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Flame officially out under chili festival

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

This year's Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff is canceled, once and for all.

Organizer Annette Horn said there was a glimmer of hope the event she canceled Tuesday would be resurrected in time for its scheduled Oct. 2 appearance in downtown Plymouth; however, a potential \$10,000 donation did not come through. "I'm certainly not waiting for someone else to come along and rescue it," Horn said. "Even with the money, it wouldn't have worked out this time."

Horn said expenses totaled \$22,000 last year, and were expected to go up this year after Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll told commissioners Monday he was bringing in more officers because of drug, alcohol and gang problems. Last year, Carroll said he had a sergeant and four officers working, costing Horn \$2,500 for police services. This year, he planned to put two supervisors, six officers and the parking enforcement officer on duty, doubling the cost for police services. That didn't include the possibility of hiring Plymouth Township or Wayne County Sheriff's deputies for additional police coverage. City Manager Paul Sincock

said last year's Chili Cookoff

bill for police and municipal services was \$8,700. He expected that to increase to at least \$10,000 this year.

"It certainly isn't a Plymouth-type event, with people wearing black leather," Horn said. "I think they're used to people who are usually wellbehaved and fun-loving."

Horn estimates nearly \$100,000 has been raised and donated during the nine-year span to charities like Make-A-Wish, The Rainbow Connection, Plymouth Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity and the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association.

Horn said the event will be held next year in another community. She said an announcement could be made by the end of this month.

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Dwyer said he understands that increasing costs for city services could drive out some of the more than 100 events that are held annually in downtown Plymouth. "I think it's unfortunate, but I don't make any apologies for it," Dwyer said. "I have to worry about having money for enough cops, fixing sewers and fixing streets.

"We gave voters a choice (to increase taxes in November 2003) and they, instead, chose less stuff," he added. "It may not have been made consciously, but that's the result of their choice."

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City, township set to talk & fire contract 7

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

As negotiations begin Monday on a new joint fire service contract between the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township, cost will be the major concern for both communities — but for different reasons.

"We obviously are under serious budget constraints and looking at all ways to reduce expendi-



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Orlando Campagiorni (left) of Livonia along with Bruce Headley and Sue Westcott of Bark Busters take a look at Socks to talk about his progress in the training program.

Who you gonna call?

Bark Busters solves canine behavior problems

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Orlando Campagiorni grins and looks down at the table when he talks about his girlfriend, Jennie DiPirno, whom he has known for 45 years. But Campagiorni's dog, Socks, doesn't share his love for his lady friend. In fact, Socks has made it very clear that she wants nothing to do with DiPirno.

^{*}I finally decided it's time to take care of this once and for all," Campagiorni, 74, of Livonia, said. So DiPirno, 75, of Romeo, called Bark Busters, a local home dog training business. Soon dog therapist Bruce Headley visited Socks and Campagiorni to help them begin a new life – one in which Socks and DiPirno can get along happily.

Headley, a Bloomfield resident, has recently begun providing his service in the Canton, Plymouth and Livonia areas. For Campagiorni, the help couldn't come soon enough.

A few months ago, DiPirno tried to make friends with Socks by offering her a hot dog. But Socks got a little more than was offered, and bit a piece of skin



Orlando Campagiorni walks Socks as part of their training program outside his Livonia home.

off DiPirno's finger.

"She started to cry, and went into the bathroom and was just crushed that Socks didn't like her," said Campagiorni, who has

been dating DiPirno since 2003, after each of them had become widowed. "She just loves dogs

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tures," said city commissioner Ron Loiselle. "The fire, police and police dispatch represent close to half

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Township gets grant from federal program

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

After several years of being told, "no," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington came back from vacation to a surprise notification from the U.S. government.

The township has been awarded a \$150,000 grant to hire two new officers under the U.S. Justice Department's COPS program. The program provides up to 75 percent of the approved entry-level salary and benefits of each new hire for three years, to a maximum of \$75,000.

That means township officials, fresh off the passage of a 1.6348-mill police/fire millage renewal and a 0.5631 increase, will have to decide whether they want to match the grant and hire new officers.

Tiderington, who said he'd just heard about the grant approval Thursday night, said he'd have to review the terms of the grant and sit down with township board members before deciding how to proceed.

"We'll have to look at whether it's something we want to pursue," Tiderington said. "(The grant) is designed to increase needed staffing for police departments. We have to look at what it can be used for."

Tiderington said the township police department does have "a couple" of potential retirements coming up, but he isn't sure COPS grant money can be used for replacement officers. Those are details he'll have to nail down before the board can make a final decision, he said.

The Plymouth Township Police Department

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McCotter hours

Staff members from the district office of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, host office hours for constituents of Canton Township at the Canton Public Library from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Staff will also host hours at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, from 10 a.m.noon Wednesday, Aug. 10.

McCotter and his staff are able to provide assistance with issues involving the federal government, including social security, Medicare, military and veterans' affairs, small business concerns, student loan repayments and a variety of other issues.

For more information, call (734) 632-0314.

Open house

Chrissy Detary, a local Creative Memories consultant, hosts an open house 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 at 689 Deer Street in Plymouth.

Creative Memories offers product ensembles perfect for chronicling your summer adventures. founded in 1987, Creative Memories is one of the fastest-growing direct sales companies in the United States, at the forefront of the keepsake album-making industry. Sales in 2004 reached about \$425 million.

Detary provides one-on-one album coaching in what she calls "a fun and informative atmosphere – encouraging people to complete album pages and to document their life stories."

Admission to the open house is free. For more information, e-mail Detary at cldetary@hotmail.com or call (734) 454-4321 or (734) 578-5856.

More information about

Creative Memories and its products can be found on the company's Web site at www.creativememories.com

Top employee

Laura McGovern has been named the August Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bennigan's, officials from LaBelle Management, which owns the restaurant, announced. According to LaBelle spokesperson Becky Dell, crew members are chosen "based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism."

Brick sale

The Salem Student Congress at Salem High School is sponsoring an "Adopt-a-Brick" program to replace the walkway in front of the high school building.

The bricks are 4-x-8 inches, with room for up to three lines (12 characters per line, including spaces) for an inscription by the buyer. Bricks are available for \$50 apiece. Anyone wishing to become or remain part of Salem High School's history should send a check, along with the desired inscription, to Lauren Cummings at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Deadline for ordering the bricks is Sept. 30.

Rockette golf

The Salem Rockettes host their annual golf outing Saturday, Aug. 20, at Salem Hills Golf Club.

The event, which starts with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start, features a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest. Cost is \$100 per golfer, which includes golf with cart, contests, prizes and a buffet dinner.

For more information, call Bob Koehler, (734) 459-5164 or Bob Chamberlain, (734) 451-2209.

Family reunion

Four generations of the Dely family celebrated a "luau" family reunion in Edwards Hines 'Park earlier this month.

Members of the family, with long-time Plymouth connections, came from Michigan, California, Tennessee, Florida and North Carolina for the event.

Oldtimers' picnic

The Plymouth Oldtimers' Picnic is scheduled for noon Thursday, Aug. 25, in the pavilion at Plymouth Township Park.

The meal is to be catered. Plymouth Township Park is located at Ann Arbor Trail and McClumpha.

For reservations and more information, call Robert Sharland, (734) 453-4661.

Blood drive

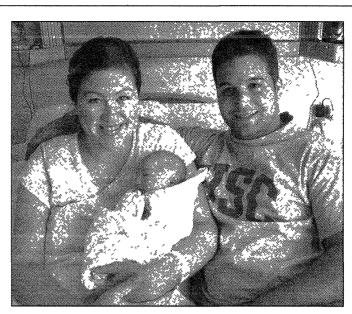
Independence Village of Plymouth hosts a blood drive to benefit Friends of the Penn from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24. A donation will be made for each pint of blood to the group dedicated to saving the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Appointments can be made by calling (734) 453-2600. Independence Village of Plymouth is at 14707 Northville Road.

DAR meetings

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter-Plymouth, Canton and Northville of the Daughters of the American Revolution will begin their sandwich luncheon meetings to discuss the group's business, activities, national events, and listen to speakers on a variety of topics and programs.

The meetings are scheduled the third Monday monthly at various local facilities, beginning Sept. 19.

For meeting locations and



Family welcome

Alyson (Carroll) and Drew Pryor of Pasadena, Calif., welcomed the arrival of Jeremiah 'Jack' MacIntyre Pryor, born July 31, 2005, in Pasadena. Jack measured 19 inches and weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces at birth. Proud grandparents are Wayne and Joann Carroll of South Lyon, Elizabeth McKenna of Plymouth and Nancy and Dan Pryor of Pasadena. Proud great-grandparents are Betty McKenna of Plymouth and Joe Carroll of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

further information, potential members can call contact Latricia Dickerson via e-mail at bellacosta02@yahoo.com or by calling (734) 495-0132.

Fall Fest crafters

The Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show still has openings for crafters.

The Craft Show runs during the Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to dusk on Saturday, Sept. 10, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. Cost for a 10-foot-by-10foot space on the lawn in front of Central Middle School on Main Street is \$150 for the weekend or \$75 for one day. Applications are available on

the web site www.plymouthfallfestival.com/events/craft_s how/craft_show2.htm or email Colleen at

cbrown57@comcast.net or call



(734) 455-1614. Plymouth reunion

The reunion committee is organizing a 30-year reunion for Plymouth-Canton graduates of the Class of 1975.

The reunion is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Renaissance Ballroom at the Holiday Inn-Livonia-West. Dinner is at 7 p.m. The \$50 per person cost covers dinner and dancing. A cash bar will be available.

For graduates planning to be in town Friday night, the group will attend the Salem-Canton football game, followed by the traditional stop at The Box Bar in downtown Plymouth. Tickets at the gate are \$3.

The committee is also planning a memory CD with updated information on classmates. In order to publish the CD, classmates can help by completing questionnaires provided by the committee.

For anyone needing accommodations, a special package has been arranged at the Holiday Inn-Livonia-West. Reservations must be made by Oct. 1 and mention must be made of the Class of 1975 reunion.

For information on the CD, the reunion and for reservations e-mail PCEP1975@aol.com

Crafters needed

Crafters are still needed for the 19th annual Delta Kappa Gamma juried show on Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth Township.

Call Jan at (734) 844-1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net for more information.

Yard sale

The Plymouth Knights of Columbus host a yard sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20.

The event will feature tables, chairs, miscellaneous restaurant equipment and furniture. The public is welcome to rent space for \$10. For more information, call (734) 748-2980.

Youth applications

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting applications for new members. Applications can be obtained in the city manager's office at Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main St. Applications are due by Aug. 19.

The PCYAC is made up of 11 members plus alternates. To qualify for the commission, youths must be students in seventh through 11th grades who reside in the City of Plymouth or Plymouth Township, and motivated to contribute to the Plymouth community.

The PCYAC recently raised \$327 selling bottled water at the Friday night Music in the Air concert, to be donated for a new fountain in Kellogg Park. The youth commission also raised money during the Plymouth Fall Festival and chili cook-off, donated holiday gifts to needy families and issued a resolution in support of the city's new liquor license ordinance.

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"I enjoy working out at Ladies Workout Express because I can get a good workout in just 30 minutes. I also like that it is a ladies only facility and offers equipment that is specifically designed to suit the fitness needs of women. Alyssa Chamkhi, Teacher Ford & Lotz Road

"After I had my 5th child I was overwhelmed with how much weight I had to lose. I didn't feel motivated. Now after joining Ladies Workout Express, I see results weekly!! I love this place! It is fun, affordable and not like all the others. My teen daughter joined too!" Jennifer Zur Westland

"I am in my 40's I joined Ladies Workout Express because I knew that whether or not I would lose weight...I needed to get fit. It has been over 6 months and I have gained a whole group of new friends, a new attitude, and have lost inches to boot!

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"I love Ladies Workout Express. The staff is great and it is such a friendly place to work out. I'm there 3-5 times a week. Their programs are wonderful." Charlene Nycek Carriage Hills

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Living right

Employee Thomas Browning talks to Stephanie Samuel of Fair Information Services who provides him with some information on healthy lifestyle programs during a health/education fair held at the Sheldon Road Ford plant in Plymouth. The fair drew some 70 vendors to the Sheldon Road plant.

Bankes calls for probe of ballot effort

BY DAN WEST STAFF WRITER

A former state lawmaker is calling for more scrutiny into how Michigan conducts citizen petition initiatives in the wake of a controversial bid for a statewide ballot proposal.

Lyn Bankes, one of four members of the Board of State Canvassers, said she believes some of the 500,000 petition signers were manipulated in the effort to get put a ban on the use of race and gender in government hiring or public university admissions before state voters in 2006.

The Livonia Republican abstained from voting to certify the election. By a 2-1 vote Tuesday, the board of canvassers voted against certifying the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative proposal. A court appeal by the proposal's advocates is expected.

"Legally, as a member of the state board of canvassers, I did not have the right to turn it down," Bankes said Friday. "In

my conscience, as a human being, I could not vote for it." Bankes sent a latter to all a

Bankes sent a letter to all of Michigan lawmakers last week, asking them to investigate possible fraud in the collection of the signatures for this ballot proposal.

"Some 20-25 percent of the 500,000 signatures were done in African-American communities," Bankes said. "You've got to know that there are few blacks who will sign an antiaffirmative action petition."

Also, she is asking lawmakers to review the state's procedures for citizen petitions, since out-of-state financiers, paid workers and non-voters can play key roles in getting measures on a statewide ballot. The Michigan Constitution permits any state resident but they don't have to be registered voters — to collect signatures in a petition drive.

"These people are paid at least \$1 per signature collected," Bankes said. "The way things are right now, our Constitution is for sale." Bankes, a former state representative, Wayne County commissioner and Livonia mayoral candidate, said she is troubled that out-of-state petition gathering companies have generated the signatures needed to place several ballot proposals that went to voters in recent vears.

"Anyone with money, even if they are not from Michigan, can alter our state

Constitution," Bankes said. "I think it's time for lawmakers to review this."

State Rep. John Pastor (R-Livonia) said Bankes and her colleagues did not do their job when they abstained or voted against certifying the election.

"Their job is to certify the language is right and appropriate signatures were there," Pastor said. "It is not their job to suspect signatures were collected improperly."

Pastor added these types of allegations are common during all petition drives across the state and country.

Birmingham lawyer charged with videotaping young girls

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth police have charged a Birmingham attorney with videotaping images of the undergarments of young girls last month at Art in the Park in downtown Plymouth.

Authorities say Andrew Fowler, 49, is the same man charged with committing the identical crime in July at the Ann Arbor art fairs.

"He's being charged with using a video camera to zoom in on young girls ... trying to look up their skirts and shorts," said Plymouth police Detective Jamie Grabowski. "One of the images captured is an obvious display of the girl's underwear. Other videos tell what he's trying to do."

Fowler, who was free on \$250,000 bond after being arraigned on two felony charges July 23 in Washtenaw County, was picked up at his home by Birmingham police Thursday and held for Plymouth authorities.

Fowler was arraigned in front of Judge Michael Gerou Friday at Plymouth's 35th District Court on four counts of photographing the visual image of undergarments worn by another. Each felony charge carries a maximum two-year prison sentence, if convicted.

Gerou set bond at \$250,000 and Fowler posted the necessary \$25,000 to avoid going to jail. His preliminary exam is scheduled for Aug. 19.

"You can tell on the video that he'd be watching a little girl sitting in Kellogg Park and zoom in while her legs were spread," said Grabowski, who noted he viewed nearly three hours of videotape provided by Ann Arbor police. Grabowski said the girls in the tapes ranged in age from 8-13.

In the Ann Arbor case, police reportedly searched Fowler's home and confiscated computers and video tapes. Grabowski said an Ann Arbor police officer recognized some of the video as being from downtown Plymouth.

According to police, Fowler was arrested in Ann Arbor after he was spotted by a man who said he first noticed Fowler videotaping his own children several months ago at the Somerset Collection mall in Troy. The man reportedly spotted Fowler while visiting the Ann Arbor art fairs and notified police.

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Scouts beat the heat to enjoy jamboree

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Boy Scouts who traveled to Bowling Green, Va., for the National Boy Scout Jamboree said despite the sweltering temperatures that at times exceeded 100 degrees, they gained valuable lessons being part of the event that's held every four years.

"I got to try archery and shoot a shotgun — things I've never done before — and thought they were pretty cool," said Bryant Schoenle, 14, of Plymouth Township, a mem-ber of Troop 281. "I also tried snorkeling for the first time. I had to get used to the flippers, but it was fun."

The Boy Scout motto is "Be prepared;" however no one could have been adequately prepared for the stifling heat during much of the trip,

"It was my third Jamboree, so I'm not unfamiliar with the heat in Virginia," said Don Ray, 62, of Plymouth Township, also a member of Troop 281. "It was a particularly hot summer, but fortunately none of our boys showed any signs of problems with the heat. We stayed hydrated, and made sure they kept drinking lots of water."

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residents.

Schoenle said he knew it was going to be a hot 10-days the moment he stepped off the bus at Fort A.P. Hill

"I wen't from the bus, which was about 60 degrees, to the outside, where it was 99 degrees and the humidity made it feel like 115," Schoenle said. "We had to put up our tent in the intense heat for 2 1/2 hours, and a lot of kids had to rest.

"Some kids near us had to have medical attention because they were dehydrated," he said. "The Army brought out big fire trucks and sprayed water to cool us off."

Ray led a contingent of 35 boys and four adults from one of five Detroit Area Council troops that attended the 10day event, which ended Aug. 3.

"The boys got to do a lot of activities, like repelling, trap shooting, boating and fishing," said Ray. "The U.S. Forest Service is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and had a lot of programs available for the boys to help them earn patch-

Ray's troop wore a special pizza-pie shaped patch for the trip, and traded some with other Scouts at the Jamboree, which has become a tradition.

"It's a chance for the boys to get to know each other, and

began applying for several

"It's been denied several

times, so it's a grant that was

expectations of receiving it,"

"That we actually got it, I'm

If the township decides to

accept the grant and add the

officers, Stabenow said they

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talk with others about what they do in scouting," said Ray, who has been in scouting for more than 50 years. "It's an opportunity to see that the Boy Scouts isn't just nationwide, as there were representatives from all around the world."

The trip was especially special for John McCormick, 17, of Plymouth Township. McCormick, who attended his second Jamboree, was awarded his Eagle badge during ceremonies at the camp.

There were about a dozen relatives who made the trip. including his grandparents and several uncles who live in Virginia.

"It was pretty cool having my relatives and whole troop there," said McCormick.

McCormick noted the Boy Scout Jamboree provides valuable lessons to those who are able to attend.

"You live out there with about 40 of your friends and learn to bond with them," he said.

"In the beginning, nobody knew each other or worked well together. But, by the end you learn to work together and really prove you can get things done."

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would be "a great asset to the community.

"Officers added under the COPS program have put police back on neighborhood patrols, allowed communities to develop new strategies to prevent crime and enhanced local response to homeland security concerns," Stabenow said.

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Organizers prepare for Wayne County Fair

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

The fair is coming, the fair is coming ... No, not that fair, the Wayne County Fair.

In it's 57th year, the Wayne County Fair will officially open to the public at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the county fairgrounds on Quirk Road, south of I-94, in Van Buren Township.

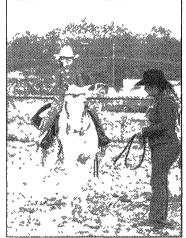
The county fair will feature all assortment of animal exhibits - horses, cattle, pigs, rabbits, pocket pets - as well as arts, crafts, nightly entertainment and a carnival.

It will be a "fair for everybody," according to Linda Willman, a member of the fair's board of directors.

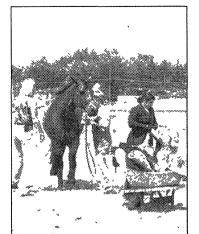
"Everyday is kids day and we make sure we have things for them to do," she said. "We'll have a petting farm exotic animals, pony rides."

Close to 400 youths and adults bring their horses, cattle, pigs, rabbits and arts and crafts to the fairgrounds in a quest of the coveted blue ribbon.

Participants come throughout the county - from Detroit. where a group of youngsters will be showing rabbits, to Canton, Westland, New Boston, Taylor and Romulus as well as Monroe County. There



Madison Schmalzreid works with her teacher Katie Tsouris during the protégé class judging. The class allows children too young to show on their own to do so with the help of a teacher.



Katie Tsouris, with the help of her mother Jean (center) and 4-H leader Sherry Blount, competes in the versatility class where participants ride English style and then switch to western without leaving the ring.

will be some 120 horses, 15 head of cattle, 37 hogs, an unknown number of rabbits, sheep and goats and even pocket pets - hamsters, gerbils, rats and mice.

"The livestock has gone down a lot in the last five years because of all of the development in Wayne County," said the Westland resident. "It's easy to board a horse, but it's not that easy to board a cow."

There also will be judging in community arts, and in addition to blue ribbons, the fair also will award gold ribbons for best in show in the different divisions and sections, entitling the winners to compete in the 2006 Michigan State Fair.

And one person who enters in at least four community arts categories could walk away as the Wayne County Homemaker of the Year and the right to represent Wayne County in judging at the state fair competition.

There also will be the fair's annual talent search which saw recent winner Toni Williams go on to the State Fair Showcase and a stint singing the Detroit fireworks.

"It surprises me to see how many incredibly talented kids come out every year," she said. In addition to the different

MORE INFORMATION

The Wayne County Fair will be Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 8-13, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road between Tyler and the I-94 Expressway

Admission will be \$3 per person Tuesday-Thursday and \$5 Friday and Saturday. The entertainment will be free of charge, however, there will be an extra charge for the carnival rides.

Judging will begin at 9 a.m. daily, starting Monday, Aug. 10. Admission to the fairgrounds will be free on Monday and before 1 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

For more information, call the fairgrounds at (734) 697-7002 or visit the fair's Web site at www.waynecountyfair. net.

competition, the fair will have entertainment at 7 p.m. each evening free of charge There will be pony pulling, a 4 x 4 truck pull, Tough Truck Competition, mini-modified tractor and the always popular Demolition Derby which will close out the fair on Saturday.

Another big event is the annual 4-H auction that will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11. Animals raised by 4-H members will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The auction serves as a fund-raiser for the 4-H program.

And it wouldn't be a fair with rides, provided this year by Elliott Amusements. Willman said organizers are glad to have the Michiganbased, family-run carnival at the fair.

We're looking forward to a better run, cleaner carnival

than we've had the last few years," she said. But the fair may well be the

best kept secret in Wayne County. In a good year, the fair will attract 13,000 people. In a year like 2003, when the blackout occurred, it was financial disaster.

"It gets kind of frustrating because you have these kids doing all these good things and nobody hears about it," said Willman. "I've had people in Bellevelle say what county fair and say where. When you say Wayne County Fair, people automatically think of the state fair."

The fair receives no financial support from Wayne County. It supports itself through what is raised from fees to use its campground, gate receipts, a percentage of the carnival and an auction. It receives some

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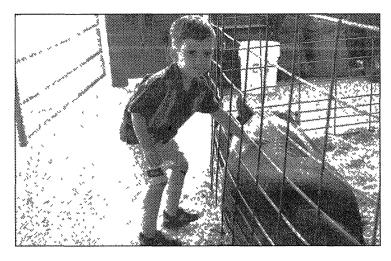
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Eric Willman reaches through the to touch one of the pigs that were shown during the 2004 Wayne County Fair.

money from the state for the premiums it pays out, but must pay for the trophies and ribbons it distributes.

"We're completely voluntary," said Willman who has been involved with the fair since age 8. "We get some sponsorship grants, we get everything we can, but the county gives us nothing. We were out last weekend repairing and painting the buildings.'

Willman admits that the putting on the fair is hard work. She serves as secretary

of the board of directors, but during the fair, she will be working with the horses and livestock as well as serve as head of security.

"There are times during the week when you've had three hours sleep and four days of 90-degree weather and you wonder why you're doing this," she said. "I don't have kids, so I get to watch these kids grow up and I've had so much fun with this."

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and never met a dog that didn't like her, so she was really hurt."

DiPirno was skeptical that Socks would ever change her attitude.

"She told me, 'Oh, no, that dog's just mean. You can't teach an old dog new tricks,' but I told her of course you can. Look at us. We learned to love each other after all these years," Campagiorni said.

