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Plymouth set for Fourth fun

BY BRAD KADRICH AND
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STAFF WRITERS

People from Plymouth, Plymouth Township and surrounding communities looking for holiday-related fun aren't going to have to go far.

First, they can sit anywhere along Main Street from Theodore at the north end to Ann Arbor Road to the south and enjoy the annual Good Morning USA Parade, scheduled to start around 7:30 a.m.

Not long after the parade winds down, holiday revelers can make their way out to Plymouth Township Park at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha for the ninth annual Plymouth Township Picnic.

Both events are designed to provide families with plenty of holiday entertainment.

This year's parade is themed "Patriotism on Parade," and features many returning floats, including the Plymouth Fire and Drum Corps, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band, Steve King and the Dittles, Mark Randisi and the Sounds of Sinatra, the Aces High Monster Truck, unicycles, clowns, pompon squads and politicians.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm will also be featured in the parade.

There will also be some new things at Monday's picnic, but organizers are counting on the same thing they've counted on for nine years now to make the event a success - a hometown family atmosphere.

The picnic, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will again feature hot dogs, soda, chips and ice cream, all for a nickel, and plenty of games and contests for kids of all ages.

Also available, for 5 cents, will be frozen drinks by Plymouth Township newcomer Breeze Freeze, whose frozen concoctions are made up of 100 percent fruit juices.

It's all designed to provide a good time for the expected crowd of between 3,000-3,500 people.

The picnic will include some annual staples, like the bike decorating contest and the fishing derby. Judging in the bike contest is scheduled for around 2 p.m., and the fishing contest goes from noon to 2 p.m. Magician John Sturk will perform throughout the afternoon.

New this year is a chance for kids who decorate their bikes to ride in the Good Morning USA parade. Anyone wishing to do so can simply show up at the parade's starting point at Main and Theodore by 7 a.m. Monday.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stormy weather

Wayne County Road Commission workers tackled the task of cleaning up Ann Arbor Road just west of Haggerty, where part of the embankment washed out and caused a flood, during the thunderstorm that passed through the area Thursday morning. Ann Arbor Road was closed for awhile, there was a power outage in the Old Village area, power lines were down and a few tree limbs were felled, but township and city officials reported no major damage or injuries.

Ryan gets '05 board kudos

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Superintendent Jim Ryan has developed a public reputation for someone who is doing a solid job leading the Plymouth-Canton school district through some tough times.

At Tuesday's final school board meeting of the year, the people for whom Ryan works - the seven members of the Board of Education - agreed with that perception.

The board gave Ryan his end-of-year evaluation, grading him above average in nearly every area as they turn a collective eye toward the 2005-06 school year.

"One of the board comments was 'Jim Ryan is the right person at the right time' for the district," board President Mark Slavens said. "I agree with that assessment."

The board, as it does every year, assessed Ryan's performance in six categories, using a 1-5 formula with a "1" the lowest and "5" the highest. A rating of "3" equates to "meeting expectations."

Ryan's highest ratings were 4 2 marks in both measuring academic success and leadership. His lowest score and the only one that fell below expectations, was a 2 6 rating for strategic planning.

However, that grade was affected by the decision to move work on the district's master plan into June while the administration dealt with budget problems and other issues.

Ryan's review, however, was done in May, leaving that goal unfulfilled.

"It was timing, really," board Treasurer Judy Mardigan said. "When we set the goals last August, we wanted the plan done this year, and with everything else going on we pushed it back to June. But we did the review in May, and it wasn't done."

"That doesn't mean we don't have a plan in the works," Mardigan pointed out. "We are going to have a master plan by the time we get to October, and that'll help us make a number of key decisions."

Ryan said while he's flattered by the kind words, he's more impressed with the dialogue that has developed between the board and the administration.

"I appreciate the compliments," Ryan said. "It's always nice when your bosses let you know what direction they want you to go."

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Angel hugs and 'I love you' greet Grami Linda's pen pal

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

"This is my oldest son," Linda Jackson said, draping an arm around Carl Blessing's shoulder. "He's everything I thought he would be and more."

The comment brought a grin to the face of the 37-year-old Houston, Texas, native, who was in Westland for four days last week to meet the woman he has come to know as Grami Linda.

"This is like a second home to me," said Blessing, who was making his first visit.

The twosome are related not

by birth but by mail. She has been his pen pal for more than two years as part of OPM A L E -STAR (Operation Make a Life Enriched-Saying Thanks and Remembering), a stateside volunteer group which sends mail and care packages to service personnel.

Stationed aboard the USS Cleveland, an LPD (amphibious landing) ship, Blessing has been corresponding with Jackson ever since 2002 when he opened a plastic Easter egg to find a note saying she was available to write.

Not one to write to strangers, he stepped outside the box to send her an e-mail

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"It was a nice gesture," said Blessing, a yeoman first class. "Here we were in the middle of the Mediterranean away from home and someone remembered us. I didn't know if anyone else had written her, so I thought I'd thank her for the ship."

Since then, he has written from ports of call around the globe and has taken to sending gifts and notes to Jackson and her grandchildren, Nathaniel and Christiaan.

They call him Uncle C B, he refers to them as his nephews. He has sent e-mails meant just for them, as well as a stuffed

moose from Canada and kangaroos from Australia, postcards from Alaska and banners with their names on them done in handpainted animals.

The kids, with Jackson's help, sent him CDs, candy and photos, including one in a talking picture frame of two boys with their kangaroos that he carried in his pocket. Their message was simple: "We love you, Uncle C B."

"I wouldn't have it any other way," said Blessing as Nathaniel sprawled across his lap and Christiaan squirmed at his feet.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The balloons that greeted Carl Blessing when he stepped off his plane at Detroit Metro Airport decorate the living room of pen pal Linda Jackson's Westland home.

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Intimate festival

Big names will headline The Community House Jazzfest in Birmingham

Success leads to life of generous giving

BY JONI GOLDEN
CORRESPONDENT



Riley

The benefactor behind a city park in downtown Farmington and a new public television broadcast center has the kind of life story that would make Horatio Alger proud.

Fresh out of the service in 1952, George Riley opened a television repair shop in Plymouth to support his growing family. But he also took notice of an interesting phenomenon at a downtown Plymouth hotel that offered guests a television in every room.

"I can tell you the day when I got out of the service, the Mayflower Hotel had an antenna on the roof for every television," Riley told WJR's Tom Campbell in a recent interview. "It was like an antenna farm."

Seeing an opportunity, he said, "We figured out a way to do it with one antenna and an amplifier."

Riley sold his shop in 1959 and got into the business of educational television, wiring schools and colleges throughout Michigan and, eventually creating a system that allowed automakers to set up a video camera in a testing lab and watch the activity from a distant board room. It was the first stage of broadband, a method of sending data over cable wires.

Riley's company, Clover Communications, caught the

attention of Ameritech, and the company bought him out about five years ago. At the time, the Rileys took 20 percent of the proceeds and created

The Riley Foundation, opening a new and amazing chapter in their lives.

The mission was really to help children, Riley said. "We have a large family and 10 grandchildren. I'd like to see them not have any difficulties in life."

The Foundation's latest project will create a haven for children and their families in downtown Farmington. As part of the Main Street redevelopment program, The Riley Foundation has provided \$400,000 to completely fund creation of a park in the Downtown Farmington Business Center parking lot.

Riley said he was happy to contribute to the project, the park is a natural connection to the Foundation's mission which from day one has focused on making children's lives better.

The Rileys first reached out to benefit children and families at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and School, the family's home parish. Funds helped build the Family and Early Childhood Center, improved facilities in the

school, as well as the church building. A sculpture of Jesus with several children graces the school grounds, in memory of the Rileys' son who died in a tragic car accident at age 15.

The five surviving Riley children are all Foundation board members, daughter Kim Riley-Fouts serves as its director. The organization has never taken applications or requests. Somehow the needs find them.

Take the case of tiny Maja Rembisz, a four-year-old Polish girl who was deathly ill.

Every morning, I read the Free Press on the Internet," Riley said. "One of the reporters wrote about this girl. Her aunt lived in Sterling. She had an incurable blood disease."

The Riley Foundation not only paid for the cost of treatment, they flew Maja and her parents to the United States, where they lived for six months while the child underwent treatment. They are now back in Poland, and Maja is doing very well. The Rileys hope to arrange for her to visit next year.

The assistance they provided had a couple of unexpected blessings. Another woman whose mother had suffered from similar symptoms was able to obtain life-saving treatment, when she realized from Maja's story that the doctors had incorrectly diagnosed the ailment. And Maja now has a new sibling, a child conceived

while the family was in the U.S.

"I've said I'm going to get the baby a T-shirt that says 'Made in America,'" Riley joked.

Dozens of children and teachers have expanded their horizons with the help of the Foundation, through scholarships to outdoor adventures and wilderness programs. Having grown up as an avid outdoorsman, Riley sees the value in introducing young people to the great outdoors.

One of the Foundation's largest projects has been a partnership with Detroit Public Television. When Channel 56 decided to move to Wixom, The Riley Foundation struck a deal to provide them with a building, which will be called the Riley Broadcast Center.

"The connection there is that they do a good job with children's programs," Riley said.

Now that a non-compete agreement with SBC Ameritech has expired, Riley has founded a new company, RF Connect, which engineers wireless systems for large companies.

And while he is a busy man, George Riley never seems to run out of the energy that lies at the heart of The Riley Foundation.

"It's a good feeling to help people," he said. "But I don't look at it as something special. I look at it as something that's got to be done. It's a commitment."

Deputy will be charged in Southfield shoot-out

BY PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

A Wayne County deputy sheriff has been charged in the road rage incident that turned into a shoot-out in Southfield after another motorist reportedly "looked at" the officer's fiancée.

A warrant charging Derrick A. Wade, 34, with felonious assault and reckless driving was issued Tuesday by the Oakland County prosecutor's office in connection with the incident near the intersection of Southfield and Eight Mile roads, about 7:15 a.m. on April 2. Felonious assault, felony, can lead to four years imprisonment and reckless driving, a misdemeanor, can bring a 93-day jail sentence, upon conviction.

According to Oakland County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Deborah Carley, several shots were exchanged between Wade and the other driver, James Manley Jr., 47, of Detroit. Manley was hit in the ankle by one of the shots, while another bullet smashed the window of a business on Eight Mile, she said.

A spokesman for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department Friday said Wade, whose police powers had been suspended, now faces suspension. "He (Wade) surrendered his weapon and badge, shortly after the incident," said John Roach, a civilian who handles public information for the

department.

"More recently he's been on unpaid medical leave," Roach said. "But standard department procedure calls for suspension if a deputy is charged with a felony, he said."

The deputy was off duty at the time of the incident. Wade — accompanied by his fiancée, also a Wayne County deputy — and Manley were driving on Southfield Road at the time, Carley said.

The two drivers exchanged words after Manley supposedly "looked at" Wade's fiancée, Carley said. Wade subsequently told officers Manley made a "kissing gesture" toward his fiancée. Carley said Wade then pulled in front of Manley's vehicle and stopped, and there was "minor contact."

As Wade exited his car, he was holding his pistol, Carley said. He and Manley, who had a pistol as well as a concealed weapon permit, exchanged shots, she said.

Manley told investigators he quit firing once Wade identified himself as a deputy sheriff, Carley said, and there were five rounds in his pistol when he surrendered it to investigators.

Wade had not been arrested as of Friday afternoon, and neither the prosecutor's office nor the sheriff's department knew if he had obtained a lawyer. His fiancée is not charged with anything, said Carley, although she is expected to be a witness.

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Car show raises money for autistic students

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

In 2000, a small group of parents had an idea. Hold a custom car show to raise money for the Burger Center for Students with Autism.

Five years later, the group has grown to an 18-member committee and the show has gone from 75 cars to 200 cars and motorcycles.

"I'm surprised by the way it has grown," said Cecilia Nesbitt who is co-chairing the Monday, July 11, show with Debbie Cross. "There's a lot of good people out there who like cars and like helping kids."

The fifth annual Autos for Autism Car Show will be 6-9 p.m. on the lawn of Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt, between Warren and Ford Road.

The car show will benefit the Autistic School Association Inc., which raises money for the Burger Center. Based in a former junior high school in Garden City, the school has an enrollment of 335 students who range in age from 3 to 26 and who come from throughout Wayne County.

"Burger relies a lot on its own funding for special programs," said David Talaga who is new to the organizing committee. "The money goes towards activities throughout the year - field trips, outings in the community, playground equipment upgrades."

The show will feature eight car classes - original, restored, street rod, custom, street machine sports, truck/van, competition - and one for motorcycles.

Awards include Best in Show, Club Participation and Celebrities Choice. The latter will be awarded by a celebrity panel of judges - Garden City Mayor Jaylee Lynch, state Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia, and Valde Garcia, R-Howell, county Commissioner Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford, state Rep. Andy Dillon, D-Redford and the presidents of the Road Knights Car Club and Westside



FILE PHOTOS

Stan Bialach of Sweet Release and a teacher at Burger Center will be back for a third year to perform at the car show.

Rod and Custom Car Club

There also will be Best in Show award created by former Garden City resident Jack Spurlin of Klai Enterprises Inc. in Wayne. According to Nesbitt, the award is a working clock, shaped like a wheel, that incorporates the show's dash plaque.

"It's his own creation," she said. There also will be entertainment provided by DJ Ellen Mohan of Dance Pro who's been a part of the show since its inception and a husband and wife duo of Stan and Char Bialach who have been with the car show for three years. Stan is a teacher at the center.

New to the show this year will be 11-year-old Elvis impersonator Ryan Elvis, Talaga's son, who will perform several songs, Nesbitt said.

"I've met him, but I haven't seen him perform although I hear he's phenomenal," she added.

Food also will be available with United Wholesale Grocery Co. and Kroger donating the hot dogs, brats, chips and pop and nachos. Burger Center is providing the nachos and popcorn.

There also will be 50/50 raffle and one with autographed photographs of sports figures past and present and door prizes.

According to Nesbitt, workers start setting up for the show at 2:30 p.m. with the gate opening at 4:30 p.m.



Among last year's participants was Don Diener of Westland who brought his '67 Camaro Rally Sport to the Autos for Autism Car Show.

for participants. Those who opt to register the day of the show will be charged \$10. Cars and motorcycles will be displayed on the lawn around the high school while the parking lot will be reserved for patrons.

One year we got there at 2:30 and there were two cars already parked under the trees, Nesbitt said. "We told them we weren't going to throw them out, but since they were there they had to help set up."

Last year the show generated \$7,400 for the center and organizers.

are aiming for \$10,000 this year. Nesbitt believes the show will exceed that mark.

Each year we try to do more," she said. "We started out so small and to see it grow. The sponsors pass on word about us and that gives us credibility. In fact, we have two Canadian sponsors this year, so I guess that makes us international." For more information about Autos for Autism call (734) 421-5065.

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United Way announces 2005 Torch Drive goal

The United Way for Southeastern Michigan's 2005 Torch Drive goal will be \$66.5 million.

The goal was approved by the United Way Board of Directors on the recommendation and support of United Way's 2005 Campaign Cabinet, led by Torch Drive General Chair, Dieter Zetsche, president and CEO of Daumler-Chrysler. Last year's Torch Drive goal and amount received was \$64.5 million.

"Even in tough economic times, it's important that we as a community come together to support the Torch Drive," said Anthony F. Earley Jr., United Way board chair, and chairman and CEO of DTE Energy. "By investing in United Way you invest in our community. The only way we can continue to make effective change in the lives of others is to envision the possibility of going beyond what we've done in the past."

Zetsche will lead tri-county area community volunteers who will be responsible for inviting participation in the Torch Drive and raising awareness of the impact that each investment makes to improve lives in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

"Economic challenges increase demands for health and human services," said Zetsche. "The campaign leadership truly believes that metro Detroiters unite in times of need. Our goal of \$66.5 million will enable us to sustain core services, as well as enhance our capacity to meet critical needs in our community and get at the root causes of long-standing issues."

United Way's campaign leadership will have a sharp focus on new and expanding participation, including reaching out to new companies, individual donors and leadership groups who are in the position to give \$1,000 or more.

The Torch Drive supports core services through United Way's 155 partner agencies, other collaborative partnerships and hundreds of programs and services devoted to nurturing children and youth, strengthening families, promoting health and wellness, and empowering neighborhoods and communities.

This year's Torch Drive will kick off Friday, Sept. 9, and include an early morning lighting of United Way's 54-foot torch in downtown Detroit and the construction of wheelchair ramps throughout southeast Michigan by hundreds of volunteers. The ramp build is an extension of United Way's Ray West Memorial Ramp Project, which builds wheelchair ramps year-round throughout metro Detroit. The campaign will conclude Nov. 22.

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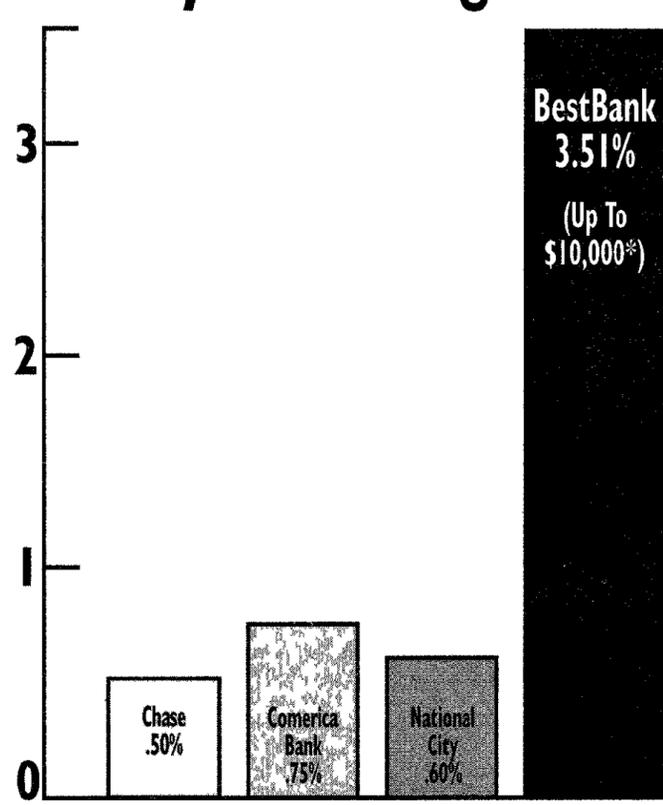
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NEWS ROUNDUP

New waste hauler

The Plymouth Township Board recently approved a five-year contract for a new company to perform recycling, compost and waste hauling services

Allied Waste Systems, Inc., takes over the contract beginning Tuesday, July 5 Township officials said the new contract will not affect the day of collection for township residents, and reminded residents to consult the Guide to Trash, Compost, Recycling and Household Hazardous Wastes, available at the township offices

The manual contains a list of items that can be set curbside for collection That information, officials said, is also available on the townships Web site, www.plymouthtwp.org

"There will be a change, however, in how your recycling is collected," said Susan Vignoe, the township's solid waste and public service coordinator

"Through an innovative new process, Allied can collect recyclables without sorting them curbside"

Vignoe said that means drivers won't have to spend time at the curb sorting plastics, glass and papers The move saves time in the short-term and money in the long run, Vignoe said

Residents must put trash, recycle and compost to the curb before 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day Trash cans have to be 35 gallons or less, and cans, bags, compost containers and bundles must weigh less than 50 pounds, Vignoe explained

For more information, call (734) 453-8131, Ext 33

Scoping out smiles

Livonia senior citizens are invited to join U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia,

at the 22nd annual Senior Ice Cream Social from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, at the Civic Center Park, at Five Mile and Farmington roads

The event, which was started in 1983 by McCotter's mother and former Livonia City Clerk Joan McCotter, will feature ice cream and door prizes The entertainment will be provided by Bunny Sanford's School of Dance

Trash delay

Livonia city officials remind homeowners that the Independence Day Holiday will delay trash collection services by one day during the coming week.

