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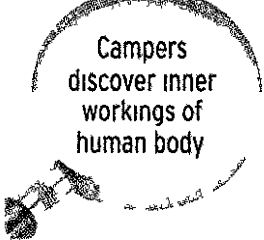


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Sidewalk sales

Plymouth sidewalk sale time is here, believe it or not July 30-31, downtown Plymouth's sidewalk sales will offer bargains and discounts from a variety of shops and galleries. Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Also, don't forget the Farmers Market on Saturday, open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Gathering.

Meet PAWS

Sidewalk sales will be held elsewhere too. Walker/Buzenberg furniture at 240 N. Main will be offering fresh popcorn and lemonade Saturday, July 31, and Sunday, Aug. 1. And free hotdogs will be given away from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, first come, first served. PAWS, the mascot from the Detroit Tigers will be on hand 3-4 p.m. Sunday to entertain the kids and pick a winner for a ticket drawing (no purchase needed). Furniture at sale prices will be on display inside and outside.

Old-timers picnic

The Plymouth Old-timers Picnic, this year honoring the late Howdie Schryer, takes place at noon Aug. 26 at the Plymouth Township Park pavilion. The meal will be catered. For more information or reservations, call Richard Sharland at (734) 453-4661.

Blood drive

The Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road hosts a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, for the American Red Cross. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Barb Mitchell at (734) 453-6111. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Daycare intruder fatally shot by police

Township man may have had death wish

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township man, who may have had a death wish, was shot and killed when he scuffled with police after barging into the daycare center Friday morning at the Church of the Nazarene on Ann Arbor Road.

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said 35-year-old Robert Van Buren was shot and killed by police after two law enforcement officers tried unsuccessfully to subdue the suspect with a Taser gun. Tiderington said there were

about 10 children and three female workers at New Horizons daycare when Van Buren — who reportedly was talking incoherently — entered the building shortly before the 8:13 a.m. emergency call to the 9-1-1 dispatch center.

He was met by a school administrator, and she attempted to keep him from coming into the building, Tiderington said. "At the same time, she notified a co-worker to call police."

The caller reported there were several children in the center, and they were frightened, he said. "One of the daycare workers was able to flee

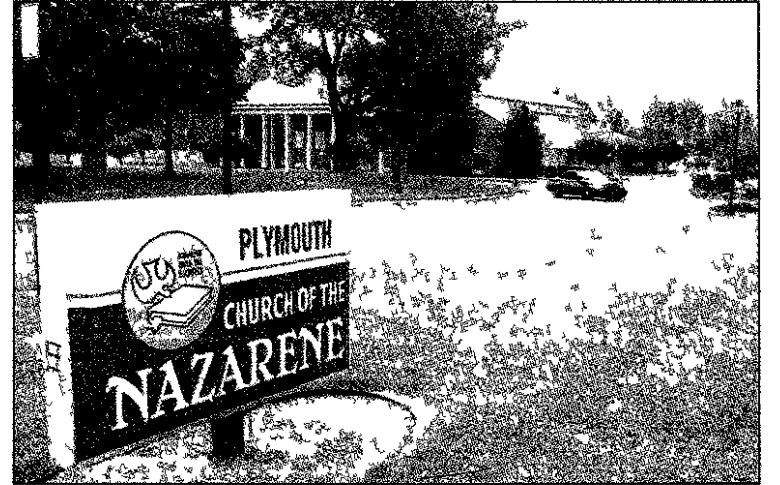
the building with the children, while the two others continued to struggle with the individual."

Tiderington said one of the daycare workers struggled enough with Van Buren to tear a white T-shirt off him before he was able to get into the empty classroom.

The chief said the first officer attempted to subdue the intruder with a Taser gun, but it had little effect.

The second officer arrived on the scene and administered a second Taser strike, he said. "It momentarily slowed the individual, but he continued to fight and struggle with the officer."

Fearing for their own lives, one of our officers fired one shot, striking the individual in the chest, Tiderington said. "He was taken to St. Mary's



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A lone police car blocks the entrance to the church grounds.

Hospital (in Livonia) where he was pronounced dead."

Tiderington said officers arrived at the scene about three minutes after the initial

call for help, with the fatal shot fired a couple of minutes later. The chief said no weapon was

PLEASE SEE NAZARENE, A5



Jeffree St. John and Michelle Hull work at the Beantry.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cozy setting, cheap coffee make Beantry popular spot

BY KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

The comfortable atmosphere of Coffee Beantry Cafe makes some Plymouth community residents choose its services rather than other coffee houses in town.

"I can tell that it's something about this place for them to survive in Starbucks territory," said Jeff Richardson, 26, a Hartland resident.

The establishment is furnished with two outside decks that overlook Penniman Avenue and has four dining rooms. The Orange room has orange painted walls, three sofas and three tables.

"It was a good place to study in. Back in the day it was so quiet in here," Richardson said.

The Cloud room has light blue colored walls.

PLEASE SEE COFFEE, A2



Samantha Norcutt and Cheryl Koenig do some work and enjoy coffee on the front patio of the Plymouth Coffee Beantry.

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School supply drive to aid needy students

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With approximately a month left before school begins for Plymouth-Canton students, many parents and their children will soon be heading to the stores — with a list in hand — to purchase school supplies for the upcoming year.

While some kids will be deciding what color pencils they would like, or how big a box of crayons to buy, there are some children who will be starting class without any supplies.

"Unfortunately, there are many students, many from single-parent homes, who have nothing to start the school year," said Kurt Tyszkiewicz, principal at Field Elementary. "There is a needy population that a majority of the district doesn't see."

The Plymouth Community United Way is kicking off its second annual school supply drive at the Aug. 4 Plymouth Community Arts Council's "Music in the Park" Hometown Kids concert in Kellogg Park.

Concert goers are being asked to bring new school supplies — such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, erasers — to the event, which will then be distributed to students from low-income families.

"The concert touches on children, and it seemed like a perfect audience to help us," said Marie Morrow, PCUW president. "The supplies will go to people in the Plymouth-Canton school district, as well as students in area shelters, the school district Clothing Bank, and the Salvation Army."

The school supply drive runs through September. Those who can't get to the concert to donate can do so through a number of businesses and community organizations.

Dropoff boxes are located at the Plymouth Observer office, Plymouth District Library, Plymouth Salvation Army, Plymouth Arts Council, Plymouth Cultural Center, Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, Plymouth Community Council on Aging and the Plymouth Post Office on Beck Road.

Businesses which are helping to collect supplies include Skatun Station II, Wiltse's Pharmacy, Bank One (Sheldon Road), Comerica Bank (Ann Arbor Road locations), Standard Federal Bank (Ann Arbor and Beck road offices), Community Financial Credit Union, National City Bank, Finlan Insurance and Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches.

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Michigan voters may decide next president

BY MATT SCHOCH
STAFF WRITER

Michigan voters are concerned about the economy and unemployment rates. They want health care and, like the rest of the country, have mixed views of the military situation in Iraq.

Michigan voters might also decide this November who will be president of the United States.

"Michigan could make the difference between who is the

president and who is not," said Steve Mitchell, chairman of Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc., official polling agency for WDIV-TV. "I mean, this could be the deciding state."

Mitchell has seen updated scenarios with Republican incumbent George W. Bush leading challenger John Kerry by as little as 15 votes and taking Michigan's 17 electoral votes.

There are probably a dozen states right now that are very

close," Mitchell said. "Bush is leading Michigan right now. But if it switches, (under that scenario) Kerry wins."

The diverse state cares about the issues that most Americans care about, state Rep. David Woodward said.

"At the end of the day, people are going to care about whether they have a job and whether they have health care," said Woodward, the Oakland County Democratic Party chairman.

PLEASE SEE MICHIGAN, A3



From your house to the White House. This is the second in a series of stories looking at the 2004 presidential election.

Coming Thursday in your Plymouth Observer



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Let the games begin

The 155th annual St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Ceilidh & Highland Games celebrate all things Scottish.

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COFFEE

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with white tables and chairs. It also features paintings by local artists.

"I have artists of the month out there, I've been doing it now for a year. They come in and hang their art, they sell it, I don't make any money, I don't charge for the use of space, they just come and take it out," said Coffee Beanery Cafe co-owner Steve Prokes. "And I'm booked until 2005 on it."

While sitting in one of the four dining rooms, customers can choose from more than 150 different drinks. Coffee Beanery Cafe also serves sandwiches and desserts. "They have that front porch and it's a great place to meet people at and that's a great place to sit and have coffee," said 27-year-old Plymouth resident Jim Darson.

The coffee house, located at 884 Penniman Avenue, is opened 24 hours a day and

Darson said the employees are wonderful at any time of day.

I require them to be themselves - friendly and courteous," Prokes said.

Business picks up for Prokes at the end of the week. Prokes said it's because he provides live entertainment every Friday.

The store opened in 1993 and Prokes, 35, has been the co-owner since February 2003.

"There have been other coffee places that have come and gone, but this place is consistent and has always been here," Darson said.

Richardson said it is easy to become addicted to Coffee Beanery Cafe because the coffee is inexpensive.

"You can get a bottomless cup for a buck 50," he said.

Prokes said he retains customers because of the cozy setting.

"Here, if you want to you can hang out for six hours and drink until my liver is dead," Richardson said.

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YOUTH ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2004-2005 school year on Saturday, Sept. 11. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Rehearsals and performances will take place at the new Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton. In fall 2004 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

Students should prepare a piece of their choice and a scale representative of their ability. To schedule an audi-

tion or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office by e-mail at CelebrationYO@aol.com or call (734) 451-2112.

Scholarship funding is available for students living in Westland. Please contact the office for further information.

ICE CREAM MONTH

Cold Stone Creamery will fulfill more than just ice cream wishes and waffle cone dreams this summer as stores nationwide launch a month-long fund-raising effort on behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

In honor of National Ice Cream Month, Cold Stone Creamery announces a portion of all ice cream and ice cream cakes purchased during July will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. In addition, for a \$1 donation, Cold Stone will invite ice cream lovers to invent their own signature ice cream creations and have their name and recipe inscribed on a special Make-A-Wish star to be posted on the store walls throughout July.

The third-annual World's Largest Ice Cream Cake Social takes place from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, July 29. Guests will be treated to a free slice of the Make-A-Wish Ice Cream Cake and will be encouraged to make a donation in return. The Make-A-Wish Ice Cream Cake was created by two wish children from Chicago, Kristen, age 11, and Brian, age 9, both battling cystic fibrosis. The ice cream cake consists of layers of devil's food cake, sweet cream ice cream, Oreos®, and chocolate shavings wrapped in a rich chocolate ganache.

The Cold Stone Creamery in Plymouth is located on Main Street in the

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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.

Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. 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.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School Wildcat athletic program is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Sunday, Sept. 12 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford Road in Canton.

Cost is \$100, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a T-shirt, a snack at the

turn and a steak dinner following the golf. The outing is a four-person scramble which includes longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests and a "skins" game.

To register, send a check made payable to Plymouth High School Athletics to Plymouth High School, 8400 North Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

CALL FOR ART

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is accepting entries for their August art exhibit, "Summer Splendor."

This first memorial show is in honor of long-time PCAC artist and volunteer Dee Schulte. It is non-juried and open to the first 40 artists submitting framed two-dimensional work depicting scenes of summer. The exhibit will be open to the public beginning Aug. 4-28.

To request an entry form or for more information, call the PCAC at (734) 416-4278.

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.

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MICHIGAN

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The state proved streaky in presidential elections throughout the last half of the 1900s

Democratic candidate Al Gore's defeat marked only the second time since 1972 that Michigan backed the losing candidate. The other time was in 1976, when Michigan's electoral votes went to Gerald Ford, who grew up in Grand Rapids and graduated from the University of Michigan.

Bush will be working to earn a Republican victory in Michigan for the first time since the state backed his father in 1988 against Michael Dukakis.

Also, for the first time since George H.W. Bush ran in 1992, an incumbent Republican candidate is seeking re-election.

That probably adds a couple points, said Bill Ballenger, editor and publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*.

The landscape of Michigan has changed over the years, causing uncertainty among which candi-

date the state will back.

Retired auto workers are setting in northern Michigan making the region vote more Democratic than in the past, Mitchell said.

Conversely, the usually Democratic Wayne County is voting more Republican than in recent years, as is Macomb County, Mitchell said.

Adding another wrinkle into the mix is third-party candidate Ralph Nader. Nader hopes to receive the Michigan nomination of the Reform Party or run on the ballot as an Independent.

Michigan voters gave Nader 2 percent of the vote in 2000, seven tenths of a percentage point below the national average. Those votes would not have swayed the state's electoral voting, which went to Gore by a 5.2 percent margin.

Still, the race will likely come down to the two major party candidates, and pollster Mitchell believes that Kerry needs support from the Great Lake State more than his opponent does.

It is hard to imagine a scenario where Kerry can win without Michigan, Mitchell said.



Wooing the urban vote

Kerry espouses his urban plan at NUL conference

BY CHRISTOPHER J. BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry spoke to people from across the country Thursday at the National Urban League's annual conference in Detroit.

Although people came from all over, local residents were concerned about one thing:

"Jobs. I think people need to have jobs. Good paying jobs. Right now our jobs — good paying manufacturing jobs — are leaving this country. Unemployment is up and employment is down," said Detroit resident Willie Hampton.

Plymouth resident and Kerry/Edwards campaign volunteer Martha Guenett was one of 10 volunteers who helped out during Kerry's speech. She said the speech focused on improving America's metropolitan cities.

Kerry said the Bush administration has given more than 1.8 million jobs to other countries.

"When I look around neighborhoods and towns all across America that I've visited over the course of these last months, I see exactly what so many of you see every single day. We see jobs to be created (and) we see families to house," Kerry said during his hour-long speech.

If elected, Kerry said he will invest more money into the working class and create a small-business fund to create more jobs, a point that hit home with Kimberley Spada of Canton.

"Jobs going overseas are always something that on people's minds — worrying about if they'll have a job next year and what will happen with that," she said.

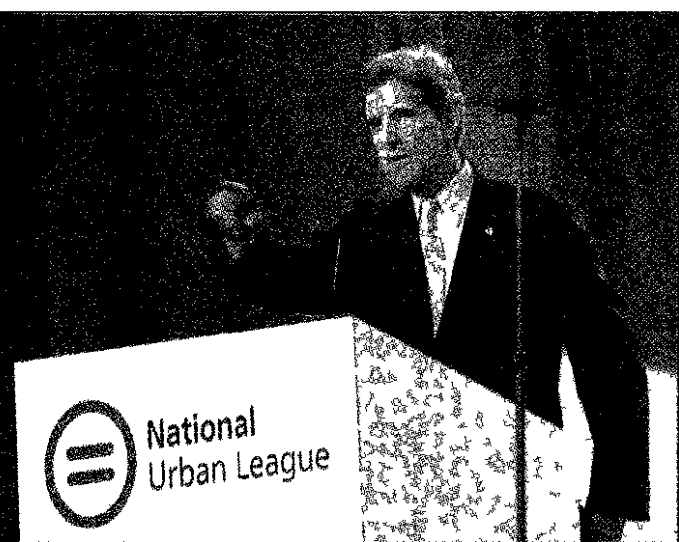
Kerry also spoke about the war in Iraq and accessible health care.

"First of all, he recognizes that a lot of folks don't have health care or are losing it," said Rochester Hills resident James Sutton. Second of all — the part about jobs and getting any who doesn't have a job back to work. That's key in my mind — getting folks (to) get a job then they can pay for their own insurance, so those are the two very key elements to me.

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Top photo, President George W. Bush and Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League laugh during a humorous moment in President Bush's speech. Above, John Kerry speaks at the National Urban League's annual conference Thursday.

Bush: Entrepreneurs will stimulate job growth

BY CHRISTOPHER J. BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

As part of its annual conference, the National Urban League invited President George W. Bush to speak about urban issues.

With most of the attendees residing in Detroit, Bush centered his speech on restoring jobs.

"I believe if they have the

ability and the opportunity, they will achieve their God-given talent," Bush said about those who are laid-off.

Livonia resident Susan Gonyou said giving minorities a chance to establish small businesses was an important part of Bush's speech.

"A lot of minorities are starting their own businesses and that's good for the future," Bush said.

Introductory remarks were made by NUL President Marc Morial.

President Bush today talked about some ideas for small business development and job creation, he said.

During his 45-minute speech, Bush also addressed protecting marriage, home ownership and education.

"Every child can learn and we expect every child to learn and we expect you to show us that every child can learn," he said. Gonyou said oversized classrooms and a shortage of teachers are the concerns in her area.

Bush rallied the crowd for votes in November.

"If you are struggling to get in the middle class and you feel like you've paid plenty of taxes, take a look at my agenda," he said.

Bush closed his speech by asking the African American audience members if the Democratic party has earned their vote.

"I think his strongest point was making everyone rethink (their vote)," said Livonia resident Nicole Huby.

Morial said the NUL brought Bush and Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry to its conference to spotlight urban issues.

Changing face of Oakland County key to election

BY MATT SCHOCH
STAFF WRITER

Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore narrowly won the Oakland County vote on his way to earning Michigan's 18 electoral votes in 2000.

That marked the third consecutive presidential election in which the Democratic candidate ousted his competitor in Michigan's second most populated county.

This is ironic because as Michigan political expert Bill Ballenger notes, most of the county and its city governments are run by Republicans.

At the top of the ticket, Republicans have evidently been too conservative on social issues, said Ballenger, editor and publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*. This possibly gives (John) Kerry a mild edge.

Now a changing Oakland County finds itself as an interesting swing territory of a crucial state for November's showdown between President George W. Bush and Kerry.

The county, which represents more than 13 percent of the state's voters in 2000, is a diverse group that has shifted its voting dynamics over the years.

"What has changed is a large influx of African-American voters into Southfield," said pollster Steve Mitchell, who closely monitors statewide voting records. Since 90 percent of African-Americans vote Democrat, that is accounting for much of the shift. Take those away, and the county is still Republican.

However, simplifying county voters into strict party lines is also too simplistic, Mitchell said.

"Oakland County is an intelligent, sophisticated electorate," he said. "There are less party line voters and more independents who make very thoughtful choices."

David Woodward, chairman of the Oakland County Democratic Party, concurs on the diverse environment of the area. Every socio-economic block of voters is represented in the county, he said, making the county's importance true not only logistically, but symbolically as well.

"Those factors mirror performance of the state and the country," he said. "The candidate who wins this county is going to be the president of the United States."

Oakland County voted Republican more than the national average for the past half-century, and that trend continued in the 2000 election, despite Gore's county victory.

And since Gore's victory was so narrow, it could be anyone's county for the taking Nov. 2. In fact, the 6,882-vote margin in 2000 between the winner and loser represents less than half the population of Berkley, the county's 22nd most populous city.

Oakland supported GOP candidate Bush only one-fifth of a percentage point more than the national average of total voters in 2000.

The numbers indicate that the balance is shifting, Woodward

OAKLAND VOTING TRENDS

County voting for GOP presidential candidates compared to Michigan

1984	+6.5 percent
1988	+6.6 percent
1992	+6.6 percent
1996	+4.5 percent
2000	+2.0 percent

County voting for GOP presidential candidates compared to United States

1984	+6.9 percent
1988	+6.8 percent
1992	+5.6 percent
1996	+2.3 percent
2000	+0.2 percent

County voting for Democratic candidates compared to Michigan

1984	-8.0 percent
1988	-8.5 percent
1992	-5.6 percent
1996	-4.3 percent
2000	-2.0 percent

County voting for Democratic candidates compared to United States

1984	-8.3 percent
1988	-8.4 percent
1992	-4.8 percent
1996	-1.8 percent
2000	+0.9 percent

SOURCE: OAKLAND COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS ELECTIONS DIVISION

said, and the current trends of Oakland County give Kerry the upper hand this time around.

Recognizing this slant, the Bush/Dick Cheney campaign has its sights set on reversing the countywide trend. The GOP went right to the heart of the shift, ironically locating its state offices in Southfield in April.

"That speaks high volume that they have been losing ground pretty steadily," Woodward said. "We feel we are already more organized and in place and we've been beating this drum for a long time. But they'd probably say the same thing about them."

As it gets closer, expect even a greater level of intensity in this area.

Area woman fuels the state delegation's fire

BY LYNNE GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

Rose Quintana stands ready with patriotic earrings, sparkling and a suitcase packed for the 2004 Democratic convention.

Quintana, a Clarkston resident and Democratic delegate, has been fueled through the years by a political bug she caught in 1984. It brings her to a third presidential election, where she bears a responsibility.

"As a delegate we have a responsibility to look at our candidates and think about the things that we want these candidates to do for this country," said Quintana.

It is this devotion to responsibility that has driven Quintana thus far. She has been employed by the UAW for 13 years and is currently their international represen-

tative. She is also the first vice-chair for the Oakland County Democratic Party.

Among her responsibilities at the convention are bringing in speakers to motivate the delegates and taking part in strategy sessions. However, her main objective is the nomination of the candidates for president and vice president.

In 1984, Quintana ran for county commission in Lapeer County, which was around the same time she found her political inspiration: former Michigan Lt. Governor Martha W. Griffiths.

The way she spoke, she seemed so articulate and in touch with things. To me she exuded this youthfulness. I was so impressed with her. I thought, if she can do it, I can do it," said Quintana. Her political lifestyle does

OAKLAND COUNTY DELEGATES

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- Barry Goodman Farmington Hills
- Sigrd Grace Rochester Hills
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- Hon. Brenda Lawrence Southfield
- Colleen Peters Bloomfield Hills
- Rose Quintana Clarkston



Quintana

not end at home. With four children and seven grandchildren, one was bound to feel the spark of her enthusiasm. Quintana's grandson Victor joins in his grandmother's campaigning.

I always take him on the picket lines, conventions, wherever we go. With retirement

approaching, Quintana doesn't seem to be slowing down much. Plans for more local government involvement and finishing a degree are on the agenda.

I've always wanted to get my degree, I decided to go into labor education and take classes. I look forward to doing that when I retire."

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DEATHS

B
 Ontario Brugnoli, 82 of Farmington, died July 18

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 Carol J. Carlson, of Garden City, died July 14

G
 Julia M. Goers, 71 of Farmington Hills died July 17

H
 Thomas J. Hatch Sr., 85, of Northville, died July 16

L
 Yvonne C. Lee, 52, of Westland, died July 21
 Allen R. Lulko, 42 of Canton, died July 14

O
 Edward J. Osewicz, of Garden City, died July 22
 Paul J. Ott, 77 formerly of Birmingham, died July 21

P
 Milo Waldorf Pletcher, 91, of Plymouth died May 26
 Nancy Ann Porte, 68, died July 21
 Etta M. Prieskorn, 45, of Belleville, died July 21

R
 Lillian Eileen Rebentisch, 82 of Lakeland, Fla., died July 18

S
 Frank Schuck, 85, of Birmingham died July 22
 Kalani Simmons, 50, of Romulus, died July 18
 Oscar Kenneth Sweet, 60, of Belleville, died July 17

T
 Joseph A. Tombrella, 45, of Clarkston, died July 19



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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs from July 14 through July 20
 Wednesday, July 14
 Investigation on Sheldon north of

M-14, residential rescue on Ball Street, rescue on Sheldon, rescue on Northville Road in an apartment, rescue on Plymouth Road
 Thursday, July 15 false alarm on Eckles, fire run to I-275 and M-14, commercial rescue on Harvey, commercial rescue on Shadywood, mutual aid run on Plymouth east of Eckles Road, commercial rescue on Ann Arbor Trail, home rescue on Starkweather, rescue on Ann Arbor Road, accident at Ann Arbor Road and I-275
 Friday, July 16 commercial rescue on Northville Rd., residential rescue on Grant, rescue at Joy and General, downed wire problem at Haggerty and Plymouth, home rescue on Fox Run, check out possible fire on South Main, residential rescue on Northville, accident on southbound I-275 at M 14, residential rescue on Corrine
 Saturday, July 17 home rescue on Haggerty, investigation on Concord Drive, rescues on Greenbrier and on Sheldon, false alarms on Plymouth Road and on McClumpha and on Port, home rescue on Canton Center, rescue at a public building on Five Mile, home rescue on Pinehurst
 Sunday, July 18 residential rescues on Barrington, Sheridan, Harvey and Haggerty
 Monday, July 19 rescue run to Beck and M-14, wires down on South Main, rescue runs on Wendover, South Drive, Five Mile and on D Drive, false alarm on Halyard, fire run at a public building on Ann Arbor Road
 Tuesday, July 20 rescue runs on Waterstone, Main Street, Northville Road and Risan, industrial rescue on Halyard, wash down on Main Street, rescue at a public building on Ann Arbor Road

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Plymouth man charged in home invasion

A 19-year-old Plymouth man, who was given probation on a charge of home invasion in May, now faces up to 20 years in prison after being charged for a similar crime earlier this month.
 Det. Lt. Ed Ochal said Tracey Carley awoke in her Deer Street home in the overnight hours of July 7 to find Ricardo Vazquez-

Palacios sifting through her bedroom dresser.
 Carley reportedly confronted the suspect, who fled. He was caught a short time later by police in the backyard.
 Vazquez-Palacios was charged with one count of home invasion, and arraigned Tuesday in front of 35th District Court Judge Michael Gerou. He's being

held in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond.
 According to court records, Vazquez-Palacios was given probation after being convicted of home invasion nearly two months ago. If convicted in the latest case of being a habitual offender, the suspect could face the maximum 20 years in prison.

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Notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County Michigan, on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at which time candidates of the Republican and Democratic Parties, and non partisan candidates will be voted upon in Wayne County.

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 - Four Trustees

- And the following non partisan Offices
- Judge of Circuit Court Non Incumbent Position - Vote 1
- And the following Wayne County Proposals

PROPOSAL Q
BALLOT ADVISORY QUESTIONS

Shall Section 3 115 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to provide that the county commission may place advisory questions on the Ballot?

YES _____ NO _____

PROPOSAL R

REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONER FOR CAUSE

Shall Section 3 115 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to provide that a Commissioner may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the County Commission for conviction or admission of a felony and be disqualified from running for or holding a county office for 3 years, and to provide that a Commissioner may be removed from Office by a 4/5 vote for misfeasance of malfeasance of office or for moving out of district?

YES _____ NO _____

Applications for absentee ballots for Charter Township of Plymouth registered voters may be requested from the Clerks Office at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No 3 Plymouth Township, Michigan. Telephone numbers 354 3224 or 354 3228. Absentee ballots will be delivered to qualified absentee voters in person at the Clerks Office from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 31st. On Monday, August 2nd, absentee voters may receive their ballots and vote them in the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m.

All polling locations in the Township of Plymouth are accessible to the elderly and the handicapped. Polling places are as follows (Please note that the Township precinct locations or precinct numbers may not coincide with your school district precinct location or number).

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

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Precinct 5	Brd School	220 N Sheldon Road
Precinct 6	West Middle School	44401 Ann Arbor trail
Precinct 7	United Assembly of God Church	46500 N Territorial Road
Precinct 8	St. Kenneth's Catholic Church	14951 Haggerty Road
Precinct 9	Church of the Nazarene	45801 Ann Arbor Road
Precinct 10	Fiegel School	39750 Joy Road
Precinct 11	First Baptist Church	45000 N Territorial
Precinct 12	Pioneer Middle School	46081 Ann Arbor Road
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MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
 Charter Township of Plymouth

Condos, apartments lead Canton building boom

The number of building permits issued by Canton Township is up 3.2 percent overall for the first six months of 2004.

Favorable interest rates are among the factors leading to the jump.

The biggest increase came in the apartment and condominium sector. Permits were issued for a total of 336 units compared to 303 a year ago — an increase of 10.9 percent.