Socks' problem, according to Headley, is that she thought she was the leader of the pack in her house, so Campagiorni has to teach her that he is the leader of their pack.

It's a confusing transition, Headley said, and Socks may go through some anxiety while she learns, but most dogs learn quickly and need only two sessions with Bark Busters, he said.

The couple wants to plan a trip to Florida this fall, but Campagiorni doesn't want to leave Socks behind. The good news is that just hours after they completed their first round of training with Headley, Campagiorni and Socks got into the car and drove to DiPirno's house. DiPirno reported the next day that Socks just sniffed around and then was a well-behaved and calm dog. She said it's as if they'd been friends for a long time.

Headley, who calls himself a canine therapist, said his system is one of correction and reward. His main thrust is to communicate with his canine patients, using both body language and "canine language." If the dog begins to do something wrong, Headley will actually bark and growl at it - something it understands.

Headley said Socks has been very receptive to the training.



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Orlando Campagiorni gets a little instruction from Bruce Headley of Bark Busters on working with his dog, Socks.

"They got along very well," Headley said of Socks and DiPirno.

"So it looks like this story will have a happy ending."

For more information about Bark Busters, call Bruce Headley at (248) 752-7782, or visit online at www.barkbusters.com.

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our budget. We've got to explore saving some dollars in our budget."

The current 10-year agreement ends in December 2006. Commissioners are obligated to tell township officials by the end of 2005 if they don't plan on renewing the contract. City officials have talked about a paid part-time fire department and partnering with the Northvilles as options, but "they probably aren't realistic options," said Loiselle. "We should explore all our options with the township because geographically it makes the most sense to partner with them."

City officials are concerned township firemen are paying more attention to transporting patients to hospitals, resulting in increased overtime costs and leaving fewer firefighters available to respond to fires.

However, township officials say city leaders should look at the facts.

"Ten years ago, when the agreement began, the budget called for 5 percent increases each year," said Supervisor

Richard Reaume. "We're spending almost exactly what they predicted 10 years ago. So, this should come as no surprise."

While Reaume acknowledged cost is the biggest factor for the city, he noted his neighbors are already getting a break from the township.

"Historically, 30 percent of the fire and rescue runs for the department are in the city, and contractually they are paying 25 percent of the cost, Reaume said. "Plus, we're not charging for administrative costs."

According to township treasurer Ron Edwards - based on this year's \$3.5 million fire department budget - the 5percent difference is a savings to the city of \$185,000. He estimates administrative costs for the city would be an additional \$7,500.

"The joint department is the best thing for both communities, but the city is benefiting more than the township," said Edwards. "If there are no changes, we might decide not to stay on."

According to Edwards, some changes the township wants include:

Requiring the city to pay its percentage of costs, based on runs.

Apportion 25 percent of the cost of fire department administration costs to the city.

The township will manage the fire department, with policies set by the township board. Despite paying 25 percent of the cost, the current contract doesn't give the city a voice in policy decisions.

The township will transport victims, with Huron Valley Ambulance as a back-

up. "Everything is up for negotiation," Edwards said.

Mayor Stella Greene said the new contract, if there is one, needs to be more specific than the current 10-year pact.

"There is a lot of gray area (in the current contract) because we never defined what our expectations were," said Greene. "We want to have a mechanism for input into the operation oversight. We're a working partner.

"The hope is there can be enough common ground and mutual understanding so we don't have to look elsewhere," she said. "That's why we're staring early, giving us an opportunity to make it beneficial to both communities."

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Magazine sale turns out to be a scam

A Plymouth Township resident reported a solicitation for a seemingly charitable organization he thought would actually turn out to be a scam.

Turns out he was right, at least according to township police. The resident told police Aug. 1 that, several days earlier, a man had approached his home, announced he was a soccer player affiliated with Compuware Arena selling magazine subscriptions to benefit Children's Hospital in Detroit. According to police reports, when police checked out the business the man said he represented, Ultimate Power Sales, Inc., of Sugar Hill, Ga., they found reports from attorneys general of several states indicating it was, indeed a scam.

MAIL BOX DAMAGE

Rain, not snow nor dark of night may not stop mail carriers from completing their

appointed rounds, but damaged mail boxes might.

In separate reports from houses on Northridge and Maple Ridge, homeowners reported their mail boxes had been damaged. The strange part? In both instances, someone had also left a garbage can full of garbage at the curb.

Volkswagen Jetta reported his car had been stolen July 31.

The man told police he'd arrived at his friend's apartment in the Brougham Manor complex around 9 p.m. and parked in the visitors' lot on the west side of the parking lot. When he came out about 90 minutes later, the car was gone.

WITHOUT A PADDLE

er told police July 29 someone

stole an orange canoe out of his back yard. The homeowner said the last time he remembered actually seeing the canoe was about a week earlier. The canoe is unregistered, with no distinguishing marks, he told police.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period July 27-Aug. 2: Tuesday, Aug. 2 — Vehicle

accident at M-14 and Gotfredson; commercial rescue run on Beck; residential rescue runs on Maple and on Northville Road; downed wires on Ann.

Monday, Aug. 1 — Vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road; commercial rescue run on Concept; residential rescue runs on Colony Farm Circle, on Sheridan and on Northville Road.

Police have no suspects.

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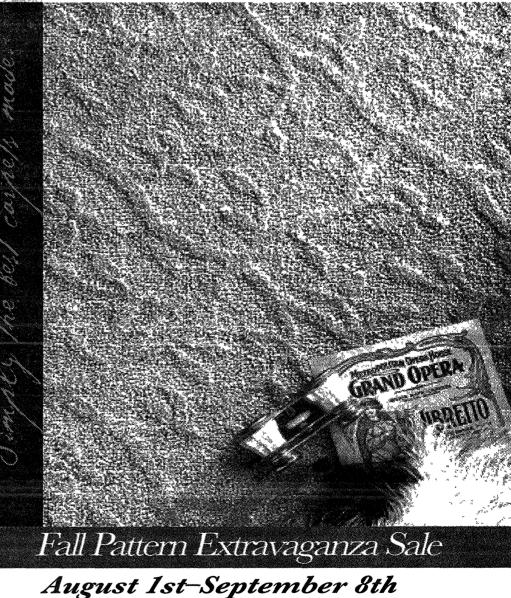
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Rock band hits stage for music series

With a repertoire packed full of music from most of the greatest pioneers of Rock & Roll — including Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bill Haley & the Comets, Buddy Holly, Fats Domino, Dion & the Belmonts, Del Shannon and others - Rock's Gang takes to the Kellogg Park stage Friday night to continue the Music in the Air Concert series.

Rock's Gang, a six-man band playing '50s and '60s rock and roll, is not only the featured

entertainment for the weekly concert series, the band provides the music for the annual Plymouth After Dark event, sponsored the same evening by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

Since coming on the scene in the early 1970s, Rock's Gang traveled for several years as the band for the World of Wheels Auto Show, playing in every major city in the U.S. and Canada. Popular venues included the Pontiac Silverdome, the Houston

Astrodome, the New Orleans Metrodome, Montreal's Place Bonaventure and Toronto's National Exhibit Center.

Friday's concert in Kellogg Park starts at 7 p.m.

Here is the rest of the concert schedule for the Friday night series, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Community Financial. Concerts start at 7 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

Aug. 19 - The CrackerJack Band

🖬 Aug. 26 - Gerard Gibbs

Reorganized Sept. 2 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band

Here is the schedule for the "Music in the Park" series, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and New Liberty Bank. Concerts take place at noon on Wednesdays, also in Kellogg Park: Aug. 10 - Guy Louis &

Chautauqua Express Aug. 17 - elmoThumm Aug. 24 - Kitty Donohoe &



part of the Friday night concert series in Kellogg Park.

DEATHS A

Patricia Ann Anderson, 68, of Farmington, died July 30. B

Edward M. Ballantyne, 75, of Bloomfield Hills, died July 12. Albert Berkopec, of Plymouth, died Aug. 1.

Minnie "Penny" Bernard, 90, of Rochester Hills, died July 25. Richard Beryl Braun, 64, of Plymouth, died July 30.

Donald Buchanan, 81, of Bloomfield Twp., died July 14. С

Esther V. Christensen, 90, of Orion Twp., died July 4. Janice G. Christinidis, 69, of Rochester Hills, died July 29.

James R. Drake, 59, of Pontiac, died July 8.

F Donald L. Faris, 72, of Rochester Hills, died July 24. Ronald Francis Filter, 88, of Bloomfield Hills, died July 31. Anna Mae Fleishell, 78, of Rochester

Hills, died July 26. G

Eleanor Graham, 77, died Aug. 2. н

Charles E Hodges, 84, of Rochester Hills, died July 26.

John W. Kruse, 73, of Rochester Hills, died July 23

Dance Connection



Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Community Life in Passages on page C4.

L Estelle Leitch, 89, of Orion Twp., died July 14. М

Pearl Maurine McGhee, 89, of Lawrenceville, Ga., died July 31. Elizabeth M. McLaughlin, of Westland, died July 30. Jenny Mieczkowski, 85, of Bloomfield, died July 27. Elizabeth A. Mielke, of Marshall, died Aug. 1. Theresa N. Moe, 82, of Troy, died July

Emma C. Murrish, 77, of Rochester Hills, died July 1.

Elizabeth Nicholas, 74, of Rochester, died July 29. 0

Edward P. O'Brien Jr., 86, of Plymouth

Anna Pelc, of Commerce Township, Edgar Pluff, 83, of Troy, died July 28. William E. Powell, 66, of Pontiac, died July 26.

Dale E. Raffler, 97, of Rochester Hills, died July 18. L. "Johnnie" Reynolds, 71, of Royal Oak, died July 5.

Janis J. Royal, 68, of Westland, died July 28. S

James Saam, 75, of Rochester Hills, died July 19. Vernon D. Severson, 81, of Rochester Hills, died July 4. Robert "Bob" Shaw, 79, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 2. Julia A. "Hoppi" Smith, 83, of Benzie County, Mich., died Aug. 1. Robert Snyder, 42, died July 31. James R. Stauble, 47, of Warren, died July 10. Billy Joe Stubblefield, 81, of Westland, died July 27. Ann Gardiner Swan, 80, of Sarasota,

Fla., died July 22. Margaret Taylor, 90, of Sylvania, Ohio,

formerly of Farmington, died July 29. Michael Petter Terry, 63, died Aug. 2. Anthony T. Topolsky, of Westland, died July 29.

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Paul I. Trager, 94, of Shelby Twp., died July 14. Marion R. Tanton, 84, of Kalamazoo, formerly of Farmington Hills.

Frances "Polly" Wiggins, 79, of Redford, died July 28. Zelma Wood, 101, died July 30. Y

James Young, 43, of Pontiac, died July 18.

Sondra V. Yudt, of Westland, died Julv 28.

Mary M. Yurk, 92, of Rochester, formerly of Flint, died July 10. Ζ

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Hills, died July 20.

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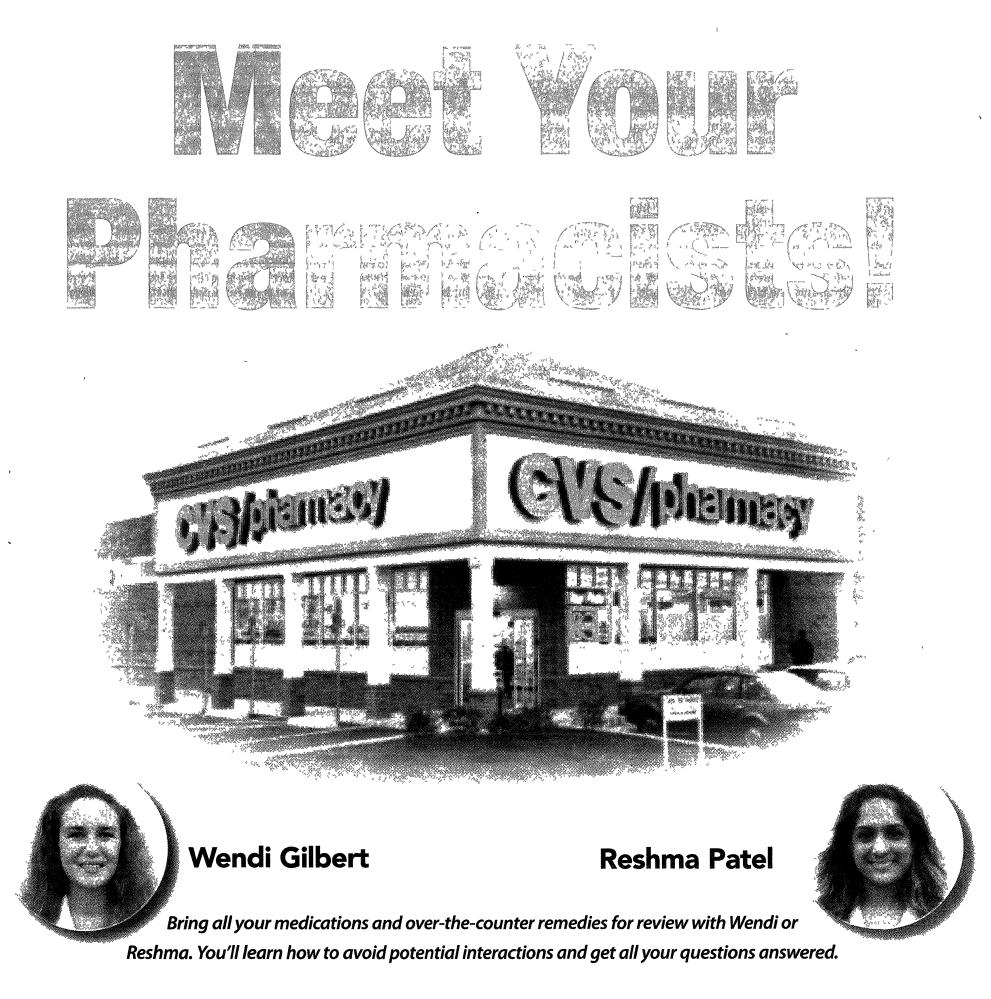
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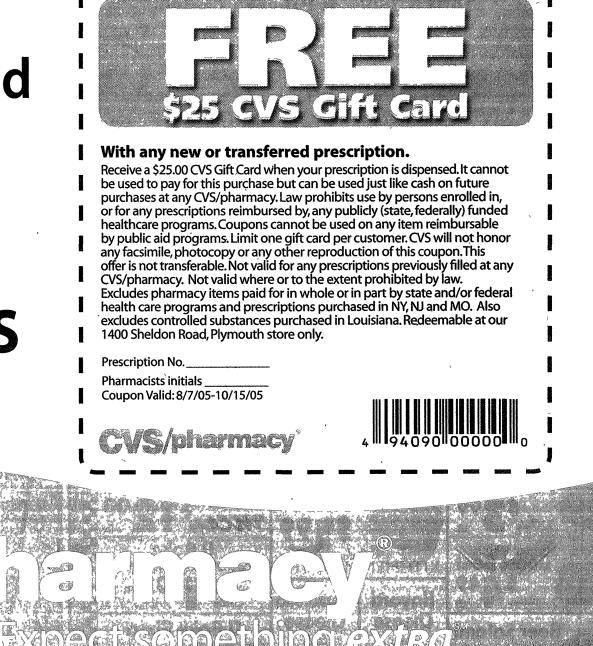
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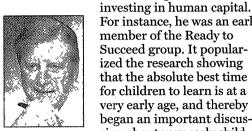


Flanagan offers solid ideas to better education

first met Mike Flanagan back in the late 1980s, when he was the very successful and well-liked superintendent of schools in Farmington. He went on to become head of the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (WRESA), which serves nearly half a million children, more than 180,000 of them from families below the poverty line. And in 2001, he became executive director of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, the organization that serves

the 1,200-odd Michigan public school superintendents.

For years, Mike has been turning up at meetings where sensible people got together to talk about doing sensible things, most of them having to do with



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For instance, he was an early member of the Ready to Succeed group. It popularized the research showing that the absolute best time for children to learn is at a very early age, and thereby began an important discussion about very early childhood learning.

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In January 2003, the newly elected Gov. Jennifer Granholm asked Flanagan to

be her full-time education adviser. And most people who care about education were delighted that on May 18, he was appointed (with the governor's backing) superintendent of public instruction by the state Board of Education, following the messy departure of his predecessor, Tom Watkins.

Still a slightly boyish-looking Irish guy with a big smile and glasses, Flanagan, now 55, is almost universally liked and respected. Granholm made a smart appointment.

I finally caught up with him for an early morning phone call. "So how's it going?" I started off.

"It's like drinking from a fire hose," he responded. "I'd guess I'm working 80 hours a week. I could spend all that time right here at my desk and I'd be fully employed, but I also want to get out into the schools, meet with education people, the media, the Legislature the list goes on and on. I now have more than 1,000 requests to attend events on my desk right now, and more are coming in every day."

So what are his first reactions? "First impression, I'm impressed with the state workers. I had a perception that wasn't entirely favorable. But they're working hard, day in day out, at their desk during lunch, coping with budget freezes and concessions without whining about it. The system is bureaucratic,

but the people are not. "It's refreshing."

The obvious question to put to the new superintendent: how to make a quantum jump in student performance in our schools?

His answers seemed deceptively simple: motivate the kids and concentrate on teacher training. As to motivation, Flanagan tells a simple story: "I live in Lansing, and all over town you go into the coffee shops and you see Asian kids working on their laptops, even late on Saturday nights.

"Now some of this is parent or family-driven. But the fact is that these kids are highly motivated. We absolutely need to extend this level of motivation to the entire society.

The overwhelming fact is simple. The earth is flat, indeed, as Tom Friedman puts it."

By that, he meant that we live today in a global village. "We don't have a choice," he continued. "We must make a quantum leap in school achievement or else we're going to be a second-rate country."

Flanagan is equally direct about teachers: "The reality is that it's the individual teacher who reaches and inspires a kid. That's one of the reasons I like smaller schools. They're far more personal and offer an environment where the teachers can really work with the kids."

Michigan education's new top man wants to pull together a teacher training summit, bringing together the deans of the schools of education in Michigan, maybe the university presidents and possibly even some members of the governing boards.

The goal would be to make big gains in recruiting talented college students to become teachers, and then preparing them to correctly instruct and motivate their students.

"Inspired teachers will make all the difference in the world, and teacher preparation affects everything else. There are going to be thousands of teachers retiring in the next 10 years, so if we get at it with the schools of education, we can affect an entire generation of teachers and students."

Hopefully, he'll have the tools to do just that. Listening to Flanagan's enthusiasm and common sense made me feel a little bit more hopeful about our public schools. And it brought to mind the celebrated lines from the 18th century English poet, Alexander Pope:

"Tis education forms the common mind. As the twig is bent, so the tree's inclined."

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Supreme Court beach decision lucid defense of 'public trust'

s this unusually warm summer continues into August, the Michigan Supreme Court has given beach walkers a gift. On July 29, a

5-2 court majority decided that the public has a right to walk along our Great Lakes beaches from the water's edge to the high water mark on the beach.

In a well-written, lucid and discerning majority opinion, the court distinguishes private ownership and public trust, a battleground that seems to be getting hotter than our blistering summer sun.

While issues of eminent domain, developer rights, privatization of public forest land and similar concerns are bringing together odd alliances, the beach walking decision will generally serve the best interests of the vast majority, even while troubling some property rights advocates.

The five member Michigan Supreme Court majority - Justices Michael Cavanagh, Elizabeth

Weaver, Marilyn Kelly and Maura Corrigan - reach far back into history to the Roman Emperor Justinian.

The justices note that American law as descended from English common law recognizes that the sovereign (or state) must preserve and protect navigable waters for its people. This idea is traced back to Justinian, who writes in his Institutes, "Now the things which are, by natural law, com-

mon to all are these: the air, running water, the sea, and therefore, the seashores. Thus no one is barred access to the seashore ..

A neighbors' dispute between two property owners along Lake Huron led to a test case on the public's right to walk on Great Lakes' beaches in front of privately held land. Property rights advocates argued that private ownership on Great Lakes beaches extends to the water's edge. They argued that while the state maintained ownership of the land that was always under water, property owners had a right to bar anyone they chose from walking in front of their property on exposed land.

The justices (with Justices Robert Young and Stephen Markham is full or partial dissent) make a distinction between property along the Great Lakes and property along inland lakes, rivers and streams. The decision reads, "we conclude that the public trust doctrine does protect her (plaintiff Joan Glass) right to walk along the shores of the Great Lakes. American law has long recognized that large bodies of navigable water, such as the oceans, are natural resources and thoroughfares that belong to the public. In our common-law tradition, the state as sovereign acts as trustee of public rights in these natural resources.

The justices note that "littoral" property (such as property along the Great Lakes) remains "subject to the public trust." They distinguish this from the "riparian" rights of those on inland lakes, rivers and streams.

The justices turn to Wisconsin for a definition of high water as "where the presence and action of the water is so continuous as to leave a distinct mark either by erosion, destruction of terrestrial vegetation or other easily recognized characteristics."

The justices argue that lakefront owners retain property rights "subject to the public trust" and that this defined area of beach is similar to a sidewalk. And walkers have certain obligations not to be rowdy, destructive or lewd.

As most property owners along the lakes enjoy beach walking as much as anyone else, the decision is as much a victory as a "defeat" for the majority.

The decision also defines an area where the state has the authority and obligation to protect the shoreline, which has been a matter of controversy in recent years as some owners bridled at rules concerning clearing of vegetation.

The broader questions of private-public ownership will be raging in the years ahead. A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision granted the right of eminent domain to allow a city to remove housing from an area to allow a private development. The city argued that the action was necessary to promote economic development.

The court's liberal members created the majority on this ruling. It was a classic defense of the right of the eminent domain doctrine that helped create our national parks and forests, our interstate highway system, the Tennessee Valley Authority and other public works projects. But this time it was to benefit a private developer at the expense of low-middle income homeowners.

Now conservative, anti-government groups and liberal groups concerned about pushing the poor out (as also happened in several urban redevelopment cases) are making strange bedfellows to sponsor state legislation restricting eminent domain. (Which, in fact, the court said was an option.)

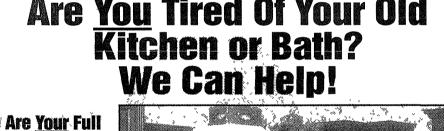
In Livonia, redevelopment of the Wonderland property, and particularly the role of Wal-Mart in the project, has create controversy and raised the question of the rights of homeowners, if any, concerning commercial development in their neighborhoods.

These subjects don't always split along liberal/conservative lines. Sometimes simple principles don't fit with particular facts.

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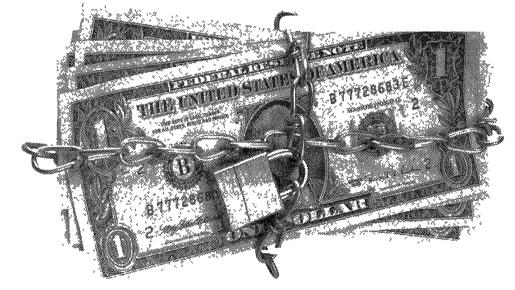








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Travel agents don't see business slow with terrorism

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

Area travel agents are keeping busy these days and haven't found that recent terrorist incidents in England and Egypt have hurt business. People are still traveling,"

said Fawn Johnson, an agent at Venture Out Travel Service in Westland. "We have not had any cancellations. They're just going about their business."

Travel agents saw a drop in business after 9/11, but Johnson says it didn't take too long after for people to resume traveling. She reports Mexico, Las Vegas and Caribbean and other cruises as the most popular for her customers.

"Egypt wouldn't have any impact on us," said Kate Rosevear, owner of Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Plymouth and Wayne. The Middle East isn't a common destination for her customers, she said, and those who do visit there will go regardless.

"If you're going to wait for peace in the Middle East, it's not going to happen," Rosevear said.

For other destinations, the recent incidents don't seem to have had an impact. She's booking midwinter break trips in the Caribbean, Las Vegas and cruises.

"Alaska seems to be the big one," she said. "Some Europe for next year." Italy's gotten a lot of publicity in books and movies, Rosevear added, and is popular.

Agents urge customers to get to the airport early, so they don't miss a flight. Johnson tells those going to Europe not to show a camera or flash money and to keep a lower profile.

