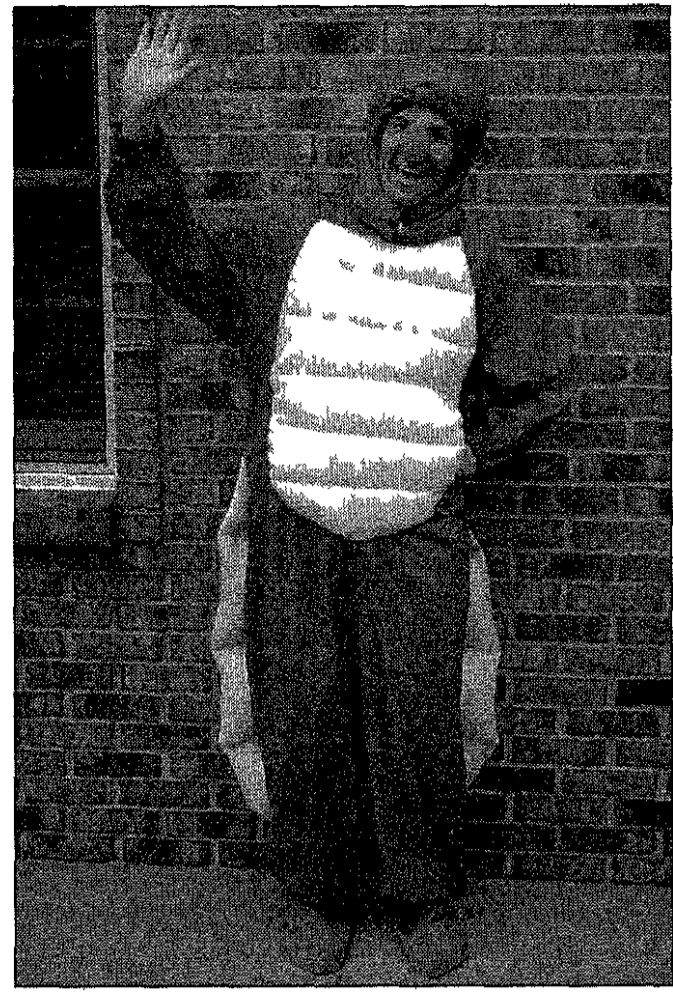
PAWS WITH A CAUSE

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.-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, flyers or pledge sheets, contact Sue Brooks at Paws with a Cause by e-mail at pawsemisue@yahoo.com or by calling (248) 693-9789.



Crawl for grub

You're not required to dress up like this grub, but you'll have just as much fun at the 3rd Annual Grub Crawl, July 20. Sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township, the event includes a host of restaurants. Tickets are \$30 and available at the chamber, (734) 453-4040.

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.

KIWANIS BREAKFASTS

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

Fathers attending Saturday's breakfast get their tickets for

\$1 off. Breakfast is 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.

VIETNAM VETS RECOGNIZED

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day takes place Saturday, July 17, at the historic Yankee Air Museum hangar (Willow Run Airport, Belleville) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission for Vietnam aviation veterans.

See one of the largest collections of Vietnam-era aircraft, "sit under the wings and swap stories." There's also a 6-10 p.m. evening program, \$15. Includes mess tent meal and panel discussion including retired Air Force Col. Richard Atchison and retired Navy Lt. Commander Dan Conrad. Cash bar with Vietnamese "33" Beer. Enjoy music of the era on the public address system.

For tickets or more information, e-mail Sara Witt at switt@provide.net or call (734) 483-4030, Ext. 223.

ON STAGE

Here are the concert schedules for the Friday night and Wednesday afternoon concert series in Kellogg Park. Music in the Park is presented Wednesdays 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 AIR

- 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.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

- July 7 — Josh White Jr.
 - July 14 — Gemini.
 - July 21 — Marc Thomas & Max the Moose.
 - July 28 — Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express.
 - Aug. 4 — Hometown Kids concert with Phoenix and the Celebration Youth Orchestra.
 - Aug. 11 — Harpbeat.
 - Aug. 18 — Elmo Thumm.
- The concerts, sponsored by New Liberty Bank, start at noon. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.



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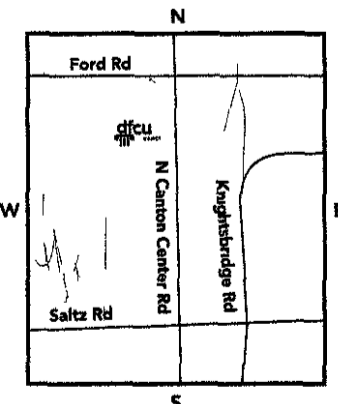
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Home services come in 'Handy'

Professionals picking up around the house

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Anne Frank of Plymouth owns her own home, but she doesn't have the inclination or desire to be handy around the house.

"I'm not particularly handy or interested in being handy, she said. I could, if I wanted to be, but I've got better things to do."

"I work long hours and I want some leisure time," added Frank. "The bottom line for me is time."

That's not too unusual in today's world, with many people working long hours and attending to the needs of a family.

That's where HandyPro Handyman Service, Inc. of Plymouth comes in. Started as a referral service for home improvement contractors by Keith and Debra Paul in 1993, HandyPro has grown into 13 employees in Plymouth and franchised operations in Ann Arbor, St. Clair Shores, Dallas, Minneapolis and, most recently, in Honolulu.

"The adage that every home needs a handyman is true," said Keith Paul. "People don't have the time, but they have disposable income."

Which fits Frank's situation to a tee.

"They've always been good, always showed up on time, and I think competitively priced," said Frank, who had HandyPro clean gutters, do some bathroom plumbing repairs and had a faucet replaced. "They came when they say they would, and are really good about meeting me in the evenings after I get home from work."

HandyPro provides hundreds of home services, including carpentry, drywall, painting and ceramic tile work.

Homeowners call us because they know we'll stand behind them, we're licensed, insured, have workers comp and are bonded," he said.

"This year we'll probably have the best year ever."

Susan Koeppen of Canton Township has used HandyPro to have shingles replaced, a utility sink installed and an outlet put in for her microwave.

"I'm not climbing on the roof, I can't do electrical work, and plumbing is beyond me," she said. "When I need a job done, that's who I call."

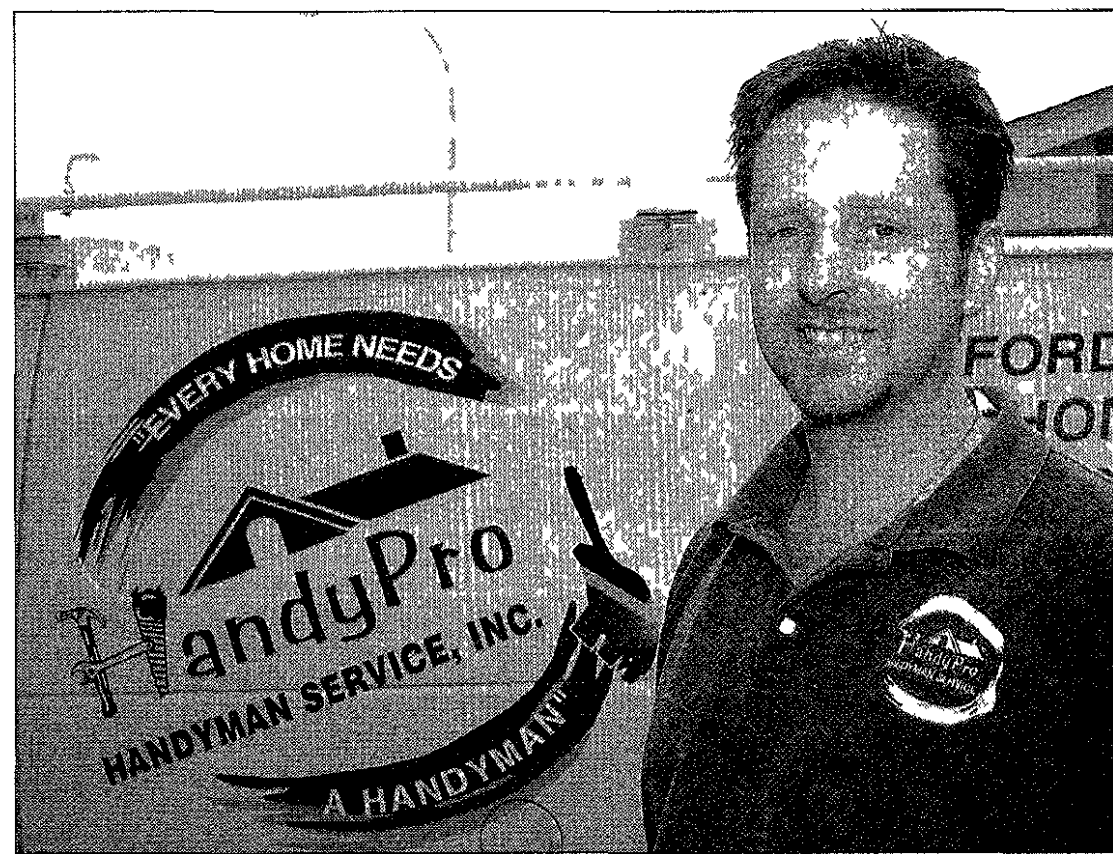
The Pauls began their business careers by operating a take-out and delivery pizzeria in Garden City.

"The year we bought it we tripled sales the first year, but within the next three months Little Caesar's and Pizza Hut delivery opened within a mile and cut our business a third," said Paul.

"My wife's grandmother had been overcharged \$2,000 by a contractor who put in cabinets so we decided to open a business to protect people from dishonest contractors," he said. "There weren't any in this area and that's how it snowballed."

The Pauls then decided to expand by franchising HandyPro.

"We started out thinking about 10 franchises a year for 10 years for a total of 100," said Paul. "I think that's under-



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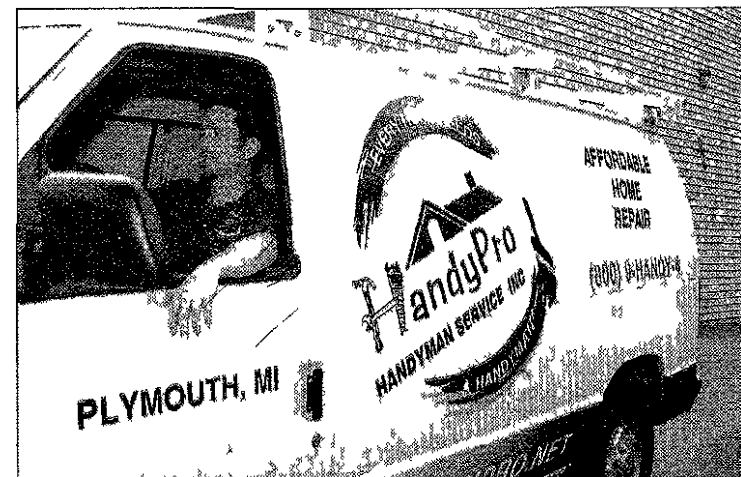
Keith Paul, owner of HandyPro, a handyman service started HandyPro with his wife Debra, in 1993.

estimating the demand of the handyman service. I think we can double that."

Paul holds Handyman 101 in his Main Street office, teaching franchisees how to deal with customers and employees. The franchise guarantees \$100,000 in sales during the first year of operations, or Paul will refund the \$25,000 franchise fee as long as the owner follows the HandyPro plan.

"We have a proven system that people can make money from, he said. Look at McDonald's, though I doubt we'll ever get that big."

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Keith Paul, owner of HandyPro, a handyman service drives a company van Tuesday in Plymouth. Paul says most of his business is conducted from the company vans that carry all the needed materials and tools.



@ Work

Business: HandyPro
Owners: Keith and Debra Paul
Principal products: Home handyman services such as plumbing, carpentry and electrical work
Number of employees: 13

The adage that every home needs a handyman is true. People don't have the time but they have the disposable income.
Keith Paul

City set to sign Bathey agreement

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners are expected to have the \$4.5 million purchase agreement for the Bathey property on Mill Street at the July 19 city commission meeting.

Both sides met for four hours this week working on the final purchase agreement, said City Manager Paul Sincock. If approved by the city commission, the developer will immediately begin the due diligence period and will have crews on site to begin the environmental studies that are necessary.

21 Century Holdings of Southfield plans to build a residential and business community on the 16-acre site.

The city gained ownership of the parcel at 100 S. Mill Street — between Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail — in January 2003 after a lengthy court battle with

former owner Wendell Flynn, who failed to pay \$3 million in back taxes, interest and penalties over a 20-year period.

According to the proposal by 21 Century Holdings, Mill Street Commons will consist of 180 home sites including a mix of multi-story ranch, townhomes and live/work combination units, which will allow for homeowners to open a small business on the street level with a residence above.

The city will gain only a portion of the \$4.5 million purchase price. Sincock anticipates taking approximately \$250,000 for the city's share of legal expenses over the 20-year period. The remainder will then be split among several taxing authorities, including Plymouth-Canton Schools and Wayne County.

Sincock said 21 Century Holdings has already put \$25,000 down on the project, will give the city another \$25,000 when the agreement is

approved by commissioners and an expected \$100,000 when the site plan is approved.

"I expect the development company to sit down with the city commissioners and planning commission to get their preliminary thoughts to development of the property," said Sincock, "before getting site plan approval from the planning commission."

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"We were happy to be a partner with them."

There's no way we could promise any funding like we gave last summer," he added. "We would like to look at Plymouth Canton in the future to engage in some partnerships."

Last year the Bridge program was able to accommodate 52 stu-

dents, and looked to target 60 this summer. However, that number reached only 41 before some students dropped out, some because of the higher cost.

The district's Educational Excellence Foundation gave a \$2,500 grant to help pay nearly half of the transportation costs. And the remainder of the high schools at risk funding was used to make up for the loss of the county money, meaning no more funding is available for at-risk programs. The remainder of the

school year.

Part of the problem is the school district didn't find out about the mixup until sometime in May, with Gooding and McCoy already planning on the county grant money for the June 21-July 29 program.

"We're still looking at where to save this summer to reduce costs," she said. "We're being very frugal with what we spend on supplies this year."

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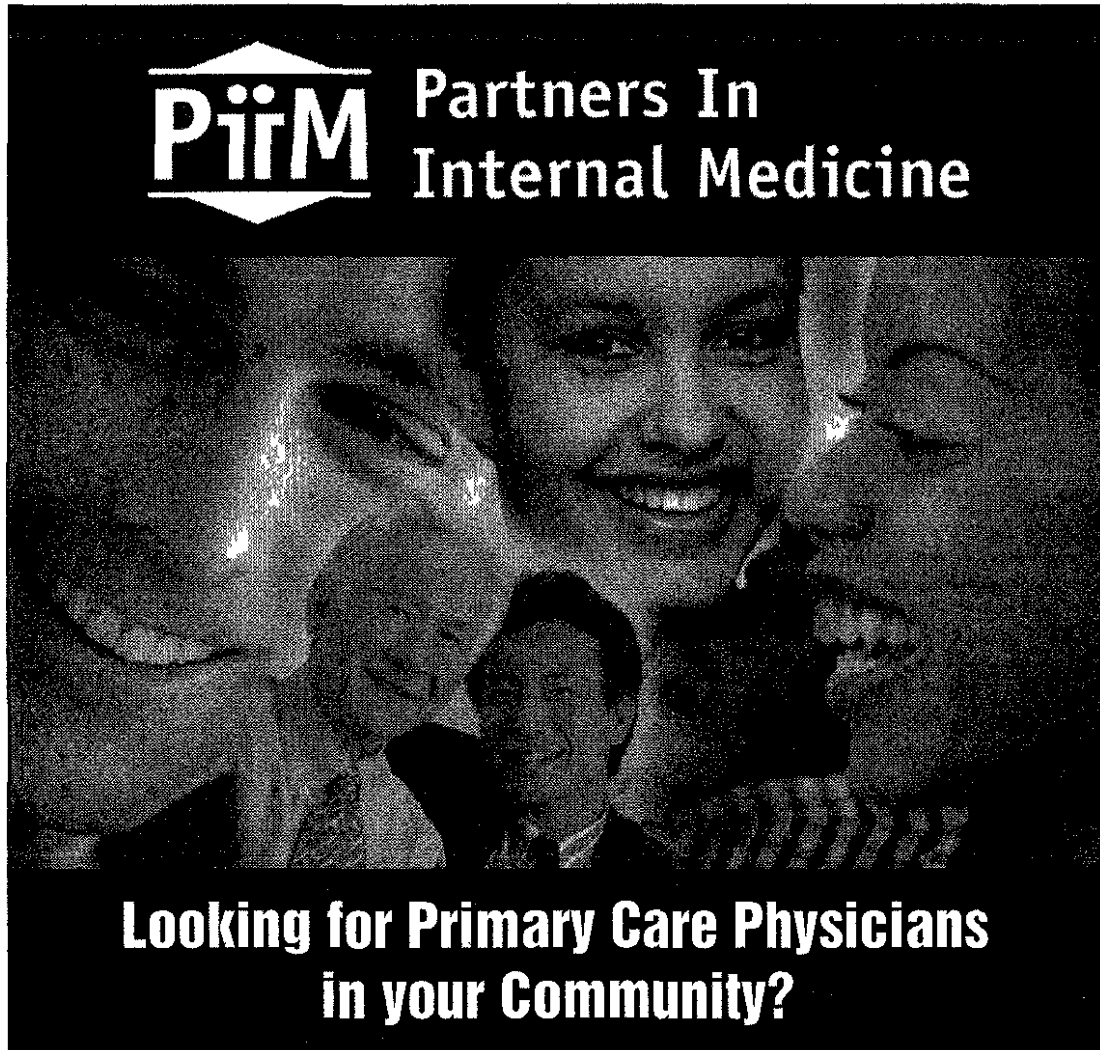
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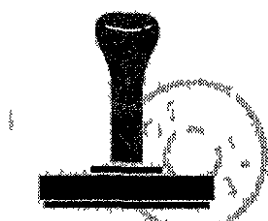
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DEATHS

- B**
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- G**
William G. Graham, 88, of Howell, died June 29
- H**
Sadie Hardy, 104, of Livonia, died June 27
- K**
Virginia K. Krug, of Westland, died June 30
- L**
Marianne Lamay, 70, of Livonia, died June 24
Frank J. Leblang, 84, of Farmington Hills, died July 1
- M**
Mary A. McAvoy, of Westland, died June 28
- P**
James Persons, 79, of Livonia, died June 29
Edward Pringlemir, 62, of Novi, died June 29
- R**
Dionisio Rodriguez, 82, of Livonia, died June 18
Annie May Rose, of Ontario, Canada died June 27
- S**
John Paul Szydzik Jr., of Peachtree Ga., died June 30
- T**
Francis W. Taylor, of Westland, died June 27
- W**
Maurice D. Williams, 81, of Farmington Hills, died June 28
- Z**
Joseph Zalut, 83, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Detroit, died June 21



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's *Observer Life* section in *Passages* on page C5.

Breaking and entering
An Erik Pass resident heard his dog barking and looked out his window to see a white male apparently attempting to break into his shed. The resident turned his dogs loose in the yard and the suspect fled. Later, the resident's wife saw what appeared to be the same man loitering around a neighbor's driveway, and again they turned the dogs loose. The man fled and the residents called police.

I-POD stolen
A Marissa Court resident reported he parked his Cadillac Escalade in his driveway. Later, someone stole an Apple I-Pod, along with headphones and a transponder, a briefcase containing legal papers, a pair of Oakley sunglasses with metallic lenses and a crate containing approximately 20 Sony Play Station 2 games.

on Pine, vehicle accidents at Sheldon and Five Mile, at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty and at Sheldon and M-14, commercial rescue runs on Main and on Northville Road

- Sunday, June 27 – Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Sheridan, on Haggerty on McClumpha and on Crestwood, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha investigation on Powell
- Saturday, June 26 – Commercial fire on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Main, on Wing, on Penniman, on Northville Road and on Greenview
- Friday, June 25 – Investigation on Main, vehicle accidents at Main and Linden on Hines west of Haggerty and on Junction, residential rescue runs on Pepperidge and on Northville Road
- Thursday, June 24 – Residential rescue runs on Oak on Newporte and on Mill, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, commercial rescue run on Sheldon
- Wednesday, June 23 – Residential rescue runs on Clemons, on Mill, on Robinwood and on Northville Road, vehicle accidents on Ann Arbor Trail west of Beck and on westbound M-14 west of Sheldon, rescue run on Plymouth Road at Eckles

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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between June 23-29

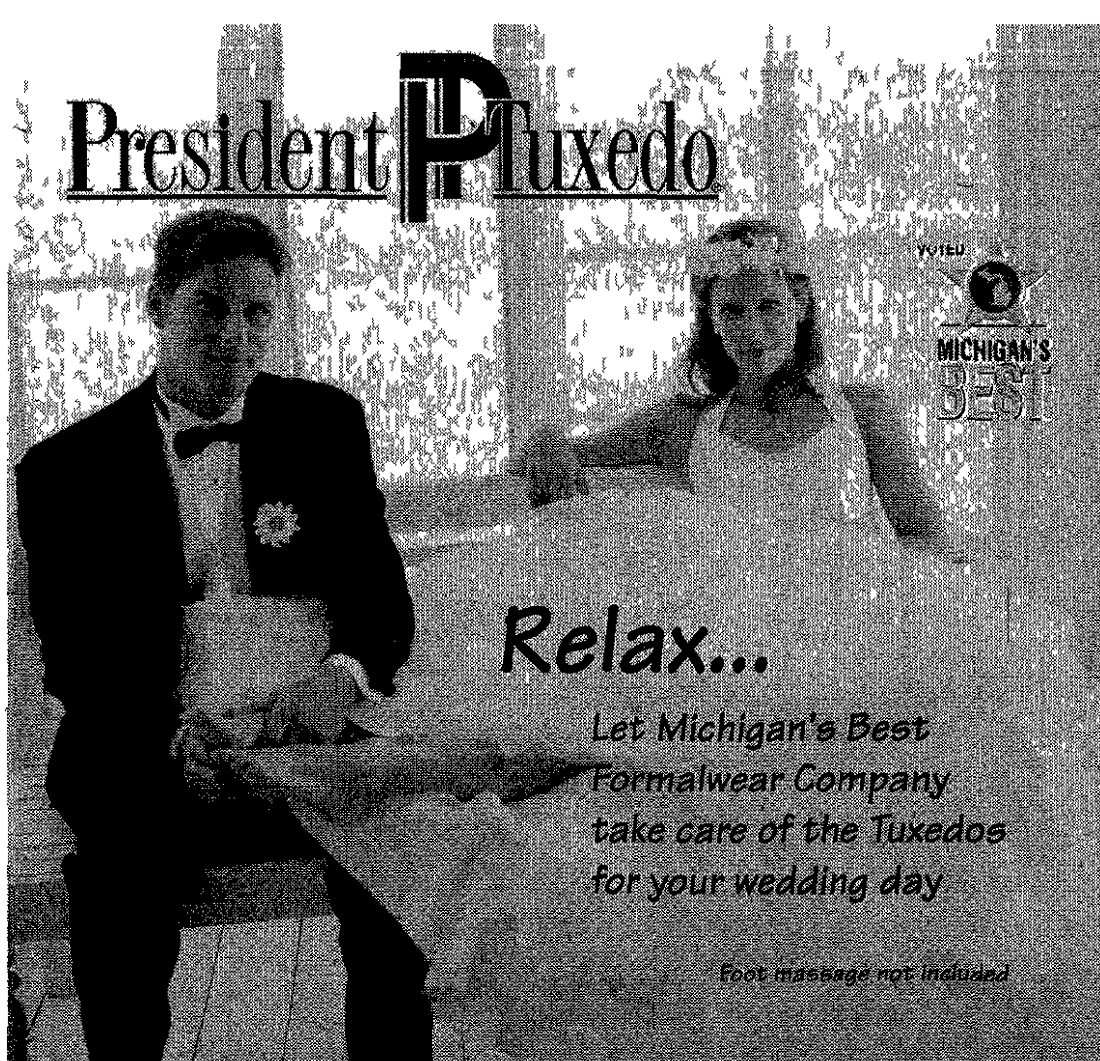
- Tuesday, June 29 – Residential rescue runs on F, on Burning Tree and on Plymouth Road, industrial rescue runs on Halyard and on Port, rescue run to a public building on Farmer rescue run on Main, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Five Mile, vehicle accident on northbound I-275 south of Ann Arbor Trail, vehicle fire on Ann Arbor Road
- Monday, June 28 – Downed wires at Northampton and Joy, residential rescue runs on Bradley Court and

POLICE BLOTTER

Property destroyed
A homeowner on Briarwood reported that someone took the patio bench from in front of her house and threw it into the street. The bench was found in pieces in front of her house. The owner said she thought she'd heard vehicles on the street, but thought nothing of it. Police advised her to report suspicious noises in the future.



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Sheldon Place deadline to repair set for Aug. 1

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Sheldon Place, the abandoned senior citizen housing center at Ford and Sheldon roads, apparently has been given another temporary reprieve.