Canton Building Official John Weyer isn't surprised by the numbers.

"That's where we've been strong the past few years," he said.

Permits issued for single-family homes fell by 8.5 percent, from 201 units for the first six months of 2003 to 184 this year. Weyer thinks that sector of the market will change dramatically in the final two quarters of this year and continue with fast growth in 2005.

"Overall, I think we'll be up 15 to 20 percent next year," he said.

The type of units developers seek permits for depends greatly on economic conditions and the availability of lots within a com-

munity, Weyer added. Interest rates, labor costs and the price of building materials also influence development.

Currently, Weyer said, interest rates are good, while labor costs are steady. The price of building materials has gone up with wood products leading the way. Despite that increased cost, Weyer said permits issued for single-family homes are about to take off in Canton because of increased lot availability.

He points to several new subdivisions leading the way.

Heron Ridge North sits in Canton's northwest corner, while Antiqua Forrest is more centrally located at Ford and Beck roads. Cherry Hill Village, a neo-traditional mixture of single-family homes, condominiums and commercial facilities, is moving into phase three of development.

In-fill development is also picking up, Weyer said.

"There's a lot of re-development going on along Saltz Road from Canton Center past Beck Road in the west," he added. "These types of developments can range from a half-dozen homes to 25 or 30 homes."

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Suspect sought

Canton police released this composite sketch of a man suspected of exposing himself to a female Canton resident on July 17. The incident occurred at a residence in the area of Lilley and Saltz. Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

NAZARENE

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found on Van Buren.

Tiderrington declined to name the officers involved, saying only the shot was fired by a nine-year veteran. The second officer is a five-year member of the township police force. Both have been put on paid administrative leave during the investigation, which is being assisted by the Michigan State Police.

"They're very upset," Tiderrington said. "They understood they did what they had to do to save themselves and the children. But, at the same time, it's something that no officer wants to go through."

Tiderrington said a conversation with Van Buren's mother gave some indication he was having problems.

"The mother said that over the past few days she was concerned about his mental stability," Tiderrington said. "When she heard about the shooting, she indicated she wasn't surprised because of how he was acting."

"He indicated he wanted to die," Tiderrington added.

Lt. Robert Antal said Van Buren was self-employed.

"He did handyman-type work, deck restoration, lawn work, any type of outdoor activity," he said.

Tiderrington said they are still trying to find out why Van Buren targeted the Church of the Nazarene.

"There is no connection between this individual and the church or the daycare center," he said. "He was asking for someone named John and was staring into space, speaking very incoherently."

"We will be working with the medical examiner's office to see if he was on any type of drugs," he added. "It's really early in our investigation, so it's hard to say what his motive was, or why he was there."

Police say while Van Buren entered the building into an inner hallway and was attempting to enter the classroom, one of the teachers ush-

ered the children through a door that exited to the parking lot, and to a nearby grassy area.

"The children didn't see any of the interaction between our officers and the individual," Tiderrington said.

Laura Vespaziani of Canton Township said she received a telephone call at work shortly before 9 a.m. to pick up her two boys — 4 1/2 years old and 17 months old — from the daycare center.

"I think the kids saw the guy was at the classroom door and trying to get in, but they got out the back door real quick," Vespaziani said. "I asked my older boy if he was scared and he said 'no,' but then he said, 'The man made me cry.'"

"I was a bit shaken up when I got the phone call, and when I got there and received more details I was more shaken," she added. "I was glad to hear nothing happened to anybody and the kids didn't see a whole lot. It sounds like the teachers did a great job."

Tiderrington said one of the workers saw Van Buren parked on Ann Arbor Road in front of the church in his gray, Ford F-150 pickup when she arrived for work.

"He was parked in front of the church for 10 to 15 minutes, and then he drove to the back of the church and parked his vehicle," Tiderrington said. "That's when he made entry into the building."

Senior Pastor Fred Hall said only one door is open in the morning to get into the building.


"That early in the morning, there's only one door unlocked and one of our adult teachers is always there to receive kids and keep out unauthorized people," Hall said. "She was there and told him he couldn't come in, but he forced his way into the building."

"I'm sure we'll take a look at security, but I'm not sure what we can do differently," he added.

As of Friday afternoon, Hall said it was still undetermined if the daycare would be open Monday.

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Pet-a-Pet founder and her cat leave a legacy of smiles

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Step into Ruth Curry's living room and Murphy - a calm, curious golden retriever - will greet you at the door. He's not just any dog, though, he's been raised as a Pet-a-Pet.

Curry founded the Pet-a-Pet Club, Inc. in 1985. The charitable organization brought together a group of volunteers to take their furry friends to visit residents in nursing homes and care facilities around Livonia.

And now, Curry said she's ready to retire her position as vice president on the Pet-a-Pet Board of Directors. She said the time is right to scale back some of her duties - though she'll still make her visits with Murphy.

Curry, a Redford Township resident, came up with the idea

for this non-profit organization while visiting her own father in a nursing home. She noticed the residents didn't "have a lot to do" and she saw someone walk in with a small dog.

She asked her son, Claude Curry - a veterinarian - for some advice. "I said, 'What do you think of me taking pets into nursing homes?'"

Curry took Mama Cat, a lazy, black and white lap cat, to visit. She knew right away she was onto something good.

She ran ads in the *Livonia Observer*, seeking volunteers and their pets to join the effort. In the first year about 100 pet-owners signed up. At its height, post-9/11, more than 400 volunteers were involved. Now, between 250 and 300 people keep Pet-a-Pet going strong.

"I never had any idea it would go this big," said Curry.

Lori Clinton joined the group about 10 years ago. Pet-a-Pet expanded from nursing homes to include schools and a variety of special events. Now, the program is available in communities as close as Livonia, Redford, Southfield, Rochester and Garden City, and as far as Auburn Hills and Clarkston. It spans southeast Michigan.

Arnold and Lorna Johnson of Westland brought their bull mastiff, Tremor, on his first Pet-a-Pet visit when he was just 10 weeks old. He'll be 5 in September.

"He's been in Pet-a-Pet all his life," said Lorna Johnson. "We've been in it 11 years."

She said the children and adults she visits with Tremor - who weighs in at a hefty 135 pounds - enjoy the program because they see such a variety of dogs. And volunteers love to share their pets, especially if it brings on a smile or two.

Arnold Johnson said they visit Livonia Public Schools for the pet education program and he can predict the reactions to this big dog. "The boys have no problem. The girls are a little hesitant. And the teacher stands on the other side of the room."

Through the years, Curry has received a lot of help and support for her pet project. At the start, a close friend loaned her money to start Pet-a-Pet liability insurance for club members. In 1994, her daughter-in-law, Linda Curry, began pub-

lishing The Pet-a-Pet Gazette newsletter. And in 2000, Renee Lamm Esordi published the book *You Have a Visitor*, after coming to Michigan to learn about Pet-a-Pet and take some memorable photographs of the pets at work.

Curry has earned numerous awards over the years. The most distinguished came from the Veterinary Medical Association. In 1996, the association recognized her for the "promotion of human-animal bonding."

"When they called and said I was going to get the award, I almost fell off the chair," Curry remembered.

Part of the program's success comes from Curry's own personality. The Johnsons and Clinton agreed it's hard to say no to the Pet-a-Pet founder. Curry convinced volunteers to become coordinators and encouraged others to join in their place.

"She doesn't use high pressure tactics," Arnold Johnson said. "She's just very sweet."

Curry said the volunteers are all caring people and very loyal. "I've met a lot of nice friends," she said.

Her husband, Hubert Curry, said he's amazed at all she's done. "She started it with one little cat and it's grown into this," he said. "I'm proud of her."

For more information on Pet-a-Pet or to volunteer call (313) 535-0410.

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MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Lisa Dozier (left) and Patsy Stevens enjoy drinks and conversation at Damon's restaurant during the Chamber of Commerce Grub Crawl Tuesday night.

Grub Crawl delights Canton restaurants and participants

The 15 Canton restaurants and their managers who participated were thrilled with the grub crawl Tuesday evening according to Canton chamber director Diane Cojei.

The Chamber sold about 560 tickets to the event. Everyone received a bright green T-shirt as an admissions ID and participants got on buses and went from place to place to sample a variety of foods.

We think it went very well. The manager at Chili's was happy because some Tuesday night customers were back the next day to buy gift certificates. One

group even passed on the buses and went everywhere in their own limo," Cojei said.

Participating Canton restaurants included 4 Friends Restaurant, Ashoka Indian Cuisine, Bailey's Pub & Grille, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Chili's Bar & Grill, Crow's Nest, Damon's, LaShish, Mexican Fiesta II, Palermo's Pizzeria, Roman Forum, Rusty Nail, Shark's Club, T.C. Gator's, and T.G.I. Friday's.

"It was a really fun event, a good change of pace for the Chamber. We can't always be talking about business," Cojei said.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ruth Curry, petting Nell (left) and Murphy, founded Pet-a-Pet in 1985 and will retire from its board of directors this year.

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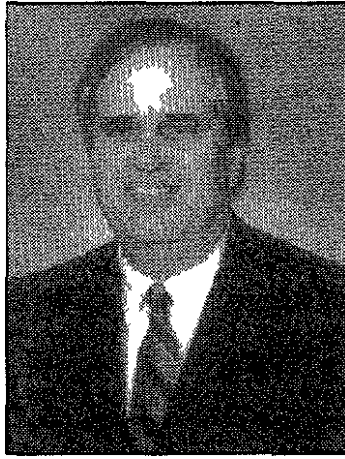
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Blanchard looking forward to another crazy convention

Jim Blanchard remembers how hard he fought to get to his first Democratic National Convention. He drove to United Auto Workers' headquarters in Detroit, slipped past a security guard, and sat for hours in the outer office of Millie Jeffries, a UAW vice president in charge of hiring pages.

That was 1964, the year of Lyndon Baines Johnson's famous coronation in Atlantic City. "I really wanted to get to that convention," said the future governor, who was in the midst of getting ready for this week's gathering of the Democratic clans in Boston. When she finally showed up, she noted that he was a little old to be a page, but was impressed by his eagerness.



Jack Lessenberry

She asked me if I supported civil rights. I was amazed. Of course — doesn't every Democrat?" he said. The elfin Millie smiled. Well, he had a lot to learn. But he got in, and the experience helped hook him on politics for life. "One night Bernie Klein and I were going for a walk and we saw Adlai Stevenson. Adlai Stevenson! I had handed out leaflets for him in fourth

grade.

He ran up to him and introduced himself to his hero, who addressed him gravely as "old man." College and law school kept Blanchard away from the next two conventions, which were two of the party's most disastrous.

But he's been going ever since, as congressman, governor, leader of the Bill Clinton forces in the state and, finally, as sort of an elder statesman.

And he still loves every minute of them, as his wife Janet noted with some amusement. "He'll be swinging from the rafters next week," she chuckled.

"The conventions have changed," Blanchard said, noting that national conventions once actually chose the party candidates and that, until recently, delegates arrived having no idea who their vice presidential candidate would be.

Conventions past have seen titanic struggles over the party's positions — the so-called "platform" — with roll call debates on issues ranging from civil rights to Vietnam to whether to seat a state delegation deemed to be insufficiently diverse or improperly chosen. "Now, they are all sort of coronations," said Blanchard, who says he is nevertheless excited, in part because he thinks his party's ticket of John Kerry and John Edwards "is maybe the strongest we've had in 40 years."

That may be debatable, what is not is that for many of the delegates (and the press)

national conventions these days are in many respects much more like high school reunions than anything else. Politicians and reporters see old friends they haven't seen in four years, relive old battles, open new bottles.

"You have to pace yourself," Blanchard said. You can easily spend all day talking politics and listening to speeches on the convention floor, and all night going from hotel to hotel and party to party.

Conventions are still politically worthwhile, he notes, because they serve two other key purposes. To introduce the party's candidates to the American people, many of whom have, until now, been paying scant attention to the process, and also to fire up the delegates to work hard for the ticket.

The best recent example of that was probably 1992, when Bill Clinton arrived at the convention trailing both President Bush and H. Ross Perot, and left the clear front-runner. Four years ago, the convention was duller, but delegates still talk about the startlingly passionate kiss between Al and Tipper Gore.

Most conventions produce some memorable moments. Mario Cuomo's famous speech in 1984, Clinton's famously long and boring speech in 1988, and the bizarre scene in 1980 when Jimmy Carter seemed to be chasing Ted Kennedy around the platform, trying futilely for the traditional victory embrace.

Democrats, who tend to be a more unruly lot than Republicans, have also had their presidential campaigns ruined by conventions. The worst of all time was the 1924 convention in New York City, when a deadlocked convention continued for three weeks and 104 ballots, until the nomination itself was worthless.

The ultimate modern horrors were 1968 in Chicago, when out-of-control cops tear-gassed and clubbed demonstrators and delegates, and 1972, when anarchy prevailed, vice presidential votes were actually cast for Mao Tse-tung, and the nominee didn't get to speak till 3 a.m. — prime time only on Guam.

Back then, networks prided themselves on so-called "gavel-to-gavel" coverage. Sadly, that's now a thing of the past. The major networks plan to show only three hours of coverage all week. That won't present many opportunities for the 155 Michigan delegates to see themselves in prime time.

Yet questions remain. Will John Kerry finally electrify people? Will Al Sharpton behave? Will Michigan's two party chairmen, who loathe each other, make nice for the cameras? Despite all the pre-packaging, something fascinating or bizarre is bound to happen. With Democrats, it nearly always does.

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Plan to protect the Great Lakes shouldn't be derailed by politics

This weekend my wife and I will be enjoying the beaches, bikeways and small towns along Lake Michigan. It is an annual ritual with suburban Detroit residents dating from the late 1800s, when trains ran regular schedules from Detroit to Traverse City, Petoskey and the Mackinac Straits.



Hugh Gallagher

The sandy beaches of Lake Michigan, the rocky shores of Lake Huron and the wilderness reaches of Lake Superior are a welcome respite from everyday life.

But we don't have to travel that far to appreciate the real value of our special position at the center of the Great Lakes. We need only drive over to the Detroit River and down to Lake Erie to see how we depend on these lakes for water to drink, to irrigate fields, generate power, transport raw materials, provide for a rich diversity of fish and as a playground for boaters.

These lakes are our treasure. They are the reason that every suggestion for the state's quarter included Michigan's unique outline of two peninsulas defined by the lakes and why Gov. Jennifer Granholm chose the design which included all five Great Lakes. Even if we never boat or fish or own property along these lakes, they are a vital part of who we are.

This past Monday, the Council of Great Lakes Governors and Canadian Premiers agreed on a draft proposal to protect Great Lakes waters from being siphoned away to other parts of the country or the world. The agreement requires that all eight Great Lakes states — Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York — must agree to any out-of-basin diversions of more than 1 million gallons of water per day. The agreement also would allow three states to veto any in-basin use of more than 5 million gallons a day.

The premiers of Ontario and Quebec have agreed to the pact.

Hearings are scheduled throughout the state to explain the agreement, which requires the approval of all the state Legislatures and Congress. The nearest is 2 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Michigan Library in Lansing.

The Great Lakes Charter was formed in 1985 to protect Great Lakes waters from diversion by the parched southwest and plains states. It was a minor issue during the last presidential election, when George W. Bush mused that such a diversion might be necessary someday. This year, it was candidate Sen. John Kerry who was caught off-guard and mused similarly. Last week on a visit to the

Since 1985, seven of the Great Lakes states and Ontario and Quebec have drawn up legislation to regulate large withdrawals of water. Only Michigan has failed to act.

state, Vice President Dick Cheney promised that the president would "never" allow the diversion of Great Lakes water, showing that some lessons do get learned.

Water diversion has become a bit of a political football in Michigan.

Since 1985, seven of the Great Lakes states and Ontario and Quebec have drawn up legislation to regulate large withdrawals of water. Only Michigan has failed to act. Granholm has been critical of Republican legislators for not moving on a number of bills introduced earlier this year to protect the state's waters. GOP leaders respond that Granholm hasn't been working with them to get the bills moved and they are critical of some items that they feel will have a negative impact on business.

What is clear is that our current laws do not adequately protect our water supply. Legal questions have been raised about whether a governor has the power to restrict diversion of water. The Great Lakes Charter draft proposal would make it difficult to nearly impossible to divert water, while at the same time provide a legal process that would probably pass muster.

This should not be an issue that divides on party lines. Republican Majority Leader Ken Sikma has been sensitive to environmental issues. It's definitely time for the governor and the opposition to quit spitting and take up a comprehensive program to protect the state's surface and groundwater supply and to sign on quickly to the draft proposal to prevent diversion from the Great Lakes.

And while we're discussing the lakes, we've been asking readers to share some of their favorite cottage memories for our Life Section. If you have a favorite getaway place, special inland lake or stream, pleasant forest drive, we'd like to share it with our readers. Also, if you have a picture showing some Michigan summer time fun, send it along to me at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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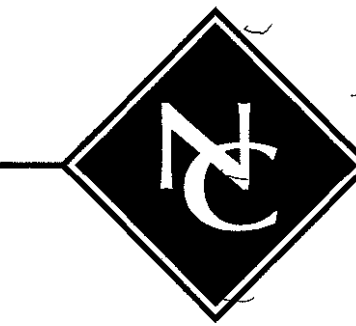
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Memorial run to benefit Angela Hospice

Farmington Hills resident Mary Angela DiGiovanni had a bright future, and deep desire to help others. Sadly, in January of 2003, the 24-year-old was involved in a fatal car accident.

This Aug. 15, Mary Angela will be remembered through the 2nd annual Mary Angela Run for Angela Hospice beginning at 9 a.m. on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus. The first event in Mary Angela's honor was held last August, and through the support of over 1,000 participants and sponsors, it raised \$60,000 to help care for terminally ill children and adults.

"This run not only provides a way for us to remember Mary Angela's wonderful qualities," said Nancy Jess, who is coordi-

nating the event with her husband, Dan, "it also supports an organization that is providing help to so many families in our community."

All proceeds from the event go to benefit Angela Hospice's programs for terminally ill patients and their families, including inpatient and home hospice care, pediatric and prenatal hospice programs, and grief support services which are offered free-of-charge to patient families and community members.

Individuals may participate in a number of ways to help support this important cause.

Registrations are now being taken for the 5K run, 10K run, or 1-Mile fitness walk, with a standard entry fee of \$20. For a \$50 donation, individuals can register as a "Mary's Angel,"

receiving entry in the race event of their choice, recognition on event signs, and a special "Mary's Angel" T-shirt.

"The community's support of this event is truly inspiring," said Dan Jess, race coordinator, and friend of Mary Angela's parents, Hummer General Manager Mike DiGiovanni, and Angela Hospice Ethics Manager Chris DiGiovanni. "The success of this event is a great tribute to Mary Angela. It reflects her character, her deep desire to help others, and her commitment to improving health care for those in need."

For more information on how you can help, or to register for this event, please call the race hotline at (734) 953-6015 or visit the Web site at www.angelahospice.org



Race coordinators Dan and Nancy Jess are organizing the Mary Angela Run for a second year in a row. Pictured are (from left) Chris DiGiovanni, Nancy Jess, Mike DiGiovanni and Dan Jess.

REUNIONS

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Class of 1960-66
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Belleville High School

Classes 1960 through 1969
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Belleville High School

Class of 1979
A 25-year reunion is planned for Aug. 21, 2004. For information call Jeanne at (734) 461-1861.

Belleville High School

All Classes
An all-class reunion is planned for Sept. 18, 2004. For information call Millie Baker at (734) 633-5231.

Berkley High School

Class of 1954
A 50-year class reunion is planned for Sept. 25, 2004, at the Royal Oak Elks. For more information call Pat Brennan Pahlak at (248) 398-4641 or Audrey (Auman) Cowles at (248) 541-7313.

Birmingham High School

Class of 1954
A reunion is planned for Oct. 22-24, 2004, at the Troy Marriott. For more information call Joan Gassaway Berndt at (248) 335-7160 or joangassaway@aol.com.

Brighton High School

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

Cabrini High School

Class of 1984
If you're interested in working on the 20-year reunion, please contact Debbie (Scott) Paulus at (734) 737-9743 or Laurie (Marra) Makavewicz at (734) 981-7263.

Center Line High School

Class of 1974
Center Line High School's Class of 1974 30-year reunion takes place Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Ford Conference & Event Center in Dearborn. Tickets are \$80 per person, which includes appetizers, strolling supper, open bar, entertainment, and valet parking. For more information call Karen Hudak Miller at (248) 569-7739 or e-mail her at Kare156@aol.com.

Canton and Salem

Class of 1994
A 10-year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004, at the Doubletree Hotel in Novi. For more information call Julie at (810) 227-4671 or e-mail Pcep1994@yahoo.com.

Clarenceville High School

Class of 1983-84
A double reunion is planned for Oct. 9, 2004, at Burton Manor. For more information call Julie at (248) 889-8850 or at cville reunion8384@hotmail.com.

Clawson High School

Class of 1979

A 25-year reunion is planned for Oct. 9, 2004, at Knights of Columbus Hall in Clawson. For more information call Tina (Robinson) Ulmer at (586) 530-8699.

Cody High School

Classes of 1950-1959
The class of 1957 has invited other interested friends from all the 1950s classes. Being held at 7 p.m. Oct. 9, 2004, at Fox Hills Golf and Country Club near Plymouth. Cost is \$75 per person, which includes sit-down dinner, open bar, music, and many surprises. Call for more info on golf and reservations at the Hilton Garden Suites. For further information call Loretta (Muciek) Nedwick at (800) 859-9502 or Leana (Nizio) Rourk at sarge51060@aol.com or (248) 486-7333.

Class of 1963 and 1964

A 40-year reunion will be Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest, 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti (734) 487-2000. Doors open 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. \$60 per person includes dinner/dancing, memory book, cash bar. Send check or money order to Cody Class Reunion, c/o Phil Varilone, 22911 Sheridan, Dearborn, MI 48128-2801. For more information, e-mail the reunion committee at 64Comets@comcast.net. Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, July 31, 2004, at Laurel Manor in Livonia. For more information contact www.cody74.com.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1954
A 50-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004. For information call Helen Kramer Turchan at (313) 565-4816 or Sally Hicks Williams at (734) 464-8263.

Dearborn High School

Class of 1974
A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Looking for classmates. Please pass the word. Contact Ann Kennedy Hutchins at (734) 591-6866.

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Denby High School

Class of 1964
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Detroit Denby High School

Class of 1949
A 55-year reunion is planned for Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center, 24225 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores. For information call (586) 778-3541 or (586) 777-5812.

Detroit Miller High School

Class of 1954
For the classes of January-June, August, a 50-year reunion dinner dance is planned for Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, 6 p.m. until 12 midnight at St. George Banquet Center, 2160 East Maple Road, Troy. Tickets \$40. For more information contact Edmund Spear at (313) 418-8983.

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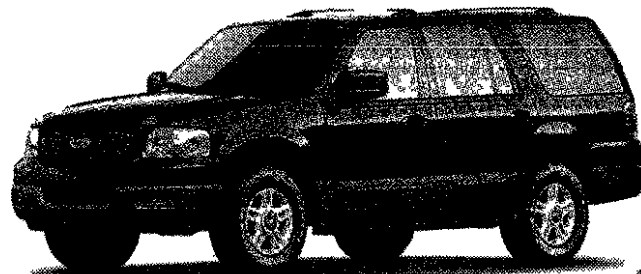
Class of 1974
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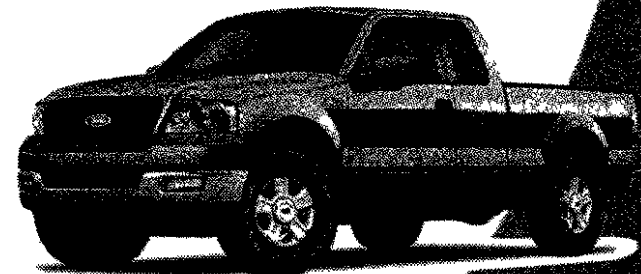
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Area shooters place at national tourney

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

A trip to San Antonio, Texas, proved to be on target for several Observerland shooters as they picked up a pair of bronze medals in the Scholastic Clay Target Program national championships.

Three of the shooters represented team Michigan and the Wayne County Sportsman club team in the Senior Experienced

Division of the skeet competition — Ryan Cafarelli of Canton and Steve Rais and Ryan Posler of Livonia. The trio, along with Mark Burch of Dearborn and Bryan Jedinak of South Lyon, had 1,066 points out of a possible 1,125.

"Actually, we could have done better," said Posler, who just graduated from Franklin High School. "My normal average is 96-98 (of 100) and I averaged 90. But this was definitely an

experience."

Cafarelli had the hot trigger as he scored a perfect 100 in the first round and 98 in the second to finish third individually.

"I missed one in the first round (of four) and one in the second," said Cafarelli, the recent Canton grad who took this up competitively 3 1/2 years ago. "Two other shooters had perfect scores."

The team took home a sixth in the sporting clays competi-

tion out of 14 teams, but the Island Lake Wackers out of Brighton came away with a third-place finish in that event — as well as a fourth in the skeets.

"It was a blast. It was hot, but it was fun," said Redford Thurston sophomore Danny Williams, a member of the Wackers. "I shot 80 and 84 out of 100 in the clays (an event with different stations and setup than skeet shoot-

ing) and 90 and 91 in the skeet. My grandfather got me into this a long time ago and I've been shooting competitively for the last four years."

All the team members received a bronze medal and a \$100 scholarship savings bond from the National Shooting Sports Foundation for their finish.

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Sidelines

College notes

■ Wayne State University signed three area athletes to letters of intent for cross country. Thurston's Meghan Wafer and Livonia Stevenson's Sarah Kearfott will run with the women's team, while Catholic Central's David Lucas will run for the men's team.

Both Lucas and Wafer were first-team All-Observer last season.

■ Adam Miller (Livonia) signed a letter of intent to play hockey for Ferris State University. Miller, a forward, had 46 points in 54 games for the Des Moines (Iowa) Buccaneers of the United States Hockey league last season.

Tryouts

■ Livonia Churchill will hold boys golf tryouts on at 10 a.m. on Aug. 5 and 6 at Whispering Willows Golf Course.

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

■ Garden City will hold pre-season conditioning and tryouts for the upcoming boys soccer season.

Conditioning will begin Aug. 2 and run until Aug. 5. Each session runs from 6-8 p.m. and will be at Garden City Middle School.

For more information, call Bill Torri at (734) 522-4094 or visit <http://members.aol.com/gcvsoccer>.

Track honors

The University of Detroit-Mercy honored two area athletes in its annual track awards.

Sophomore Tom Grant (Farmington Hills/Catholic Central) received the Coach's Award on the men's team for his performance in the hurdles, as well as the long jump.

Maura Mulcahy (Canton/Liv Ladywood) earned most improved honors in the long jump on the women's team. Mulcahy is sixth all-time in the 800 meters for the Titans.

PCJBA registration

Registration for the Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association's 2004-05 season will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Salvation Army located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

The registration fee is \$115 for the league, which includes boys and girls in grades third through eighth. For more information, contact Al Flower at (734) 464-6830.

Golf notes

Three area golfers performed well at the Buick Junior Open ending Thursday, held at the Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden.

For the boys, Plymouth's Adam Hoque — a Catholic Central junior-to-be — finished in a tie for 24th by shooting three rounds of 75 for a 225 total. Canton's Phillip Marsh tied for 34th overall with rounds of 76-74-78 — 228.

On the girls side, Livonia's Rachel McHenry finished in 17th. The senior-to-be at Stevenson had rounds of 85-81-83 for a 249 total.