Rosevear sees some clients who are still afraid to fly or vexed by flight delays and other aggravations. She's watching the Northwest mechanics possible strike situation closely. "I don't have a crystal ball," she said. "I think they will continue to fly."

Fred Tams, owner of Sky King Travel and Tours in Livonia, said the Internet has cut into agency business, with some people going online to make their own travel arrangements. "In the long run, the travel industry is still going on strong," he said.

recommends travelers register with the government at travel.gov before leaving.

He also recommends having a current passport even for trips to Canada or Mexico, and getting applications early. His agency helps with passports, with that business supplementing work lost to the Internet.

He's been in the business over 20 years and his customers are friends. "We built a good reputation in the business."

Joyce Brown, owner of CruiseOne of Redford, is busy on the job. "I think it's doing pretty well," she said of business. "People still want to cruise, take their vacation."

She's found the Bahamas and Caribbean are popular destinations. Brown gives a sheet of travel tips to her customers.

She checks on weather con-

ditions too and communicates with other CruiseOne agents nationwide for travel information.

"They're asking a lot of questions," Joseph Bernardini, owner/manager of Livonia Travel Service, said of his customers. They're focused on the possible Northwest strike. "We haven't seen any decrease in tourism," Bernardini said. Some customers choose a different location. He's putting together a lot of packages for Italy.

Bernardini noted TV reports may give a greater sense of fear than reality warrants. "You can't help but read it. You have to take things into perspective."

Carey Morton, owner/manager of Harvard Square Travel in Canton, handles a lot of international travel, destinations ranging from India to Lebanon. "They are going to all sorts of places," she said. "It

hasn't stopped them. You just can't let fear control you."

She encourages clients to keep their eyes open, and remain alert, avoiding large crowds if possible. "If it's going to bother you too much, don't go.

Morton recommends buying travel insurance, especially for trips out of the country. "And don't be the ugly American. Just be normal and have a good time."

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He tends to see cancellations immediately after a terrorist attack, with business picking up soon after. A lot of people still visit Europe (France, Greece, Italy and Portugal), as well as the Middle East and Asia

"We had some cancellations, but not much," Tams said. "I could say people still do travel."

He finds people call with questions, and travel agents can field those questions. Tams

Voters approve parks millage by 65 percent

The Wayne County parks millage was approved by approximately 65 percent of voters Tuesday according to unofficial numbers from the Wayne County Clerk's office with 100 percent of all precincts reporting.

The millage was approved. 101,431 to 54,913. Out county the vote was 36,357 for and 31,222 against. In Detroit the vote was 65,074 for and 23,691 against.

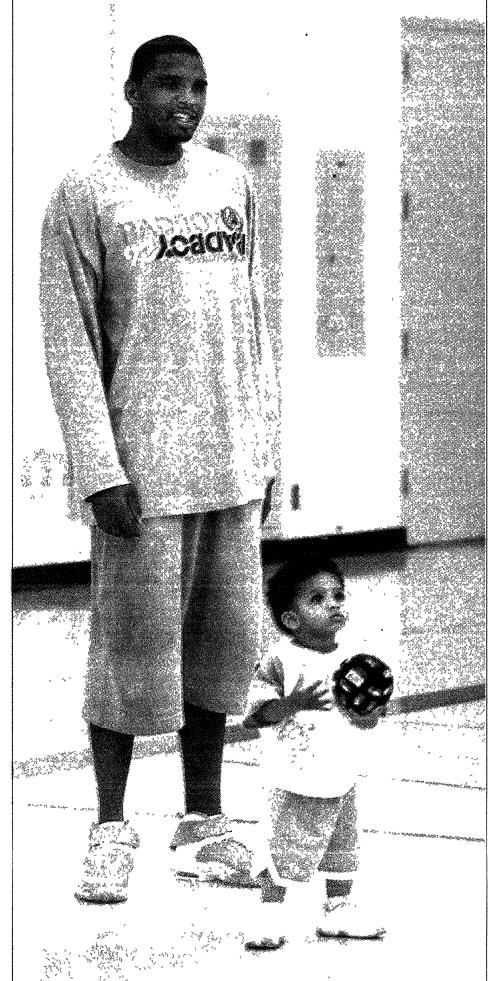
The vote in Observer communities was: Canton, 2,507 for 1,974 against; Garden City, 665 for, 620 against; Livonia, 1,800 for, 1,612 against; Plymouth, 494 for, 270 against; Plymouth Township, 3,511 for, 1,756 against; Redford, 1,575 for, 1,132 against; and Westland. 2,386 for, 1,342 against.





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Global cage odyssey

Salem grad Head, 29, continues to pursue pro career

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

During his seven-year professional basketball quest, James Head has certainly had his share of "cups of coffee."

The 1995 Salem High graduate and former Eastern Michigan University standout has been to NBA training camps and summer leagues, played in NBA exhibition games, spent time in the CBA (Continental Basketball Association), and made three stops overseas including brief stints in Finland, the Philippines (parts of two seasons) and most recently Israel.

Some may categorize Head's basketball quest as a some sort of "caffeine fix," but he wouldn't have it any other way.

"This is my job, I love what I'm doing," said Head, who spends his summer finetuning his game during pickup sessions with other pros and college players at Schoolcraft College. "You can only play this game so long. I have to take advantage of the gift God gave to me.

"I figure I can play only another five years."

The 6-foot-7, 225-pound Head signed a contract in early November with Haifa B.C. of the Israeli Premier League.

During his 10 games with Haifa, where he played 32 minutes per game, Head averaged 13.9 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. He shot 55 percent from the floor and 65 percent from the free-throw line.

Concerned about the team's financial situation and the team's inexperience, Head returned home in February, older and much wiser from the experience. He was not soured so much on the culture and his surroundings, but more about the basketball.

"There were some financial concerns, they still haven't paid some of the local players and sometimes the owners don't always deliver on what's promised," said Head, who was an American import alongside Aubrey Reese (the team's leading scorer) and Jamar Smith (University of Maryland). "It was a new team put Scouts will tell you that Head displays great versatility as a player. He can put the ball on the floor, go inside and outside, rebound, pass and run the floor. Head can play three different positions including the two-guard, small forward or power forward.

During his days at Eastern when he played alongside such standouts as Earl Boykins, Brian Tolbert and Derrick Dial, Head fulfilled a role and did it well.

During his four-year career as an Eagle, Head ranks No. 27 on EMU's alltime scoring list in points (927), No. 10 in rebounds (629) and No. 11 in blocked shots (49). He also led EMU in rebounding three straight seasons.

"I'm my own worst critic," Head said. "If I had a 20-point game, I felt I could have had 30 or 40. I just did not play at the level that I expected."

Head finished the year playing five games for the Great Lakes Storm, based in Birch Run, of the CBA. He has also played for Sioux Falls (S.D.) and Boise (Idaho) of the CBA, as well as securing invites to both the Indiana Pacers and Los Angeles Clippers preseason camps.

Married two summers ago and now with a 1-year-old son, Jameson, Head's priorities and outlook have changed a bit. The NBA is a reach, but he is committed to returning overseas and awaits word of an impending offer from his agent, Gerald Green, who is based in Houston, Texas.

"My wife (Rona) is a teacher (in Oak Park), I feel I have the best of both worlds," he said. "For me it's not about the money. I just need the exposure.

"My dad (Jim) keeps telling me it's about being at the right time at the right place. He told me to be patient and my time will come."

And the dream still percolates in Head's mind.

"I feel I made the most of my opportunity (in Israel) and I'd like to play again," he said. "I just need a better situation."

Despite the often volatile and unpredictable landscape of the Middle East, Head said he has no qualms about returning to Haifa, located on the Mediterranean Sea.

"I stayed at an ocean condo, I could hear the waves at night," he said. "You see all the things on the news, but there's security in every place, whether it's a restaurant or mall. It's something to adjust to, but most of the people speak English, so you feel at home. There's

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Dobbyn saluted

Detroit Jaguars forward Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia Stevenson), a sophomore to be at the University of Michigan, was named to the W-League's 2005 All-League and All-Central Conference teams,

Dobbyn tallied 15 goals and added three assists for the Midwest Division champions of the Central Conference. She was also recently named to the U.S. National Under-20 Team talent pool.

Jaguars goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming also made the All-Central Conference squad.

Modano signs

Westland native Mike Modano will continue to wear the No. 9 jersey of the Dallas Stars after agreeing to a reported five-year, \$17.25 million offer with the National Hockey League team late Wednesday.

Modano, 35, also entertained more lucrative packages from the Chicago Blackhawks and Boston Bruins. Prior to the 2004-05 lockout season, Modano had 14 goals and 30 assists (2003-04 season).

In 15 NHL seasons, the perennial All-Star has 458 goals and 648 assists in 1,101 games, as well 51 goals and 76 assists in the playoffs with one Stanley Cup title.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem graduate James Head, who stands 6 feet, 7 inches, towers over his 1-year-old son Jameson in between a pickup game session last week at Schoolcraft College.

together in 10 days. They just didn't get any better because they were so young. "Overall it wasn't too bad. I just had a rough time adjusting to the younger players. You also have to adapt to the style they play in Europe. They're more fundamentally sound." nothing like home, but I felt safe. As long as you're in a group setting, I did not feel scared, even when I was driving at night."

There are times, however, when Head

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Area gridders start Monday

Observerland football teams start the grind Monday with twice-daily practices.

Teams heading out for the sessions include Redford Union, Redford Thurston, Garden City, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Clarenceville, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Canton, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth, Westland John Glenn, Wayne Memorial and Belleville.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association mandates that football practice begin Aug. 8 for all schools looking to begin regular season games the weekend of August 26-28. Schools must have 14 days of preseason practice at all levels before their first game.

Football schools also must conduct at least three conditioning days of practice before beginning contact, and the conditioning sessions may not include any pads.

This year, two football dates precede Labor Day. Thursday varsity games will not take place in Week 1, but will take place in Week 2.

On Labor Day weekend, 225 games will be played on Thursday, Sept. 1, 78 games will be played on Friday, Sept. 2, and 10 games will be played on Saturday, Sept. 3.

Meanwhile, practices begin Thursday for boys golf and Monday, Aug. 15 for cross country, girls basketball, girls tennis, girls swimming/diving and boys soccer.

Golf cannot begin competition before Aug. 15. But competition is allowed on the first day of practice in cross country and girls tennis.

Earliest game dates for other sports are: boys soccer, Aug. 26; girls swimming/diving, Aug. 27; girls basketball, Aug. 29.

Terek tries to get timing down in Helsinki

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Competing in the IAAF World Track and Field Championships in Helsinki, Finland, has its plusses and minuses for Livonia decathlete Paul Terek.

The six-hour time difference is one drawback.

"Adjusting to the sleep and time over here is always a problem for me," the 1997 Franklin High graduate said. "For some reason, I feel like the guy in the movie, "White Noise," where he wakes up at 2:30 a.m. all the time, except mine is at 3:18 a.m. I don't know why, but at 3:18 the past three nights I have woken up, stared at the clock for 20 minutes, then fell back to sleep."

Terek, a 2004 U.S. Olympian who qualified for the 2003 Worlds in Paris, has been struggling to find his form in 2005 after finishing 21st in Summer Games in Athens.

He qualified to compete in Helsinki by finishing runner-up to Olympic silver medalist Bryan Clay at USA Track and Field Championships held in late June in Carson, Calif. Terek scored 7,976 points in that meet, but it was well below his personal best of 8,312 set at the 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials.

^{*}I would be satisfied with anything over 8,000, but I think if things click, then maybe 8,200 isn't realistic," said the for-

Talent, team-first philosophy keys to Lady Crusaders' hopes

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Improved depth and team unity are key reasons why Madonna University women's soccer players such as Lacey Catarino are enthusiastic about the Lady Crusaders' chances this season.

The 22-year-old Catarino, a graduate of Westland John Glenn, said many players are off and running thanks to competing as a unit in a summer league.

She added that such extra time getting to know each other on and off the field is already having a positive spinoff impact during the first week of official preseason training.

"We click together on the field," said the midfielder, selected to the 2004 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference first team. "Last year we lost our first games because we hadn't clicked together right away. And this year we have" because of the summer league.

"Our whole team has been playing together since the beginning of July," she noted. "So we've been playing together for a while, it's not like we're coming in not knowing each other."

Injuries to a smaller roster (17 players) also hurt Madonna early in the 2004 season, which wound up with the Lady Crusaders finishing 11-4-4.

Catarino is optimistic a slow start won't be repeated, because of several factors: the summer games, a longer training camp and the fact 28 players – eight from Observerland schools – are participating.

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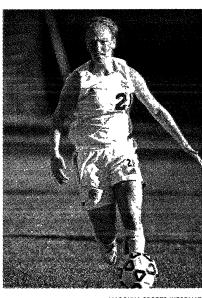
mer Big Ten Track and Field Athlete of the Year from Michigan State. "Hopefully that will put me in the top ten." A couple of summer mishaps away from the

track – a bruised heel while trying to scale an 8foot fence in sandals and

head wound from working with a hammer on top his dad's garage – temporarily set back Terek's preparation for the Worlds.

"Injuries shouldn't be too much of a factor," Terek said. "T'm healing, it's getting

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MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

With a mix of skill, savvy and leadership, Westland John Glenn alumna Lacey Catarino again is expected to be a solid contributor to Madonna University's women's soccer team this season.

Junior golf divot

Livonian Richard Wyman was runner-up in the Boys 16-and-under division at the Top 50 Junior Tour event, presented by the Michigan Section PGA, Wednesday, at Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton. Anthony Provenzola

won a playoff against Wyman after both shot 74s.

WYAA football

The Westland Youth Athletic Association has opening for its two varsity football teams (ages 13-14 as of Sept. 1, 2005) for the upcoming season.

Registration and material is available at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the practice site of the **Comets at Marshall** Middle School, located at Wayne and Cherry Hill roads; and the Meteors at Voss Park, Palmer and Henry Ruff roads; or 😂 between 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m.noon Saturdays at the WYAA office, located at Farmington Road in Westland.

Players must weight between 100 and 165 pounds.

For more information, call the WYAA office at (734) 421-0640; or visit www.wyaa.org.

Punt, Pass & Kick

The 2005 NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition for ages 8-15 will start at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center soccer fields, located on Hubbard, between Farmington and Merriman roads. Registration starts at 4 p.m. The is no entry fee. For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

LADY CRUSADERS

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TIME TO BOND

Concurring was Madonna head coach Mark Zathey, a Redford resident entering his fifth season at the MU helm.

"We're adding a dozen new players and have a lot of returning players so it's really competitive right now," Zathey said. "Girls are trying to know each other, hopefully they'll bond.

"And everybody's fighting for a roster spot. So training camp is two stages. In the 'forming' phase they want to fit in (with each other) and in the 'storming' phase they want to become a starting player."

With upperclassmen leaders such as Catarino, junior goalkeeper Diana Kaip and senior midfielder Liz DiPonio (Stevenson) communicating to younger players about what it takes to be a good college player, Zathey doesn't think individual selfishness will torpedo his concept of team unity.

But he'll keep an eye out for that. "The one thing that I think will be the determinant to this team is if our players embrace this concept of sharing their role, sharing playing time for the good of the team," he said. "With the depth that we have, if our team does that we'll be in good shape."

VERSATILE GROUP

Although it is early and a lot can change, Zathey said early signs are that the 2005 Lady Crusaders will be a deep, multi-talented team with versatility to boot. One player Zathey sees a lot of upside from is junior midfielder Katie Kramer, a transfer from Stony Brook University (N.Y.).

"Athletically, she's gifted," Zathey said.

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Mark Zathey Madonna head coach

"She runs real well, she set a lot of track and cross country records at Milford High School. She understands the game very well and her soccer IQ is very good." Joining Catarino, DiPonio and Kramer

at midfield will be returnees Jenny Aldea (Walled Lake Central) and Diane Foley.

Several 2005 graduates of Observerarea high schools also will to get some playing time at midfield.

Those are Caitlin Boyak (Stevenson), Ashley Stoychoff (Plymouth Salem), Andrea Muscat (Stevenson) and Diana Fedrigo (Stevenson).

Zathey said Boyak "has a very high level of fitness" and plays a smart, aggressive game.

Last year's leading scorer, forward Kelly Japowicz, is back to spearhead an offense that tallied 52 goals in 19 games.

Japowicz scored 11 goals and added five assists for 27 points.

Also back is sophomore forward Liz Slebodnik, second to Japowicz in scoring last season with nine goals and four assists for 22 points.

Zathey has high hopes for freshman for-

ward Dina Allie, also coming over from Livonia Stevenson.

"She'll really give us some depth and versatility," Zathey said. "She's a creative attacking player."

Holding the fort down on defense will be returnees Julie Turner (sophomore, Troy Athens), Teresa Henderson (junior, Walled Lake), Loren Tacconelli (sophomore) and Rachaelle Mirto (sophomore). They will be backed up by freshmen Tessa Adkins and Lacie Slebodnik.

Once again in goal will be junior Diana Kaip, who has started every game since coming to Madonna. Last year, Kaip went 10-4-3 with a goals-against-average of 0.95.

In reserve is freshman Brittany Cervi, a Canton graduate.

"I still see things in very gray terms right now," Zathey said. "Because we have so many quality players that can play so many different roles, we have a lot of options.

"I expect, all season long, a continuing evolution of the players and their roles.

EARLY TESTS

The Lady Crusaders open the season with non-conference contests 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at home against Houghton (N.Y.) and Aug. 27 at Kentucky's Lindsey Wilson College (KY). Houghton was last season's No. 8 team

while Lindsey Wilson is the reigning No. 1 team, having gone undefeated in 2004.

"We want to measure ourselves before conference play, we want to play the best teams" as a gauge of sorts, Zathey said. "We'll use it as a building block. Early in the season we're more concerned with how we play than the scoreboard."

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better every day and it's virtually unnoticeable now.

"But with the travel, I think everything is a concern. You see, it's not that you have to be perfect in every event, just consistent. And while adjusting to the local time, you body's natural rhythm is thrown off."

Terek's two-day, 10-event quest begins Tuesday with the 100-meter dash (4:35 a.m. EDT), long jump (5:40 a.m.), shot put (7:25 a.m.); high jump (10:30 a.m.) and 400 (1:45 p.m.).

He finishes up on Wednesday with the 110 hurdles (3:05 a.m. EDT), discus (4:10 a.m.), pole vault (7:05 a.m.), javelin (10:30 a.m.) and 1,500 (1:45 p.m.).

"For the most part, everything seems to be good," Terek said. "I'm just trying to work out some inconsistencies. I think right now - because of the whole timing thing - my hurdles and my discus are the two that concern me, along with my javelin, which has been a concern all year."

Terek, who moved his training site last fall from San Luis Obispo, Calif. to East Lansing, is

got a little homesick for his

"There's down time and it

gets kind of boring," he said. "But that's only because you're

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As far as TV coverage, the

cable network PAX (Channel

21-Livonia) will show a high-

light package each day throug

the end of the IAAF Worlds

from 4-5 p.m. Comcast Detra

will also show highlights each

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So what's brewing in Hed's future?

He recently bought a horse in Southfield and hopes totake his basketball earnings and make an investment.

"I want to pursue my own business," he said. "Right low T have my summers off, butwhen I choose what I want to do, I want to be able to do something with it in the future - if Im wise with my money." Head believes he can still make a healthy living byplay-

ing hoops. But owning a Starbucks can wait for now.



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GARDEN CITY GOLF TRYOUT

Those interested in trying out for the Garden City High School boys varsity golf team are invited to come out for tryouts this week at Westland Municipal Golf Course.

Cougars head coach Ron Pummill said youngsters should bring clubs and be ready to play nine holes Thursday, Aug. 11, beginning at 7 a.m. Westland Municipal is located on Merriman, south of Cherry Hill.

For more information, call the high school athletic office at (734) 762-8363.

PLYMOUTH HIGH TRYOUTS

Plymouth High School has announced its tryouts and practice information for the fall season for the following sports:

Boys golf - 1 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 11-12 at Hickory Golf Course;

Girls basketball - 9 a.m. to noon (varsity); 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (freshman-JV), Monday, Aug. 15, at the high school gym;

Girls cross country - 7 a.m. in front of the high school gym;

Varsity girls swimming - 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15 at the Salem High School pool;

Boys cross country (varsity-JV-freshman) – 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15 at the Plymouth JV stadium/track; 2:30-5:30 p.m;

Boys soccer - 2:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 15 at high school soccer practice area;

Boys football (varsity-JVfreshman) - 7 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at the football practice fields;

Girls tennis - 12:30-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15 at Huron Valley Tennis Club.

For more information, call the Plymouth High Athletic Department at (734) 582-5700 or 582-5702.

All participants must have a physical dated on or after April 15 to the tryout-practice date.

REDFORD UNIFIED FUND-RAISER

The 2005-06 Redford Unified Golf Outing Fundraiser is set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at Braeburn Golf Course in Plymouth.

Proceeds from the shotgun start-scramble outing will help fund the Redford Unified varsity hockey team, which is comprised of players from Redford Union and Redford Thurston high schools.



Pom Pon champs

Livonia Stevenson's 28-member girls pom pon squad came away with a host of awards, including the Grand Champs trophy at the Mid-American Pom Pon Camp held July 7-14 at Northwood University. The Spartans also took first in kickline, speed learning and original routine, as well as the Showmanship. Overall Peppy Pom and Most Congenial awards. Senior Jessica Cunningham was singled out to receive the Sparkle-n-Shine Award for being the most congenial, while showing great enthusiasm, showmanship and sportsmanship. Fourteen team members were named to the Mid-American All-Star squad including seniors Valerie Alderman, Cunningham, Whitney Demuro and Lindsay Haas; juniors Michelle Cady, Kim Martinez, Christina McCray, Molly McCrohan and Emily Trybus; sophomores Juliann Bermudez, Deanna DiPonio, Jessica Hall, Emily Jankowiak and Rachel Sager. Other team members include: seniors Daniel Belcher, Stefanie Gildersleeve and Marielle Kulling; juniors Shannon Humm, Beth Kretunski and Amanda Nicklowitz; sophomores Alison Chludzinski, Kim Cornelissen, Megan Hill and Jennifer Verba; freshmen Allison Goodrich, Paige McMullen, Shaylyn Sikorski and Tiffany Yug. The Spartans are coached by Jackie DiPonio and Laura Scheel.

Sponsorships run from \$25 (freshman sponsor) to \$250 (alumni sponsor).

For more information, call event chairman Cindy Cetnar, (313) 535-0747, or co-chairman Stephanie Hendrickson, (313) 516-8426.

DROP-IN PUCKS

Garden City Ice Arena is hosting drop-in hockey 8-9:45 p.m. Wednesdays until the end of August. After Labor Day, the sessions will be in the morning.

It costs \$6 for skaters while goaltenders can play for free. The arena is located on the north side of Cherry Hill, just east of Merriman.

STEVENSON HIGH TRYOUTS

Livonia Stevenson High has announced its tryouts and practice information for the fall season for the following sports:

Football - 7:30 a.m. (varsity); 8 a.m. (JV); 8:30 a.m. (freshman), Monday, Aug. 8. For more information, E-mail varsity coach Tim Gabel at tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us. Boys cross country - 9-11

a.m. Monday, Aug. 15 at the high school track. E-mail coach Leigh Simon at lsimon@livonia.k12.mi.us.

Boys golf - 7 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Aug. 11 and Aug. 15 at Fox Creek Golf Course, located at Seven Mile and Newburgh roads. (Green fees \$12 per 18 holes.) E-mail coach Jason Delo at

jdelo@livonia.k12.mi.us. Boys soccer – 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. (JV and varsity), at the high school turf field. E-mail varsity coach Lars Richters at

larsrichters@aol.com.

Girls basketball - 8-11 a.m.

(varsity), 8-10 a.m. (JV) and 9-11 a.m. (freshman), Monday, Aug. 15, at the fieldhouse. Email varsity coach Tim Newman at tnewman@livonia.k12.mi.us. Girls swimming and diving (team meeting) - noonto 3

p.m. at Burton Hollow Swim Club (includes picnic). First practice is Monday, Aug. 15 (site to be announced). If you can make the team meeting, Email head coach Greg Phill at gregphill@sbcglobal.net. Girls cross country - 8-10

a.m. at Stevenson; 4:30-6 p.m. at Waterford Bend Park. Email coach Paul Holmberg at

phmbg@aol.com.