Following a dangerous-building hearing earlier this year, hearing officer Joseph Philips issued an order to National Church Residences of Ohio, owners of the building, that the structure either be "demolished or otherwise made safe by Aug. 1, 2004."

The order also said that if a decision is made to demolish the building, a demolition permit must be applied for by July 1. If the decision is to repair the building, that application must also be made by July 1.

Last week, on July 1, the township building department received a letter from Bryan Amann, an attorney representing NCR, requesting "a very short extension of time before Canton Township undertakes any unilateral action."

The requested delay involves the status of a civil lawsuit that NCR has filed against DeMaria Construction Co., the contractors who built the building, and various other subcontractors.

In his letter requesting the extension, Amann wrote:

"The trial judge in the civil action has set the trial date for the second week in July, and has denied all requests to adjourn the date. As a result, settlement negotiations have finally reached a very serious and potentially

positive level. Either way, whether the case settles or goes to trial, the matter will be resolved in a matter of days before the end of July."

Amann said that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is also monitoring the case "and is cooperating in the efforts to resolve the litigation to save the building."

Canton Building Official John Weyer said he viewed the letter "as positive." "The township doesn't have to act before the Aug. 1 date," he said.

The building has been vacant since August 2001 when leaks and cracks appeared in the then 3-year-old \$4.4 million structure. Residents were removed from the building, which has since been shored up but not repaired.

At a dangerous building hearing more than a year ago, Philips told NCR to fix the building and he would revisit the issue a year later.

On March 23 of this year another hearing was held. At that hearing Philips asked for a letter from a structural engineer attesting to the safety of the building. No such letter was ever received.

In issuing the order that the building either be demolished or made safe, Philips wrote:

"It is my opinion that the condition of the building in its current state is unsafe. I draw this conclusion from the fact that you have chosen to vacate the building."

Amann said the pending lawsuit is a kind of stumbling block in the case. "We're on a tightrope here,

he said. "We're trying to work with the township, but we have to be careful about the posture in the litigation."

But he said the progress of the lawsuit could be a positive.

"I think the litigation process has hit critical mass," he said. "This is the single best opportunity to give it a chance. If it doesn't settle and goes to trial, it could take two weeks or even longer. We are a lot closer to knowing which it will be, but we can't affirmatively say which."

Township officials have been concerned about the safety of the building over the past two years.

Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher has ordered his crews not to enter the building should there be a fire. He said he's afraid water from fire hoses could cause the building to collapse.

A study of the structural integrity of the structure, commissioned by NCR, found, among other things, that the wall heating/cooling units were not installed properly, control joints were improperly constructed and there was deficient mortar joint construction.

The report also noted that the masonry does not have the necessary strength as required by code, vertical reinforcement was not installed properly or was missing, plank floor connections to the outside load-bearing walls were not installed properly and the grouting of concrete masonry units was not consistent to the specifications.

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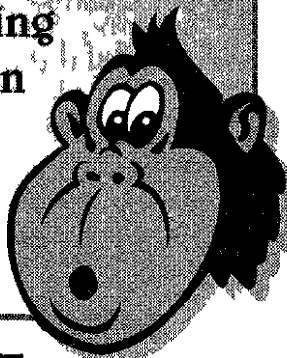
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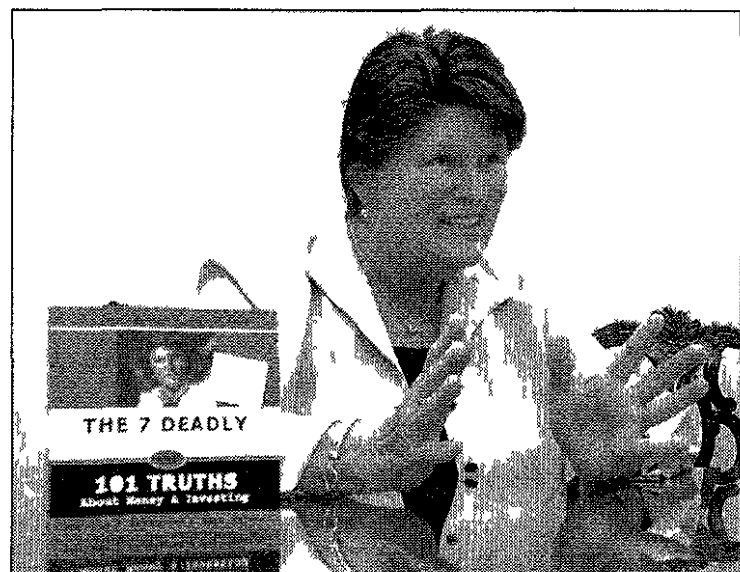
BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

"May the truth set you free" That is the last sentence you will read in an introduction by Phyllis Wordhouse before you begin reading her latest book *The 7 Deadly Investor Illusions and 101 Truths about Money & Investing*. It's a kind of get-in-your face book, said Wordhouse, the Plymouth resident who has been on the financial scene in the Plymouth-Canton community since the 1980s. In the 1970s, her husband lost a cache of money in investments. Learning about money became important. It became even more important in the early 1980s, when she was pink-slipped from her job as a special education teacher in Wayne-Westland Schools. "You study up," Wordhouse said. "I have been on this quest since 1982. How does money work?" Not only has she spent more

than 20 years helping her clients, but herself as well, to understand what to do and not to do when it comes to money. After many years as a licensed financial planner, Wordhouse feels she has finally got it figured out. And it's not what she used to think. If you want a clue to what she is talking about, you need to read the book. It is small — about six inches square, 169 pages including end notes. It is written simply and in big lettering. "Basically, it's teaching the basics of investing," said Wordhouse, who worked on the book with Mark Matson, the money manager at her firm, Wordhouse Wealth Coaching. Wordhouse is the managing member of Wealth Advisers Group. What Wordhouse teaches is not the financial gobbledegook and investing you may have been told by countless financial planners and stock brokers in your lifetime. She takes another route. "This is all based on efficient,

passive strategy, realizing the market has its own cycles," she said. According to Wordhouse, there are 11 layers — or asset classes — of risk in the market. "If you are well-diversified between the 11 classes and have a correlated portfolio, you will do just fine over your life span," she said. In other words, Wordhouse said, don't believe everything you hear or are told about investing. "The problem is that people have bad information. Investing isn't just about using your money to make more money. Wordhouse said that investing is about paying fees to financial consultants, planners and brokers. The problem is that people — on advice of their advisers — are mixing the classes into one mutual fund. "So at the end of the year, money managers want their bonuses," she said. "They buy in another class so they can get fees. We all pay that, sometimes as much as 10 to 12 percent per year. That's problem No. 1. Ask yourself how much your mutual

funds cost. The second problem is that money managers are buying the same stock even though they are in different mutual funds. With one client, Wordhouse discovered that 30 money managers were buying Pepsi and only in two classes of risk. "They are buying the same thing over and over. That is not cost-effective," Wordhouse said. The book and the educational seminars Wordhouse teaches are "all about stopping doing that. Once you understand the truth of investing, your life will be easier. Let the market work for you." Investing in the 1990s is one of Wordhouse's favorite examples. The market itself provided double-digit returns. The average investor, however, only got about 3 percent — because of the fees. "Every time you move your portfolio, you are losing money," she said. Wordhouse believes the market takes care of itself. The issue is buying properly, meaning that you must buy in at least six to eight asset classes, preferably 11 asset classes. Also, consider that people think they are broadly diversified



Phyllis Wordhouse, a wealth coach, explains her new way of thinking about investments and money.

because they have a number of mutual funds," she said. "But multiple money managers are buying the same stock." Wordhouse wants people to remember that a financial planner is an independent person who needs a stock broker for a relationship with Wall Street — to buy and sell. And don't think for a moment that buying on the Internet eases the pain. "Every time you change your portfolio, you are hurting yourself because of the fees you are paying," she said. "You start the risk all over again." Wordhouse gave up her licenses to do that and today is a wealth coach, primarily educating others. "I love to see the awareness. People assume and assumptions hold them back," she said. "This book is how I learned it. If I could learn it, you can learn it."

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Chrysler museum is well worth an effort to visit

Everyone who knows anything about cars knows about Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum, the vast museum of American and automobile life the automaker created in Dearborn.

Millions have made pilgrimages there, to stare at historic cars and stroll among artifacts of days gone by. But how many of us have visited the gleaming new Walter P. Chrysler Museum in Auburn Hills, a stone's throw from the automaker's North American headquarters?

How many people even know there is a Chrysler museum, or how to find it? "Not enough," said Barry Dressel, the museum's droll 57-year-old manager. "But that's starting to change." Six years ago, he pulled up stakes and left a museum job in the Caribbean to help design and build the Chrysler museum.

"I like to say that I am the only completely sane person ever to move from the Caribbean to Michigan," he quips. That may be debatable, but what is certain is that he has helped build one of the automotive world's lesser-known jewels.

This summer, in fact, the museum, which opened to little fanfare late in 1999, has mounted its most ambitious exhibit yet "Inspired Chrysler Design: The Art of Driving," which features several dozen absolutely gorgeous automobiles.

They include race cars from the 1920s, many elegant cars built for and owned by the Chrysler family, and a number of one-of-a-kind concept cars.

The exhibit also includes a look at new design concepts being pioneered in forthcoming cars, and a good deal of automotive

art, much of which is for sale. "We've never done anything like this before, and it is long overdue," Dressel said. Besides the special exhibit, which fills the second floor of the gleaming, 55,000-square-foot building, there are all sorts of attractive exhibits on the history of the company, the family, lots of other interesting cars and engines that only a gearhead could love, and a first-rate gift shop.

If enough people visit, the museum ought to help change the automaker's longtime historic image as that of the automaker who catered to the working stiff, the guy who worked on the line in Hamtramck and bought what he built.

Oh, there were a few "muscle cars" in the 60s, mostly Dodges, and a car called the New Yorker, which was sort of an imitation Cadillac or Lincoln Continental which fooled nobody, but mainly Chrysler was the automaker for the notoriously unstylish and uncool.

That was the Chrysler that nearly went out of business in 1979, but which was saved at the last minute by Lee Iacocca's salesmanship and a federal government bailout. Chrysler survived, of course, bounced back and bought Jeep and the other remains of the old American Motors Corp. a few years later.

Eventually it was merged with (sold, really) the German automaker Daimler, which left a few congressmen grumbling and brought a lot of executives named Jurgen and Dieter to suburban Detroit. You won't find a Mercedes in the Chrysler museum, though, "We have made this a museum of DaimlerChrysler's history in North America," Dressel says.

This year they are hoping for 50,000 visitors. Part of the problem is that the museum is a bit out of the way, 30 miles or so north of downtown Detroit.

No one ever wanders into the Chrysler museum by chance,

though attendance rises during the ultra-elegant Concours d'Elegance, an annual vintage luxury car show at the nearby Meadow Brook Hall. On Thursday evenings this month, the museum is sponsoring a series of smooth jazz concerts, which may also raise awareness.

While the museum is easy to find, you have to make a determined effort to get there (take I-75 to exit 78, and follow the signs). Yet the effort is worth it, even for those who are only mildly about car history, in large part because attractive displays interweave the history of our times with the history of Chrysler, which in some ways resembles a familiar pattern in American business: excitement, boom, bust, near-failure, revival, merger and sale.

For hours and more information, check out www.chryslerheritage.com

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Geoffrey Fieger, flamboyant lawyer best known as Jack Kevoorkian's longtime legal bulldog, was given a new role recently by Gov. Jennifer Granholm. He is now head of the Michigan Film Board, and in that capacity, is doing everything he can to promote Flint native Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*.

Accordingly, he is offering a \$2,500 scholarship for the best essay about the movie written by a high school senior. Entries must be 1,250 words or less, typed, double-spaced, and e-mailed to info@fiegerlaw.com (not as an attachment) or mailed to *Fahrenheit 9/11* Essay Contest, 19390 W 10 Mile, Southfield MI 48075. This columnist, incidentally, will judge the winner.

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Plymouth's Art in the Park offers something for everyone

From A to Z: Plymouth Art in the Park has it all

Looking to quench your artistic palate? Then look no further! The Plymouth Art in the Park has a plethora of events and activities that the whole family can enjoy. This event has come a long way since 1980, when it started as an art adventure with aspirations of a simple weekend with only 30 local artists. Today the Art in the Park has transformed Kellogg Park into one of the top 200 art shows in the country with more than 400 artists that hail from around the country and around the globe. The stars of this year's event (July 9-11) in the streets surrounding Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth will be offering an array of items including:

- A. Angels, acrylic paintings, airbrush tattoos
- B. Batik, Barefoot Violinist, bowls, bird houses, birch bark lamps
- C. Ceramics, collage, calligraphy, clocks, candles, chairs
- D. Dishes, drawings, dresses
- E. Etchings, entertainment, embossing, exotic hardwood
- F. Face painting, flowers, food, furniture
- G. Gourds, gold, glitter, grandfather timepieces
- H. Hats, hanging chairs, The Human Statue, herbal items
- I. Infinity tables, intaglio, iron, intarsia
- J. Jewelry made of silver, gold, glass, leather, antique buttons, bamboo, stone and sawdust
- K. Kellogg Park, kinetic sculpture, kalei-

- dosscopes, kettle corn
- L. Leather purses, belts, briefcases, wallets, shoes, portfolios
- M. Mirrors, mobiles, miniatures, mosaic, music
- N. Name plates, Nicaraguan ceramics
- O. Oil lamps, olive oil soap, oil paintings
- P. Photography, potpourri, puzzles, pillows, pot racks
- Q. Quilts, quotations
- R. Raku, rugs
- S. Signs, shelves, shuttle bus, silhouettes, sculptures, street painting
- T. Tools turned into garden art, toe rings
- U. Ukrainian eggs
- V. Vests, vases
- W. Wheat weaving, wrought iron, watches, water fountains, wine racks
- X. X-tra fun goodies for children
- Y. Yarn, yard art
- Z. Zest

As the popularity of Art in the Park steadily increases, so does its number of artists, vendors, musicians and hands-on art activities, as well as sponsors, civic and charitable organizations.

These are three days when Kellogg Park will be transformed into the type of atmosphere where memories are made. We welcome you to join us!

Dianne Quinn of Plymouth is founder and director of Plymouth Art in the Park. Her daughter Raychel Rork of Canton Township is a member of the executive team which produces the show.

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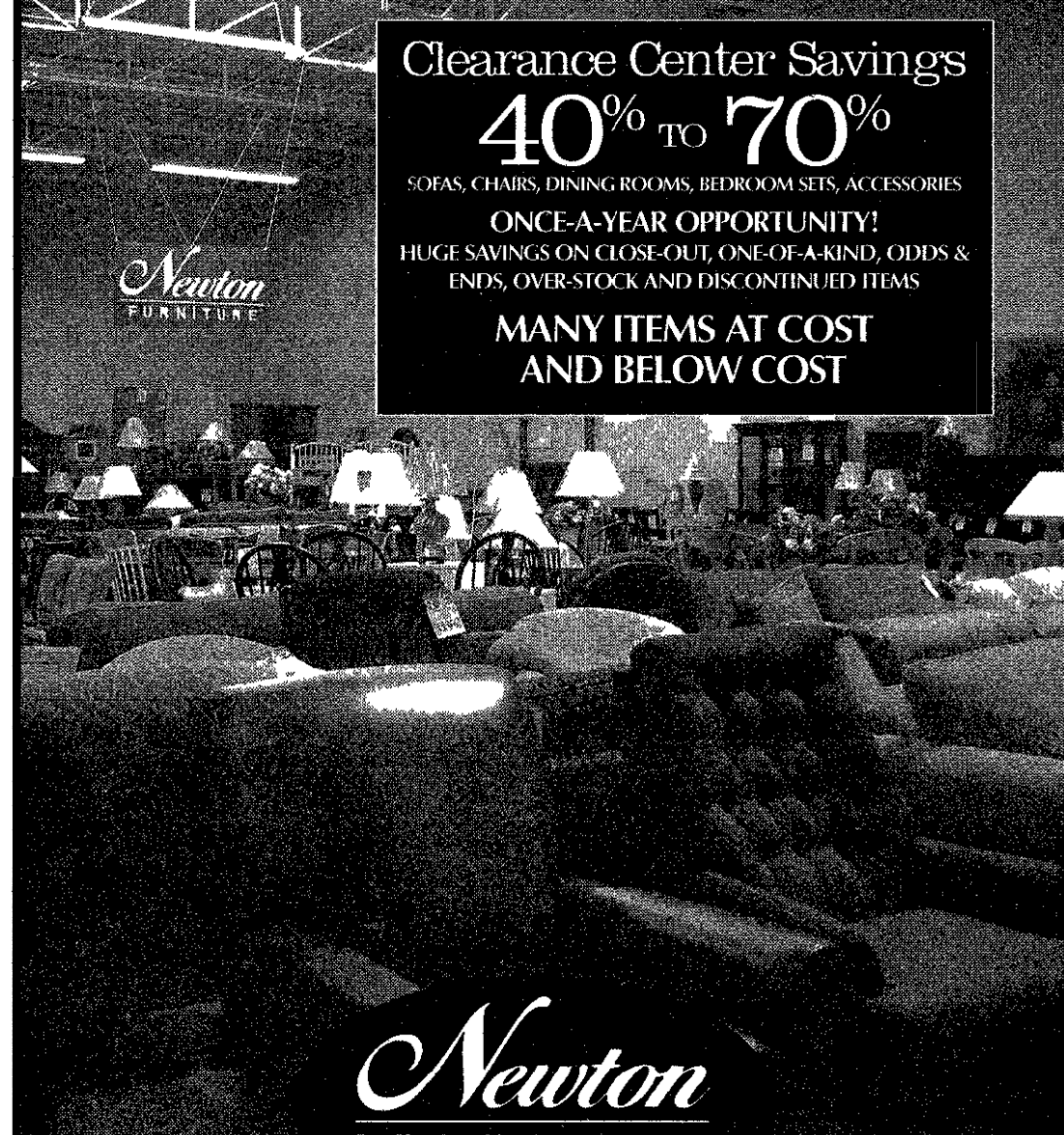
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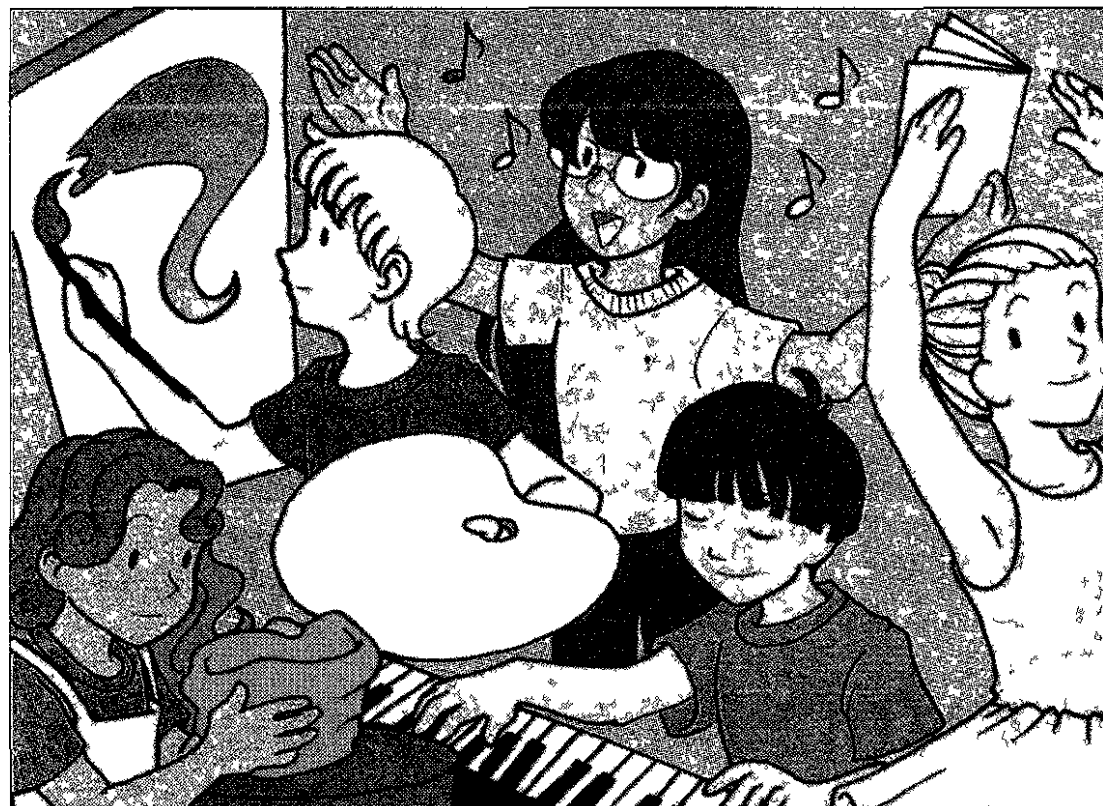
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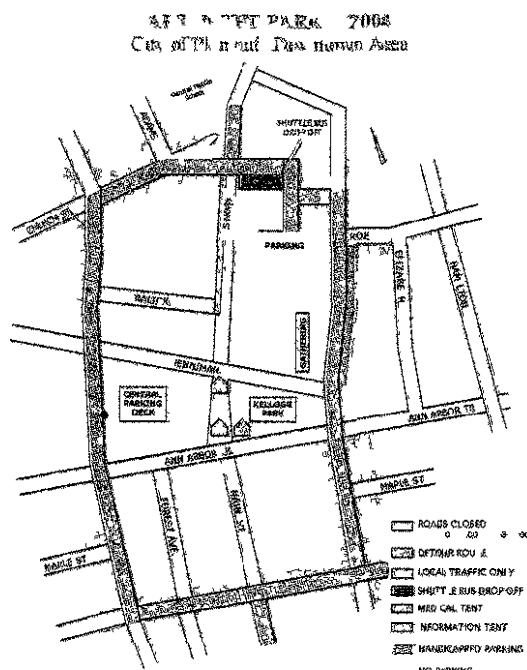


Youngsters taking part in Art in the Park will get a chance to paint blocks of this mural

ART

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in the Park is Bob Sturk of Plymouth, who sells wooden pens he makes on a lathe. I used to make furniture, so I started making the pens six years ago and do about six eight shows a summer, said Sturk, an automotive company engineer. Art in the Park is probably the biggest show I participate in each year, and it's always a very good show for me because of the people who attend. My pens are a very personalized item, and not everyone will pay \$30-\$40 for a set when you can buy a Bic for 29 cents." Sturk sells fountain and ballpoint pens, as well as pen and pencil sets. I've had people debate for an hour, and try the different types I have on display, to get just the right balance for their hand, said Sturk. Rork said one of the highlights of this year's event will be Philip Delacruz of Carlsbad, Calif., a street painter who will demonstrate his craft at Ann Arbor Trail and Main Street. He specializes in doing classical paintings with chalk on the street," said Rork. It's something that's popular in Europe, but hasn't quite caught on yet here. "We always like to have art demonstrated and created during the show," she said. "He'll be here all three days, so people can come back and see the progress of his street mural." As in the past few years, children will be able to participate by painting squares on a mural that will eventually be displayed at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The canvass will be painted in Kellogg Park. While Sincock said they've conservatively estimated the three day crowd to reach 50,000 people, he wouldn't be surprised to find it was nearly double that. He and his staff worked all week in



preparing for the largest festival they deal with all summer long. One of the key elements is putting together a planning document that deals with things like severe weather, overnight security, how to handle fire and medical runs," he said. "We have to plan for all situations. Sincock suggested the easiest way to get to the event is to ride the shuttle buses from the Visteon plant parking lot on Sheldon Road at M-14. "We'll have three buses that run every 15 minutes or less to City Hall, and costs only \$1 round-trip," he said. People think they can find close parking spots, but the shuttle drops them off right at the event.

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MILITARY NEWS

BASIC TRAINING

Air Force Airman 1st Class Alexander D. Stamp graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Stamp is the son of Diane Stamp of Penniman Ave., Plymouth, Mich.

ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

John L. Moore of Plymouth has been awarded an Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) college scholarship. The cadet was selected on the basis of comprehensive tests scores, high school scholastic achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra curricular activities, and

community involvement. The scholarship is designed to cover the cost of tuition, textbooks, laboratory and incidental fees, and a non-taxable monthly stipend during the school year. Upon graduating from college and completing the ROTC program, the cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force. The new lieutenants select and enter various career fields to train as pilots, navigators, engineers, medical, personnel, business management fields, and special operations. Moore is the son of Eric N. and Kim J. Moore of Adams St., Plymouth, Mich.

He is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School.

GRADUATED

Air Force Cadet Timothy M. Hughes has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. The graduate received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. Senior cadets have the opportunity to serve as academy cadet officers who provide leadership, motivation and direction for the cadet wing and demonstrate

effective officership in support of unit mission objectives. The academy is a four-year military institution of higher learning that develops and inspires new air and space leaders with a vision for the future. The curriculum provides instruction, education, training and experience in academics, military training, physical and athletic conditioning, and spiritual and ethical development to all cadets. They graduate with the knowledge, character and skills essential to meet the leadership challenges of the 21st century for future career officers in the U.S. Air Force. The new lieutenants go on to serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various technical fields, and some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships, while others go directly to non-rated Air Force-wide assignments. The officer is scheduled to attend intelligence training school at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas. Hughes received a degree in foreign area studies, western Europe concentration with a minor in French.