Plymouth's Arapoff helps keep Lions in tip-top shape

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Jason Arapoff's Allen Park "office" is equipped with \$750,000 worth of exercise equipment, a stereo sound system that would make Jay-Z envious and — most of the time — as many as 60 of the strongest, fastest athletes walking on the face of the planet.

Yes, Arapoff's office is unique, but so is his job.

The 39-year-old Plymouth Township resident is the Detroit Lions' strength-and-conditioning coach, a position that requires him to do everything from making sure the



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Rams clinch AAABA World Series berth

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

Runs were at a premium on Wednesday night, but the Michigan Lake Area Rams were the ones who scored the premium run.

Ryan Heath's bases-loaded single with no one out scored Adam Schulz with the winning run as the Rams earned a 1-0 win over the Longhorns in Livonia Collegiate Baseball League play — as well as winning the league's berth in the

AAABA National Tournament in Johnston, Pa., beginning Aug. 8.

As has been the story in several games this season, the Rams (20-9-1) were out-hit by their opponents — in this case, 7-5, by the Longhorns (18-10-2).

But the Longhorns scattered their seven hits over nine innings. The Rams had a pair of singles in the fifth off losing pitcher Rob Whipple, but came up with three in the ninth.

Heath was 2-for-4 with the RBI, while Schulz doubled to start the ninth. Nick

Thurman and Dan Dobberowsky both singled for the Rams, with Thurman's coming in the ninth to load the bases.

Todd Kalmbach and Todd Tindall both had a pair of hits for the Longhorns, while Jamey Embree, Andy Brinker and Derek VanBuskirk all singled.

Ben Darga got the win for the Rams, allowing just one walk and striking out six. Whipple allowed five hits, four walks and struck out four.

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Himm anxious for Transplant Games

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Larry Hagman doesn't pull up his shirt to show his scars to just anyone. But he did at the banquet honoring last year's participants in the annual U.S. Transplant Games.

Hagman had a kidney transplant, and therefore shares an organ transplant experience with 2,000 people expected to attend the 2004 Games running Tuesday through Aug. 1 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Daniel Himm of Livonia, 18, will be there — 5 1/2 years after undergoing a heart transplant.

"They tell you to just keep working hard and be grateful for getting a second chance at life," said Himm, on a break recently from his caddying job at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville.

In 1998, 12-year-old Himm needed a heart transplant as he'd been dealing with a weak heart for years, due to a birth defect which transposed the great arteries to opposite sides of the heart.

After struggling with the weakening condition throughout childhood, doctors tried a new procedure. When it failed, they put him on life support for nine days, performed the transplant, then put him in a deep sleep for a month for the surgery to take.

After he was awakened, "They say take your son home and treat him normally," recalled Daniel's mother Carol Watson-Himm. "He's been relatively healthy the last 5 1/2 years."

Himm said he feels much stronger. "Now I can caddy and rock climb, rollerblade and not even feel tired."

At the games, transplant recipients



Himm

Interest slows for modified fastpitch

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Much like eight-track tapes, the Bee Gees and the video game "Pong," modified-pitch softball thrived in the Observerland area during the late-70s and early-80s.

But now, 25 years later, the sport is facing the same unfortunate demise as the previously mentioned attractions.

Modified-pitch softball is best described as slow-pitch softball with some spice. Pitchers cannot use a windmill delivery like in fast-pitch softball, but they can still generate 70-mph pitches with the straight-back and straight-forward style that is allowed.

"I like modified because it's a lot more like regular baseball than slow-pitch softball," said Livonia resident Ruck Williamson, who has played modified for the past 33 years. "You can bunt, steal bases, hit and run, a lot of things that aren't allowed in slow-pitch softball. The game is a lot quicker, too. It takes about an hour and 10 minutes to play seven innings in modified."

Judging by the steadily decreasing number of active teams playing in the area, modified-pitch softball is a dying sport. Just 20 years ago, there were 16 teams playing in the Plymouth league and over 30 competing in Livonia. Currently, there are 13 teams playing in both leagues combined (four in Plymouth and nine in Livonia).

"Unfortunately, the Plymouth league is in danger of getting canceled altogether," said John Cunningham, a veteran of 36 modified seasons. "The rec department has an eight-team slow-pitch league that would like to take over Massey Field next year. If we can't find more teams, modified will probably be eliminated, which would be a terrible thing."

Why is modified-pitch softball fading from the sports landscape? "I think the number one reason is because younger kids aren't playing baseball as much as they used to," Williamson said. "There are more and more kids playing sports like soccer and golf, so they're steering away from sports like modified. Then when they get older and they want to play softball, it's much easier to hit the ball in slow-pitch than it is in our sport."

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Team Budweiser pitcher Mike Culver of Canton rears back before delivering a pitch in the Plymouth Modified Softball League played at Massey Field

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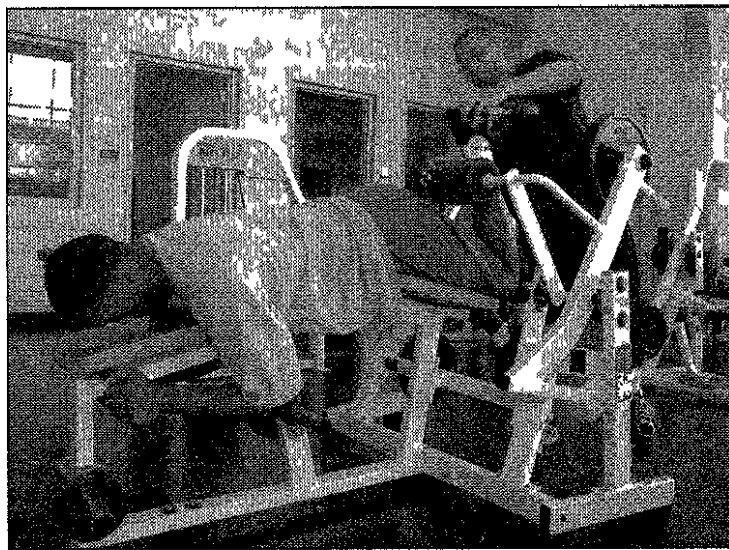
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team's players are in optimal physical condition to monitoring the facility's high-tech sound system

"I control the volume of the stereo, but I usually let the players choose the music," said Arapoff, referring to his least-important responsibility with the Lions. "I tell them that as long as they would feel comfortable listening to the song in the car with their parents, then they can play it in here"

The upcoming season will be Arapoff's fourth with the Lions. He spent the previous 13 seasons in a similar capacity with the Washington Redskins (Lions president and chief executive officer) Matt Millen and I developed a strong relationship during his last season playing with the Redskins," Arapoff said. "When Matt accepted the job with the Lions, he asked me to join him as the team's strength-and-conditioning coach. It was difficult to leave Washington because I loved it there, but I couldn't be happier than where I'm at now."

"I love the community, my neighbors, downtown Plymouth. It couldn't be better for myself and my family (wife Jennifer, and daughters Julia, 4, and 2-year-old twins Anna and Alexa). In fact, I just told Matt that we have to start winning more because I don't feel



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Detroit Lions linebacker Boss Bailey, a second year starter works on leg curls with Monday Gee (right) strength/conditioning assistant at the Detroit Lions facility

like moving again"

Arapoff's work days usually begin around 6 a.m. when the players start filing into the team's state-of-the-art training center, which includes everything from mountains of free weights to whirlpools equipped with exercise bikes.

On most nights he doesn't leave the Lions' Allen Park practice facility until 7 p.m. Despite the long hours, there's nothing he'd rather be doing.

"I love this job because of the players I get to work with," Arapoff said. "They're young, talented and in the prime of their lives. The average fan doesn't get to see the work that goes into being a professional football player. They see the players

out there on Sunday afternoons, but they don't see the commitment that goes into it during the week and the off-season."

"Look at Boss Bailey over there," Arapoff said, gesturing in the direction of the Lions' second-year linebacker. "It's the middle of July and he's in here working his tail off. My job is to maximize the players' ability, but their dedication to getting better makes my job easier."

Each of the Lions players has a specific workout plan developed by Arapoff. The regimen is structured based on a number of variables, including the player's position, weight and age. "We start with a large blueprint for all the players in gen-

CONDITIONING TIPS

Detroit Lions strength and conditioning coach Jason Arapoff offered the following tips for high school football players who are gearing up for practices beginning Aug. 9.

■ **Hydration** - Staying properly hydrated is very important. Drink a lot of water before, during and after practices.

■ **Rest** - Get more rest than you think you need. Get off your feet after practice.

■ **Eat right** - Eat three square meals a day with healthy snacks in between. You should eat at least five pieces of fruit a day and three to four servings of vegetables.

■ **Sleep is vital** - Once practice starts, try to go to bed at the same time every night, the earlier the better. Try to develop a regular sleep routine.

■ **Don't stop lifting** - In-season training is very important. Even after two days start you need to keep lifting because once the season begins it's more important than ever that you're strong.

eral, then that is broken down into the different positions on the team," he explained. "For example, a 185-pound defensive back is going to have more cardiovascular work than a 350-pound lineman."

A vital tool for Arapoff is a device that can measure each player's percentage of body fat

"A player may come in before training camp and tell me he lost 10 pounds since the end of last season," Arapoff said. "Well, I need to know if he lost 10 pounds of muscle or 10 pounds of fat."

Arapoff said he works out on a regular basis himself and follows the nutritional guidelines that he designs for the players. "It would be hypocritical if I walked in here every day with a big donut in my hand," he said. "I think it's important that I practice what I preach. I won't ask a player to try something (with the exercise machines) unless I've tried it first myself."

During game days, Arapoff handles a number of administrative duties for head coach Steve Marucci. He also serves as the team's 'get-back' coach.

"When we make a big play and the players on the sidelines start celebrating and running towards the field, it's my job to get between the players and the field and yell 'Get back!'" Arapoff said. "It's a lot like trying to prevent waves from crashing onto the beach."

Arapoff enjoyed a stellar collegiate football career at Division II Springfield (Mass.) College, where he played defensive back from 1985-88.

"I was pretty fast for that environment," he said, smiling. "But put me out there with our players now, and, no, I wouldn't be considered fast. It's all relative, I guess."

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get a chance to talk about their unique shared experiences, which include taking medication for life to head off organ rejection. They also strive to maintain white blood cells to guard against infection.

"They tell you to get exercise and eat healthy," Kimm said. "You try not to eat too much junk food, and not to stay up too late. I hardly ever go to McDonald's anymore. Maybe once every two weeks and I just get a sundae."

Participants typically sell raffle tickets to earn money to attend.

Kimm will play golf, his favorite sport, at the games. He has scored in the 90s. He'll also participate in bowling and volleyball.

The games close with a large barbecue.

The home-schooled high school senior said he'll seek a career in radio or as an air traffic controller.

Transplant Games sponsors include Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation and Purefecta and Gift of Life Michigan. Our goal is to show the world that transplant recipients are leading healthy, active lives," said Dan Carney, president and CEO of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of transplantation, Dr. Joseph Murray who headed the Boston team that performed the first successful kidney transplant in 1954 will be honored.

There are more than 80,000 Americans on the national waiting list for organ transplants, including more than 2,700 in Michigan.

According to Joseph Mauri, Team Michigan Chairman and a kidney donor to his son, "By participating in the games these athletes can help draw attention to the critical need for increased organ donation in this country."

For more information about Team Michigan or to receive a free organ donor card, contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at 800-482-1455 or visit www.nkfm.org

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TENNIS

Here are the results of the Sixth Annual Jud Kingsbury Memorial Junior USTA Tournament held on July 18 at the Livonia YMCA.

Boys 18-Champion James Steward
Finalist Ronald Rodgerson

Boys 18-Consolation winner Ryan Buck
Finalist James Kiurski

Boys 16-Champion Adam Williams
Finalist Ryan Kingsbury

Boys 16-Consolation Winner Michael Nosanchuk
Finalist Michael Horgan

Boys 14-Champion Kevin Karoub
Finalist Peter Rothstein

Boys 14-Consolation Winner Joel Segel
Finalist Alex Edwards

Boys 12 Champion Hunter Brielfield
Finalist Mihai Mihaliescu

Boys 12 Consolation Winner Corey Goodstein
Finalist Patrick Bowers

Boys 10-Champion Jonathan Zhou
Finalist Stephen Payne

Boys 10-Consolation Winner Arthur Pawlikowski
Finalist Max Lee

Girls 18-Champion Ashley Moccia
Finalist Lindsay Zuhke

Girls 18-Consolation Winner Kiersten Pasley
Finalist Chelsea Darouie

Girls 16-Champion Jennifer Nalepa
Finalist Saemee Chung

Girls 16-Consolation Winner Diana Ticu
Finalist Elena Rose

Girls 14-Champion Chloe Karoub
Finalist Karen Karoub

Girls 14-Consolation Winner Austin Lavalli
Finalist Natasha Dabrowski

Girls 10-Champion Rebecca Michelson
Finalist Maria Mihaliescu

Girls 10-Consolation Winner Jane Zieck
Finalist Monica Behera

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South All-Stars take 'Incredible' all-star softball win

Led by the league champion Northville Broncos, the South Division earned bragging rights by winning the Girls Incredible Fastpitch Softball League all-star game.

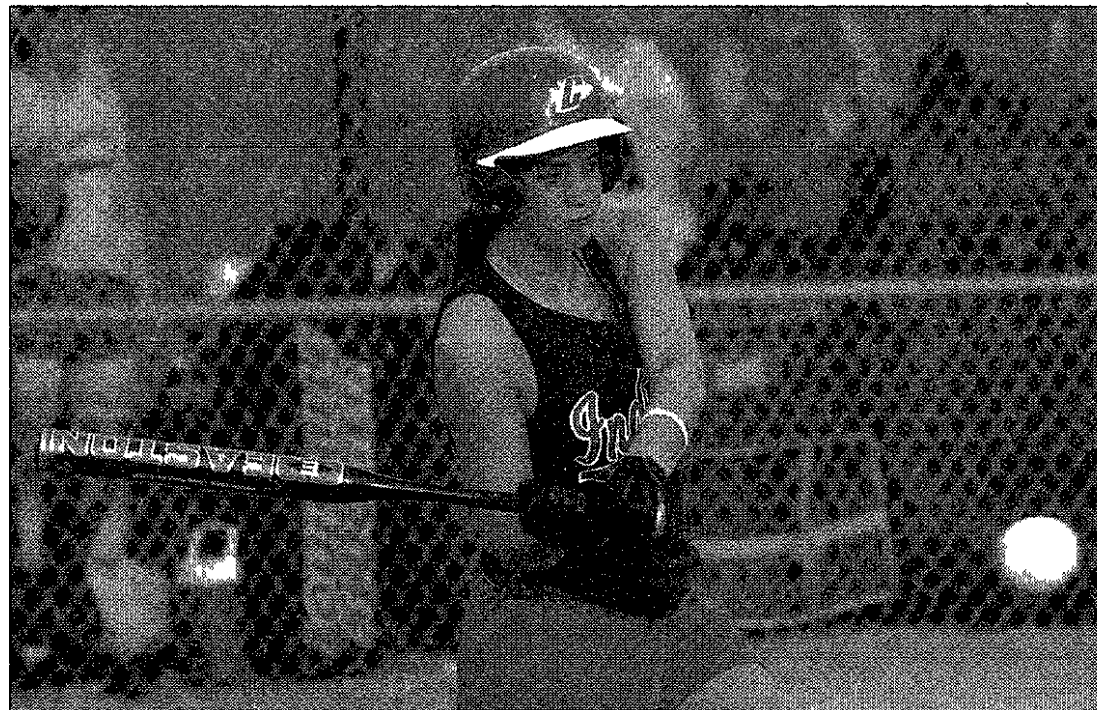
The South defeated the North Division in nine innings Thursday night at North Farmington High School, 4-0.

It was a fun end to the season and a great reward for some of the kids who did the best job during the year," said North coach Marty Gold, who guided the North Farmington Peaches to a runner-up finish.

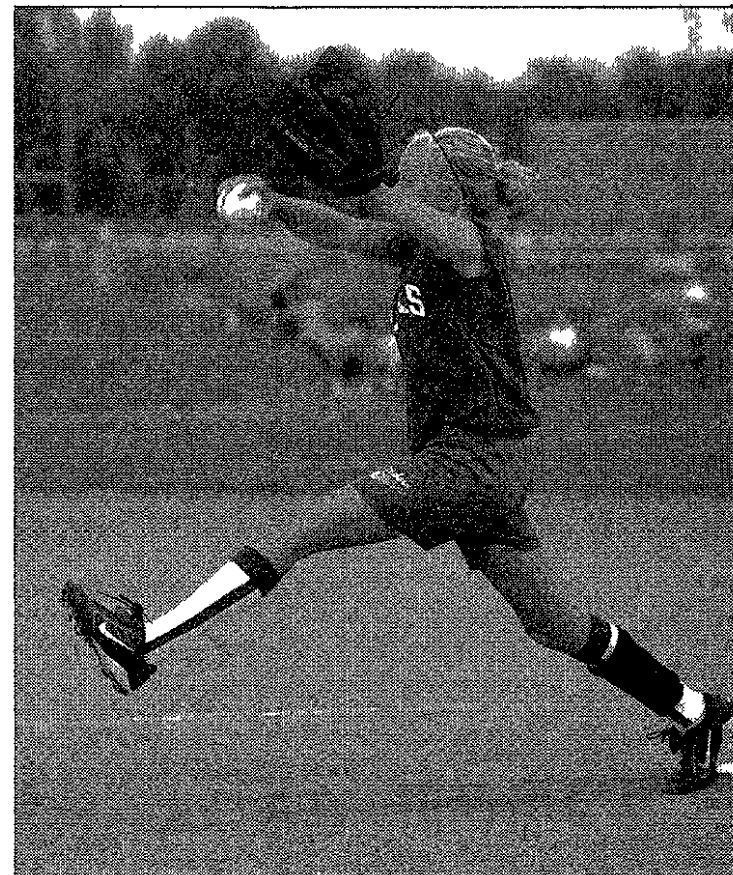
Jenna Dumbleton, who led the Broncos to the league title, started and pitched four innings for the South.

She gave up three hits, struck out five and hit one batter. The South used three pitchers and allowed five hits overall.

The winners had seven hits and two walks off six North pitchers. Stephanie Leeb (Hornets), Rachel Abruzzo (Peaches) and Stephanie Westcott (Flyers/Flash) threw two innings apiece, and Dana Velzy (Flyers/Flash), Meghan Bahr (Hornets) and Ashley Wrobel (Majestics) worked one



Canton's Erica Perkovich is ready to connect during the third inning.



Ladywood's Katie Saddison pitches for the South team in the 7th inning.

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inning each.

The South scored twice in the first inning and added single runs in the fourth and seventh innings.

Christine Zawacki and Kristy Dadeen, both of whom played for the Broncos, knocked in one run apiece with a double. Jessica Pepp (Livonia Lancers) drove in a run with a groundout, and

Kelly Behr (Thunder) added an RBI single.

Bridget Hughes (Broncos), Dumbleton and the Plymouth Lightning's Allison Proodian and Amy Caves had the remaining hits for the South.

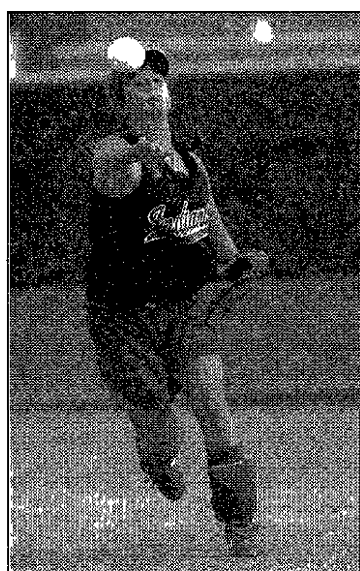
The North hits came from Stephanie Ramirez (Flyers/Flash), Liz Ghannam (Hornets), Velzy,

Leeb and Marisa Ketchum (Rangers).

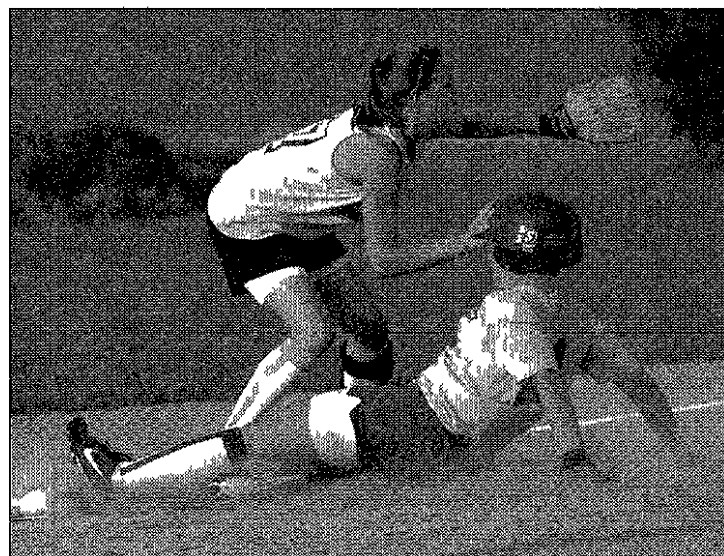
The South all star roster also included Laura Zima, Broncos, Bridget Long, Cat Sidor, Livonia Gators, Britney Scero, Erica Perkovich, Canton Cobras, Katie Zink, Kelly Behr, Plymouth Thunder, Katie Sandison, Brittney Scarlett, Livonia Sharks, and Ashley Bonsall, Lisa Garbutt, Livonia Lasers.

Also representing the North were Katie Boland, Sydney Close, Jessica Gold, Peaches, Britni Adams, Redford Rangers, Molly McAuley, Farmington Flyers/Flash, Mo McNeil, Farmington Hills Hornets,

Ariana Beers, Farmington Majestics, Sarah Elkus, Michelle Lankowski, West Bloomfield Blizzards, Tricia Hackman, Amanda McCrittall, Walled Lake Wings, and Katlyn Cahill, Beverly Hills Hawks.



South All Stars Shortstop Britney Scero of Canton throws to first base for an out during the second inning.



Redford's Marisa Ketchum (sliding) had a hit for the North squad in the game.

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Underdog Warriors meet Huskies in MSHL final

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

MSHL PLAYOFFS

The seventh-seeded Warriors continued their upset-minded stretch Thursday night and wound up playing for a championship.

The Warriors dropped the fourth-seeded Wildcats 8-5 thanks to a four goal second period and advanced to the Metro Summer Hockey League finals against the No. 2 seed Huskies at 7 p.m. tonight at Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The Huskies moved to the finals with a 9-4 win over the Broncos in Thursday's other semi.

As for the Warriors Ferris State University recruit Dan Riedel had three goals while Jordan Black (Canton) had two. Brent Cooper had a goal and two assists. Jason Moul (Livonia/Thurston) had a goal and an assist and Jason Bloomingsburg had a goal. Brandon Secro (Canton) had

three goals and an assist to lead the Wildcats, while Ryan Maki had a goal and two assists and Zach Pearson had a goal and an assist.

Chris Bahash and Jimmy Spratt split time in the net for the win while Paul Soli took the loss for the Wildcats.

In the other semifinal, Dwight Helminen and Asher Hirshberg had two goals each to lead the Huskies to the win. Lars Helminen, Phil Pietila, Trent Daavetula, Todd Pietila and Dean Kangas all scored a solo goal.

Chris Walsh, Zach MacVoy (Livonia), Brett John (Plymouth/Redford CC) and Adam Abrahamson (Livonia) all scored for the Broncos.

Joe Rutherford got the win for the Huskies, while Stephen Yu (Garden City) took the loss.

Broncos 9: Buckeyes 5: A five goal third period moved the Broncos into the semifinals

on Wednesday night. Pete Pfeffer (Farmington Hills/Redford CC) had two goals and an assist, A.J. Balaze had a pair of goals, Adam Abrahamson (Livonia) had a goal and two assists, Brandon Naurato (Livonia/Redford CC) had a goal and an assist, and Billy Burns (Livonia/Redford CC) and Adam Stoner (Livonia) Chris Walsh, Matt Fortier (Livonia) and Teddy Theodoroff had two assists each.

Chad Kolarik scored three goals to lead the Buckeyes, while Ryan Ward and Brandon Marneau had one each. Stephen Madej got the win for the Broncos, while Brian Linley (Plymouth) took the loss.

Warriors 6, Bulldogs 2: The Bulldogs held a 2-0 lead after the first period, but the Warriors shut them down the rest of the way, scoring six unanswered goals on Wednesday. Jason Bloomingsburg

(Canton) and Jordan Black (Canton) had two goals and an assist each, Dan Riedel had a goal and an assist and Justin Jagusz (Redford) had a goal for the Warriors. James Crank and Marco Trevino both had a goal and an assist for the Bulldogs. Jimmy Spratt and Chris Bahash split time for the win, while Ryan Rathbun took the loss in goal.

Warriors 12, Wolverines 3: A five-goal second period broke the game wide open as nine different Warriors found the back of the net Tuesday.

Brent Cooper, Adam Krug (Canton) and Justin Jagusz (Redford) scored two goals each, while Ryan Bond, Jason Bloomingsburg (Canton) and Jordan Black (Canton) had a goal and two assists. Jason Moul (Livonia/Thurston), James Ciotti and Dan Riedel had a goal and an assist and Mitch Ganzak had three assists.

Derek Patrosso had the lone goal for the Wolverines. Jimmy

Spratt and Chris Bahash teamed up for the win in goal, while Bill Ruggerio and Ryan Gregory took the loss.

Buckeyes 8, Whalers 6: The Buckeyes scored three goals in less than three minutes of the third period to come away with the win Tuesday.

Bill Loupee scored two of the three — including the game winner — and wound up with three on the night. Scott Marlinga had three goals and an assist, while Brandon Marneau had two goals and an assist with Ryan Ward kicking in with three assists.

Chris Conner (Westland) led the Whalers with two goals and three assists, Todd Kesler had two goals and Mark McCreary and Jordan Ingram had a goal each.

Brian Linley (Plymouth) got the win in goal, while Brad Smith took the loss.

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The camp features Schoolcraft men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs, SC assistant and former NBA player Fred Cofield, along with Farmington High varsity coach Steve Norgrove.

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The Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association will be holding its 2004 Open Fall Co-ed Baseball registration on Saturday, Aug 7, from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the Arts II room of the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-18 who are residents of Canton, Plymouth or who attend school in the PCCS school district. All registrants must show proof of age and residency at the time of registration. Fees will range from \$70-\$110 for rec leagues. Forms are also available in the lobby at the Summit and can be mailed in with a copy of your child's birth certificate and fee to the address on the flyer.

All fees are non-refundable. Payments should be made to CCJBSA in cash, money order or personal check with a local address. Credit or debit cards are not accepted.

Practices will start during the final week of August with games starting after Labor Day. The season will run until the latter part of October.

For more information on leagues for kids aged 4-13, call Chris Angel at (734) 981-3007. Questions regarding leagues involving kids aged 14-18, contact Bob Unis at (734) 454-5725.

Those interested in coaching should note their interest on the registration form.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Plymouth Recreation Department will be running two Men's fall softball leagues. Class D and below will run Tuesdays and Thursdays, while Open class will play on Mondays and Wednesdays. All games will be played at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

New team registration begins on Aug 9 and will end Aug 13 or until the leagues are full. Registration is for teams only. The season starts Sept 7.

For more information, please call (734) 455-6620 ext 302, or visit www.ci.plymouth.mi.us

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Michigan Indians U15

baseball team will hold tryouts from 6-8 p.m. on Aug 5, 12 and 19 at Walled Lake Middle School.