Girls tennis (varsity) - 8-10 a.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 15-19, at the high school courts. E-mail coach Kathy Ladd at

kladd@livonia.k12.mi.us.

RU SOCCER CONDITIONING

The Redford Union varsity boys soccer team will take part in conditioning drills 5-7 p.m. each weekday through Friday, Aug. 12 at RU.

The team's new coach, Ed Mullins, said participants should bring bottled water to the workout.

MU WOMEN'S GOLF TRYOUT

The Madonna University women's golf team will hold an open tryout for all interested players at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at MU's home course, Whispering Willows, located at 20500 Newburgh Road (just

south of Eight Mile). The tryout will consist of a driving range session and nine-hole round.

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All players interested in participating should call coach Scott Marzolino'at (734) 634-6009 (by Monday, Aug. 8).

FRANKLIN FOOTBALL

Livonia Franklin High School football official practice begins 8-11 a.m. and noon-3 hold p.m. Monday, Aug. 8.

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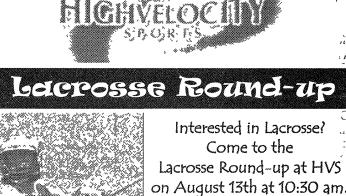
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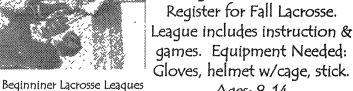
The Salem girls tennis team will be holding practice and and camp from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Aug. 15, at Huron Valley Tennis Club.

The cost of the five-day session is \$125 or \$25 per day.

To register for the camp, call (734) 662-5514. Call coach Ware at (734)453-0669.

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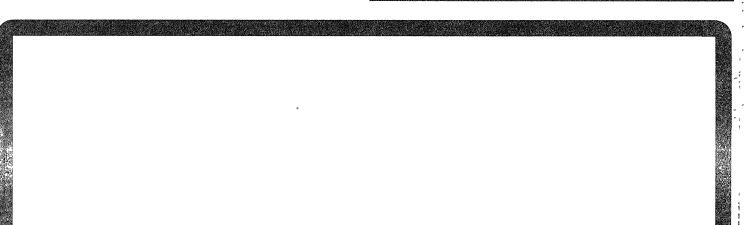




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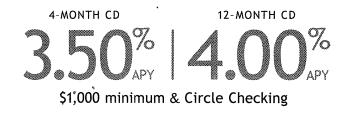


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MR. RIGHT Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 5'8", attractive, loving and fun, let's share life together. **T**443339

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED Beautiful, full-figured SBF 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park See-king tall, dark, handsome SBM, 33-50 2481293

STILL LOOKING Attractive tall SBF. 48, N/S, busi-

who has the same, or similar interests. 2976510

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HAPPY GO LUCKY Dance, flirt and have fun with me! SWM, 40s, seeks friend-

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2715711 50, attractive, healthy-SWM, looking, youthful, light-hearted, enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with. **T**730508

LOOKING FOR A GIRL SWM, 25, smoker, black/brown,

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LOOKING FOR SOULMATE SWM 40, 6'1", 155lbs, brown/ SBPM, 36, 5'6", Leo, N/S, seeks, hazel, N/S, loves the beach, attractive SW/HF,age and height shooting guns, and dining out. Seeking woman, 18-45, for open , who is outgoing, honest, and seeking friendship leading friendship, possibly leading to to LTR. 2837750 more. 2758605 BORED AND RESTLESS

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PRETTY, INTELLIGENT ... SBF 34. Leo. N/S, seeks big hearted, financially/emotionally secure man, 36-56, who loves to laugh and takes care of himself. 2739376

QUIET PERSON SWF, late 30s, looking for sweet, intelligent WM for companion ship. Must be single, 35-42, with Christian values. 2729909

EBONY SEEKS IVORY DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-fig-ured, seeks to date SWM, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. **a**455323

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SWF, 74, 5'4", N/S, gray/blue, looking for SWM, 74-80, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, life. **2**725715

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eyes, finds the music of Stevie Ray Vaughn to be quiet sensuouś, seeks SWM, 45-55, smoker, for LTR. 2742381

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your heart. SWF, 19, 5'7", long blonde hair, N/S, loves baseball. Seeking WM, 19-22, N/S, also into sports, to hang out with. **\$**757592

PROFESSIONAL Attractive, slim female, 38, small business owner, interested in nutrition, health, working out, seeks upper scale SWPM for going out to dinner, movies, brunch, and conversalunch tion. \$731472

LET'S TALK FURTHER SBF, 40, smoker, loves jazz concerts, walks along the river, movies, fishing, theater, and casi-nos. Seeking WM, 55-60, who enjoys some of these activities, too. 2738955

VERY ROMANTIC SBF, 57, 5'1", 192lbs, smoker, seeks single man, 55-63, smoker, who is loving, caring, and enjoys music, dining out, walks in the park. 2749554

GOOD MAN WANTED Attractive SBF, marriage-minded, 5' 6", average build, 40, Capricorn, N/S, seeks BM, 40-51, N/S, to enjoy life and more. **\$**692032

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ARE YOU THE ONE? Romantic, sincere SBF, 41, 5', sociable, active, fun-loving, loves R&B, sports, movies, nights on the town, relaxing in. Seeking kind, honest, active, happy, fun with similar interests. man **3736921**

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BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE SF, 47 years young, 5'5", very outgoing, loves family, fun, life. Would like to spend time with someone, 40-60, who loves jazz, concerts, movies, dinners, weekend getaways. 2208051

FORMER MODEL SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. 2600106

HAPPY & SECURE DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/ brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude, enjoys leisurely drives, movies, and dining out. Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR. 2669606

SUCCESSFUL Very attractive, well-built SWF, 5', 105lbs, blonde/green, educated, intelligent, funny, down-toearth, romantic, honest, seeks similar attractive male, 39-44, for LTR. Age/race open. 2716883

WILDFLOWER SWF, 63, 5' 6", average build, Aries, N/S, enjoys dancing, dining out, seeks WM, 58-75, N/S, with a sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance. 2720594

GOOD LOOKER ositive, caring, easygoing SB PF, 53 (looks younger), N/S, not into bars, enjoys jazz, oldschool music, and fun times. Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good

times and LTR. 2725001 **BLONDE BOMBSHELL** SJF, 64, gorgeous, passionate

tall, slim, caring, humorous and humble, seeks tall, slim, kind well-established gentleman 65+, gray hair A+. Luggage is fine but, please no baggage. 2731152 MUST LOVE ANIMALS

WF, 53, 5'4", blonde/blue, fullfigured, likes travel, fine dining, shows, plays, animals, children, picnics, boating, swimming, cooking, reading, fishing, slow dancing. Seeking good, kind-hearted man, 50-62, with integrity and morals. 2601692

RETIRED BUT ACTIVE SWF,62, 5'4", N/S, independent, happy, good-humored, free-spirited, enjoys playing cards, travel, boating, vacationing, walks, music, dining, more. ISO sociable SWM. 55-67, who's active and has a great sense of humor. **2654265**

enjoys dining out, romance, laughter, the outdoors, traveling, honesty and more. Seeking sensitive, sweet, trustworthy ŠWM, 30-45, for friendship, maybe

more. 206863 SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **2**271793

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I could be it! Attractive SWF, 50, 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM, 32-50, for special relationship. 27418068

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER Pretty, slender Ukraınıan lady, 54, Catholic, 10 years in the U.S. Seeking caring relationship with warm-hearted, independent man who enjoys family, theater, travel. 2512135

THICK AND HEALTHY SBF, 30, 5'5", 240lbs, N/S, N/D, no kids, employed. Seeking nice-looking SM, 20-35, w/no kids, N/S, for friendship, possibly more. 2534802

HOMEBODY SBF, 63, 5'8", 155lbs, retired (but does work part-time), very honest and caring, Scorpio N/S, seeks BM, 58-65, honest and caring. 2553674

LOOKING!!! SWF, smart, fun, easy to be with, success, attractive, petite, looking for a soulmate; SWM, N/S, 55-67, S.Oakland area. **37**38822

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

PATIENTLY WAITING SBM, 37, 185lbs, 5'8", no kids, never married. Seeking caring, attractive SF, no kids, never married, for great relationship. **2710917**

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46, enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited, spontaneous SWF, age open. 2547524

ANYONE OUT THERE? DWM, 35, father, clean, self-employed, professional, dog trainer, enjoys sports, family time, the outdoors, boating. Looking to meet easygoing, fun, loving, light-hearted SF to enjoy casual dates, talks, possibly more. **3732985**

ISO FRIEND & CONFIDANT Youthful 72-vear-old SWM, colleae-deareed, non-smoker, seeking a nice woman. Join me for Park this summer. 2962358

ship and more. 2431926 IMAGINE

Single male, 40, enjoys movies and dining out, seeks woman, 20-36, for possible relationship Kids ok. 2752782

ONE-WOMAN MAN

SWM, 50ish, 5'10", 165lbs, brown/brown, employed, home-owner, no children, looking for attractive woman, 35-50, to build life-long relationship. 2663251

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plavs, dancing, concerts, boating, and . Friendship, possible movies. LTR. 269646

GREET AND MEET SWM, 50, looks young, fit, active, enjoys fishing, picnics, wa-

kout, new activities, seeks friendly SF, age/location open. ter sports. Seeking easygoing, friendly, light-hearted SWF, age **2**531308 open. 2241526 **ARE YOU OUTDOORSY?**

SWM, 70, 5'8", 145lbs, employ-ed, N/S, social drinker, seeks SM, 35, 6', 180lbs, athletic build, SW/AF, 61-68, N/S. I like to work enjoys biking, rollerblading and more outdoor activities. Looking for a female, 30-40, H/W proporoutside, travel inside the country. 2739963 tionate, for dating. 2750433

WANTED:

SEXY BLACK FEMALE Sexy, Italian SM, 5'6", 170lbs, fit, works out on a regular basis, seeks single woman, 22-35, athletic, runs daily, has herpes, N/S. 2740487 sensitive, understanding, good sense of humor, likes comedy SBM, 46, looking for that spe-cial persona for LTR, someone clubs, theater, dining, more. Seeking attractive BF, 21-40, for who enjoys walks, movies, LTR. 2130446 sporting events, cuddling at home. Please be shapely, inde-

HI'YA DOIN'?! Very nice SWM, 41, 5'11", pendent and know what you 200lbs, brown/brown. Loves friends, family, fun, music, life. Seeking SF, 25-45, similar interests, for some fun, maybe more. I'll keep you amused. 2595394

HOPE YOU'RE MY LADY SBM, 45, handsome, hard-working would like to meet attractive, slim-medium build SBF, for dating, leading to permanent relationship. 2745330

MINDFUL, ARTISTIC

Athletic SWM, 49, intellectuallyminded, eclectic, artistic, culturally and politically progressive, funny but not funny looking, 5'11", robust, athletic. Seeking similar in SB/HF, 35-45. 2748436

NATURAL GENTLEMAN SWM, 27, smoker, enjoys being outdoors and camping, likes movies, music, travel, seeks SWF, 25-32, for relationship. 2747784

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH DWM, 44, Cancer, smoker, likes

back in the swing of things with single woman, 29-50. 2751919

aways, seeks SAF, 45-60, N/S, Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit, good sense of humor, friendly, posifor LTR. 2632686 tive outlook. 2642092 Nice SWM, '50s, with wisdom,

LIFE'S A CABARET

wit and warmth, can be fun, Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with charming, helpful and who knows what else. would like to good taste, seeks a special, carmeet a nice lady and see what ing, friendly lady, 36-55. Let's develops. 27478746 share life, romance, and laughter. 2480718

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM, 46, 6'2", 209lbs, brown/ blue, degreed, outgoing per-

sonality, enjoys outdoors, wor-

ALL ABOUT ME

THE QUIET STORM

SBM, 33, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S,

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

WORTH A CALL

BM, 42, 5'1", likes playing sports, dancing, computer games ka-raoke and having fun. Looking for

a fun-loving woman who is

AN EASYGOING GUY

Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50,

who enjoys being romantic, din-

ing out, movies, and the out-

doors, friendship, possible LTR.

LET'S TALK

SM, 22, 5'4", 196lbs, clean-cut,

brown eyes, caramel complex-

ion, not into games, honest, fun-

loving, enjoys playing basket-

ball, video games, movies, friends/family. Seeking special

lady I can treat like a queen.

DOESN'T PLAY GAMES

Caramel-complected SBM, 20,

N/S, has braided hair, seeks

SBF, 18-25, N/S, who has a

good personality. 2741273

want in life. 2692418

adventurous. 2745377

2862812

27736791

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M ... looking for. SWM, 62, smoker GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL seeks a respectful and re-spectable WF, 58-62, close to Easygoing, agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please, 300lbs, who loves Jesus Christ, willing to try new things, seeks and the Holy Spirit. God, fairly attractive and friendly SWF, for dating and relating. **2734503**

JOY

Retired widower, 80, likes movies, walking, eating out, would like companion, 70-80, to share life's joys. 2750625

WANT TO

BE MY SWEETHEART? SWM, 49, fit, healthy, nice-looking, with good attitude, seeks charming, cheerful SWF, 39-59, for dating and relating. **3**956021

BRINGING **US TOGETHER**

Why go it alone? If you're a decent, friendly lady, I'm a nice-looking, upscale SWM, 40s, looking to connect. 2534514 LOOKING

FOR SOUL MATE

SWM, 54, 6'2", shoulder-length brown hair, enjoys outdoors, camping, fishing. Seeking SWF, happy, good sense of humor, with similar interests, for possible LTR. 2619803

JOIN ME

SM, 59, 6'3", 260lbs, engineer likes the outdoors, square dancing, camping, nature walks. Seeking easygoing, active, spontaneous, fun-loving lady, 5'6"+, proportionate, N/S, to enjoy travel. talks, dates, friendship, fun, LTR? 2634440

NICE GUY

SWM. 66, 5'6", 150lbs, manufacturers' representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies restaurants, and summer festivals. Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S. **3**708126

STRAIGHT UP, LOW-KEY Easygoing, cute SWM, 40s, not into loud noise and big crowds. enjoys art, wine tastings, chariseeks similar-minded ladv for friendship, maybe more. **2**548455

NEW DREAM TEAM?

Spend some time with this bright, enthusiastic, optimistic, vet realistic SWM, who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s. **3**550046

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW Open-minded, fairly articulate, somewhat intelligent SWM, 51 enjoys talks and walks, pets, reading, etc. Seeking SWF companion. 2114862

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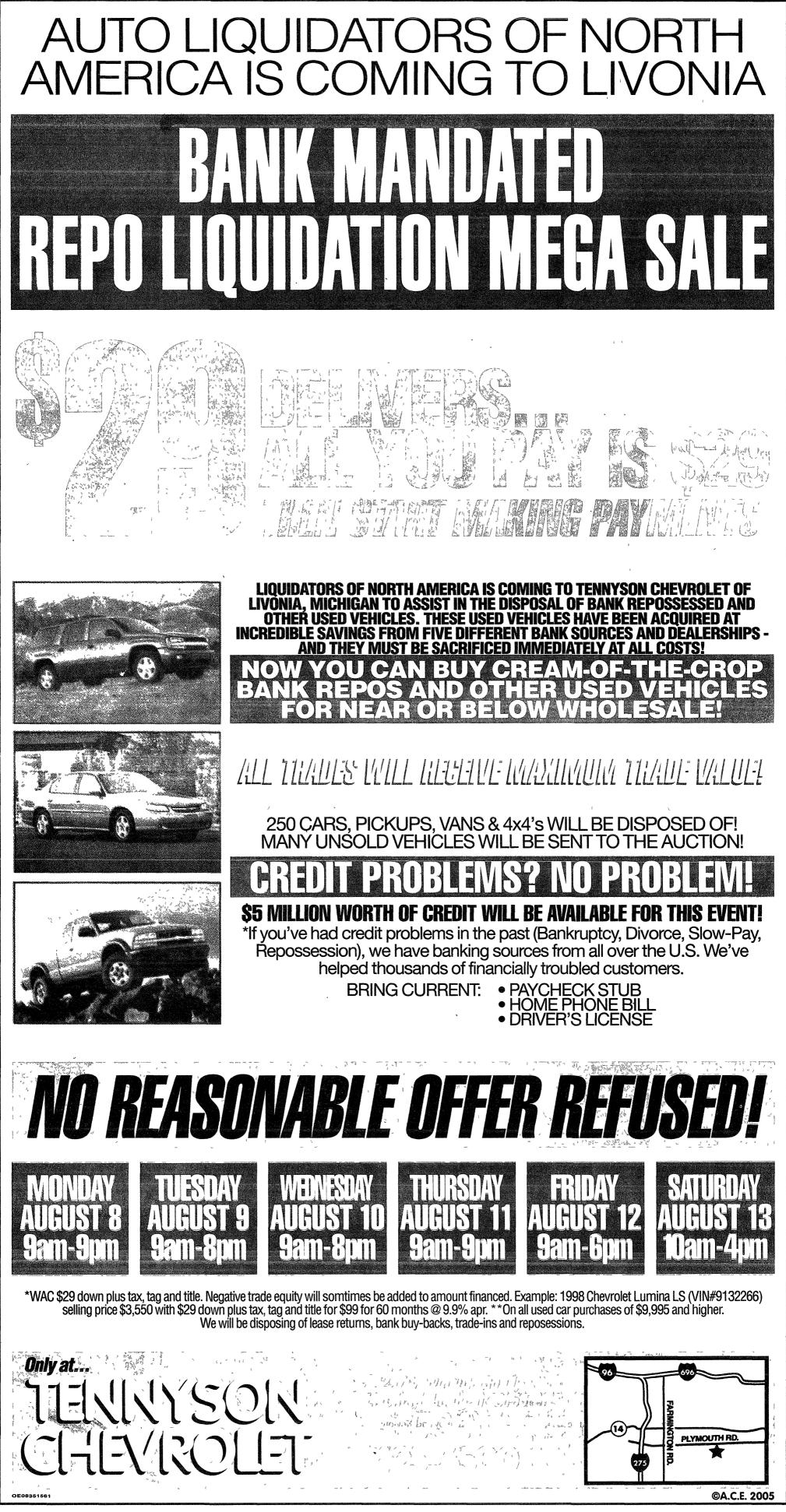
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Quit comparing yourself to your friends

washis summer my best friend had some plastic surgery and it has completely changed the way she acts. I can't stand to be around her now because she thinks she's better than all of us now. People think I'm just jealous and don't seem to see the changes like I do. Plastic Attitude in Livonia, 17 Well, if no one else is complaining that she has changed then you have to dig deep inside yourself and find out what is triggering your feelings! Maybe you are a bit jealous of your friend's new look and that's OK. Maybe your friend is more confident and the center of attention right now; making you feel insecure! Just remember, you

Quit comparing yourself to your friend's new look, focus on yourself and I bet those feelings will subside!

change the outside with surgery, but the inside is completely up to you! Quit comparing yourself to your friend's new look, focus on yourself and I bet those feelings will subside!

My best friend is moving to California and I don't know what I'm going to do! We have been best friends since first grade. When she leaves I won't really have any friends and I'm starting high school this year. I don't even want to go to school, because it's going to be so boring and I'm going to have to eat lunch all alone. How do you get home schooled?

in it for a mountain, in sea l'onne herewill be main times that you lose friends to a move and you will always adjust just fine. I'm not saying you won't miss her but you will make new



Marie Evers has definite goals and believes hard work will help her achieve her dream of a job in communications.

Young people optimistic about future with a dash of skepticism

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI CORRESPONDENT

ocal youth showed the same optimism tinged

resident, says: "Actually, I don't have any goals in mind other than to avoid being homeless. I'm going to let my life go along." Caitlin Mitchell, 11, from Farmington Hills,

as hope for the future "I would like to become an archeologist and I would like to have at least two kids and at least one adopted," she says.



Section C

Sunday, August 7, 2005

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friends. You can't let this ruin your first year of high school, which could still be the best year ever!

Your best friend is going to start a new school and try and meet new friends, just think how much easier of a time you're going to have! There must be some girls that you have at least talked to through the years, give them a call right now and plan something with them before school even starts! You two will always have a special bond and IM (instant message) each other about all of the funny things and new experiences you have this year! Don't let this hold you back from socializing and meeting new people!

Over the summer I lost about 30 pounds and nobody from school has seen me since the end of last school year. I'm excited I lost the weight, but can't stand to hear "wow, you've lost so much weight" one more time, like I was a cow before, it just makes me feel bad and weird. How can I get people to stop saying it? Summer Transformation in Garden City, 15

Congratulations! It is not an easy task to lose 30 pounds. You must have been very dedicated and worked really hard over the summer to accomplish this goal! Honestly, people tell you that you look great after you've lost weight, because they know it is very hard to do! When people comment on you losing weight, it is not to be cruel, but to make you feel great! I know you're sick of hearing it, but you can't control what other people say! As time goes on people will adjust to your new look and will stop saying it to you. A matter of fact, after a while they will just know your new look and forget the old one!

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epticism when asked about the

futures as did kids who took part in a recently released national poll to see if the American Dream still exists.

Of the 1,278 young people polled by America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth, four in 10 doubt they will realize their dreams, because they are stressed-out, worried about their personal safety and confused about how to make smart choices regarding their health and well-being.

Five local residents, who were asked some of the questions from the national poll, see bright futures, but they also realize that reaching all their goals might be difficult.

Elyse Sarnecky, 17, of Westland, has short-term and long-term goals that include going to college, working as a lawyer and eventually landing a job in politics. She doesn't plan on letting anything stand in the way of a dream she's held onto since she was 5.

"I'm pretty optimistic," Sarnecky said.

Jessica Theisen, 16, of Livonia, plans to attend college, but it's too soon for her to say exactly what she wants to do.

"I'm pretty confident," she says. "I'm not totally reassured, but I'm not afraid that I'll have a bad future."

Marie Evers, 17, of Canton, says: "I definitely have a lot of goals. I want to go to a good college, graduate school and earn a master's in communications to go into media arts."

Dylan Koblin, a 13-year-old West Bloomfield

HARD WORK MATTERS

America's Promise members work to help young people realize their potential. Founded by retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, the organization includes nonprofit, corporate and community groups, as well as individuals across the nation.

The poll showed 95 percent of respondents have set personal goals and 92 percent agreed with the statement that, "My success depends on how hard I work."

Theisen says she sees how results are dependent on effort.

"If I don't study a lot, I don't get good grades, but when I study, I get good grades," she said.

Koblin says he believes success depends on fortitude and responsible behavior.

"I learned that every action has repercussions," he said. "If you do something right, you will most likely be rewarded and if you do something wrong, you will be bit in the butt."

Evers said, "If it's something you really want to do, you'll find a way even if someone is telling you you can't do it."

Evers also believes young people should start

PLEASE SEE DREAM, C7

TOM HAWLEY I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Jessica Theisen of Livonia, a senior at Ladywood High School, sees how hard work pays off and doing things right will be rewarded.

Turn your TV into an arcade or interactive sporting event

hen I was a kid, I would have given anything to own an arcade Pac-Man 🔹 🖇 game. Or a Centipede. For a Galaga, I'd have sold my sister.

Ironically, I probably pumped enough quarters into these

machines that I could have bought one.

Needless to say, when Jakks Pacific introduced Namco TV Games (www.jakkstvgames.com), a little arcade-style joystick that recreates coin-op classics right on your TV, I

greeted it with nostalgic warmth. Finally, Pac-Man would be mine! So would Dig

and Bosconian! (Admittedly, I didn't care

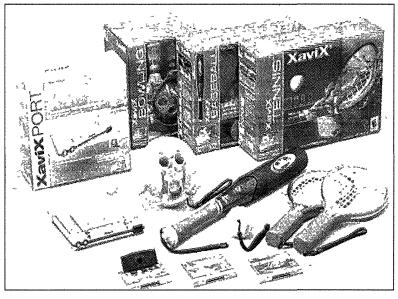
much about those last two, but Dig Dug? Dig it!)

Perhaps capitalizing on others who felt the same way, the product became a huge holiday seller, ultimately ushering in a whole new category of video games: specialty controllers you plug into your TV, no console required.

Jakks now offers over a dozen of these plug-and-play games, with lots more on the way. My personal favorite is Ms. Pac-Man, which includes not only the little yellow guy's better half, but also Galaga, Pole Position, Mappy and Xevious.