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Sidelines

Pepsi runner-up

Zachary Ziulkowski, 10, of Livonia, placed second in the Pepsi Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Team Championship, June 26, at Detroit's Comerica Park

Ziulkowski qualified by placing first in his age division in local competition held at Livonia's Ford Field before becoming the all-around champion, June 5, at the Dearborn Heights Sectional

The National finals will be held next week during 2004 All-Star Game week in Houston, Tex

Wrestling champs

Canton High School wrestlers Corey Phillips and Konrad Konsitzke performed well at the AAU Grand Nationals Wrestling Meet held June 22-24 at the Taylor Sportsplex in Taylor

Phillips, competing at 135 pounds, won the overall national title after placing second in the Greco-Roman division, first in free-style and first in folk-style

Konsitzke, competing in the 171-pound division, finished second in free-style and second in folk-style. The tournament attracted many of the top high school wrestlers from Michigan Florida New Mexico Nebraska and Connecticut

Soccer camp

The Challenger British Soccer Camp will return to the area from July 26-30 at Bell Creek Park in Redford

The camp offers programs for players from 6-18 at various levels of ability. For more information on this camp, please call Nancy Jackett at (313) 534-5687 or visit www.challengersports.com

Coaches sought

■ Garden City High School is looking for a freshman football coach, for the upcoming season.

For more information, please call athletic director Bob Dropp at (734) 762-8363

■ Plymouth High School is looking for boys and girls cross country coaches as well as assistant football coaches at all levels

Call athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700 or send a resume to him at Plymouth High School, 8400 N Beck Road, Canton, MI, 48187

Registration

The Garden City Soccer Club is still accepting registration for certain age groups for the fall season

They are U5-8 boys and girls, U10 and U13 boys and U11 girls. All age groups are based on a birth date of Aug 1. The late fee will be waived for those groups

To register, visit www.gardencitysoccer.com and download a registration form. Make a check payable to GCSC for the amount indicated on the form, and mail it to GCSC, PO Box 544, Garden City, MI, 48136. New players must have a photocopy of their birth certificate.

For details, please visit the Web site or call (734) 458-9734, ext 1

Salem grad Roth takes 2nd Open title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to taming a Bear, sometimes it's better to be armed with an abundance of experience rather than an infinite supply of youthful energy

That was the lesson Plymouth native Jeff Roth taught the field in the Michigan Open Golf Championship held Monday through Thursday at the famed 'Bear' course at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme. Roth, 46, outlasted several younger, less-experienced competitors — and some fellow veterans as well — to win his second Open championship with a 12-under-par total of 276. He didn't have a bogey in the final round and only made two in the last 45 holes.

Grandville's Eric Jorgensen finished in a second-place tie at nine-under after leading Roth by a stroke heading into Thursday's final round.

Burton's Mike Austin also finished nine-under, one shot ahead of Scott Hebert.

The field in this year's tournament was so much younger and talented than it was just 10 years ago," said Roth, who captured his first Open title in 1998. "I get excited when I get to play against these young guys. Heck, some of them are half my age."

Roth, now a resident of Flushing and the head professional at West Bloomfield's Knollwood Country Club, said his confidence grew following an impressive par save late in the final round.

"I hit my drive into a fairway bunker on 14," said Roth, a 1975 Plymouth Salem graduate. "I was approximately 112 yards out and hit a wedge to within about 15 feet. When I made that putt and saved par, I had a feeling I was going to win it."

Former Livonia Stevenson standout Stephen Polanski,

PLEASE SEE GOLF, B5

Ladywood's Bob Lulek named area's top coach

Records can be deceiving just ask eight-year Livonia Ladywood softball coach Bob Lulek.

The Blazers finished 22-17 this season, but six of those losses were to Division I state champion Harper Woods Regina.

When the Division II state tournament started, Ladywood got on a roll, winning its own district and then going on to garner its first-ever regional crown in school history before being knocked out in the quarterfinals by two-time defending state champion Chelsea, 1-0.

"We had great senior leadership and a nice group of kids," said Lulek, who was named Observer Coach of the Year. "What I liked about them is the way they hung together. It was one of the most unified teams I've coached. They never complained and once they got through the Catholic League playoffs, they really started to play well."

Defense and pitching were

the keys to Ladywood's state tourney run.

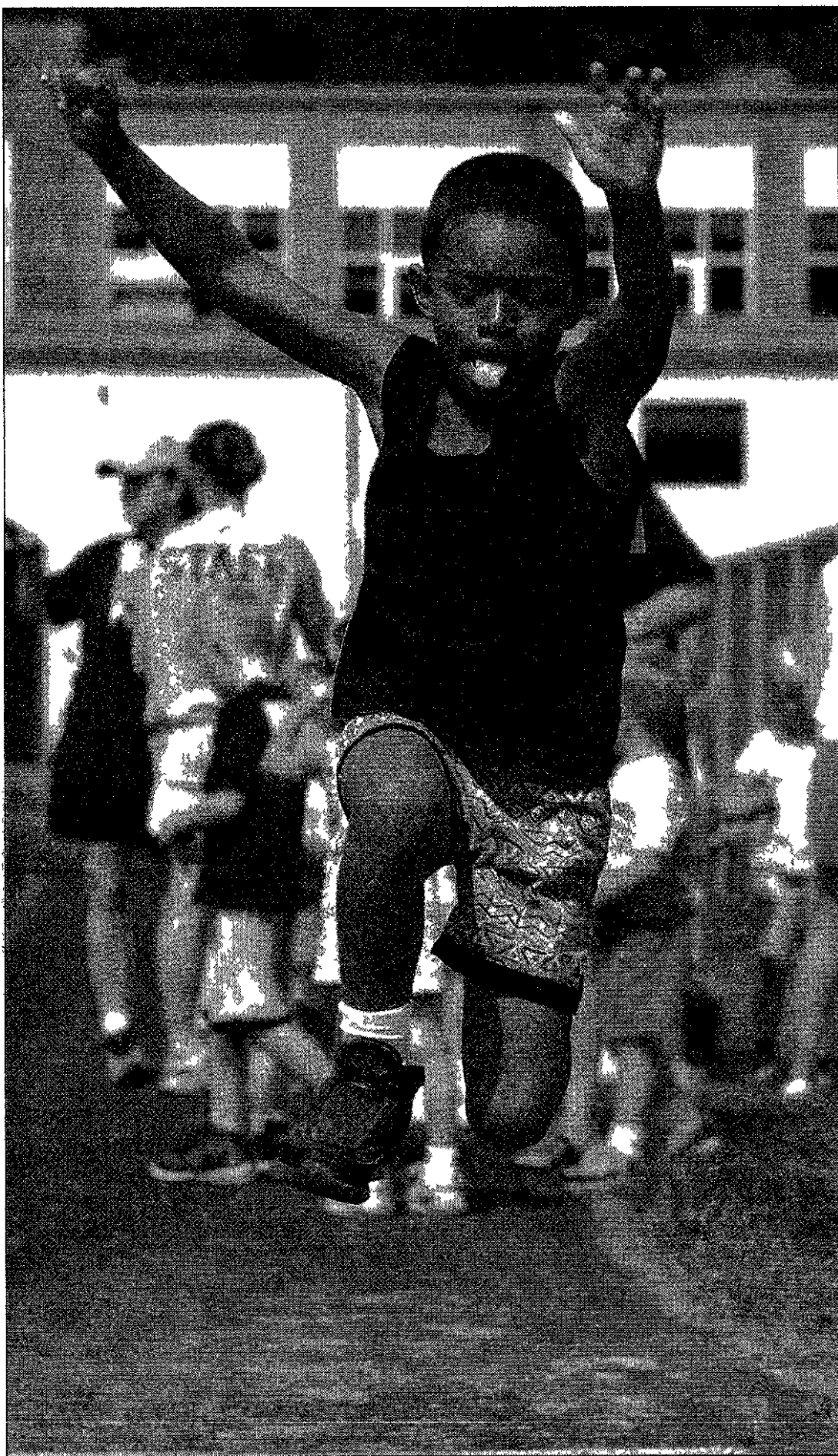
And the future looks bright for the Blazers.

"We had two good young pitchers in Lauren Taylor (a freshman) and Kaitlyn Huddas (a sophomore)," said Lulek, who was coming off a 12-19 season in 2003. "We should have had more support for them. We've got to figure out a way to score more runs next year."

Lulek, 55, is a retired carpenter from Walbridge-Allinger Construction Co. He played football and baseball at Detroit Benedictine High and went on to play club football at Oakland Community College before getting into coaching.

The Commerce Township resident spent two years as an assistant at Westland John Glenn before moving over to coach the freshman team at Ladywood, where he is ably assisted by his son Bob, along with former Blazer players Stephanie Salmas and Patti Kolinski. He also coaches the Blazer ninth-graders in the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League during the summer.

See All-Area girls softball on page B2



Redford's Ryan Brown concentrates as he long jumps 7 foot-1 at the 2003 Redford Junior Olympics

Redford gears up for Junior Olympics

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Heather Miller didn't need anyone to remind her she had been working at the Redford Township Junior Olympics for a long time.

She had an extra moment of self-awareness last summer when a former participant in the township's annual track festival showed up with her own daughter.

"I immediately recognized her," said Miller, the Parks and Recreation supervisor who's been working the event for 15 years.

"A lot of parents who bring their kids to our summer programs have brought their kids to this. But this was the first time I watched someone come up through the program bring their own child."

In the 45 previous versions of the Junior Olympics, there have been plenty of opportunities for that to happen.

What doesn't happen in the event is rain. Or usually doesn't. The event — open to every child 12 and under — is one big track meet, featuring

running, throwing and jumping, all split into different age groups.

This year's incarnation will be held Wednesday, at Hilbert Junior High — at the corner of Puritan and Kinloch — and begins at 9 a.m. with registration, while events start at 10 a.m.

And there are three key things to remember. The first is that the event has never been rained out as long as Miller's been a part of it (which is good since it won't be made up). The second is that it is free. The third is that it's free to all children — it doesn't matter if they are from Redford, Livonia, Canton, Southfield, Farmington or Detroit.

"We've been pushing this in all of our summer programs, but we're hoping for stronger numbers than last year," said Miller. "Miscommunication might have hurt us last year, but we always get great weather."

"We get kids from all over western Wayne and Oakland County and most of the kids get some kind of ribbon. We award them to the first six places, but we try to run heats so everyone can get one. It's a fun event for the kids."

Ockerman leaves MSU hoops for Sacramento St.

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

When Justin Ockerman graduated from Garden City, his plan was to play in the major leagues as a pitcher.

He gave that dream up last fall and started on a new dream — playing college basketball.

Ockerman still has that dream — he's just going to chase it on a new mattress. The 6-9 forward, who played in 15 games for Michigan State University during the 2003-04 season, confirmed this week that he's transferring to Sacramento State University (CSU-Sacramento).

"I'd like to say more or less that it's about getting out there and being seen more," said Ockerman, who

scored six points and eight rebounds in 34 minutes. "I've got a lot of family out here and I'll be close to them, and I was born in California, too."

Ockerman will have three seasons of eligibility left with the Hornets, although there is some discrepancy as to whether he has to sit out the season because of his walk-on status at MSU. He had no need for a scholarship, since the Seattle Mariners are paying his tuition as part of his signing bonus from his 2001 contract. Ockerman spent three seasons in the Mariners' system as a pitcher, with a 2-6 record and 51 strikeouts in 71 innings. He missed the 2002 season with an elbow injury.

PLEASE SEE OCKERMAN, B5



After spending just one season at Michigan State, Garden City's Justin Ockerman is transferring to Sacramento State.

Kesler lifts Whalers past the Spartans

Livonia native Ryan Kesler, who played briefly for the National Hockey League's Vancouver Canucks during the 2003-04 season, torched the Spartans' defense for four goals and an assist as the Whalers posted a 10-6 win on Wednesday night in Michigan Summer Hockey League play.

SUMMER HOCKEY

Aaron Jakubowski (Livonia Churchill) also had a strong game, tallying one goal and four assists. Westland's Chris Conner netted two goals.

Canton native Jeremy Majszak scored two goals and added an assist for the Spartans. Chris Williams (Livonia) had a goal and two assists. Brian Markowicz and Brad Smith got

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, B5



Molly Conlon
Canton



Kelly Elmore
Garden City



Roya St. Clair
Liv. Stevenson



Heather Richardson
Canton



Stephanie Day
Liv. Ladywood



Lauren Delapaz
Canton



Sara Wagaman
Liv. Franklin



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Molly Conlon, P. Canton The junior was literally unhittable for most of the season throwing two perfect games one in a Division 1 Regional contest and five no hitters. Conlon earned Honorable Mention All State All Region All District and All Western Lakes Activities Association recognition thanks to her 20.51 record and 0.66 earned run average. In 191 innings she struck out 235 batters and yielded just 18 earned runs.

Molly is a very hard worker and a dedicated individual, said Canton coach Jim Arnold. She doesn't show a lot of emotion but she has incredible poise out on the mound. She knew what she had to do this season and she knew she had a great defense behind her.

Kelly Elmore, P. Garden City Elmore threw a few games in her sophomore season and was prepared to be the starter last year until all Observer pitcher Nikki Zabkiewicz transferred in. It could have been disheartening but she stayed with it last year and worked hard, said coach Barry Patterson. This year we reaped the rewards of hard work.

Elmore wasn't an overpowering pitcher but one who relied on location. She wound up with a 18.4 record in leading the Cougars to the regional final. She had eight shutouts, two no hitters and a perfect game in 133 innings. She struck out just 75 batters but walked just 10. Had only two wild pitches, gave up 26 runs and 18 of them earned.

The only games she struggled was when our defense struggled, said Patterson of his All Mega Red selection. Without her we were a 500 team.

Roya St. Clair, C. Liv. Stevenson The sophomore earned first team All Observer honors for the second straight year after hitting 429 with 42 hits including 11 doubles, seven triples and two homers going along with 29 RBI.

The All Western Lakes selection struck out only three times all year. She had an on base average of .500 and a .745 slugging percentage.

Roya pressed a little bit at the plate early in the year but once she settled

down a bit she began to hit the ball hard at people. Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. Then she started putting balls through the infield.

She made significant progress on the defensive side of the ball. She worked extremely hard to improve her defensive skills to go along with her already strong arm.

Heather Richardson, C. Canton The Chiefs captain and third hitter in their line up Richardson enjoyed a productive senior season hitting 381 with seven doubles, two triples and 22 RBI. Defensively the All WLLA performer committed just one error while picking up 15 assists and 17 put outs.

Heather had a great season both offensively and defensively for us this year, Arnold said. She called every pitch (Canton pitcher) Molly (Conlon) threw this year. Even when Heather didn't catch she called the pitches from the dugout. She knew exactly what kind of pitches the other teams hitters liked to hit and she called the games accordingly.

Stephanie Day, C. Liv. Ladywood A four year starter, the senior helped spark the Blazers Division II quarterfinal run.

Although she hit just 229 in the Catholic League's tough Central Division Day was adept on the on the defensive side of the ball.

She picked off a total of 29 runners at either first or third (not stealing) including 11 in the Royal Oak Tournament when the Blazers finished runner up to eventual Division I state champion and Central Division nemesis Harper Woods Regina.

She's the best catcher since I've been at Ladywood, said eighth year coach Bob Lulek. She's better than anybody I've ever coached. She has an excellent arm and makes good contact at the plate. Stephanie hit the ball at people all year and it's unfortunate because she hits it so hard. She was also a very good bunter.

Day an All Catholic Academic pick will play next season for Madonna University.



Cat Sidor
Liv. Churchill



Brittni Adams
Redford Union



Terra Russell
Garden City

errors on defense while recording 57 assists and 42 put outs.

In my opinion Lauren could have played Division I college softball this year - she was that good, Arnold raved. It is unbelievable how athletic and fundamentally sound she is, especially when you consider she was only in the ninth grade.

Sara Wagaman, Inf. Liv. Franklin The junior shortstop batted 438 (39 for 89) with five doubles, four triples and one homer. She scored a total of 27 runs and had 18 RBI en route to All Western Lakes honors.

What stood out this year about Sara was her aggressiveness, Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. She made plays and mentally was a competitor at the plate. She plays tough and she plays hard.

All Proodian, Inf. Salem The junior third baseman was voted All WLLA All District and All Regional after hitting 368 with five doubles and 12 RBI for Salem. Named the Rocks offensive MVP Proodian had a .463 on base percentage and hit 450 in league games.

The amazing thing is that she did so well this year even though she played with a pulled muscle the entire season, said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. She's a phenomenal athlete and person and she was our top power hitter this year. She's also had a great year on defensively too.

Lindsay Ritz, Inf. Garden City Ritz earned all state honors for the second straight season for a good reason. She hit .395 with a .512 on base percentage and a .570 slugging percentage after a slow start.

We lost a lot of games due to weather and she started slow, said Patterson. But she had a strong second half. She scored 26 runs and has a solid RBI (19) to bat (.76) ratio. She's probably my best player.

Ritz also an all Mega Red selection for the second straight year. Had 30 hits with four doubles and two triples. The third baseman will play next year at Eastern Michigan.

Catlyn Sidor, Inf. Liv. Churchill. The

sophomore first baseman was Churchill's top offensive player hitting 454 (35 for 77) on her way to Division I honorable mention All State All District and All Western Division honors in the WLLA.

Sidor had four doubles, two triples, a homer and 22 RBI. She also scored 13 runs. Her on base percentage was .584 and she made just four errors in 208 chances including 202 putouts and six assists for a .981 fielding average. Sidor was also named Churchill's MVP.

Cat played unbelievable defense. Churchill coach Carrie Korican said. She has a long arm span and short hops balls out of the dirt. She's a strong hitter who has power.

Brittni Adams, OF, Redford Union As a team the Panthers struggled during the season. But Adams was a solid bright spot hitting 452 (39 for 86) scoring 32 runs, posting a .711 on base average and walking 20 times.

She hit leadoff and made things happen for us, said RU coach Brian Sloma of his all district and all Mega White selection. She did the job against weaker and stronger teams. Teams would change their defense to try and stop her but she's so fast they couldn't. She's still drop bunts, slap the ball and when she needed to she'd rip the ball.

She's definitely one of the best players in our league.

Terra Russell, OF, Garden City A knee injury sidelined Russell for a lot of the 2003 season but she came back in 2004 with a vengeance. Russell hit 444 scored 26 runs, had 28 hits, five doubles, two triples, a homer and 21 RBI. Russell also had a .762 slugging percentage and a .570 on base average through the districts.

She really came into her own this year, said Patterson. She's a three year player and of all the girls we had she's the one who leads through example. She has a great attitude and hustle. It's great to see her get the recognition and rewards that she hasn't got because of lack of at bats or games.

ALL-OBSERVER SOFTBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

- P-Molly Conlon Jr. Canton
- P-Kelly Elmore Sr. Garden City
- C-Roya St. Clair Soph. Liv. Stevenson
- C-Heather Richardson Sr. Canton
- C-Stephanie Day Sr. Liv. Ladywood
- INF-Lauren Delapaz Jr. Canton
- INF-Sara Wagaman Jr. Liv. Franklin
- INF-Alli Proodian Jr. Salem
- INF-Lindsay Ritz Sr. Garden City
- INF-Catlyn Sidor Soph. Liv. Churchill
- OF-Brittni Adams Soph. Redford Union
- OF-Terra Russell Sr. Garden City

SECOND TEAM

- P-Kelli Szczepanski Sr. Salem
- P-Bridget Long Soph. Liv. Churchill
- P-Amanda Morrill Sr. Liv. Franklin
- P-Lauren Taylor Fr. Liv. Ladywood
- INF-Linzee Smith Sr. Garden City
- INF-Rachel Wade Soph. Canton
- INF-Whitney Kubera Soph. Clarencville
- INF-Devin Ross Jr. John Glenn
- INF-Kelly Burgess Jr. Red Thurston
- OF-Stephanie Rees Soph. John Glenn
- OF-Jess Blaesser Sr. Liv. Ladywood
- AL-Amanda Saagman Sr. Ply. Christian
- AL-Lauren Greer Sr. Huron Valley Luth.

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Bob Lulek, Livonia Ladywood

HONORABLE MENTION

Churchill: Brynn Kerr, Shannon Cleck, Franklin: Ashley Bonsall, Emily Garbutt, Beth Mosier, Jenny Mosier, Katie Meyer, Stevenson: Amanda Alpert, Jessica Pepp, John Glenn, Rebecca Dros, Amanda Fullerton, Dana Baran, Wayne: Kelly Harris, Liv. Ladywood: Kaitlyn Huddas, Erin Hulett, Amanda McClellan, Rachel Jachym, Jill Schuitz, Clarencville: Emily Collins, Marissa Martin, Brooke Kaufman, Lutheran Westland: Becky Haller, Samantha Matyas, Huron Valley Lutheran: Becky Schuitz, Amanda Gruenewald, Keri Koch, Redford Union: Courtney Rosen, Helene Lloyd, Thurston: Stephanie Farkas, Jessica Widmayer, Katrina Klonowski, Garden City: Jessica Rayburn, St. Katharine: Amelia Answorth, Shayna LaFreniere, Canton: Kelly Baker, Brittany Scero, Plymouth Christian Academy: Sarah Shumaker, Lindsay Paw.

Lauren Delapaz, Inf. Canton It's not often a freshman starts at shortstop and bats clean up for a good Division I team like the Chiefs but Delapaz did

both this season and she did it well. Delapaz hit a team high 459 with seven doubles, six triples and 28 RBI. The ninth grader committed just three

COACHING OPENINGS

■ Plymouth High School is searching for head coaches for the following athletic teams: boys freshmen soccer, diving coach for the boys and girls swim teams, boys freshmen basketball, boys varsity cross country, girls varsity cross country and girls freshmen basketball. To apply for one of these positions, send a resume to:

Plymouth High School - Terry Sawchuk, Athletic Director, 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187. For more information, call (734) 582-5700. ■ Livonia Churchill High School has two coaching vacancies: boys swimming and diving head coach and girls swimming and diving assistant coach.

Those interested should fax credentials to: Marc Hage, Athletic Director, Churchill High School, at (734) 744-2824. ■ Redford Union High School is looking for qualified coaches for the following sports in the 2004-05 school year: Boys junior varsity soccer, assistant football and girls junior varsity basketball.

For more information, please call athletic director Brett Steele at (313) 242-4270. ■ Thurston High School is looking for a junior varsity cheerleading coach. Candidates must have previous coaching experience. For more information, please call athletic director Al Chambo at (734) 535-4000, Ext. 1166.

■ Mercy High School needs a varsity basketball coach, a hockey coach, a figure skating coach and a varsity swim coach. Anyone interested in the position should call the athletic office at (248) 476-2836. ■ Livonia Ladywood has openings for a girls junior varsity golf coach, girls varsity and junior varsity tennis coaches, and a girls' shot put and discus

coach for this spring. Interested candidates can fax their resumes to Ladywood High School at (734) 591-2386. ■ Troy High and Troy Athens high schools are in need of girls water polo coaches. Interested candidates are asked to contact Troy director of athletics Jim Feldkamp at (248) 823-5093.

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Have some fun exploring a state park this summer

State recreation officials reminded families visiting Michigan's state parks to look for the fun State Park Explorer Programs now underway at 40 state parks and recreation areas throughout the state

Armed with field guides, animal skins, bug boxes and other hands-on materials, State Park Explorer Guides lead informal programs and hikes that feature each location's unique natural, cultural and historic resources. Program topics include insect hunts, pond studies, wildflower walks, wetland wonders, art in nature, campfire programs, star gazing and other topics covering the variety of plants, animals and natural features found in each park. These programs, usually held in the afternoons and evenings from Tuesday through Saturday, are designed for children and adults, often in a family setting.

"Nature has so much to offer, the learning process should never end," said Douglas Finley, chief of the DNR Office of Education and Outreach. "The Explorer Program is educational and fun. Participants are learning whether they realize it or not, and it's a lot easier when the information is taught in a fun way."

This summer, Explorer Program locations in the Upper Peninsula include



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Northern Lower Peninsula parks include Burt Lake, Clear Lake, Harrisville, Hoelt, Interlochen, Petoskey, Rifle River, S Higgins Lake, Tawas Point, Wilderness and Young Southern Lower Peninsula locations include Algonac, Brighton, Fort Custer, Hayes, Holland, Holly, Ionia, Lakeport, Mears, Metamora-Hadley, Muskegon, Pinckney, Pontiac Lake, Port Crescent, Proud Lake, Silver Lake, Sleeper, Sleepy Hollow, Sterling, Van Buren, Warren Dunes and Yankee Springs.

Families arriving at parks where the Explorer Programs are offered will find a daily program schedule posted near the park office, restrooms or campground host's camping site.