The team will play in the Michigan Superior League, play in six tournaments and train at Total Baseball.

For more information, call Aaron Knieper at (248) 668-0166 or (248) 219-8205. He can also be reached by e-mail at arknieper@aol.com

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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.

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FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, will be running a series of fall baseball leagues on Saturdays including ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, along with a high school Saturday and Sunday wooden bat league beginning Aug 14.

There are 12 games per season (plus playoffs for qualifying team).

The cost is \$225 per individual or \$1,399 per team (includes umpire and field fees). You can register online at www.total-baseball.com

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Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, Wixom, is offering private lessons and training for softball and baseball (ages 6-18).

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Lessons are by appointment only. The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five lessons.

The facility will also hold its annual baseball and softball hitting camps from 9 a.m. - noon on Aug 9-11. The camps are for ages 7-17.

The cost is \$120 per player with a second child getting a \$10 discount.

For more information, call (248) 668-0166, or visit www.totalbaseball.com. You can also e-mail totalballwixom.com

PLAYERS WANTED

Waza FC is looking for players for an U10 and U13 girls soccer team.

For more information, call Colleen Debolski at (248) 477-1252 or e-mail wazaclubmanager@hotmail.com

SKATEBOARD CONTEST

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department is holding a skateboarding contest, sponsored by PLUSkateboarding, at 5 p.m. on July 30 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center Skate Park.

The contest has divisions for beginner, intermediate and advanced boarders.

Registration begins at 4:15 the day of the event at the park and the entry fee is \$5. Helmets are required to compete.

For more information, call Rob at (248) 426-0899

LIVONIA REC LEAGUES

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Center is looking for teams for its mens basketball and co-ed adult volleyball leagues.

The basketball league will play on Wednesdays with game times each hour from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$250 plus officials and will be held at the Livonia Community Recreation Center main gym. There is an eight team maximum with 12 players per team.

The volleyball league will also go on Wednesdays at the

LCRC MAC gym. The fee is \$250 per team with an \$11 per team, per game fee for officials. There is a six-team maximum with 10 players per team.

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MU X-COUNTRY

Madonna University will offer cross country as a varsity sport for men and women, beginning with the 2005-06 school year.

The programs will begin play and compete for championships in both the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference

and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in that season. The sport will bring the number of varsity programs the school offers to 11.

No coach has been named yet and the school will begin its search for one immediately. Athletic director Bryan Ruzzo is beginning the search for a head coach for both teams. Resumes and cover letters can be sent to his attention at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150.

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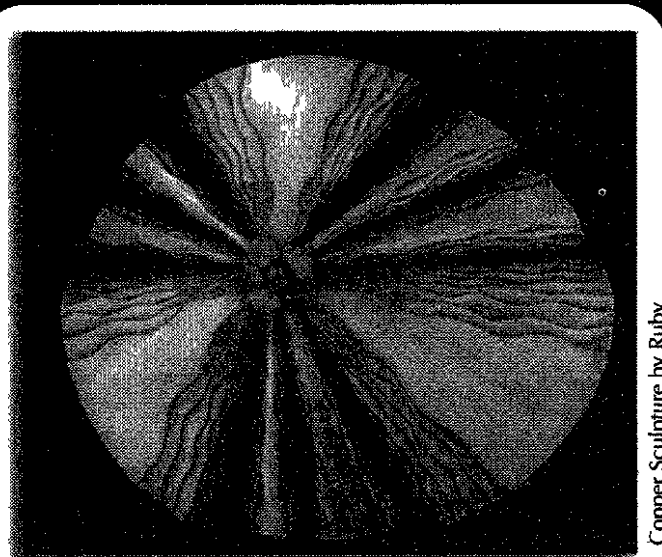
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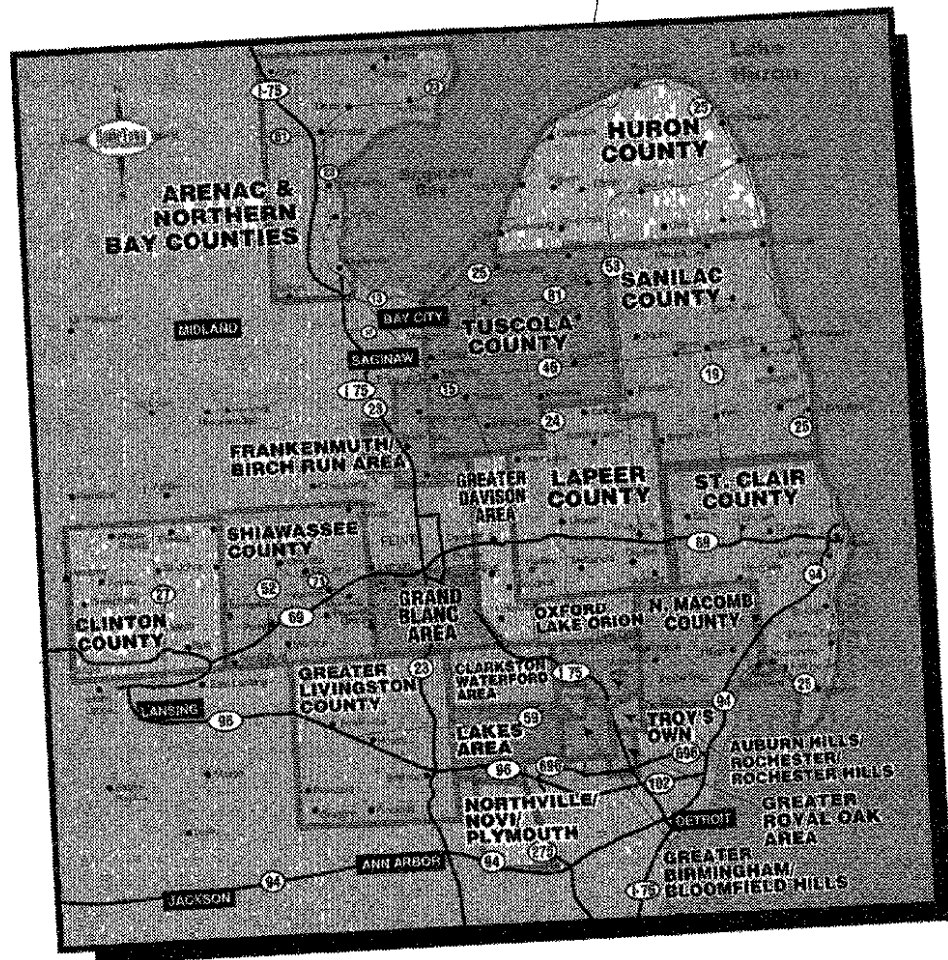
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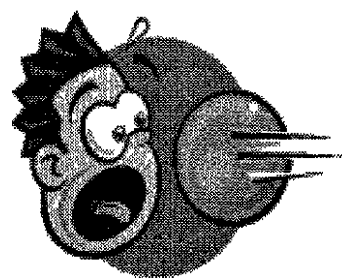
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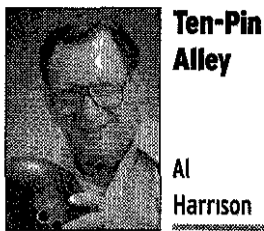
Area winners abound in GDBA tournament results

Long after the excitement of competition has subsided and the smoke has cleared, the official results are in for the 91st Annual Greater Detroit Bowling Association championship tournament.

While the allocated space on this page would not accommodate all of the winners and those who cashed, the following is a list of bowlers from the Observer & Eccentric cities who finished in the top 10 in any category they would be competing in. Cash prizes are shown in parenthesis.

Singles Handicap seventh place winner, Richard E. Haast of Livonia, 780 (\$100), eighth place, Matthew J. Kowalczyk of Garden City, 778 (\$90), **Singles Scratch** sixth place, Paul A. March of Southfield, 770 (\$80), 10th place, Kowalczyk, 746 (\$60), **All-Events Handicap**, fourth place, Kowalczyk, 2,244 (\$180), eighth place, Michael J. Motrinc of Livonia, 2,185 (\$130), **All-Events Scratch**, third place, Kowalczyk, 2,148 (\$125), fourth place, Jason G. Johnson of Southfield, 2,146 (\$100), **Team Scratch**, seventh place, Plaza Lanes of Canton, 3,448 (\$100), eighth place, Storm No. 1 from Garden City, 3,440 (\$100), **Doubles Scratch**, 10th place, David Mahaz/Lonnie Jones of Southfield, 1,383 (\$80).

The first and second spots were top-heavy with the prize money, so it takes a few more strikes along the way to move up to the top in each category. Our local lads did pretty well, except that the East Siders came away



Ten-Pin Alley
Al Harrison

with most of the big money.

The GDBA will have its annual league officers' schools in a few weeks. The locations and dates for the Observerland locations are as follows: Redford Beech Lanes, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Mayflower Lanes, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, Farmington Hills Drakeshire Lanes, 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Country Lanes, Saturday, Aug. 7, call for exact time (248) 476-3201, Livonia Cloverlanes, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, Merrin Bowl, 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, Woodland Lanes, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, Wonderland Lanes, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, Plymouth Plaza Lanes, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Other nearby cities - Dearborn Heights Cherry Hill Lanes, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, Collier Lanes, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Ford Lanes, call (313) 292-1700 for date and time, Southfield Plum Hollow Lanes, 6:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, Taylor Skore Lanes, 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, Taylor Lanes, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2.

This is a unique service on behalf of all leagues. The volunteer directors who run the show will also hand out the necessary supplies for the secretaries - awards forms, rule books, schedules, secretaries instruction sheet, individual bowler record sheets and a yearbook.

Even those officers of non-sanctioned leagues are welcome to attend. There is no charge, and the information given out can only make it easier to run a bowling league.

Upcoming dates to take action: Saturday, Aug. 14, for Brian Voss at Tim Wiczorek's bowling clinic all day at Five-Star Lanes, 2666 Metro Parkway (16 Mile Road) in Sterling Heights. Remember Monday, Aug. 23, at 7 p.m. for the John P. Gavie Memorial Tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. Get entries in early as this one is usually a sellout.

The next American Bowling Congress national convention will be March 16-20 in Baton Rouge, La. Actually, it will be the first United States Bowling Congress convention and tournament. It will be a whole new ballgame this time, the merger having been voted on and enacted this year.

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

COACHING OPENINGS

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Hilbert Junior High in Redford is looking for girls basketball coaches for its seventh and eighth grade basketball teams.

To apply, send a resume to Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI, 48240, attn: athletic director Brett Steele, or call him at (313) 242-4270.

Plymouth High School is searching for head coaches for

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Phoenix rises to enrich lives

When Paul Sutherland was at Canton High School, he wanted to create a band

"The band program at PCEP was very focused on quality of performance and competition, there wasn't really an all-inclusive group where students could escape the pressures involved in that," he said. "A band at sporting events was always something I wanted to be a part of, and the lack of such a band at the park created a very wide gap between the music and athletic programs that I wanted to try and bridge."

That's how the band Phoenix began. These young musicians have found what they love to do and now they're looking for a way to get paid (and continue their education). They've performed at Art in the Park and will headline the Aug. 4 Music in the Park Hometown Kids concert.

Phoenix band members are from Salem and Canton's classes of 2002-06: Eric "Pi" Bottorff, baritone; John Georgievski, electric guitar; Stephanie "Holly" Kozlowski, assistant manager (EMU — elementary education); Dan McClain, trumpet (EMU — music education); Joe Murphy, trombone; Kyle Peters, trumpet; Pete Pietryga, trumpet and vocals; Brian Roberson, trumpet and keyboards (EMU — English); Kris Sensabaugh, alto sax (EMU); Paul Sutherland, trombone, vocals, manager (CMU — communications and music); Jeff Thieleman drums; Ron "Bass X" Thieleman, electric bass & vocals (Concordia — music); Matt Ucinski, clarinet (EMU); and "Vink" Andrew Vink, alto sax.

The sound of music from Phoenix is brassy and unique. Add in Paul's philosophy about music and you have the beat that makes this group so appealing to audiences.

Friendship is what makes the people in the band make music well together and has made the experience valuable to everyone. Playing music is how we get together as a group of friends. The fun of being musicians together is what drives us.

"Music is about more than being good. At its heart, it's really just about having fun, not just as a performer, but as a member of an audience. When we know the audience and the band is having fun, it creates a connection, and that connection is a part of what makes performing music truly meaningful."

Adults want to provide every opportunity for young people to learn and accomplish their goals. We're willing to drive them everywhere they have to go and spend money.

But we also have to be willing to step back every once in a while and let kids do what they do best — to play and to amaze us with their creativity and spirit.

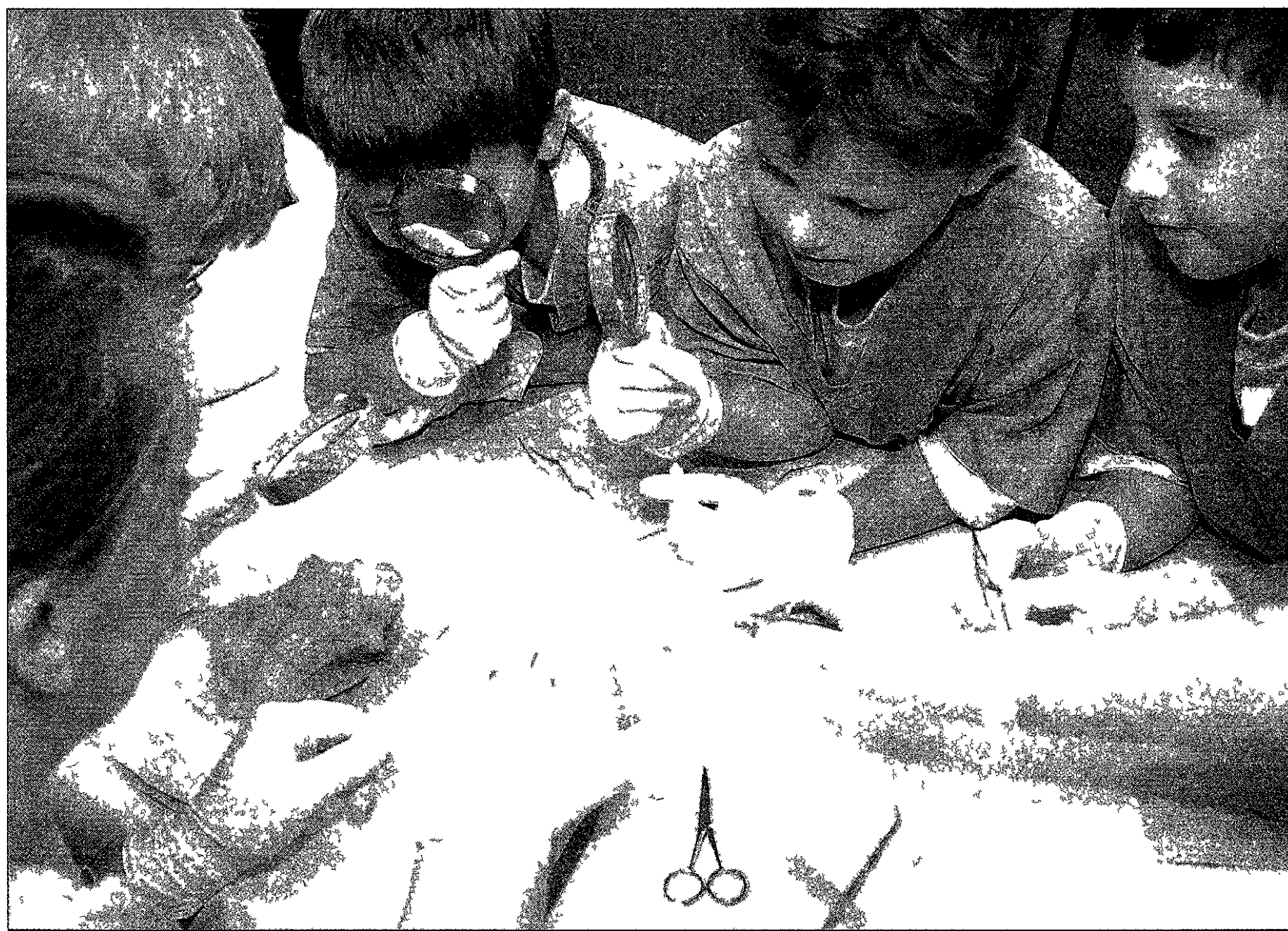
Ron Thieleman's dad taught him how to play the acoustic guitar at age 5.

Ron was one of those middle school kids who went to the high school at 7 a.m. for orchestra class and then shuttled back to the middle school for six more classes. In addition to playing with Phoenix, he's a studio musician.

After years of taking music classes, Ron is teaching private music lessons to anywhere from eight to 21 students.

Ron said that music "enriches his life." Now Phoenix is enriching ours. And the beat goes on.

Deb Madonna is a Plymouth Township resident and a regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at clarron@storytellerdesign.com.



'Amazing Me' campers Tom Stachowski (left), Max Reed and Adam Ronk crowd around Cheryl McInerney as she dissects a cow eyeball in a lesson about anatomy.

AMAZING ME

STORY BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN • PHOTOS BY MONICA FOUTS

Campers
discover inner
workings of
human body

Justin LaVoie stretches his arms as far as possible to test his flexibility. The 9-year-old boy likes challenging himself on equipment in the fitness area of St. Joseph Mercy's Health Exploration Station in Canton. In fact, he had so much fun on a field trip with his class from St. Michael's School in Livonia, he and older brother Brendan signed up for the

"Amazing Me" camp created for second through fourth grade students.

Earlier, Justin watched eagerly as Station coordinator Cheryl McInerney dissected a cow's eyeball. Brendan turned away finding the activity "gross." The rest of the campers, like Justin, were mesmerized by the eye's inner workings. Once completed though, they couldn't wait for a trip down to the lower level health education center that's designed like the inside of a giant human.

Throughout the year, families and the public can visit the colorful Exhibit Gallery every fourth Thursday of the month for free.

"I like the fitness stuff," said

Justin LaVoie of Canton. "I think I might get a little stronger each time. It's taught me to take care of myself."

Brendan grabs onto a bar that makes his heart beat audible.

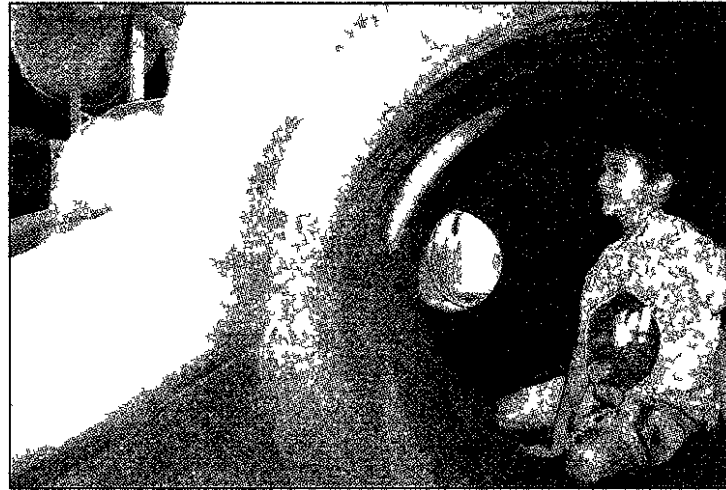
"I like listening to the heart beat cause I want to see what my heart beat is," said Brendan.

"Can you make it go faster?" asks McInerney.

Brendan begins doing jumping jacks then grabs onto the bar. The heart beat increases in speed with the exertion.

The Health Exploration Station compels visitors of all ages to learn about the body and health with colorful displays and signs that explain the role of various organs and systems. Kids can crawl through a large intestine while adults test their blood pressure or learn about how smoking

PLEASE SEE CAMPERS, C3



Top above, Justin LaVoie learns about the human heart at an interactive computer station at the Health Exploration Station in the St. Joseph Mercy Medical Center. Above, Tom Stachowski explores an exhibit featuring a large intestine at the Health Exploration Station in St. Joseph Mercy Medical Center in Canton.

Benefit offers a chance to help fight autism



Four-year-old Christian Conrad, diagnosed with autism in 2001, now tells his mother he loves her and even kisses his sister, basic functions he couldn't do before beginning therapy.

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Three years ago, David and Monique Conrad started the Christian Conrad Benefit for Autism Awareness as a way to help offset the cost of caring for their son, diagnosed with autism in 2001.

With the help of an incredible team of volunteers and medical professionals, Christian has made enough progress that he now kisses his "sissy," tells his mommy he loves her and can function in a group setting.

With her own son showing that much progress, Monique Conrad is beginning to turn the benefit into a crusade to help people learn as much as they can about autism.

"This is much more than, 'Please give money to my son,'" said Conrad, a Farmington Hills resident. "There are parents and grandparents out

there who are hopeless, who think, 'We can't do that.' We want to help."

The third annual benefit is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at the Wilcox Picnic Pavilion in Hines Park in Plymouth. Funds raised go directly toward helping Christian, with 10 percent of the proceeds being given to William Beaumont Hospital's Hope and Care programs.

This year's fund-raiser will feature the usual games and a "moon bounce" for the kids, clowns and face painting and free lunch, including gluten-free snacks. It will also feature a silent auction for the first time.

Speakers include Monique Conrad, sensory learning specialist Becky Good, speech pathologist Lorraine Zaksek and applied behavioral analyst

PLEASE SEE AUTISM, B3

Appraisals to benefit cancer research

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Brenda Deneau won't have to wonder much longer about the value of a Native American vase she purchased years ago in a little antique store. On Monday, July 26, The American Cancer Society's Livonia Discovery Shop and Greenmead Historical Park are joining forces to present a Traveler's Bazaar Antique Fair beginning at 1 p.m. in Judge Alexander Blue's House on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile in Livonia. Bruce McKenzie, owner of Knightsbridge Antique Mall in Northville, will appraise two treasures per person.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and available at the Livonia Discovery Shop, 37337 Six Mile in Newburgh Plaza, and the Greenmead Historical Park office. For more information, call (734) 542-7467.

All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and Greenmead Historical Park. "I have a couple of things in the back of my cupboards in my kitchen," said Deneau, manager of the Livonia Discovery shop since it opened four years ago. "I hope the folks that come and participate in this event have fun and wouldn't it be great if someone walked out with a great treasure." Deneau is hoping the fundraiser is a success that could lead to future partnerships with Greenmead and the Discovery Shop. The two were brought together by a common volunteer, Virginia (Ginny) DeVic.

"We want to create some joint projects because cancer is a universal subject," said Deneau. "Bruce is a longtime friend of ACS. He does a booth for ACS at Knightsbridge and antique seminars he offers often benefit the ACS."

The Discovery Shop is one of the best kept secrets in Livonia. Staffed by volunteers, nearly half of them cancer survivors, the resale shop sells donated, high quality clothing, collectibles, furniture, jewelry, shoes, seasonal merchandise, fine china, glassware, and artwork. Proceeds benefit ACS.

"Erase those pictures from your mind of second hand shops and imagine walking into a clean inviting shop amazed by the quality and prices," said Deneau.

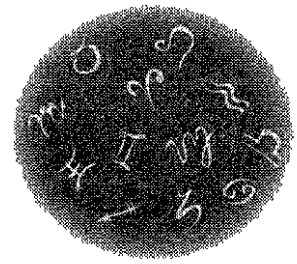
Linda Wiacek remembers the first time she walked into the shop. Wiacek, a staff person at Greenmead, is working with Deneau on the fund-raising Antique Fair.

"There was something that reminded me of Greenmead," said Wiacek. "It seemed the right place to have a function to benefit the ACS and have the Alexander Blue House showcased. Even though I don't have antiques, other peo-



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LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Something will happen over the next few days that pummels your personal reality perspective but don't let it shatter your faith. Yep! It pays to be suspicious. What you've been led to believe may be false but what you feel deep inside is real and enduring. Got it?

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Scorps can be extremely emotional and also quite indifferent. Current planetary setups warn that you may be giving someone you're fond of the impression that you no longer care which could be disastrous! Don't make waves while the tide is turning. Do "nice."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Don't pretend that you're fearless when deep down inside you're shaking in your boots. Archers are anxious and often so. What is worrying you is nothing to be ashamed of. The sooner that you own up to your fears the quicker you'll overcome them.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Even though you want to follow a certain course of action you must believe that the possible outcome will fulfill your expectations. Current astro aspects demand decision. Base yours on facts rather than dreams. Cap! Don't let anybody bring you down.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

An ongoing ambition is hindered by your busy sense of duty and you need to make certain that you are not overestimating your obligations or being overlooked. Feeling the way you do is admirable but not if it prevents you from accomplishing genuine priorities—think "friends."

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Your galactic generosity must be curbed even if it means saying no to someone whose support you think you need. Don't fret or worry—the situation is about to improve by leaps and bounds. To make the most of "it" be strong and go solo. Choose your favorite side of the fence—now.

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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Not everything can be achieved so stop going around or feeling guilty about falling short of your (ummm "peculiar") standards. Ram! This week's stellar trends enable you to see things as they really are. Stop living in the past! If you must start fretting about the future.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You're going to have to see matters from the perspective of others right now if you're going to get anything accomplished with Mercury in your sign for several weeks. It's time to compromise for the sake of progress and peace. Far from being defeatist it's the most intelligent option.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Your mind is working and percolating quickly now making you impatient with those whose thought processes seem slow by comparison. Steer clear of large groups of people and spend as much time by yourself as you can until the 25th when your ruling planet changes signs.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

No one is trying to take something that is rightfully yours so you have no need to feel quite so defensive about the actions or reactions of a colleague, relative or friend. What occurs over the next few days will help you understand the reasons behind their behavior.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Lions what others say is true and what you believe is true will still be at opposite ends of the spectrum during the next few days. Back up your convictions and question everything you see and hear and shut up! Your eyes and ears won't lie but others' surely will.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Normally you're a terrific traffic cop concerning the words that come out of your mouth. But be extra careful what you say now because some of your opinions are likely to inflame intimates and those who think certain things should never be said. In time you'll prove them wrong!

Share your summertime memories

Does summertime rekindle fond memories of roasting marshmallows over an open fire on the shore of Lake Huron? We'd like to hear about your favorite summer cottage for sharing fun and relaxing times whether it's hidden away among the pine trees or on the banks of a river.

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Babies can increase intimacy, but challenge a relationship, as well

Q I recently gave birth to a wonderful baby boy. I haven't slept in months, my husband and I fight all the time, we hardly see each other any more, and he never wants to help with childcare. Is this common and what should I do?



The Love Doctor

Terri Orbuch

A When partners become parents many new issues arise, because having a newborn in the house can challenge a relationship. The issues you describe are very common experiences for most new parents. Many people believe the myth that babies increase intimacy and strengthen marriages. But, contrary to popular belief, studies show that kids inevitably require major changes, compromises and sacrifices (physical, emotional, and financial) and you have to be prepared. You also need to have realistic expectations about what a child can do for you and your relationship. It is important to recognize and expect that there will be many relationship challenges when a new child is born, even though the experience of having a child also may be miraculous and wonderful. Being a new parent can be very stressful, even overwhelming, because of lack of sleep. Typically, this is only temporary. The best way to handle stressful situations in general is to exercise (take the baby for a walk at the mall or around the neighborhood), to eat well and to take a nap when the baby sleeps. Remember that foods high in fat and sugar intensify stress. Be sure to sit down and tell your husband how stressful this new role is for you and ask for some assistance. Who knows, he may be waiting to see if you will ask him for help. Keep in mind that asking for help says nothing about how good you are as a mother. It is important that both of you share the parenting as much as possible. Otherwise if one person is doing all of the work and parenting it can become too overwhelming and stressful.