Under the Big Top

The Wayne Ford Civic League at 1645 N. Wayne Road, Westland, will host the Royal Hanneford Circus Wednesday-Sunday, July 26-31

Ringside seating will be \$18 for all ages, adult general admission will be \$12 and general admission for children 12 years and under will be \$8 Showtimes will be 11 a.m., 4 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.wayneford.org, at the league hall or by credit or debit card by calling (734) 728-5010 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be elephant and pony rides, laddy carnival rides and bouncers available on site Daily dinner specials also will be served

There are a limited number of seats available for each show so get your tickets as soon as possible For more information, call the hall at (734) 728-5010

Adopt a pet

The Michigan Humane Society and Art Van will sponsor a pet adoption noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 10, at the furniture store, 8300 Wayne Road, north of Ford

The humane society's mobile adoption unit will be on site with homeless companion animals looking for new, loving homes

For more information, call (866) 648-6263

Cropping for a cause

Join Scrapping Around Town and Scrapbook Goodies for a scrapbook fund-raiser 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill, Westland

The cost is \$25 per person and includes seven hours of cropping time, one cropper per 6-foot table, light breakfast, lunch, snacks, goodie bags, make-n-takes and door prizes

Proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Register online at www.scrapbookgoodies.com or call Cindy at (734) 579-4167 Registration deadline is Aug. 1 Skateland West will not be open to roller skating during the event

An Olympic event

For the 47th year, Redford Township Parks and Recreation will host a Junior Olympics competition Children ages 6-12 may attend and compete in a variety of field events Registration begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 6 at Hilbert Middle School, 26440 Puritan, north of Five Mile and west of Beech Daly

Participation is free to all Redford residents, and \$5 for non-residents

Children ages 6 and under fall into the Bantams team and can participate in the long jump and softball throw, as well as the 35 and 50 meter dash events Ages 7 and 8 are Squirts and may participate in the softball throw and long jump, as well as the 35, 50 and 75 meter dash events

Nine and 10-year-olds fall into the Peewee category and will participate in the softball throw, high jump and long jump, and the 35, 50, 75 meter dash events and 400 meter relay Midgets, ages 11 and 12, may try the high jump, softball throw and long jump, as well as the 50, 75 and 100 meter dash, the 400 meter relay and the 800 meter run

Ribbons will be handed to those who earn first through sixth place in each heat, in these running events

For more information, call the department at (313) 387-2650 In the event of rain, the Junior Olympics will be canceled

Safety week

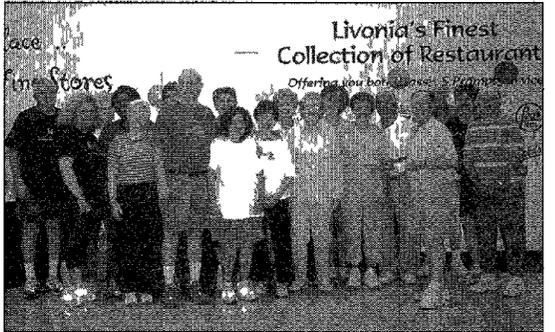
Redford youths can learn about fire safety and stranger danger, get bike helmets inspected and enter a drawing to win bicycles during Safety Week at Redford's summer playground program Thursday and Friday

The safety event, which will be presented at four different playground sites, is free for Redford children up to age 12 Participants needn't be enrolled in the regular playground program

The police and fire departments are expected to send representatives to the sites, child identification kits and a limited number of helmets will be given away, and participants at each site can enter a grand-prize drawing for a bicycle Bicycle winners will be notified by phone on Monday, July 11

The program schedule is:
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Violet Koch (stripe shirt fifth from left) stands next to her husband Richard and surrounded by their fellow early morning walkers at Laurel Park Place mall, during a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party last week

Fellow mall walkers throw couple a surprise party

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

For years, Richard and Violet Koch of Plymouth have gotten their exercise by walking around Laurel Park Place Mall in Livonia, fixtures there around 6 every morning

However, with their 50th wedding anniversary approaching and errands to run, Violet was just going to drop Richard off and go about her day that Friday, June 24 She asked one of the regulars to drive Richard home, but the man encouraged Violet to "stay for a few minutes"

He said they'd gotten us a cake and a few drinks, Violet Sherman recalled So I went in, and when we got to the Marriott Hotel, there was all this food and balloons and drinks It was fantastic

The occasion was an anniversary party thrown for the couple by staffers at the mall

Instead of cake and a few drinks, organizer Betty Derrickson had helped arrange for a sheet cake, fruit tray, cheese and crackers, muffins, breakfast breads and pastries, doughnuts, coffee, tea, juice and water, set up by the Marriott out in the mall

The response, and the number of people able to keep the surprise party a secret, astounded the Kochs

"We were really surprised," Richard said We expected to get maybe a card signed by a lot

of people, but that was about it I was completely surprised, Violet said "I couldn't believe it 6 in the morning to have something catered by the Marriott and all those people there, I couldn't believe it"

The surprise on the faces of the Kochs was enough for Derrickson, who organized the party She said she's also been walking the mall "for years"

I like doing stuff like that, I organize a lot, Derrickson said "With so many people knowing about it, and it still came off as a surprise, that's a feat in itself"

The party helped mark the latest step in the Kochs' 50-year marriage, which has produced four children and nine grandchildren Richard and Violet were married June 25, 1955 in Detroit Richard worked for Air Conditioning Products Co., from which he's now retired, Violet worked for American Motors The couple has four children Son Mark lives in Texas, but their daughters are closer Joyce lives in Livonia, Ellen in Taylor and Rosemary in Troy There are also nine grandchildren Carl, Michael, Lisa, Brian, Hilary, Robert, Claire, Michelle and Natalie

Richard and Violet, who enjoy gardening, walking and swimming, have simple secrets to their longevity

"You have to find a good wife," Richard said "You just keep plugging along," said Violet



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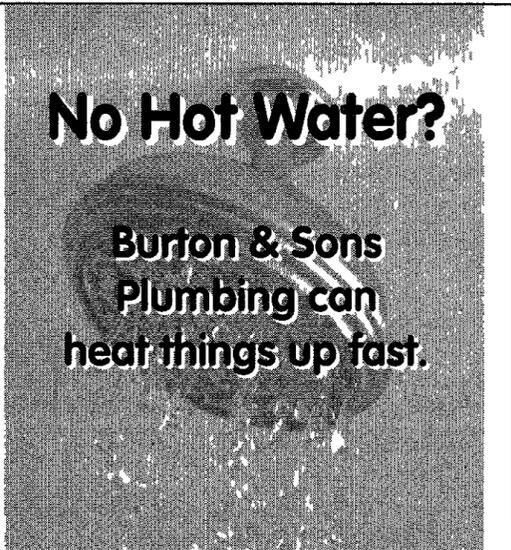


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PEN PAL

FROM PAGE A1

Jackson has had as many as 50 pen pals through OPM A L E -STAR and has sent out hundreds of packages and thousands of hand-made cards throughout the year

But Blessing is her "special pen pal" He was the first one to write back from the Cleveland

INSPIRATION RETURNED

"I sent those letters to make them feel that someone out there cares about them," she said But he picked me up on those days I didn't think I could make it He's been an inspiration to me I'd tell him I was having a bad brain day, and he'd say, "That's OK, Grami, I'm having one, too"

It's hard to be out in the middle of nowhere and wonder if someone is thinking about you," said Blessing "With her letters and gifts, it's a constant reminder that you're being thought of"

Blessing was able to spend four days with Jackson before returning to San Diego, Calif., where the Cleveland is readying for deployment Where it will end up is unknown although the 450 sailors and somewhat larger contingent of Marines have been told they will go to Hawaii From there, they might make stops in Singapore and Egypt

"It's a lot of mighs," he said "We're constantly doing drills, constantly being reminded of the (USS) Cole Even though it got bombed, the ship pulled together and kept it from sinking"

When Blessing arrived at Detroit Metro Airport, the Jackson family had found a way to be as close as possible, holding balloons and signs The first thing Jackson did was give him an "angel hug" That's how she signs all of her letters

She sent him off with one, too "I'm going to miss him," she said "Up until the day before he arrived I was on pins and needles I was so excited Oh my God, I was going to meet my child It was like giving a birth to a baby, but instead of waiting nine months, I waited 2 1/2 years"

And Blessing admits leaving will be just as hard as leaving his - a brother and friends in Texas and his parents in North Carolina

"It's always hard to leave from leave and go back to the ship," he said But knowing people are still thinking of us, still rooting for us and wishing that we would come home I know how tough it can be, but I know I'm not alone



Linda Jackson shares a laugh after meeting her pen pal, Carl Blessing, a sailor and native of Texas

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

REMEMBERING THE TROOPS

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OPM A L E -STAR has a pen pal list that includes the people's names It is pick and choose from the troops end Military names are not placed on the list

People interested in becoming part of OPM A L E -STAR can send an e-mail to OPMAL1@aol.com For more about the organization including its history visit the Web site at www.opmalestar.com

Investigators rule house fire was arson

An arson fire in an unoccupied house on Henry Ruff just north of Joy Road Friday caused about \$15,000-20,000 damage, according to Livonia Fire Marshal Andy Walker

The fire was started with some type of ignitable liquid in "multiple points of origin throughout the house," Walker said, all separated by a large area

It was discovered by a neighbor and Livonia firefighters responded with three engines, two squads and heavy rescue No one was injured and the fire was put out rather quickly, he said

The house, about 1,000 square feet, had burned in December 2003 and was being refurbished and reached to be put on the market, Walker

CRIME

noted Arson of a dwelling is a 20-year felony The Michigan Arson Prevention Committee's Arson Hotline offers up to a \$5,000 reward for the arrest and conviction in an arson case

Workers accused

A pair of Target employees suspected of stealing items - including iPods, compact discs, digital video discs and even a \$3 egg-and-sausage breakfast - were arrested Thursday, according to Livonia police reports

The men, Detroiters 21 and 22 years of age, raised the sus-

picious of the loss prevention manager by wearing coats in the stockroom, which is against store rules Packaging from new items were also found hidden among the trash in the stock room

The loss prevention manager watched each man remove CDs from their packaging and put the items in their pants at different times

Another time, he watched the two open and share the breakfast in the stock room, police said

When confronted, one of the men admitted to stealing for months, including iPods - one worth \$199, the other \$249 - a video camera and plenty of candy, pop and other food items He estimated the total value at \$1,500



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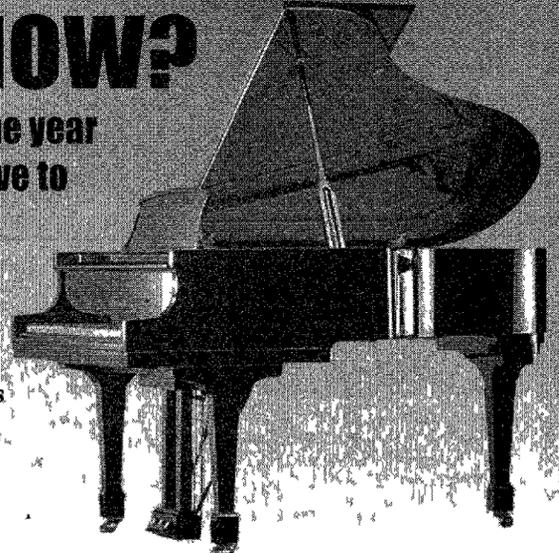


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State committee to mull 10 Commandments decision

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

In the wake of recent decisions by the Supreme Court, representatives of both houses of the legislature and the governor's office will meet to decide whether to place a display of the Ten Commandments somewhere on state property in Lansing.

State Rep. Bob Gosselin (R-Troy) introduced a bill in February to place a display somewhere in the capitol. The bill had several co-sponsors but a vote on it was postponed pending decisions on two cases which were decided by the U.S. Supreme Court last week. The nation's highest court ruled against a display in Kentucky and approved of one in Texas.

The two decisions will help lawmakers in Michigan come up with a compromise that will be intended to keep the state out of court. Of course, nothing is going to please



Gosselin

everyone. "You can't make everyone happy all the time," Gosselin said. "The Capitol Committee will discuss how to put the two decisions together and make a compromise."

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has asked the Capitol Committee, which is in charge of the state capitol building and its grounds, to look at the issue.

The legislature adopted a resolution asking the committee to determine whether (the display) can be done," Granholm said Wednesday.

It appears the Supreme Court decision allows it if it's done in a historical context. That's what the committee will be reviewing," Granholm's Press Secretary

Liz Boyd said the Capitol Committee, will meet in the next couple of weeks to decide what, if anything, will be done to put a display in place.

"The governor supports a display if it can be done in a way that does not violate the Constitution," she said. "It appears, by the court's ruling, that it can be done if it's part of a historical context but not in a way that promotes religion."

What will not be in question, Gosselin said, is the funding of the project if the committee decides to go ahead with some representation of the commandments. The funding for any such display, a plaque on a wall or a stone monument, would come from private donations rather than tax dollars.

He said there is no shortage of private donors for such a project.

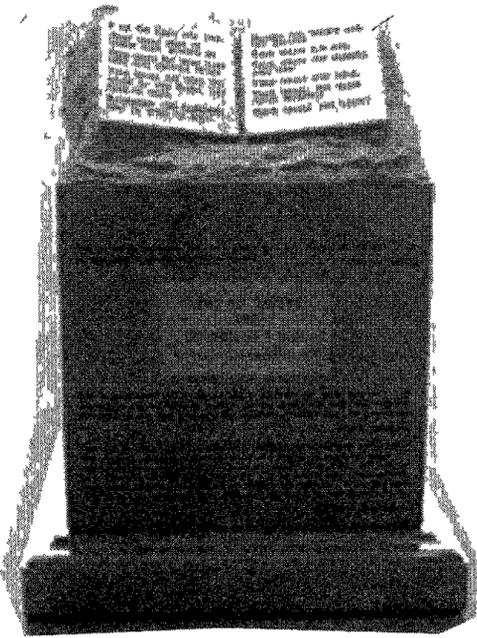
But is debating the Ten Commandments a good use of legislator's time?

"There is time to do this, there is time to talk about the budget and transportation, we do thousands of things every year," Gosselin said.

"Five or 10 years down the line, will people remember the 2005 budget? No. Will people remember what happened with the Ten Commandments? Yes."

Michigan American Civil Liberties Union Communications Director Wendy Wagenheim said that it was unfortunate the court didn't make a clear one way or the other decision on the issue. She also said nothing would ever finally put an end to the debate over the Ten Commandments.

"People will always be able to express themselves in their homes, their churches, synagogues and mosques. There has always been a place for religion in the public square and there always will be, but it's inappropriate for the government to put it there."



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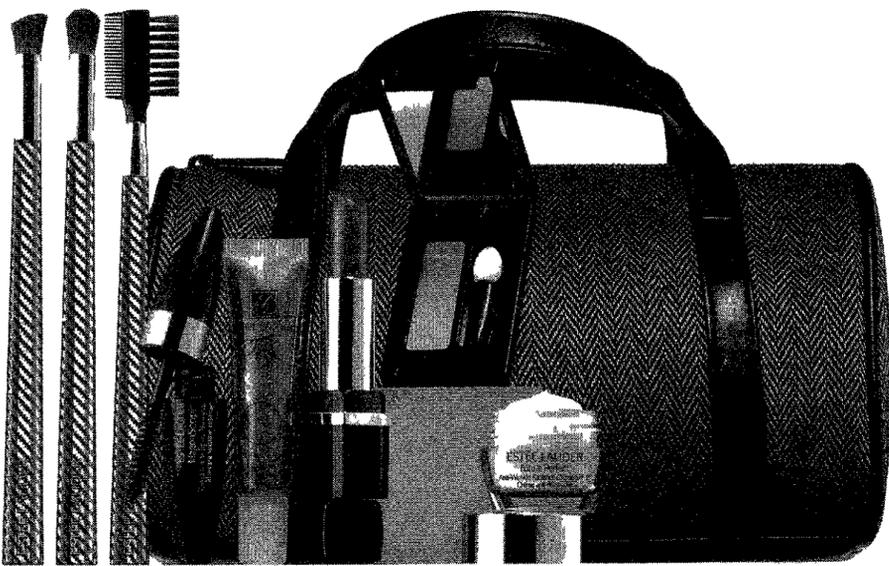
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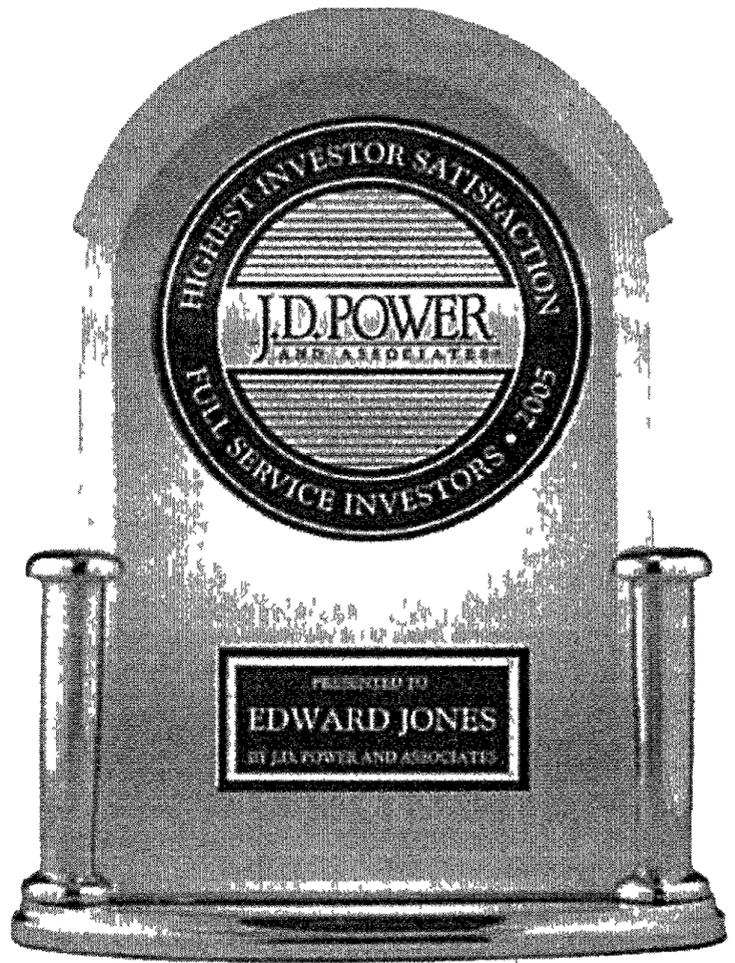
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Tool theft

A witness watched a couple break into a truck and steal \$1,200 worth of tools early Tuesday outside a house on Grantland Street in Livonia. A woman reported being awakened by her husband getting ready for work about 3:30 a.m. and hearing a loud exhaust. She looked outside to see a young woman get out of a maroon Chevrolet Cavalier and try unsuccessfully to open the cap on a truck in the street. The car turned around and the driver, a man, got out and opened the cap with his hands, taking a number of objects. Then they both left in the car. The female was described as blond, with a ponytail, fair skin and wearing a halter top. The man was young, tanned, with short brown hair and a small, trimmed mustache. Among the stolen tools were a power saw with blades, a dry-wall screw gun and a roto-zip tool.

Home break-in

A Canton woman called police after someone broke into her home on June 21. According to police reports, she had gone out for a few hours, and had left her screen door open, something she's done in the past, she said. When she returned at about noon to her home in the 47000 block of Warren, she noticed someone had disturbed her belongings in an upstairs bedroom. She said several items were missing, including her wedding ring, combs from a glass that had been full of change, and a jewelry box with several gold necklaces and bracelets inside. She estimated that the culprit made off with about \$2,000 worth of her belongings.

Hail Mary?

A Garden City resident living in the 5700 block of Gilman told police that a gold rosary, valued at \$150, had been stolen from a vehicle. A window had been left partially down and a coat hanger was used to unlock the vehicle, police said.

Chase, arrest

Garden City Police arrested

Inkster man on Thursday on a charge of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle.

An officer said he spotted a 1993 Chrysler New Yorker parked at a gas station, running, with its bright lights on. He ran a check of the license plate and found that the vehicle had been reported stolen in Westland by a Taylor man.

The driver pulled onto Cherry Hill and refused to stop for the officer, ignoring stop signs and driving 45-50 mph on residential streets in Inkster.

The New Yorker collided with another vehicle at Middlebelt and Hively, and the driver lost control during a turn onto Betty Lane, where he hit a fire hydrant. The man fled on foot, but was arrested nearby. The officer said the vehicle was running without keys, the ignition having been punched out.

Shoplifting

Garden City Police were called to Kmart at 29600 Ford on Wednesday after an employee reported that a man had shoplifted clothing at the store.

The employee told police he confronted the man outside the store and that the man left the merchandise in a shopping cart.

When told he needed to return to the store, the employee said the man got in the vehicle, put it into reverse and attempted to back over the worker.

The suspect and a female passenger then drove off.