Other controllers include Batman, Disney, SpongeBob SquarePants and Spider-Man. These games aren't based on arcade classics, but they do have Nintendo 64-era graphics and sound.

And therein lies the problem. It's one thing



PLEASE SEE BROIDA, C7 With the inexpensive Xavix system, you can play interactive games on your TV.

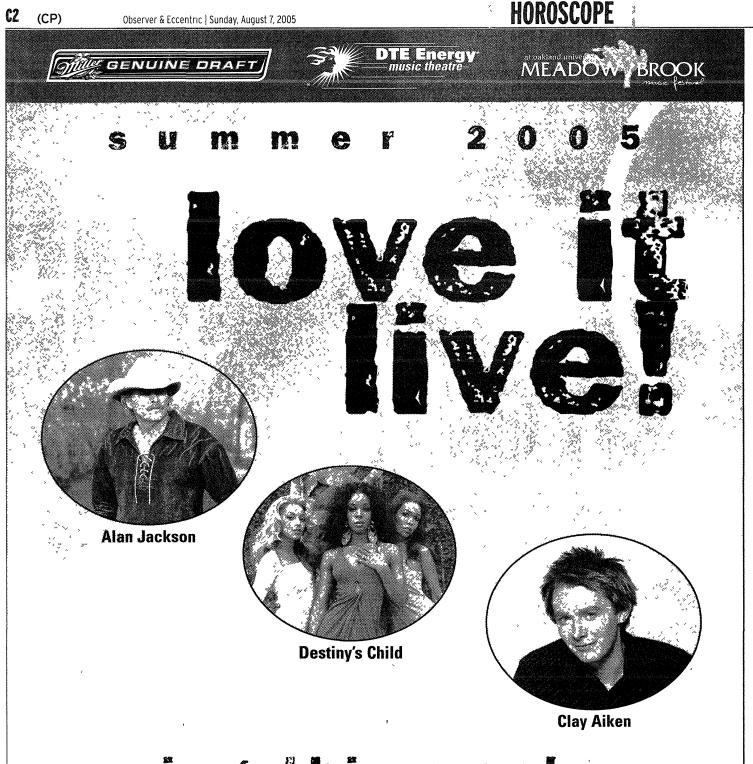
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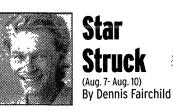
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ARIES (March 21-April 20) A serious change of direction demands imagination and courage, and you are now in a position to prove you have both, Ram. Don't let anyone dissuade you from what you know is right. It's your life and the choice must be yours as well. You're climbing upwards, kiddo!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

"Do not climb a hill until you get to it" is this week's tip, Bull. Personally and professionally you're going through one of the most demanding summers in a long time but by the same token you are facing up to reality-- and realities are far less dangerous than fantasies.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Twins are feeling the effects of ruling planet Mercury retro now which is why close associates are probably more argumentative or uncooperative. However, you must continue on the course you have chosen and refuse to buckle under the strain of uncertainty or antagonism.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) What you want to do and what you're able to do are different things, and something that happens this week will compel you to face up to that fact. The reality of your situation may not be pleasant, but there's a lot you can do to make it more agreeable. Start by refusing to lie to yourself, MoonKid.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

In these closing days with the Sun in your sign, you'll find yourself at odds with just about everyone. That's a good thing, because you have something important to say and the best way to get your message across is to be controversial. Don't worry - the people you love need to know the truth.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

The key to acknowledge before your birthday is that the planets have been banging you around-but not for much longer! This week, be prepared to bite your tongue and make concessions to ensure that one particular association is not injured beyond compare.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23) Right now, the combined influences of



the outer planets urge you to take these words of Mark Twain to heart, Balancer: "We get other people's approval if we do right and try hard, but

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our own approval is worth a hundred times more." You're on the right track, kid!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

So many areas of your solar chart now stress the importance of confronting your fears, pursuing your goals and being prepared to go to any lengths to protect your own interests, rather than pandering to others. With Venus changing signs soon, the truth of this statement will certainly ring in your ears mid-month.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Your knack at looking at the bright side could get you into trouble this week, when a realistic approach to a plan, project or affiliation is vital, Archer. Recognize the minuses as well as the pluses and you will gain in the long run. Keep your spirits high and your feet on the ground.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

There are at least two ways to look at everything, and it appears that you've chosen the wrong one when it comes to an issue related to money or financial responsibility. Mercury's final days of retrograde dance means that something needs to be doublechecked- and now!

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

The only thing that can hold you back is self-doubt, so promise yourself that no matter how bleak the outlook may be or how hard others may try to persuade you to give in this week, you will not admit defeat! At this time, WaterBearers are stronger than they think.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

This week's planetary setup makes it apparent that it would be foolish to go on turning the other cheek or stifling your emotions. But deep down inside you must be aware that even disturbing situations have to be faced headon before you can move forward, Fish.

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astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 546-6912 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com.



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Jason and Mandy Pianga, of Westland, announce the birth of their triplets. Seth Anthony, Grace Leanne and Elaina Dawn were born July 6, 2005, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. The baby's grandparents are Tony and Diane Pianga of Westland, Bob and Dale Yessian of Canton, and John and Joan Morano of Plymouth.

Their great-grandparents are Sam and Jenny Morano of Dearborn Heights.



Chris and **Carrie Bargowski** of Chicago (Chris is formerly of Canton) are happy to announce the birth of their son, **Kyle Christopher Bargowski**, on July 14, 2005. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Kyle joins big sister, Caden Nicole, 2, at home.

Proud grandparents are Richard and Donna Bargowski of Canton, and Leo and Terry Bell of Palatine, Ill.



Corridore of South Lyon. Kimberly is a 1999 grad

ENGAGEMENT

Kimberly is a 1999 graduate of Stevenson High School. She is currently pursuing her bachelor of science degree in nursing at Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé, Nicholas, is the son of Frank and Mary Corridore of South Lyon. He is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton (ligh School. He is pursuing his bachelor's degree in high school education at Eastern Michigan University.

Keith and Tammy Jed of Livonia announce

the forthcoming marriage of tl eir daughter,

Kimberly Kristine Lonczynski, to Nicholas

Nicholas and Kimberly are planning an August wedding at Iglesia Cristo Resucitado Church in Cancun, Mexico. They will honeymoon in Cancun.

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George and Dorothy Aren, of Livonia, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 20. They were married Aug. 20, 1955, at The Salvation Army Detroit Citadel Corps. They have lived in Livonia for 35 years.

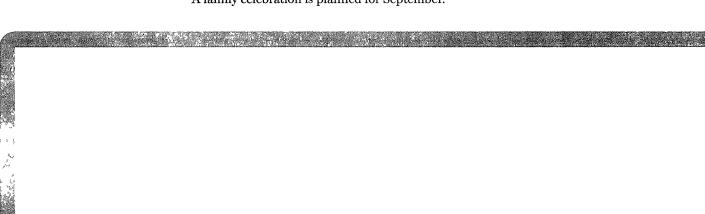
The couple founded and operated Telway Towing of Redford for over 30 years.

Dorothy was active in the church and taught religious education more than 25 years and served on the church board as part of her duties. She is currently still working for the family business, now owned by the couple's nephew and Godson, Michael Pfirrmann. She is the favorite baby sitter of several children.

George was a member of the church band for over 50 years. He is currently the director of Disaster Services for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. He is a chaplain for the Detroit Fire Department in the 3rd and 6th battalion holding the rank of lieutenant.

George and Dorothy have five children, John (Julie) Aren, Mark (Mychell) Aren, Laurie Aren,

James (Karla) Aren and Jennifer (Jerry) Moore; and seven grandchildren, Mark II (Lisa), Matthew, Rachel, Jonathan Ryan, George Paul Duncan, Kathryn Aren, and Connor Moore. They also have a six-year-old Jack Russell named Zigmund (Ziggy). A family celebration is planned for September.



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Crafters needed

Crafters needed for the 19th-annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at 734-844-1707 or e-mail to theways@comcast.net

Farmington auditions

The Farmington Players Community Theater is holding auditions for "Comic Potential" by Alan Ayckbourn at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 at The Barn, 32332 W. Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. "Comic Potential" is a comedy, set in the future, about an aspiring screenwriter who gets more than he bargains for when he falls in love with his robotic, leading lady. It's a delightful challenge to actors who aren't afraid to think outside the box and take their performances over the top. This show requires challenging hair, makeup and costuming! For role specifics, contact the director at

maureen.mansfield@gmail.com or (248) 752-0205.

Hawas for Hearts

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's second-annual "Hawgs for Hearts" Motorcycle Poker Run benefiting cardiovascular services has been rescheduled due to inclement weather and will now be held Aug. 14. The ride to Hell, Mich., and back begins at Motor City Harley Davidson & Buell in Farmington Hills at 1 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. There will be five poker draws along the way, along with food, awards, entertainment and motorcycle vendor booths. Fee is \$25 per rider and \$15 per passenger. For sponsorship details, more information or to register, call (734) 655-2980.

'Pooh' on stage

The Marquis Theatre in Northville presents "Pooh and Friends" live on stage Aug. 2-Sept. 25. Performances are

scheduled Tuesdays through Fridays at 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets for all performances are \$7.50 each; the theatre requests no children under 3 years old attend. For school reservations, birthday parties and group rates, call (248) 349-8110. The Marguis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main in downtown Northville.

YWCA Head Start

With school just around the corner, the YWCA of Western Wayne County is accepting registrations for its Head Start pre-school program. The program is free for income-eligible families and is available for children ages 3-5. In addition to serving the educational needs of children, the program provides nutritional, medical and dental services, as well as family support. Fulland half-day programs are available in multiple locations throughout Western Wayne County. For more information, call (313) 561-4110.

Cleary golf outing

Cleary University's 12th annual Alumni & Friends Golf Outing will be held Monday, Sept. 12, at the Polo Fields Golf & Country Club on the western edge of Ann Arbor. The tournament is open to the public. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Alumni Endowed and the Joyce Mutch Endowed Scholarships. Registration and bag drop-off begins at 9 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. and an awards dinner at 4 p.m. Polo Fields Golf & Country Club is located at 5200 Polo Fields Dr. (off Zeeb Road between Liberty and Jackson). The cost of the Cleary Classic golf outing package, including golf and dinner, is \$150 per person and \$600 per foursome. There is a 10% discount off golf registration for currently enrolled Cleary University students and alumni who are new to the outing. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are also available. The deadline for registration is Sept. 1. The 2005 Cleary Classic is expected to sell out, so reserve early by calling or e-mailing Lisa Dodge at 800/686-1883 or Idodge@cleary.edu.

Circle of Hope

The Circle of Hope Gala benefitting cardiac services at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia takes place Friday, Oct. 14 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The gala includes dinner, a fashion show and dancing to the music of Rare Blend. Doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktails, dinner is at 7 p.m. The fashion show, dancing and entertainment run 8:30 p.m.midnight. Guest tickets are \$75 per person until Sept. 15, after which they cost \$100 per person. VIP tickets are \$150, and tables of 10 are available. For more information, call (734) 655-2907. Jazz on the river

Wayne County Parks and Recreation and Smooth Jazz V98.7 have announced the lineup for Jazz on the River, the free jazz festival Aug. 6-7 at Elizabeth Park in Trenton. The annual two-day free festival features an array of local and national Smooth Jazz artists including headliners Gerald Albright and Richard Elliott. The event is free to the public with a suggested \$5 donation for parking, which benefits Wayne County Parks, Free parking is available in downtown Trenton. For more information, call (734) 261-1990. Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Volunteer training begins Aug. 16. Contact Ann Christensen, volunteer coordinator, for more information on winter training classes at (888) 973-

1145. Senior screening

> Everyone is at risk for falling, but for more than one older adult every hour, the results are deadly. In 2001, more than 11,600 people age 65 and older died from fall-related injuries. To help seniors stay healthy at home, the Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services is offering "FALLS FREE," a complimentary in-home falls prevention program to individuals age 65 and older who are residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. "FALLS FREE" examines the key areas that put individuals at risk for falls. The program includes an hour-long visit by

a registered nurse who will examine factors that may put you at risk for falls including home environment, vision, muscle strength and medications. A sedentary lifestyle, multiple medications, visual impairment or an unsafe home environment can increase the likelihood of falling by 78 percent. To reduce your risk for falling, call Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services today for your appointment at (800) 882-5720, Ext.

Walk for Diabetes

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Help the ADA take an important step in beating diabetes as part of America's Walk for Diabetes. America's Walk is the premier event of the American Diabetes Association and will be held Saturday, Sept. 24 at Belle Isle and Stony Creek Metropark, and Sunday, Sept. 25 at Kensington and Lake Erie metroparks. Funds raised are used toward diabetes research, advocacy, programs and events. For information or to register, call (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell. A genealogy help session starts at 6 p.m. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Following the business meeting, there will be a talk on "Using DNA in Your Research," by Roberta Estes, a long-time traditional genealogist. For more information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745, or Phyllis, (517)

223-3216. Host families needed

Learn about a foreign culture without leaving home. Host families are needed for high school students arriving in Michigan from all parts of the world. Your family can be the key to giving an American experience to an outstanding young person who is very excited about coming to the United States If you would like more information or have any questions call Linda Leedy at (248) 349-5599

Cruise-car show Wayne County Parks hosts the first Hines Park Cruise and Car Show, with

more than 100 cars on display along with vendor booths and a concession stand. The event takes place starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27 in the field next to the Nankin Mills Center in Westland. To register a car, call Joseph Langa, (313) 533-6397. Registration fee is \$12. For more information call (734) 261-1990.

Summer day camp

Children can explore the great outdoors at the "Summer Explorer Day Camp" hosted by the YWCA of Western Wayne County from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday through Aug. 19 at Central Park/Bailey Center in Westland, 36651 Ford Road. Children ages 6-15 are welcome. Activities include swimming, scavenger hunts, science experiments, movies, arts and crafts, pizza parties, field trips and a talent show. Applications for camp are available at the YWCA of Western Wayne County office, 26279 Michigan Avenue. For more information, call (313) 561-4110.

Fibromyalgia workshop

A local authority will conduct a free workshop on the causes of fibromyalgia at the Carl Sandburg Library at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 10. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Yacht cruise

Set sail aboard the 138-foot Ovation yacht for a private afternoon cruise and help support Madonna University students. The Presidential Ovation Yacht Cruise is on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 4-7 p.m. and features "Illusions" by magician Steve Douglas and wine tasting. The event is sponsored by Joseph Primo, a long-time benefactor and a member of the Madonna University DeSales Lifetime Giving Society. Boarding time is 3:30 p.m. at the Jefferson Beach Marina on the Nautical Mile located in St. Clair Shores. Cost per person is \$150. Proceeds benefit the Madonna University scholarship fund and educational projects. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, July 15. Online registration is available at www.madonna.edu or by calling Rose Kachnowski at (734) 432-5421.

Madonna golf

Madonna University hosts its 10thannual Golden Classic Scholarship Golf Outing Friday, Sept. 16 at the Links of Novi, 50395 Ten Mile Rd. The outing's schedule of events: 10 a.m., a free Golf Clinic (featuring PGA Pros Bob Percey, Nick Kouba and Gary Whitener); 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 12:15 p.m., Shotgun Start (best ball, scramble format); 5 p.m., Cocktail Hour with a Live Auction (featuring a vacation to the Providenciales Island in the Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies: fine iewelry: dinners, and more); 615 p m , Dinner with Awards and a Silent Auction The event offers a variety of prizes including three hole-in-one cars, trips, a Rolex watch, premium gift giveaways, and other awards. Also, a scholarship raffle

drawing will have a cash prize of \$3,000, a seven-day Charlevoix vacation, a sapphire and diamond ring and an overnight stay in the Presidential Suite at Embassy Suites in Livonia. "Early Birdie" registration received before Aug. 1 enters players into a drawing for golf for four at the Tournament Players Club (TPC) and golf at Wabeek Country Club. A foursome is \$700 and individual players are \$175. After Aug. 1, the cost for golf and dinner for a foursome is \$800; for individual players, golf and dinner is \$200. Dinner alone is \$50 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from \$150 to \$15,000. For more information, call Rose Kachnowski at (734) 432-5421.

Golf outing

Project Compassion Ministries, Inc., a not-for-profit organization enriching the quality of life for Nursing Home Residents, holds its 18th-annual golf benefit Monday, Aug. 8, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills, 8768 N. Territorial in Plymouth, Registration fee for golf, cart & hot luncheon is \$125, with an early bird rate of \$115 for registrations received by July 8. Students may register for \$75 and luncheon only registration is \$30. There will be a putting contest and a silent auction of theater passes, golf packages, etc. PCM is also seeking hole sponsors (\$200), donations of gifts, funds and additional auction items for this event. For a brochure or for more information, call the Project Compassion Ministries' office at (313) 897-7470 or (800) 626-9622

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Pressure-point workshop

A local authority conducts a workshop on pressure-point therapy at the Carl Sandburg Library at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug 17 Learn how to find and treat the pressure points for headaches, back pain, sinuses, neck pain, carpal tunnel, PMS, low energy and joint pain. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201.

RONALD FRANCIS

FILTER Of Maumee Ohio, July 31, 2005, age 88 The loving husband of the late Dorothy Filter and dear father of Robert Filter of Bloomfield Hills, Douglas Filter of Grand Rapids and Donald filter of, Ohio. Retired industrial engineer for General Motors at the Cadillac Motor Car Division for 42 1/2 years. A memorial service for ne immediate family will be at

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ROBERT M. BEYER

August 4, 2005, beloved husband of 43 years. Survived by wife Barbara, sons Steven (Janice) and Jeffrey (Cheryl), both of Traverse City, sister Ida Ann (Jack) Bachman of Tennessee and grandchildren Blake, Bobby, Jeffrey and Chloe, Predeceased by parents Adeline and Fred Beyer. Graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University. Teacher in Livonia Public Schools for 30 years. Served in the U.S. Navy. Member of

MICHAEL PETTER TERRY Born in Detroit, Michigan,

died August 2, 2005, at the age of 63 M1chael was raised in metro Detroit He

graduated in 1959 from Riverside Military Academy in Georgia and Florida and later served in the Michigan Air National Guard. He also attended Purdue University and graduated in 1963 with honors from Michigan State University with a degree in economics, later attending

www.hometownlife.com

Acacia Cemetery August 20, 2005. Memorials may be made to Northbrook Presbyterian church, Beverly Hills, Mi. 48025

SHARON LISBETH **SCHNEPEL**

Of Ludington, died suddenly Aug 4, 2005 age 54. Beloved wife of Jurgen Loving Mother of Adam Borchardt stepmom to David, Lisa, and Michael Grandma Sharon to Caitlyn, Hannah and Michael. Sister to Alice (David) Roff, Carl (Monica) Nelson, David Nelson (deceased), Scott (Donna) Nelson. Aunt to Colleen, Brian, Dawn Danny, and Richie. Great Aunt to Robbie, Jake, Megan, Kyle, Anna, Carley and friend to all who met her Memorial Service 11:00am Tuesday Aug. 9 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, MI

ZELMA WOOD

Age 101, passed away July 30, 2005. She was born on April 10, 1904 in Dillon, Montana to the late Samuel and Luella (Baker) Carruthers. She was Past Matron of the Eastern Star. Zelma is survived by her son Robert (Mary) Wood of Ann Arbor, grandchildren: Marlo Stephens of Pinckney, Wendy Malone of Willis, 5 great grandchildren and 7 great great-grandchildren. Her husband Kenneth Wood in 1953 and daughter Carole Wood in 1943 preceded her in death. A private family service was held. Memorial contributions in Zelma's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076. Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon, made arrangements.

DONALD J. BUCHANAN July 14, 2005

Son of George H. and Annie Buchanan. World War II Army Veteran, graduate of

Michigan State University. Survived by his wife, Barbara; children Gary, George, DJ, and Janet. Proud grandfather of Brandon and Brittany. Don retired from Comerica Bank as a Senior Vice President. He was a member of The First Presbyterian Church, Rotary, and the Detroit Commandry. Don served as a Board Member to many organizations including Crittendon Hospital, The Salvation Army, and Brighton Hospital. The family requests that any memorial contributions are made in Don's name to The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham or The Salvation Army.

MayYou Find Comfort in Family Friends Monroe Boat Club, Midwest RC Society and Catalina 30 Association. Donations to Angela Hospice.

JULIA A. "HOPPI" SMITH

Age 83, of Benzie County, passed away on Monday August 1, 2005 at Hospice House of Holland. Born in Benzie County, MI, she graduated from Central Michigan University. She was an English teacher at Livonia Franklin High School for many years. She resided in Sarasota Florida and Benzie County, MI. Julia was preced-ed in death by her husband, L. E. Smith in 1999. She is survived by her friends, Carolyn and Marty Raebel of Saugatuck. Cremation has taken place and burial of ashes will take place in Benzie County, MI. A celebration of her life will take place at a later date. Memorial Contributions may be given to Hospice of Holland. Arrangements by Dykstra Life Story Funeral Homes, Saugatuck Chapel www.lifestorynet.com

MARION RUTH TANTON

Age 84 formerly of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away Tured MI, passed away Tuesday, August 2, 2005. Beloved wife of Charles, Loving mother of Russ (Stephanie) Tanton of Mission Viejo, CA, Patt (Dick) Hewitt of Portage, MI and Joanne (Ron) Flitton of Traverse City, MI. She was a charter member of the Farmington Hills Garden Club. She was a long time member of the former North Farmington Hills Community Church. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at The Fountains, 1700 Bronson Way, Kalamazoo. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kalamazoo Area Parkinson Foundation or Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo. Arrangements by Langeland Family Funeral Homes. Memorial Chapel, 622 S, Burdick St. www.langelands.com

JOHN C. GUENTHER

Resident of Birmingham from 1952-1975, died July 26, 2005, in Stuart, Florida. He was 89. Mr. Guenther was employed by Chrysler Corporation, serving as Director of Administration of Engineering, Styling, and Product Planning, as Director of Advertising for the Plymouth and Valiant cars, and as Director of International Public Relations. After retiring in 1975, he moved to Sewell's Point, FL where he was elected mayor, serving from 1984-88. He was a decorated WW II veteran, receiving the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He is survived by his wife, Frances; his daughters Cicely Winter of Oaxaca, Mexico, Ann Tamminen and Karen Guenther, both of Sebastopol, CA; his son John Guenther of Aspen, CO; his sister, Dorothea Bucher of Ohio; and six grandchildren. He will be interred in October at Arlington National Cemetery. Contributions can be made to the Hospices of the Treasure Coast, Stuart, FL

Stanford Law School. Son of Paul and Catherine Terry, Michael is survived by his wife of 39 years, Charlotte; his sisters Lynne (Robert) McLeod and Paula (John) Andrus; nieces and nephews, Kathy (James) Harris; Robert (Melanie) Parent; Julie (Mark) Scarpelli; John (Kristin) Parent; Jody (Mark) Cantey; Tracey (Steve) Griggs; Karen (Tim) Lanigan; and 15 great nieces and nephews. Michael beloved and nicknamed "Uncle Mike' by many children of family friends Michael was a member of Phi Delta Theta, the Detroit Athletic Club and Oakland Hills Country Club. He was president/owner of Rubber Materials Corporation, managing partner of bbert Engineering, co-owner of two Sylvan Learning Centers and coinvestor and board member of L & M Gear Co. He had a long and successful career as a commission salesperson and manufacturer's representative to automotive companies Michael fully enjoyed entertaining and traveling with his family and dear friends. He was a voracious reader and formidable debater, as well as an avid collector of contemporary art. He had a fierce intellect and a challenging mind. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and respected him. A memorial service will be held Friday, August 5, 2005, at Christ Church Cranbrook at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Michael's memory to the Oakland Hills Caddie Scholarship Fund, Attn: Scholarship Committee, 3951 W. Maple Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301 or Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 41038, 400 Stoddard Rd., Memphis, MI 48041-1038.

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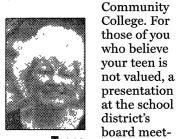


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Programs offer learning opportunities for teens

s a follow-up to my column of July 31, a reader writes to chastise me saying that some learning disabled students cannot do well in college. Before I would give up, I would investigate the programs at Oakland



Teens in 2005

Alice McCarthy McCart

ing and a visit to the

that each student is important and should have every opportunity to learn and be appreciated for what they can achieve.