Discuss the sharing of child duties with your husband, even though the discussion can be difficult. I encourage couples to compromise and try to divide the jobs by what each likes to do best. Make up a weekly or monthly calendar together. During times when your husband doesn't have a heavy load or a deadline at work, ask him to get up at night with the baby. Compromise makes for happier parents all the way around. Also, remember that you want your husband to participate in childcare. Some discussion about what is right for a newborn is okay, but do not criticize the way he cares for the child too much, or he may pull away from it altogether. Not spending enough time together right now is only an issue if you make it one. Try to reserve a special time together during the weekend to do activities together, even if it means washing clothes or doing errands together. You also can use that time to catch up with one another. Be sure to talk about things other than the new baby and be creative. One couple told me they developed a calendar and scheduled walking dates once a week. Baby, mom and dad walked to the grocery store for food and back home again.

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AUTISM

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sis therapist Heather Anson from Beaumont. Rocky Barra of the Tri City Christian Center in Canton will open the day with a message of hope.

Proceeds will go to Beaumont because that's where Christian is in therapy now, in the hospital's Hope program. After some three years of home treatment led largely by his mom and dad, Christian moved recently into the program at Beaumont's Center for Human Development.

Instead of getting treatment exclusively in the basement of their Farmington Hills home, Christian now goes four days a week to Royal Oak, where he enjoys craft time, doing puzzles and, perhaps most importantly, a lot of social interaction.

It was time for Christian to go to the next level, Monique Conrad said. "It was a different way of doing ABA. Christian is getting an education now."

And doing quite well, particularly physically, according to his mom. Christian's diet, his immune system and even some gastro-intestinal issues have improved.

So good is his progress the Conrads want to expand the uses of the therapy. Monique



Therapist Nicole Carlisle works with young Christian Conrad. Christian's parents host the third-annual Christian Conrad Faith Benefit July 31 in Hines Park.

Conrad says public schools should obtain training in conducting ABA, and that Beaumont even offers training for such classes free of charge.

She's trying to help round up some lawyers to help, as she said they have in states like California, Wisconsin, Oregon and New York.

Parents don't get any help, Monique Conrad said. "You're up against a time clock. The earlier you can get it, the more you can get these kinds into

your life."

Monique Conrad says the progress Christian has made, and the benefits of applied behavioral analysis, help autistic children move past the stereotype of the Dustin Hoffman character in *Rain Man*.

Fifty years ago, she pointed out, doctors turned almost exclusively to institutionalization. Now, autistic children can be brought into everyday life. "These children are unique,

with behavioral problems that are hard for people to understand," Monique Conrad said. "They have such multi-faceted ways about them. Their parents are heroes."

For further information or to make a donation to the third annual Christian Conrad Faith Benefit for Autism Awareness e-mail Information@KeyToChristian.org visit the Web site at www.KeyToChristian.org or call (248) 848-0157. bkadrich@ehomecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

CAMPERS

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not only affects the lungs but brain and heart, and possibly causes bladder cancer.

They've been asking all day to go back into the museum (Exhibit Gallery), said Gretchen Nachazel, an educator in the office of health promotions. "In the digestive exhibit you walk down the esophagus with a lung on one side, rib cage on the other. There's lots of info for adults, and a slide to exit the large intestine for the kids."

Push the button alongside a drawing of a body and the organs light up. Another exhibit educates visitors about asthma. A vertical jump encourages participants to build muscle.

They can wander through the gallery as long as they like,

said McInerney. "When planning started seven years ago for a health education center it was to focus on health prevention. We hope to expand offerings to all ages and encourage them to make healthy choices."

Sponsored by St. Joseph Mercy Health System and Care Choices HMO, the center currently offers tours for preschool through high school students and scout troops, summer camps, and the open house on the fourth Thursday of the month. All are interesting and fun, said McInerney. It's very interactive. One fourth grader listened to a talk about smoking with pig lungs. The mom came back a year later and said the fourth grader told her father about what she saw and he quit. It has an impact.

It's a whole new way of learning, added Nachazel. The staff constantly updates

tour programming to fulfill educators' requests. Along with general health topics such as "How the Body Works," they've added presentations on controlling emotions and "Stranger Danger."

"We have a program 'It's Not Cool to be Cruel,'" said McInerney. "We try to meet schools' needs. Part of being healthy is encouraging a non-violent environment."

"We're one of 30 health exploration centers in the country and the only one in Michigan. Some have galleries, some don't. Each offers something different."

In the lower level classroom the push of a button lights up a specific system of the human body. Wave a hand under the giant nose and see how germs fly 12 feet with a single sneeze.

In the nutrition area, a fast food health game allows visi-

tors to choose the lowest fat content. Is it a hamburger, fish or chicken, taco or pizza?

"I already know everything because I've been here seven times," said Tom Stachowski, age 7 of Canton. "My favorite part is the intensities slide."

The St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration is at 1600 S. Canton Center Road inside the Canton Health Center.

Hours for the open house on the fourth Thursday of the month are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., until 8 p.m. beginning in September.

The final "Amazing Me" camp of the summer runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-6. Cost is \$169. Two partial scholarships still available. For more information, call (734) 398-7518 or visit www.healthexplorationstation.com and click on Special Events.

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- 1 "The DaVinci Code," Dan Brown
- 2 Sams Letters to Jennifer," James Patterson
- 3 "Ten Big Ones," Janet Evanovich
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NON-FICTION

- 1 "My Life," Bill Clinton
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- 4 "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," Lynn Truss
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PARENTS' CHOICE

CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS

- 1 Three Wise Old Women,' Elizabeth Corbett
- 2 Raintrop Plop!' Wendy Lewison
- 3 Scuba Bunnies,' Christine Loomis
- 4 "A Little Story About a Big Turnip,' Tatiana Zunshine
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- Truckin' - The Grateful Dead
 - Mustang Sally' - Wilson Pickett
 - Travelin' Man' - Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band
 - Pink Cadillac - Bruce Springsteen
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- The winning song will be announced in the next issue of The Drive, a quarterly publication which encourages readers to experience everything automotive in Southeast and Central Michigan. Additionally, three random names will be selected to win a Dream Cruise 2004 T-shirt

LIBRARY WATCH

■ GIFT OF LIFE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION - Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m. - A local donor and local recipient of transplanted body organs and tissue will speak about their personal experiences and the Gift of Life. Gift of Life is a full-service organ and tissue recovery agency that serves as an intermediary between donor hospitals and recipient transplant centers. Registration is requested for this program, beginning on July 17. Call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 or register online at plymouthlibrary.org

■ WRITING MY LIFE STORY A SENIOR WRITING GROUP - Tuesday, July 20, 4-5:30 p.m. - Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required

■ YOUR POETRY GROUP - No meeting scheduled for July. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, August 8 at 1:30pm. For more information, contact Don Hewlett, (313) 272-3548, or donhewlett@aol.com

■ ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP - Monday, July 19, 7 p.m. - Join lively astronomy popularizer Mike Best in this monthly discussion group. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION - Wednesday, July 28, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read Ella Minnow Pea by Mark Dunn. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library,

(734) 453-0750, or e-mail dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org

■ CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION - Wednesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to join in our annual Book Lover's Choice. This is a chance for everyone to share and compare titles. Titles for the next year's discussion are also selected at this meeting. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, 734-453-0750, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ GREAT BOOKS - This discussion group does not meet during the summer months - details of the fall meeting schedule can be found in the next Library newsletter or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Library announces its popular summer reading program - DISCOVER NEW TRAILS @ YOUR LIBRARY. Continuing through July, all children are encouraged to come to the Library, sign up for the program and start reading. A wide variety of programs are planned throughout the summer, July programs include:

■ WILD ANIMALS IN MICHIGAN - Thursday, July 22, 2 and 7 p.m. - Meet some of the wild creatures that live in Michigan

■ BIRDING IN MICHIGAN - Thursday, July 29, 2 and 7 p.m. - Make a bird feeder and learn to identify some of the birds that will visit your yard

Registration is requested for each program - one week prior to the event, call or stop at the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4

■ LAPSIT STORYTIME, Monday, July 12, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated on Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m. - This 15-minute song and rhyme time is for babies ages six to 24 months and their care-givers. No siblings please

■ BABY PLAY, Monday, July 26, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and repeated Saturday, July 31, 10 a.m. - This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. The Baby Play program takes place on the fourth Monday of each month, and then repeated on the following Saturday. Registration is not required

■ DROP IN STORYTIMES, Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. - More fun in the Summer Reading Program for children ages 2-5 and their families

TEEN PROGRAM

■ GET LOST @ the LIBRARY, through Aug 7 - Participants are encouraged to read, attend cool programs and win prizes. For more details, come on in to the Library or go to the teen webpage plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm

■ GET LOST IN SOME GREAT BOOKS - Read 3 books and do one activity like attending a Library program, volunteering at the Library, reading to a child or running 2 miles - or read one more book! When you have completed this, turn in your form at the Library and receive a paperback book and be entered in our grand prize drawing for a \$100 gift certificate at Twelve Oaks Mall. Read 12 books and complete 4 activities and you'll receive a pair of movie tickets

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and 28, 6:30 p.m. - Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to participate in these *Generic Universal Role Playing Systems

■ MOVIE NIGHTS, Wednesday, July 21 and 28, 7 p.m. - Check with the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 for specific movie titles

■ SCIENCE FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - Monday, July 26, 3:30 p.m. - Stop at the Library and pick up your copy of Eva by Peter Dickinson. Registration may be made by stopping at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4

■ TEEN ADVISORY BOARD - Saturday, July 24, 11 a.m. - noon - Do you like to volunteer in your community? If so, you should join the Teen Advisory Board. Bring your ideas and opinions about the Teen Zone collection. TAB members help decide what kind of books, music and movies are purchased, help plan and carry out programs and share ideas on library services. Enjoy snacks while sharing their ideas for improving the Library's teen programs and services

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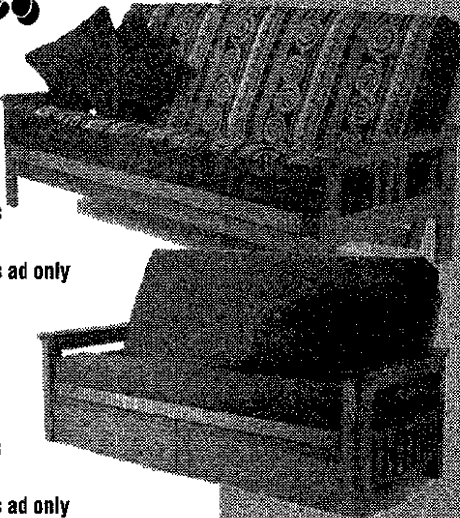
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AROUND TOWN

Plymouth Council on Aging

The 19th annual Senior Fest will be held Monday Sept 13 at Waterford Bend Park Six Mile and Northville roads from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for residents of City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township. Tickets have to be bought ahead of time by Sept 8. Purchase tickets at Plymouth Council on Aging on the second floor of City Hall. Enjoy music lunch information booths and a prize drawing. Call 453 1234.

Kiwanis breakfasts

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth. Tickets have to be bought ahead of time by Sept 8. Purchase tickets at Plymouth Council on Aging on the second floor of City Hall. Enjoy music lunch information booths and a prize drawing. Call 453 1234.

Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents Raggedy Ann and Andy between Aug 3 Sept 26. Babette a French Porcelain doll has been kidnapped from the playroom by the Loomies! Babette is Marcella's surprise birthday present and must be returned. Raggedy Ann and Andy venture bravely into Looneyland to search for her. Performance dates are 10.30 a.m. Tuesday Friday 11 a.m. Saturdays Aug 7 14 21 and 28 2.30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept 11 18 and 25 2.30 p.m. Sundays Sept 12 19 and 26. Tickets are \$7.50 no children under 3. For school reservations birthday parties and group rates call (248) 349 8110.

Art center workshops

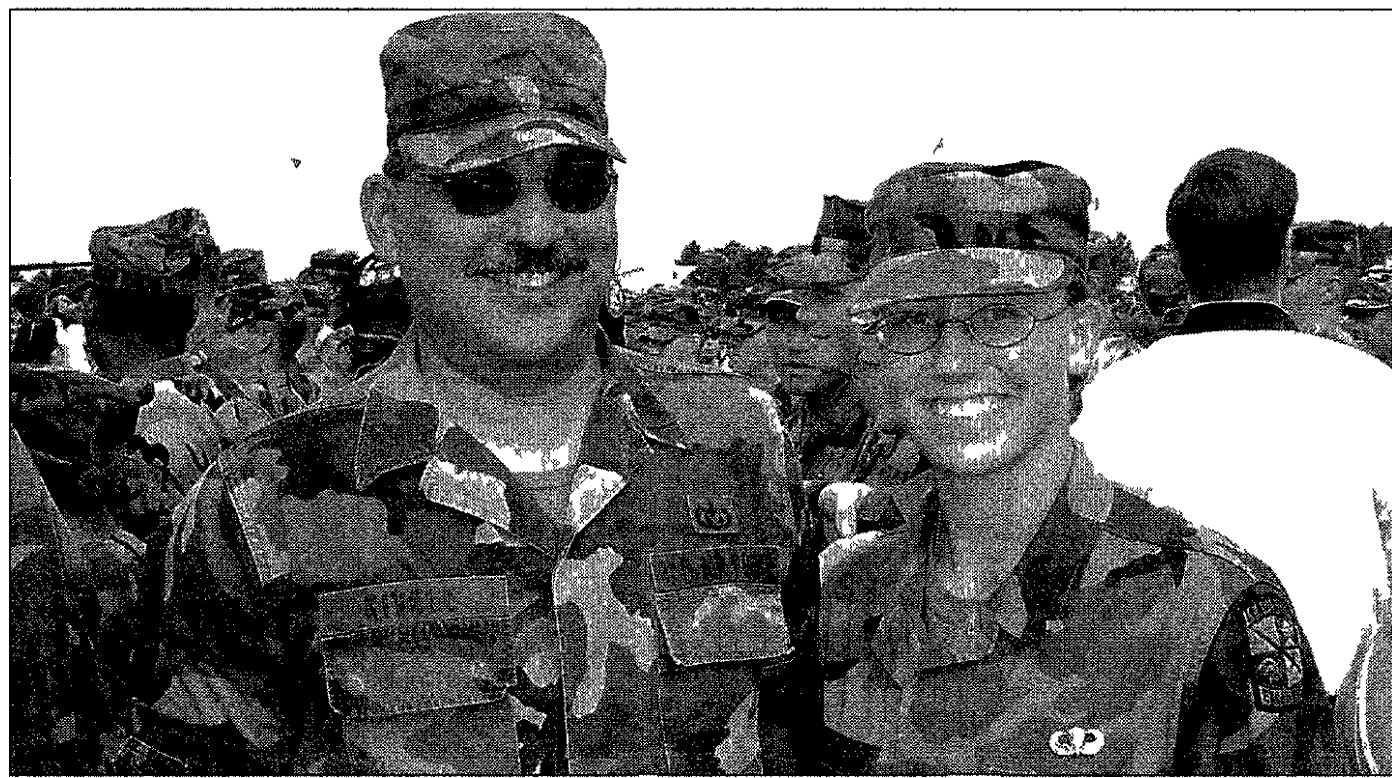
The Ann Arbor Art Center offers a Beat the Heat workshop and more during Sundays @ 1 a weekly series in which Art Center staff is on hand to provide instruction and projects that spark creativity for adults children and families. Workshops are held every Sunday from 12:30 p.m. and the first Sunday workshop is free. Following the first Sunday workshops are \$12 per class. Participants may register at any time previous to the beginning of the workshop and drop ins are welcome although space is limited. Pre registration for the first Sunday is not required. Stop by the Art Center at 117 W Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor call (734) 994 8004 Ext 101 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org for more information.

Dixboro Country Fair

The 27th annual Dixboro Country Fair & Artisans on the Green takes place from 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday Aug 7. The fair is a country fair on a pleasant shaded green with fun for all ages. It features arts and crafts from more than 60 exhibitors live music a petting zoo silent auction ice cream social homemade pies hot dogs sausages and corn on the cob carnival games and a moon walk. Take US 23 exit 41 (Plymouth Rd) two miles east on Plymouth Road to Cherry Hill. For more information call (734) 665-5632.

Art center workshops

The Ann Arbor Art Center will be offering two new one day workshops Paper Making and Book Arts for its Summer 2004 term. The Paper Making workshop will be held noon-5 p.m. Saturday Aug 21 and will cover all the basic techniques for making hand



Daddy/daughter

Retired Air Force Master Sgt James Kivell, a Plymouth Township resident, poses with his daughter at Fort Benning, Ga., after pinning her Airborne Jump wings to her uniform following graduation from the U.S. Army Airborne School. Stephanie Kivell will be a sophomore in the ROTC program at Central Michigan University in the fall, and receives a commission as a second lieutenant upon graduation in 2007.

made paper with 100 percent cotton fiber and natural inclusions. Participants will learn basic skills for making paper at home. The Book Arts workshop will be held 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Saturday July 24 and will introduce some basic book binding techniques and students will create three different books that include an accordion a pamphlet stitch and a Japanese stab binding. For more information or to register call 734 994 8004 x101 or stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W Liberty. To view courses and register online visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Craft show applications

Applications are being accepted for the 18th annual Holiday Magic Craft show at Leonard Elementary in Troy. Show is 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Saturday Nov 6. Juried \$2 public admission. Sponsored by PTO. For info and applications e mail craftshow@prodigy.net.

Leukemia team

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training is recruiting volunteers to help in the fight against blood cancers by raising funds as they train to run walk or cycle in honor of local patients. In addition to weekly training sessions under the guidance of a certified coach TNT offers group training sessions and clinics on nutrition equipment injury prevention and safety. An information meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m. Monday July 26 at Best Western Laurel Park Suites 16999 S Laurel Park Dr in Livonia. For more information visit www.teamintraining.org/mi on the Web or call (800) 456 5413.

Ann Arbor Symphony

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra announces the following orchestral vacancies beginning fall 2004. Section violin section viola section cello section bass and third flute/piccolo. Auditions take place Sept 7 10 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ 423 S Fourth Ave. Visit the symphony's Web site at www.a2so.com for the repertoire list and audition specifics.

Fine Art Show

The second annual Orchard Lake Fine Art Show is scheduled Aug 6 8 featuring more than 140 juried booths. It is held at the Orchard Lake St. Mary's campus on Orchard Lake Road at Commerce. A preview is scheduled 6 9:30 p.m. Friday Aug 6. For more information contact Patty Narozny at Hotworks@comcast.net or call (248) 684 2613.

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 athon 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 Centers 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 online at www.semredcross.org or by calling (313) 494 3490. Deadline is Aug 11 4:56 5413.

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 four some 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.

Hawks for Hearts

St. Mary's Mercy Hospital sponsors a Hawks for Hearts motorcycle poker run to benefit its cardiology services (today) Sunday July 25. Registration is from 11 a.m. 1 p.m. the day of the event at St. Mary's Mercy Hospital 36475 5 Mile in Livonia. The ride to Hell Mich

and back starts at 1 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. There will be five poker card drawings along the way with food awards entertainment and motorcycle vendor booths. Sponsorships are available. Fee for the run is \$10 per rider \$5 per passenger. Call (734) 655 2980 for more information.

Entertainment books

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling 2005 Entertainment books to support the symphony's 2004-05 con

cert 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 Tom Genetti (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.

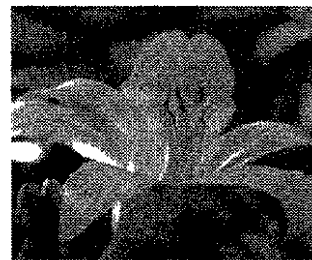
Foster Care

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



DOUGLAS K. LIVY, SR.

Age 83 died July 23 2004. Long time Birmingham resident. Graduate of Baldwin High School Class of 1939. Retired automotive consultant with NADA and formerly with American Motors and General Motors. Parade of Progress Douglas served in the U.S. Coast Guard 1941-1945. Memberships include Elks Lodge #810 Nomads Oakland Hills Country Club Birmingham Senior Men's Club and St. James Episcopal Church. Husband of Barbara M. Livy, sons Douglas K. (Wendy), Daniel M. (Dori) John A. (Darlynn) Livy, Jonathan M. (Carla) Thomas, Jeffrey C. (Janine) Thomas, Kathryn T. (Robert) Harper. Also survived by eight grandchildren. Memorial service Wm R. Hamilton Co., 820 Maple Rd., Birmingham Monday July 26th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, tributes to American Diabetes Foundation or Beaumont Hospice.

JOSEPH VARNHAGEN

Age 64 July 21 2004. Dearest father of Kathleen Colucci-Russell, Kimberly C. Lamont, Deanna Varnhagen Melissa Hoover and Jennifer Lucas. Brother of Imogene Parr Kathleen Akinson, Jake, Phil, Ed, Tim, John and Sam Varnhagen. Lifetime companion of Delores Heffner and her children Robert, Delores M., Angela M. and Matthew. Proud grandfather of fourteen and one on the way. Funeral service at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd. Garden City on Monday 10:00 a.m. Visitation Saturday 4-9:00 p.m. and Sunday 12-9:00 p.m.

MILO WALDORF PLETCHER

Age 91, of Plymouth, died May 26, 2004. He was born December 24, 1912 in Ludington. He worked for the Traffic Safety Association of Detroit, and belonged to the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. In 1963 he moved to Washington D.C. to work for the National Highway Administration. He retired to Florida in 1976, and then moved back to Plymouth in 1999. He is survived by his daughters Margaret Brown of Oscoda and Barbara Judd of Plymouth and his grandchildren, Barbara Standing of Memphis, Marie Standing of Santa Monica, James Standing of New Orleans, and Margaret Judd of Ann Arbor; his sister-in-law, Marian Davies of Holt; his nieces Kay Bongson of Mecosta Jackie Slabaugh of Gaylord, Deanna Boyko of Haslett, and Beverly Brighton of Boon. He is preceded in death by his wife, Audrey. Graveside services to be held in Lansing at a later date. Local arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home (734) 453 3333.

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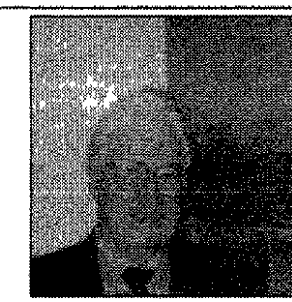
Of Westland, age 52, died July 21, 2004. Beloved wife of Larry. Dear mother of Frank (Marilyn), Catherine, Katrina Shelton and the late Michael. Also survived by grandchildren Michael Lee, Ariel Haley and Trevor Shelton Sahle, Ferras, Haillah and Sarah Alturraigi and brothers James and Timothy Silvers. Service Sunday 2 PM at The Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com.

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FRANK SCHUCK, JR.

Age 85, born February 21 1919 in Detroit MI. Mr. Schuck died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, July 22, 2004. Juliana his wife of 62 years was by his side at his favorite place, the cottage in Lake Orion. Mr. Schuck lived most of his life in Michigan, growing up in Royal Oak, where he graduated from St. Mary's with his 2 brothers and 3 sisters. After graduating from the University of Detroit, he was Captain in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He later moved his family to Birmingham where they have lived since 1955. Mr. Schuck found his true vocation at age 50 in real estate, and worked at both Weir Manuel and Fred Pierce in Birmingham. Mr. Schuck was a very active member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church-Beverly Hills, and later at St. Regis Church-Bloomfield Hills. His heart was always in Lake Orion, where he spent almost every summer of his life swimming, sailing and hosting his famous Trading Party every August. He will be remembered with love by his friends and family for his great joy and zest for life. Survived by the love of his life, Juliana (nee Dupnick), Daughters Barbara Ann Strasbaugh (Alan) Deidre F. Etue, & Lori Schuck Barresi, and Son Michael Schuck III (Susan). His greatest joy came from his grandchildren Scott, Matthew and Jason LeMiere, Andrea Giles, and Ryan and Kelly Etue and great grandchildren Christopher, Savannah, Ben, Emily Payton and Morgan. Mr. Schuck spent wonderful hours in the company of his sisters Mary Butler and Betty Rhodes and his brother James Schuck. Also survived by 45 loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Anne Griffin and his brother, Stanley Schuck. Visitation held Saturday July 24 2004 from 4-8pm and Sunday July 25 from 2-8pm at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Rd., Troy, MI 48064. Rosary service, Sunday evening, July 25. Funeral mass will be Monday, July 26 2004 at 10:30am, St. Regis Catholic Church, 3695 Lincoln at Lahser, Bloomfield Hills. Visitation at church begins Monday at 10am. Burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, MI. Memorial Tributes can be made to Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 29575 Middlebelt Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

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WILLIAM D. HACKETT

Age 80 July 17, 2004. Former executive Chevrolet division, General Motors Corporation for over thirty years. Husband of Frances (Burton) Father of Darra Lee Walker. Grandfather of Robert and Andrew Walker. Brother of Charles (Joan) Hackett. Funeral service and interment private. Further information WM R. Hamilton Co. 248 644-6000.

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NANCY ANN PORTER

Age 68 Died July 21 2004. Dear wife of Henry "Hank" Beloved mother of Donald (Betsy) Sarah (Michael) Daoust Bradley (Elizabeth) and Scott (Andiea) Loving grandmother of Alyssa, Lucas Abigail & Cate. Sister of James Fraser, Kathleen (Jerry) Miller Patricia Stuart & Carol Kruszka. Visitation was at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi 248-348-1800. Services were held at St. Mary Church 34530 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne on Saturday Memorial donations to Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter, 1717 W. Nine Mile Rd. #950 Southfield MI 48075-4508. On line sympathy messages to www.obriensullivan.funeralhome.com.

PAUL J. OTT

Age 77, of Alden, formerly of Birmingham died Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at home. Mr. Ott was born February 5, 1927 in Lansing, the son of Paul and Marguerite (Howland) Ott. He was a 1950 graduate of Michigan State University after serving in the US Navy during WWII. While living in Birmingham he was active in the St. Columban Catholic Church. He moved to Alden in 1975 and worked as an investment counselor in Traverse City for many years. He enjoyed golfing. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John and Donald Ott. On August 12 1951 in Royal Oak he married Louise D. Bentzen who survives. Also surviving are two children Paul J. Ott III of McKinney, IX Janis (Kevin) Kenny of Brighton, a sister, Barbara O'Connor of Manistique three grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 24 2004 at the Bellare Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Home, with Fr. James Gardner officiating. Interment in Helena Twp. Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the Arthritis Foundation.



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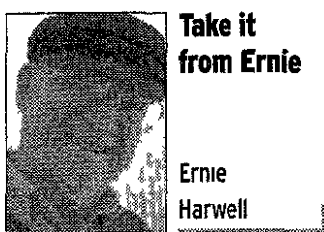
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Ernie Harwell

Good health tips where you find 'em

It's always on the lookout for tips on better health. They're everywhere lately. For instance, the following "Make Time for Fitness" tips flashed across the Pacific Bell Park scoreboard between innings at a recent San Francisco Giants game.

Park two walks away — Park your car far enough away from your job, the mall or even the ballpark to get in a good walk when you arrive and another when you leave.

While you're in the swing — While there, walk for 20 minutes (or for 10 minutes twice) without stopping, throw in a bit of stair climbing and you will have invested at least a half-hour's time toward better health.

When you reach home — Instead of sitting down when you return home, take just one more brisk 10-minute walk and you're on your way to a healthier tomorrow.

The U.S. Surgeon General says we can all stay fit with just 30 minutes of moderate exercise cumulative each day. I think it's worth it to get out there and walk.

And please remember to take care of your heart 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 book stores or by calling (800) 245 5082.