Day-use visitors to the park are invited as well. All programs are free, but a state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry.

For more information on other special events taking

place this summer at Michigan State Parks, visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr

2004 ELK HUNT APPLICATION

Michigan Department of Natural Resources officials today reminded hunters the application period for a 2004 Michigan elk hunting license runs through July 15, 2004.

The 2004 elk hunting season is Dec 7-14 on public and private lands in several northern Michigan counties. A second hunting period in January will be considered after the December hunt, based on the harvest and the DNR's assessment of the elk herd.

Only Michigan residents are eligible to apply. Hunters must be 14 years of age or older to hunt elk in Michigan. Youth hunters can apply prior to age 14, provided they are 14-years-old by the end of the December hunt period. Hunters may apply online (www.michigan.gov/dnr), at customer service kiosks, or at any authorized license agent. There is a \$4 nonrefundable application fee.

Applicants may call (517) 373-3904 prior to July 15 for assistance with elk applications. Drawing results will be available Aug 16 on the DNR web site. See the 2004 Michigan Elk Hunting Guide for details on the application process.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

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

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information

call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river_ratt22@home.com

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park.

Senior Center 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the BASS National Federation.



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GOLF

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23, opened with a shaky 74, but came on strong in the final three rounds to finish sixth with a five-under 283

"I've been hitting the ball well lately," said Polanski, a two-time runner-up in the event "I missed some short putts and hit a couple of awkward drives, otherwise I could have finished nine under I left a lot of shots out there It was not my best week, but it was OK"

Besides Roth and Polanski, Wayne native Craig Piscopink, an amateur, was the only other Observerland-area

golfer to make the cut in the 151-player field

After starting out with respectable rounds of 76 and 75, Piscopink felt the wrath of the "Bear" in the final two rounds, finishing with an 82 and 80 for a 25-over total of 313

Area players who missed the cut included Plymouth's Tristan Lester (73-81), Western Lake and Country Club's Mark Johnson (73-82), Redford Thurston graduate Nikos Markellos (77-78) and Western head pro Kevin LaFramboise (75-82)

Roth's golf game has been hitting on all cylinders lately Last week, he qualified for the National PGA Championship, set for Aug 12-15 at the

Whistling Straits Golf Club in Kohler, Wis

"I have heard from some other golfers that Whistling Straits is the kind of course that fits my game," Roth said "If it's playing fast that week, I think I could do real well"

Roth said he has set his goals high heading into his fifth major championship "At this point in my career, just making the cut wouldn't be satisfying to me," Roth admitted "My goal is to finish in the top 25, and the way I have been playing lately, I think that is a realistic possibility"

After Roth's latest victory, there are at least 150 other golfers - and one "Bear" - who would no doubt agree

CAMPS/CLINICS

BASEBALL

■ 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 \$115 To register call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734) 459-3505, ext. 117 until

July 10 After that, call PCA baseball coach Don Shumaker at (734) 416-0513

■ The Berme Carbo Premier Baseball School will be holding individual, small group and team skill sessions in velocity improvement, power hitting and fielding

Former minor league all-star and Eastern Michigan University standout Mark Rutherford will assist in the instruction

For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928

BASKETBALL

■ The 10th annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Basketball Camp will be from 9 a m until

4 p m Saturday, July 17, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, located between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia

The free camp is open to boys and girls ages 9-14

The camp is sponsored by the Jeff Suspeck Foundation, which was founded in memory of the former Dearborn Divine Child High and Orchard Lake St Mary's College standout, who passed away in 1994

Open registration begins at 8 30 a m the day of the camp at the Schoolcraft College gymnasium Lunch will be provided courtesy of White Castle Systems, Inc

To preregister, call (248) 478-0662 or e-mail jsuspeck-camp@hotmail.com

HOCKEY

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the win in goal, while Stephen Yu (Garden City) took the loss

Huskies 10, Broncos 6: Trent Daavettala gave the Broncos fits, scoring three times to go along with two assists Kurt Kivisto and Todd Pietila added two goals each for the winners on Thursday Joseph Rutherford and Rob Wagener split time in goal for the Huskies

The Broncos received strong efforts from Plymouth's Brett John (Redford CC) with three goals and one assist and Adam Abrahamson, who had one goal and two assists Stephen

Madej (Garden City) and Dan Dobrowski (Livonia) shared time in goal to take the loss

Bulldogs 9, Redhawks 6.

Westland native Brandon Mishowski scored twice and assisted on another goal leading the Bulldogs to victory on Wednesday The Bulldogs led 5-4 after two periods and iced the game with four goals in the third

Todd Bentley (Livonia) racked up four points (one goal and three assists) for the Redhawks, who also received goals from Brenden Thomas and Jack McCoy

Ryan Rathbun and Sean Varnale split time in goal for the Bulldogs, with Rathbun getting an assist Berne McDonnell (Livonia) and

William Wood shared time in goal for the Redhawks

Buckeyes 16, Wildcats 9: The

Buckeyes found the net seven times in the first period on the way to an easy victory Brandon Marneau led the way with four goals and two assists Chad Kolarik finished with three goals and three assists while Bill Loupee recorded five points (two goals and three assists) for the winners

Livonia's Justin Stadler spearheaded the Wildcats' attack with four goals and an assist Canton's Brandon Scero also had an impressive game with one goal and four helpers

Brian Lanley (Plymouth) and Shaun Stewart split time in the net for the Buckeyes for the win, while Paul Soli took the loss

OCKERMAN

FROM PAGE B1

Although Ockerman wouldn't admit it, the numbers game at Michigan State might have played a major part of his decision to transfer The Spartans currently have 6-10 all-Big Ten center Paul Davis, the manstay of their inside game, as well as 6-10 sophomore Drew Naymick and 6-8 sophomore Delco Rowley

In addition, MSU signed three big players in 6-10 Nigerian center Idong Ibok, 6-10 center Goran Sutton out of Lansing and 6-8 forward Marquise Gray from Flint

"It's tough to leave the state and one of the top five programs in the country," Ockerman said

"Coach (Tom) Izzo is one of the best guys around and I can't complain But I want to play more and get noticed My goal here is to try and get in the NBA and do it whatever way I can"

Sacramento State, a member of the Big Sky Conference, was 13-15 last year under coach Jerome Jenkins

He won't be the only area player on the team as 6-6 senior forward Emir Medunjanin from North Farmington and Schoolcraft College also plays for the Hornets

"I heard that before coach Jenkins was here this wasn't the most competitive program," Ockerman said "But last year they were (in the top half) of the Big Sky and they have a few guys on the NBA's 'must-see' list"

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GOLF OUTING

A benefit golf outing will be held for the Burger Center for Autism in Garden City. The outing at Hickory Creek Golf Course in Superior Township has a double shotgun start - at 7 15 a.m. and 1 15 p.m. - on Saturday, Aug. 14. The cost of the outing is \$100 and includes golf with cart, lunch at the turn, a full dinner, and other prizes. Hole sponsorships are available. For more information, call Sharon Lundie or Becky Viola at (734) 762-8420.

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Toledo Speedway will hold its first Classic Car Show on Sunday, July 25. The event is an open run for individuals as well as car clubs. The highlight of the event - held rain or shine - will be a cruise around the 1/2 mile paved oval track. Registration and set-up begins at 7 a.m., while the show runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is \$10 per car. The first 200 entrants will

get a goodie bag, while the first 400 will receive dash plaques and a T-shirt. Other activities will include a 50/50 charity raffle, car club choice awards and a banner contest, Top 10 awards, Best 50's car, a swap meet, a flea market and more. Admission is \$2 per person with concession stands available. No outside coolers, bottles, cans or grills will be permitted. Entries are available at the track or by calling Larry Jacobs at (419) 476-4557, Rick Saam at (419) 353-1938 or Duane Golden at (419) 833-7841. For more information, call the track at (419) 727-1100 or visit the Web site at www.arcaracing.com.

PLYMOUTH BOOSTERS TO MEET

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be held Tuesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current and incoming freshmen athletes are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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.detroit-downriverdiesels.com.

CHURCHILL POM WORKSHOP

The Livonia Churchill varsity pom squad will host a workshop for girls ages 7-14 from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 14, at the high school gymnasium. Participants will learn basic pom moves and a routine which will be performed for parents and fans during half-

time of a Churchill varsity boys soccer game. Included in the \$35 cost is a T-shirt, music CD, drink and snack. For more information, call Julie McDonald at (734) 427-1198.

HOCKEY CONDITIONING

The Garden City Squirt A (95s) are holding several summer conditioning skates at the Garden City Ice Arena. The skates are open to all 95 and 96 travel-caliber players and goaltenders are welcome. They will last about one hour for each session. The skates are 8 p.m. on July 6 and 5:30 p.m. on July 13, 20 and 23. For more information, please call Ken Young at (734) 427-6159.

MU OPEN TRYOUTS

Madonna University has scheduled tryouts for three

sports for the 2004-05 season. Tryouts for the MU men's and women's golf teams will be at noon Monday, July 26, and 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at Whispering Willows Golf Course, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia. Scholarships are available for both MU golf programs, which are entering their second year competition in the WHAC and NAIA. For more information, call head coach Bill Durham at (734) 564-5267 or he can be reached via e-mail at billdurham@pga.com.

GREATEST ATHLETE

Michigan's greatest athlete will be officially crowned July 24 following a rigorous competition at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom. The state's best athletes are

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Julie Brown

Tigers '84 celebration shows hope

John Jakcsy of Dearborn has fond memories of the 1984 Detroit Tigers. "It brings back wonderful memories of a spectacular team that brought a lot of pride and respect to our town," he said of last Sunday's celebration of the 20th year since the Tigers won the World Series.

Jakcsy, a member of Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth Township, was among the 32,751 baseball fans at the June 27 celebration at Comerica Park. The Tigers ended the game against the Arizona Diamondbacks in style, with Carlos Pena hitting a grand slam for a 9-5 Tigers victory.

Prior to the game, a ceremony marked the accomplishments of the '84 team. The Hart Plaza fireworks shootings still dominated the news, but didn't keep a number of fans, urban and suburban, from finding their way to Comerica.

"It's good to emphasize the positive things our community has going for it and has achieved," said Jakcsy, who isn't at all concerned about coming into Detroit, where he works for Blue Cross Blue Shield.

As for the Tigers, he thinks a World Series win is possible in 2009. Many at Sunday's ceremony were optimistic about the team's improvement over last year with the acquisition of catcher Pudge Rodriguez and other key players.

Much of the afternoon was devoted to memories.

"This was a team that absolutely turned this city on in the summer of 1984," said Tigers broadcaster Dan Dickerson, emcee for the ceremony.

Tigers executive Willie Horton, who played on the 1968 World Series team, said, "Detroit has always been a town of hard workers. The Tigers have set an example of how baseball should be played," he said.

Tigers president Dave Dombrowski noted the Tigers' 35.5 start in that 1984 season. The club showed grit and determination through the efforts of such players as Trammell, Lance Parrish, Lou Whitaker and Jack Morris, he said.

"It gives us a true goal to reach what these guys have achieved," Dombrowski said.

Legendary broadcaster Ernie Harwell noted the team was among the greats in baseball history. Beating the Kansas City Royals in the American League playoffs and then the San Diego Padres in five games was marvelous, Harwell remembered. He cited such 1984 classics as the wave at Tiger Stadium, *Dancing in the Streets* by Martha and the Vandellas and the "Bless You, Boys" slogan.

Earlier in the day, Harwell got things moving with a fitness walk sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield, for which he is a spokesman on health. The Blues sponsored the anniversary celebration.

"We had a wonderful coaching staff put together by Sparky Anderson," Harwell said.

Darrell Evans, a team member, remembered how the team learned from its mistakes. Trammell, series MVP, gave credit to Anderson.

"It was a special year from day one," said Trammell. "It didn't get any better than that."

Trammell promised continued improvement, and seems to be headed in the right direction. As for the larger problems facing Detroit and the region, those won't be remedied overnight.

Still, as I watched the festivities (and remembered my attendance at a World Series game at Michigan and Trumbull in 1984), I felt hope. If people from all walks of life can come together to mark victory for a team, as was done recently for the Detroit Pistons, then maybe we live together in harmony at all times.

As for another World Series win, we can always dream.

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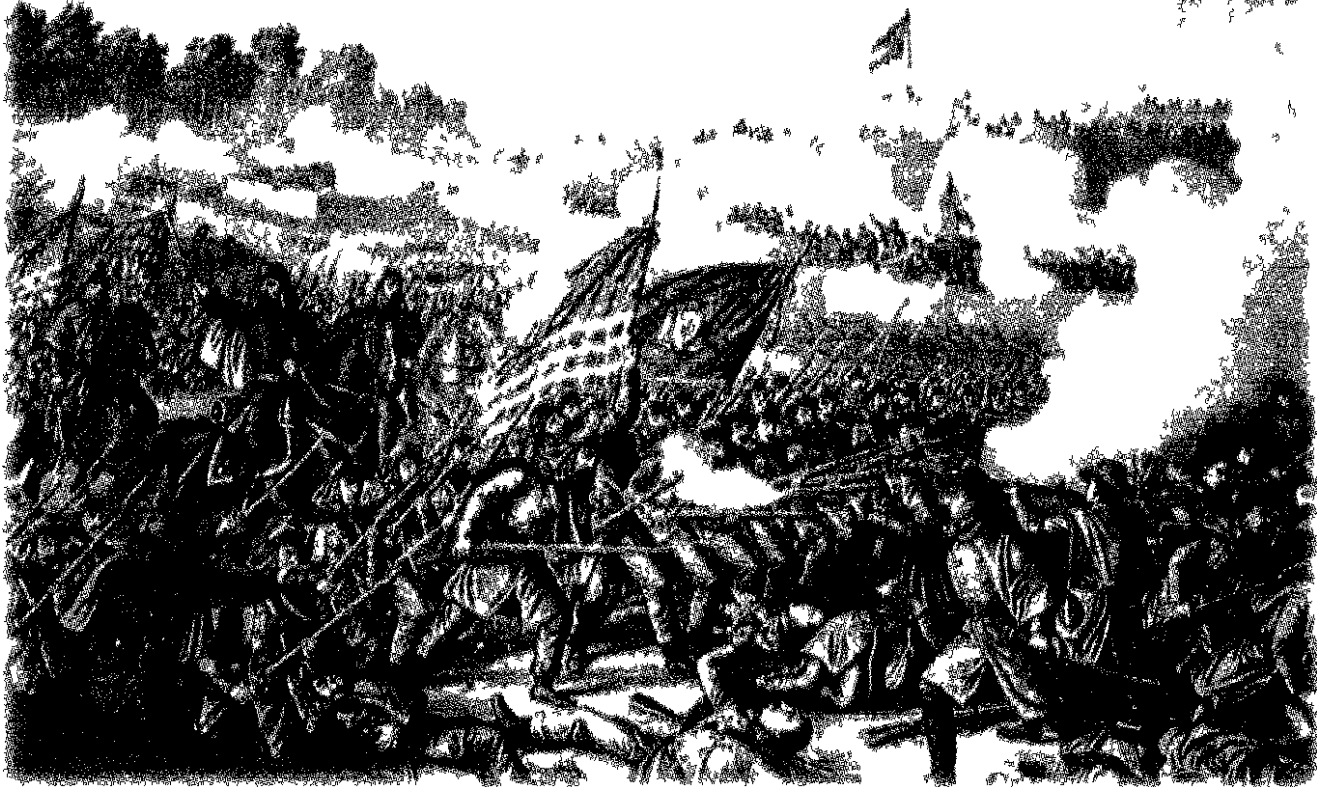
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'A Distant Thunder'



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The First Battle of Bull Run turned into a Union rout but Michigan Colonel Orlando B. Wilcox fought bravely. He was wounded and taken prisoner. After his release he was promoted to brigadier general and led forces at Antietam, Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor.

Book makes Civil War a local story

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Richard Bak begins his new book *A Distant Thunder: Michigan in the Civil War* (Huron River Press) with William Tecumseh Sherman addressing the first graduating cadets at the Michigan Military Academy (now the site of Orchard Lake St. Mary's) in 1879.

It was before these callow young men that the battle hardened and weary general spoke his most famous words:

"I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have never fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell!"

Often war is a distant hell remembered as time goes by for romantic dedication and heroic deeds. But the Civil War that tore apart this country was the deadliest of American conflicts, leaving more than 600,000 dead, including 15,000 from Michigan.

Those distant battles are brought to life by Bak through the stories of soldiers from Canton, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Farmington and numerous other Michigan communities in a lavishly illustrated popular history.

Bak makes no claim to being a Civil War scholar, but he makes good use of available sources to give a nicely detailed account of Michigan before, during and after the war.

"I was always mildly interested in the Civil War," Bak said. "I found myself wondering who the last Civil War veteran from Michigan was. I looked into bookstores and libraries and became curious about Michigan's role in the Civil War."

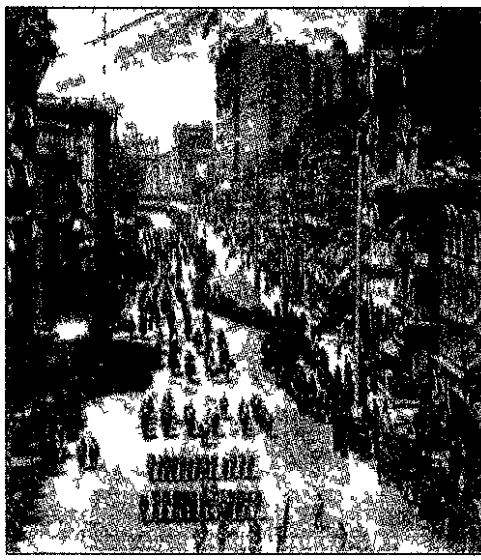
SO MUCH MATERIAL

The Dearborn writer has done a couple of Civil War books, companion volumes for the Turner Network films *The Day Lincoln Was Shot* and *The Hunley*. But he is better known for his baseball books on Ty Cobb, Turkey Stearnes and Tiger Stadium.

He is a resourceful researcher who has combed the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, the Bentley Library at the University of Michigan, the State Archives and other sources throughout the state.

"There is so much material out there — in libraries and museums," he said. "So many Civil War veterans left diaries and memoirs."

Bak provides readers with an extensive bibliography of more detailed histories and



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In 1891 the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Civil War veterans, staged the country's biggest parade in Detroit when tens of thousands of veterans marched as part of the GAR's 25th National Encampment.

a resource guide to collections and organizations devoted to Civil War history, including skirmishers and re-enactors.

The diaries and memoirs he has mined connect us to those who once walked our towns and found themselves thrust into history. They wrote of their anger, frustration, weariness and pride.

Bak quotes John Ryder, a farmer from Livonia: "I have got just sick of war. This soldiering is a big thing, but I can't see it."

Michigan sent 90,000 soldiers to the war. The arrival of Michigan troops early in the war made Lincoln exclaim, "Thank God for Michigan."

A Distant Thunder is illustrated with photographs, drawings, paintings, maps and handbills. Bak surveys the history of the war from the days of the underground railroad and the founding of the Republican Party (in Jackson) to the final days of the Grand Army of the Republic, the powerful organization of Union veterans. He writes of deadly battles, draft riots, boredom and loneliness.

Lucius 'Lute' Shattuck, 26, of Plymouth, wrote in a letter now in the Plymouth Historical Museum of a quiet Sunday at a campsite in Virginia: "I often think of the Plymouth Brass Band and wonder if they still sustain themselves and how they progress."

In July 1863, Shattuck and the rest of the Michigan 24th Infantry would fight at Gettysburg. Shattuck fought bravely and was wounded twice before dying.

MICHIGAN PROSPERED

Yet, for most of Michigan, the war was a distant event.

"Unlike Pennsylvania and Ohio, which had battles, Michigan was untouched by the war," Bak said. Michigan prospered. People continued to migrate from the east during the war. Hops and tobacco were cultivated because supply lines from the South were cut off. Michigan supplied horses and mules to the Union Army and was the major supplier of pack animals.

Michigan also supplied the largest number of cavalry soldiers, including Michigan's most famous Civil War soldier, George Armstrong Custer.

"He was a great combat soldier. It was amazing what he did in the war," Bak said. He was only 23 when he was made a brevet general. He never lost a battle.

Bak said many Michigan soldiers marched to war in the early years to defend the Union, not on a crusade against slavery, and were unhappy with the change in the war's direction. But the state also had a large number of abolitionists who helped runaway slaves escape to Canada as part of the Underground Railroad.

"There were a larger number of abolitionists in Michigan compared to other states because of the influx from New England and New York. The opening of the Erie Canal brought many people from the east to Michigan," Bak said.

Bak said the Civil War has a strong grip on people, many of whom had ancestors who fought or died in the war. Skirmishers, who use period arms, and re-enactors recreate the battles and campsites of the war.

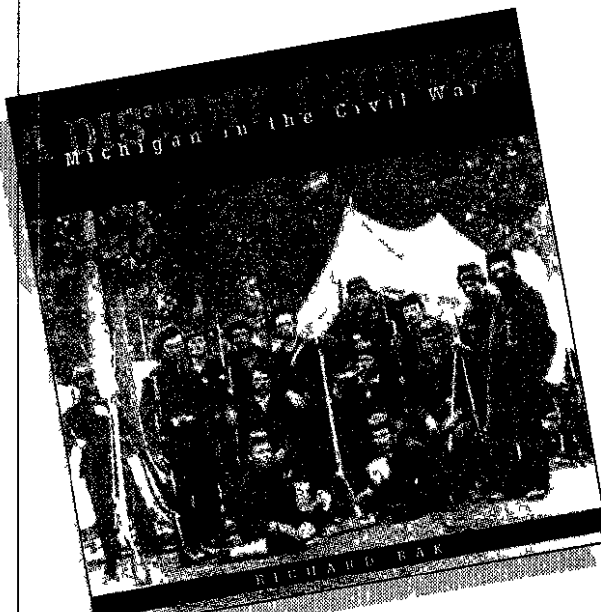
"One thing I noticed about the Civil War, you can visit the battlegrounds. You can't go to Normandy as easily as you can go to Gettysburg," Bak said.

One story Bak tells is that of Emile Mettetal of Redford, who went to war with the 24th Infantry in 1862, fought at Fredricksburg and Wilderness, was held prisoner in the South and died at war's end in a ship explosion on the way home.

Twenty-five years after his death, his mother Angelique Mettetal remembered him in a long sentimental poem that captures the lingering pain of the war: "Yes, there he sleeps our darling boy/Who fought our flag to save/But why these tears since now he fills/A martyred patriot's grave /A father's locks are turning gray/A mother's voice is dumb/The sisters smiles have flown away/While I bedeck his tomb."

Bak said he is working on another Civil War book, on Michigan's role at Gettysburg.

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The 2nd Michigan Infantry Regiment in formation at Fort Wayne in Detroit in June, 1861

Share your relationship rules with your partner

Q: I tell my wife that I would like to spend more time with the guys. She knows this is important to me, but she gets upset anyway. Why is that, and what can I do about it?



The Love Doctor

Terri L. Orbuch

A: There are rules to everything and relationships are no exception. Relationship rules are the expectations that you have for how a good relationship should work. These rules vary from one person to another and often change depending on what is happening around you. If your partner doesn't know your relationship rules, they can't meet those expectations and you may become very frustrated or angry. Your wife may hold the belief that happy couples should share leisure time together. So when you have time off, she assumes that you will spend time with her or your family. She may feel very strongly about this rule. In contrast, you most likely feel that in a happy relationship, it is important for each spouse to have his/her own hobbies, interests and friends. This is your important relationship rule. The two of you differ in your relationship rules about leisure time. This difference is not a problem, but communication with each other is the key. It is important that you identify a list of your relationship rules or expectations. Then you need to share these rules with your spouse and make sure she understands that these rules

are important to how you think your relationship should work. Ask her also to clarify the relationship rules that are important to her. After you have shared your expectations with each other, be sure to appreciate your differences and build on your similarities. I encourage couples to have these joint discussions at least once a year. This is necessary because your rules may change depending on what is happening around you. For example, if you are feeling particularly insecure at work one month, you may need more affirmation and less criticism from your partner at home. On the other hand, if you are feeling secure and confident at work, you may be more able to handle criticism from your partner at home. Find out about your relationship rules by taking the following Love Doctor Quiz. How important do you think these statements are to a good relationship, using a scale from 1-4, where 4=very important, 3=fairly important, 2=not too important, 1=not important at all.

1 If you are fighting, cool off before you say something you

- will regret
- 2 Be ready and willing to compromise when you disagree
- 3 Leisure time should be spent together
- 4 Each should have an equal say about all important matters
- 5 Listen carefully to one another's point of view
- 6 Try not to be critical of your spouse
- 7 You have to feel that your partner would never hurt or deceive you
- 8 Partners should keep some of their money separate

In addition, you should identify which of the above rules is most important for your relationship. Share with your partner the statements you rated as "4" (very important), and the rule you identified as most important for your relationship. Then, have your partner do the same.