Road rage

Young people in a pair of vehicles were stopped by Redford police on Beech Daly Tuesday night after a reported road-rage incident. No one was hurt.

One woman, 17, of Westland, told police that two people in the other car had been throwing objects at her car as they drove in the area of Beech Daly and West Chicago, a Redford Township police report said.

She said the attack stemmed from an earlier confrontation at a Livonia pool hall, during which she had been called a slut.

The victim said she was the ex-girlfriend of the driver of the other car, who was out that night with his new girlfriend.

The suspects were released but the victim told police she wanted to press charges.

Bill would alter how parks millage money is spent

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A state house committee will consider a bill that could help Wayne County suburbs spend more of their money closer to home. The bill, House Bill 5004, was introduced by Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, into the house clerk's office on June 23, and would legislate how some of the Wayne County Parks millage money is spent.

The 25-mill tax is up for vote on a special election ballot on Aug. 2. The millage, which raises some \$10.2 million annually, expires at the end of this year.

County park millage funds should be fairly distributed among local municipalities, LaJoy said. "Residents vote for millages believing the extra money would positively impact their communities. That is not how it actually works."

How it does work is that some communities wind up paying, while receiving no direct benefit.

Basically just about every community in Western Wayne County is a donor community, said Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack. Canton's 85,000 residents 25-mill added up to about \$825,000 in 2004. Since the millage was first approved in 1996, Canton has contributed nearly \$51 million, but has received \$600,000 for local projects.

Because only half the millage money is spent on the county parks maintenance and administration the other half is available for distribution in out county communities.

The house bill would require half of the money raised by

county parks millages to be spent on projects in the community from which it was received. Using that formula, Canton would get back more than \$400,000. Livonia would get more than \$500,000 per year, and Westland would receive approximately \$250,000.

But that was not the intent of the tax when it was approved by Wayne County voters, noted Wayne County Commissioner John Sullivan, who represents Canton and several other communities.

"I am not opposed to a percentage going back to each community, although that was certainly not the intent of the millage as passed by the voters of Wayne County in the past," he said. "However, we must keep in mind that this is a county parks millage, not a local millage. Each community is free to go to the taxpayers and seek a local parks millage of their own which 100 percent of the funds could be used for their local parks."

He added that when the millage was last up for renewal, leaders in some communities that have no county parks were told they may receive some of the millage money for municipal park projects, as a means to entice the voters in those communities. Since then, local communities have come to see the tax money as an entitlement, he said.

But out-county residents feel frustrated because they don't understand how local projects are selected to receive county funds.

"I'm not really sure how the county decides which projects get funded and which ones don't," said Laura Cox, Wayne County Commissioner 10th district. Cox represents most of Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township and Northville and Northville Township. The five communities I represent are frustrated. In my district, the voters sent

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Plymouth	550,000,000	415,000,000	100,000
Plymouth Twp	2,100,000,000	1,900,000,000	475,000
Redford Twp	1,600,000,000	1,250,000,000	300,000
Westland	2,640,000,000	2,000,000,000	500,000

Funding received since 1996 through County Park Millage Revenue	Community	Project	Amount
	Canton	Performing Art Center	\$400,000
	Garden City	Pool	\$100,000
	Westland	Skate Park	\$200,000
	Detroit	8 Projects	\$8,639,000

WAYNE COUNTY			
All Parks	\$7,228,000	Lola Park	\$110,000
Hines Park	\$5,395,000	Crosswinds Marsh	\$75,000
Holiday Preserve	\$315,000	Fort Wayne	\$2,150,000
Elizabeth Park	\$3,060,000	Warren Valley Golf	\$500,000
		Total:	\$18,833,000

\$2.2 million down to the county in parks millage money and they feel they don't have any guarantee that they get any parks projects done.

ELECTION TIMING

She added that her constituents are angry that the renewal ballot question coincides with Detroit's mayoral primary while her communities have no other ballot issues and voters will have to go to the polls to vote on this single issue.

While Hines Park, a Wayne County park runs through Cox's district, and is maintained by the county, Cox still feels that suburban communities don't have enough representation in deciding which projects receive millage money, and the legislation would take away any politicizing of the way the money is spent.

The bill was referred to the Local Government and Urban Policy Committee in Lansing. Republican representatives John Pastor (Livonia), Daniel Acciavatti (Chesterfield Township), Neal Nitz (Baroda), John Stewart (Plymouth), and John Garfield (Rochester Hills) also signed the bill.

LaJoy said he's not sure if the bill will become a partisan issue.

It has not been scheduled for committee hearing yet. But when it does get scheduled, the millage will be under

scrutiny, according to Yack. There will be some questions raised about the expenditure of some of these dollars, Yack said.

The tax when first passed in 1996 was intended to make improvements at Fort Wayne and Chandler Park in Detroit, and Elizabeth Park in Trenton. Since that time, a water park at Chandler Park was constructed and between construction costs and an annual subsidies has cost \$19 million.

They get 20,000 visitors a year. That boils down to a \$60 per person subsidy for that park," Yack said. "I think people would question that, and when you talk about this stuff in public, it's going to get people ire up."

Ultimately, spending a portion of the recreation tax money could go for garnering support for the millage. The millage passed the first time it went to vote in 1996, even though only Detroit, Trenton and Hamtramck favored the millage. But in 2001, the tax was supported by suburban voters as well. But this time around, tax dollars are much more precious. Local elected officials are speaking out about this, Yack said. "I think there has to be some kind of formula to make distribution a little more fair."

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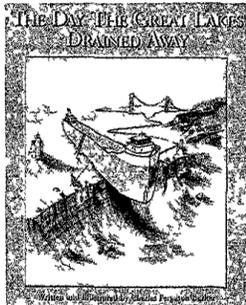
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Geologist shares love of Great Lakes with children

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Charles Ferguson Barker was looking at maps from the National Geophysical Data Center in Boulder, Colo., in early 2004 when the huge ridges of rock at the bottom of Lake Huron caught his eye.

As a youngster growing up in Bloomfield Hills, he'd spent many a weekend sailing the Great Lakes with his family, but never imagined the surfaces were anything but flat. If he as a geologist found that fact interesting imagine the expression on a child's face if they read about the cave stretching from Alpena to Amberley, Ontario under



Charles Ferguson Barker signs copies of his book at Michigan Made & More on Saturday July 9

Lake Huron. Barker knew he had to write a children's book.

On those long sailing trips to Mackinac Island he had passed the time by drawing freighters on the cardboard which backed his father's clean shirts. Before long he was sketching illustrations for *The Day The Great Lakes Drained Away*. Published by Mackinac Island Press, the book tells the story of Michiganders who could no longer boat, swim or fish in Lake Superior, Michigan, Erie, Huron and Ontario. After pipes drained the water away even mighty freighters sat helplessly on the bottom.

"I thought these were some pretty exciting things. Most of us think about the water and fish swimming around in there. That

it's muddy and deep, but it turns out there's some fantastic landscape. It's sort of this hidden world," said Barker, a 46-year old Plymouth resident who works as a geologist for Hands & Associates, an environmental consulting firm in Detroit by day and teaches geology at Wayne State University at night.

"A lot of the rock is limestone under Lake Huron. Imagine some of the features on Mackinac Island like Devil's Kitchen being underwater."

Before Barker ever began writing the book, he researched the Great Lakes for information about geologic features like the suspected meteor crater on the east end of Lake Ontario. Barker, however, wanted to make it more than a science book. After being rejected by one publisher he called Anne Lewis at Mackinac Island Press. She helped him fine tune the environmental aspect of the story.

Barker's wife, Peggy, gave feedback as well in addition to posing their beagle Duncan for illustrations. Gov. Jennifer Granholm wrote the forward about protecting these irreplaceable resources.

"It brought forth a great opportunity to talk about environmental issues. The book helps to never take the Great Lakes for granted," said Barker. "I remember sailing around the Great Lakes in the 1970s and being in Lake Erie and out of sight of land and going through gross soap suds and scum. We've



PEGGY MULLALLY

Charles Ferguson Barker visits North Bay near Presque Isle on Lake Huron. Barker illustrated the Old Presque Isle Lighthouse for his book.

cleaned up our act but it shows things can go wrong."

Since the book was released this spring Barker has been visiting schools around the state to spread his message as well as share his knowledge of the Great Lakes. On Saturday, July 9 at Michigan Made & More, 830 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, he'll sign copies of the book and answer questions from noon to 3 p.m. during Art in the Park. Call (734) 207-8794 for more information.

"It's interesting just to know what goes on, how the natural world functions. Only by understanding how the processes work can you protect the resources," said Barker. "Sometimes I use the analogy of medicine. You have to understand the systems before you can trouble shoot the disease. If you find out what affects the lake levels then you can try to figure out the best ways to prevent major problems. I don't know that we're in trou-

ble right now but we could be. It's important to understand consequences like putting pipes in to drain the lakes."

Barker first learned about geology by digging up the fields near the old farm house where he lived in Bloomfield Hills. Once school let out for summer, his interest in science increased with every fossil and cow bone he uncovered. But not until his days at Arizona State University did he reluctantly sign up for a geology class. After graduation his fondness for underwater landscapes grew as he worked on the research vessel SEAMARK, mapping the seafloor offshore California.

"It sounds boring," said Barker, "but I had great instructors who made it sound fascinating. I hope the book helps kids expand their horizons of what the great lakes are all about in addition to the surface. Children like the neat fun facts at the back of the book. That's a cool thing even the adults would like. The more we learn about the Great Lakes the more we'll protect and appreciate them."

"Watching the boats or waves is very calming. It's hard to describe what it is that draws us to the lakes. Is it swimming or sailing? It's presence? Whatever it is you want to be near them."

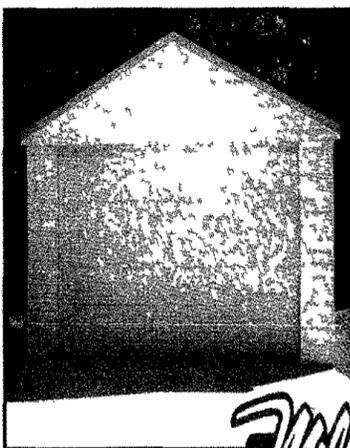
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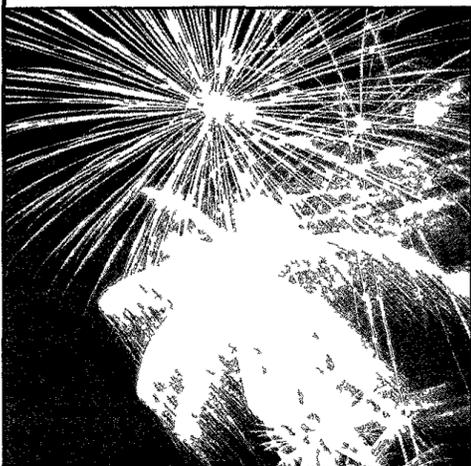
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Two congressional votes weigh limits of freedom

Monday we mark the most important day in our civic calendar. It is the day we celebrate radicalism, rebellion and rabble rousing. It is the day we stand up for individual freedom in the face of distant tyranny. It is the day we celebrate the "unalienable" rights of all men.

The Declaration of Independence is a plea with a 'decent respect to the opinions of mankind' and a litany of royal and parliamentary abuses that made it necessary to 'dissolve the political bands' connecting the 13 colonies and Great Britain. But even today its language, however measured and exacting, is electric in its declarations of "equality" and the supremacy of individual liberty over undue government tyranny. At the same time, the document recognizes the basic need for government to "secure" human rights, among which are 'Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.' But, as Thomas Jefferson's language so beautifully says, 'governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.'

Recently, Congress has been wrestling with questions on the limits of personal freedom and government power. On June 15, the House of Representatives voted 238-187 to amend the Patriot Act to restrict investigators from using the anti-terrorism law to look at library records and bookstore sales slips. The Patriot Act is up for reconsideration this year and the section allowing access to such records has been widely criticized by civil liberties and library groups.

On June 22, the House voted 286-130 in favor of a constitutional amendment outlawing flag burning. Courts have ruled that flag burning is protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution, so an amendment specific to flag burning would be required to ban it. The amendment now goes to the Senate where it needs a two-thirds approval and then to the States where it must be approved by three-fourths of the states. Previous bills have never gotten past the Senate.

The flag burning amendment is pure political hogwash, meant to stir up swells of mock patriotism.

Flag burning is a ridiculous and counterproductive form of protest. The American Socialist leader Norman Thomas said it best when talking about protesters of the war in Vietnam, 'A symbol? If they want an appropriate symbol they should be washing the flag, not burning it. Radicals are better served by embracing the flag and its meaning than destroying it.'

But a special amendment to undermine the First Amendment is an assault on the very flag it

seeks to protect. Because the flag is itself a symbol of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, said Tuesday he supported the amendment because he makes a distinction between constructive dissent and destructive dissent. He said he supports freedom of expression but not destruction of the flag.

U.S. Rep. Candice Miller, R-Harrison Township, is quoted in an AP story as saying, "Who can forget Sept. 11, 2001, when firefighters in New York pulled the flag out of the rubble of the World Trade Center and hoisted it in defiance of terror?" This was her excuse for voting for the amendment. But it is an equally good excuse for voting against it. The freedom to express discontent with government is what we value, what we celebrate Monday, even when it is expressed in the burning of the flag. (We are not talking about vandalism of a public building or burning someone else's flag, separate laws cover that. Here the flag is understood in its symbolic sense.) As Miller's Republican colleague Peter Hoekstra, R-Holland, says in the same AP story, the flag is "an enduring symbol of democracy, justice and sacrifice" but "to outlaw a form of political expression is to oppose the very individual liberty and personal freedom the American flag represents."

In the vote on the amendment to the Patriot Act, representatives were asked to balance real concerns about terrorism with equally real concerns about civil liberties. The section of the act allowing government access to library and bookstore records has been a hot button since it was originally passed. The Justice Department has said it hasn't used the provision but wants to keep it as a tool to investigate terrorism. Advocates for the amendment argue that the law already provides a long respected process for obtaining such information without giving the government an open door to pry into our reading habits.

McCotter said he continues to have concerns about the provision in the Patriot Act but voted against the amendment sponsored by Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vermont, because it was part of an appropriations bill. He said he thinks the vote opposing the provision would have been even greater if it were not part of an appropriations bill but instead part of the process of reconsidering the Patriot Act, which is up for renewal this session.

Our freedom is a precious commodity, one that always needs vigilant protection. This is the perfect weekend to reflect on just what we mean when we honor the Declaration of Independence.

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Hugh Gallagher

Naming of state Poet Laureate would carry cultural benefits

How much learning do you owe to rhyme and poetry? Michigan's children are the foremost beneficiaries of creating a permanent post of State Poet Laureate. Children learn much from poetry. Remember your rules?

■ I before E, except after C, or when sounded as "A" as in "neighbor" or "weigh"
 ■ "When two vowels go out walking, the first one does the talking"

Poems also stir the imagination to think in fresh, new ways. Einstein maintained that poetic imagination is the true key to brilliance, if imagination is not cultivated, intelligence alone is of little creative power.

Depriving children of poetry, we may rob our country of future invention! Cultivating poetry, who can tell what discoveries we could see!

The Poetry Society of Michigan sponsored a children's poetry contest in 2005. Winning poems automatically qualified for the national Manningham Student Trust Competition. From the village of Negaunee, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, over 100 student poems were entered, as happened with students in the Grand Rapids area. Here, their own teachers inspired creativity. It gushed forth from these children, as from artesian springs.

Imagine children all over the state prompted to turn thoughts into carefully crafted poetic forms!

Tapping their imagination, their language learning would be lifted from mundane to purposeful, even inspired.

Children write amazing poems. Their poetry sparkles with fresh simplicity only young minds can tap. Children love poetry because they do not need to be born with artist's eyes, be natural musicians, or throw 98-mile-an-hour fastball to participate in the art form.

All they must do is be trained in writing fundamentals like grammar, spelling, and vocabulary. An art form that promotes the basics of reading and writing is a win-win situation for Michigan education. Children will look upon a visit from the State Poet Laureate as an inspiring, memorable event in their young lives.

Edgar Guest was appointed Michigan's State Poet Laureate in 1952, honoring his inspired contributions to a Detroit daily. His poems were often notable comments on life and living. They enriched the lives of many



Mono V. D'Angelo



Bruce Patterson

Depriving children of poetry, we may rob our country of future invention!
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His life and work were featured last year in an article in *Michigan History*. State Senate Bill 181 would restore that position to our state and give Guest's proud name renewed and well-deserved respect.

In discussions of SB 181, a recurring question surfaced: "Why do we need a State Poet Laureate?" Aside from Michigan being one of just 11 states without such an appointment, the cultural benefits can be easily measured if one takes time to look about both our pleasant peninsulas.

In May 2004, for example, Ludington hosted a weekend of poetry and workshops. Twenty-one remarkable Michigan poets gathered on Lake Michigan's shores for the Ludington Poetry Festival, joined by many hundreds of appreciative devotees. Not only did Ludington arise as a cultural beacon within our state, its hotels and restaurants greatly benefited from the commerce. A State Poet Laureate's attendance would have signaled official state recognition, adding even more luster to this event.

Consider the Wayne County Council for Arts, History, & Humanities Contest. A confluence of poetry, art and music converges in metro Detroit this fall to celebrate a unique event in which creative participants of every age and race meld their creative energy to write poems and music inspired by the works of visual artists. A Poet Laureate would represent our state in this multifaceted event, bringing even greater distinction to this deserving competition.

These examples are the mere tip of the poetic Michigan mitten. Similar festivals and schools across the state will benefit from the appointment of a Poet Laureate. So when people ask, "Why bother with a poet laureate?" tell of Edgar Guest, Ludington, Negaunee, kids.

SB 181 is apolitical legislation that can provide ongoing motivation to poets and poetry fans in Michigan. Let's work to make it a reality. We will all benefit. Why not craft a poem for your senator or representative and elicit a vote for this proposal?

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Sidelines

Whalers trade

The Plymouth Whalers acquired 18-year-old defenseman Kyle Lawson from the Saginaw Spirit on Wednesday in exchange for 19-year-old goaltender Ian Keserich.

Lawson played last season for the National Team Developmental Program in Ann Arbor, tallying three goals and 15 assists in 31 games for the NDTP under-18 team. Lawson also played for the gold medal-winning Team USA in the World Under-18 Championships last spring. He notched one goal and one assist in six tournament games.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound native of New Hudson, Mich. was originally drafted by the Owen Sound Attack in the ninth round (168th overall) of the 2003 Ontario Hockey League draft. His rights were acquired by Saginaw last season. Keserich played for Ohio State last season, posting a 2.42 goals-against average in six Central Collegiate Hockey Association games.

UDM signs Kubert

Livonia Stevenson's Jenny Kubert, a two-time Division I All State selection, has signed an NCAA Letter of Intent to play women's golf for the University of Detroit Mercy, Titans Director of Golf Mark Engel announced Thursday.

Kubert recently finished 10th in the Division I state finals as the Spartans took fourth in the team stands. The All-Observer pick was regional medalist and runner-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament.

In their first season as a varsity program, the 2005 Titans placed fifth in the Horizon League Championships. Local pro Terri Anthony-Ryan begins her official duties this month as the women's team head coach.

T-Birds triumph

The 12U Plymouth-Canton Thunderbirds captured first place at the Riverview Summerfest fast-pitch girls softball tournament held June 25-26. The T-Birds upended the Windsor Wildcats, 5-0, in the championship game. The team consists of Alyssa Boucher, Shelby Wilson, Olivia Richvalsky, Samantha Partain, Brianna Berberet, Lauren Leskovitz, Amanda Druckenmiller, Julia Salata, Jesse Larner, Gina Sykes, Natalie Barnett and Anna Larner.

Youth golf divots

On June 20, South South (Livonia Franklin) and Tommy Lucko (Livonia Churchill) each carded 73s to share the Westfield Junior PGA Tournament qualifier at Pheasant Run in Canton. Both South and Lucko qualified to play in the Westfield state regional Thursday and Friday at Bedford Valley in Battle Creek.

In a Top 50 Junior Tour event held July 1, South shot a 77 to finish first in the Boys 16-and-over Southeast Michigan tournament held at Brentwood Golf and Country Club in White Lake.

Rockin' Dobbyn

Former Stevenson star leads Detroit Jaguars to 2-0 victory

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Lightning strikes were the norm Thursday night as the Detroit Jaguars cemented their hold on first place in the Midwest Division of the W-League with a 2-0 soccer win over the Cleveland Internationals at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The Jaguars lead the Midwest with a 9-1 record, while Cleveland falls to 3-3.