New guidelines slash LDLs

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Researchers have finally proven what Dr. Stephen Smith suspected. Guidelines for low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol were set too high, and those at high risk for heart attack and death from cardiovascular disease could benefit from drug-lowering therapy and living a healthier lifestyle. Based on the July 13 release of updated recommendations from the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP), Smith is suggesting everyone check their numbers, especially LDLs.

NCEP was founded in 1985 by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and National Institutes of Health to raise awareness of high blood cholesterol as a risk factor for coronary heart disease. After reviewing the results of recent clinical trials, the report in "Circulation" Journal of the American Heart Association says cholesterol lowering drug therapy does benefit patients at high risk, and that lifestyle changes remain essential in management. Based on new clinical evidence, there is a one percent reduction in cardiac events for one milligram of LDL lowered.

"Most of the people in the heart world had been talking about achieving lower LDLs for some time," said Smith, a Birmingham cardiologist on staff at Henry Ford Hospital.

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cardiologist

I can remember talking about it at conferences for 4-5 years, but we didn't have evidence. What makes sense isn't always the way it works out in clinical trial. There was worry about certain types of cancer and intracranial hemorrhage with statin drugs like Pravachol. And there was concern for not just risks, but costs. When you apply therapy to millions of people, overall cost goes up. You might apply this intensive therapy and exclude other treatments. You want to make sure there's the potential to improve quality and quantity of life. It's important to be prudent in offering therapies.

Smith selects therapies for his patients only after categorizing their coronary heart risk as low, moderate, high, or very high. Now he can add the lipid risk factor to the fact he's never had a patient die from lipid lowering before deciding on treatment. He says the risk of taking cholesterol lowering drugs is small compared to the risk of dying from a heart attack.

"It's important to have a risk



assessment," said Smith. "When someone walks into your office you try to get them into a category 1 suggest if people have concerns to have a cardiovascular specialist risk stratify them. That's separate from evaluating them for symptoms like chest pain. Risk is when you smoke, have physical inactivity. Risk is based on presence or absence of vascular disease, if you had a heart attack or stroke. Very high might include those with coronary heart risks like blocked arteries in legs, aneurysm in aorta, prior heart attack, diabetic, smoke, hypertensive, low HDL (good cholesterol), family history — a male with a first degree relative age 55 or less who had heart attacks, for female under the age of 65.

Dr. Douglas Westveer stratifies his patients for risk as well. The new guidelines will help reinforce his recommendation for high risk heart patients to consider cholesterol lowering medication for LDLs higher than 100 mg.

They lowered LDL from 130 to 100 mg per deciliter for

high risk, 70 for people at very high risk of heart attack or death, said Westveer, director of cardiology at Beaumont Hospital in Troy. Treatment carries some small but some risk, and is recommended for only those in need of cholesterol lowering drugs. Healthy or low risk is still less than 160 but should be less than 130. For those with high blood pressure or family history but haven't developed cardiovascular disease, it's 100, for those at high risk of another heart attack or bypass surgery, 70. Very few can do it on diet alone. That comes out of studies.

Westveer, on the other hand, points out hardening of the arteries is exclusively human.

Other mammals have LDLs around 60 and underdeveloped countries where arteriosclerosis doesn't exist, around 60 to 70. That caused researchers to revisit the numbers," said Westveer of Oxford. "Exercise and good diet are essential. In the vast majority of the public who are eating sensibly, exercising and

diets is enough. For people at established and high risk of disease it's not. The use of these drugs is genetically determined. These drugs are powerful and very low risk.

"Remember every risk factor for heart attack is a risk factor for stroke. When patients don't want to reduce their risk factors I remind them of stroke.

Westveer takes Lipitor to combat four heart risks — high blood pressure, his age — 55, the fact that he's male and has a family history.

"Most people do want to take care of themselves. They strive very hard and just can't do it," said Westveer. "The comparison I use is seat belts. Some have been badly injured but that's an exception. You never know what's going to happen on a car ride.

"There have been deaths with Lipitor but it has to be balanced. It's a common sense approach. I watch my diet. You can't rely on the drugs. Higher dosage brings with it higher side effects.

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Lifestyle changes lower bad cholesterol

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

No matter whether your risk factor for heart disease is high or low, Birmingham cardiologist Stephen Smith says everyone benefits from making or sustaining healthy lifestyle choices.

"I'm always talking to patients about therapeutic lifestyle change but they don't always listen to what I say," said Dr. Smith who's on staff at Henry Ford Hospital. "That includes people who are overweight to obese, sedentary. We live in a state that's fat. Lose weight. Control diabetes which is very often accomplished with weight control, and control blood pressure. Having a blood pressure of 160 over 100 isn't a good idea. It exposes

you to a higher risk. Active smoking is a potent risk factor especially with coronary artery disease.

"I always tell people don't smoke, lose weight, control diabetes. This is what we always said, even with the guy that doesn't have coronary artery disease."

Smith believes communicating with patients does help them understand the importance of reducing risks. He suggests developing a rapport with your practitioner, for physicians — sit down for a one on one to achieve targets based on lifestyle — and set a good example. Smith runs on a treadmill and eats healthy.

"I know that people sometimes don't listen to me, don't tell me the truth or take their medications," said Smith. "I

want to see patients who have a commitment, aren't in denial.

Like Smith, Dr. Douglas Westveer believes cholesterol lowering medication is just part of the solution. Westveer, an Oxford resident, walks briskly four days a week and stays close to ideal body weight.

"People have to stop smoking. It's more important than cholesterol in preventing heart disease," said Westveer, director of cardiology at Beaumont Hospital in Troy. "I don't want people to think that all they have to do is have a low cholesterol. 'Couch potatoes and junkies can change. Exercise and diet have so many other benefits than heart health."

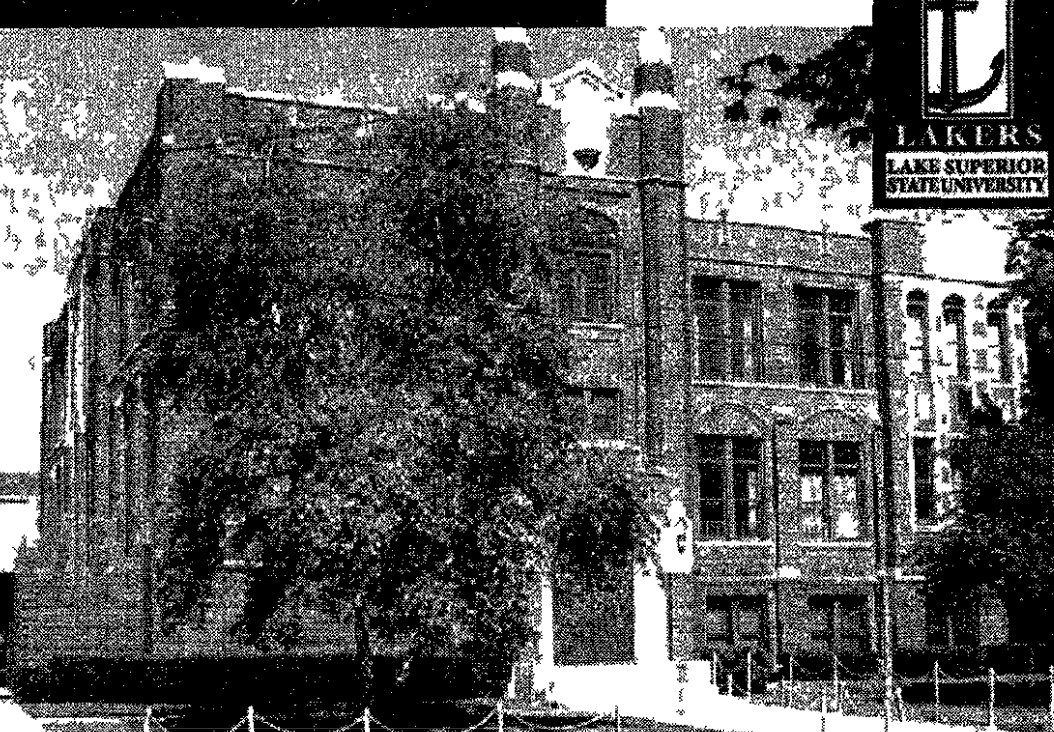
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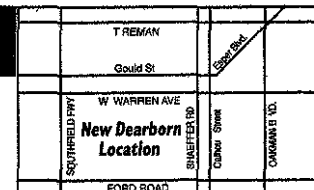
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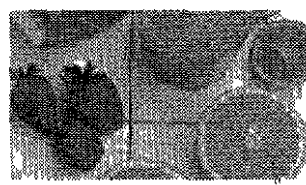
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Seniors need to be wary of summer heat

A University of Michigan Health System physician is warning seniors about the dangers of summer heat.

Heat can cause serious illnesses, especially among older adults. Health concerns, or just the normal physiological changes of aging, may make it difficult for the elderly to handle high temperatures.

Mark Supiano, M.D., director of the Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center, chief of Geriatric Medicine at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, and a professor of internal medicine/geriatrics at the University of Michigan Health System, offers advice on keeping older people safe this summer.

"Heat-related illnesses and their problems begin to develop when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees Fahrenheit for more than two or three days," said Supiano. "When this is coupled with very high humidity, the risks to older people are even worse."

Older people who are at risk for heat-related illness include those who have impaired mobility, take medications that can impair temperature regulation, such as those with anticholinergic effects (Donnatal and Benadryl), Thorazine, and Parkinson's disease medications. Those taking diuretics or other medications lose fluids which can compound the problems of dehydration.

Seniors should also take precautions if they have a chronic disease such as congestive heart failure or diabetes, live alone, have poor social support, or lack access to air conditioning.

"Even healthy older people are at risk of developing heat-related problems just because of the aging changes in their physiology," Supiano cautions.

Poor circulation is one barrier to adequately ridding the body of excess heat. Sweating is the other major method we use to discharge heat and this ability, too, can be impaired in older people. Supiano points out that many older people are alone and vulnerable. Check on older neighbors and relatives.

"When outside temperatures are such that we cannot lose heat as efficiently as we otherwise would, we're at risk of increasing the internal body temperature," said Supiano. "As heat builds up in the body, the early warning sign is heat exhaustion. If unrecognized and untreated, this can lead progressively to heat stroke, hyperthermia, coma and death."

Signs of heat exhaustion include extreme fatigue, muscle aches, nausea, fever, clammy skin, rapid pulse, and/or vomiting. When your body no longer is able to maintain a normal temperature, heat exhaustion becomes heatstroke. Symptoms include confusion, agitation, hyper-

ventilation, racing pulse, lethargy, convulsions, high body temperature, and eventual loss of consciousness.

To avoid developing either of these heat related illnesses leave hot environments. If outdoors, stay in the shade. Limit activities. Use fans or seek areas that are air-conditioned, even if only for a few hours at a time. Wear loose fitting clothing in light colors. Drink plenty of fluids and eat healthy. Avoid alcohol, and increase salt and electrolyte intake by eating salty foods or consuming sports drinks like Gatorade.

For more information, visit the Web site: www.med.umich.edu/lib/aha/aha_heatstro_crs.htm

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JULY

Hawgs for Hearts

A Motorcycle Poker Run to benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Cardiology Services will take place 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 and 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 passenger. 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, 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, at the Whole Foods Market, 7350 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Spend an hour to learn new tasty and healthy tips, simple solutions for adding variety and nutrition to your diet. A cooking demo features quick meals and snacks for the kid in everyone. There will also be a Q & A with a nutritionist specializing in gluten and wheat-free diets. Sample the latest in wheat-free, soy-free, corn-free, nut-free, dairy-free treats. For more information, call (248) 390-4150.

Volunteers wanted

Doctors at Beaumont Hospital are testing Comtan (entacapone) and approved drug to determine if it extends the benefits of levodopa treatment in people with Parkinson's disease. Needed to participate in this research trial are people who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease who are taking no more than four doses of levodopa each day and who are not yet experiencing uncontrollable movements. Research subjects must not be taking or have taken Comtan (entacapone) in the past. For more information, call (248) 898-8595.

G.E.M.S.

Group Exercise for Multiple Sclerosis meets every Friday evening at the Livonia YMCA on Stark Road. Group swim from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Support group meeting 7-8 p.m. For more information, contact Carolyn Davis at (734) 459-9715 or Mike Hickey (734) 522-0036.

Volunteers sought

Oakwood Healthcare System is seeking patients to participate in a study

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UPCOMING

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer will reveal the shocking truth behind what can be causing fibromyalgia, which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. No charge, but registration is required. To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

Massage techniques

Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, learn energizing and relaxing massage techniques at the Carnegie Institute, 550 Stephenson Highway, Troy. Cost is \$50 per couple. To register, call (248) 219-7398. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Aug. 2.

Parenting Classes

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering parenting classes called Parenting with Love and Logic. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, August 12 (Toddlers and Preschoolers) and 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, August 28 (Preteens and Teenagers) at 36475 Five Mile at Levan. Please use the Five Mile Road entrance. For directions or additional information, visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Parenting with Love and Logic is a commonsense approach teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision-making in children by offering them choices, empathy, and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings, or lectures. There is a fee and registration is required. Call the Marian Women's Center at (734) 655-1100 for more information, or to register.

Karmanos benefit

Friends and supporters of the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute will be among the first to dine at Coach Insignia, the newest venue of Matt Prentice and Unique Restaurant Corporation, located atop Detroit's Renaissance Center at the 8th Annual Night of Good Taste fund-raiser, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13, features a strolling dinner, silent auction and live music. Tickets are \$80 per person and include valet parking or round-trip shuttle bus from Oakland County locations. For more information, call Denise Lowe at (248) 443-5800 ext. 4632 or send email to lowed@karmanos.org. Ticket sales end August 9. Proceeds benefit state-of-the-science cancer research, world-class patient care and education programs at the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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Medicare Prescription Benefits

Learn about the new Medicare prescription coverage and how the new prescription drug discount card can help save money, especially those with low incomes, those who pay all of their prescription drug costs and those with no or limited health care coverage at a Let's Talk presentation for seniors called Understanding the New Medicare Prescription Benefits. 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, in the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No charge, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call (734) 655-8950 or visit www.stmarymercy.org. The speaker will be a representative from AARP of Michigan.

The St. Mary Mercy Hospital Senior Health Connection program offers adults age 55 and over special programs and discounts, including free lecture series: AARP Safe Driving Program, free blood pressure screenings, Westland Mall and Laurel Park Place Walkers Clubs discounts on health education classes, women's programs and more. Simply call to register for an event, identify yourself as a senior and enjoy the benefits.

Safe Driving Program

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons offer the two-day AARP Safe Driving Program, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Sept. 13-14, in Classroom 2 of the hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use South Entrance off Levan Road. There is a \$10 fee. Make checks payable to AARP. To register, call (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 (out of area callers only). For directions or additional information, visit www.stmarymercy.org. Attendance at both sessions is required. The AARP Safe Driving Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course, specially designed for motorists age 50 and older. The course helps drivers refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. AARP members and non-members alike may take the course. There are no tests. Upon successful completion of the course, graduates of this program may be eligible to receive a state-mandated multi-year discount on their auto insurance premiums.

ONGOING

Divorce support

The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College offers a free Divorce Support Group, 7-9 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. The group provides a forum for discussion, receiving and sharing of information for those contemplating in the process of or having difficulty adjusting to divorce. For more information, call the WRC at (734) 462-4443.

Adult grief support group

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

Breast feeding support

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

Grief support group

Meets 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia. All groups are free of charge and open to the community. For more information, call Joan Lee in the Bereavement Department at (734) 464-7810.

Livonia CFS/Fibromyalgia Support Group

Meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road. For information, call (248) 346-3164 or visit the Web site at www.geocities.com/LivoniaCFSFMS.

Low carb support group

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.

Volunteers needed

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

Prenatal Yoga

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering an ongoing Prenatal Yoga class, 5-6 p.m. Thursdays, in Classroom 1 at the Marian Women's Center at the hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road at Levan, Livonia. For more information, or to register, call (734) 655-1145. Through traditional yoga poses and postures, the mom to be will strengthen mind and body to help adjust peacefully to the daily changes of pregnancy. This class also includes guided meditation and relaxation techniques that will increase expectant moms' awareness, confidence and focus.

Research volunteer opportunities

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

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Meningitis Vaccinations

Meningitis vaccinations for college-bound high school students are being offered through Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan by appointment only during May and June in its office at 25900 Greenfield Suite 600, Oak Park. The cost is \$85. Call (800) 882-5720 ext. 8755 for more information or visit www.vna.org.

While early symptoms are easily mistaken for the flu, bacterial meningitis can result in death in as little as two hours. College freshmen living in dorms are six times more likely to get the disease than those living off campus. Vaccination reduces the risks of contracting the disease.

Hospice volunteers needed

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Grief support workshops

Angela Hospice offers ongoing grief support groups every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh, Livonia. All groups are free of charge and open to the community. Call Joan Lee at (734) 464-7810.

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The Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter is looking for volunteers to answer its Help Line. For more information, call Brenda Bridgett at (800) 337-3827 or send email to brenda.bridgett@alz.org.

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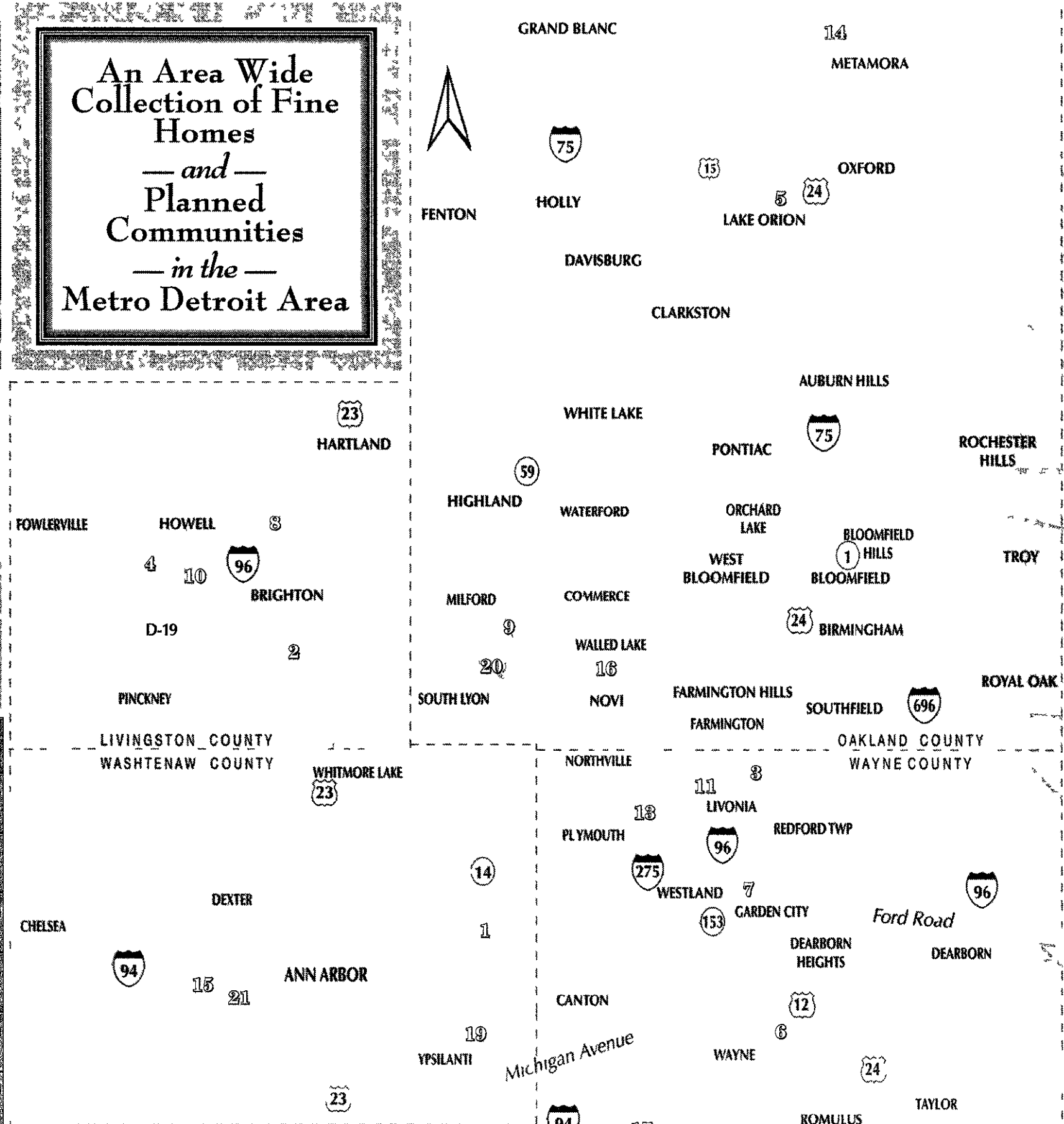


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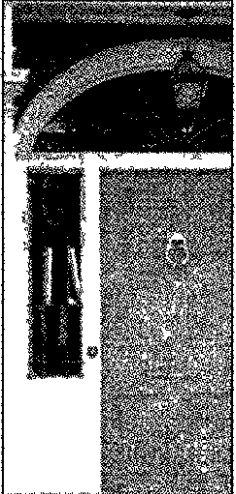
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Kitchen and bath trends spotlight style, comfort

BY KATIE LAFORET
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Whether you want to immerse yourself in the hubbub of everyday activity in the kitchen, or close the bathroom door to get away from it all, new homes offer a plethora of options from which to choose.

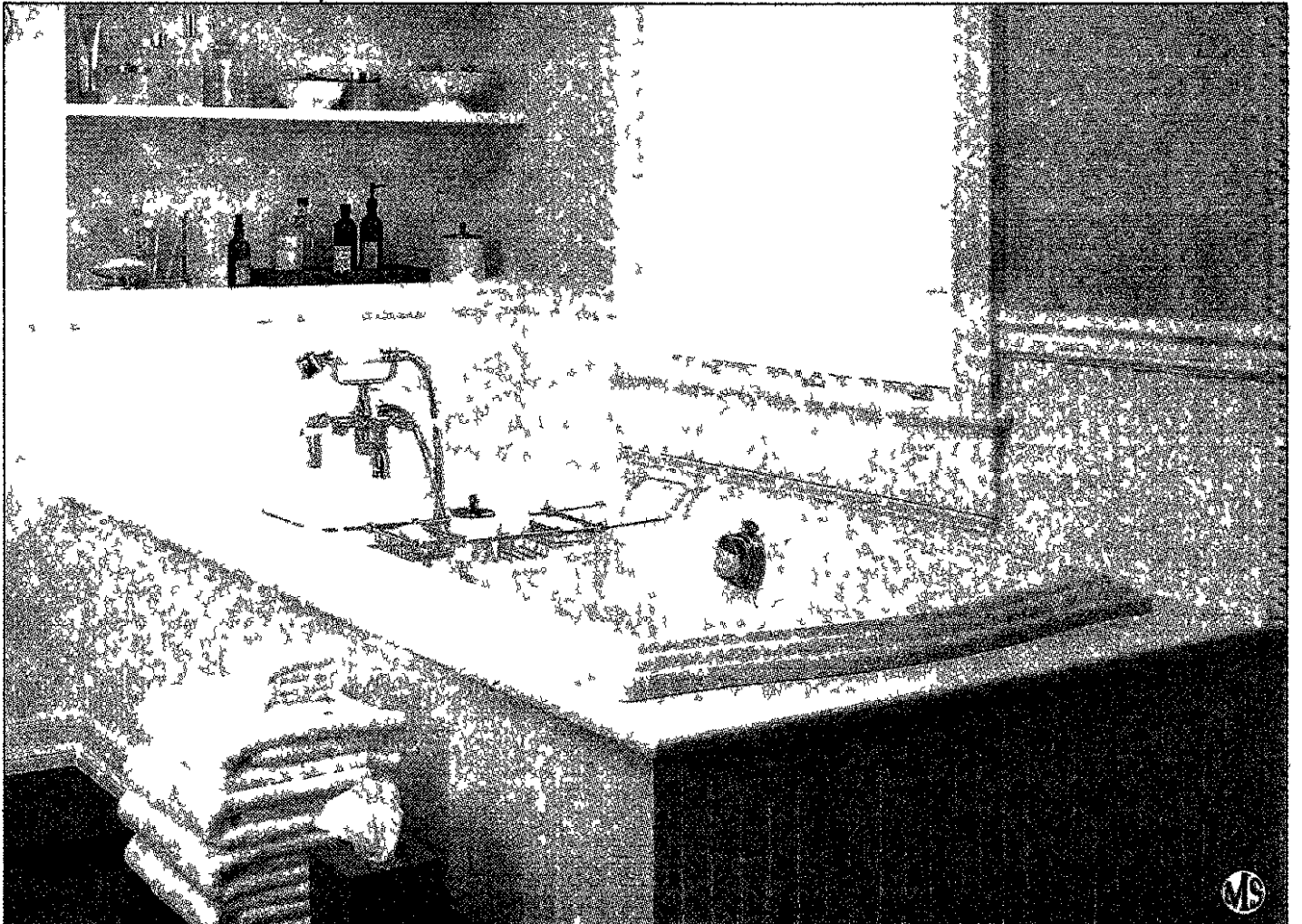
Today, the kitchen might double as your family's office/study room, party room or conversation area, in addition to the place where mom or dad cooks dinner. Areas designated for computer workspace are included in all Delcor homes and we find that many customers prefer that these "Learning Centers" be in the kitchen/family room area to make it easier for parents to oversee their children's computer usage.

As its household role has expanded, kitchens have increased in size, while becoming more inviting and convenient. Kitchens today are usually open to the family room, have a wide view of the outdoors and are filled with lots of natural light. Increasingly, kitchens are large enough to accommodate small parties, having ample space to prepare meals, serve guests and be conducive to mungling.

ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

Customers are demanding more interesting architectural features in their kitchens. For example, demand is increasing for higher ceilings for added storage space and to make rooms appear more spacious. All Delcor homes have a minimum of 9-foot ceilings on the first floor, and many include cathedral ceilings in the rooms on the second floor. Customers use the extra space above cabinets in the kitchen to enhance decor with plantings or display items. The homes in our Estates of Metamora development in Metamora have 42-inch cabinets, which allow for additional storage space. Decorative beams and moldings, large, unusual-shaped windows, chandeliers and accent lighting, and ornate cabinetry are also popular additions to today's kitchens.

To beautify the kitchen even more, the newest decor incorporates materials such as granite, marble, metals and even concrete. Painted and glazed cabinets are becoming popular, experts predict that hot color choices for 2004 will include celery green, creamery yellow



Bathrooms are becoming one of the most luxurious spaces in today's new homes. Transform this room into a serene and therapeutic place by installing a relaxing airbath such as this one designed by TOTO.

and pantry white. Stainless steel and black remain the top two choices for appliances.

LUXURIOUS SPACE

In contrast to the busy kitchen, when the party is over and the kids have gone to bed, homeowners frequently retreat to what is fast becoming one of the most luxurious spaces in today's new homes — the bathroom.

According to industry experts, today's consumer expects warmth, comfort, convenience and luxury in bathrooms at every price point. Baths are growing in size and are increasingly geared to relaxation as well as efficiency. Emerging trends include his and hers master baths, large showers with multiple

heads, heated floor tiles and the use of furniture for vanities instead of pedestal sinks and cabinets.

Also, more consumers are seeking universal designs for their bathrooms that address health, safety and welfare issues. As the baby boom generation nears retirement, features designed for older homeowners and their guests (e.g. aging parents) are becoming popular. These features include such things as doorways at least three feet wide, lever handles in place of knobs, grab bars that look like towel racks and adjustable shower heads.