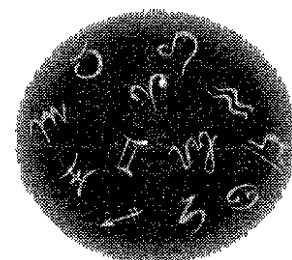
To submit a question e-mail The Love Doctor on her Web site at www.detroitlovedr.com

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(July 4-July 7)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Try not to get so involved with your own needs, ambitions and pursuits that you completely ignore someone whose suggestions are well worth taking into account. Powerful aspects affecting your ruler Mars may tempt you to reject outside advice. Don't do it!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

It could be you against the world this week, but it doesn't have to be that way. Bull born. No matter how annoyed you might be that others won't heed your advice, there's no reason to cause a stir or put. Let them make their own mistakes, kiddo.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

There are times when your overactive imagination can do more harm than good. Stimulating astro aspects involving your ruler Mercury may encourage you to read more into a situation than really exists. Think twice and then again. You have been forewarned!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Asserting yourself isn't at the top of your list of everyday things to do. However, your strength of character will be put to a test over the next few days and you'll come through with flying colors. Anyone who thinks you can be coerced into giving what you don't want to give in for a rude awakening.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Your mind seems to wander a lot more these days and at times you give the impression that you're in a world of your own. No doubt it's nicer than the real world, but don't drift off so far that you lose contact completely. Don't turn friends into enemies now, you're more emotional than the norm.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Even though it's holiday time, you could hardly pick a better time for coming to grips with a money or career matter and would be wise to take the bull by the horns. Even if a colleague or loved one tries to dissuade you, do what you know needs to be done.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

You can no longer afford to let others set the agenda when it's you who are going to have to get the job done. By voicing your intentions and opinions loud and clear now, you stand to avoid a lot of wasted time in the weeks ahead. Play by your rules for a while!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

There are too many pressures on you to conform to other people's notions of how you should think and behave. It's time to make it clear that you are perfectly content to follow your own path. Since they need you more than you need them, they'll have to accept you as you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

At the moment, what you want matters more than what you need. A new look at an old ambition could help you more than you think. Ignore the advice of those who lack your imagination and insight. It's your idea—now make it work!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

There will be times this week when you miss the point completely and wonder what's going on, but don't let it worry you because you're not the only one who's confused. The current planetary lineup guarantees that you'll quickly find your feet again. Then you can walk purposefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

The more happy-go-lucky you are as the work week begins, the more you must be on guard, especially when dealing with money. Don't assume that a business deal is going to work out for you or your partner. The planets warn that nothing should be taken on faith now.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You have far more control over your present stuff and tuff and circumstances than you realize and much to gain from a new attitude or approach. The Moon in your sign, Mon/Wednesday will steer you straight. Remain true to your principles and beliefs. Fish.

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Clarks celebrate
Wilbert and Corrine (Schifle) Clark of Canton celebrated their 60th anniversary June 28, 2004. The couple was married June 28, 1944 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.

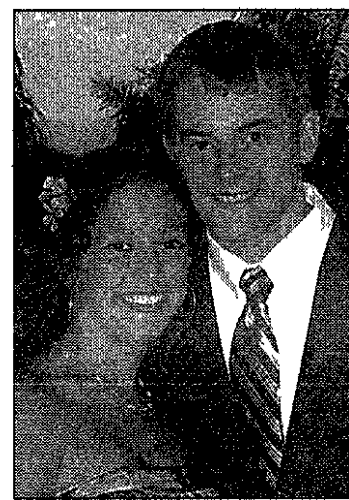
They celebrated the golden occasion with a barbecue at the home of their daughter, Carol Barringer, with brother Terry Clark of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and five grandchildren — Kelly, Greg, Brent, Grant and Mike — in attendance.



Puninske
Robert and Pat (Dean) Puninske of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise to Alaska on the Diamond Princess. They were married in 1954 at Gesu Church in Detroit. They have lived in the Livonia area for 44 years.

Robert retired from DuPont Flooring three years ago. Pat is currently a Realtor with Century 21 Row in Livonia. They enjoy traveling and belong to The Livonia Travel Club. They try to get to Mexico every year and other destinations.

Robert and Pat also enjoy music and belong to several Michigan Blues Societies. Robert and Pat have three children, Bob (deceased in 1996), Michael and Mark, and seven grandchildren.

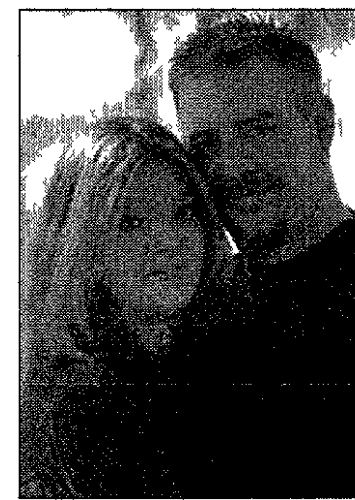


Sanborn-LaRoy
Robert and Marianne Sanborn announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin Anne Sanborn, to David Michael LaRoy, the son of Gary and Susan LaRoy of Fenton.

The bride-to-be earned a degree in communications and public relations from Michigan State University in 2002. She currently works at Renaissance Montessori Center in Troy and is attending Oakland University pursuing an elementary teacher certification.

The prospective groom earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University in 2000. He works at General Dynamics Land Systems in Sterling Heights.

A July 24, 2004 wedding is planned at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti.



Cooper-Gardner
James and Sharon Cooper of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Laine Katherine Cooper, to Jason Edward Gardner, the son of Jim and Kathy Gardner of Canton.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and earned an associate's degree in computer graphics from Schoolcraft College.

The prospective groom is a 1998 graduate of Canton High School and owns Colorful Ideas Painting in Canton.

An August 2004 wedding is planned at Resurrection Catholic Church, with Father Richard Perfetto officiating. A reception is planned at the Helleme Cultural Center.

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Artist inspired by people with disabilities

A recent trip to Washington, D.C. left Judy Buresh inspired not by the workings of government, but the determination of people with disabilities.

As a participant in the International VSA arts Festival and Education Conference, the Garden City ceramist attended a gala event featuring singers, dancers and actors with disabilities at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. VSA arts is a nonprofit organization founded by Jean Kennedy Smith to provide programs for people with disabilities to enjoy and participate in music, dance, theater, and the visual arts.

Buresh was one of two ceramics artists selected to participate in the festival, a four-day extravaganza which is held every five years. A master potter and ceramic artist in residence at Providence Center for the Healing Arts in Novi, Buresh was chosen because she is a cancer survivor, artist and teacher. Her works were on exhibit at the Washburn Gallery and Union Station through June as part of the festival.

One of the most exciting parts was attending opening ceremonies at the Kennedy Center, said Buresh. There

'It made me appreciate how fortunate we all are. I'm not in a wheelchair. To see the care severely disabled people need is pretty eye-opening.'

Judy Buresh
Garden City ceramist

was music, theater, dance by people with a disability. They were the cream of the crop. There was a saxophone player who was unbelievable. These were people who are professionals.

While Buresh enjoyed the performances and day trips to museums in the city, she was there to learn as much as she could to help further her work with cancer patients at the Center for Healing Arts located in the Assarian Cancer Center. The Healing Arts program provides a variety of offerings that promote emotional, mental and spiritual well-being for cancer patients and their families as well as the public.

Buresh and her patient students are currently designing

nine mosaics out of clay, glass and mirror to be installed in all of the chemotherapy ports and gown radiation areas at the Assarian Cancer Center.

In workshops I learned how to bring the arts into therapeutic settings, how to get people involved with music who don't read music, said Buresh, who's involved with the ceramics and music programs at the Healing Arts Center.

It made me appreciate how fortunate we all are. I'm not in a wheelchair. To see the care severely disabled people need is pretty eye-opening. Everybody needs to work with cancer patients or someone to get a perspective that you've got a good life.

Buresh is doing her part not only by working with cancer patients at the Healing Arts Center, but donating 30 percent of sales from her work to the center. Visitors to the center can choose from a variety of bowls, bottles, jars and floral vases priced from \$10 to \$500. A master glaze chemist, Buresh regularly experiments with metallic oxides to achieve rich colors and textures.

For more information or to purchase work, call (248) 465-5497.



Garden City Judy Buresh was one of two ceramic artists selected to attend the International VSA arts Festival and Education Conference in Washington, D.C. The other artist was from Australia. She is pictured here throwing a pot in the ceramics studio at Providence Center for the Healing Arts where she is artist in residence.

LIBRARY PICKS

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

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

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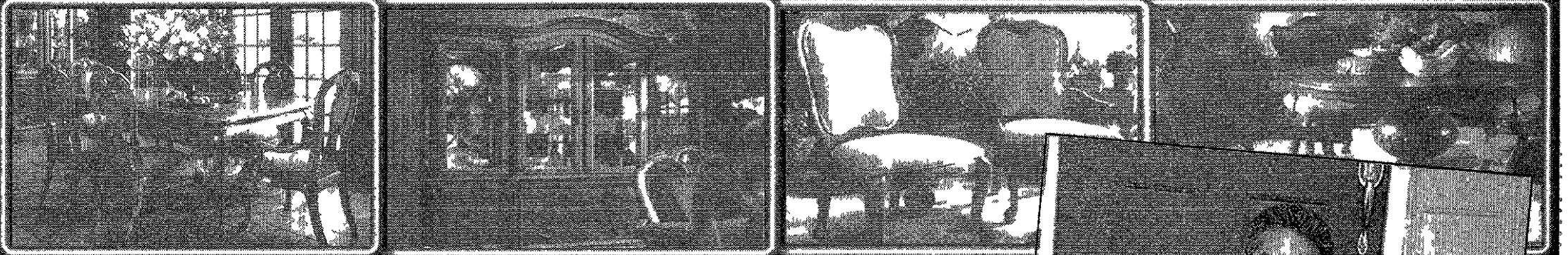
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Care and protection of mom, dad will highlight discussion

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Do you know how to protect your elderly parents' money? Do you know the difference between being a guardian and a conservator? Have you made plans for when your parents can no longer live alone? Do you have a power of attorney or advanced directives for your parents?

If your answer to even one of these questions is 'no' or 'I don't know,' you've got to start thinking, investigating and developing answers. To help, Katy Graham, managing attorney of Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services Elder Law Center, will speak about how "How to Protect Yourself, Your

Assets and Your Family," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 at the Summit on the Park banquet center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

"This is for seniors and those caring for seniors. It really applies to everyone," Graham said. "I will talk about the top 10 ways to protect yourself and your family."

Graham, who is not affiliated with any financial planners or financial companies, will also discuss resources that are available to families with elderly parents. She will talk about patient advocacy, as well as how to protect personal information.

"It's important especially with the rise in incidents of identity theft," Graham said. "I will talk about being

wary of telemarketers."

Graham will also cover available services to ensure elderly safety, as well as elder and caregiver abuse. She will discuss alternative living arrangements for elderly parents, and the importance of wills, powers of attorney and advanced directives.

"I will talk about trusts - they are not necessarily the best for all of us," Graham said.

She will also discuss alternatives to probate court following the death of a parent.

To pre-register for the program call the Canton Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.

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Love of horses opens up new opportunity for Hills woman

Some of Lisa Machala's coworkers at General Motors gave her a double take when she announced she was taking an early leave to start a new home business.

Machala, who worked most of her career in the stressful world of sales and marketing, turned her lifelong love of horses into a new business as president and owner of Michigan Equine Therapy.

"It's a viable career path for me," the long-time Farmington Hills resident said. She added her love of animals fits right in to massaging horses, helping them compete and relax.

"Horses are athletes," she said of why horses need professional massage. "They carry a lot of weight."

Thus, massaging a horse's powerful muscles leads to a happier animal and a better performer, she said.

Equine sports is growing in popularity and so is the state's horse population. Machala said there are 12,000 horse farms in the state.

"Some people looked at me funny when I told them what I was going to do, but my family is really supportive," she said. "Some of my colleagues were surprised."

She noted her husband Paul is in full support.

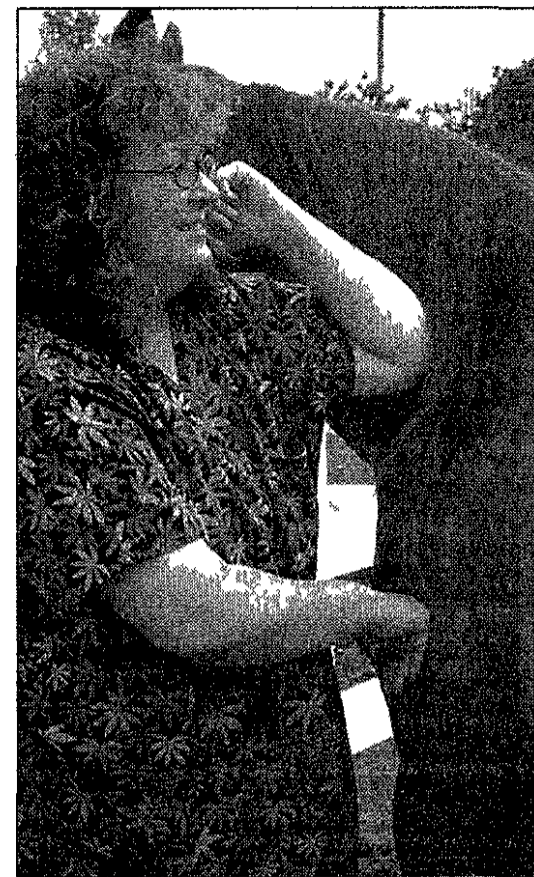
Machala said her skills in management led to her being comfortable about starting her own business. She attended an intense certification program on equine massage therapy in Virginia before opening shop.

She is also working on a degree in psychology of trainers through Schoolcraft College.

She said she will travel to anywhere in southeast Michigan.

A horse bred for competitions is a major investment by its owner, so keeping the horse happy and healthy is important.

"It's an addition to normal veterinarian



Machala uses various massage techniques to help the animals, which carry a great deal of weight.

care," she said of her massage treatments. "It's something I really enjoy."

For now, word-of-mouth is helping build her clientele and she is also handing out pamphlets to people who attend horse shows in the area.

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AROUND TOWN

Kiwanis breakfasts

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects. The breakfasts will be served from 8 11 a.m. July 10 Aug 7 and Sept 4. Cost is \$6 for adults \$3 for children 6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free. Proceeds from the breakfasts - which include all you can eat eggs pancakes bacon sausage biscuits and gravy and coffee tea or juice - support community activities such as an annual scholarship sweatsuits 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.

Vacation Bible School

Lake Pointe Bible Church presents SonGames Vacation Bible School July 12th-16th from 6:20-8:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate. For further information call Sherri Parson at 734 454 1891.

Vietnam vets recognized

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day takes place Saturday July 17 at the historic Yankee Air Museum hangar (Willow Run Airport Belleville) from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission for Vietnam aviation veterans. See one of the largest collections of Vietnam era aircraft "sit under the wings and swap stories." There's also a 6-10 p.m. evening program \$15. Includes mess

tent meal and panel discussion including retired Air Force Col Richard Atchison and retired Navy Lt Commander Dan Conrad. Cash bar with Vietnamese 33 Beer. Enjoy music of the era on the public address system. For tickets or more information contact Sara Witt (734) 483 4030 Ext 223 switt@provide.net

Bird expo

The Ann Arbor Cage Bird Club presents the 19th annual Bird Expo from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday Aug 1 at Weber's Inn 3050 Jackson Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 for adults children under 12 free. Speakers include Vickie Barlow Choosing a Parrot Species and Leah Matejka director of PEAC Better Bird Care and Behavior Problems. The event features birds playstands toys T-shirts and raffles. For more information contact show chairs Melanie melaniecunningham2000@yahoo.com or (734) 662 4582 or Mary at mdw0123@aol.com or (734) 326 0720.

Alzheimer's Walk

The Alzheimer's Association's 2004 Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Disease takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday Aug 28 at the Detroit Zoo. Some 2,500 people are expected to participate in the annual walk a thon to raise funds and promote the progress surrounding Alzheimer's. To register or make a donation contact the Alzheimer's Association at ALZGMC.org or call (248) 351 0280.

Red Cross heroes

The American Red Cross is looking for nominees for its 2004 Red Cross Heroes. The 2004 honorees will be recognized at the Red Cross Everyday Heroes luncheon Nov 17 at the Marriott Renaissance Center's Columbus ballroom. Anyone may nominate a Red Cross Hero. Nominees must live in or have performed the heroic act in Wayne Oakland or Macomb counties between Aug 1 2003 and July 31.

2004 Those chosen must be available for video/photography in advance of the ceremony. Nominations may be submitted on line at www.semredcross.org or by calling (313) 494 3490. Deadline is Aug 11.

Mud Day 2004

Mud Day returns to Wayne County at 11 a.m. Tuesday July 6. Children ages 12 and under are invited to take part in one of the county's most popular events. County officials mix more than 200 tons of topsoil and over 20,000 gallons of water. Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age to participate in Mud Limbo and the wheel barrow races. The Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area is located on Hines Drive east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. For more information call (734) 261 1990.

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 babysitter 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.

Women Business Owners

Women Business Owners of Southeast Michigan hold their monthly meeting July 6 at the Lake Forest golf Club 3110 W Ellsworth in Ann Arbor (1.5 miles south of I-95 and Ann Arbor Saline at Ellsworth). It's an open house this month with networking opportunities and light refreshments.

starting at 6:30 p.m. and the program sponsored by Deanna Dokman of First Capital Mortgage and JoAnne Marshall of Trillium Landscaping. For more information or to register visit www.wbo-mich.org or call (734) 332 9300.

Tai Chi Society

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

Madonna golf

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

Crafters needed

Crafters are needed for Delta Kappa Gamma West Middle School's 18th annual juried show Saturday Oct 23. The show runs 9 a.m. - 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.

Hawgs for Hearts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital sponsors a Hawgs for Hearts motorcycle poker run to benefit its cardiology services Sunday July 25. Registration is from 11 a.m. - 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 motorcy

cle 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. - 9 p.m. Saturday Aug 7. Craft booths are available for \$40 per booth food booths cost \$100. Booths are eight foot spaces. For more information call Sally or Toni Genitti (248) 349 0522.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice 3840 Packard in Ann Arbor is looking for caring dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw Livingston and Monroe counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting patient transport/patient outings.

errand running and clerical services. Call Ann Christensen volunteer coordinator (734) 973 1145 for more information.

Fish Fry

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

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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.

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Age 89 June 30 2004 Husband of Lura M. Cameron. Father of David G. Cameron. Grandfather of David Garfield Cameron and Andrew Grant Cameron. Memorial service WM R. Hamilton Co. 820 E. Maple Rd. Birmingham Monday July 12th at 11:00am.



THOMAS J. TALARCZYK
Age 56 passed away July 1, 2004. He was born November 30 1947 in Detroit and had been a resident of Canton since 1972. Formerly an electrician at Rouge Steel in Dearborn he had earned an Associate's Degree from Henry Ford Community College and was in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1970. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer. Survivors include his wife of 24 years Marv Talarczyk children John Talarczyk Adrienne Talarczyk and Katie Talarczyk and brother Gary Talarczyk. Visitation will be Sunday and Monday July 4 and 5 from 2-4pm and 6-9pm at McCab's Funeral Home Canton Chapel 851 Canton Center Rd. Canton. Funeral mass will be held Tuesday July 6 at 10am at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Interment at South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

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Take It From Ernie

Ernie Harwell

Enjoy every cigarette you don't smoke

I'm very anti-smoking, though I did smoke 10 to 12 cigarettes a day until quitting in 1954. So I wasn't a real fanatic, certainly not a two-pack-a-day guy.

I'm thankful that it was a habit I didn't need, and I quit cold turkey. Of course, I know quitting is not as easy for many smokers because smoking is very addictive. But it's very encouraging that so many people have quit smoking - or never started.

For instance, when I came to the big leagues in 1948, 23 or 24 players on every 25-man roster smoked tobacco, chewed it or both. Nowadays, the average major league team might have one or two players who smoke. And most players have learned that tobacco chewing can be even harder to quit, because the nicotine gets into your system faster.

So when young people ask me about smoking, I tell them it's far easier - and healthier - to never start than it will be to quit. For smokers who ask for advice on how to quit, I pass along a novel technique another former smoker once shared with me. He told me that every time he got the urge to smoke, he thought of all the cigarettes he had not smoked since quitting. Each day, the number is greater, and provides greater motivation and pride in having quit.

Using his formula, I'm spending 2004 enjoying the 185,000 cigarettes I did not smoke, since quitting half a century ago.

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.

HEALTH

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Natural alternatives

Experts offer options for relieving menopausal symptoms

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Black cohosh, Vitamin E, dong quai, soy, red clover, wild yam. Women's heads are swimming from advertisements for natural alternatives to hormone therapy after a second trial was suspended in February by the National Institutes of Health. The estrogen-alone study showed an increase in risk of stroke. A NIH estrogen-plus-progestin study was stopped in 2002 because the risk for breast cancer, coronary heart disease, stroke, and blood clots increased.

Dr. David Brownstein stopped prescribing hormone therapy 10 years ago when research evidence began mounting on potential harm. His patients come to the Center for Holistic Medicine in West Bloomfield looking for alternatives to relieve hot flashes, fatigue and other menopausal symptoms.

I tell them to get their hormonal system balanced. Change their diets, get refined sugar and carbohydrates out of their diets. Eat whole foods, said Brownstein, a doctor in family practice. "Make sure they get the

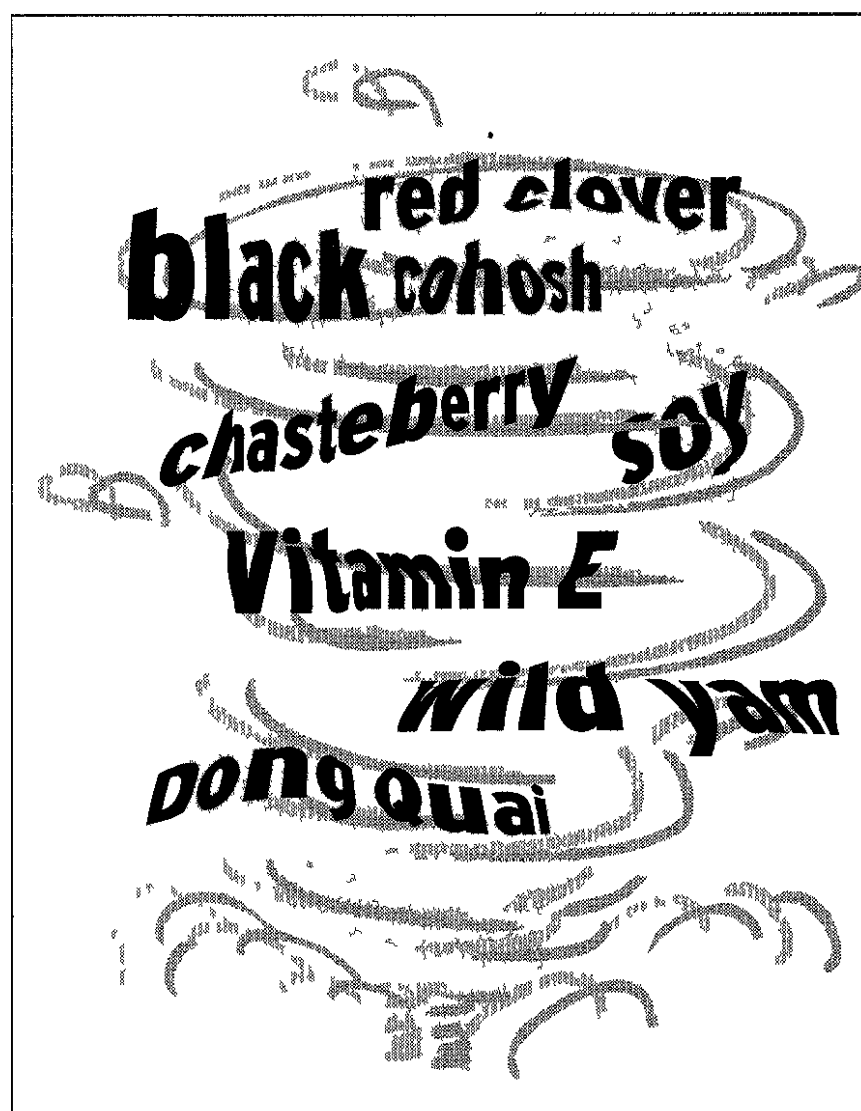
appropriate vitamins and minerals. The biggest thing is getting their diet cleaned up, drink enough water. It helps to balance the hormonal system. If need be to use natural hormones - natural progesterone, testosterone and estrogen. I try to individualize the therapies. Exercise is a help to everything, walking. Getting the lymph system moving allows people to detox their bodies.

HOLISTIC MEDICINE

Brownstein occasionally recommends black cohosh and dong quai. A conventionally trained doctor, he began studying natural therapies 10 years ago. On Sept. 11, he'll give a lecture on holistic medicine at the Sheraton Hotel, Novi. For more information, visit www.drbrownstein.com.