Stevenson High graduate Melissa Dobbyn, the W-League's top scorer, wasted little time in notching her 10th goal of the season with a David Beckham-like rocket past Internationals' goalkeeper Nicole Westfall.

The assist went to Michele Lawrence Dobbyn, who will be a sophomore this fall at the University of Michigan, also figured indirectly in the second goal as she was pulled down in the box by a Cleveland defender.

Nicole Cauzillo then pulled the trigger for the Jaguars' second goal at the 26:38 mark when she scored on a penalty kick.

The Jaguars continued to force the play in Cleveland's end for much of the second half, which was delayed 30 minutes with just 13:35 to go because of lightning in the area.

"We talked about it (pressuring) at halftime," said Jaguars assistant coach Doug Landefeld, filling in for head coach Michele Brach (out for personal reasons). Even though it's 2-0, they (Cleveland) were still dangerous. We were hoping for more opportunities, but we could not finish and their keeper (Westfall) made a couple of good saves.

Last fall Dobbyn tied for U-M's lead in points (21) with Canadian Therese Heaton with nine goals and three assists in 21 games as the Wolverines finished 11-9-2 and were upset by the University of Detroit Mercy in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

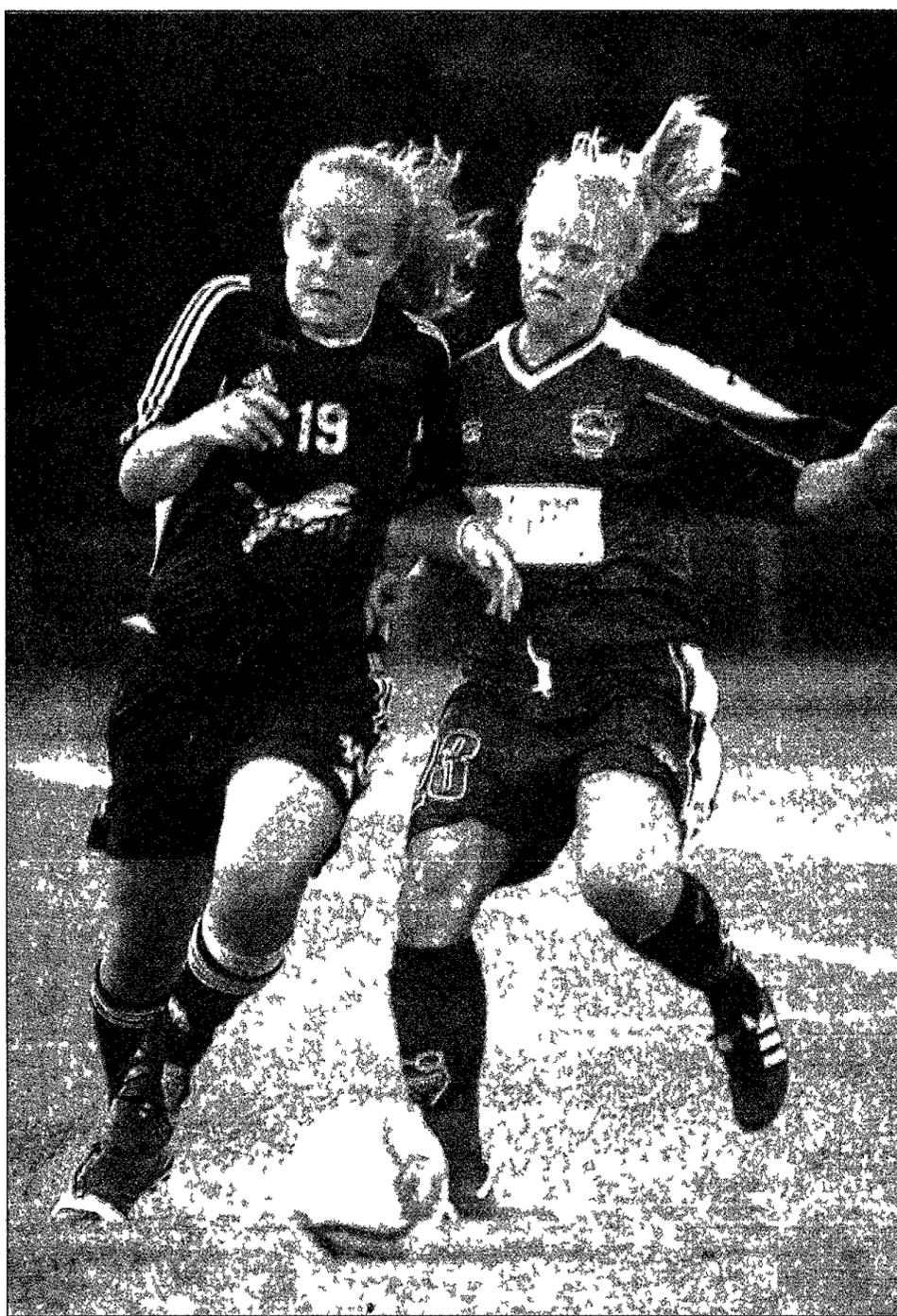
"I play a little less defensive here than I do at Michigan," Dobbyn said. "I'm more offensive here. I get the ball a lot more for chances."

Landefeld, who has trained Dobbyn since she was a 9-year-old with the Michigan Hawks club team, was nearly in awe of the Jaguar forward's shot to make it 1-0.

"That was an incredible goal, but she's done it all year," Landefeld said. "She just hits it so hard."

Dobbyn, who has taken 44 shots in 10 games, said she has benefited from playing in the W-League.

PLEASE SEE JAGS, B2



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Former Livonia Stevenson standout and current Detroit Jaguar Melissa Dobbyn (left) battles a member of the Cleveland Nationals for possession of the ball during Thursday night's 2-0 Jaguar victory. Dobbyn scored the game's first goal.

Happy camper

Whalers' Armstrong invited to U-18 tryout

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like thousands of Canadians, Plymouth Whaler winger John Armstrong will be going camping later this summer.

Unlike his fellow countrymen, Armstrong's experience will be spent sweating on ice, not sitting around campfires.

On June 10, Armstrong was one of

40 players invited to participate in the Canadian National Under-18 Development Camp, which will be held July 30-Aug. 2 in Kitchener, Ontario. If the 6-foot-2, 180-pound 17-year-old impresses coach

Shawn Camp and his assistants, Armstrong will be one of 22 players who survive the camp and play for Canada in the U-18 Junior World Cup in Breclav, Czech Republic and Priestany, Slovakia Aug. 9-14.

"Every young hockey player in Canada hopes to play for their country some day, so it was very exciting for me when I found out I had been invited to the camp," said Armstrong, who tallied six goals and 13 assists in 52 games for the Whalers last season. "To be selected as one of the top 40 is an honor, but I'll be disappointed if I don't make the team."

PLEASE SEE ARMSTRONG, B2

36 wins earn Arnold 'top coach' award

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BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Having 18 students in a high school chemistry class is workable.

But placing that many players on a high school softball roster is asking for trouble when it comes to team chemistry.

Canton softball coach Jim Arnold and his 18-member team dispelled that theory this season as it crafted a school-record 36-2 mark and advanced to a Division I regional final game before getting eliminated by Belleville.

The Chiefs' accomplishments this past season earned Arnold the Observerland Coach of the Year honor.

The key to our phenomenal season was that all 18 girls knew their role and there was no buckering about playing time or anything else," said Arnold, who has been the Chiefs' coach since 1991. "A couple of girls served mostly as courtesy runners, but they knew their role, they honed their skills and they took pride in what they did."

Arnold distributed much of the credit for his team's success to members of his coaching staff, which included varsity assistant Larry Bober, junior-varsity coach Kayline Shureb and freshman coach Pat Steudeman.

"In order to have a good program, you need great coaches at the lower levels, and we have that here at Canton," said

Arnold. "By the time the players get to Larry and I, they're already very strong in the fundamentals."

Probably the most impressive trademark of Canton's 2005 team was its never-say-die attitude. On two occasions — in a key Western Lakes Activities Association game at Northville and in the regional semi-final contest against Southgate Anderson — the Chiefs were down to their last out before rallying to win in dramatic fashion.

"This team had a lot of heart," said Arnold, whose team won its first 30 games. "No matter what situation we faced, Larry and I both were confident that we would come back. The players played with a lot of confidence, too, which is why they did so well."

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Photo finish?

Coach's Corner closes in on Rams in Livonia Collegiate Baseball loop

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Satchel Page once said, "Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

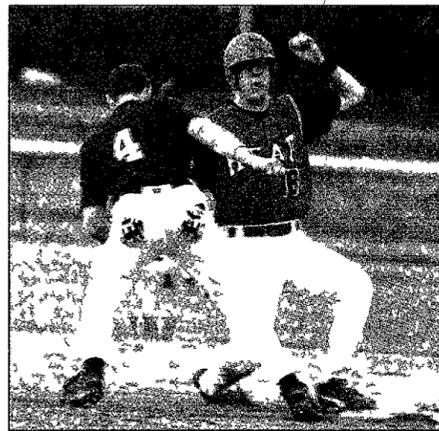
The race to get into next month's All American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament in Johnstown, Pa. tightened up considerably Friday night at Ford Field.

Third-place Coach's Corner moved within a point of the second-place Michigan Rams in the battle for the direct seed to the

20-and-under AAABA Nationals after Coach's Corner held off Park Athletic, 8-5, and the Rams were ambushed by 22-and-under Heat in eight innings, 4-3.

The 22-and-under Michigan Bulls lead the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, but that doesn't matter to the Rams, now 14-6, and Coach's Corner, which is 13-5-1.

"We're within a point with a game in hand," Coach's Corner manager Mike George said. "We've been chasing those guys all



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michigan Heat player Aaron Drury, a Canton resident and North Farmington graduate, avoids getting picked off at second base during Wednesday night's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game against Coach's Corner. Applying the late tag is Garden City's Shay Ryan, a graduate of Dearborn Divine Child.

PLEASE SEE BASEBALL, B2

Coach's Corner s Dave Herrick, a Livonia Churchill graduate and current member of the Madonna University baseball team, hits a foul ground ball during Wednesday night's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game at Ford Field



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BASEBALL

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year long They're a great team and they do all the right things It looks like it going to go right down to the wire, but I've been telling our kids they can only worry about themselves along the way

"This is a loose bunch of guys and they don't get rattled And one of the strengths of our team is that we've got some depth We play just about everybody"

Coach's Corner jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings against Park Athletic, scoring four times in the first inning on a two-run single by Mike Krause and a two-run double by Tim Kalczyński

Coach's Corner starting pitcher Jeff Richard held Park Athletic scoreless through the first three innings, but ran into trouble in the fourth as Downriver team scored twice in the fourth and three more in the fifth to cut the deficit to 6-5

But Coach's Corner put it away with two runs in the sixth thanks to an RBI double by Ben Jenzen, who finished with two hits, followed by an RBI single from Digger Towe

Jenzen, who went the final 2 1/2 innings, got the victory He replaced Madonna University's

Will Kennedy (Westland John Glenn) in the fifth

"Mike Hand of Madonna (University) came in and did a good job in relief to shut us down, George said of the Park Athletic hurler "We swung the bats well that inning (the sixth) with two-outs Those were both big hits by Ben and Digger

Coach's Corner moved to within a point in the standings after the Rams fell to Heat in eight innings 4-3 thanks to MacKenzie Matthews RBI single, scoring Aaron Drury

A pair of errors also didn't help the Rams cause in the eighth

Adam Schulz Matthew and Drury each collected two hits for the Heat, now 8-12 Beau Ford also knocked in two runs

With the score tied at 3-all, the Rams threatened with the bases loaded and one-out in the seventh, but couldn't score

Winning pitcher Scott Schlaff went all eight innings, allowing just four hits He struck out seven and walked two

Ben Darga was the losing pitcher in relief In 2 1/2 innings he allowed one run on three hits He struck out four and did not walk a batter

Starter Dan Dobberowsky went the first four innings allowing two runs on two hits He walked one hit three bat-

ters and struck out four before giving way to Jesse Christner, who allowed four hits and one run in his 1 1/2 inning start

Nate Recknagel knocked in both runs for the Rams

RAMS 6 LONGHORNS 1 Starter John Filecchia pitched six strong innings Wednesday as the Rams (14-5) downed the 22 and under Longhorns (8-10-1) in an LCBL encounter at Ford Field

Filecchia allowed just three hits walked three and struck out four Closer Dan Lentz pitched a scoreless seventh fanning two

Sam Palace Matt Cunningham Kevin Cislo and Matt Nickels each collected two hits for the victorious Rams

Palace Nickels Scott Cain and Max Miller each had RBI Cunningham scored two runs and Nickels added two stolen bases

The Longhorns got their only run in the first when lead off man Jamie Embree walked moved to second on a passed ball took third on a fielder's choice and scored on a passed ball

Alex Martin who worked the first five innings for the Longhorns allowing four runs on nine hits took the loss He struck out seven and walked one before giving way to Gary Z elke (Livonia Stevenson/Wayne State)

COACH'S CORNER 3 HEAT 2 It took eight innings Wednesday as Coach's Corner (12-5-1) outlasted the Heat (8-11) in LCBL action

Singles by Digger Towe and Charles MacKinnon led to the game winning run as Towe scored when Ryan Shay's grounder to short was booted for an error

That was an excellent at bat for Charles he fouled off four of five balls and then hit a line shot Coach's Corner assistant coach Frank Corey said Coach's Corner scored one in the first on Ben Jenzen's sacrifice fly scoring Shay Jenzen also had an RBI double in the third to score Shay Steve Karchefski who walked in the eighth inning got the victory in relief of starter Mike Powers who struck out five walked three and allowed just four hits in seven innings

JAGS

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which attracts the top collegiate players from around the country

"It's different (than college), but it's still a high level with all the best girls from all the colleges," she said

Jaguars' midfielder Melissa Sarkesian, who logged 75 minutes in the win over Cleveland, appeared in 12 games and started one last fall as a freshman for Big 12 champion Texas A&M, which finished 18-6 overall and lost 2-1 to Illinois in the second round of the NCAA tourney

"I did not play as much as a like, but I earned more playing time at the end of the year," said Sarkesian, who scored two goals and had three assists for the Aggies "This (W-League) is a great way to stay in shape They're good games and good competition, good girls to play with All the (W-League) teams have great players"

"At school I play center-midfield, here I'm out of an outside-mid It's good for me because it rounds you out"

One Jaguar who will miss the rest of the season with a broken foot is Salem grad Jordan Falcusan, a freshman teammate last year of Sarkesian's at Texas A&M

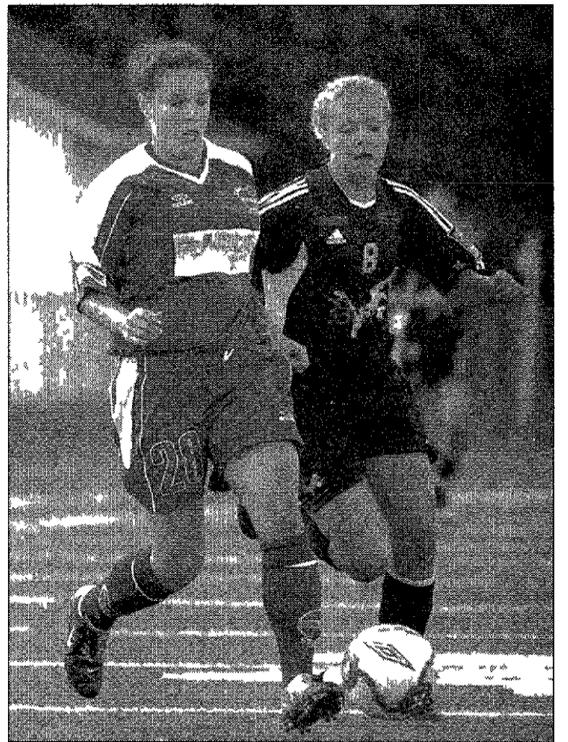
Falcusan started 21 of 24 games for the Aggies and earned All-Big 12 Tournament honors

"Jordan's injury definitely hurts us," Sarkesian said "She's a starting outside back, but we've been able to fill that spot well

Landefeld also believes Falcusan's presence will be missed

"She's not only a good player, but an athlete and a leader," he said "Even with a broken foot she's been to every practice and game That tells you about the kind of person she is"

"It's tough because she's a huge part of our defense," added Dobbyn "Right now we're doing fine trying to



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Former Salem star Marissa Sarkesian (right) chases down a Cleveland International player during the Detroit Jaguars' game Thursday night at Stevenson High School In the fall, Sarkesian will begin her sophomore year at Texas A&M University where she is a member of the women's soccer program

replace her, but it's a big loss"

It was also a big setback for the Internationals, who had hoped to avenge their 2-1 defeat earlier this year to the Jaguars

But Cleveland couldn't mount enough offense to get the ball past Jaguars goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming, who made four saves en route to her third shutout of the year

They're a good, solid all-around team," Internationals coach Zdravko Popovic said of the Jaguars said "They're a quality team, but we'll see what happens the rest of the season Most of these players I have are 16 and 17 and they just came back from the region (tournament) We were not as

crisp and sharp as I like"

With only the London Gryphons (5-1-2) standing in the way of a Midwest Division title, the Jaguars are in catbird's seat London won the first meeting to hand the Jaguars their only loss, 3-0

The two teams meet again at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 15 at Stevenson

"We knew if we win this game it would look good for us and we'd be in good shape," Landefeld said "They (London) are a good team We outshot them like 19-4 It was just one of those days Everybody works hard and goals sometimes are hard to come by They're all good teams at this level"

ARMSTRONG

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The coaches for the team have seen all the players play, but not at the same time I know I need to stand out to make the team, so I'll work hard all summer to make sure I'm ready I've been working out five days a week I've been lifting weights, doing cardio work and plyometrics just about every day, and skating three days a week"

RISING STAR

The Umonville, Ontario native emerged as one of the Whalers' most dependable players as the 2004-05 season progressed, said Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci

"John came a long way last year, Vellucci asserted "He was a lot more physically mature toward the end of the year compared to when he first came to us He was kind of skinny, but he really worked hard to improve his strength "Getting invited to the U-18 camp is a big honor for all those kids Most of the players who get invited end up going pretty high in the NHL draft the following year"

The camp's 40-player roster was selected by Blair Mackasey, Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence director

"The fact that Canada's regional teams finished with a



Plymouth Whalers forward John Armstrong was one of 40 players selected to participate in the Canadian National Under 18 Development Camp, which is set to begin July 30 in Kitchener Ontario The top 22 players at the camp will play for Canada in the Under-18 World Championship set for August in the Czech Republic

sweep of all four top positions at last year's World Under 17 Challenge shows the depth of talent in Canada and the high skill level of players at this age level Mackasey said This year's Under 18 summer team will bring a great mix of speed, skill and experience, and we look forward to a competitive camp"

EYE-OPENER

Armstrong drew the attention of Mackasey with his stellar play for the Whalers and Team Ontario at last December's 2005 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge in

Lethbridge, Alberta Armstrong was one of 11 players on Team Ontario who were invited to the camp

I'm pretty good friends with three of the other players who will be at the camp," said Armstrong "Two of them were former teammates and one I used to go to school with We'll still be friends off the ice, but we'll be competing for the same thing on the ice, so it will get pretty intense"

Armstrong was a junior at Plymouth High School last year He lived with two different host families during the Ontario Hockey League season

It was tough being away from home at first," Armstrong admitted "But I think the experience helped me mature a lot Both the families I lived with were great, which helped, and I liked attending Plymouth High School Once I got to know some other students, a lot of them would start coming to the (Whalers) games The counselors and teachers were great when it came to working with my schedule, too

Canada has participated in the under-18 tournament in Europe since 1996, capturing gold at eight of the nine events, including last summer Other teams participating at the 2005 tournament include Finland, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Sweden and the United States

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SALEM SOCCER SIGNUP

The Salem boys soccer team will begin optional conditioning workouts on Wednesday, July 6, from 6-8 p.m. on the soccer fields located in front of Canton High School's Phase III.

The optional practices will be for boys in grades 9-12 and will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until July 22.

For more information, contact coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

WYAA FOOTBALL SIGNUP

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association football and cheerleading will be from 7-9 p.m. each Wednesday and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WLAA Lange Building, 6050 Farmington Road (north of Ford Road).