Like the kitchen, the bath not only is becoming more comfortable, but more aesthetically pleasing as well. New homes frequently feature luxurious touches like granite tiles and glass block

partitioning between the bath and the toilet.

For more information on trends and design in every room of your home, visit the National Association of Home Builders' Web site at www.nahb.org.

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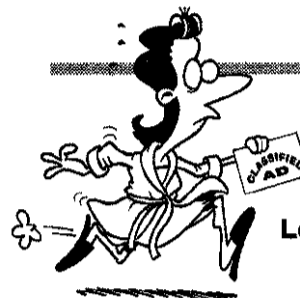
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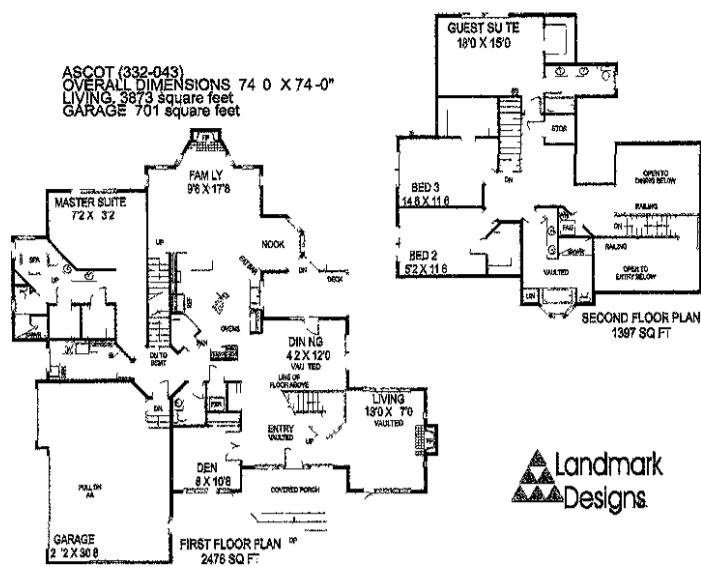
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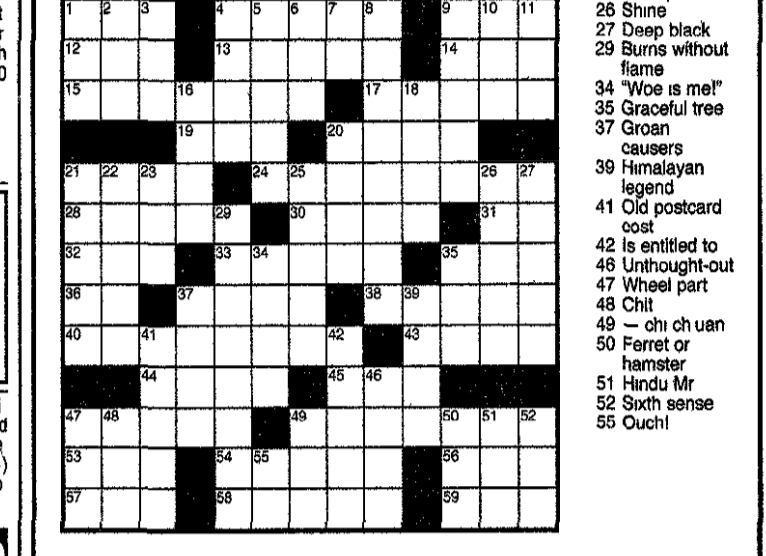
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Gazebos: The new backyard hot spot

(NAPSI) - What's the latest trend in outdoor decor? Backyard gazebos. Experts say the "mini-pavilions" have become popular with homeowners across the country because they add beauty and value to a home. Plus, unlike patios and decks, gazebos can be used rain or shine.

A gazebo can be built in a single weekend. If you plan to build one in your yard, try these tips:

PLANNING

Typical gazebo designs are eight-sided, with railings and a peaked roof. However, gazebos can be customized to fit virtually any-sized yard. If you're looking for ideas, www.cedar-outdoor.org has

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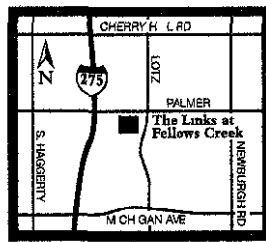
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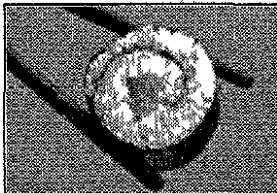
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Husbands, wives and income stream



WORKWISE by Mildred L. Culp

Do you ever wonder why work skills never leave the office? A recent article in the New York Times featured a man whose wife, an attorney, had decided to stop working and stay home with their children. The man complained of "bait-and-switch," because he thought he'd married a professional woman who'd be contributing handsomely to family finances. He also complained that now, the sole wage-earner in his 40s, he grabs all of the work he can, even on weekends, and returns home from work to face a long list of household chores. The partnership the couple had formed seems to have evaporated.

The man's surprise at this development in his marriage is amazing, his failure to use his well-honed experience negotiating at work, equally so. Where has he been during the last 15 years? Men have been encountering this situation for a very long time. Didn't he hear about it at work, observe it in the neighborhood or tune into it in the media? I'm not discounting his right to be angry. He should be. I'm just wondering what he and his wife didn't do that might have led to a different outcome. He didn't and doesn't have to respond helplessly, joining the ranks of male victims.

"Just Enough Tools for Creating Success in Your Work and Life," a book by Laura Nash and Howard Stevenson (Harvard Business School Press, \$24.95), would suggest that the couple might well have been expecting too much of their dual-income lifestyle, that it might have become a treadmill. It would seem that, if one member of the partnership felt driven to shift gears, both members of the couple needed to get real about the adjustments everyone was going to have to make.

I'm reminded of the man who responded to his wife's

desire to leave the work force by pointing out what they'd no longer have, beginning with two cars. Shifting to one income, many couples become do-it-yourself-er's staving off housecleaning, landscaping and restaurant entertainment bills. Clothing budgets plummet -- or should. Everything gets a little tighter. Does this downshifting to a simpler lifestyle sound appealing? Is there a way to live other than by all or nothing? "Just Enough" says there is.

Many men and women would criticize the wife for her about-face, particularly given times of economic uncertainty. I can't help wondering what transpired in the marriage that created a chasm between the two. The couple may well have become so caught up in their upscale, two-career, two-income lifestyle that they didn't renegotiate their partnership. Don't you hear, in the man's comment that he "thought he had it made" by marrying an attorney something like the "good catch" some women think they've made when marriage promises them upscale luxuries to which they have been, or want to become, accustomed?

Partnerships are just that -- relationships that need constant nurturing to accommodate the inevitable forces of change in our sped-up world. Nash and Stevenson point out that people subscribing to "Me first" have a problem. "not an inability to imagine the good life in terms larger than money, but knowing how to go after it."

Our core message is that success is not just about one thing nor an infinite number of things, it is about "just enough" across several spheres. "It's the parent" they write, "who cuts back on career for the sake of children but does not become lost in the mom role or dad role to forsake all other aspects of his or her identity."

I confess to irritation toward women (and men) at parties who have nothing to discuss but their children. I've watched relationships fall apart when sisters, with

frenzied domestic focus, lacked sufficient awareness of people outside of their home zones to ask about a brother's work, or even his life.

What do people fear in communicating with others? Will the bewildered, angry husband find out that the woman he married has changed irreparably? Will he learn that she worked as long as she did because it was stylish and expected, rather than being driven by a need to contribute something outside of the domestic front? Why aren't they negotiating circumstances that will create a win-win instead of living a win-lose? If their relationship has a strong foundation, the couple and their children will survive this crisis.

The burden of facing years as a sole provider when the foundation of the relationship was a work-based partnership ought to spur the man to action. Personal and business partnerships are dynamic. Throwing up your hands and giving up when one of the partners changes places the objective of "just enough" in another galaxy.

(Dr. Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Factiva, a Dow Jones & Reuters Co. Inc., makes her WorkWise column available to thousands of major corporations worldwide. Copyright 2004 Passage Media.)



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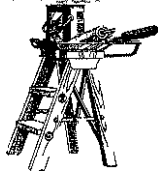
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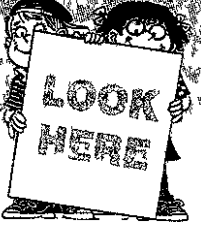


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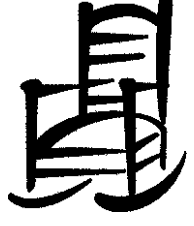
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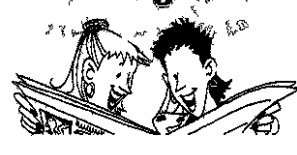
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Petition 2004 11 06 08 submitted by the City Planning Commission pursuant to Council Resolution #301 04 and pursuant to Section 23 01(a) of Ordinance #543 the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia as amended to determine whether or not to amend Sections 2 08 9 08 10 03 and 11 03 of Zoning Ordinance #543 as amended to allow myo massologists (massage therapists) to either open their own office or to work in health clubs hair salons day spas for corporate chair massages or in a YMCA within the City limits
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CANTON 2 family Lots of toys misc household July 29 31 8-4 6318 Willow Creek N of Ford W of Lilley

CANTON Garage sale Wednesday July 28th & Thursday 29th 9 5 At 42902 Lombardy Dr N of Warren S of Joy E of Morton Taylor W of Lilley Antique sewing machine & chair Lots of misc

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LIVONIA 39201 Plymouth Rd btwn Newburgh & Eckles Household 1970's Barbie Party Lite dryer more! July 29 & 30 10 6 July 31st 10 3

LIVONIA Multi Families sale 15422 Gontweh July 29 30 31 9 7 (5 & Levan) Antiques collectors plates furniture tools household items clothing & more

LIVONIA Wed Fri July 28 30 14729 Riverside S/5 Mile between Levan & Newburgh LOTS OF GOOD STUFF!

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NOVI Mon Tues & Wed July 26 28 9 5 Off of Tah btwn 8 & 9 Mile Go W on Galway to 21870 Daleview Furniture Twin Mattress Set King Waterbed newer Kenmore Gas Stove GE Gas Dryer double jogging stroller sit & stand stroller garage door opener clothing 25¢ & up Avon house shutters Little Tikes toys household

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PLYMOUTH 2 homes each multi family Kids clothes toys games books house hold small electronic Thurs Sat 8 5 9674 & 11115 Terry Ann Arbor Rd & 275

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PLYMOUTH Country Club Vlg W/Beck N/A A Rd 11419 Maple Valley & 10645 Fellows H I July 29 30 9 4 Furniture rugs p ctures sporting goods housewares toys & more!

PLYMOUTH Garage Estate Sale Clocks cook books 50's jewelry g assware dishes boat motor tools fu n to a lots more stuff July 29 31 (Thurs Sat) 9 5 11420 God A bor W of Haeperty off Ann Arbor Trail

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2004 Mercedes CLK320 upgrades nicely

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By Anne Fracassa
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As with any manufacturer, upgrading a model line is a grueling process. Often, the goal is to make it better than it was -- stronger, faster. Man, am I dating myself, or what?

No, seriously, the old adage if it isn't broken, don't fix it should be in place with some automotive manufacturers. But that's not what the discerning consumer expects. They want it better, stronger, faster.

Never mind that Mercedes-Benz's first generation CLK-Class was the most successful model ever for the company, with more than 41,500 sold just in the U.S. and more than 115,000 sold throughout the world.

This is the second generation of the Mercedes CLK-Class and this automaker has known from the beginning what to do to make its customers happy. The newest CLK320 is no exception.

Let's start with the styling. Instead of opting to change the look and feel of the CLK320, Mercedes-Benz refined it, lending it to the classic roadster front end that dips down and focuses on the low and wide grille. There are no misplaced lines here to interfere with the look and perception of the CLK320. Just soft accents that make you feel like it can glide, not drive, through the air with ease.

The windows are frameless and the roofline is not very defined, which adds to the clean and fresh look of the CLK320. It all lends itself to a large rear window that provides no question as to where the cars and trucks in back of you are going.

Driven this week was the four-passenger coupe, which was larger than large and was oh-so-comfortable from its spacious interior to its ride and handling on our gosh-awful Michigan roads.



2004 Mercedes-Benz CLK320. Vehicle class: subcompact luxury sedan. Power: 3.2-liter 18-valve aluminum V-6. Mileage: 20 city / 26 highway. Where built: Germany. Price as tested: \$52,455.

Front suspension is taken care of with a three-link fully independent system with torsion bars. The rear has an individual multi-link suspension system with gas pressure dampers. All of that rides on 16-inch seven-spoke alloy wheels with all-season tires.

Pop under the hood and you'll find a 3.2-liter twin-spark 18-valve aluminum V6 that's oh-so-Mercedes-Benz. Nothing is ever stronger than a Mercedes engine. The engine features 100,000-mile platinum spark plugs and will hand you 215-horses on a platter mated to a 5-speed automatic transmission.

No problems getting anywhere you want to go in a hurry or in leisure with this CLK320. What a wonderful, wonderful power plant. Couldn't even hear it running when you were inside with the windows rolled up.

Luxury is what you crave in a Mercedes and luxury is what you'll get. No questions asked, either. All the technology fit for a luxury vehicle you would want, too.

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There's sound insulation that allows you to be totally oblivious to the outside world. Everything is sealed to perfection with multi-layer fabric and padding throughout the vehicle. Close the doors, roll up the windows, and you're in total silence from the outside world. That's a level of comfort anyone would enjoy and appreciate after a long day of stress and putting out fires at the office. Even would tempt you to listen to the silence on the way home to recharge a bit.

The interior of the CLK320 is so roomy, so comfortable, that it would rival a luxury hotel suite. Remember we talked about improvement? Well, that's where a lot of improvement was gained -- interior roominess and comfort. And it shows. Even the rear trunk cargo area has been improved. There's now almost 9 cubic feet of storage room in there -- almost enough to take a sleeping blanket and bed down for the night -- almost.

The CLK320 is expensive for most, but remember, it's a Mercedes-Benz. I had a great aunt that had her Mercedes for more than 25 years before giving it up. Never had a lack of problems, either.

The CLK320 is a finely refined automobile for the finely refined automotive consumer who needs a vehicle purely for the comfort factor it provides. This may be the one.

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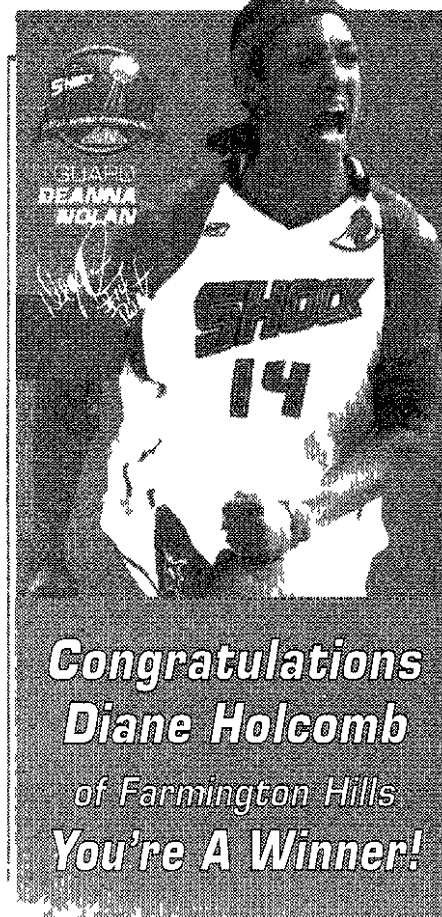


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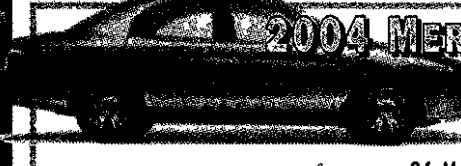


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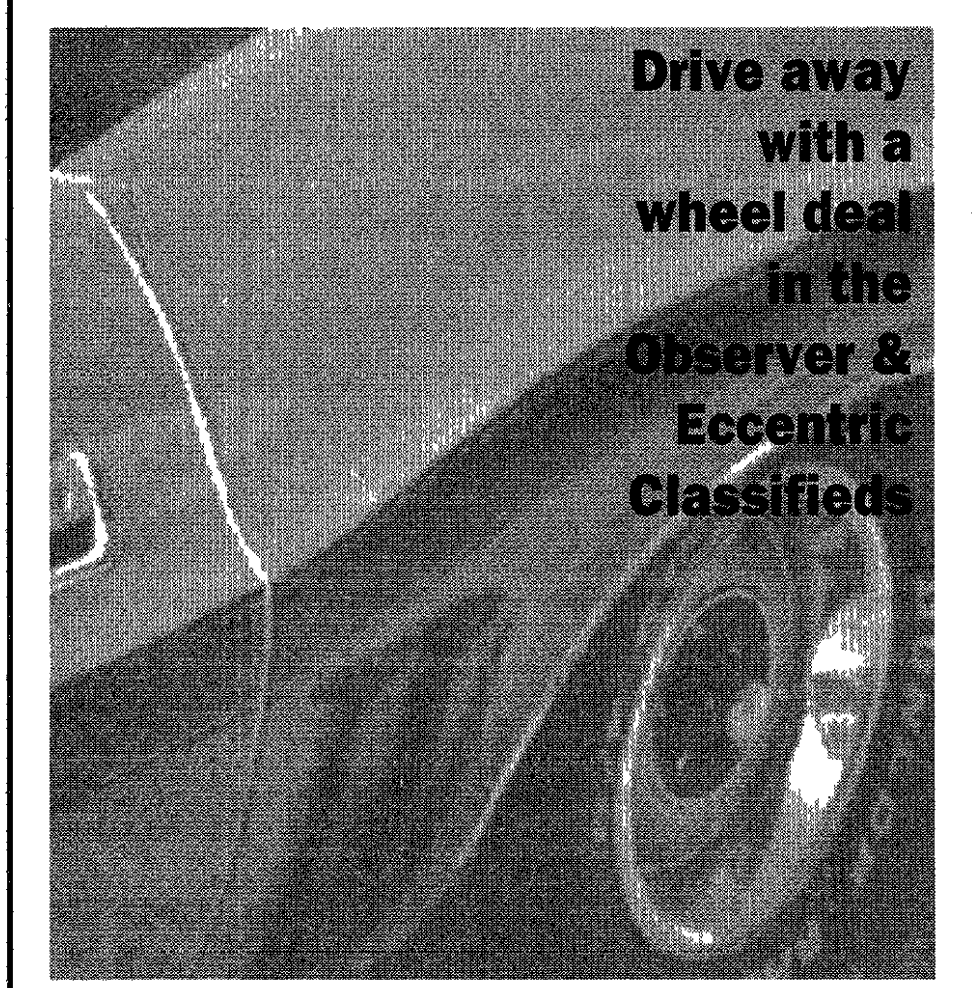
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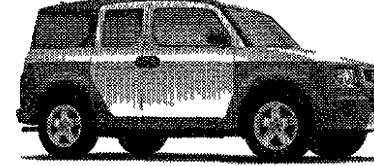
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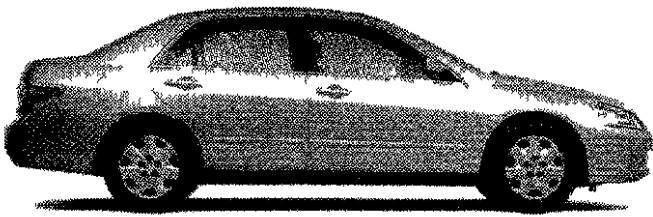
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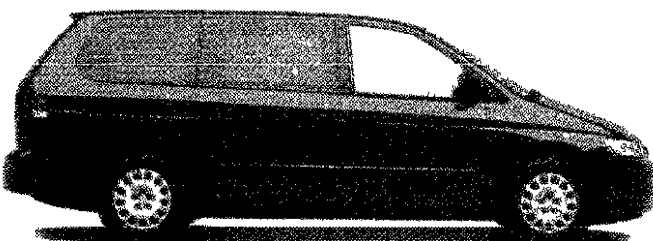


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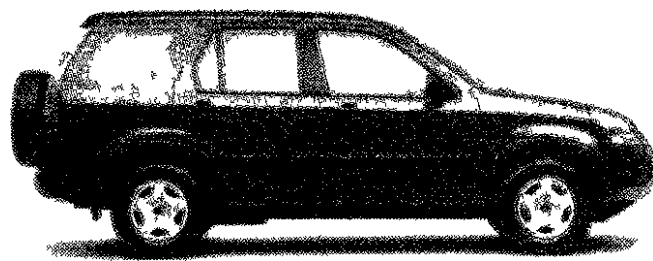


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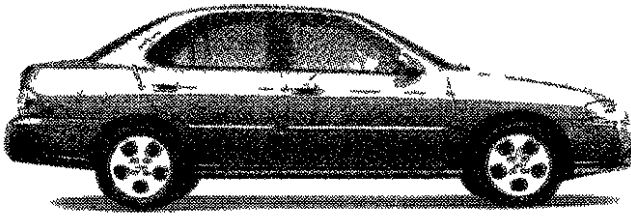
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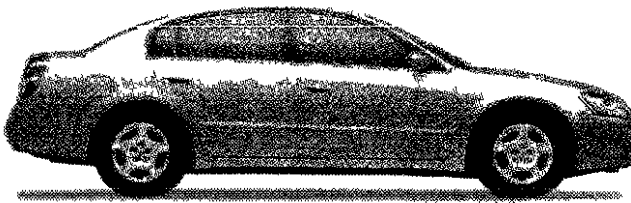


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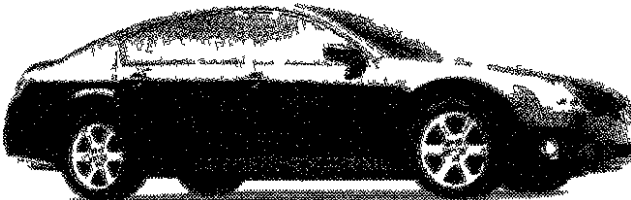


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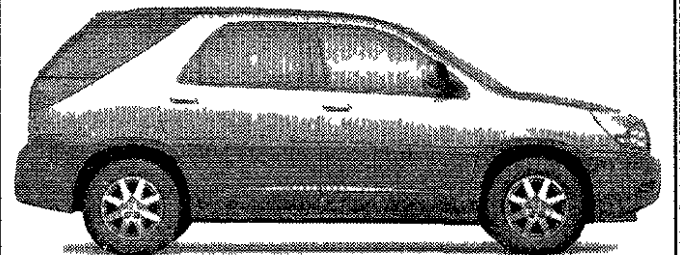
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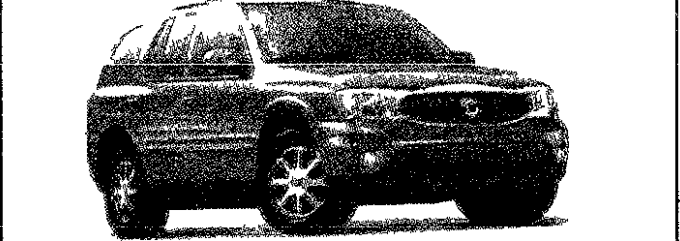
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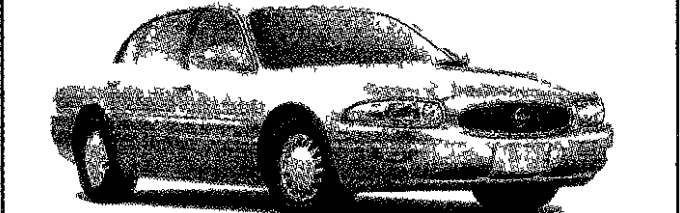
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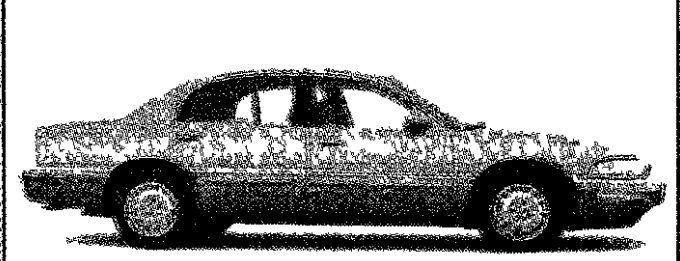
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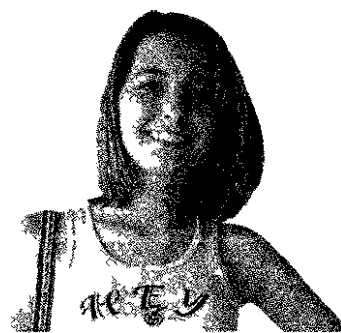
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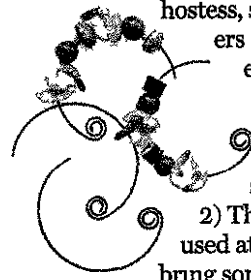
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Ditch the wine for these clever hostess gifts

A Absolutely! Hostess gifts are one of my favorite things to shop for. The trick is to stock up beforehand — designate a little drawer where you keep small gifts and thank-you cards so you're never caught empty-handed and running around at the last minute.

Also, a few general rules of thumb:

- 1) A hostess gift is something that should require no extra work for the hostess, so forget about flowers. The hostess has enough on her mind without having to find a vase for your well-intended stems.



- 2) The item shouldn't be used at the party. You can bring something sweet like a cake, but the intention is for your hostess to enjoy it on her own time, not for it to be served to everyone at the party. Now, of course, if the hostess chooses to, that's by all means fine and dandy. Just don't expect or suggest it.

3) The gift should be small and thoughtful. There's no need to spend a lot on a hostess gift. Its intention is to acknowledge or thank the hostess for all of her hard work, not to buy her something so extravagant that she's writing you a thank-you note after the party. Instead, you should be writing her a thank-you note after the shindig. In general, an appropriate amount for a hostess gift is \$5-\$25.

4) Size matters. Refrain from buying something decorative like a figurine or something large for the home. Everyone has a particular style and it's hard to know what someone likes. You wouldn't want them to feel obligated to display something for the rest of their lives. Instead, buy something small and/or useable.

Now for the fun part: what to bring! For a BBQ bash, surlatable.com has a set of four fun curved kebab skewers (\$9.95). Wrap a bow around them, stuff them in a gift bag and you're ready to go. A bottle of tasty BBQ sauce or salsa would be a fun addition as well. Or opt for wine bottle cork candles. Shaped like corks, they transform your empty wine bottles into elegant candleholders. Snag a set of four for \$8 at

plumparty.com. Plum Party is full of great hostess gifts, including a cool neoprene wine tote that holds two bottles (\$16), a set of four mini torches in the shape of Popsicles (\$8), and a set of four bright mini cocktail shakers (\$18).

Another great site to scoop up hostess gifts is amenwardy.com. Faves include cocktail candy, flavored sugars to rim your martinis and 'ritas (\$12.95), White Trash, which is white chocolate-flavored bark stirred into a nutritious mix of crisp cereals, pretzels and choice nuts (\$10), and floating sandal candles — perfect for summer shindigs (\$17).

You can always score great gifts, hostess and otherwise, at

wishingfish.com. The clever and funny takeout menu organizer (\$24.95) is perfect for the hostess who's more

takeout queen than gourmet chef. The already wrapped

dolci dessert sauce duo (\$19.95) — a delicious duo of

chocolate hazelnut sauce and milk caramel sauce — makes irresistible gourmet

dessert toppings for

sundaes, fruit and cake. The jolly lolly lol-

lipoops (\$2.95 each) are

tongue-in-cheek

sweetness. Featuring cute pictures and say

ings, like Queen Bee, Funny Bunny, Social

Butterfly and Pig Out, buy four or five, tie a

pretty bow around them, and delight your fun-

loving hostess.