"I grew up in Livonia and wasn't interested in any of this. My dad had a 25-year history of angina, bypasses. He was pretty much dying," said Brownstein. "I had a chiropractor give me a book on natural therapies. He tried them and they worked."

Dr. Michael Seidman has seen hot flashes eliminated or reduced in women taking a combination of herbs he formulated from dong quai, red clover, soy isoflavones, wild yam, and chasteberry for Body Language Vitamin Company (www.bodylanguagevitamin.com). Seidman regularly recommends it to patients at Henry Ford Health Systems Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine in Novi, where he is director. The center treats women in menopause with a combination of traditional Chinese herbs, acupuncture, holistic medicine, and nutri-



tion. Like Brownstein, Seidman believes diet plays a major role. He suggests increasing soy intake and phytoestrogens in whole grains, fruits, vegetables, flax seed, millet, rye, and legumes, and avoiding processed and high fat foods. "There's so much evidence already out there that it makes sense to try some of these alternatives," said Seidman, an ear, nose and throat surgeon for Henry Ford Health System. He's currently researching the effects of a red wine extract on aging. "I've seen outstanding results. The average physician is going to say there is no evidence of its effectiveness, until there is to tread carefully. Natural alterna-

tives are lower doses and safer and effective in many cases."

SAFETY

Safety and efficacy of herbs remains to be determined. Dr. Phil Stella and researchers at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital are working with Mayo Clinic and the North Central Treatment Group to find a remedy for hot flashes. They recently finished a study on black cohosh but won't have results until fall.

"There's so much money spent on complementary therapy, these things

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Managing menopausal symptoms not impossible

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Judith Fedchenko often has women ask her about the safety and efficacy of natural alternatives during lectures on managing menopause at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Before a woman decides to treat hot flashes and night sweats with herbal supplements, Fedchenko says to do your homework. She recommends the Review of Natural Products, a book published by Facts & Comparisons, or the book or Internet version of Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database (www.naturaldatabase.com). The Database includes sections on safety, effectiveness, adverse reactions, interactions, normal dosage and administration.

"Black cohosh and soy are the only two I would consider," said Fedchenko, a pharmacist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. "Remifemin has been studied the most. It's a German product. People have been using variations on this since the 1940s, for up to six months. It takes about one month on a regular basis to show how effective it's going to be.

"If someone's going to choose a natural product use something that's standardized rather than buy the roots and make tea out of it. You don't know what kind of conditions it's grown under. Potency varies from lot number to lot number. We have no controls that say what's in the bottle is in the bottle."

Keep a record or diary of your hot flashes to track when and what triggers them. Sugar, starches, caffeine including soda, alcohol, spicy foods, not drinks or warm clothes may be triggers.

If a woman is concerned about contents, she can have it analyzed by National Sanitation Foundation in Ann Arbor, ConsumerLab.com or look for the United States Pharmacopoeia Convention (USP) seal.

Fedchenko warns if you're allergic to aspirin or have liver problems, black cohosh could cause problems. One study showed the herb was thought to cause liver failure. Soy might be a healthier choice. For hot flashes women need about 60 grams of soy protein a day or 10 servings. A plus is soy does limit cholesterol and improve bone density.

Dong quai is used as a part of menopause type formulas in China but never alone. In the U.S. it is used alone and there are no studies to show it's effective. It does contain

ingredients related to the blood thinner coumadin which decreases blood clotting. It also makes people more sensitive.

Wild yam by itself is ineffective, says Fedchenko. The active chemicals are precursors to hormones but the human body is not able to convert the hormones.

Fedchenko strongly recommends taking Vitamin D and calcium for bone strength, 1200 mg a day of calcium carbonate, calcium citrate, oyster shell, or Tums with a meal.

A brochure from the Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital on managing menopausal symptoms, suggests to help ease or limit hot flashes try exercising. Hot flashes are probably caused by a combination of factors including hormonal changes and drops in endogenous opioids (natural substances like morphine released by the central nervous system). Exercise is known to increase the body's opioid levels and reduce hot flashes. Regular moderate aerobic exercises such as walking, jogging, bicycling and swimming increases your heart rate and breathing. Flexibility and joint mobility can be improved with activities such as light weight training and yoga.

Keep a record or diary of your hot flashes to track when and what triggers them. Sugar, starches, caffeine including soda, alcohol, spicy foods, hot drinks or warm clothes may be triggers. But don't jump to

conclusions. You may have spicy foods two days in a row when you also have hot flashes, but they may not be related. So watch for recurring patterns.

When possible avoid stressful or highly emotional situations. If stressed try relaxation techniques such as meditation, yoga, massage, biofeedback, visualization, or a leisurely bath. Try deep, slow abdominal breathing when a hot flash starts.

To help reduce hot flashes, night sweats, fatigue and mood swings avoid sugar, starch and carbohydrates. Increase intake of soy milk, tofu, soybeans, tempeh, and other soy products. Soy contains isoflavones that act as a weak estrogen. This may help ease some of the symptoms and side effects.

There is evidence that the use of whole grains in your diet can help relieve menopausal symptoms. Whole grains are capable of stabilizing blood sugar thereby reducing fatigue and mood swings. They also contain many nutrients that can help with healthy hormonal balance and regulation of estrogen levels. Examples of whole grains include whole wheat bread, crackers and cereal, whole wheat pastas, brown rice, wild rice, millet, flax seed, oatmeal, popcorn, quinoa, and bulgur.

Vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant needed to maintain skin tone and strength, help decrease symptoms of

fatigue and prevent heart disease. Many health care providers also suggest taking a multivitamin that contains a vitamin B complex. This may improve mood changes, anxiety, stress, and fatigue.

In addition to symptoms, menopause increases a woman's chances of developing osteoporosis and heart disease. To help prevent osteoporosis stop smoking and increase magnesium intake. Smoking lowers bone mass and increases fracture rates, at least in part, by increasing the metabolism of sex hormones. Magnesium is needed for bone growth and proper calcium absorption. The daily recommended dose is 320 to 500 mg. Good food sources are whole grain breads and cereals, green leafy vegetables, fish and nuts.

To help prevent heart disease keep an eye on your weight. Women have an increased risk of developing high blood pressure if they are 20 pounds or more overweight. Three major risk factors for heart attack - high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and excess body weight, can be reduced by eating a diet low in saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol, and high in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Reduce fat intake to 30 to 50 grams a day.

For information about perimenopause and menopause educational seminars and support groups, call (734) 712-5400 or (800) 231-2211.

MENOPAUSE

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need to be tested," said Stella, director of the cancer program at St. Joseph's in Ann Arbor. "Reports from Germany, the Mayo Clinic, suggested black cohosh might be effective for hot flashes so we did the trial. Vitamin E we did a study that showed a slight benefit, a 39 percent reduction."

Dr. Dan McMurtrie calls results from the Women's Health Initiative study a boulder on the scale tipping towards alternatives. He offers a variety of approaches to patients at the Menopausal Clinic in the Women's Health Center at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Some of McMurtrie's patients get relief from black cohosh, some don't. Red clover is another option but there's not as much evidence that it works. Others find relief with soy isoflavones.

"Depending on symptoms they can make lifestyle changes, avoiding triggers like hot drinks, alcohol, heat and cold extremes. Caffeine enhances flushing," said McMurtrie, chairman of the OB/GYN department and director of the Menopausal Clinic at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. "As for nonprescription remedies sold over the counter there are only two that have some efficacy. There are many studies with conflicting results on black cohosh with the most evidence to support effect, but it's unknown about long term risk."

Dr. Yvette Eaton-McFarland gives patients at Integrated Health Associates in Canton a choice that includes hormone therapy. Conventional medicine's current recommendation is to use the lowest dose for the shortest time needed, and not to use as a preventative for heart disease but only to treat severe menopausal symptoms.

"Some women go with black cohosh or soy. We don't know about these. They're not studied as in depth but if it works for them I don't know of any studies that increase the risks," said Eaton-McFarland, an obstetrician gynecologist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. "For all women I recommend annual checkups, eating healthy, exercising 20 to 30 minutes three days a week, and have fun. Enjoy every moment."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

Women and Heart Disease

A presentation by Farouk Salehi, M.D. and dietitian Margaret Strehl 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 7 at Crittenton Hospital, Rochester.

Comedy for a Cause

Benefit for Chronic Illness Coalition 8 p.m. Thursday, July 8 at Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia 36071 Plymouth Road. Features comic impressionist J.R. Remick and John Evans. Tickets are \$15 each or \$26 for two. Receive 25 percent off the cost of your meal with reservations or half off pizza during the show. You must be 21. To reserve your tickets call (248) 788-9655.

Michigan Tremor Support Group

Dr. Kelly Lyons, a leading researcher in essential tremor and Parkinson's disease, shares the latest information about current international research projects at a meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, July 8 at Temple Israel, 5725 Walnut Lake Road, east of Drake West Bloomfield. For more information call (248) 683-4138 or visit www.tremor-support.com.

Strength & Conditioning Series

For high school and middle school aged athletes who are tired of finishing in the middle of the pack, want to improve their strength and stamina or want to develop their quickness and agility. Oakwood Healthcare System is offering a solution with its Summer Strength & Conditioning Series 8 to 10 a.m. or 5 to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 12-16 and 19-23 at Dearborn High School, 19501 Outer Drive. Cost is \$160

per session if you register by the Wednesday before a session begins. On-site registration is \$180 per session. Each sport must have a minimum of five participants per session. A current physical and waiver is required to participate in the program. For more information or to register call (734) 246-8125.

Designed to assist in the development of your strength, speed, agility and power as it relates to the sport of your choice, the staff of athletic trainers and certified strength and conditioning specialists will lead you through sport specific drills and tasks to improve skills that can be used during the athletic season. Sports available include football, soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, basketball, hockey and volleyball.

New treatment lecture

To learn about the newest technologies in cardiac interventional medicine attend a free seminar, New Treatments in Coronary Artery Disease, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 at Deer Lake Banquet Center on White Lake Road, west of Dixie Highway. Clarkston. The evening's activities include free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information and reservations call (800) 882-2012.

Meningitis vaccines

Many schools and pediatricians recommend meningitis vaccines for college-bound students who will be living in dorms or group settings. Oakwood Healthcare System is offering the vaccine at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital.

doctor's dining room at 33155 Annapolis Road, Wayne 3-7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13. The cost is \$75. A parent or guardian must accompany students under 18. Clinics are on a walk-in basis; no appointment necessary. Call (313) 586-5492.

Carpal Tunnel seminar

Dr. Nicole Whitehead focuses on how proper structure, nutrition and exercise can help manage carpal tunnel syndrome naturally. 7-30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. To register call (248) 426-0201. Seating limited.

Diabetes Support Group

Hosts a discussion on "What is Diabetes?" 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan Livonia. The speaker is Dr. Deborah Brigell, an endocrinologist at the hospital. No charge or pre-registration required. Please use main entrance on Five Mile. The Diabetes Support Groups presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of the month for adults with diabetes and their families. For more information call (734) 655-8961 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer will give a free workshop on the truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. 6-30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. Kramer is a member of the nonprofit National Wellness Foundation. To register call

(248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Blood drive

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (248) 478-8870.

Hawgs for Hearts

A Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Cardiology Services will take place on Sunday, July 25. The ride to Hell, Michigan and back begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. There will be five Poker card Draws along the way along with food awards, entertainment and motorcycle vendor booths. Registration is event day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan Livonia. For directions or additional information visit the Web site at www.stmarymercy.org. Sponsorships are available and currently being accepted. All sponsors and in-kind donors will receive recognition. Fee for the Motorcycle Poker Run is \$10 per rider and \$5 per pessenger. All street legal motorcycles and enthusiasts welcome. For sponsorship details or more information

call (734) 655-2980.

Whole foods evening

A lecture for people with food allergies, intolerances or celiac disease by registered dietitian Beverly Price 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27 at the Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. For more information call (248) 390-4150.

Volunteers sought

Oakwood Healthcare System is seeking patients to participate in a study which utilizes computer-guided navigation for hip replacement surgery. If you are suffering from hip pain and would like to be considered for enrollment in this study, please call 866-4NEWHIP. Surgeries are offered at Oakwood Heritage Hospital, Taylor. Meets 7:15-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Low Carb Depot, 32622 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge. For information call (248) 476-3064.

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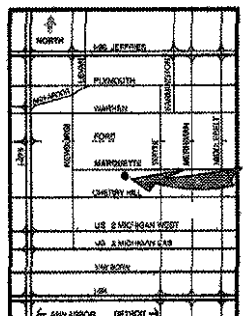
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Villas of Riverside brings nature to door

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Pack the dishes, put on your walking shoes and grab your fishing gear. You're moving to Holly.

Pick a new house from among 58 town homes being built in The Villas of Riverside. It's Pulte Homes' first town home community in southeastern Michigan, according to a company spokesperson.

Set in what the company describes as "hundreds of acres of parkland," Riverside is laced with sidewalks and walking trails.

The fish? They're waiting for you in the Shiawassee River and you can just amble from your front door down to the water's edge. The river also is ideal for light boating, according to Jim Bagley, president of Pulte Homes Michigan Division.

Bagley said this development is part of a larger community planned to have about 800 homes, split to the north and south of Grange Hall Road.

The contemporary design and affordable pricing, he said, is attracting a wide range of potential residents ranging from young families to older adults. "And there's convenient access to both I-75 and U.S. 23 for easy commuting," he added.



This rendering depicts what the front elevation of the two-story units looks like at The Villas of Riverside, but does not show all of the door front included in the final product.

BUYER'S GUIDE

What: The Villas of Riverside town home community is in Holly on the south side of Grange Hall between Fish Lake Road and Saginaw Street (also known as North Holly Road). There are ranch and two story plans ranging from 1160 to 1630 square feet.

Cost: Prices according to a Pulte spokesperson range from about \$149,990 to about \$169,990 depending on the specifications of each model, such as the number of bedrooms, bathrooms and added features.

Features: All homes have two-car garages. Open designs with vaulted ceilings are available.

Schools: The community is served by the Holly school district.

Model hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Call the sales office at (248) 634-1054 for more information.



A vaulted ceiling is one of the features of the upper level ranch unit that is available at The Villas of Riverside.

Beat heat of high cooling costs during the warm summer months

BY DEAN JOHNSON
CORRESPONDENT

(NAPSI) - When it gets hot outside, Americans love it cool - very cool - inside.

A recent national survey found that the average home thermostat setting during daytime hours on the hottest days of the year is 73 degrees. The survey - commissioned by Emerson, a leading provider of energy-efficient HVAC technologies used by major air conditioning manufacturers - found that the average nighttime setting is 72 degrees. This contrasts with energy efficiency experts who suggest setting the thermostats at 78 degrees when people are home.

Keeping cool carries a cost. So how can you take the heat

out of rising utility bills without sacrificing indoor comfort?

KEEP BILLS IN CHECK

Here are three easy ways to keep your utility bills in check while keeping cool.

■ Don't touch that dial. Nearly 20 percent of homeowners are manually adjusting their thermostat at home two, three, or more times a day, according to the Emerson survey. In many cases, multiple members of the household are in control of the thermostat.

All those fingers fiddling with thermostat settings costs money. It's time to install and use a programmable thermostat. You can program these gadgets to automatically

adjust your home's temperature when you're sleeping or away - and cut your energy bill somewhere from 10 to 30 percent.

The best thermostats maintain a precise temperature and come with a preset program that's easy to customize and won't lose your settings after a power outage.

Tip: If you can't remember how to set your programmable thermostat, visit the manufacturer's Web site on the Internet. For example, the operating manuals for Emerson's White-Rodgers brand of thermostats are posted on their Web site at www.white-rodgers.com.

■ Look for high SEER ratings. More than three-fourths of homeowners with central air conditioning in the

Emerson survey didn't recognize the term 'SEER rating.' In fact, some people mistakenly associated it with 'cooking intensity,' 'weather condition,' or 'fortune telling.' SEER is the acronym for Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio, the federally mandated rating system for energy efficiency of air conditioners. The current minimum is 10 SEER, but after January 2006 all new systems sold in the United States must be at least 13 SEER.

If you are buying a central air conditioner, select the highest SEER-rated system you can afford. Your HVAC contractor should fully explain the features and efficiency ratings for the air conditioning systems being recommended in your budget range.

Tip: For the best energy efficiency, reliability, and lowest operating sound, make sure your air conditioner uses a scroll compressor.

■ Make routine maintenance a priority. More than a third of homeowners say they have not had their central air conditioner inspected or serviced by a professional contractor in the past year and do not expect to this spring or summer.

There are a number of routine maintenance tasks that homeowners can do on their own, such as regularly changing disposable air filters (or cleaning electronic air cleaners) on the indoor blower unit, keeping debris away from the outdoor unit, and hosing off the condenser fins on the outdoor unit.

But just like regular tune-ups for your car, it really pays to have a contractor inspect and service your air conditioning and furnace system annually to make sure it is operating at peak performance.

Tip: Be sure your contractor is licensed, well-trained, and experienced. Look for firms whose employees are certified by the North American Technician Excellence (NATE) training program.

Dean Johnson is host of *Hometime*, the do-it-yourself home improvement television series that's currently aired by 325 public television stations across the country. For more information on Dean and Hometime, visit www.hometime.com. For more information on climate technology products from Emerson, visit www.gotocemerson.com.

Don't be floored by hardwood

(NAPSI) - According to the National Wood Flooring Association, 90 percent of real estate agents surveyed said that houses with wood flooring sell faster and for higher prices than houses without wood floors.

When you think about cleaning floors, traditional products such as oil soaps, vinegar and water and household cleaners come to mind. On a hardwood floor, however, these products can spell disaster.

"These so-called traditional floor cleaning products can cause extensive damage to a hardwood floor," said Kirk Francis, product manager for Bona-Kemi USA Inc., world leader in hardwood floor finishing and maintenance products.

Never wet-mop a hardwood floor, as excessive water causes wood to expand, damaging or warping the boards, and don't use a household dust treatment as this can make the

floor slick and dull the finish.

Francis says proper maintenance will ensure the long-lasting beauty of a hardwood floor. A product to consider is the Bona MicroPlus™ Floor Care System, which includes a MicroPlus mophead, a cleaning pad and 32 oz. of the 'Environmental Choice' non-toxic Hardwood Floor Cleaner.

Francis also recommends:

- Use protective walk-off mats at exterior doors to keep sand and grit off the floor.

- Install proper floor protectors on furniture and clean them regularly.

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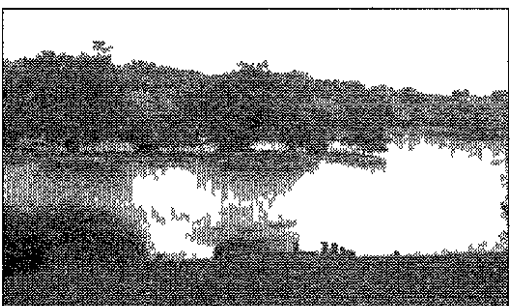
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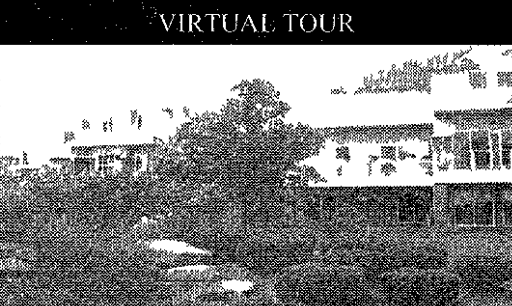
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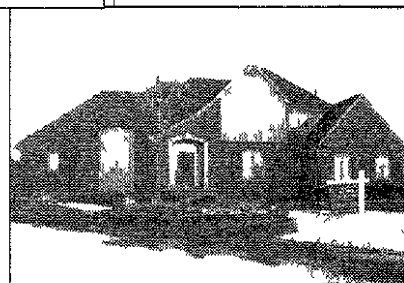


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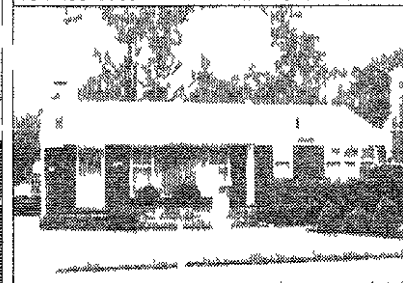
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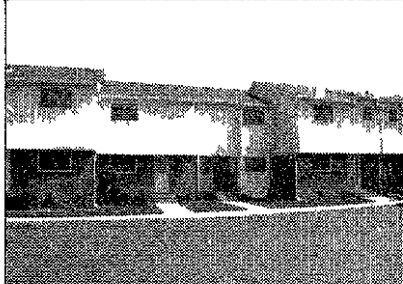
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Passing through the two columns on the covered porch one enters into the large family room with a coat closet and stairs to the second floor and to the basement on the right. Two big windows bathe the room with sunlight. The fireplace on the rear wall will supply warmth in the winter.

The L shaped kitchen runs from the center of the main floor to the rear wall. It has a walk-in pantry in the middle of the cabinets and a built-in desk at the end. There is a window over the double sink and one over the desk. Patio doors open off the nook onto a deck in the rear.

The washer and dryer, a large sink and cabinets are in a utility room on the rear corner. A half bath is across from the utility room. Between the two rooms is a door that opens into the two-car garage.



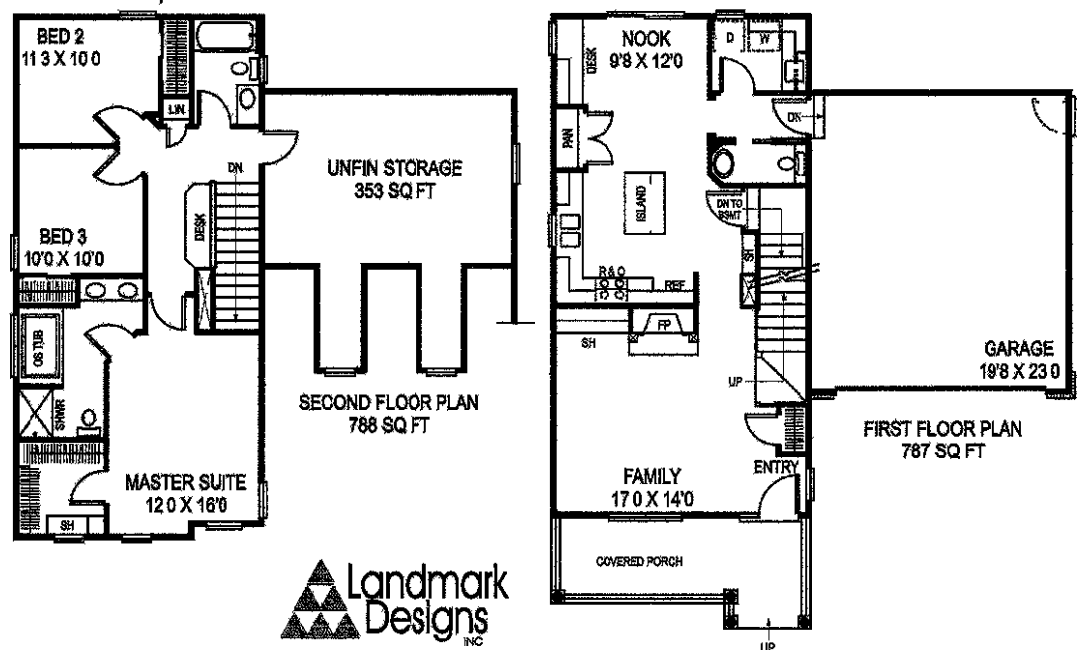
Upstairs are three bedrooms. Bedrooms two and three each have a wall closet. There is a full bath adjacent to the rooms with a tub and single sink. Just beyond the bathroom is a door to an unfinished 353 square foot storage area. This space could be renovated for additional bedrooms or a play area. There is also a linen closet and built-in desk in hall area.

The master suite has three windows with a walk-in closet on the left front corner. The master bath has his and her sinks, an oversized tub, and large shower. It is very open and easily accessed.