There are limited spots for JV (ages 11-12) for both the Meteors and Comets, and openings in the varsity category (ages 11-14).

Limited spots are also available for the Meteors and Comets cheerleading.

For more information, call (734) 421-0640 during normal business hours (or leave a message).

ALL-STAR AUCTION

Five tickets to All Star Week 2005 at Comerica Park (July 8-12) will be auctioned to raise funds for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death).

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The All Star Futures Game followed by the Taco Bell All-Star Legends and Celebrity Softball Game will be at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively on Sunday July 10. (Ticket value \$45 each).

The All Star Workout Day and Home Run Derby begins at 8 p.m. Monday, July 11. (Ticket value \$125 each).

The All-Star game, including pre-game introductions and ceremony, follows at 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 12. (Ticket value \$200 each with seat location in Section 101, row S, seats 21-25).

Also available is the All-Star FanFest on Saturday, July 9. (Ticket value \$16 each).

To make a tax-deductible bid on tickets, call Tomorrow's Child at 1-800-331-7437.

WAYNE-WESTLAND SOCCER

Registration for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League fall season (Sept. 6 through Oct. 30) runs through Friday, July 15 at the Bailey Recreation Center.

Veteran registration ends Monday, while the late fee begins Tuesday, July 5.

Registration forms can be picked up at both Bailey and the Wayne Recreation Center. (Forms can be completed and paid in full at the Bailey Center).

For league information, call (734) 467-5260 or visit <http://www.eteamz.com/www/>

FOOTBALL COACHES WANTED

Assistant football coaches are needed for Livonia Clarenceville High School.

Those interested should call athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 473-8926, Ext. 217.

UD BASEBALL OUTING

University of Detroit Mercy baseball alumni and friends will hold a golf outing Monday, Sept. 12 at Glenhurst Golf Course, located on Six Mile between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads, in Redford Township.

A dinner will follow at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt Road, just north of Grand River, in Farmington Hills.

For more information, call Bob Miller Jr. at (248) 568-2448 or e-mail millsrj@aol.com

Kerry Schmansky, an 18-year-old from Westland and a recent graduate of Livonia Churchill High School, will continue her education at Grand Valley State College near Grand Rapids.

She is not going there to bowl, but she intends to continue in the Michigan Majors Bowling Association monthly events where she has enjoyed considerable success over the past seven years by competing in the Keystone team events.

Schmansky has had a great track record, having captured the Young American Bowling Association state tournament in all-events at the age of 12.

Kerry's dad Tom got her started when she was only seven at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia and she has far surpassed his abilities.

There's nothing left for me to teach her, she knows more about bowling than I, but I try to help with the mental game, Tom said.

Kerry has also bowled in the Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic league the past five years and was awarded the Norm Kluska Award for the

past two seasons in WWYTC bowling competition.

She has also made the YABA All-City team in the past two years, and scored her best game, a 299, about a month ago in the Pepsi Cola Tournament in Saginaw.

On May 7, Schmansky also rolled her highest series, 706, in the Harley Trumbull Scholarship Invitational Tournament at Wayne Bowl.

Her team was also the 2005 YABA Champion (scratch). Now averaging in the 190s, Kerry hopes to pile up some collegiate scholarship money during the next few years of youth competition.

In 2004, Kerry's 199 was the girls' highest average in the Greater Detroit YABA.

Among her other honors: second-team Michigan All-State YABA (2004), third place, MJMA Kalamazoo Open (2004), third, Greater Detroit YABA Junior Masters (2004), second, MJMA Dan Ottman Classic (2005), and first, Keystone Tour Tournament of Champions (2005) which attracted bowlers from 20 different states.

Cathleen Kowalski of Livonia has been awarded a scholarship to Minnesota State University for bowling, and she will be a member of their team in inter-collegiate bowling.

Kowalski had previously been honored as a member of the Dream Team by the

Detroit Free Press.

She was honored at the Greater Detroit Bowling Association awards reception last Friday at the DeCarlos Banquet Center in Warren, where the champions of the past season were recognized by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and the Detroit Women's Bowling Association.

Out-going president Jerry Owczarski handed over the gavel of office to the new GDBA president, Tony Lindemann, an ABC Hall-of-Famer and one of this area's all-time greats.

The GDBA Masters championship was won by Jeffrey Austreng, while the Senior Masters title was won by his father, Ed Austreng.

Another standout was Maria Quinn, who was named most improved DWBA bowler. Quinn averaged 160 this year, after having only a 109 the previous season.

That is an incredible jump of 51 pins from one year to the next. Maria must have had some good coaching along the way.

The GDBA city championship team for both scratch and handicap was Cozy Inn/Belmar II, which consisted of captain Rick Eiermann of Garden City, along with Jim Grant, Jr., Matt Ivancik, Richard Beattie and Kevin Trumbull. Cozy's Inn/Belmar II's total actual pinfall count was 3,351.

Mark Moore of Macomb

Township swept the singles actual by winning with a 793 and 2,310 in all-events.

The Division I DWBA championship team, X Them Out, consisted of captains Virginia Austin joined by Yvonne Jones, Consuelo Cleveland, LeCarroll Dawson and JoAnn Carter.

They scored 3,369, plus-396, handicap for a 3,765 winning total.

The Division II title was captured by NovBowl/NovBowl Bowling Team led by captain Lynn Braeseker, Elizabeth Henson, Joan Chamberlain, Shannon Dietz and Kyle Clark.

They had 2,728, plus-1,042 handicap totaling 3,770.

In Division III, the Fab Five, came away with the title led by captain Nicole Gibbs, Lori Cuyler, Carol Holmes, Corliss Bussey and Damtra Germany. The quartet scored 2,387, plus-1,379 handicap and a total score of 3,766.

Secretary of the Year honors went to Leona Obuchowski of the Luxury Ladies Invitational Classic League. The event was rushed just a little bit so that the Pistons' fans among the group could get home in time to see the seventh and final game of the playoffs.

Enough said about that.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a life member of the U.S. Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



Ten Pin Alley Al Harrison

THE WEEK AHEAD

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE
 Wednesday July 6 (at Bicentennial Park)
 Eagles vs. Bulls 5:45 p.m. (at Ford Field)
 Rams vs. Park Athletic 5:45 p.m.
 Coach's Corner vs. Longhorns 8:15 p.m. (at Madison Hts. Bishop Foley)
 Backwo'l vs. Heat 6 p.m.
 Friday July 8 (at Bicentennial Park)
 Eagles vs. Bulls 5:45 p.m. (at Ford Field)

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 Coach's Corner vs. Eagles 8:15 p.m. (at Beverly Hills Det. Country Day)
 Longhorns vs. Blackwolf 6 p.m.
 Saturday July 9 (at Oakland University)
 Bulls vs. Park Athletic (2) noon
 Sunday July 10 (all doubleheaders) (at Ford Field)
 Longhorns vs. Rams noon
 Backwo'l vs. Eagles 5 p.m. (at Madonna University Park)
 Heat vs. Coach's Corner noon

AMERICAN LEGION
 Wednesday July 6
 Livonia Post 32 vs. Farmington at Clarenceville H.S. 6:30 p.m.
 Friday July 8
 Livonia Post 32 vs. Port Huron at Livonia Church L.H.S. 6:30 p.m.
 Friday July 9
 All Star Game at Berkeley TBA
 Sunday July 10
 Livonia Post 32 at Rochester (2) noon
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 Friday July 8
 Detroit LaJagua vs. W. Mich. F. women

at Holland Municipal TBA

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 Tuesday July 5
 Michigan Bucks at Toledo Slayers TBA
 Friday July 8
 Michigan Bucks vs. Cleveland Internationals at Coughlin Field (Ohio) 8:30 p.m.
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 Michigan Bucks vs. Cleveland Internationals at Berkeley Hurley Field 7:30 p.m.
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Observerland softball team has talent to spare

FIRST TEAM
Molly Conlon, Sr P, Canton
 Conlon's sterling career was capped off by being named to the Division 1 first team All-State squad following a senior season in which she crafted a 24-1 record and 0.55 earned run average for the 36-2 Chiefs. Conlon, who earned the distinction as Canton High School's 2005 Female Athlete of the Year, was also a threat at the plate hitting 400 with a team-high 34 RBI. The three-year varsity player was an All-State scholar athlete as well as All-Western Lakes Activities Association, All-District and All-Region.

Molly is a very unique young lady," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. Along with being a great pitcher, she is extremely poised and mature, and she has a lot of determination. She also goes out of her way to help our younger players get better. In my opinion, Molly is what Canton softball is all about. She has left a legacy behind at this school.

Claire Ostrowski, Soph P, Plymouth
 Only a sophomore, Ostrowski played an instrumental role in the Wildcats' successful initial full varsity season, which included the school's second straight Division 1 district title. Ostrowski compiled a 23-11 record on the mound while hitting .345 at the plate while leading the team in RBI. Ostrowski's efforts earned her All-Division, All-District and All-Region post-season honors.

Claire is a standout and a tremendous leader for this team, Plymouth coach Val Canfield said. She's a gamer who lives for softball. I'm very proud of everything she has accomplished the past two seasons.

Bridget Long, Jr P, Liv Churchill
 The junior right-hander finished 18-7 with 14 shutouts and an ERA of 0.45. She also recorded 167 strikeouts.

Long was also flawless in the field with 20 putouts and 48 assists. Long also batted .398 with a .432 on-base average.



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Sophomore Claire Ostrowski played a key role in Plymouth's 22-win season, both on the mound and at the plate.

was named All-Western Lakes Churchill's co-MVP and All-District.

"Bridget is a fast, intelligent pitcher who has four to five different pitches and uses them all," Churchill coach Carrie Korican said. She reads batters and works the batters. She's an excellent pitcher who has been calling her own games for the past two years. She works year-round on pitching. Just a great kid.

Roya St. Clair, Jr C, Liv Stevenson
 Making her third straight first team All-Observer appearance, St. Clair was force behind the plate and at the bat once again this season as Stevenson finished with

a 21-10 record (best in over a decade).

The junior batted .495 (52 for 105) with 37 RBI and 30 runs scored. She hit six homers, added 10 doubles and walked 15 times while striking out just once.

St. Clair sported an on-base average of .562 and a .917 fielding percentage.

The Spartan catcher won several honors this year including All-WLAA, All-District, All-Region and honorable mention All-State.

This was Roya's best season of all the three. Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon said. She worked extremely hard in the off-season. Her bat was

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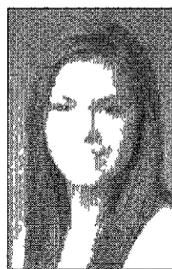
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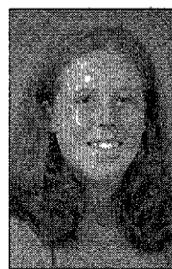
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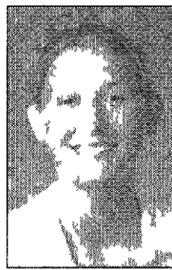
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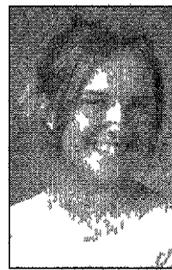
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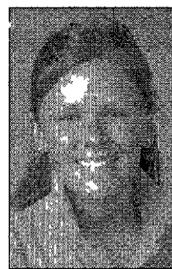
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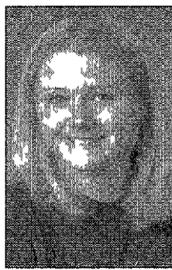
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All-Area Girls Softball team 2005

consistent all year and defensively she really improved behind the plate."

Cat Sidor, Jr 1B, Liv Churchill: The junior first baseman batted .531 including two homers over Churchill's 215-foot fence. Sidor's on-base average was also an impressive .615.

Defensively she also excelled with 245 putouts, 15 assists and only one error (.996 fielding average).

Carlyn is a great kid who works out the whole year, Korican said. She's excellent both on offense and defense. She creates outs at first base with her scoops and stretches. She's a hard hitter who can go both to right and left field.

Sidor made All-Western Lakes, All-District and was Churchill's co-MVP along with Long.

Kady Cooper, Sr 1B, Garden City: Hard work and leadership were rewarded this season, as Cooper played excellent defense and swung a hot bat for the Cougars.

She finished with a .381 average, while collecting eight doubles, four triples and driving in 34 runs. Her efforts earned her team co-MVP honors (with Jessica Rayburn) along with selection to the All-Conference, All-District, All-Region teams.

Kady's one of those quiet players that came in and really helped lead our team through example," said Garden City head coach Barry Patterson. She had a tremendous year for us at the plate, leading our team in most offensive categories. And I think sometimes when you have a great year like that offensively, you tend to overlook the fact she's one of the best defensive first basemen in the area."

Cooper will attend Siena Heights University and likely continue her softball excellence.

It'll be a tremendous loss not having her back, Patterson said. She'll certainly be missed."

Rachel Wade, Jr 2B, Canton: Wade joined teammate Molly Conlon on the Division 1 first team All-State squad thanks to her steady defensive play and team-high .457 batting average. She recorded an on-base percentage of .540 and scored 40 runs.

Rachel is a scrappy player and a team leader," Arnold

said. She has power she can bunt, slap and she has speed. Rachel is a very determined player who is not afraid to get dirty.

Lauren Delapaz, Soph SS, Canton: A two-year starter despite her sophomore status, Delapaz hit clean-up and played shortstop for the 36-2 Chiefs. She hit .448 with 28 RBI and ripped a team-high 10 triples. She struck out just twice in 105 place appearances and committed just three errors in the field.

Among Delapaz's post-season honors were a spot on the Division 1 honorable mention All-State squad, All-Conference, All-District and All-Region recognition.

In my estimation, Lauren Delapaz could have played Division 1 softball this season — she's that good," said Arnold.

Even when she joined the varsity team as a freshman last year, the older players stepped up their game when they played with Lauren. She's not only a great player, but she's very respectful toward her coaches, teachers and team mates.

Amanda Alpert, Jr SS, Liv Stevenson: The junior shortstop hit .369 (41 for 111) with 28 runs scored and 15 RBI. She finished the season with four doubles and eight stolen bases.

She had an on-base average of .398 and an .889 fielding percentage.

Beyond our catcher, Roya, Amanda is the leader on the team. Witherspoon said.

She knows her position and has a rocket, quick and smooth release.

Alpert earned All-Lakes Division and All-District honors.

Jill Schulz, Jr SS, Liv Ladywood: The junior shortstop earned All-Region honors in Division II and helped the Blazers to their second straight state quarterfinal appearance. Schulz batted .381 (45 for 118) with 10 runs, 11 RBI. She

finished with three triples and six doubles while walking 11 times and fanning only eight.

She had a slugging percentage of .483 and an on-base average of .430.

Defensively, she made just seven errors in 150 chances (.953 fielding average) with 67 putouts and 76 assists.

As the season went along, Jill got stronger, Ladywood coach Bob Lulek said. "When we got out of the league (Catholic League Central Division) she hit really well."

She's the best fielding shortstop I've ever had. She's got good instincts for the game, very smart. She's the total package."

Brittini Adams, Jr OF, Redford Union: Adams reached base 60 percent of the time for the Panthers, and usually was in the middle of any RU offensive surge, said head coach Brian Sloma.

"When she gets on base, with her speed, it enables us to open things up," Sloma noted. "When Brittini has a good game, we score runs."

She had a lot of good games, registering 54 hits, 42 runs and an impressive .514 batting average.

The lead-off hitter was named to the All-Conference, All-District and All-Region teams.

According to Sloma, what made Adams' season even more impressive was the fact "the other teams know who she is now and yet she still excelled."

The coach noted that RU's softball program is getting better, and she's a big part of it."

Amy Caves, Sr OF, Salem Caves: who will play for Henry Ford Community College next season, was an outstanding outfielder and hitter for the Rocks this past season.

She ended several of Salem's opponents rallies with her glove and arm, and she was one of the team's top hitters.

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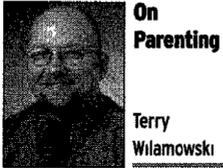
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On Parenting
Terry Wilamowski

Brothers' rivalry is normal

I have two great sons, ages 11 and 10. Since my husband and I have no brothers or sisters, we wanted to make sure that we had at least two children so that they would never be without a companion. When our sons were born so close together we thought that they would be best friends. Instead, it seems that they can't stand each other. They fight like cats and dogs. They are total opposites and can never agree on activities or even which TV shows to watch. I guess that's why I'm so confused by the fact that they will defend each other against the other boys in the school. But other than this, they are more like enemies than brothers. Is there any way to teach them to get along better?
Mary, Novi

Sibling rivalry is a normal and natural part of having brothers and sisters. It is a child's way to get attention and to establish status within the family unit. In my experience, the children that are closest in age will be the ones with the fiercest rivalry and to fight with the most frequency and intensity. This is especially true when the siblings are the same gender. Does this seem familiar?

The fact that you and your husband come from single child families needs to be explored before we move on to address the behaviors of your sons. Growing up without a sibling, you have never felt pressure to compete for attention, love or an identity. This competitive "need" is the heart of sibling rivalry. Since this "need" was never a part of your personal experience, you seem to be having difficulty understanding the nature of this concept. Furthermore, without this personal experience, your goals and expectations for your family, and your sons' relationship, may be unrealistic and unreachable.

All parents want the best for their children. We want them to have all of the things that we feel we missed out on. We want them to go to better schools, have better vacations, live in better neighborhoods, etc. In your case, you and your husband wanted them to have a sibling you wanted them to have each other. And they do, just not in the way that you had hoped for. At least not yet. The first thing to do is to normalize your family's current experience. It may not be ideal but it is real. Siblings fight. Recognize this as a fact and begin to focus on what can change their positive interactions can be increased. When your sons stick up for one another, they are re-defining their relationship from "you vs me" to "us vs them." Generate and foster these types of situations. For example, plan a family game night in which the boys are to be on one team while you and your husband will be on the other. This provides them with an opportunity to cooperate and develop some positive shared experiences. But it is essential to avoid forcing them to always be on the same team, which may increase resentments and fuel hostilities. Help them to recognize their similarities but respect their differences. For instance, allow each family member to get a special night in which they get to choose what you do, where you go and what you eat. This will enable them to experience something that the other decides in a safe, non-competitive way. Encourage them to support rather than disparage the likes and dislikes of the other. The most effective means of teaching this is through modeling the behavior yourself.

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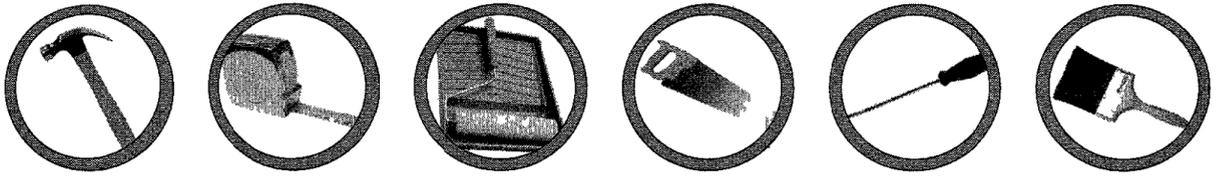
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High on humanity



Livonia resident Jeff Loudermilk nails siding on a Habitat house in Detroit



Jane Kersjes, a Plymouth Township resident works on her eighth Habitat house since 2000

Habitat volunteers pay to help build homes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Michael Sage never planned to lunch with former President Jimmy Carter while helping to build 30 homes in southwest Detroit last week. It's not the reason why the Livonia resident volunteers to serve on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County or coordinates the DTE Energy volunteers, but it reminded him of their mission to build affordable homes for people in need.

The Jimmy Carter Work Project took place June 19-24 in Detroit and Benton Harbor.

I was with Amy, Rosalynn and Jimmy sitting at the table and he talked about all the things happening with Habitat.

He mentioned how great it was when volunteers come out but when corporations can too it adds to the community, said Sage, an analyst for DTE Energy customer service.

DTE was the sole sponsor of two houses including one in Monroe County, and partly funded another in Kent County. During the rest of the year, DTE volunteers help build homes once a month.

INTERNATIONAL

Long before Sage began volunteering with Habitat in 1999, he built and repaired homes, orphanages, schools and churches. In Hungary, he helped turn a former Russian officers club into a church. In Kosovo, he worked

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Livonia resident Michael Sage (kneeling) new homeowner Rochelle Wright, former President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn, and Kelly Marks (Wright's sister who also volunteered) in front of the house

Ultra-violent Grand Theft Auto pushes the limits



Are we having fun yet? Grand Theft Auto San Andreas casts you as a gang member in a hateful, hyper violent L.A.-like city

usually leave my soapbox at home when reviewing a new game, but *Grand Theft Auto San Andreas* brings out my proselytizing side.