Another site you should be adding to

your "Favorites" list is

uncommongoods.com. No matter the occa-

sion, you can always find something here.

For the card shark-hostess, the full house

card dishes (\$12) are just the trick. Each set

of four includes a heart, spade, diamond

and club, in red and black, and are perfect

for serving snacks in. For the fashion-loving

hostess, a set of mannequin soaps (\$22) or

a high heel cake server (\$20) will have her

in stylish stitches.

Kelly Lee runs the online style magazine

BussBuss.com and designs fabulously fun cloth-

ing and accessories. Got an online shopping

question? Ask kelly@bussbuss.com!

Instead of bringing a bottle of wine for the hostess bring cork candle toppers from plumparty.com

By Wendy White Photos by JL Von Buskirk

A day of torrential rainstorms failed to dampen the spirit of Cranbrook's 9th Annual Serious Moonlight fund raiser held Saturday July 17 on the academy's lush grounds. The clouds blew over just in time for the evening gala and guests poured in from all over Metro Detroit dressed in their finest party attire. This year's festivities, which boasted a Rio Style theme, were extra special because it's Cranbrook's centennial year. As Grupo Alegre and D.J. Eyedaddy provided Caribbean beats, guests salsa danced, browsed masterworks in the museum and bid on art by Cranbrook alumni. Partygoers were asked to wear scintillatingly stylish attire and PINK caught up with some guests who embodied the fashionable spirit of the affair.



1 Cranbrook ceramics student Joanie Turbek from Queens, NY, pulls together bohemian chic with a blazer over a T-shirt, a leather mini and pink leg warmers with fuchsia glitter flats.



2 Actresses from St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook and staff from Antonino Salon get into the spirit of the Rio theme with costumes by Ralph Taylor of Caribbean Mardi Gras Productions, Detroit. From left are Jill Hackett of White Lake, Annie Harrelson of Bloomfield Hills, Cindy Wade of Farmington Hills, Diane Edwards of West Bloomfield and Deirdre Suarez of Royal Oak.

3 Leslie Craigie brightens up the Latin American theme



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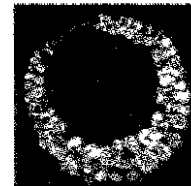
6 Designer Juliene Carroll, part owner of Jujo Carroll in Birmingham, left, and jewelry designer Cleide Moncau both wear fashions by Carroll. Carroll sports an asymmetrical dress in cotton, while Moncau models a versatile piece in wool with rabbit and leather trim that can be tied as a dress (shown), skirt or jacket.

7 Furniture and art designer Brian Jorde of Southfield and his date, publicist Babe York, make a fashionable and colorful couple. Jorde wears Armani slacks with a striped Robert Graham shirt, while York pairs an Italian dress with Gucci shoes.

5 Shopping

In Plymouth

PINK trolls for fab finds in this hip downtown.



6 Girl Power

Local athletes prove women can do it all.

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Go ahead, Leos, take a walk on the wild side.

10 Style Calendar

Your guide to being beautiful in Metro Detroit.

11 Pink Picks

Wedge sandals top the list.



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The perfect cure for dark circles around your eyes.

On the cover



Ruth Riley, MVP of the Detroit Shock. Photo by David Reed.

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shopping in plymouth

Story and photos by Wensdy White

Spend the day!

If you haven't been shopping in downtown Plymouth lately, PINK highly recommends a stop in the nouveau-hip burb. The downtown — anchored by a park ringed with outdoor cafes, coffee shops, salons and stores — boasts a European-esque balance between quaint and cosmopolitan. Best of all, you can walk from store to store, and free parking is easy to find. PINK stopped by Plymouth recently for an all-day shopping excursion. Here's a sampling of what we found.

PARTY TIME

If you need to find a gift, you can't beat boutiques in Plymouth, which carry a million things you can't find at the mall. **Basket Kreations** on Forest Ave. specializes in helping customers create personalized gifts.

packages for any occasion. The shop carries a variety of gift bags and baskets, and merch to stuff in them for all ages — including baby goods, gourmet foods, outdoor patio ware and Red Hat Society stuff. You can top off your basket with some sweets from the candy counter.

Gifts also can be found at **Parkway Professional Grooming**, 418 N. Main. Yes, it's a dog groomer, and when PINK stopped by, a Lhasa Apso was in mid-trim. But in the front of the shop, owner Linda M. Lewis operates **Linda's Gift House**. For the dog lover, there are totes, trinket boxes, coasters, throw pillows, afghans and jewelry adorned with different breeds. Lewis also stocks a huge selection of dolls — for play and collecting — and a full line of doll clothes that fit American Girls. They're a steal for \$12 apiece.

If you're planning a party yourself, you simply must stop in **RSVP**, 838 Penniman, a cute little stationery shop that specializes in unique invitations and cards. Shoppers can order invitations from high-end companies like Crane's, William Arthur and Anna Griffin. Or, if you're savvy on the computer, you can buy whimsical

blank cards and print them out yourself. RSVP also carries gifts, including monogrammed platters, piggy banks, totes, handbags, jewelry and robes personalized for the guest of honor.

FOR MORE RUGGED TYPES

If you need to buy for a guy, the place to stop is definitely **Parkside Gallery**, 388 S. Main. Owner Kal Jabara — an avid outdoorsman — carries hunting and fishing-inspired stuff, like wood carvings and furni-

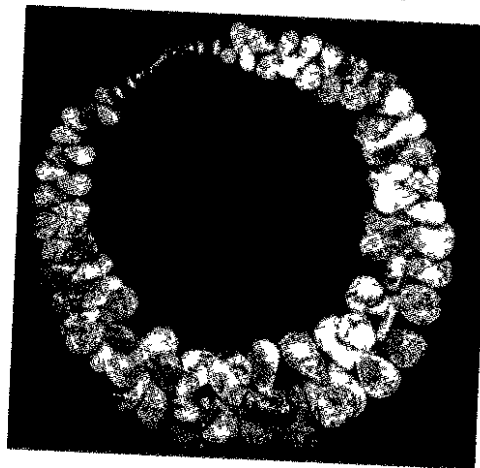
ture perfect for a cabin. Up North, Parkside also is the largest dealer of paintings by Thomas Kinkadee, Painter of Light.

Gardeners will dig **Backyard Birds**, 627 S. Main. The store is jam-packed with every possible garden amenity, including bird baths, bird feeders, garden ornaments, garden stones, art flags and fountains. It's a pleasure just to browse there, with the soothing sounds of waterfalls and wind-chimes in the background.

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, carries art and artifacts created by

Native Americans, like drums, woven baskets, furniture, dream catchers and sand paintings. Tribes like the Zuni, Navajo, Hopi and some local natives like Chippewa and Onieda are represented. We were drawn to the jewelry case, which contained an

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This beautiful chunky turquoise necklace, \$569, can be found among other Native American jewelry at Native West.

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Sarah Manning



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AGE: 30
SPORT: Expert class Mountain Biking
NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS: Winner of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association's Champion Point Series in the sport women's class — ages 20-29 — for the 2003 race season. Third Place in the women's sport group at

When Sarah Manning and her husband showed up for their first mountain bike ride four years ago at Holdridge Lakes in Holly, they wore tennis shoes and did not have bike helmets

"It was a miracle I didn't kill myself that first ride," Manning said. "I went out and bought a helmet the very next day."

She learned that she did not want to repeat the very muddy experience she'd had at Holdridge Lakes, and realized the other riders who wore helmets, special shoes and bike shorts for their outing were onto something.

"When I first started doing this, I had no athletic background so I'm finding a new part of me," Manning said. "I have learned a lot about what my body can do and I'm still learning."

There are four levels of mountain bikers. At the beginner level, cyclists have been riding for a year and have just started racing. Sport level racers have been riding for two or three years and racing for one of those years. Expert level cyclists have three or four years' experience riding and, as Manning explained, if riders place in the top three of the sport level, they must upgrade to expert status. Elite level riders "have been riding a long time and are ready to reach that semi-pro level," Manning said.

Now Manning, with several championship races under her belt, races at the expert level in Michigan due to her third place finish in Vermont last year.

"Five years ago, if someone would have told me I'd be an expert mountain biker, I'd have laughed. But I'm also looking forward to what I can still achieve," Manning said.

Manning said she has always been motivated. Her musical background provides her with discipline and practice habits. Manning transfers to mountain biking.

"I've always been the type of person to never do something halfway," Manning said.

For a rider with only four years of experience, Manning has excelled in her sport and pedaled her way to a respectable position. It's easy to see why she does not allow "can't" in her vocabulary.

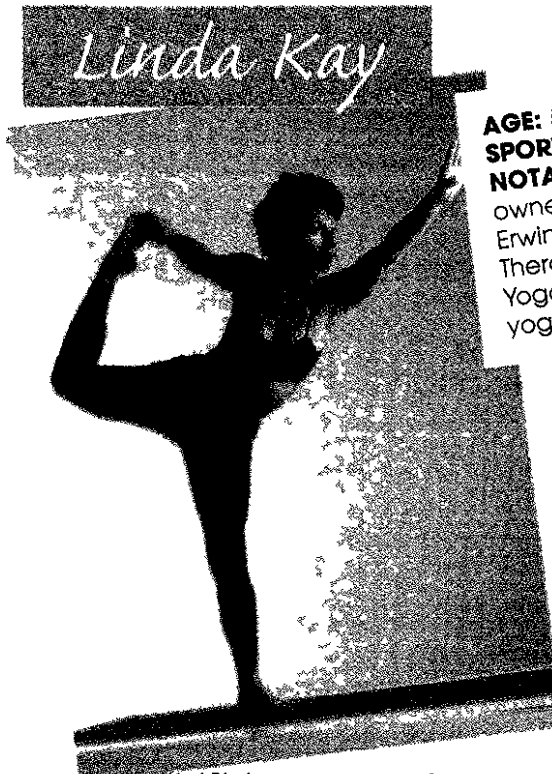
"There are things I need to work on, but I don't want to say 'I can't,' because that's just giving up and I don't do that. It is all possible, it just takes a lot of practice and time and it may just take a while to get there," Manning said.

Women at

By Lindsey Paterson Pink

It takes both physical and mental strength to be an athlete in many different sports — and they're providing it. In the past decades, women athletes have forced society's perception of what women cannot participate in sports. Unprecedented opportunities for women athletes take pride in the fact that they are now paving the way. With the Olympics a mere 19 days away, and the addition of women's events at the Athens games, PINK thought it was high time to ask local women

Linda Kay



AGE: 53
SPORT: Yoga
NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS: Co-owner of Yoga Chi with partner Erwin Lieberman. Certified Massage Therapist instructor at two Midwest Yoga Conferences and conducts yoga seminars across the country.

just for myself," Kay recalled. She practices yoga, and kept it off her entire adult life. Kay stresses that women already have the ability to recognize their abilities.

"I think it's empowering to realize that they already have. Finding your inner strength is the noblest within ourselves without any help."

A person like Kay, who believes in a good support system for women, provides a good support system for women who recently went on their first yoga class. She offers "lots and lots of support."

And anyone who is as busy as she is, she offers a good support system.

Submitted Photos: Linda Kay in the morning by 7:30, in her studio from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. In the evening after the bookwork is taken care of over a light lunch, she practices and taught, dinner passes by, and an energetic bike ride has taken place.

In addition to practicing yoga regularly — she takes at least four classes a week — Kay enjoys hiking, golfing and playing a few games of tennis.

So what gives her all this energy? Kay says she "works in" instead of "works out." She is strengthening both her body and her mind. "Yoga is self-study, observation, and working as hard as I can, and yet not being attached to the performance."

Kay says her greatest accomplishment is being happy and sharing that happiness to continue to teach yoga and pass on her love for the activity. Don't be surprised if you see her on her own television spots for yoga.

"I wake up each morning eager for the opportunities — even the small ones. I want to learn and grow. At 53, I'm now learning that, instead of becoming weaker with age, I'm becoming stronger than ever, and it's still my friend. It's exhilarating!"

Ruth Riley



Photos by David Reed



As Ruth Riley laces up her ankle braces, you would never know the woman stands at a towering 6'5" But this humble MVP, who said of her award, "We have very talented players at every position, so I think the award could have gone to everyone," is a powerful center for the Detroit Shock

AGE: 24
SPORT: Basketball
NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:
MVP of the 2003 WNBA
champions the Detroit Shock

Riley said winning the 2003 WNBA championship has been her greatest career accomplishment thus far. She now hopes to strengthen her skills as a player and make a trip to the Olympics before her career is over.

Riley said the chemistry that she and her teammates share on and off the court helped win them the championship title last year. It's easy to see why. During a typical two-hour practice, Riley and the other players shout encouraging words and give high-fives. Coach Bill Lambeer nurtures his team and gives confidence to all his players.

"That's the real Ruth Riley right there," Lambeer said.

According to Riley, there is no such thing as a typical day in the life of a WNBA player. During the season, she resides in Detroit and practices with her team several days a week when they do not have a game. Since their travel schedule is unpredictable, Riley said she and the other players spend most of their time at home doing errands that they are unable to complete while on the road. In the off-season, Riley lives in Miami, where she works out for two hours every morning and then heads out to find a beach volleyball game or some willing participants in a pick-up basketball game.

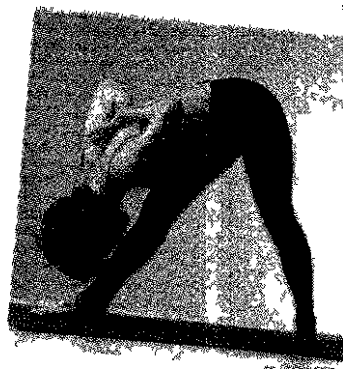
"The main thing about workouts is not to be monotonous with them," Riley said. "A lot of people find that working out is boring for them because they have to do the same thing, but whether you're trying tennis or taekwondo, do anything that's different than what you're normally up to. It's a different challenge and I think it helps a lot."

This contender has been playing a myriad of sports since she was in fourth grade. You name it, she played it: track, softball and volleyball among them.

"I've always liked the competition aspect of (sports)," Riley said. "Basketball was just the one that I found a passion with and I ended up playing in college at Notre Dame."

Riley, whose favorite movie is *Hoosiers*, accepts that not everyone grants women athletes the respect they deserve.

"You're not going to change everyone's mind. People are entitled to their opinion, and that's fine. But we love what we do, and we think we're good at what we do, and I know a lot of people appreciate that," Riley said. "I would say (to them), come to the games."



athletes Today, women are exhibiting their ability to excel at them. In the past several years, there has been a significant shift in opinion regarding who can and who cannot play. Now, women athletes exist in Detroit's women athletes for future generations. Riley spoke about women's wrestling as an official sport in the Olympics and encouraged women athletes to speak about their sports.

Linda Kay can bend her body in ways many people cannot fathom. As co-owner of Yoga-Chi in Birmingham, Kay has been practicing yoga for 26 years.

"I was afraid of becoming a stay-at-home mom and getting fat," Kay said. "I assumed that, since I was a real 'jock,' I could handle a little-old-lady yoga class, and soon found how amazing it was."

Her first experience with yoga left her feeling completely fulfilled, "as though it was the first time in my life I'd taken time for myself. And ever since, she's been hooked. Kay has lost 30 pounds through her practice.

Women have power within themselves and that it is advantageous for them to have it.

For women, through the physical practice of yoga, of the strength and flexibility you gain in your practice allows us all to embrace that which is the fear, inhibition or ego," Kay said.

It is important that it has always been up to her to live her life to the fullest, and that other women desiring to shape their bodies and intellect. Kay, on a yoga-inspired vacation in years, said that Detroit is a great community of support to those who practice yoga.

As this yoga queen ought to have some support. Kay said she's up to 1 p.m. teaching classes, and does not receive a break until late in the evening when gardening is completed, errands are run, more classes are taken, and she goes to bed. Whew!

Classes a week — and riding her bike,

and "working out," turning her focus on meditation and acceptance. I try to balance my mind and body."

That happiness with others, and hopes to be surprised if someday soon you catch up to her.

Most difficult ones — which allow me to feel more confident and healthy, my body is stronger.

Look for more great women athletes in next week's PINK, featuring Olympic Triathlete Sheila Taormina and Detroit Demolition Quarterback Kim Grodus.

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ALL THAT GLITTERS

Speaking of jewelry, Plymouth features two family-owned jewelry stores that carry a wide selection and do repairs on site. **O & D Bush Jewelers**, 509 W. Ann Arbor Trail, has been in business for 60 years, the last 27 in Plymouth. Owned by Barb and Don Bush, the store specializes in designing jewelry to order. Don is one of less than 40 certified gemologists in the state and carries a dazzling selection of gems.

Across Main Street, check out **Dearborn Jewelers**, 805 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Open for more than 50 years in Dearborn, the store moved over a year ago to its current location. Its glass cases are stocked with pearls, gold, sterling silver, elite Swiss watches and Charles Garnier earrings straight from Paris. Owner Matthew Allen and his wife specialize in wedding bands, engagement rings and anniversary diamond rings.

Once you've picked out the rings, stop by **Julie's Bridal Imports**, 570 S. Main, for outfitting all the ladies in the bridal party. The boutique specializes in imported gowns and accessories for brides, bridesmaids, flower girls and guests. Strapless dresses with sashes or detailed backs are in vogue right now, as are simple dresses for destination weddings.

HOME DÉCOR

Plymouth also boasts plenty of furniture finds. **Walker & Buzenberg Furniture**, 240 N. Main, is a family business celebrating its 70th anniversary. The huge store holds a wide variety of traditional, contemporary and transitional furniture. Watch for frequent sales.



You'll find these colorful, trendy ribbon belts by Loop de Loop, \$63-\$68 at Gigi's Mode.

If you're in the market for a custom piece, stop by **descendents**, 550 Forest Ave., Suite 5. Artist Sandi Oliverio's store is stocked with hand-painted furniture. Customers can purchase pieces right out of the showroom, or bring in their own furniture for her paint to match their homes.

If you have more traditional taste, try **Village Shopkeeper**, 470 Forest Place. Owner Sandy Wright goes to small trade shows and deals with about 80 Amish families to stock her store with furniture and home accessories. The Amish furniture — solid oak and cherry — is all made by hand and comes in five different stains. She also carries Heritage lace and the A.I. Root line of soy-based candles.

FASHION FORWARD

If you need a hip outfit, there are a couple places sure to suit your fancy. **Bella Mia**, 640 Starkweather, carries French Kitty, Hazel and Buffalo brands to name a few, and every

one raves about the fit of Bella Mia's Collins jeans.

We loved the purses made from album covers and Meghan Noland tanks adorned with ribbons and sayings like "Will Work 4 Shoes."

Gigi's Mode, 960 Ann Arbor Trail, is another place to go for fab fashions. Owner Amanda Britcher has created a girly-girl store where teenagers and their hip young mothers like to shop. Labels include Thique Pinque and Red Engine Jeans. There are piles of scarves, shawls, handbags and cool costume jewelry including creations by Annika Inez for By Boe, seen on the stars. You'll also find hats, belts, shoes and girly items for girls. If you make a purchase, you can sign your name on the "diva wall."

PAMPERING IN PLYMOUTH

Now that you've picked up some new duds, it's time to think about other ways to improve your appearance. **Artistic Permanent Make-up**, 1257 S. Main, offers cosmetic tattooing of eyebrows, eyeliner and lip liner, and camouflage for beauty marks and scarring. If you've ever considered permanent make-up, schedule a consultation with Jacqui, who has been in the beauty industry for three decades. Right now, she's running a special — upper and lower eyeliner for \$495.

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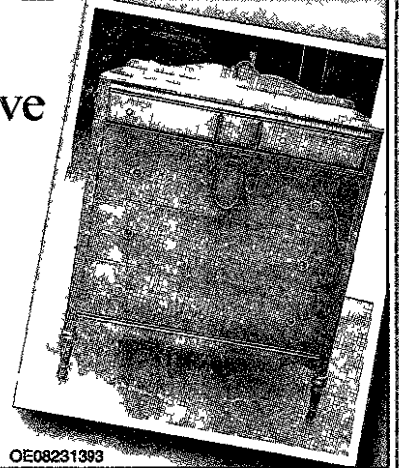
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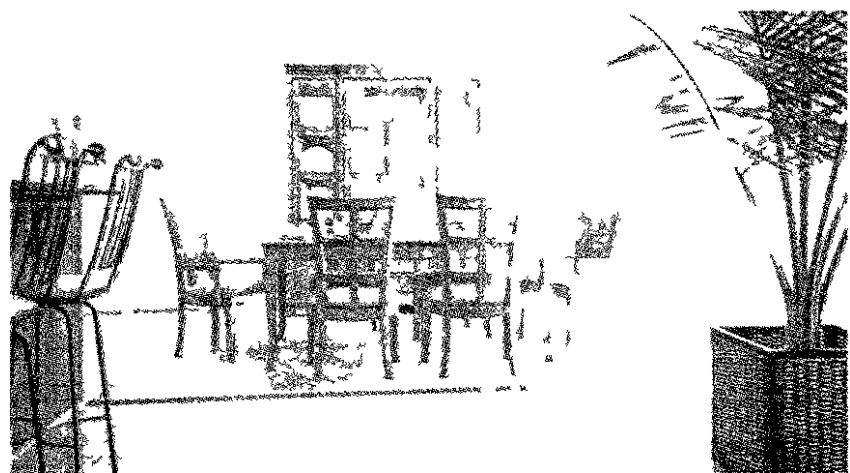
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horoscope

By Miss Anna

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Your intentions and thoughts are focused on your relationships, whether romantic, business-related or marriage. Any partnership desires you presently have will flourish and remain stable for quite some time.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

A new love, or perhaps an ongoing relationship will finally turn in the direction you want it to. The need to be part of a couple is strong right now. You would be wise to tone down any urges to overdo or overindulge.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You find it very easy to attract or pursue romance this week. But do avoid any showdowns with loved ones, you can't expect to have everything go exact-

ly the way you would like it to.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The assertive and dynamic qualities of your personality will shine this week, along with any romantic notions. It is a volatile time for you with emotions running in every different direction, so proceed with extra caution.

LEO (July 24-August 23)

A bit of upbeat financial news will keep you going strong for at least the rest of the year. Behind the scenes influences may be able to ease your way up the success ladder.

VIRGO (August 24-September 23)

A fairly conservative type of investment will prove worth its while this week. Don't take too much for granted, even though your social life is an absolute whirlwind.

L. BRA. (September 24-October 23)

Now is a time for opportunity and expansion for you. Just remember that good fortune is not going to come knocking at your door; you have to make yourself accessible, and be aware of the potential all around you.

SCORPIO (October 24-November 23)

You are due for a good time this week, so enjoy what you deserve. Your love life is moving along nicely now; don't let your active imagination

rum it for you. A nice financial bonanza is possible.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23-December 21)

Finding yourself in a social whirlwind will make you available for any possible romantic interests. Try to avoid immediate entanglement with a romantic prospect. Your health prospects are excellent this week.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20)

It's a lively week for your social agenda and you will have a fair share of the popularity. Challenges may occur in a business relationship, so be prepared to cope diplomatically.

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19)

You have a lot of positive energy that can be put to good use in building up your physical resources or work-related activities. Be especially careful to avoid accidents whether at home or in the workplace.

PISCES (February 20-March 20)

There seems to be a few minor hazards connected with a much too rambunctious social agenda. It may be time to redo your looks in some way. Avoid clashing with your mate.

style scope

By K

If this week is your birthday

Spotlight-craving Leos should indulge that trait when celebrating your birthday this week. Why deny it? Just grace it, get snazzy and hit the dance floor. Try Rapture, the new club at Greektown Casino. It'll give you the pulsating lights and rhythms you need to show off that sexy lioness mane and shake your vinyasa, um, bum. But before you embrace that wild side, spritz on the deliriously irresistible new fragrance, **Femme de Dandy** from D'Orsay, available at Todd's Room in Birmingham. This unusual and sensual perfume has all the notes — from floral to fruit to wood — to keep you top queen of the jungle with a cool feminine edge. With all your charisma and this serious attitude-enhancing fragrance, you are sure to enjoy a perfect birthday evening with your pride soaring.

style calendar

Red Haute at Marshall Field's

Beginning this month, Marshall Field's stores are exclusive carriers of Red Haute, the newest line from MAC Cosmetics. The couture-inspired, luxe rouge roster of reds for lips, eyes and cheeks will be available only at Marshall Field's MAC counters through Sept. 16, when it will expand to other retailers.



Meadowbrook Concours d'Elegance Fashion Show

Annual event presented by Saks Fifth Ave., with featured designer Monique Lhuillier, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, July 30, champagne reception, runway show and lunch, \$125 general, \$170 patrons, \$200 benefactor. Meadowbrook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester 248-269-7672. meadowbrook-concours.org

The annual Concours d'Elegance Fashion Show at Meadowbrook Hall will feature the designs of Monique Lhuillier provided by Saks Fifth Ave. Somerset.

Most Beautiful Hair Contest

Salone Nadwa and Day Spa is searching for Michigan's most beautiful hair. Michigan women with gorgeous locks are invited to compete for a \$300 gift certificate for hair services at Salone Nadwa, and a professional photo shoot valued at \$700. Submit photo, contestant information and phone number by Sunday, Aug. 1 to Salone Nadwa and Day Spa, 43236 Eleven Mile, Novi Town Center, Novi, MI, 48375.

Elizabeth Arden Gift with Purchase

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Plymouth Sidewalk Sales

Bargains galore in downtown Plymouth 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, July 30, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 31.

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pink picks

By k

Ethnic-inspired embroidered tunics

Matching velour sweat suits

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Platform wedge espadrilles



Victoria's Secret So Sexy hair products

See it! De-Lovely

DVD it! *Starsky & Hutch* (the Ben Stiller/Owen Wilson remake)

TV on TV! *The Days, Sundays* on ABC

LE! *The Big Love* by Sarah Dunn

HO! *Stone Love* by Angie Stone

Bellinis with fresh juice

Angel food cake and berries

SO! Soy or palm wax candles with natural, not synthetic, fragrances

DE! Pet-A-Palooza at Freedom Hill July 31

Experience it! Sprayscape at Township Park in Plymouth

Understand It! Michigan Smoke-Free Dining Act

tried 'n' true

By k

Elegant concealer pen brightens and lightens eyes

You see, the trouble with divulging all my secrets to my PINK readers is that when I run out of my favorite products and go to replenish, the counters are suddenly sold out (i.e. Shiseido eye patches from last week's Stylescope). But, that's ok because I'd much rather live where all the ladies are super sassy than without a clue. Which obliges me to tell you about another long-time fave of mine that I truly believe a gal should always possess at least two of: Yves Saint Laurent's *Beaute Touche Eclat Radiant Touch*. This essential, original click brush concealer/highlighter pen gives just enough coverage around the eyes for those who don't have much darkness underneath, and lights up the peeps of



Yves Saint Laurent's *Beaute Touche Eclat Radiant Touch* pens are \$36 each and available at Nordstrom or www.niemanmarcus.com among other locations.

those who need more coverage and must apply a smooth concealer first. *Touche Eclat*, found at Nordstrom, now comes in three gleaming shades and is perfect for touch-ups around the eyes as a final sweep to clean up any shadow that fell from the lids (don't forget the outer corners!), and to add a sheer veil of serious eye illumination. It is never cakey and I guarantee that dabbing it on will wake up those winkers like you have relaxed for a week at The Oaks of Ojai. So, if you can't get to central California, then sashay over to Nordy's at Somerset and pick up at least two of these luxe gold pens from YSL. And don't worry, I'm all stocked up! *wink*wink*

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