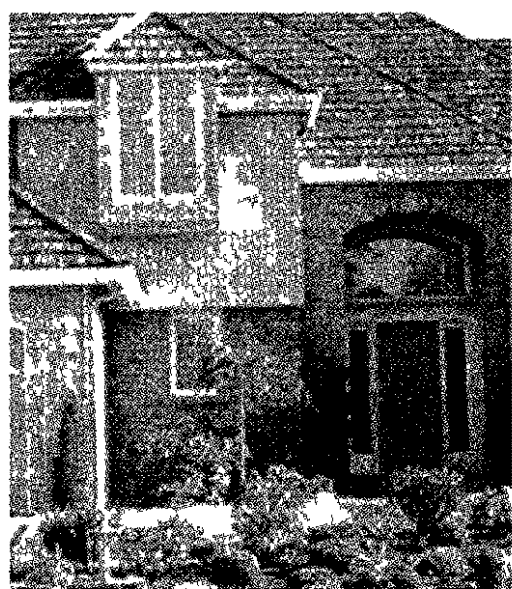
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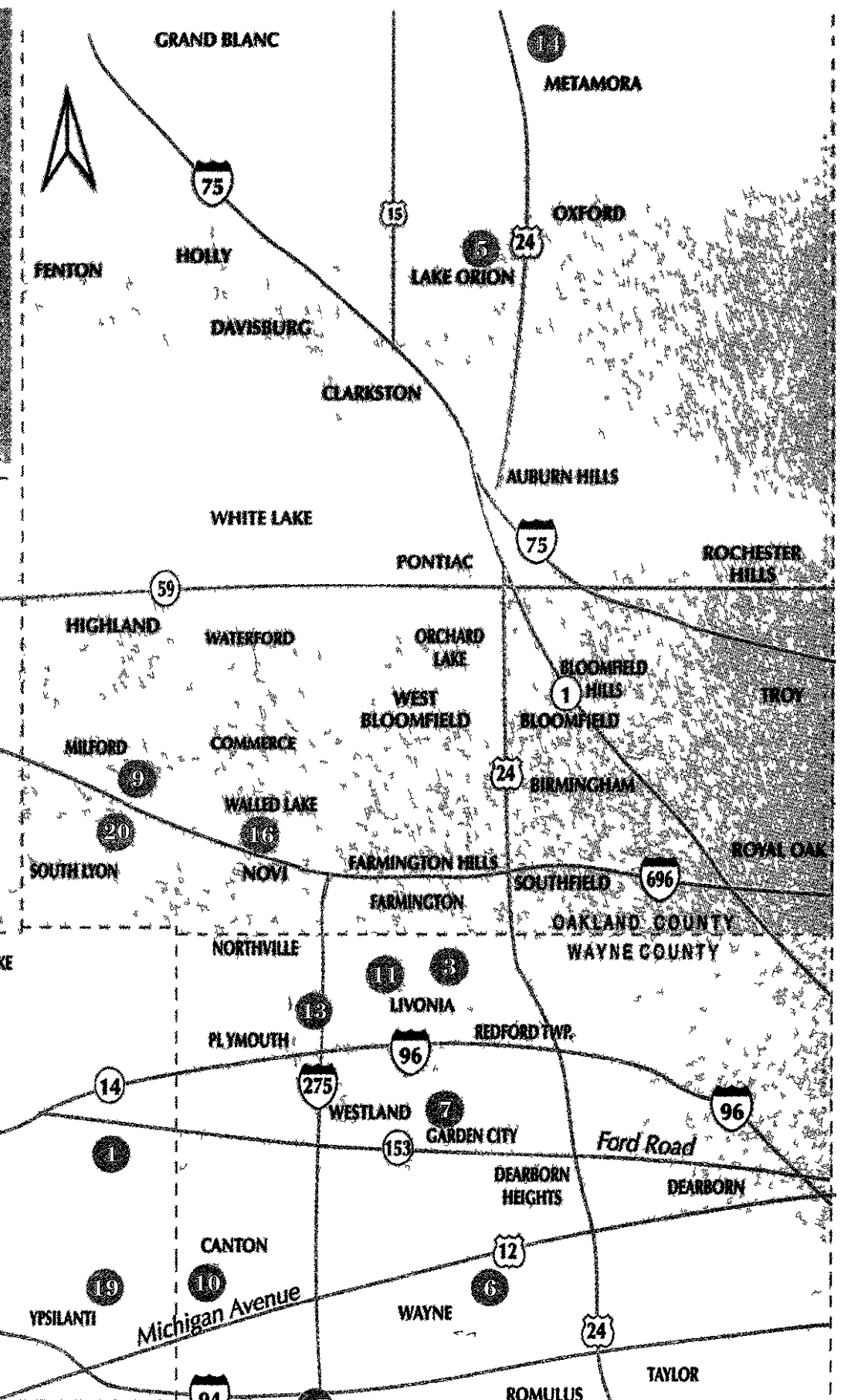
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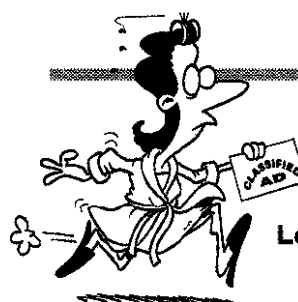
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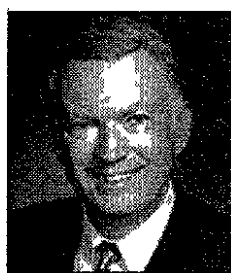
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(MS) - In designing your outdoor space, why not plan a spot that can double as a home office with comfort and quiet built in? Create a "green office." What could be better than an office that is surrounded by your favorite sights and sounds while providing a calming environment for productive thought? This workspace can be as simple as adding a lawn chair. But why not make it truly relaxing and use a hammock instead?

WORKING ON "THE NET"

Hammocks can create the perfect green workspace, giving the phrase "working on the net," an entirely new meaning. With the wireless age of computers, working from any location, even the outdoors, is possible. If you are not connected, a notepad and pencil can bring forth ideas like never before with the right inspiration in a backyard setting.

Thoughts to consider when putting your green office together:

1. Location, location, location - To provide the greatest comfort and eliminate any glare on your computer screen, place your office hammock in the shade between two trees. Hammock hanging hooks, which are provided with most hammocks, should be installed approximately 5 feet above the ground for optimum hanging location.

If your backyard is green, but not from above, hammock accessories are available such as a stand to provide the correct installation or a canopy to create shade. "Accessories are essential in creating the most

productive workspace indoors or out," says Laurie Rudd, creative director for The HammockSource, manufacturer of Hatteras Hammocks® and The Original Pawleys Island Rope Hammock®. "Green work spaces are no different," Rudd adds. "With the addition of the hammock stand, canopy, side table or even a pillow, greater work can be accomplished as well as relaxation." A cell phone also can be close at hand in this outdoor office with the use of a caddy.

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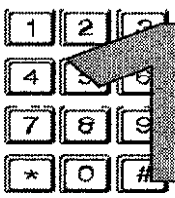
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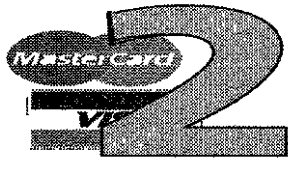
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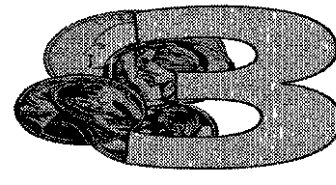
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and build a real relationship SWF 60 52 medium build brunet affectionate and fun loving. Enjoys movies, casual dining, drives and more. Looking for a SWM 35-60 who is fun loving and fun loving. Ad# 742632

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25 SWF attractive, carefree, fun loving. I like movies, dancing, exercise, singing, family functions, and am fun loving. I am just an average middle aged woman looking for someone I can complement and I will complement me in life. Not for me to take care of. I have kids and grandkids love animals and more Ad# 754141

TRY IT OUT

SWF 47 beautiful blonde who is romantic and sophisticated. Enjoys the outdoors, entertaining, and cooking. Seeking a special someone who is fun loving and fun loving. Ad# 729605

JUST MOVED BACK

Adorable SWF 33 55 150 lbs. I own hair and light green eyes. Seeking a stable mature SWM 33-47 who is affectionate and humorous for a committed relationship. Ad# 644179

GOOD VALUES WARM HEART

SWF 28 145 lbs 5'3" with 2 young children. Looking for a SWM 38-62 for a long term relationship who is financially secure with his own house. No mind games please. Honest man only Ad# 760706

ESTABLISHED WOMAN

Looking for a 40+ man with black hair, dark brown eyes, medium complexion. I have an 14 yr old employed and own my own home. I am looking for a man with the same interests who is a good value and good looking Ad# 759908

GEMINI

SWF 82 58 blonde hair blue eyes. Enjoys family get togethers, exercise, casual dining, and more. Looking for a SWM 35-60 who is fun loving and fun loving. Ad# 726848

GAMES OVER

18 120 lbs 5'7" petite SWF seeks an admirer head on marriage future plans of marriage mature enjoy life to the fullest. 18 23 SWM Ad# 759284

HAVE ZEST FOR LIFE?

SWF 49 petite brunet seeks a trustworthy, emotionally secure, non-dependent SWM 40-60 N/S with no dependents. Ad# 742277

SELF SECURED

59 5'6" 125 hazel eyes blonde hair enjoys card music seeking someone who is 56 and older. Fun I like myself open minded and loves music Ad# 759205

PET LOVER

SWF 59 50 155 lbs black hair brown eyes. Enjoys dancing, movies, dinner, seeks honest respectful male 30-65 who loves pets. Ad# 758134

SOUND GOOD TO YOU?

SWF 50 59 175 lbs with short black hair and brown eyes. Enjoys bowling, camping, and softball. Looking for an attractive respectful male SWM 35-60 who is fun loving and fun loving. Ad# 728608

SOMETHING MISSING

56 years young want a special friend in my life. Missing the little things like a hug, a kiss, holding hands. Enjoys just about everything but missing the most important thing: the other half in my life. Ad# 406107

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40 SWF reddish brown hair green eyes plus size looking for a fun loving man with a great sense of humor. Non judgemental Ad# 754135

THE WHOLE PACKAGE

SWF 57 52 with red hair blue eyes kids and grand kids. Looking for a SWM 60 68 who is about 6' with facial hair no kids at home N/S and knows how to treat a woman. Ad# 755254

A BEAUTIFUL MIND

Full figured SWF 40 59 with green eyes and reddish brown hair. Looking for a down to earth fun loving intelligent SWM who is open minded and has a sense of humor. Ad# 754174

GIVE ME A CALL

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NEWLY SINGLE

SAF 18 good person newly single seeks SAM age unimportant be sweet chadren ok someone nice to talk to. Ad# 751954

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Single black Mom almost 22 looking for serious relationship with a single black male 23-30 Ad# 744532

DO YOU LOVE THE LORD?

SWF 45 years old self employed loves God. Seeking a SWM 45-55 who is serious about a relationship. Ad# 744990

ACTIVE

17 a 48 year old SWF searching for an honest energetic spiritual easygoing SWM 45-65 Ad# 742983

LOVING & HONEST

SWF 38 5 8 with red hair green eyes and a good sense of humor. Enjoys camping, movies, karaoke and time with a special someone. She seeks a fun loving, easy going, compatible SWM 29 to 50 years old. Ad# 74406

INDEPENDENT LADY

DB Mom 38 5 5 ft fun loving thoughtful into sports travel concerts museums camping home time and more. Seeking down to earth understanding good humored employed drug & disease free SM 34-55 with own transportation who loves kids and animals. Ad# 742940

BROWN EYED LADY

SWF 54 46 enjoys barre/ballet, r/funny movies, page turner books. Desires SWM N/S 40-55 that I can look up to who can make me laugh, a sort of hard core and secure finances and self Ad# 473551

ATTRACTIVE & AVAILABLE

SWF 38 57 interested in meeting a man who enjoys the simple pleasures in life. Interests are I play with my children, camping, basket ball, golfing, music, and concerts. Looking for a SWM 30-45 who is fun to be around. Ad# 444655

AFRICAN PRINCESS

31 year old SWM 31 years old seeks a SWM 30-39 who doesn't mind large women loves children and can have fun without drinking & smoking. Ad# 728327

SERIOUS REPLIES ONLY

31 year old SWM Mom plus 3 seeks an honest, emotionally available man who is fun loving and fun loving. Ad# 742004

VIBRANT PERSONALITY

SWF 29 53 110 lbs with long blonde hair blue eyes active loves the outdoors. Hoping to meet that perfect SWM 29-33 who she can connect with. Ad# 578670

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SWF 53 51 petite/medium build reddish brown hair dark brown eyes. Enjoys bowling, walking, dancing, candlelight dinners, movies & much more. Seeking an honest caring down to earth open SWM who shares her interests. Age not important. Ad# 411650

GREEN EYED REDHEAD

SWF 38 54 150 lbs. She likes camping, hiking, boating, fishing, spending time at home & outdoors. She is searching for a SWM 25-55 who is honest outgoing open and a decent person. Ad# 741339

STRONG AND FUN

SWF 18 with no children is a college student. Seeking a SWM 18-35 who is strong self motivated athletic and more. Ad# 741019

A RARE FIND

Full figured SWF 40 with dark blonde hair blue eyes and a 15 year old daughter. He would be a SWM 40-50 who is able to express his feelings, be family oriented and enjoy working around the house. Ad# 729233

BROWN QUEEN SEEKS MAN

Single black female 46 57 brown hair and brown eyes hoping to meet a single black male 46-52 Ad# 729903

AMAZING WOMAN

SWF youthful 70 healthy and energetic 5'3" dark brown hair/eyes. Intelligent, perceptive, great conversationalist. Enjoys theater, movies, travel and cuddling. Seeking an easy going kind SWM 60-80 to share interests and life experiences. Ad# 737489

CLASSY LADY SEEKS HER GENT

59 68 tall, gentle, emotional, financially secure. Enjoys travel, theater, dancing, shows, concerts and so forth. I'm a widow 64 blonde hair green eyes physically fit. Plymouth Canton Farmington Northville South Hills Brighton area. Ad# 728649

QUIET BUT FUN

SWF 50 53 with brown hair. Enjoys long walks outdoors, cooking, gardening, dining out and more. In search of a SWM 45-60 who is fun loving, honest and caring with a good sense of humor. Westland area. Ad# 420017

PUTS HER HEART INTO IT

50 young looking wide variety of interests, enjoy dancing, traveling, music, concerts, bowling, swimming, weekend getaways. Am looking for a gentleman who is sensitive, down to earth and is gentle. Let's get into a relationship. Ad# 737687

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54 SAFF petite vegetarian independent active. Looking for a handsome Asian or White man prof 40-45 who will respect me. Ad# 725782

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SWF 49 54 128 lbs medical professional hard working male 45-58 for dating or long term relationship. Ad# 724819

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SWM 41 58 190 lbs dark hair/eyes considerate good looking. I'm seeking an attractive SWF 25-40 who shares my interests in NASCAR, fishing and camping. Ad# 764908

AWAITING YOUR CALL

SBM 24 63 320 lbs smoker social drinker. Seeking an open minded SWF 20+ who knows how to have a good time. Ad# 764452

HELLO SWEETHEART

SWM 65 56 150 lbs N/S self employed. Enjoys music, movies, sports and working out. Searching for a SWF 50-62 years of age. Ad# 764381

NEED SOME FUN

28 SWM 59 160 lbs black hair hazel eyes good job looking for someone to talk to and get to know and who is attractive. I don't get out a whole lot so I work a lot so I thought I'd try this. Ad# 726804

WELL ROUNDED

30 well rounded I am seeking a long term relationship. I was raised to be a gentleman in the classic sense of the word. Ad# 761000

GOOD TIMES AHEAD

SWM 50 58 170 brown hair blue eyes seeks someone with a sense of summer, outgoing positive outlook on life, single female 34-55. Ad# 760911

SEEKING BLACK GIRL

Hi there Vanelle 20 African American looking for a black girl. Ad# 760536

FUN LIFE

SWM 68 61 210 lbs brown hair blue eyes. Enjoys easygoing and fun to be around. Seeking an affectionate SWF age unimportant who is fun to be with. Ad# 683232. Ad# 764908

HONESTY A MUST

SWM 50 59 175 short black hair brown eyes. Many hobbies, softball, boating, camping, sewing, dancing, seeks honest and caring respectful one who is considerate of others. Ad# 755540

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL

SWM 45 58 ft light brown hair blue eyes. Looking for a passion driven, compassionate professional SWF 28-45 Oakland or Wayne County. Ad# 449893

HARD WORKER

SWM 34 56 155 lbs athletic build enjoys martial arts, movies, looking for a honest down to earth girl, next door type. SWF 18-36 who likes the moves. Ad# 758594

QUALITY COMPANION

57 N/S seeks average, educated, believes in family and religion, has a good time, ages 48-55. Ad# 758953

SOFTEN SPOKEN

SWF 41 51 144 hazel eyes brown hair, quiet seeks fun energetic moves, camping. SWF Ad# 758966

SIMPLIFIED LIFE

SWF 54 seeks SAF 18-40 for good times, making meals that are quick, times at home, sound, neat, est. Ad# 758761

CONVERTIBLE MAN

SWM 32 walking & driving hard worker. He ends 5'5" 175 lbs seeks SWF 29-33 Ad# 758839

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SWM 78 have my own home, two loveable dogs like to go out to dinner and collectible markets. Looking for a SWF with quality who could get along with me. Ad# 758974

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SWM 62 enjoys theatre, dining out. Looking for a SWF with similar interests who'd like to get together for a coffee and see where it leads. Ad# 748056

SIMPLY THE BEST

SWM 27 outdoors dedicated faithful loves cuddling, shopping, children, male 35 a smoker N/D wants a nice responsible marriage minded SWF over 30. Ad# 719351

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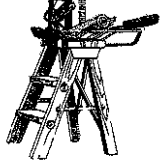
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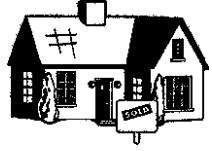
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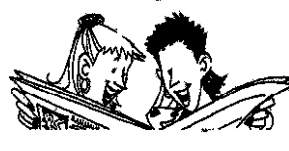
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FARMINGTON HILLS Lots of kids clothes

FARMINGTON HILLS Moving Sale!

Garage Sale Plymouth Opportunity

LIVONIA 29606 Puritan Puritan

LIVONIA July 8 9 10 9 5pm

Auction Sales

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7100 Estate Sales

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LIVONIA July 8 10 9am 5pm

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SOUTHFIELD 7/9 & 7/10 8 30

Baby & Children Items

BEDROOM SET Solid wood

Household Goods

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BRAND NEW 3 PC Livingroom

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Queen Visco Memory Foam

BED \$100 Full size double

BED \$120 Queen double

BED \$200 King double

BED - BRAND NEW Mattress

MOVING No reasonable offer

BEDROOM SET 4 piece new

BEDROOM SET 7 piece

BEDROOM SET Girls twin

SOFA & CHAIR Blue & Green

SOFA \$150 2 chairs \$75

SOFA 2chairs & 2 Ottomans

TV - 24 Flat wide \$200

Appliances

GE REFRIGERATOR 23 6 cu

Household Goods

DESK - boys oak w/hutch

DINETTE Cherry Queen Anne

DINING ROOM SET beautiful

Dining room set complete

DINING SET 6 chairs

DINING TABLE Custom design

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FURNITURE Used & Antique

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2004 Pontiac Vibe lets you pack your family and go

Advertising Feature

CAReport



Anne Fracassa

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Avanti NewsFeatures

I was apprehensive as all get out to take the new Pontiac Vibe on a long trip to the upper peninsula of Michigan. You see my girls are both figure skaters -- pretty good ones, I might add (parent's right to brag a little) -- and we had to get to the Traverse City Cherry Classic.

It was even more of a treat because the girls would be skating at Centre Ice, the same ice surfaces that the Red Wings skate on during their training camp at Traverse City during September. Not that they've never been on Red Wing ice. Rebecca and Francesca skated at The Joe a few years ago. Never saw ice surfaces (at both rinks) so smooth and looking like glass. No imperfections anywhere. Beautiful.

Anyway, from the Detroit suburbs all the way to Traverse City is quite a haul in a compact sport utility. I didn't worry so much about the interior passenger room even though we had to take our dogs, Stevie Y and Shanny, with us up there. I was more worried about the cargo room in the back.

Two skating suitcases, three duffel bags with our clothes, two travel carriers for the dogs, suit bags for their competition dresses, makeup cases for both kids (of course, they couldn't share one) a cooler for refreshments and energy food and my computer.

It all fit. And I could still see out of the rear window. No worries about cargo room, that's for sure. Behind that second row of seats there is exactly 19.3 cubic feet of cargo volume to accommodate you. As you can see, it was enough. Could we even fit more, if we were forced to?

Now, if you happen to need more, the second row of seats will fold down nicely and allow you a whopping 54.1 cubic feet of space. Fold that passenger seat down up in front and you'll get a flat worktable and space to put something in the Vibe that's up to 8 feet long.

Pretty versatile. I think.

And that's the whole premise behind the 2004 Pontiac Vibe. Versatility in a small sport utility. Actually the Vibe is one of those kind-of crossover vehicles you know the sports car, sport hatch or mini SUV all rolled into one. There are a few things that are new about the Vibe this year, and they include a new color, the availability of XM satellite radio, 17-inch all season tires and a supercharger.

Let's get to what's under the hood, first. There are two distinct engines for you to choose from: the 1.8-liter inline four



2004 Pontiac Vibe. Vehicle class: Special purpose vehicle. Power: 1.8-liter in-line 4-cylinder. Mileage: 26 mpg city/32 mph highway.

cylinder, which is the base model and will give you 130 horsepower. The plus behind this engine is the mileage you'll see: 29 mpg in the city and 36 mpg on the highway. It's mated to a five-speed manual as standard equipment, but can be equipped with a four-speed automatic. All wheel drive is of course only available with the automatic transmission.

The other engine, outfitted primarily on the GT model, is also a 1.8-liter power plant, but can get you up from zero to 60 mph in about eight seconds. Power is provided with a system that includes modified heads and the availability of the after-market SPO supercharger. It's installed at the dealership and is fully warranted for the same time as a normal Vibe. It will get you more than a 35 percent increase in horsepower and torque. Performance will surprise you.

Let's jump inside and see what the interior has to offer. Everything is tilted and geared toward the driver and boy, oh boy, is it compact as all get out. Comfortable for the driver because of its individual attention facing him or her, but mighty distracting for any passenger. Can't even scream at someone about going too fast or too slow because the passenger can't see any of the gauges. Takes all the fun out of driving with your spouse, to say the least.

There's a DVD based navigation system on top of the center stack exactly where it should be, and is easy to use and understand for the most part. I had to take out the manual for the more sophisticated options, but most of it is self-explanatory.

Also in the center stack is the heating and cooling controls and under that you'll find two 12-volt power outlets and two cupholders, a storage bin, a smaller lower bin and a cell phone holder and coin holder.

One of the two 12-volt power outlets is located in the storage bin, which can allow you to charge a cell phone without it being seen.

A feature I really appreciated and loved and would be happy to see on every vehicle in the future is the 115-volt standard power outlet with a wall-type plug. It's located on the front console of the center stack and allows you to plug anything in from an electric shaver to a laptop computer. So very convenient.

All of us have that extra adapter for our various equipment or the power converter we've found necessary to stick in the car for necessities like a DVD player or air compressor, but to have that plug, right there for my personal use, was really, really cool. Bravo, Pontiac.

Safety features are all there, all geared toward crash avoidance and crash protection for the occupants of the Vibe. You'll find seat-mounted side airbags, all wheel-drive, anti-lock brakes, safety cage, crumple zones, adjustable anchors on the seat belts, remote keyless entry, child safety door locks, and OnStar safety and security system.

We enjoyed our long trip up north to Traverse in the Vibe. It served us well in cargo room and interior comfort, even with two dogs to deal with in the rear seat as well.

And the Cherry Classic treated my girls well, too. They earned home four medals from the United States Figure Skating-sanctioned event. Good week, even better weekend.

If you're interested in a small car with a strong heart and a lot of room for all your stuff, take a look at the Vibe. I think you'll be surprised.