In case you're not familiar with it (nice rock you have there), the *Grand Theft Auto* series ranks among the top-selling videogames of all time. *San Andreas* debuted on the PS2 late last year, but just recently shipped for PC and Xbox.

The previous titles, *Grand Theft Auto III* and *Grand Theft Auto Vice City*, had mafia themes, casting you as the tough-guy "hero" out to score cash, settle scores, and engage in all manner of mayhem (including, but not limited to, carjacking, solicitation of pros-



Game Savvy

Rick Broida

tutes, and beating people with baseball bats)

In *San Andreas*, you're an ex-gang member who returns home to avenge his mother's murder (awww sweet). Within the first 10 minutes, you're arrested by corrupt cops, targeted in a drive-by shooting, and exposed to a barrage of expletives that would make Quentin Tarantino blush.

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The game is rated 'M,' meaning it's intended for ages 17 and up. But there's little to no enforcement of these ratings. Any determined kid can easily get his hands on a copy.

I spoke to a parent from

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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

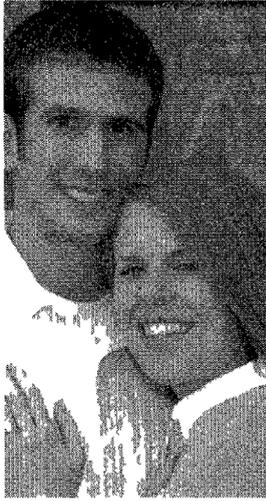
Timmerman-Jewell

Daniel and Pamela Timmerman of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Timmerman, to Paul Jewell of Plymouth

Tracy is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is an elementary school teacher.

Her fiancé, Paul, is the son of Timothy and Irma Jewell of St Joseph. He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He is a software developer for Creative Solutions.

Paul and Tracy are planning an April 2006 wedding at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville.



Adkins-Selke

Keith Ryan Adkins and Linzi Marie Selke were married Sept 25, 2004 in the conservatory of the Royal Park Hotel, in Rochester. A reception in the hotel ballroom followed the ceremony.

The bride, a University of Michigan graduate, is the daughter of Douglas and Shelia Selke of Rochester Hills. The groom, also a U-M graduate, is the son of Kennel and Janice Adkins of Garden City.

Attendees were Jennifer Alexander of Dallas, Texas, Amber (Selke) van Heel of Fairfax, Calif., Jaime Sander of Auburn Hills, Jessica Connor of Palo Alto, Calif., Kevin Adkins of Dexter, Wes Selke of Chicago, Ill, Dave Korenchuk of Royal Oak, and Mark Rodgers



The couple took a honeymoon trip to Cabo San Lucas before returning to Ann Arbor, where they make their home.

Von Buskirk-White

Wensdy Rene White and Jeffrey Logan Von Buskirk were married Feb 25, 2005, at Mill Race Village, New School Church in Northville, before the Rev Brad Cannon of Solid Rock Bible Church in Plymouth. A reception followed at Genetts in Northville.

Wensdy is the daughter of Wendie and Richard Osborne of Howell, and Walter White and Marsha Nucian of Fenton. She is a 1990 graduate of Farmington High School. She is a 1994 graduate of South Lake Tahoe Community College and a 1997 graduate of Wayne State University. Wensdy is employed at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as editor of Pink and Women's Health Style.

Jeffrey is a 1990 graduate of Stevenson High School, Livonia. He is a graduate of Schoolcraft College and The College for Creative Studies. He is employed as a professional artist-painter and muralist. Attending the bride were



maid of honor, Mandi Jarvi. Her bridesmaids were Jen D'Amico, Maria Von Buskirk, Jill Von Buskirk, Michelle Barber and Anne Wyrwas.

The groom was attended by best man, Marco DeSanto. Groomsmen were Keith Bullock, Peter Von Buskirk, Trevor Von Buskirk, Walter White, Jr and Wayne White. Groomsmen/ushers were Jim Grove and Jeff Muir.

The new Mr and Mrs Von Buskirk spent their honeymoon in Acapulco, Mexico. They are making their new home in Northville.

Torrance-Clark

Joyce Maddux of Monroe, and Steve and Kim Torrance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Ann Torrance, of Monroe, to Daniel Lloyd Clark of Canton.

Tiffany is a 2001 graduate of Monroe High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan Tech University. She is employed at Spalding DeDecker in Rochester Hills.

Her fiancé, Daniel, is the son of Steve and Pam Clark of Canton. He is a 2001 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and a 2005 graduate of Michigan Tech University.



Daniel and Tiffany are planning a September wedding at Trinity Lutheran Church in Monroe.

O'Rourke-Ferris

William and Deborah O'Rourke of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Ann, to Gary Lee Ferris.

Jennifer is a 1998 graduate of John Glenn High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in teaching from Western Michigan University. She is employed by the Wayne Westland Community School District.

Her fiancé, Gary, is the son of Brenda Borrusch and the late Norman Ferris. He is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. He is employed at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

Jennifer and Gary are planning a July wedding at the



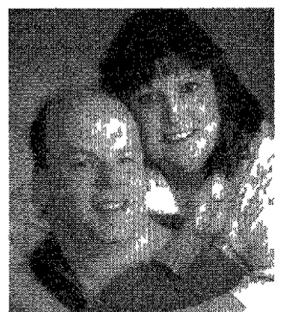
Garden City Presbyterian Church in Garden City.

Wimple-Soubeyrand

Tom and Bev Eversole of Manchester announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Becky Anne Wimple, to Michael Homer Soubeyrand of Livonia.

Becky is a 1997 graduate of Washtenaw Community College. She is a M R I technologist for the University of Michigan Hospital.

Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of Mike and Judy Soubeyrand of Garden City. He is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College. He is employed by Wayne County as an electrician.



Michael and Becky are planning a July wedding at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Saline.

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Peltz

Lawrence R. and Mary Jane (nee Bruckner) Peltz, of Garden City, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25. They renewed their vows at Mass at St. Raphael's Catholic Church and then continued with a small dinner celebration with family. They were married June 25, 1955, at St. John The Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights.

Lawrence and Mary Jane have lived in this area 44 years. He has been retired from Ford Motor Co. 17 years. He is a member of Garden City Moose Lodge and also enjoys golfing. She is employed as the administrative office manager for Lynn Noyes Industries. She enjoys reading. Both Lawrence and Mary Jane enjoy bowling and traveling.

Lawrence and Mary Jane have four children, Timothy (Sharon) Peltz, Leah (Kevin) Cell, Christopher (Michele)



Peltz, and their oldest son Keith, who died at age 2 in 1958, and four grandsons.



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GAME

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Farmington Hills, who had no idea the ratings existed. She said her kids (ages 15 and 12) had played *San Andreas*, but that she was completely unaware of the game's extreme violence, language and sexuality.

I fear that's a common oversight, that inappropriate games like GTA slip in under parents' radar.

"Whoa, did I just start down a slippery slope? Where's the line demarcating acceptable from inappropriate? I have no problem with a game like *Medal of Honor*, which recreates World War II battles with harrowing, bloody realism, so why should I take offense at *San Andreas*?"

I guess I'll have to paraphrase that infamous Supreme Court ruling on pornography: I know a bad game when I see it.

San Andreas is pretty bad, and not just because it insults my sensibilities.

The graphics look years out of date (though perhaps that's for the best - more realism this game does not need), the controls are awkward, and the game crashes frequently.

In fact, it regularly caused my PC to reboot right in the middle of a game.

Equally frustrating, Rockstar Games offers pitiful online support. The only way to get help is to call the company or send an e-mail.

Now, before you peg me as a GTA-basher, I'll admit to having played - and enjoyed - the previous games in the series. Though I found certain aspects distasteful, I never regarded them as more than over-the-top, tongue-in-cheek, adult cartoons.

But *San Andreas* lacks that wink-wink sense of humor, instead emulating a world that's menacing, hateful, and all too

realistic. Games are supposed to give you a break from life's ugly side, not give you a starring role in it.

Indeed, have we really reached the point where it's considered glamorous to walk in the shoes of an inner-city gangbanger?

Apparently so, judging from the number of big-name actors who lent their voices to in-game characters. Listen closely and you'll hear no less than James Woods, Samuel L. Jackson, and Peter Fonda, to name a few.

I wonder if these guys let their kids play the game. At least they can't claim they didn't know about the content.

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WRC announces speakers for 2005-06 series

The Women's Resource Center has announced the speakers for its 2005-2006 Luncheon Series at the VisiTech Center on the campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Tickets are \$14 each or \$42 for the series. Luncheons begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Di Ponio Room. For reservations, call (734) 462-4443 at least one week before the event.

Author Paul Kavieff opens the series by talking about his book "The Purple Gang: A History of the Detroit Underworld, 1910-1945," and the evolution of this Detroit legendary Mafia on September 30.

Environmentalist Liz Elling shares the work and wonder of the British author and illustrator, Beatrix Potter, whose children's stories were influenced by an environmental calling on October 28.

On Dec. 2, Lyn Bankes conveys the stories of Women in the automotive industry at Henry

Ford's former auto parts factory at Hines Drive and Northville Road, and The Phoenix Mill Women's Museum project underway to preserve her story.

Members of the Garden City Presbyterian Church historical group called "The Petticoat Ladies" dress in replicas of the Victorian gowns worn by First Ladies at their husbands' inaugural festivities on January 20, 2006.

Dorothy Walker, a volunteer from the Detroit Institute of Arts, explores the life and times of some of the greatest African American artists dating from the 19th century to present day on February 17.

On April 7, Pamela Withrow, 2003 Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Contemporary Honoree, closes the series by talking about paving the way for women in law enforcement when she became the first woman warden of the Michigan Dunes Correctional Facility.

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on an activity center while bombs fell two miles away.

As chairman of Western Wayne's Habitat fund raising committee, his job is less dangerous. In addition to hosting a booth at Plymouth's Chili Cook off on Oct. 9, and standing outside local grocery stores to sell 2 by 4s that will be used to build a house, Sage is overseeing a Nov. 12 gala dinner and auction at Schoolcraft College. Tickets are \$100 per person, \$150 per couple. Call (734) 459-7744.

"I have four children, a wife, two grandchildren, two dogs, and want to be a good example, said Sage. I want to give to people who don't have as much as we have."

Monday, June 20, was Jeff Loudermilk's first time volunteering with Habitat. By the third day of stapling in insulation on the DTE home on Martin Luther King Boulevard, he was hooked.

"It's been an incredible experience," said Loudermilk, a Livonia resident and communication coordinator for design resources at DTE. "I was shocked at how hard we work. I've done things around the house, but learned a lot being here. The homeowner was alongside me when I was doing vinyl siding. She cannot believe how blessed she is and grateful for what we're doing for her, but you're as blessed as they are."

Jane Kersjes was working on her eighth Habitat house since 2000. She doesn't do roofs but just about everything else involving nails and a hammer. At her Plymouth Township condo she hires someone else to do the work.

"There's a whole lot of people who aren't as fortunate as me and if I was in their place I'd want somebody's help," said Kersjes, who works in informational technology at DTE. "I enjoy interacting with the people, volunteers and homeowners. Everyone has said that if this didn't happen I wouldn't have had a house. I've learned a lot. I know what it takes to put walls up and trusses on roof. I even laid a floor but it wasn't my forte."

COORDINATION

As construction liaison, Larry Willis is responsible for not only showing volunteers how to use tools, but coordinating tradesmen to install plumbing, heating and light-



Jerry Kwas (left) and Hugh Moore of Grosse Pointe install windows

ing. Two weeks before the Jimmy Carter Work Project began, Willis worked two weeks straight preparing for the Blitz Build. Willis is a member of AmeriCorps*VISTA, a national network of service programs that help in areas such as education, public safety, health and the environment to eradicate poverty. He was assigned to Habitat for Humanity Detroit and was required to work for one year or 1,700 hours on projects. Pre-fabricating for the Jimmy Carter build began more than 15 months ago. Later, a semi-trailer was loaded with materials packed in reverse for each house.

Willis has barely put the tools away from this project and is already preparing to build a house Aug. 10-24, at the State Fair so visitors can learn about volunteering with Habitat. When completed the house will be moved to a lot in the neighborhood.

"Volunteers showed up on a Friday for a seminar so they could start building on Saturday," said Willis, who's lived all but six of his 52 years in Garden City. He first volunteered for a Habitat Blitz Build in 1995. "It took 30 house leaders and 30 volunteers per house. Leadership is something we always need. Habitat works Tuesday to Saturday all year long in Detroit. There's

not as many volunteers in winter. We rough it in during the summer so you can work on it inside when it gets cold. The most enjoyable aspect is working with volunteers. Everyone wants to be there. They not only volunteer labor but pay to do it. If you live out of state it's \$500, \$175 for Michigan residents."

VETERAN WORKER

Jerry Kwas has worked on six Carter builds, the first in the Philippines in 1999 followed by Korea, South Africa, and Mexico. A clinical supervisor at the Livonia Counseling Center, Kwas was especially excited to help build a house in Detroit this time. He grew up in the Brightmoor area.

"My heart is still in Detroit," said Kwas of Livonia. "My father still lives in Detroit. I still have hope that it can be revitalized. Across the street a man came out and started painting his home. It was kind of ramshackle. People look around and begin to see things can change. It becomes contagious. It's the whole philosophy of Habitat. Homeowners have to put in 300 to 400 hours of sweat equity in before they can have a home. We're not giving homes away. People participate in the building and take out a mortgage."

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WESLEY ANGLES

87, of Westland MI, Died June 24, 2005 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Preceded in death, by wife Ruby Wesley and along with son The late Wesley Angles and Grandson Shane Tucker. Survived by his daughters Joyce Piece Vickie (Mahton) Tucker Brothers, Claudie Angles Ferrell Angles Wayne Angles Sister Marie Rice 6 Grandchildren 8 Great Grandchildren. Visitation was held Sunday, June 26 & Monday, June 27 from 1-9pm. Services were held at 10:00am, UHT Funeral Home Tuesday, June 28. Clergy Officiating was Rev. Terry Angles Burial, Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland MI.

ELEANOR BECKNER

Of Clarkston formerly of West Bloomfield June 30 2005 age 82 preceded in death by her husband Melvin K., loving mother of Pamela (Bob) Borgman of Clarkston also survived by 5 step grandchildren and 6 step great grandchildren. Funeral service Wednesday 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Tuesday 3-5 & 7-9 p.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. James Presbyterian Church or the Michigan Humane Society www.legacy.com

JAN COIL

Lived in Birmingham almost all of her life. She died at her home June 24 2005. She was 77. She attended Birmingham grade schools and high school and graduated from Northwestern University after spending her junior year studying in Switzerland. At Northwestern she majored in advertising and after graduation held positions in that field in Chicago and Washington D.C. Returning to the Detroit area she began working in the advertising department of WXYZ-TV where she rose to an executive position retiring several years ago. She had been president of the Detroit AD Club and at one time was recognized as AD Woman of the Year. Miss Coil was widely traveled and an avid reader as well as being a movie and drama buff. She was member of Kappa Alpha Theta and The Village Club of Bloomfield Hills. She is survived by two stepsons Don E. Waters of Pontiac and Jack W. Waters Jr. of Philadelphia. A cousin Mary Kay Crockett of Carmel California and very dear and loyal friends Grace and Robert Campbell of Bloomfield Hills. She was preceded in death by her parents Henma and Eli C. Coil. A memorial service will be held Wednesday July 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Chapel, 820 East Maple Road Birmingham. A reception following the service will be held at The Village Club. Memorials may be sent to the Baldwin Public Library 300 West Merrill Street Birmingham MI 48009.

BOBBIE THOMASON HUDSON EBEL 1931-2005

Bobbie Ebel (aka von Ebel) a former resident, socialite and business woman of Birmingham and LaJolla California succumbed June 27th after a long illness following heart surgery. Well known for her creativity and gourmet cooking she was hostess to many events in her often published Kennesaw home. Bobbie was most admired for her extraordinary food and its presentation and for her astounding Christmas trees which were laden with hundreds of antique ornaments from her collection. Her Christmas parties and annual Academy Awards parties were legendary. The Academy Awards party became a fund raiser for the "Living Through Art" program for the physically impaired of which her daughter was a charter student. Bobbie was a partner with her husband Larry in their retail design business in 555 and created scores of their signature designs for Birmingham shops that included Roz and Sherm. Bobbie is survived by her husband Lawrence daughter Kathleen Dalton (Daniel) sons Tern Forest and Clayton Hudson and grandsons Blake and Cole. She was preceded in death by daughter Kimberly and son Scott Hudson. A memorial service will be held for family and close friends on Saturday July 9 at 1:00 PM at their Lake Michigan "Prairie Farm" home. The family may be contacted at (email) lawrencevon@2k.com, or Post Office Box 182, Harbert Michigan, 49115.

ROY MCCORMICK

February 16, 1934 - June 28, 2005 age 71 passed away June 28 2005 at the West Branch Regional Medical Center in West Branch MI. He retired to Hale 16 years ago. Roy married Myrna (Schmitz) McCormick on December 17 1955 in Ferndale Michigan. He owned a successful construction business in Birmingham as well as a building inspection service for 30 years. He also volunteered with the Birmingham Auxiliary Police Department for 25 years and has had past affiliations with the Hale Lions Club, Birmingham Rotary Club, West Branch Rods and Relics and various Masonic Clubs. He was a member of the Hale United Methodist Church. Roy is survived by his wife Myrna McCormick of Hale Mother-Isabelle McCormick of Hale Daughter Sheryl (James) McCormick Lytle of St. Helen Son John (Karen) McCormick of Birmingham 3 Grandchildren Samantha Christopher and Sarah Sister Ruth Birkett of Melvin and Brother Carl McCormick of Hale. A Memorial Service was held Friday July 1 2005 at 12:00 PM at Kenyon's Resort on Sage Lake in Ogemaw County Pastor Patrick England will officiate. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Red Cross or the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

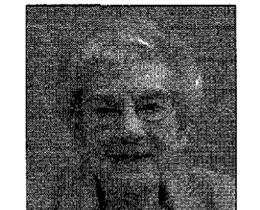
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RICHARD ANTHONY PATTON

Age 51 June 25 2005 Dearest son of Loretta of Dearborn Heights and Chester Eugene Patton Nephew to Henry Tanana Funeral arrangements by the Harry J Will Funeral Home Redford 313 937 3670

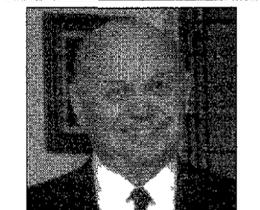


SISTER MARY CELESTE SCHNEIDER, RSM

Sister Of Mercy, Educator, Designer, Artist

(Farmington Hills MI) - Sister Mary Celeste Schneider, RSM, 92 died June 29 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She had been a Sister of Mercy for 77 years. The second of seven children born to E. L. and Elizabeth (Molenaar) Schneider, she was named Stella at her birth on May 13 1913 in Lake City Michigan. At the age of 15 she joined the Sisters of Mercy in Grand Rapids where she received the name Sister Mary Celeste. She completed her novitiate in Dubuque Iowa and made perpetual vows at Mount Mercy in Grand Rapids on August 15 1934. Sister Mary Celeste earned bachelor's degrees from Mercy College of Detroit and Siena Heights College, and a master's and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Her more than 40 years in education included teaching at every level from primary school through college. Her early teaching days were in Urbana Ohio and in Ludington Big Rapids Holland and Lansing Michigan. In 1947 she moved to Detroit where she taught at Our Lady of Mercy High School. She loved teaching and once commented,

Teaching is a great field because a teacher can have a great impact if she takes a genuine interest in the life of students. To make an impact your heart has to be in it and I've always enjoyed people. Sister Mary Celeste spent more than 30 years ministering at Mercy College of Detroit. She served on the faculty and developed the college's Department of Home Economics preparing many young women for careers in dietetics home economics textiles and fashion merchandising. She became the college's Director of Alumni Affairs in 1978. She came to McAuley Center in 1984 and served in pastoral ministry until she retired in 1999. Sister Mary Celeste is especially remembered for her 1966 design of a contemporary religious habit that replaced the traditional long black somber garb. This brought her considerable attention including an interview with Barbara Walters on the "Today" show. Sister Mary Celeste also served as president of the Michigan Home Economics Association and was honored for her leadership in the field of teacher education by the Michigan Occupational Education Association. She was active in the women's division of the Detroit Inter-Faith Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In her retirement years Sister Mary Celeste discovered her gifts as an artist. Her paintings are prized for their delicate beauty and her family and friends formed a waiting list to receive them. She is survived by her sisters Sister Mary Jeanette Schneider RSM of Farmington Hills and Edna (Liz) Hemmer of Titusville, Florida several nieces and nephews many friends and the members of her Mercy community. A welcoming service was held at McAuley Center on July 1 2005 at 3 pm with a scripture and remembrance vigil at 7 pm. The funeral Mass was celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on July 2 2005 at 10:30 am followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Southfield. McCabe Funeral Home Farmington Hills, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills Michigan, 48336 1405.