It is the "dog days" of summer, as we used to call them at our family farm; however, it's not the time to let down on our commitment to others. Listed below are some local opportunities that you and your teen may want to consider. Examples by parents, set at this time, last a lifetime.

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As parents and students begin their back to school shopping, many schools throughout the country are doing the same thing, using funds they received from the Target Take Charge of Education[™] program. For purchases made on a guest's REDcardSM (Target[™] Visa and Target[™] Card) at

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holders and school representatives can visit

www.Target.com/tcoe or call (800) 316-6142 to enroll, change a school designation or check school payout totals.

TOLERANCE EDUCATION KIT

To help change the hearts of youthful haters and prevent future crimes, Teaching Tolerance, a program of the Southern Poverty Law Center, has partnered with the Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation to create a new teaching kit around an extraordinary life — an ordinary teenager caught up in the Holocaust whose spirit provided her the strength to survive.

Gerda Weissman was a carefree girl of 15 when, in September 1939, invading German troops shattered her world. Nazis removed Gerda from her home and forced her to work as a slave laborer in German factories. Her family and friends all perished in the Holocaust.

In 1945, Gerda was forced to go with the Nazis as they fled from the advancing Soviet army. When the American lieutenant Kurt Klein, who would later become Gerda's husband, liberated her — just one day before her 21st birth-

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day — she weighed 68 pounds and her hair had turned white.

Gerda recounts the horrors of those years in her memoir, *All But My Life*. The book is the basis of a Kary Antholis documentary film, *One Survivor Remembers*. Co-produced by HBO and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the film won both an Emmy and an Oscar.

The One Survivor Remembers kit includes the 39-minute video, an accompanying standards-based curriculum guide and a box of primary documents. The new kit, scheduled for distribution in September, is designed for secondary schools, grades 8 through 12.

You and your teen can be instrumental in working with your school to be sure the school knows about this opportunity.

For more information, ask your school to request this free kit by contacting the Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation (610 Moreno Road, Narberth, PA 19072) at its Web site www.kleinfoundation.org or by calling (610) 668-2314.

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at

www.hometownlife.com/Livo nia/News.asp. Type "Alice R. McCarthy" under "Keyword Search" for a list of her most recent columns. Columns, written weekly, remain only a short time on this site. Last week's column was "College Education a Must for Today's Graduating Teens." All of her columns for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are on www.bridge-comm.com.

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., the mother of five professionals, is a national consultant in the areas of parent involvement in schools, curriculum writing in health and health publications. She is the author of a widely used text and parenting book *Healthy Teens: Facing the Challenges* of Young Lives. Write to her in care of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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Dances

MSP dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Top 40 DJ, cash bar, hors d' oeuvres (8-9:30 p.m.) and door prizes. Admission \$5/members, \$9/non-members, unless otherwise noted. Attire is dressy casual (no jeans or tennis shoes). Weekend Trips

Camping Aug. 19-21 at Lake Michigan Sand Dunes Silver Lake State Park on Lake Michigan. Campgrounds include modern camping facilities with electricity. State Park motor vehicle permit required. Cost of \$51 includes three days, two nights at the camp grounds and food to prepare four meals (two breakfasts, lunch and dinner). RSVP with \$51 non-refundable deposit to Metropolitan Single Professionals (MSP), P.O. Box 2022, Farmington Hills 48333-2022.



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Class of 1965

Avondale High School will have its 40year reunion on Sept. 10, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. aboard the Clinton Friendship Boat in Mt. Clemens. Cost is \$55/person. Dinner, dancing and a 4-hour cruise. For more information, contact (248) 334-7021 or email mikeardelean@msn.com.

Bentley High School

Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m.

on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at the Italian American'Banquet Center, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Contact Susan (Wilson) Gibson (727) 480-5561, George Calder: georgecalder@comcast.net, Barbara Tresh Coscarelly: coscarb@mailresa.net, Gay (Schaffer) Swallow (248) 349-2985, or Kathleen (Whyatt) Lawson (248) 344-9570.

Berkley High School

Class of 1965 A 40-year reunion will be Sept. 17, 2005, at the Berkley American Legion Hall. For more information, contact Sharon (Reemsnyder) Reich (248) 557-3182 or sayreich@aol.com

Birmingham High School

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Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion will be Sept. 22-23. 2005, at the Radisson Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. Contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646-0235 or nys1937@comcast.net.

Bishop Borgess

Class of 1985 A 20-year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, at the Novi Sheraton. For details, contact Dean Lundberg at (734) 718-2720 or dlundberg@comcast.net. **Central High**

Class of 1946

A 60-year reunion is planned for June 4, 2006, at Glen Oaks Country Club. Both January and June classmates will celebrate over dinner and dancing. January grads contact Al Weiss (248) 737-9313 or Esther Bornstein (248) 851-6625. June grads contact Barbara Keidan 9248) 646-7199 or Saul Saulson (248) 932-5177.

Clarenceville

Classes 1944-1957 The Clarenceville Gala Reunion No. 4 will be 6 p.m. on Oct. 1, 2005, at the Holiday Inn, 17123 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. For more information call Russ Robitaille at (517) 655-3183 or email: robiee@aol.com. Class of 1975 A 30-year reunion is in the planning stages. Contact Bob Sheets (248) 437-9131, BKS1957@aol.com; Cori Cann (Barach) (248) 960-8910, canlady441@comcast.net; Tim Preville (248) 478-0212, ltpreville@hotmail.com; or Barb Resetar (Hill) (248) 478-2004, babs357@sbcglobal.net. Class of 1985 A 20-year reunion is planned for Sept. 10, 2005. Contact Carrie Summers (Tripsansky) at (248) 478-5261. **Clawson High School** Class of 1955 A 50-year reunion is being planned. For

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A reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005, at the Italian-American Banquet Hall in Livonia. Cost is \$75/person, which includes dinner, open bar, dancing and memory Book. 1965 graduates contact Ed Kempisty, (810) 629-1542, Tom Mellos, (313) 884-5469, or www.geocities.comcodycomets65. If you are a 1966 graduate, contact Greg Dobson, (248) 437-4649 or jmackie95@yahoo.com.

Cooley High School Class of 1950/1951

A 55-year reunion is planned on the weekend of Sept. 23-25, 2005. For information call Don Riehl at (734) 421-3150. Class of 1955

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 17, 2005. For more information, contact Penny Mertz Howley at (248) 553-2195.

Denby High School

Class of 1975 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at Zuccaro's Holiday House, 20400 South Nunneley (S.W. corner of Metro Parkway and Groesbeck), Clinton Township. (586) 791-7760. Cocktails at 6:30, strolling dinner from 7:30-9:30. DJ. Attire: after five - no jeans. Send check to Linda Bahr, 632 Lochmoor Blvd., Grosse pointe Woods, MI 48236. For information call (313) 881-0920. Class of 1965 A 40-year reunion is planned for Oct. 22, 2005. For more information, call Nancy (Horn) Catalogna at (248) 332-7438 or email: toBbytheC@msn.com. Class of 1955

An early fall reunion is planned for graduates of Denby High School-Detroit. ASAP (248) 349-6354. Class of 1956 Jan., June & Summer School 1956 is seeking graduates for 50th year Golden Jubilee Reunion, in the fall of 2006. Contact Doreen (McClennan) Weber at dajweb@juno.com or Jerry Love at (586) 739-3840. **Detroit Redford**

Class of 1955

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January and June classes for Sept. 22-23, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel in Novi, For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts Hartwig, 27851 Cranleigh, Farmington Hills 48336 or RHS1955Reunion@aol.com.

Detroit Southwestern

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Farmington High School

Class of 1985 A 20-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. \$69/per person or \$89/door. Contact Lisa (Brown) Brooks at (734) 891-4216 or

Gikbob@aol.com. **Ferndale High School**

Class of 1964

2005, at Como's. Call Barb or Peggy at (248) 214-0008.

Fordson

Class of 1960 Class of 1960 plus all other grads will have a reunion Sept. 17, 2005. Contact Ed Braun at (248) 960-3671 (anytime) or Nunzio Pipitone at (313) 565-4322. **Garden City High School**

A pizza party for Ferndale High class of

1964 and friends will be Sunday, Aug. 14,

Class of 1965 A 40-year reunion is planned for

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman Road, Westland, Entrance is off Merriman just north of Warren (734) 422-3440. Tickets are \$50/person or \$90/couple. No tickets after Sept. 1. Beginning at 6 p.m. there will be a buffet dinner, cash bar, DJ, dancing and a photographer from Lifetouch. An Impromptu Picnic is planned for Sept. 18 (weather permitting) in Garden City Park. Checks to GCHS Class Reunion, c/o Betty Tincher at 7940 O'Brien Ct., Onsted, MI 49265. Call Betty Lawrence-Tincher (517) 467-4290 or email tincher616@comcast net

Classes 1974, 1975, 1976 The Garden City West High School classes of 1974, 1975 and 1976 are holding a joint reunion Sept. 3 at Roma's of Garden City.

Class of 1974 graduates should call (734) 422-4899 or e-mail GCWestReunion@aol. com. For the class of 1975, call (248) 476-6234 or e-mail

dmurrayworley@yahoo.com. And 1976 graduates should call (734) 844-3860 or karenagrace@yahoo.com. Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is planned for 6 p.m. to midnight Oct. 1 at Roma's in Garden City. For tickets and more information, contact Sherry (Taylor) Mifsud at Sherilyn1967@aol.com or call (734) 612-4193.

Garden City Schools

The Garden City Schools Alumni Reunion 2005 is scheduled for Sept. 23-25 with a schedule of activities including visits to the Garden City Historical Museum, a tour of Garden City High School, a euchre tournament to raise money for the alumni scholarship fund and a dinner dance at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest. For more information, contact Donna Bennett Ponte at (734) 427-0535 or email at odponte@wowway.com.

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Class of 1945 A 60-year reunion is planned for Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 14, 2005, at The Gazebo, 31104 Mound Road, NE corner of Mound Road and 13 Mile Road in Warren. (586) 979-6030. January grads call Mary (Makushik) Haifleigh (248) 547-4906. June grads call Bill Hapiuk (313) 937-3228.

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Class of 1950

Class of January/June 1950 is planning a 55-year reunion in September 2005. For more information, contact Dick McCrae at (586) 263-8179 or Fred Kashouty at (586) 294-7512. John Glenn High School

Class of 1985 A 20-year reunion is planned for Oct. 28,

2005, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth. 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. For more

information call Tracy Dunsmore at (734) 394-0429 of tracy1420@wideopenwest.com or http://jghs1985.tripool.com. Livonia Bentley

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A 35-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, (grounds of former Bentley High School) 15100 Hubbard Road, Livonia. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. \$30/person. Contact Vicki (Sneath) Lawrence at vicki0850@sbcglobal.net or (248) 380-0121.

Livonia Franklin

Class of 1969 A reunion is in the pre-planning stages

for 2007. For more information contact Kathy Nisun (248) 363-5679. or Email: Kayninilu@aol.com. Class of 1976

A 30-year reunion is planned for September 2006. Please send updated classmate name(s), email and home mailing address to iamesgleason@sbc-

global.net with "Reunion" in the subject area or mail to: Franklin High School 30 Reunion, c/o Jim Gleason, 23516 Telegraph, P.O.B. 371, Southfield, MI

48037. Livonia Stevenson

Class of 1975 A 30-year reunion is planned for Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at the Holiday Inn - West in Livonia. Details and registration can be found at www.stevensonclassof75.com or email the reunion committee at stevensonclassof75@yahoo.com.

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Northville High School

Classes of 1964, 1965 1966 A combined reunion is planned for the summer of 2005. Volunteers needed. For details, contact Howie Ambinder, email at nancyambinder@comcast.net. Class of 1985 A 20-year reunion is planned for Aug. 20, 2005, at the Iron Workers Union Hall, 25150 Trans X Drive, Novi at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40/person and include a full buffet dinner, drinks and music of the 80's. You must register in advance at nhsclassof85.com. For more information call (517) 552-6046.

Novi High School Class of 1985

A 20-year reunion is in the planning stage. Searching for former students. Contact (248) 890-3123 or Email: Reunion@DePollo.com

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working hard at an early age. "It's hard to get grades up once you've brought them down," Evers said.

Eighty-eight percent in the national poll agreed with the statement, "I'm confident that I'll be able to find a good-paying job when I'm an adult."

Evers says she often hears people say the job market is competitive and a lot depends on who you know. If she isn't able to find her dream job, she says, she'll settle for something else.

"I'm not looking to make millions of dollars," she says. "I want to like what I do."

Koblin is confident about his future job prospects.

"Life is long, no matter what people say, if you think about it you can live to be 102. There will be plenty of opportunities," he said.

POLL SHOWS CONCERNS

The national poll showed that 42 percent of young people have doubts about achieving their goals. One in five said they disagreed that "In America, kids can grow up to become anything they want." That poll also found that one in three do not believe they have enough skills to be successful in life.

Three in 10 of the youngsters in the national poll said they do not feel safe walking alone in their communities and 44 percent feel they need to watch out for bullies. The poll also showed that one in four of the youth interviewed said they do not have enough caring adults, like parents, coaches and teachers in their lives and 45 percent wished they had more adults they could turn to for help.

On health-related questions,

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92 percent of the youngsters polled nationwide recognized the importance of prioritizing health. Nevertheless, many young people acknowledge that they may not be leading the healthiest lifestyle and that the daily stress they feel is a major contributor.

cessful in life.

Sixty-seven percent of those surveyed said they feel "a lot of stress" in their lives and 43 percent want more information on how to deal with stress, which was their leading request in the poll.

Fifty-one percent of survey respondents admitted "there are a lot of things I do that are not healthy," and 48 percent said their peers "put a lot of pressure on other kids/teens to do things they don't think are right." Eighty-four percent admitted to eating junk food after school.

A DOSE OF SKEPTICISM

"The good news is that they

are telling us they believe in the American Dream," says

Marguerite W. Sallee, America's Promise president and CEO. "They have their sights set firmly on the future and want to become healthy, productive citizens who give back to society. But they are also telling us that their belief in the American Dream is mixed with a large dose of skepticism.

"When nearly 40 percent of our young people say that they doubt that they will be able to achieve their dreams, then we as a nation need to fulfill our obligation to the next generation and heed their call for help," Sallee added.

Comments from local youth, like Sarnecky, Theisen, Mitchell, Evers and Koblin, provide a strong dose or hope for the future of our young people.

For instance, Mitchell says she's confident she will land a good job.

"If I want to have a family, I need a good-paying job and if I want good things for myself in life, I need a good-paying job,"

Mitchell says. "I will go through college and get all my degrees."

The national poll questions focused on the "Five Promises," declared by the living U.S. presidents in 1997 at "The Summit for America's Future," as fundamental for every young person in American.

The five promises are: caring adults who are actively involved in their lives; safe places to learn and grow; a healthy start toward adulthood; an effective education building marketable skills; and opportunities to help others.

Founding partners of America's Promise include the Corporation for National and Community Service, Points of Light Foundation, The United Way of America, Communities in Schools and

MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership.

The survey was conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of America's Promise. Results of the complete poll are available by going to www.americaspromise.org.



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to journey down memory lane, another to settle for crummy low-resolution games when vastly superior alternatives are available. Any one who owns a GameCube, PlayStation, or Xbox won't give these "controller consoles" a second look.

Perhaps that's why some ompanies are trying to push the concept a bit further. For instance, Tiger Games' Star Wars Lightsaber Battle Game (www.hasbro.com) puts a short but realistic-looking lightsaber in your hands for TV duels against Star Wars villains (yes, Darths Vader and Maul make appearances). Ît's pretty cool, but the choppy graphics won't satisfy anyone over the age of 10. Which is fine, as that's roughly the target audience for these games. There are, however, interactive TV games for grown-ups. For instance, I just finished a couple sets of tennis. (I would have won, too, if I didn't keep scraping my racquet against the ceiling.) This is TV tennis, though nothing so old-fashioned as the Pong of yesteryear. Instead, the onscreen court looks like the real deal. My "controller" is a real-looking racquet (albeit a racquetball-sized one). And when the ball comes my way, I swing to hit it back.

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Xavix Tennis is one of several sports titles available for the XavixPort system

(www.xavix.com), a cartridgebased console designed expressly for interactive TV games. Also available: Baseball, Bowling, and Golf. Interactive entertainment and education titles are in the works.

The games cost \$50 apiece; the XavixPort console sells for around \$80.

What's nice is that you're standing up, moving around, and even getting a little exercise.

Indeed, the Xavix stuff is a blast, really clever and fun, though I'm surprised the company requires a dedicated console instead of just offering PS2- or Xbox-compatible versions of the games. I'd buy those in a heartbeat.

In the meantime, here's one more round of Ms. Pac-Man. Wocka-wocka-wocka! Rick Broida lives in Commerce Township and writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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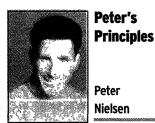
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Choose cereal carefully

Jill e-mails from Farmington Hills asking which is more nutritious, hot or cold cereal. Jill, when it comes to nutrition, cereal runs both hot and cold, literally! However, the nutrition level in any type of cereal is not based on temperature, but rather on content. Here are some helpful tips for making the most of your trip down the cereal aisle:

■ Look for cereals that have at least 3 grams of fiber per 100 calories. (Note: to get the most fiber, look for whole wheat, wheat bran, whole barley, brown rice, oats and corn).

Choose cereals with less than 10 grams of sugar per serving. Remember, 1 teaspoon of sugar equals 4 grams.
 Avoid high fat cereals (such as granola) and trans fats from the partially hydrogenated soybean oil.
 It is OK to choose vitamin fortified

cereals, but watch the sodium in each case. For example, Kellogg's Smart Start has more than 330 milligrams of sodium per serving!

■ Finally, you can buy organic cereals if you like, but in reality these cereals are more expensive and no more nutritious than the cereals we've discussed. Just remember, breakfast is the most important meal of your day and it's always smart to choose your cereal wisely!

Cindy from Sterling Heights works out regularly. She is concerned because her sweat level seems to increase with the level of her physical fitness.

Don't sweat it, Cindy, that is perfectly normal! Almost everyone thinks that people who are out of shape sweat more than those who are physically fit. In fact, just the opposite is true! Sweat is the body's way of cooling itself so it doesn't overheat.

One of the natural changes that occur when you start a new workout program is an increase in perspiration. And, while fit people usually perspire more than those who are out of shape, their sweat contains less salt because their bodies

absorb the sodium more readily. So, try not to worry about it too much. Just look at it as worthwhile sweat equity!

If you have a question, e-mail Peter at www.peternielsen.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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Prescription for healthy living

Michigan surgeon general works to keep residents well

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

As Michigan Surgeon General Dr. Kimberlydawn Wisdom doesn't just talk about living a healthy lifestyle – she walks. Her personal goal is 10,000 steps a day, but her pedometer frequently reads 13,000 after attending events such as Southfield's 100 Days to Health.

Wisdom's healthy living prescription for residents mirrors her daily routine. Whether working in Lansing or shopping for groceries near her Southfield home, Wisdom is constantly moving. She encourages husband Garth Sr. and children Garth Jr., 21, Kristina, 17, and Brandon, 13, to do the same by walking to the store or Southfield Civic Center.

Moving more is one of the elements of Michigan Steps Up (www.michiganstepsup.org), a Web site which helps residents create personal plans for healthier lifestyles. From August to September the site is launching sections for businesses, schools and health-care providers to learn what role they can play in the prevention movement to increase physical activity, eat better and not smoke.

Since being appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm as the nation's first state-level Surgeon General in February 2003, Wisdom has led by example.

"I pack fruits and vegetables in a cooler bag and take them with me – two to three apples, carrots, yogurts and strawberries, and frequently eat them while I'm driving," said Wisdom. "Before supper I've had all of my fruits and vegetables for the day. If not I make them up in the dinner meal. This way you can achieve the goal without it being burdensome."

Wearing a pedometer helps Wisdom meet her moving more goal to take at least 10,000 steps a day. According to the Michigan Steps Up Web site adults need 60- to 90-minutes of physical activity at least five days a week, children and adolescents at least 60 minutes a day. People with physical disabilities can improve health by doing activities such as swimming or wheeling in a wheelchair for 30- to 40-minutes. More strenuous activities such as wheelchair basketball require only 20 minutes.

"We've had over 31,482 visits to the Web site since February, and 6,283 Steps Up plans created as of July 9," said Wisdom. "The goal is 10,000 personal plans by Oct. 1."

HEALTHY SOLUTIONS

Part of the reason Wisdom returned to the University of Michigan School of Public Health for a master's degree was to find ways to prevent the diseases she treated in the emergency rooms at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit and the Fairlane campus in Dearborn. As a result, Wisdom initiated diabetes education programs for the Henry Ford Health System, faith-based organizations in the community and the American Diabetes Association.

"Many of the conditions they were presented with were preventable," said Wisdom, 48. She saw complications of diabetes in patients that did not know they had diabetes. "Heart attacks, strokes, blindness, kidney disease all are complications of diabetes.

"In the ER you see the entire spectrum of disease – major trauma, lead poisoning, violence, alcohol and drug abuse."

Wisdom's been busy addressing these health issues ever since her appointment by Granholm. In June 2004 she met with 200 groups representing schools, faith-based organizations, business, health care, and the community. Together they developed an action plan to promote a healthy lifestyle and arrest the obesity epidemic and smoking in teens. According to Healthy Michigan 2010, the April 2004 Surgeon General's report, the state has ranked among the 10 heaviest in the nation for the last 14 years.

"Healthy Michigan 2010 shows 6 of 10 adults are overweight or obese, 15 percent of youth," said Wisdom. "If a child is overweight and have one overweight parent they have a probability of being overweight as adults. As far as the future of our youth there is one indication that this may be the first generation not to outlive their parents. Of the babies born in 2000, one in three babies are likely to develop Type 2 diabetes according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

Obesity and diabetes aren't the only killers.



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Michigan Surgeon General Kimberlydawn Wisdom (left) talks with Southfield Mayor Brenda Lawrence. Dr. Wisdom frequently travels to health events around the state as part of her job.

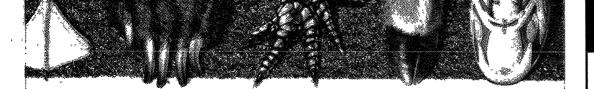
Wisdom is working on initiatives to protect families from childhood lead poisoning, infant mortality and unintended pregnancies. This fall at least 60 Talk Early, Talk Often sessions will be held around the state to educate parents on talking with their middle school-age children about abstinence and sexuality issues.

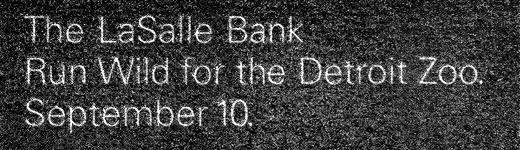
"We're working to promote legislation and expand programs on infant mortality and childhood lead poisoning," said Wisdom. "We have 160 people in a task force across the state. Six bills have been introduced and passed, and \$1 million has gone to a media campaign on buses to encourage families to have their children tested for lead.

"We're interested in protecting families and the community with programs for HIV testing and referral, and preparedness for bioterrorism. Another priority is eliminating health disparities. When we look at almost every chronic condition there are ethnic and age health disparities across the board. As people age they develop more chronic conditions. It's a little challenging to reach homebound seniors. We're connecting with over 500 senior centers across the state through Area Agencies on Aging. In the UP there are even geographic disparities. The initiatives are ongoing."

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5K Run: 8 a.m. at the Ten Mile Road entrance 10K Run: 8:46 a.m. at the Ten Mile Road entrance 1-Mile Fun Walk: 9 a.m. at the front gates.

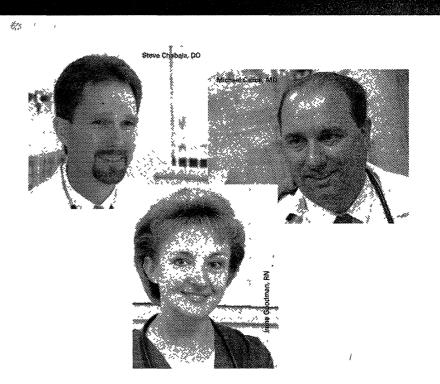
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5K and 10K Run: \$20 1-Mile Walk -- Individual or Family: \$15 Mail-in fees are higher. All fees increase after August 51.