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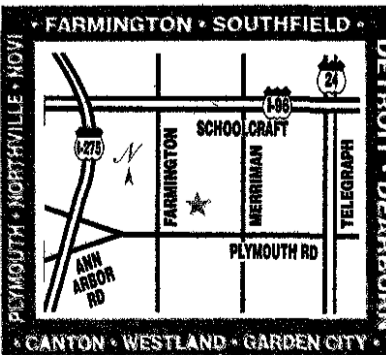
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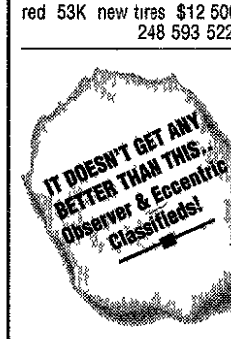
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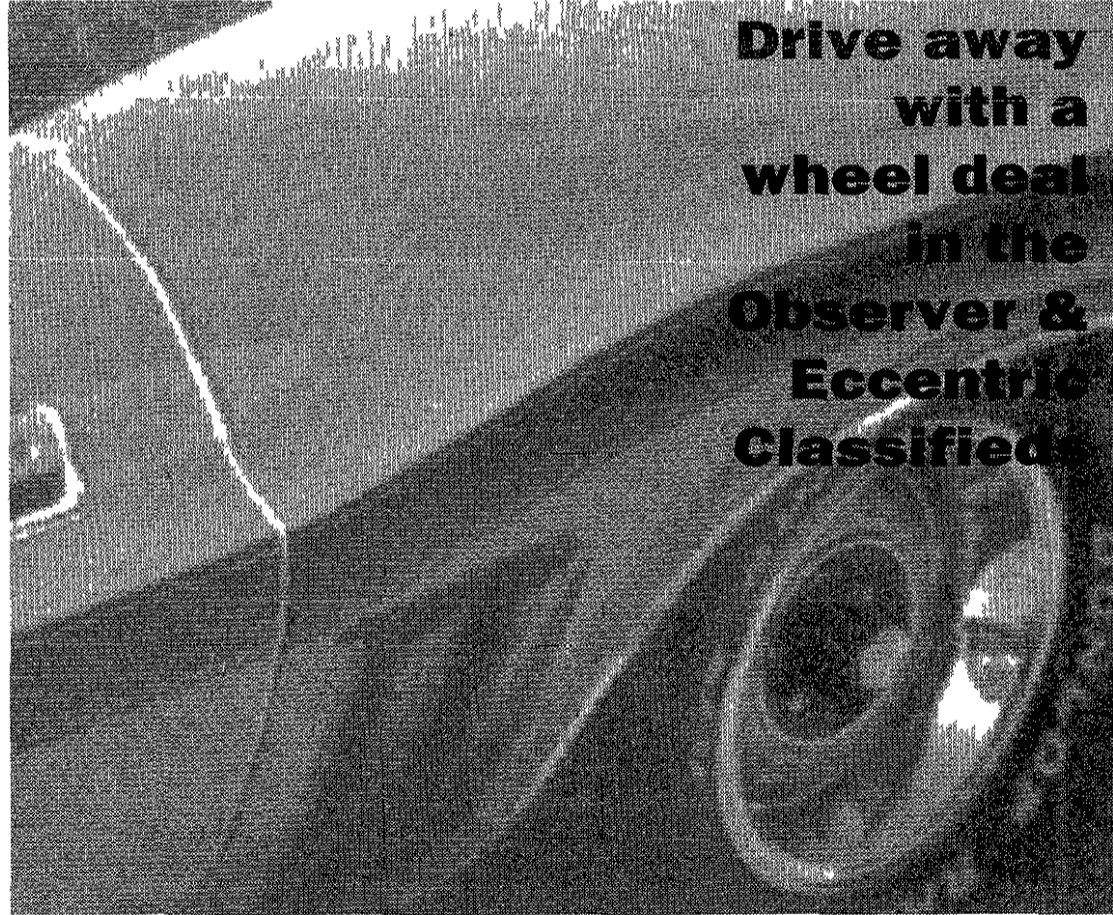
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style**brief**

LONDON — Tommy Hilfiger Toiletries has unveiled a new women's fragrance collection inspired by Beyonce True Star which contains contrasting florals and notes of toasted grains was introduced Monday at a launch party in London The 22 year-old singer attended

the event dressed in a blue gown The collection, which includes eau de parfum, body lotion, shower gel and fragrance satin shimmer, will be available in October the company said Beyonce will be featured in a TV ad campaign singing "Wishing on a Star" a cappella A national print campaign photographed by Mario Testino will show "Beyonce in a way she's never been seen before," the company said

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■ By DeAnna Belger



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From Beyonce's crossover tops, miniskirts and kitten heels to Gwen Stefani's punk rock chic, fashionistas everywhere are emulating the looks of their favorite stars.

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Personal shoppers spend their days searching for just the right looks for their clients. You don't have to be rich and famous to get this type of service.

Local department stores offer shoppers and consultants, oftentimes free of charge, who can help you discover your personal style — or celebrity style — while also

working within your budget. Personal shoppers assist guests with updating their wardrobes, taking care of executive and personal gift lists, home decorating and even in-home private parties. Marshall Field's recently held a recruiting event to beef up their personal shopper staff since more customers are demanding the service.

At Neiman Marcus, people are approaching personal shoppers asking to be outfitted like their favorite star. "When Sarah Jessica Parker wore her pink Oscar de la Renta, phone calls poured in," says Personal Shopper Mimi Strek, head of corporate sales at Neiman Marcus. "It had such a cult following."

Shoppers come in looking for celebrity jewelry, shoes and seasonal trends for accessorizing, Strek said.

"We take care of all their needs," Strek said.

WOMEN'S CARING PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

editor's column

This week in *Pink*, Chef Mary Brady offers tips on how to host an elegant garden party, and prepare delicious hors d'oeuvres for your guests

Brady should know

For 25 years, she has been Executive Chef and Co Proprietor of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in Novi. Moreover, for the last decade she has catered the mother of all garden parties — **The Women's Caring Program Twilight Gathering.**

As WCP prepares to host its 25th anniversary gathering July 8, Brady is busy planning this year's menu. It will include the mushroom paté and garlic croûtes recipes you'll find on Page 6 of *Pink*, as well as a smorgasbord of gourmet picnic goodies and passed appetizers, including summer peach soup, curried chicken satays and cheese tortellini with pesto and peppers. Yum.

For those of you who don't know about WCP, here's how organizers explain it. WCP started out as a small group of women who got together, potluck dish and bottle of wine in hand, with the grand idea of meeting new friends. Since each guest was required to bring someone new to introduce to the group, the event naturally grew.

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As attendance

increased, so did the women's commitment to do something worthwhile with their fellowship. They decided to raise money to help less fortunate women, and have since donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to various female-focused charities. Most recently, WCP has supported the *ChildCare Commitment*, which covers a year's worth of licensed childcare for low-income families. Over the last five years, WCP has helped 422 families in conjunction with Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care.

In the meantime, the women involved have become great friends.

I was invited to my first WCP event while I was editor of *The Milford Times*. I arrived at Carol Walters' MeadowView estate in Milford to find dozens of tables set up under a tent on the grounds. Women milled about drinking wine and being served hors d'oeuvres by men dressed in shorts, aprons and bowties. Classical musicians played on the lawn. I spent the evening sampling Brady's delicious food, shopping the silent auction, touring the lush annual and perennial gardens, and engaging in one dynamic conversation after another. Before I knew it, the night was coming to an end.

Time flew by — and that's how WCP organizers must feel looking back on 25 successful years.

For women who have been with WCP since its inception, it probably seems like just yesterday that they gathered for the first time. Since then, the event has taken on a life of its own, which is what happens when people work toward something bigger than themselves.

I am grateful to have been invited to WCP's Twilight Gathering, and in turn must do my duty to pass the invitation along. So, *Pink* readers, feel welcome at this summer's garden party — it's not too late to RSVP.

The Twilight Gathering will be held 5:30-8 p.m. July 8 at 2955 Morrow Lane, Milford. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, visit www.womenscaringprogram.org, or call 313-871-8000.

Executive Chef Mary Brady with WCP Board President Carol Walters at last year's Twilight Gathering.



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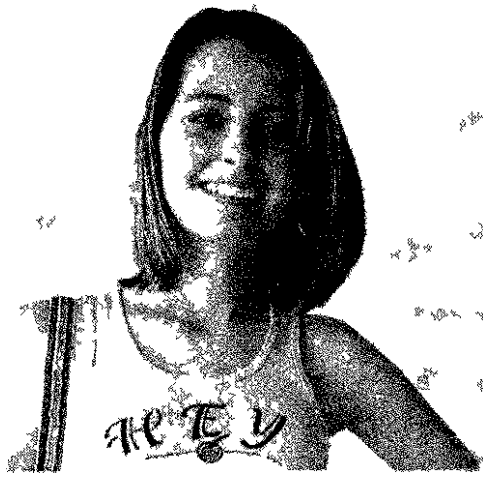
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KELLY'S KLICKS

INDIE DETROIT BUSINESSES THRIVE ON THE 'NET

A Yes, there's so much more to online shopping than Ebay and Amazon. With this beautiful thing called the Internet, so many of us now have an instant and international outlet for our dare I say, talent? Yes, indeed I dare.

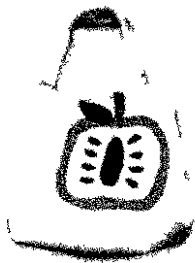
There's a mother-daughter-daughter trio designing great things from hip babymama gear to vegetarian friendly fashions to slammn doggy treats and stationary. The mother, Jodi Lepage, runs *missyblue.com*, where you can find one-of-a-kind creations for babies and kids. We eat up the juicy fruit themed totes for \$20-\$40.

One of her daughters, the uber-creative Melissa Dettloff, runs the very hip and popular *lekkner.com*, where you can score handmade, reconstructed vintage tops and dresses and animal-friendly accessories. Jodi's other daughter, Angela Dagle, whips up sweet doggy treats, cool cards and magnets. Helping to make us all more beautiful

is Stefanie Moran of *Crucial Cosmetics*. Barely out of her teens, she mixes up vibrant colors to create great, sparkly eye makeup. Whether you want a rock star-glam look or a polished face, you can find it at the cute *crucialcosmetics.com*.

And for all of the great local designers who may have not have websites or many outlets yet, Pure Detroit has created *Design Lab*, a forward-thinking studio and retail boutique dedicated to showcasing the work of Detroit's community of fashion designers. Featuring one-of-a-kind clothing, accessories and art for sale, the *Design Lab* will give consumers the opportunity to interact with fashion designers and artists while they work. Detroit's designers will have an opportunity to display their talents and further their skills as designers and artists and the fashion loving community will get to discover Detroit's talent. Head to *puredetroit.com* and *puredetroitdesignlab.com* for more information and check out the grand opening in August. For a sneak peek, scope out the Pure Detroit booth at TasteFest this weekend!

Q From your column, I'm learning there are so many shopping sites out there that I would have probably never discovered otherwise. What are some sites based in Detroit that I've probably never heard of?



You can almost taste these goodies from *missyblue.com*.



*Kelly Lee runs the online style magazine **BussBuss.com** and designs fabulously fun handbags, belts and flower pins. Got an online shopping question? Ask Kelly@bussbuss.com.*

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the pink carpet



By Lindsey Paterson ■ Photos by David Reed

COMPLETE ALLURE

The Allure fashion show, hosted recently at Erhard BMW, Farmington Hills featured looks from Dolce Moda Royal Oak

Designers included Andrea Palombini, Valentino Red, Maurice Malone and Raika from Italy, Ted Baker, Tateosian and Nicole Farhi from London, and others from France, Spain and Montreal. All of the clothes can be found at Dolce Moda in Royal Oak. A trend that stood out was the prevalence of bright hues — pink, purple, orange, blue, yellow and red that glimmered under the lights.



This pink ABS rhinestone T-shirt proclaims innocence with its floral design on the front, but the word "Scandal" tells a different story. Maurice Malone jeans and a fitted pink Mackage leather jacket complement the T.

Ribbons mix with stitching to produce this asymmetrical chic top by Tricot. Celyn B pants zip at the ankles, and a Jack Blue clutch and cuff make perfect accessories.

Dubuc designed this silky taupe dress which flatters long legs. The white trench coat by Valentino Red is a striking component, and strappy white sandals pull the look together.

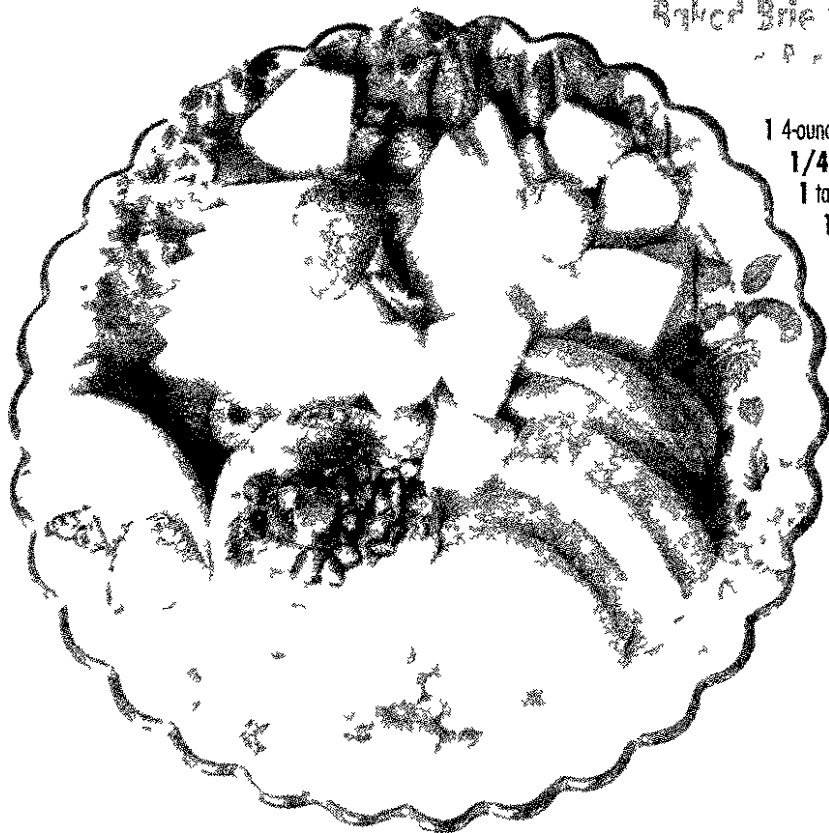
Even casual can be chic. Pair an ABS embroidered tank top with Allen B jeans, a Mackage leather jacket, and a chunky Tobacco Road belt, and you've got relaxed sophistication.

This Maurice Malone pink shirt dress buttons up the front and exudes femininity with frills and pleats. A black handbag is perfect for function and style. Shoes by Faloni.

Baked Brie with Brandy

- 1 4-ounce brie round
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon brandy or whiskey
- 1/4 cup toasted and chopped macadamia, pecan or walnuts

Preheat oven to 500 degrees. Place Brie in a shallow dish and bake until barely soft, approximately 4-5 minutes. Mix sugar, brandy and nuts. Pour over Brie and bake an additional 2-3 minutes or until bubbly. Do not let cheese get too runny. Serve with crackers or crusty bread. Serves 12.



Grilled Croutons

- 1 18-inch sour dough baguette
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1 clove garlic
- Seasoning salt, to taste

Cut the baguette into thin slices on the diagonal. Cut clove of garlic and rub onto both sides of bread. Toss bread with olive oil and salt. Bake in a 350-degree oven until crisp, turning halfway through.

- 1 large red onion
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup rice wine vinegar
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- Pinch mustard seeds
- 2 garlic cloves

Thinly slice onion in Cuisinart. Heat all ingredients other than onions to boiling in a saute pan. Add onions and stir constantly until they turn pink. Cool, remove garlic cloves. To Serve: Spread mushroom pate on crouton top with pickled red onion confit and sprinkle with bleu cheese.



- Story and recipes by Executive Chef Mary Brady
- Tableware provided by La Belle Provence, Birmingham
- Photos by David Reed

Hors d'oeuvres should be beautiful to look at. They must be made from the freshest ingredients and artistically prepared and presented. Done correctly, each should be as uniform as all the others of its kind. Arrange only one type of hors d'oeuvre per platter or serving piece, avoiding choices. The visual effect of a tray filled with perfect, bite-sized morsels of the same variety is stunning. Any garnishes must be just as beautiful as the appetizer, and chosen for the enhancement of the main item. The display should be simple and beautiful. Flowers, ribbon, fresh herbs and lace make wonderful decorations. A tray not garnished looks bare next to one with sprigs of herbs or dotted with edible flowers.

During a party, light hors d'oeuvres are passed or set on a buffet table (or tables) and served with beverages for two or three hours. Replenish as needed. The number of pieces per person varies with the type of occasion. If dinner is to be served, light selections should be made. If appetizers are all the food to be served they must be more substantial. When selecting an appetizer always bear in mind the rest of the menu. It is important not to

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two spots Force your guests to mingle When making up guest list include people that will complement each other not all from the same background My favorite parties include people of all ages and walks of life

With the summer season upon us outdoor entertaining is a natural Enjoy the weather yourself by preparing mostly cold appetizers and a few that can be popped in the oven or on the grill at the last minute

Mary Brady is a certified executive chef and co owner of Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro in the Novi Town Center If you have culinary questions or comments for Chef Mary Brady you can contact her via e-mail at djbistro@aol.com

Poached Salmon

- 3 pounds salmon side skin on
- 3 quarts poaching liquid (see below)
- 2 medium shallots chopped

Bring poaching liquid to a simmer (165 degrees) with shallot Add fillet skin side down and poach until internal temperature reaches 140 degrees Remove to baking sheet and cool Carefully remove skin and serve chilled Serves 6

Poaching Liquid

- 1 quart Fumet
- 1 quart white wine
- 2 quarts court bouillon

Court Bouillon

- 5 quarts cold water
- 8 ounces white wine vinegar
- 12 ounces sliced carrots
- 1 pound sliced onion
- Pinch dry thyme
- 3 bay leaves
- 10 parsley stems
- 1/2 teaspoon peppercorn Combine all but peppercorns, simmer uncovered 50 minutes

Add peppercorns and continue simmering 10 additional minutes Use now or cool and freeze for later use Here, poached salmon is served as a fillet, wrapped sushi-style in thin cucumber slices, and atop garlic croutons Bean sprout and summer salad provide tasty garnishes

Mushroom Paté

Cork and Bottle, London

From *The Chef's Mouth (A Jamaican Gentleman)*

Edited By Mary Brady

- 1 pound mushrooms
- 1/2 pound butter
- Half onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic chopped
- 1 small French roll
- 1 pound cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons freshly chopped parsley

Melt the butter in a heavy skillet Sweat mushrooms, onions and garlic Add the roll torn into small pieces Cool mixture Blend with cream cheese and parsley Season

Yield: About 2 pounds

Note: I like to use a mix of domestic portabella and shiitake mushrooms

ON THE COVER

This vibrant table was set using Mackenzie Childs ceramics, glassware, and melware and linens in the County Check, Fresh White, Bathing Hut, Torquay and Chelsea Luster patterns. All tableware courtesy of La Belle Provence in Birmingham.

Location: Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro, Novi

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horoscope

By Miss Anna

♦ ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

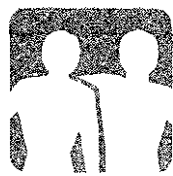


There is a touchy family matter that will resurface, since it has never quite been resolved — so the less said, the better. As your week gets under way, you are right on target with your well directed energies and initiative. All efforts will be noticed.

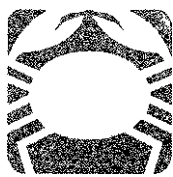
♦ TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)



Getting organized as early in the week as possible will assure successful results either in business or your personal life. There are various complications that show the need for a new approach to a current problem with a mate or a close associate.



Whether single and eligible or married you may discover that dreams really do come true in the love-and marriage arena. Pursuing your heart's desires in a no nonsense way keeps others on their toes, and can strengthen important ties.



Fantastic trends should enable you to get more mileage out of your efforts by simply following your instincts. Both romance and financial gains are favored. Be prepared to cope with a sudden and unexpected development regarding a partnership, it will pass.



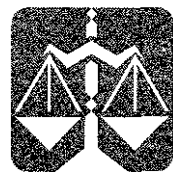
Tread gently on the sensitive feelings of a mate or lover, comments may result in a fiery overreaction so guard your manner and speech. Although you may be in the mood to have things go your own way, it's not time to insist on it — back off a bit.

♦ VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)



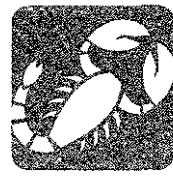
Give your best efforts to your job and health interests. Don't let others sidetrack you or go overboard about any private matters. The time is right to follow through on any financial dealings. You may be quite pleased with the results.

♦ LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

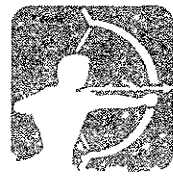


Behind the scenes manipulations may be the key to getting ahead now where business and career aims are concerned. Be attentive to those to whom you mean a lot, this may be more welcomed than you think. Both creativity and romance are high.

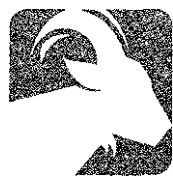
♦ SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)



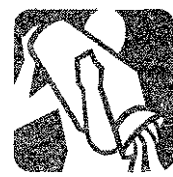
The work ethic is strong in you this week and you may feel compelled to take on a sizable project or new self improvement program. An on-the-job problem may also be a worry but the prognosis will be good. Extra effort now will pay off.



This will be one of your better weeks during which relationships, financial interests, home and health matters all seem to be going smoothly. It is a gratifying time of personal accomplishment for people around you seem to be receptive to your practical ideas.



It's definitely a working week, and you may be tied down to chores or routine tasks while others seem to be having the time of their lives. Follow through on a project that you have been mulling over for some time — it's family or money related.

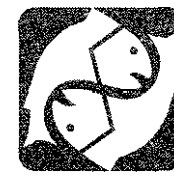


Your financial prospects look relatively good right now, although you may be on the brink of some large expenditure that will possibly change that monetary cushion swiftly. You may have to put in extra effort at

work with little to no thanks.

(February 20 - March 20)

The week will begin with encouragement from your mate or lover who is sympathetic to your ideas. The way you man-



age your financial affairs is the focus of an argument between you and a family member. This argument will go on forever if you let it.

style scope

By K. Snyder

IF THIS WEEK IS

just because your day falls during the same week that everyone around you seems to be lighting sparklers and eating cake with blueberries and strawberries laid out to resemble the American flag doesn't mean you can't create your own fireworks and sample more chic delectables. Grab an appointment over at **Todd's Room** in Birmingham and get dazzling for your own celebration.

Their styling services will whip those brows into shape, coil that mane into a summer sexy do, gloss those lips into a slick party pucker and tip those lashes into a fabulous flutter. Todd's team of personal beauty specialists can create a sizzling look just for you, so you can saunter into your very own birthday soiree — where you are the star and the stripes are on the wrapping paper.

MY, MY THIS AMERICAN PIE

By Phil Powell ■ Chairman, HomeTown Communications

good taste

Apple pie may be synonymous with all-American but this time of year cherry pie can be an even more patriotic dessert — because it brings at least one color of our country's flag to life Here Phil Power, Chairman of HomeTown Communications shares his famous recipe for cherry pie along with a bit of his family's all-American history

Family legend has it that my great-great grandfather Eugene Power was one of the first farmers to plant Montmorency cherries (called "sours" to distinguish them from the dark red eating cherries, "sweets") in northern Michigan, at his farm near Elk Rapids For a time, they became the domi-

nant crop in the region, thriving on the sandy, well-drained soil and the moderating influence of the nearby lake Even today, most of the land that hasn't been raped by the developers is in cherry orchards

My father remembered his first job was out on the family farm, picking cherries for 10 cents a lug He thought his father, Glenn, who started out as a surveyor helped great-grandfather Eugene lay out the cherry trees in long, straight lines

I suspect it wasn't easy to be a pioneering family way back then You couldn't be sure the trees, once planted, would thrive or bear well There was always the risk of a late frost nipping the blossoms and reducing the fruit yield And your capital, once lost, was so hard to regain

But that was their way — and the way of countless pioneering families like them They made our state and our nation what it is, and as the cherry season comes on us it gives me a sense of family continuity to pass on to the readers of PINK our family recipe for Montmorency cherry pie

- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/4 teaspoon mace
- 3 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces
- 2 tablespoons kirsch (optional)

FOR THE CRUST Combine the flour baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl Add the lard butter and shortening and mix with your fingers or a pastry cutter until the mixture forms coarse crumbs Whisk together the ice water vinegar and one of the eggs Add to the flour mixture and mix with a fork until just combined, do not overwork the dough Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes

FOR THE FILLING In a large bowl combine the cherries sugars tapioca, almond extract, mace and optional kirsch if desired Allow to stand for 15 minutes Preheat the oven to 425 degrees

Roll out 1/2 of the dough on a lightly floured surface Line a 9 inch pie pan with the dough and trim the edges Spoon the filling into the pie shell and dot with the butter Roll the remaining dough and make into a lattice or solid top Whisk the remaining egg with 2 teaspoons of water and brush the egg wash onto the top of the pie

Bake for 10 minutes then lower the temperature to 350 degrees and continue baking for 30 or 40 minutes longer or until the juices are bubbling up in the center of the pie Cool briefly and eat while still warm



MONTMORENCY CHERRY PIE

FOR THE CRUST:

- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour plus additional for rolling
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup lard
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons vegetable shortening
- 2 tablespoons ice water
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- 2 eggs

FOR THE FILLING:

- 4 cups freshly pitted sour cherries

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pink picks

By K Snyder

Wear It!

Striped summer-weight poncho

DON'T Wear It!

Heavy fragrance in the summer (put that Gucci *Rush* away, girls!)

Tote It!

LAMB leopard print wristlet by Gwen Stefani for LeSport Sac

Kick It!

Sequined beaded blossom slippers



Face It!

Not too thin, perfectly arched eyebrows

See It!

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Do It!

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Understand It!

What 'diet' is truly best for YOUR body

tried  true

By K Snyder

BEAUTIFULLY BRONZED L'OREAL'S NEW SELF-TANNER IS SUBLIME

Now that we're nearing the heart of summer, it's time to kick up your color and exploit the power of a fiercely bronze tan. But baking outside on the lounge all oiled up and sweaty is so passe and boring (and well, sweaty!) Besides, there are just too many great events to attend — who has the time? So become addicted to the absolute best new self tanner available at your local

drug store — L'Oreal's **Sublime Bronze**. This lotion or gelee works the same beachy wonders on my sexy, red headed, fair-skinned sister as it does on my raven-haired, olive skinned best friend. Easy application, instant streak free color (if you choose the tinted formula) and luscious skin-enhancing ingredients give you the most authentic tropical color this side of the Big Island Aloha!

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