LEON A. SNAPP

June 25 2005 Age 87 Beloved husband of Alice Marie Dear father of Carol Ann Brinton (Robert) and Lawrence Snapp (Rosatine) and Joseph W. Great grandfather of Jackson B. Funeral Mass was held Thursday at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church Memorial tributes to the American Heart Association, 3816 Papsphere Cr. Chicago IL 60674 or Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Witness of Faith Campaign 32340 Pierce Beverly Hills MI 48025. Arrangements by A J Desmond & Sons 248 549 0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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JACK W. TURNER

We fondly remember Jack W. Turner on this first anniversary of his passing. Jack left us June 27 2004 after a church dedication, a speech at the second annual Troy July 4th picnic, and a full day of being with friends and fellow veterans to celebrate the Fourth of July. It really was his Big Day. Jack a resident of Troy was a highly decorated U.S. Marine Corp Sgt. Major who served in three wars from 1942-1976. He earned many commendations including two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. In 2001 Leadership Troy awarded a lifetime achievement award to Jack. The award was designed to pay tribute to one special event a person caused to happen. Jack was the driving force behind the Troy Veterans Memorial and many other Troy projects. Jack is survived by his son Jim his wife Bobbie three grandchildren Angela Ashley Eric and a new great grandchild Jacob. Jack also has a host of relatives and friends around the country. Jack would always say "Measure age not by years but by Spirit. We miss you Jack. The Family"

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One



LINDA L. WILSON

Age 59 passed away very suddenly May 17. She was the daughter of Olivene Luelfing and the late Earl Luelfing formerly of Plymouth. She worked for many years at Mincas. She always had a happy smile and enjoyed gardening and helping others. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her mother her sister Nancy (Michael) Herr sons Carl and Christopher (Carole) Wilson and daughter Vickie (Christopher) Jackson, seven grandchildren Taylor Tanner Madison and Michael Wilson Manon Wilson and Gabriella and Benjamin Jackson as well as nieces nephews and many cousins and friends. Funeral services were held on May 20th 2005 with interment at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity 29745 Annapolis Rd Westland MI 48186.



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Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen

Build muscle; lose weight

Vince from Pontiac has been packing on extra weight lately and wants an effective weight loss strategy. Vince, as we age our metabolism slows down and that usually translates into weight gain. The good news is there are several things that you can do to combat this, and one of the best options is to strength train. When it comes to weight loss many of us focus on aerobic activity like swimming, cycling, or jogging. What is important to understand is that aerobic activity doesn't do much when it comes to boosting metabolism. After 30, most of us start to slowly lose muscle mass, and since muscles burn calories weight gain sets in. Maintaining your muscle mass is vital to losing weight and keeping it off. In order to build muscle mass, try to work the whole body at least two or three times a week. When it comes to an effective weight program, the keys are patience, challenging yourself, and getting a good personal trainer for maximum effectiveness.

Judy from Beverly Hills wants to know the effects alcohol consumption has on the body

- Judy, remember these things when it comes to liquor:
1. Alcohol dehydrates you, taking important fluid as well as vitamins and minerals out of your body.
 2. Alcohol slows down your metabolism.
 3. Alcohol is high in calories! It has 7 calories per gram, which is almost as much as fat (9 calories per gram).
 4. Alcohol is toxic on the liver and kidneys if heavily consumed.
 5. Alcohol kills brain cells.

If you have a question you would like answered e-mail Peter at petermielsen.com. Catch Peter daily on WDIV NBC 4 & WWJ News Radio 950. Contact him at Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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K-9 officers take a bite out of crime

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

It's the type of incident William Platts dreads as director of security at Providence Hospital in Southfield - and the reason two K-9 officers were brought on board a year ago.

With every passing minute, a family member of an ER patient grew more agitated and verbally threatening of staff. Shortly after the security dog's arrival, the unwelcome visitor left.

Providence's ER treats more than 60,000 patients a year. Each brings a potential for violence. According to a recent survey of emergency physicians in the state led by Dr. Terry Kowalenko of the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, emergency departments by their very nature are stressful places for patients and staff. Add to that the fact patients may be intoxicated, on drugs or suffering psychiatric problems and the result is a potentially volatile environment. A total of 76 percent of ER physicians surveyed reported experiencing at least one violent act over the previous 12 months. Platts says when someone is out of control, "Five security officers are not enough to influence them to leave."

K-9s have been shown to be excellent for aggression control, de-escalating situations so they don't have to get physical, said Platts. "We also use them for tracking a disoriented patient that wanders off. They have keener senses than we do. If someone is hiding behind a parked car or shrubbery, they will detect them. That's just one of the side effects of the dogs. They are just a great public relations tool, especially with kids. Officers had to start making daily visits to pediatric units."

USEFUL TOOL

For critics who say K-9s have no place in a hospital, Platts' response is his dogs are trained daily and under the control of handlers.

"These dogs are anything but vicious," he said. "We train these dogs

to be very social. Using K-9s as a crime prevention tool is relatively new for hospitals. You're going to have an extreme divergence of opinion, but this is a well-trained, well-behaved dog. Their temperament is a criteria for a handler."

K-9 officers not only take a bite out of crime but spread goodwill on their patrols at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Originally the dogs were brought in to detect bombs about a year after Sept. 11, 2001.

According to Terry Donohue, manager of security for satellite locations in Canton and the hospital's 390-acre main campus in Ann Arbor with almost 7,000 employees and visitors every day, hospitals are potentially a target with the growing threat of terrorism globally. The three K-9 units not only defuse dangerous situations but provide a form of pet therapy.

"It takes all day to walk from one end to another. They're celebrities," said Donohue, a Plymouth resident who retired from the Westland Police after 30 years as an officer. They're extremely well-trained. They all come from the Czech Republic and are trained by the Canine Academy in Wayne.

"Every hospital has issues with staff safety in the hospital. We always have at least one officer in the ER 24-7. A patient under the influence of alcohol or drugs, either they pet the dog and it calms them down or they fear the dog. K-9 officers are good about talking people down."

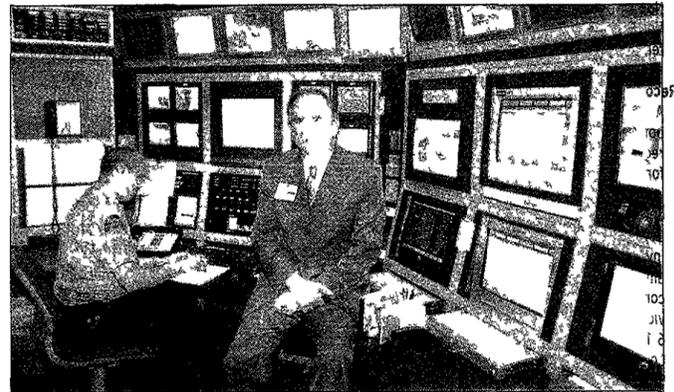
AT BEAUMONT

K-9 officers at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak arrive for a late afternoon to early morning shift, a time when patients and visitors are more likely to be intoxicated or on drugs. As director of security Jim Clark uses the dogs along with bike patrols, closed circuit TV and card access systems to secure the area. All hospitals employ security officers as their first line of defense.

At Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit where a limited number of



Since Sept. 11, 2001, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor has worked at tightening up security. Within a few minutes more than 100 doors can be locked down. Here, Sarge and his handler, Matt Brewer, conduct a routine security sweep in the Pediatric Emergency Care Department. So far there have been no bomb scares, but dogs have searched suspicious packages.



Director of security Jim Clark in the control room at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. The operations center is the heart of security with around 100 closed circuit TVs digitally recording images which can be sent to police through the Internet.

Critically ill patients are hospitalized security. Kenneth Kessey oversees foot and mobile patrols on campus, but visitors are allowed 24-7 but screened first and given a pass. At Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, director of

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2005 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic a Success!

A few scattered rain showers did not dampen the success of the 2005 St. Joe's Pro Am Golf Classic. Thanks to the generous support of community and corporate donors and the hard work of the Golf Classic Steering Committee, chaired for the second consecutive year by Shahnaz Brucek, this year's event raised more than \$190,000 and met the Committee's fund raising goal. Proceeds from the event benefited St. Joseph Mercy Hospital's Surgery Pavilion project.

Several celebrities participated the day of the Golf Classic, including legendary U of M football coach Bo Schemmbecher who once again served as Honorary Chair as well as Hockey Great Ted Lindsay who returned as Chair Emeritus. In addition each of the 49 foursomes was joined by a Michigan PGA Professional for an exciting day of golf.

Thank You!

Special recognition and gratitude must be given to the three lead sponsors of this year's Golf Classic: **Dick Lewiston of the Lewiston Etterbeek Families** has generously supported the Golf Classic since it began eight years ago and once again served as a \$25,000 Platinum Sponsor. **Dick Scott Automotive Group** also continued to support the Golf Classic this year by donating a Dodge Durango to the golf outing to be used for the Hospital's K-9 Security program. A new sponsor this year, **Associates in General & Vascular Surgery**, served as a Premium Sponsor with a gift of \$10,000. Together their gifts inspired others in the community to become involved in this year's Golf Classic and support a vital Hospital project.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System recognizes and commends those organizations and individuals who gave their support for this year's Golf Classic. Thank you for your continued support and partnership with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital to improve health care programs and services.

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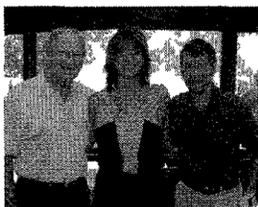
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Support group assists diabetics

The Diabetes Support Group hosts a discussion on a "Improving Communication with your Doctor" 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Please use Main Entrance on Five Mile. Call (734) 655-8961. The speaker is Ginger Ramsay, RN, MSN, St.

Mary Mercy Hospital. The Diabetes Support Group presents a new topic on the second Wednesday of each month for adults with diabetes and family members. There is no charge, and pre-registration is not required.

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Security directors aim to ensure safety of everyone

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

On any given day, Jim Clark is responsible for the safety of 7,000 to 8,000 visitors, patients and staff on William Beaumont Hospital's main campus in Royal Oak in addition to medical buildings in Berkley, Southfield and Troy. No matter the size of the hospitals more and more are using card access systems, metal detectors in ERs, locking down maternity and pediatric floors, and using closed circuit TV to digitally record the comings and goings of everyone in case a crime is committed. Petty theft seems to be the most common.

"On the day shift, people blend in and it's a good time for theft," said Clark. "It's like a hotel with a patient's door wide open. We look for patterns of thefts. Recently we have a woman going into hospitals and businesses and stealing. We watch for her."

Like Beaumont, Perry Spencer

takes a proactive approach at University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor where he is manager of uniform operations in addition to overseeing limited assistance to locations in Livonia and Canton.

"We try to get out in front of any problems," said Spencer. "We do community oriented patrolling. The ER is the first department we partnered with to identify any problem area and prevent dangerous incidents from occurring. We have an extremely large area to cover. On any day we have 10,000 people and different people every day."

BIKE PATROLS

Although there are no K-9 officers, the hospitals do have access to two dogs with University of Michigan Public Safety. About 10 bike patrol officers not only serve as deterrents to crime but have the ability to arrive on the scene quickly. A potentially violent persons program reports all threats and intimidating behavior.

Botsford General Hospital employs a diversity of security officers to deal with its customers, according to Steven Henning, director of plant and technology management.

"The most active in any institution is ER," said Henning. "We have a reception desk where security officers direct them to triage or the waiting area. We have staff back in ER as well."

"Our birthing unit is locked down with the Hugs & Kisses system to prevent abductions. A mother and child wear a device and if someone other than the mother tries to interact with the child an alarm goes off."

William Schramm, vice president of operations for Henry Ford Hospital, had no qualms when his mother-in-law was scheduled for an MRI at 10 p.m. Schramm, a Troy resident, manages more than 100 staff, including foot, bicycle and automobile patrols in Ford's Detroit and other locations.

"We have a good working relationship with Detroit police," said Schramm. "We've compared our data with other hospitals and we are a really safe and secure environment within our perimeters. We provide risk management education for all staff. That's why crisis management is important to provide sensitive words and actions, and be honest and provide as much information as possible. Keep families in tune and in charge as much as you can. When they feel in control it's best for everybody."

STUDY FINDINGS

Dr. Terry Kowalenko's recent study of ER physicians in the state revealed the need to come up with solutions to unruly patients and visitors. Nearly 75 percent indicated they had encountered verbal threats, 76 percent experienced at least one violent act during the previous 12 months. Kowalenko, an M.D. at the University of Michigan Medical

Center, has been grabbed and choked by a patient and verbally threatened by another in the ER.

"I was probably most surprised by the relatively high response rate of physicians who sought personal protection. About 28 percent had bought a knife or gun for protection," said Kowalenko, who's been an ER physician since 1987 and is a clinical associate professor and program director of emergency medical residents at U-M.

"One of the next steps is to look at education of physicians and staff to help with communication skills, and to having security dedicated to ER so there is someone to solve problems. I worked for 10 1/2 years in Detroit. Metal detectors helped but not when people were brought in by ambulance. Our next study will be extended to all staff to determine who are perpetrators and who are victims."

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MEDICAL DATEBOOK

JULY

Adults loss support group

Open to any adult who has experienced the loss of a loved one. 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 26 at BraveHeart Grief Center, 126 Main Centre Northville. No charge although donations are always appreciated. To register call Jeri Craig or Sandy Van Bevering at (248) 449-8232.

Reconnect with Food

A yoga discussion and spiritual support program led by Beverly Price, a registered dietitian and yoga teacher for individuals interested in exploring issues related to food, body image and emotions. Whether you are Jewish or of any other affiliation, we invite you to experience your spirituality with us as you practice yoga and connect with other like-minded individuals. 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, and Aug. 3, 10, and 17 at Congregation Beth Shalom. Cost is \$6. Pre-registration required. Bring a mat and dress comfortably. For more information call (248) 390-4150 or visit www.bevprice.com.

Schizophrenia conference

To recognize the 20th anniversary of Schizophrenics Anonymous, the National Schizophrenia Foundation, the national conference takes place July 6-8 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Detroit Metro Airport. It is entitled Mental Health System Transformation: The Role of People with

Schizophrenia. For more information call (800) 485-7168 or visit www.NSFoundation.org.

Free screenings

Walgreens Wellness Tour screenings include bone density, total cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and body mass index. 17 p.m. Friday, July 8, in a customized traveling education and health screening vehicle at 27750 Grand River and 8 Mile Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. Call (866) 484-TOUR.

Red Cross blood drive

2-8 p.m. Monday, July 11, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon Plymouth. Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Free screenings

Vision and hearing screening by the Wayne County Health Department (children ages 3-18). 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 12, and 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Pearson Educational Center, 19990 Beech Daley between Grand River and 8 Mile. Redford. For more information call (734) 727-7135 or (734) 727-7136.

Divorce support

Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin, Attorney Patricia Kasody Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis. 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft

College, 18600 Haggerty Livonia. Call (734) 462-4443.

Asthma education

Garden City Hospital presents Measures to Control and Environmental Triggers on 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, and Actions for Managing Your Asthma on Aug. 10, in the lower level classrooms at the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Fee is \$7 per class. For information about classes call (734) 458-3481. To register call (734) 458-4330.

Isha yoga program

July 13-19 in Westland, conducted by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev. 6:15-9:30 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday/Sunday at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Fee is \$275. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will confirm enrollment. Call (248) 478-4786, (313) 882-5683 or (810) 346-8914 or send e-mail to detroit@ishafoundation.org. For more information visit www.ishayoga.org.

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Kramer reveals what can cause fibromyalgia, which is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 13, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register call (248) 426-0201.

Tigers game

The Detroit Tigers are teaming up in a fund raising event with the University of Michigan Health Systems. CS Mott Children's Hospital, 7:05 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Comerica Park in Detroit when the Tigers face the Kansas City Royals. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket go to build a new children's and women's hospital. Children's Hospital of Detroit will also sell tickets to benefit their facility. Tickets are \$20 with \$10 of every ticket sold through Mott going toward the "Champions for Children" campaign. Mott will sell tickets through the end of June. Call (734) 936-9318 or order online at www.med.umich.edu/secure/mott/come.htm. To learn more about Mott and its campaign to build a new hospital, visit www.med.umich.edu/mott.

Baby Care Basics

7 p.m. Monday, July 18, at Providence at Mission Health Medical Center, 37595 Seven Mile Livonia. Cost is \$20 per couple. Call (248) 888-444-7325. If you're concerned about how to adapt life with a baby, this class provides practical information about bathing, feeding, safety, health care and more.

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Department of Solid Waste Management
Charter Township of Redford

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To all residents and interested parties, The Council minutes will be available for review on the internet at www.gardencitymi.org

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ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Treasurer/City Clerk

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE VEHICLE AUCTION

Under Provisions of Sections 2-32-070 and 3-05-1006 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, The Police Department will be conducting an Auction of Police and Forfeiture vehicles.

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Inspections begin at 9:30 a.m.
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VAL VANDERSLOOT, City Clerk

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 25, 2005, in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WASTE MANAGEMENT REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS. 134 01 0030 001, 134 01 0047 000, 134 01 0048 001, 134 01 0049 001, 134 01 0050 001 AND 134 01 0051 001, INCLUDING THE LEOPOLD STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM C-1, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL TO LI-2, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL. Property is located south of Michigan between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads.

SECTION 34

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, July 21, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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ROSEWOOD PLACE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 069 99 0010 000, 069 99 0015 001, 070 99 0002 000 AND 071 99 0003 000. Property is located west of Ridge between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads (Second Public Hearing).

SECTION 14

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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shop with style at art fairs

By Wendy White PINK

If you're an artsy gal who likes to rock unique clothing and accessories, take advantage of art fair season to pick up some fashion finds. Not only do Michigan's art shows allow you to soak up some sun and inspiration, but they can be a great source of pieces you won't find at any mall. Just ask Dianne Quinn and Raychel Rork, organizers of Plymouth Art in the Park. The mother-daughter duo is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the art show July 8-10. Among the fashions on sale this year are silk brocade jackets, pillow case dresses, hand-dyed chenille wear, embellished knits, vintage fabric totes and hand-painted leather shoes. We caught up with Dianne and Raychel to find out more about art fair style.



Raychel Rork (left), and her mother, Dianne Quinn, are celebrating the 25th anniversary of Plymouth Art in the Park next weekend.

Do people go to art shows for fashion?
Dianne: Oh yes. A lot of women know they're going to find one-of-a-kind pieces at an art show in the latest colors and styles. They can find something really unusual that they can accessorize with and have as part of their wardrobe for years. The other cool thing is that you can meet the artist or craftsman and they can custom make something for you.

Do you shop at the shows?
Raychel: Yes. The cool thing about

wearable art is that you're probably going to get a lot of compliments on it. Everyone loves the Gap and Guess, but it's those funky things you can't get at the department store that are noticed.

Do you guys have similar personal style?
Dianne: I take an eclectic approach to what I like — something different, of

course with an arty flair. Raychel: My mom's theory is if you have enough stuff eventually it will all go together and it's true. My style is a little younger and funkier and more sporty than hers, but more often than not we'll show up somewhere together wearing virtually the same thing, which people think we planned but we didn't. We finish each other's sentences. We are a lot alike.

What should festivalgoers wear?
Dianne: This is the perfect opportunity to try a new fashion item and be daring. Where else are you going to wear those crazy chartreuse rhinestone sunglasses you just had to buy? It's your chance to step out a little bit and wear something you wouldn't normally wear.