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AUGUST

Camp Midicha

Registration has started for the American Diabetes Association's Camp Midicha 2005. The camp is the only residential summer camp designed for, and dedicated to, children and teenagers with diabetes. Campers attend a one-week session: Aug. 7-12; and Aug. 14-19. Each session is held at the YMCA Camp^{*}Copneconic 🐨 in Fenton. For information, call (888)

DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org.

Cancer prevention cooking

Classes run 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays Aug. 8-29, at Whole Foods Market, 3135

- Washtenaw Ave. at Huron Parkway,
- Ann Arbor. No charge. To register, call (734) 975-4500. Presented by The Cancer Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing cancer prevention through education and research, participants will learn how

proper nutrition can help them prevent and survive cancer. A low-fat vegetarian diet of fruits, vegetables,

- and whole grains is naturally low in fat, high in fiber and filled with cancer-fighting antioxidants and phytochemicals. Each class centers on
- important cancer-nutrition topics as local chef Jan Kemp guides students through the preparation of tasty and easy-to-prepare recipes. For information about Cancer Prevention &
- Survival Cooking Classes, visit www.CancerProject.org, or call (202) 244-5038

Hospice volunteers

Saint Joseph Mercy Hospice is calling for volunteers to offer support with direct care, office assistance, bereavement services, special

events and other services provided by hospice. If you're interested in sharing your time with others, please sign up to volunteer. Eighteen hours of training is required and the sessions are Aug. 8, 10, 11 and Aug. 15, 17, 18 from 6-9 p.m. To volunteer or inquire about additional

opportunities, call (734) 327-3409. Divorce support

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the Women's Resource Center in Room 225 of the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. Attorney Patricia Kasody-Coyle will be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis. Call (734) 462-4443.

Diabetes support group

Presents "Feet are meant to last a lifetime 7-8 30 pm Wednesday, Aug 10, in the St Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile, at Levan, Livonia. Please use the main entrance MEDICAL DATEBOOK

on Five Mile. For more information, call (734) 655-8961. The speakers are Howard Kane, DPM, and Jason Choos, DPM.

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. Pre-registration not required.

Hormone workshop

Balancing Hormones Naturally for women of all ages 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Alfred Noble Public Library on Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriman. The free public workshop is sponsored by the Doctor's Speakers Bureau. Learn the secrets about hormones and how they affect energy, health, weight and body pains. Information on natural alternatives to HRT, along with safe and effective choices for women with PMS, menopause and osteoporosis will be presented. Learn how hormonal imbalance can cause PMS, migraines, uterine fibroids, depression, allergies, breast cancer risk, hot flashes, acne, thinning hair and weight gain. Guest speaker is Dr. Carol Fischer, D.C., a nutritional expert with over 20 years experience. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a space.

Fibromvalgia workshop

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, with Dr. Kramer, at the Carl Sandburg Library in Livonia. To register for the free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating

limited. **Blood drive**

For the American Red Cross 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments will be taken first. Call (734) 655-1580.

Sharing & Caring

Breast cancer education and support program presents The LeBed method: Therapeutic Movement to Benefit the Lymphatic System with Sharon Myers of Binson's Home Health Care 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, in the first floor conference room in the William Beaumont Hospital Auditorium, on West 13 Mile, west of Woodward, Royal Oak. To learn more about programs, call (248) 551-8585.

Benefit rescheduled

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 2nd Annual "Hawgs for Hearts" Motorcycle Poker Run, benefiting Cardiovascular Services, has been rescheduled due to inclement weather, and will be held Sunday, Aug 14 The ride to Hell, Mich. and back, begins at Motor City Harley-Davidson & Buell, 34900 Grand River, Farmington Hills, at 1 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m There will be five poker card

draws along the way, along with food, awards, entertainment and motorcycle vendor booths. Fee is \$25 per rider, \$15 per passenger. Sponsorships are available and currently being accepted. All sponsors and in-kind donors receive recognition. For sponsorship details, more information or to pre-register, call (734) 655-2980. Registration event day is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Harley-Davidson & Buell which has donated a Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle to be raffled at a drawing on the day of the event. Tickets are \$20 and available in the St. Mary Mercy Foundation Office. You

need not be present to win. BBQ benefits transplant program The award-winning barbecue caterers of Billy Bones BBQ will be serving up barbecued ribs, smoked pork sandwiches and smoked bratwurst Friday-Sunday, Aug. 19-21, at Ypsilanti's Heritage Festival to help raise money for the University of Michigan Transplant Center. Owner Billy Bones said knowing so many children need transplants inspired him to begin donating to the U-M Transplant Center. For five years, he has helped to fund programs at the center such as Camp Michitanki, a summer camp for children who have undergone transplant surgery. Billy Bones BBQ will be at the Heritage Festival from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Volunteers from the Transplant Center will be working

alongside Bones at the event, learning some of his grill secrets and passing out Michigan Donor Registry cards. For volunteer information, send e-mail to rgarypie@umich.edu or call (734) 936-3460. For more information on the Billy Bones BBQ, visit www.billybonesbbq.com. To learn more about the Heritage Festival, visit www.ypsilantiheritagefestival.com. For information about U-M Transplant Center, visit

www.michigantransplant.org. Meningitis vaccinations

Meningitis shots

University of Michigan Health System's Michigan Visiting Nurses is offering meningitis vaccinations by appointment at its Ann Arbor office. Appointments can be scheduled by calling (734) 677-0020. Meningitis (Menactra®) immunizations cost \$115. payable by cash, check or charge (Visa or MasterCard). A proof of vaccination record and receipt of payment are provided at time of immunization. Students younger than 18 must attend the clinic with a parent or guardian and all patients must be older than 12 For more disease and vaccination information, visit www.umvn.org

Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan is administering the life-saving meningitis vaccination. The shot costs \$115 and is available by appointment 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, at VNA of Southeast Michigan at 25900 Greenfield Road. Suite 600. Oak Park. To learn about bacterial meningitis or schedule an appoint-

ment, visit www.vna.org or call (248)

Michigan Polio Network

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Hosts an education conference Aug. 19-20, at the best Western Midway Hotel, 7711 Saginaw Highway, Lansing. Features internationally recognized authority on post-polio syndrome Dr. Fredrick Maynard as keynote speaker. Cost is \$30, \$10 for caregiver, and includes Friday-Saturday programs and lunch on Saturday. Pre-registration required. Call (313) 885-7855 or (989) 739-4065. Cruise party benefit

Peabody's of Birmingham is holding a party during the Dream Cruise to benefit the Huntington's Disease Society of America (www.hdsa.org) 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at 34965 Woodward at Maple. The festivities can be easily found under the 60-foot hydraulic lift giving people a spectacular view of the Cruise Route. While festivities take place outside the restaurant in their parking lot area facing Woodward, a roving announcer and camera man will be broadcasting the event outside with a live feed into the restaurant so no one misses any of the excitement. The hydraulic lift has been provided by American Erectors and United Rental, which rents and sells lifts in Michigan. Attendees to Peabody's Cruise Party can pay a nominal fee to be raised up on the lift, where the cruise event can be viewed from a different perspective. Peabody's and United Rental will be donating all proceeds from the hydraulic lift ride sales to the HDSA, as well donating proceeds from various contests and fund raising activities to HDSA.

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Plan ahead for a safe, healthy summer picnic

Ants, bees and mosquitoes aren't the only bugs that can ruin your summer picnic. When planning an outdoor event take precautions to prevent bacteria such as E. coli and salmonella from causing food-born illness.

"The key is to keep hot food hot and cold food cold," said Darlene Zimmerman, a registered dietitian at the Henry Ford Heart and Vascular Institute. "Hot food should be kept at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit, either in a warmer or thermos. On the grill, the best way to tell if meat and poultry are cooked to a safe temperature is to use a thermometer. Cook red meat to an internal temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit and chicken to 170 degrees Fahrenheit.

As for cold food, place items in a cooler full of ice at least 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. Food such as meat, chicken, fish and eggs should remain in the cooler until you are ready to grill or serve. Leftovers should be promptly returned to the cooler.

"Before eating, it is a good idea to wash your hands or wipe them clean with a premoistened antibacterial towelette or waterless hand sanitizer - especially if you handled raw meat before grilling," said

Zimmerman. "Also, do not reuse a utensil that has touched raw meat."

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Zimmerman offers the following tips for a heart-healthy picnic:

■ If grilling, choose low fat meat or chicken breast and marinate to tenderize. Fish usually does not need to be marinated for tenderizing. However, low fat fish may dry out unless brushed with a marinade or small amount of oil as it is cooked.

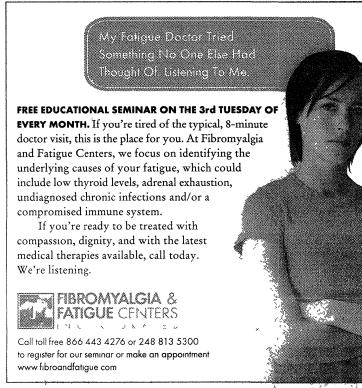
Potato salad or coleslaw should be prepared with low fat or fat free mayonnaise. This will trim 50 to 100 calories from each half-cup serving.

For cold sandwiches choose whole grain breads, lean cuts of meat and reduced fat cheese. Spread with mustard or use low fat or nonfat mayonnaise. To keep lettuce and tomatoes crisp, store them in a separate baggy and add when serving. Prepare Sloppy Joe filling

and carry in a thermos. To serve, simply spoon onto whole-grain buns.

Provide plenty of fluids, especially on a hot day. To prevent dehydration, drinks should not be alcoholic or caffeinated.

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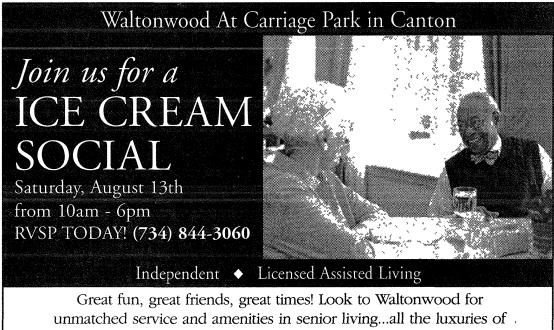
Shoulder pain and immobility is a common problem. The most usual causes are osteoarthritis, rotator cuff tear, supraspinatus tendinitis, often called shoulder bursitis, and adhesive capsulitis, also known as shoulder-hand syndrome.

Each of these conditions exhibit characteristics that make early identification possible The best way to diagnose shoulder osteoarthritis is by x-ray studies, rotator cuff teal reveals itself from a combination of changes on physical examination, x-ray, and/or MRI Physicians identify supraspinatus tendinitis by its findings on examination, and adhesive capsulitis is known from the company it keeps, mainly in patients with diabetes mellitus.

All off these conditions cause you pain not only in the shoulder but in the upper arm and into the neck. This radiation of pain helps your doctor know that he is dealing with a shoulder problem. However, this same identifying feature can fool you.

Herpes Zoster virus (shingles) can remain silent for a lifetime and then suddenly forward. The virus resides in the nerves that supply skin and underlying tissue. In the neck, these nerves will go from the cervical vertebrae and cross the shoulders, a pain that can duplicate the pattern one sees in a shoulder condition. Furthermore, you car experience a delay of up to 2 or more weeks between the onset of the pain to the outbreak of the blisters that reveal the condition is shingles. Finally, physicians want to make the diagnosis of shingles as treatment for it is definitive and resolves the "shoulder problem.

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Celebrity photographer helps kids capture dreams

🗈 By Anna Foard

Celebrity photojournalist Linda Solomon recently teamed up with the Taubman Centers and Big Brothers Big Sisters to create the "Kids Helping Kids" photography exhibit, which debuted Aug. 2 at malls nationwide, including Fairlane Town Center, Great Lakes Crossing and Twelve Oaks in Metro Detroit.

The exhibit features photographs taken by local children, representing what they most wish for in life. After viewing the exhibit, visitors can donate items from the children's back-to-school wish lists. Each donated item enters the child's name in a drawing for four years of prepaid college tuition. Shoppers also can enter their own child's name for a similar scholarship.

Solomon, a Bloomfield resident, worked with children across the country, including students at Bellevue and Duffield elementary schools in Detroit, Her recent book, People We Know, Horses They Love is a New York Times bestseller. PINK recently spoke with Solomon about her latest project.

What was it like working with these children and sharing your passion for photography?

I've been teaching kids for



Linda Solomon uses her photographic talents to help grant children their greatest wish.

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Wishful Photography What: "Kids Helping Kids"

photography exhibit When: Aug. 2-31 Where: Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn; Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills; Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. Info: Visit www.taubman.com/khk

project?

images are very poignant. These are photos of things truly important in life

It's encouraging these kids to

help others, and by helping

phy. This exhibition is like that album.

What did you learn doing this project?

You learn what the children want in life - love, peace. What we all should want in life.

How would you describe yourself as a celebrity photojournalist?

I'm a natural light photographer. I've maintained my own style, I still shoot in film. I never alter the way I see life.

What inspires you as a photojournalist?

Just being able to look at the world. I'm always inspired. Photography helps you not only appreciate life, but see it up close. You learn the difference between looking and seeing ... you learn to appreciate every moment.

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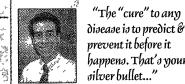
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While the three EagleRider founders have been able to see their business grow and prosper over the years, they understand that starting up a business can be a risky endeavor. To help other entrepreneurs who are interested in investing in the growing motorcycle-rental industry, they have turned EagleRider into a franchise opportunity

Simply put, franchising is a way of distributing products or services that have instant name recognition. According to statistics from the Small

Business Administration and Department of Commerce, the failure rate for franchised businesses is significantly lower than for other startup businesses.

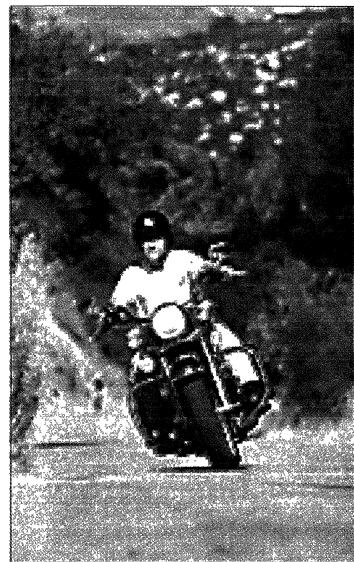
One reason franchises are more sustainable is that they give entrepreneurs easy access to established products and proven business models, reducing some of the risks associated with starting up a business.

And as an added incentive, opening a franchise gives an entrepreneur the opportunity to operate independently while tapping into the experience and expertise of the franchiser's organization. Like any other investment,

entrepreneurs need to do plenty of research before selecting a franchise opportunity. Consider the demand for the product or service, the franchiser's background, the level of support you will receive and who your competition will be.

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Sunday, August 7, 2005

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(NAPSI) — When you started your business, you had a plan. You looked at where you were and where you wanted to be, and determined how to get there. However, if you're not doing regular "checkups," you may have outgrown your original plan and not know it.

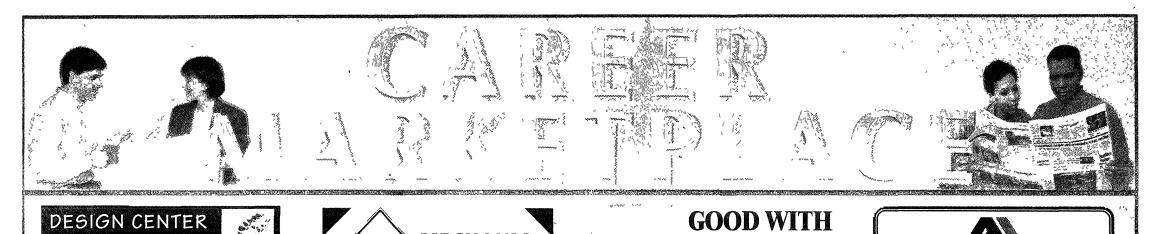
Experts say you should revisit your business plan at least annually, if not more often. At these annual checkups of your business plan, tweak your plan and understand how decisions you make are consistent with it, or are changing in reaction to the market.

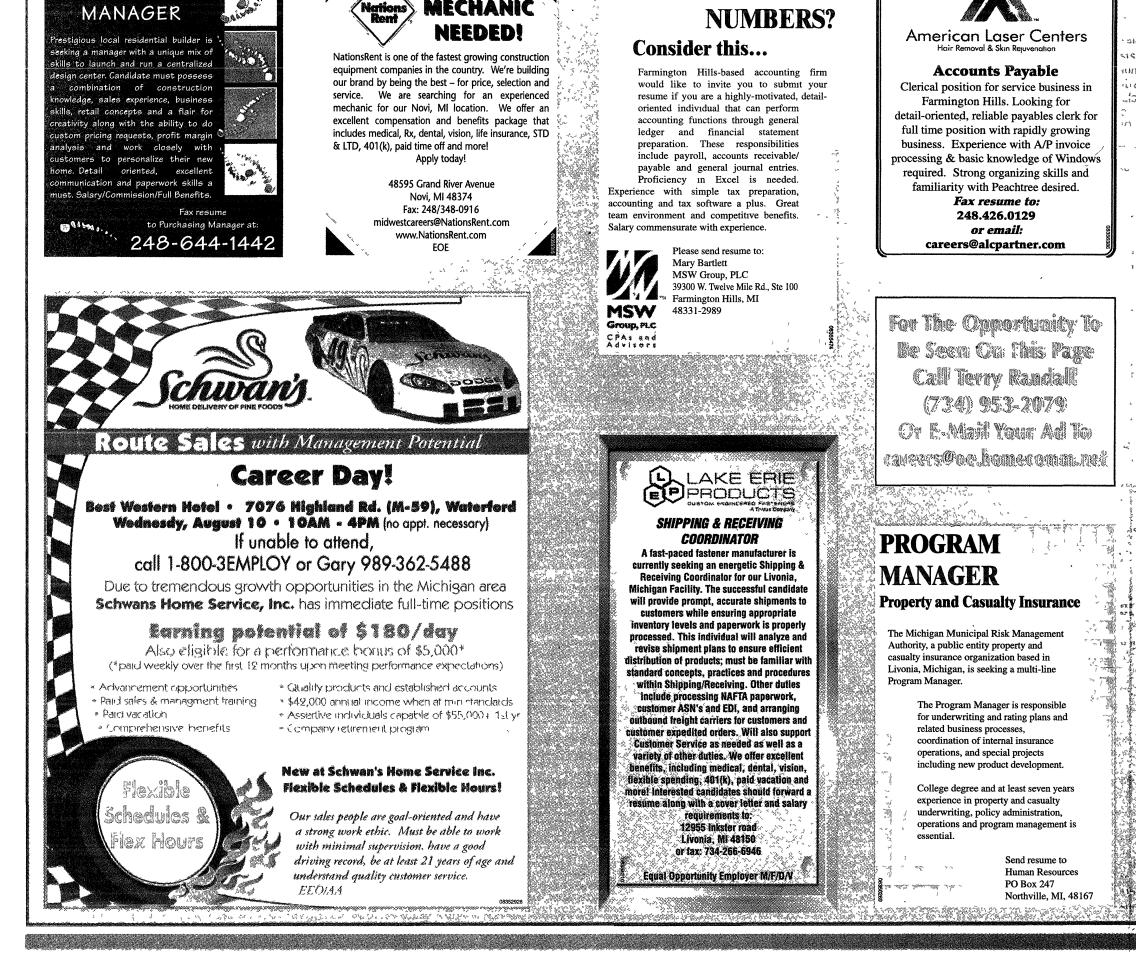
Don't forget to consider e-commerce, if it makes sense for your business. Any plan that leaves out e-commerce leaves itself open to skepticism from investors, although there are some venture capitalists dedicated to funding more traditional businesses.

It's possible your plan isn't appropriate for your business. For example, if you're selling a product and realize that there's a use for that product that neither you nor the manufacturer anticipated, you need to respond quickly — and well — to that.

Don't abandon your business plan entirely unless you're changing your business significantly. The Company Corp. and SCORE have co-developed a workbook that can help. *How to Really Structure Your Business* provides small businesses with a foundation for selecting the business structure that best fits their needs.

For more information and tips, or to find a counselor you can work with to expand your business, go to www.score.org or call (800) 634-0245.

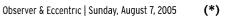








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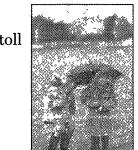
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Northville Township Pulte development draws flock

BY DEBRA PASCOE CORRESPONDENT

Spending four to five days sleeping in a tent or camper is typically called getting back to nature.

But for about 33 families, it meant claiming dibs on a new home site in phase one of Arcadia Ridge, the newest development offered in Northville Township by Bloomfield Hills-based Pulte Homes.

The proposed three-phase development is located just outside downtown Northville on Six Mile between Beck and Ridge roads.

Sean Strickler, vice president of sales for Arcadia Ridge, didn't anticipate the same scenario last week when Pulte announced the Aug. 6 grand opening of the development's second phase, a duplex condominium project called Arcadia Ridge Villas.

Sign-up sheets and appointments were made on-site on a first come, first served basis, he said. As of Wednesday, 30 appointments had been scheduled for potential buyers who had until 8 p.m. Friday to take advantage of the pre-construction costs.

Ann Arbor resident Chris Gasparvic spent five nights sleeping in the back seat of his car to maintain his first-in-line status when the July 16 grand opening of Arcadia Ridge Gardens, a collection of 168 single-family upscale homes, was announced.

Gasparvic said he was looking for a home in Northville for his family in the right price range for about a year when Pulte announced the Arcadia Ridge development.

"I wanted something with an immediate return on my investment and I heard good things about Pulte," he said.

Gasparvic, the director of



Arcadia Ridge Villas in Northville offer two types of condominium units in the same development.

technology for a title company, wiled away the hours conducting business via laptop and cell phone and getting to know his new neighbors with whom he shared lunches, dinners and a wide-screen TV provided by Pulte.

"It was pretty cool; it was like a community event," he said, adding Pulte hosted a birthday party for him complete with cake and ice cream. While such lavish grand opening events weren't

planned for phase two, Strickler said that doesn't make the development any less desirable.

"The really great thing is all the units are duets and everyone has an end unit," he said. "The streetscape is very

ing you are living in a single family community."

Arcadia Ridge Villas offers two different styles.

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Comprising 104 total units,

The 1,925 square foot ranch-

style Charleston has two bedrooms, a library and two full baths. It carries a base price tag of \$379,990. The larger Townsend, which is 2,450 square feet, has three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a library and a loft. The base cost of that

unit is \$409,990. Kitchens in both models include built-in appliances; Corian cultured marble countertops, Merillat cabinets in cherry or maple, hardwood floors and custom trim and

moldings.

Upgrades include additional hardwood flooring, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, to name a few. "It's a turn key home," he

said. Strickler said the \$199 monthly association fee

includes all lawn care, snow removal and maintenance and use of the community pool and club house.

The park-like setting is an added benefit to the development, he said.

"It's absolutely beautiful with the community park nearby and the planned walkways and walking trails leading to Johnson Creek."

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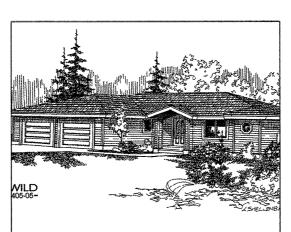
Designed primarily with empty, or nearly empty, nesters in mind, the Wild is compact and easy to care for. Once inside there are no difficult flights of steps to negotiate, and, if desired, the entry steps could be replaced by a gently sloping walkway.

Inside, the sense of spaciousness carries over dramatically. More windows form most of one wall of the wide, open great room, which combines the kitchen, dining, and living areas. Had the designer walled each room separately, following the traditional norm, this home would not be nearly so inviting.

A covered deck, accessed from the great room by sliding glass doors invites outdoor living when the weather is mild. The master suite also opens onto the deck. This has also been designed to be a den for studying or working at home

An angled extension on the eating bar creates more seating while giving a unique shape to the basically U-shaped kitchen. And the placement of the sink and dishwasher in the eating bar ensures that those doing clean-up tasks need not be cut off from activities or discussions going on elsewhere in the room. Ample storage is available in cupboards and pantry.