What about dressing for the weather?
Dianne: You have to have sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat or sunbonnet with a brim on it. Bring a large canvas tote bag with shoulder straps because you have to have your hands free. You should have a bottle of water in that tote bag, and you absolutely must have your most comfortable pair of shoes or sandals. This is the one and only time you can see somebody look super stylish in a really cute outfit, with Teva sandals. Oh, they want to shop without babysitting their clothing and their feet.

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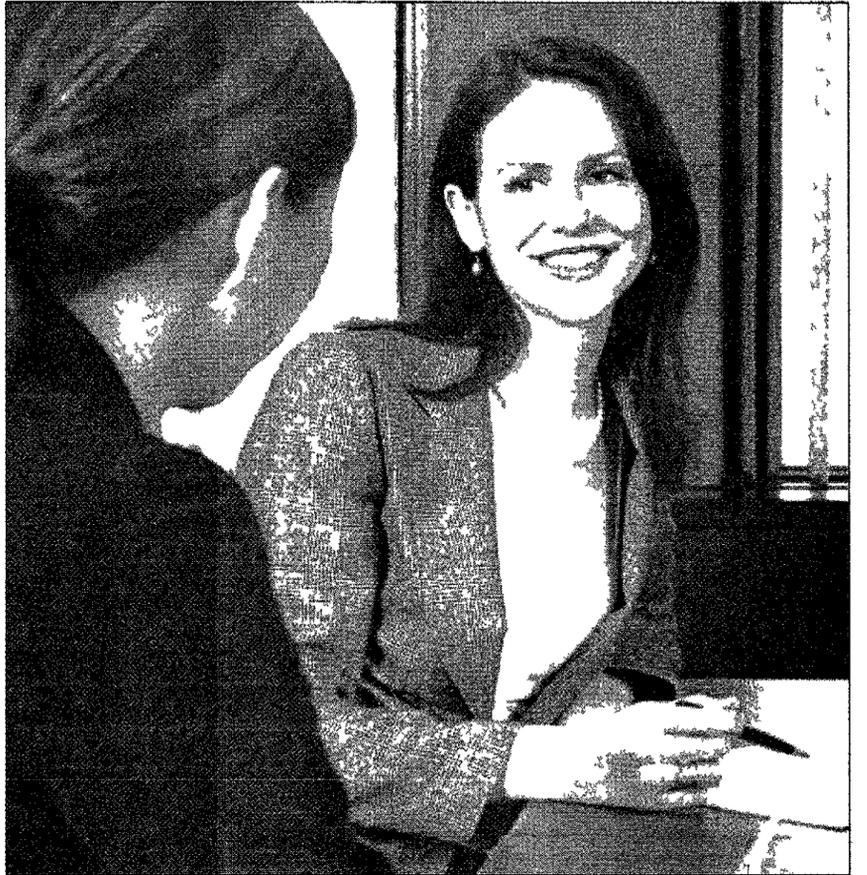
■ **Tame your hair** Breezy beach hair might be fun but falls short for a job interview. The answer? slick back your stray locks with hair gel or pull it back in a sophisticated French twist or low ponytail.

Be relaxed. Calm your nerves with music, meditation or simply a few deep breaths. Relaxation can help ensure poise and confidence when it's time for your interview.

■ **Steam your suit** Your "lucky" suit has seen better days. Postpone its retirement and, instead, rejuvenate it with a fabric steamer. It can quickly smooth out wrinkles for that "just dry cleaned" look.

■ **Look rested** Even if you stayed out late the night before, let it be your little secret. Reduce the red and freshen your eyes with a few eye drops. Or, if under-eye circles have you hiding behind shades, minimize them with small dabs of concealer.

■ **Be relaxed** Calm your nerves with music, meditation or simply a few deep breaths. Relaxation can help ensure poise and confidence when it's time for your interview.



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Development combines new construction, affordable price

Michigan's largest residential home builder is getting ready to showcase its newest development in Northville Township

Bloomfield Hills-based Pulte Homes will take the wraps off its Arcadia Ridge at a grand opening scheduled for 9 a.m. July 16

Arcadia Ridge Gardens features an estimated 168 upscale single-family homes in a variety of floor plans from approximately 2,450 to 3,150 square feet. Priced from the low \$400,000s, these homes provide a host of the high quality features today's homeowner expects at what the company calls "an incredible value"

Arcadia Ridge is located just minutes from historic downtown Northville. An assortment of shops, restaurants and entertainment is easily accessed by M-14, I-96, I-275 and I-696. Additionally, Arcadia Ridge offers a natural setting, parks, community swimming pool and backs up to Johnson Creek

During the grand opening weekend, homeowners who purchase a home in Arcadia Ridge Gardens can take advantage of pre-construction pricing. Pulte Homes will also offer other savings opportunities, only

available during the grand opening weekend. Arcadia Ridge is located on the south side of Six Mile Road between Ridge and Beck roads

"With a prestigious Northville address, proximity to the historic downtown shops and restaurants, plus a multitude of parks and excellent schools, Arcadia Ridge is the ideal place to call home. We have had an overwhelming amount of interest in this neighborhood because it provides such an uncommon value. With homes starting in the low \$400s this community will be one of the areas best values in new construction," said Steve Atchison, president of Pulte Homes of Michigan

Arcadia Ridge Gardens is the first of three phases that will complete this new Northville community. Arcadia Ridge Villas, a condominium development with approximately 100 units, will open in early August, followed by Arcadia Ridge Estates, offering 83 luxury homes that will open later this year

For more information on the development, call (248) 735-0012, or visit www.pulte.com



Pulte's newest development in Northville Township features the Belmont, which boasts 3,150 square feet at a cost in the low \$400,000s

More mistakes buyers should avoid when buying a home

What are some common mistakes buyers make when purchasing a home?

■ Not being pre-qualified by a lender before looking at homes. How much you can actually afford is critical information when starting the home buying process. Sometimes you may find out that you can purchase more than you thought, and other times you may learn that you can't afford as much as you hoped. Either way it's important for you to have this knowledge. Also, when you place an offer on a home, you will need to have been pre-qualified. Before sellers take their home off the market, they want to make sure that the buyer can afford the home.



Ask the Realtor

Michael Aldouby

■ Trying to save money by not having a home inspection. A professional home inspector can end up saving you a lot of money by catching problems that you would not find. An inspector can also check for dangerous leaks that could save you something more important than money, a loved one's health.

Also, your Realtor should be ready to tell you not just what you want to hear, but sometimes what you don't want to hear as well.

■ Limiting your searches to ads and open houses. A very small percentage of the homes on the market have open houses or are advertised. The vast majority is on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Therefore, if you are only checking out houses by

visiting open houses or looking at ads there is a great likelihood that you will miss the home that you would be best suited for. It would be much more beneficial to you, if you have your Realtor go over the houses that meet your criteria with you using the MLS.

■ Not knowing the total costs that are involved. Money is important. It is to almost everyone. Talk to your lender about the closing costs involved. There is a great deal of variety of programs out there. You need to find the one that best suits your needs.

■ Choosing the right Realtor. It's hard to know what your Realtor will do until you start. Usually, you hardly

know the person before you start your business relationship. I suggest using a Realtor who listens to your needs, and is committed to giving you excellent service before, during, and after the sale. Also, your Realtor should be ready to tell you not just what you want to hear, but sometimes what you don't want to hear as well. That is often the most crucial information.

Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with RE/MAX New Trend. He has a M.B.A. with a concentration in marketing. For a free report on how to raise your credit score to answer any real estate questions you may have or to offer any comments about the column, please feel free to call him at (248) 553 5050 Ext. 264 or e-mail him at michaelaldouby@remax.net

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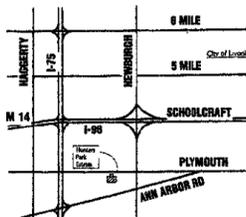
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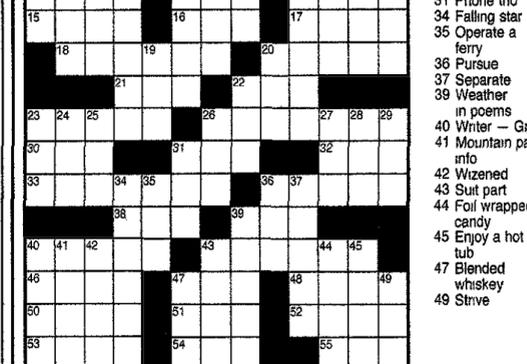
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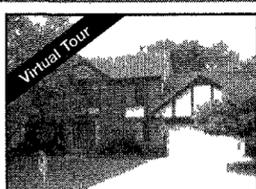
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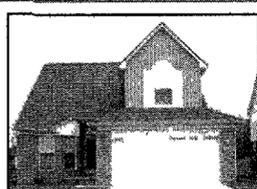
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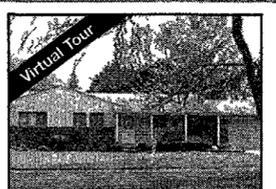
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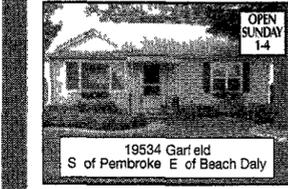
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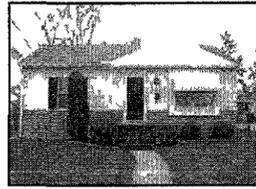
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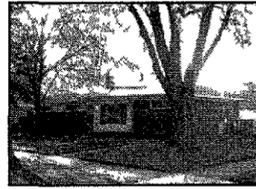
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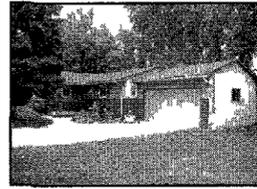
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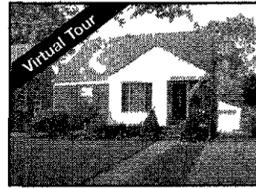
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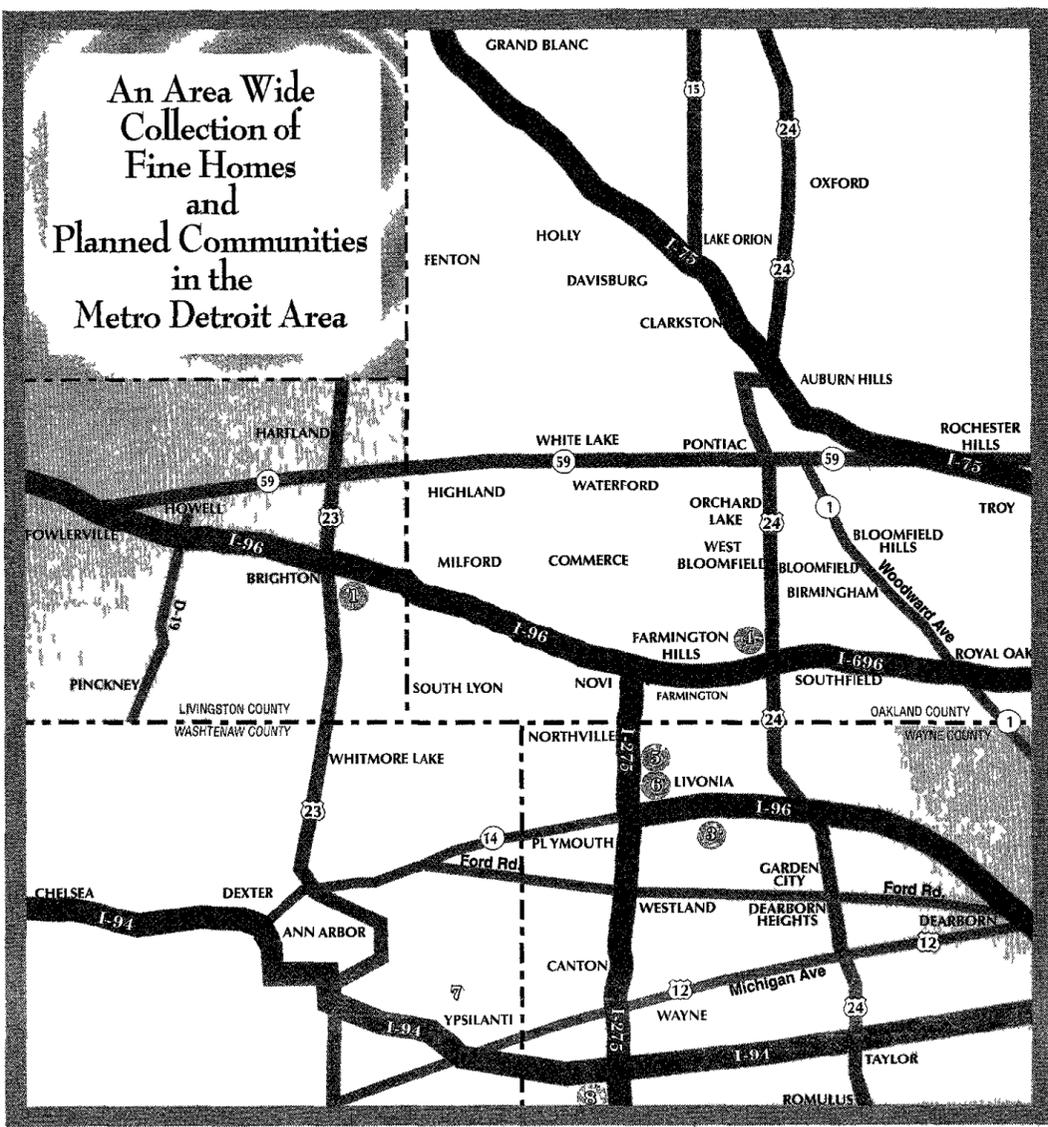


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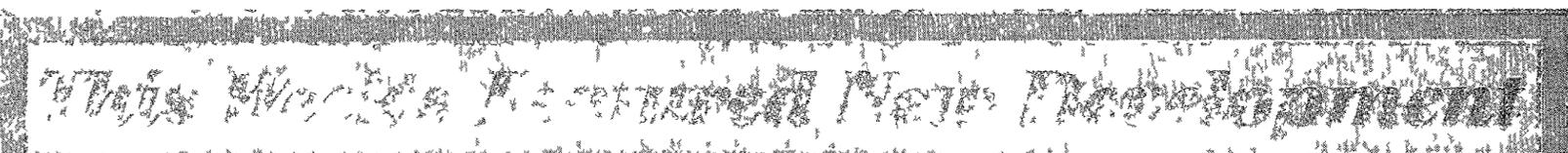
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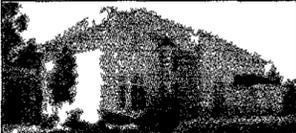
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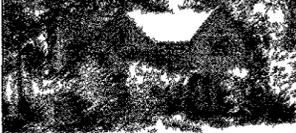
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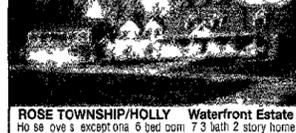
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The Special Edition CR-V is actually the EX trim level with a bunch of extra stuff like heated leather seats, leather steering wheel and shift knob and heated door mirrors. On the outside you'll find body-colored bumpers, side molding, door handles and a hard spare tire cover.

Also this year, a five-speed automatic transmission is standard equipment on all trim levels along with integrated keyless remote entry. The standard equipment list is a long one, too.

On the outside, the CR-V has a set of beautifully shaped headlights and an aerodynamic front bumper. There are also new colors to choose from. On the inside, you'll find steering-mounted audio controls and an outside temperature gauge. There are also larger seat back pockets and retractable grab rails.

Safety-wise, there are several quality changes like antilock brakes, front side airbags and Vehicle Stability Assist with traction control.

The interior of the CR-V is very roomy and



2005 Honda CR-V. Vehicle type: Small sport utility. Power: 2.4-liter, DOHC, 16-valve aluminum alloy 4-cylinder. Mileage: 22 mpg city, 27 mpg highway. Where built: Price as tested: \$22,650.

comfortable. Back seat passengers have plenty of room to maneuver around. Front passengers, no matter how tall, will have plenty of room as well. The headroom has been improved drastically to more than 39 inches. The overall length of the CR-V is 181 inches and its height is 66.2 inches. Finally, cargo room with the seat up is 33.5 cubic feet and with the rear seat down, you'll increase that to more than double at 72 cubic feet.

With its 15.3-gallon fuel tank and EPA mileage estimated running between 21 and 23 mpg in the city and 27 and 29 mpg on the highway, you won't be running to the gas station very much.

There are three distinct trim levels to choose from along with the Special Edition two-wheel-drive LX and four-wheel-drive LX and EX.

The reclining 60/40 rear seats have adjustable head restraints and a fold and tumble feature and center armrest. They can also slide forward. The driver's seat has a

manual height adjustment and there are driver and front passenger armrests.

Here's some of the standard equipment on the two-wheel-drive basic model: power windows with automatic up and down on the driver's side, power door locks, cruise control, dual trip odometer, map lights, headlights on reminders, LATCH child restraint system, air conditioning with micron air filtration, com tray, AM/FM cassette with CD changer, adjustable steering column, retractable center tray table with cup and cell phone holders, rear cup holders, two-speed intermittent windshield wipers, front and rear three-point seat belts, dual vanity mirrors, 12-volt outlets, rear seat heater ducts, remote glass hatch release, cargo area light, cargo hooks, door pocket storage bins and remote fuel filter door release.

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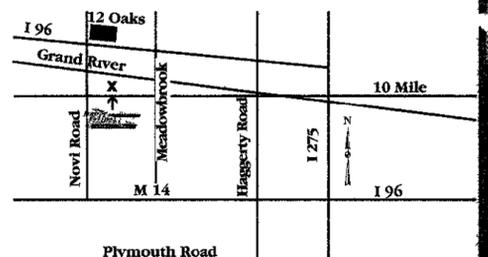
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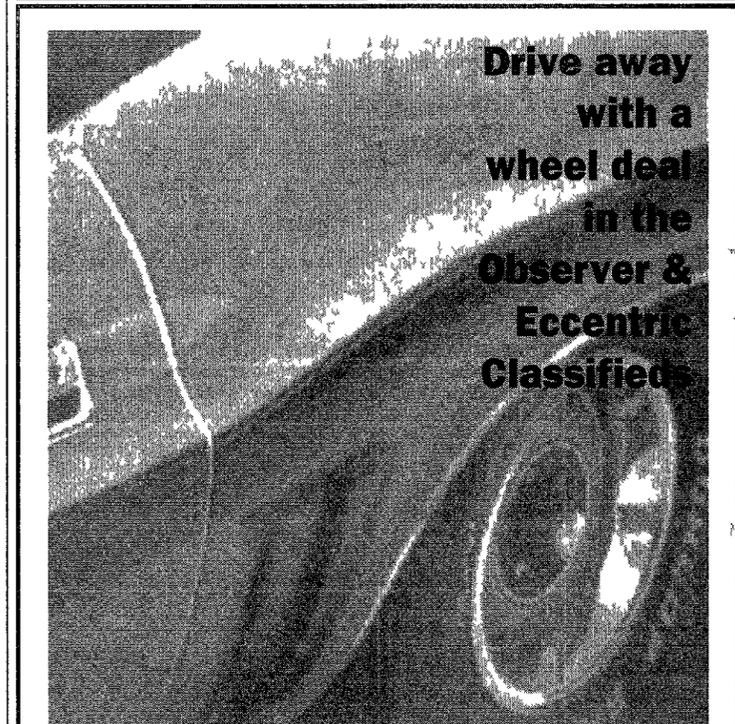
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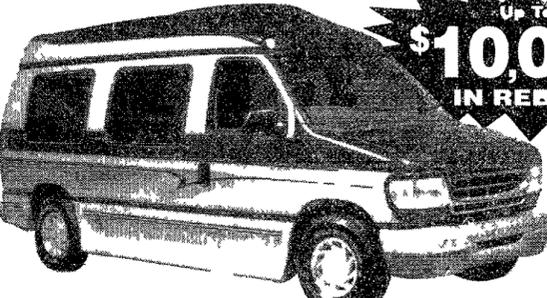
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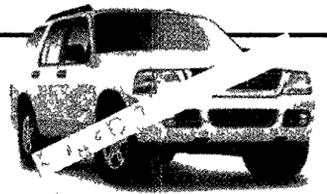


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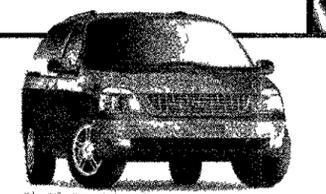


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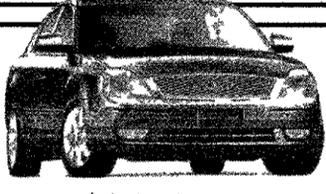


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