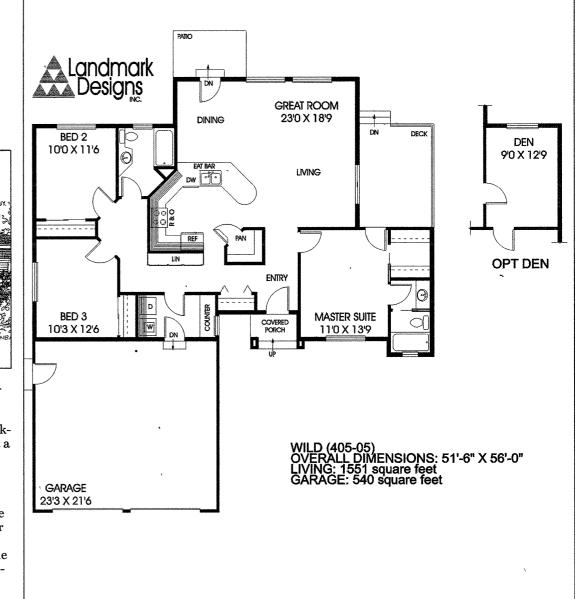
For increased privacy, the master suite is located on the opposite side of the family living



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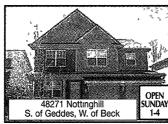
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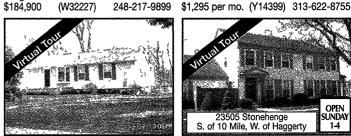
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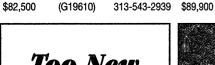
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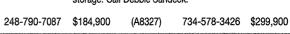


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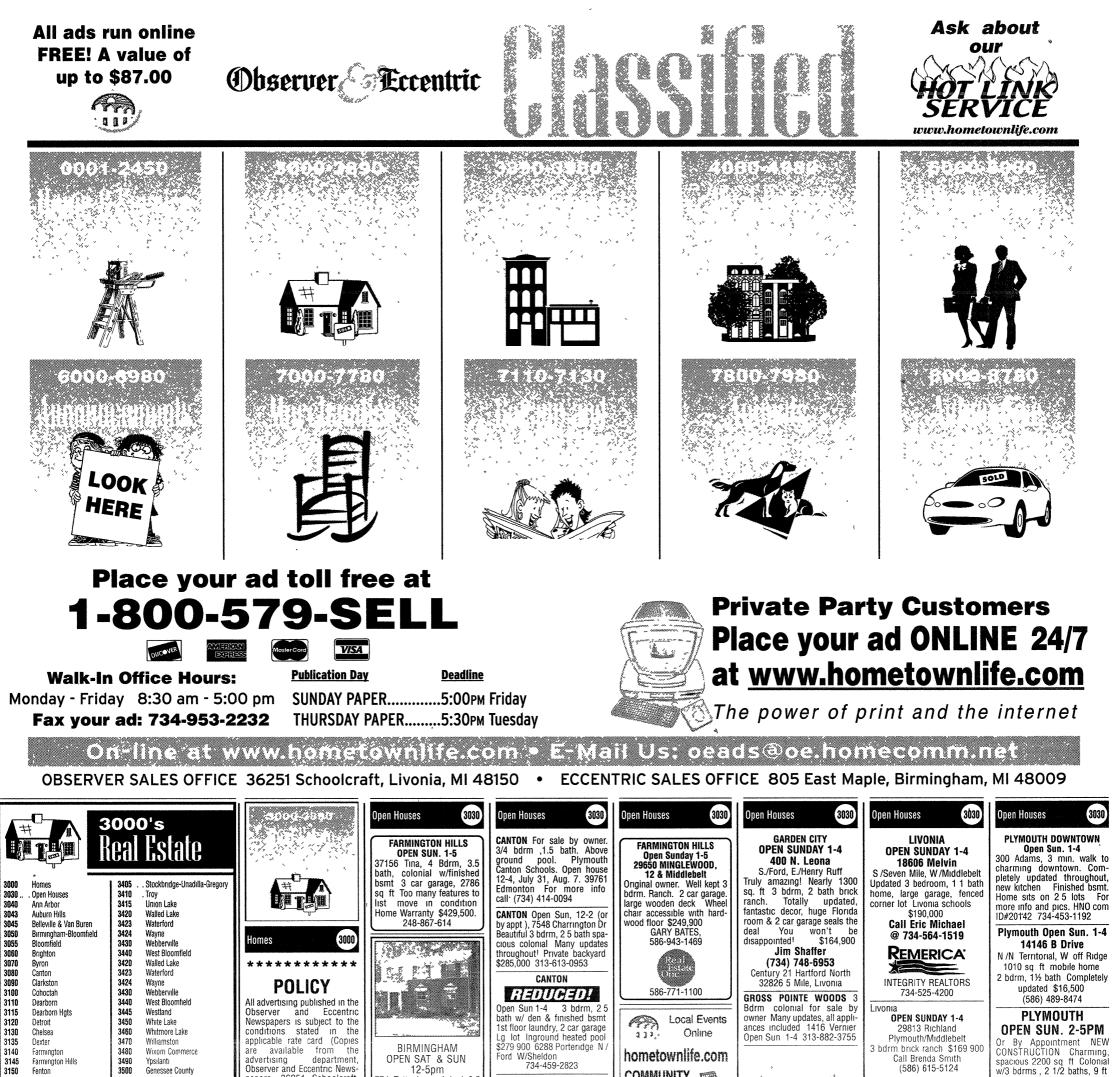
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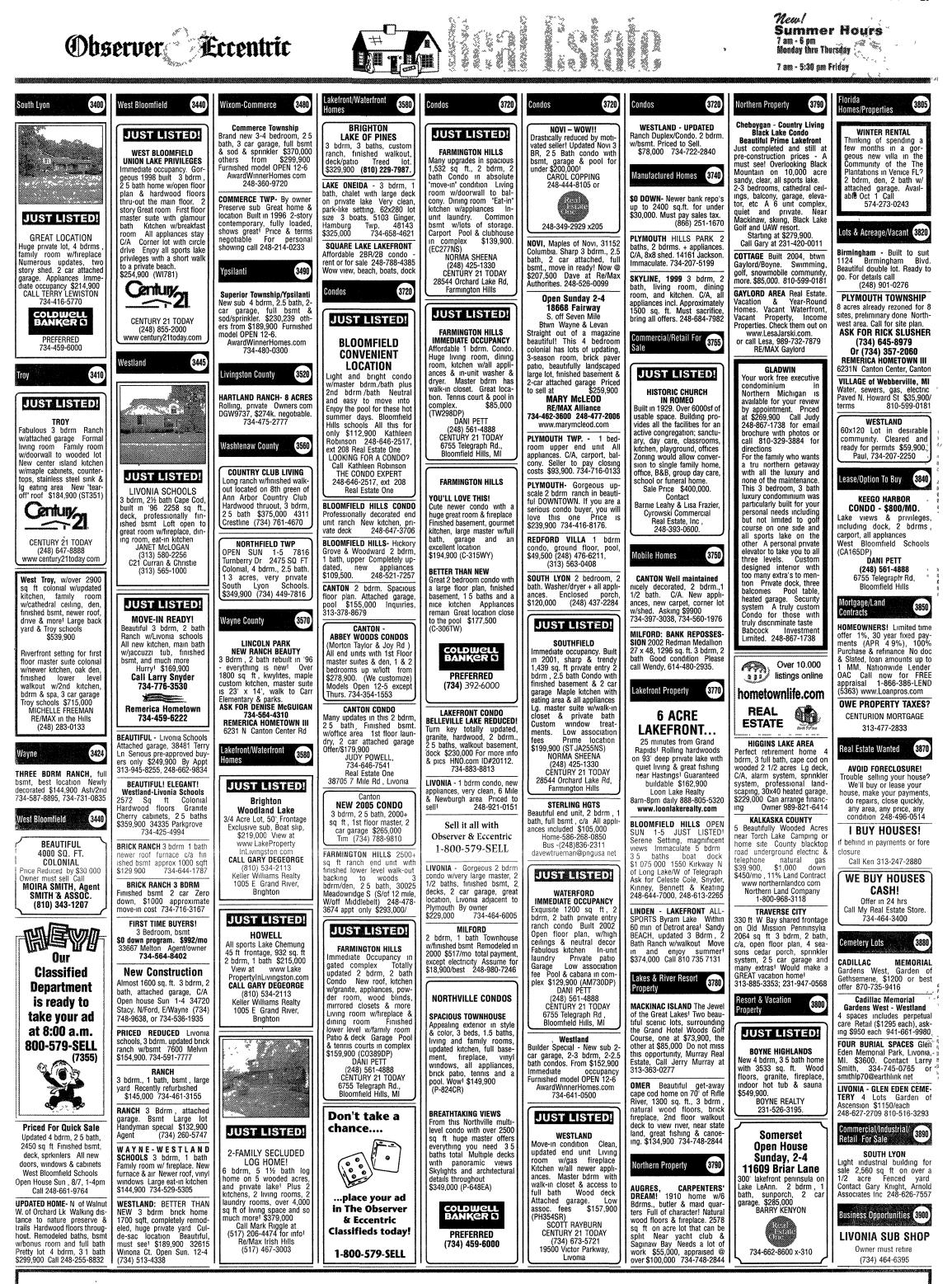




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Most dorm rooms come furnished with the bare necessities: a bed, a desk, a couple of drawers, a closet and an overhead light. It seems Spartan, but there are many ways to squeeze extra storage out of the limited space - while preserving your own personal style. Lowe's offers information on its Web site,

www.lowes.com.

The storage units and accent lighting you buy for the dorms will also carry you through Greek housing, off-campus apartments and quite possibly into your home after you land your first job. It's key to invest in high-quality, durable bins and stackable units. Even though your tastes will

change, good storage will last for years:

Choose flat bins with wheels for under-the-bed storage. Use one to organize art and office/school supplies, one to keep snacks fresh and another to collect memorabilia.

A three-drawer or fourdrawer chest of drawers makes a great bedside table. Choose one with a surface space large enough to hold a lamp and alarm clock.

A cart with clear drawers makes it easy to locate objects and will match even if your color scheme changes later. Pack it full at the end of the year and it's easy to tote. Stackable clear-plastic

bins make closet organization simple and lower the chance of avalanches each time you open the closet door. Select sizes based on your storage needs.

To keep toiletries organized and to free your hands on trips to the bathroom, choose a mesh-style basket with handle. The mesh design lets

water drip out.

Lamps for task lighting and accent lighting give weary eyes a break from florescent overhead lights and will last for years.

Consider multi-function lighting, such as designs that incorporate a clock and light in one or include compartments for storing CDs.

Be creative: An innovative approach to lattice

Spend little, boost your home's look

(NAPSI) - Homeowners who want to enhance the appearance and curb appeal of a home often look to lattice.

Lattice is an inexpensive product that adds style and privacy to outdoor projects without blocking airflow or creating confined spaces. The problem with traditional wooden lattice is jits tendency to split, rot and discolor. A decorative plastic lattice may change all that. Called Severe Weather[™], it offers the attractiveness of three-dimensional wooden lattice with none of the maintenance.

This lattice is manufactured using a one-piece injection molding process that ensures the product will never split or separate. It is available in four designs: Traditional Diamond,

Privacy Diamond, Privacy Square and 3-D Architectural. To match almost any decor theme, this decorative lattice also comes in different colors, such as white, dark green, cedar, redwood and clay.

Because the color goes all the way through, the lattice is manufactured to resist scratches and fading in the sun. The 4-by-8-foot sections are easy to handle, screw or nail, and can be easily cut to fit any design project.

Matching cap and divider moldings enhance the appearance of installed

lattice. An installation must is to drill oversized holes to allow for thermal expansion and contraction. Never overtighten screws.

"We designed Severe Weather™ decorative lattice to be attractive and easy to work with," said Dick Cantley, president of GeoMatrix. "And, like all our products, it's manufactured to provide a lifetime of function and beauty with no maintenance."

Available exclusively at Lowe's, the lattice can be used in a variety of outdoor design applications. As a garden arbor or trellis, plastic lattice provides the perfect environment for climbing vines. It can also be used as a semiprivate partition for hot tubs, porches and patios, or as skirting for decks

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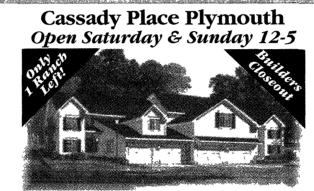
Dick Cantley GeoMatrix president

and crawl spaces. It can even be used for indoor craft projects.

Severe WeatherTM products are backed by a limited lifetime warranty. They're designed to bring durability and charm to outdoor decorating and offer do-it-yourselfers the products and resources to beautify their homes at a fraction of the cost and time. For more information online, visit www.lowes.com.

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Headed off to college? Now is also the time to invest in a wellstocked toolbox of your own. Equip a heavy-duty plastic toolbox with:

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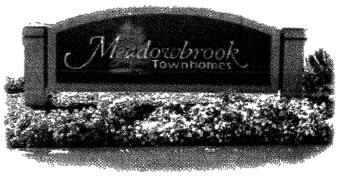
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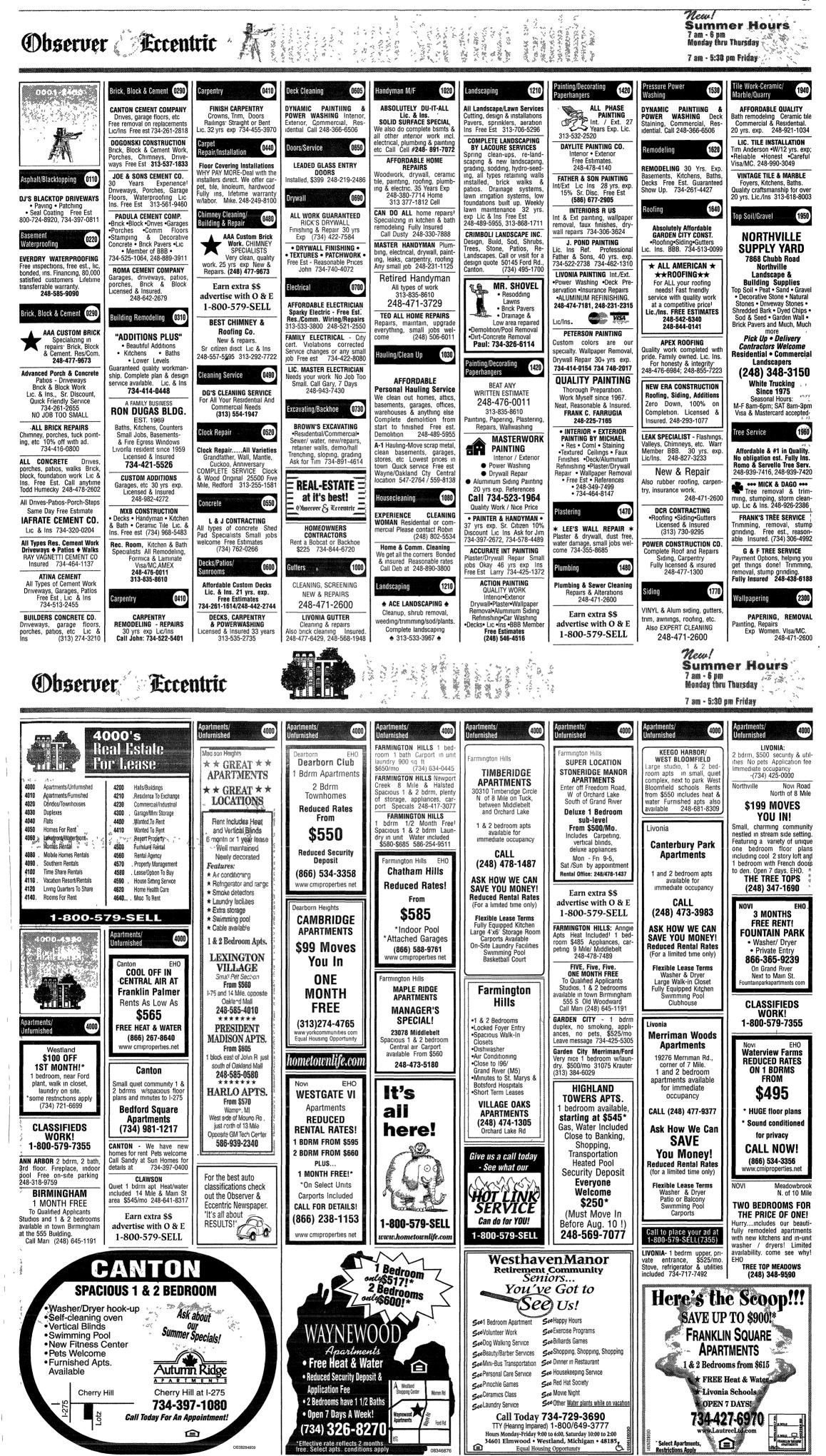
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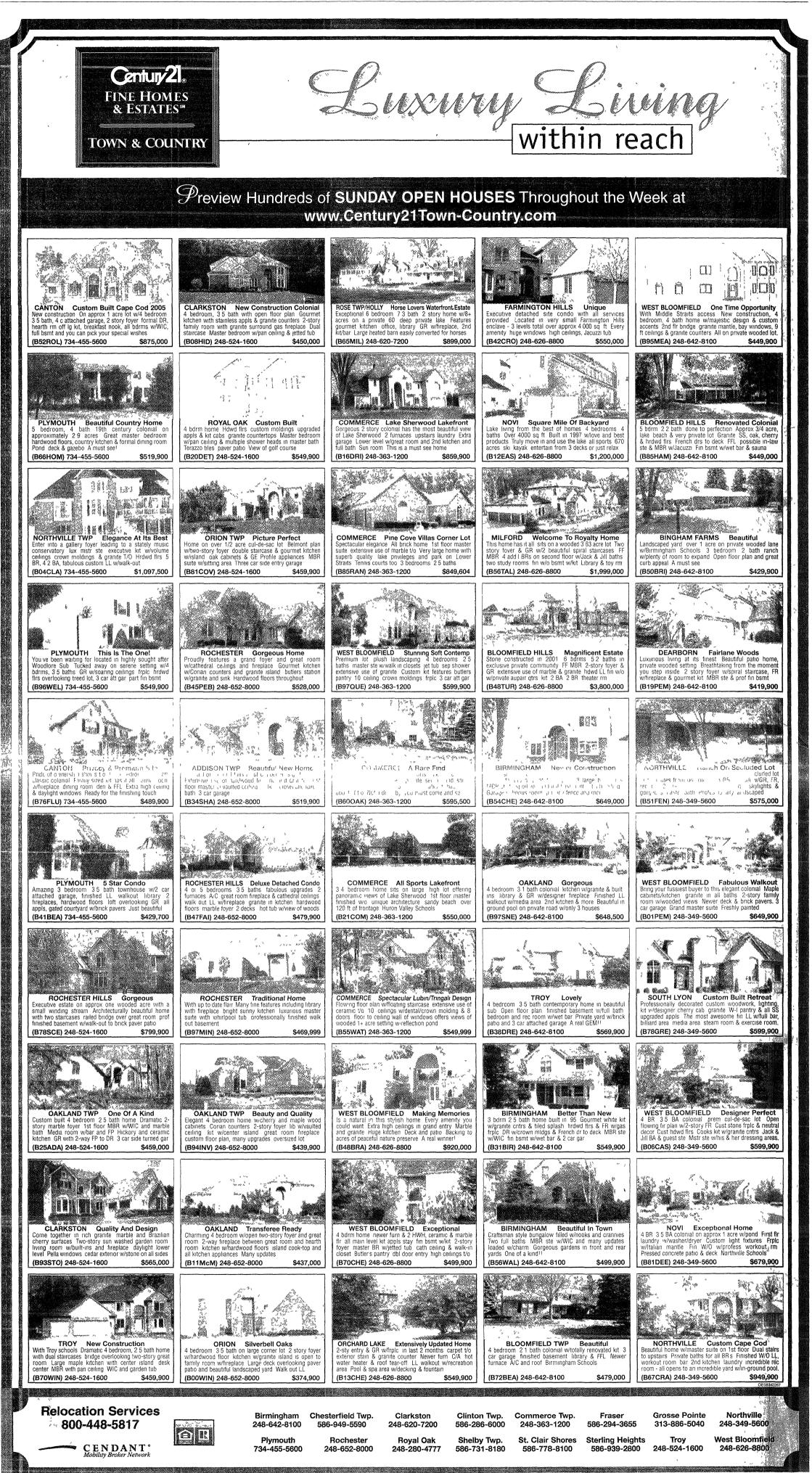
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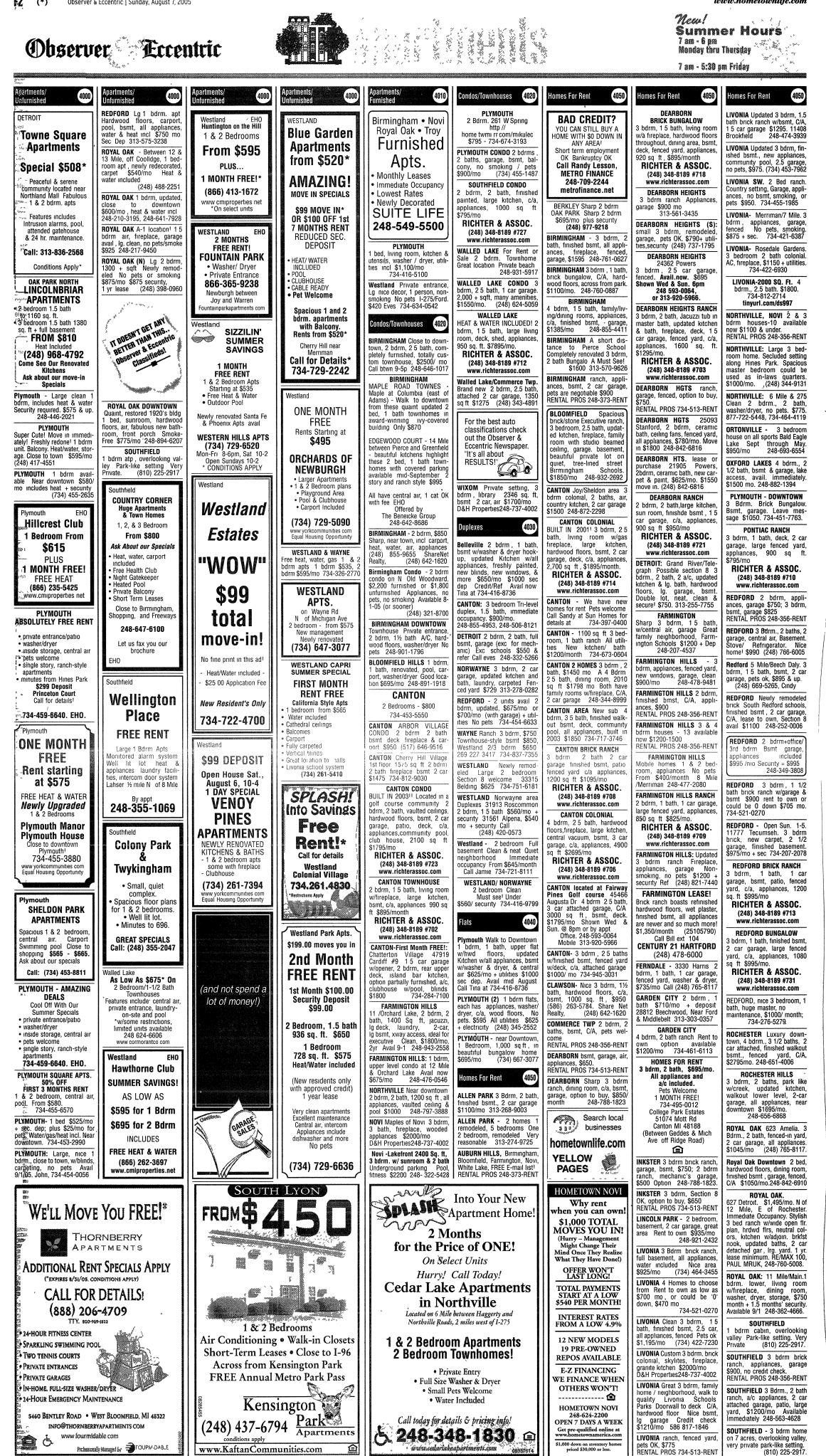
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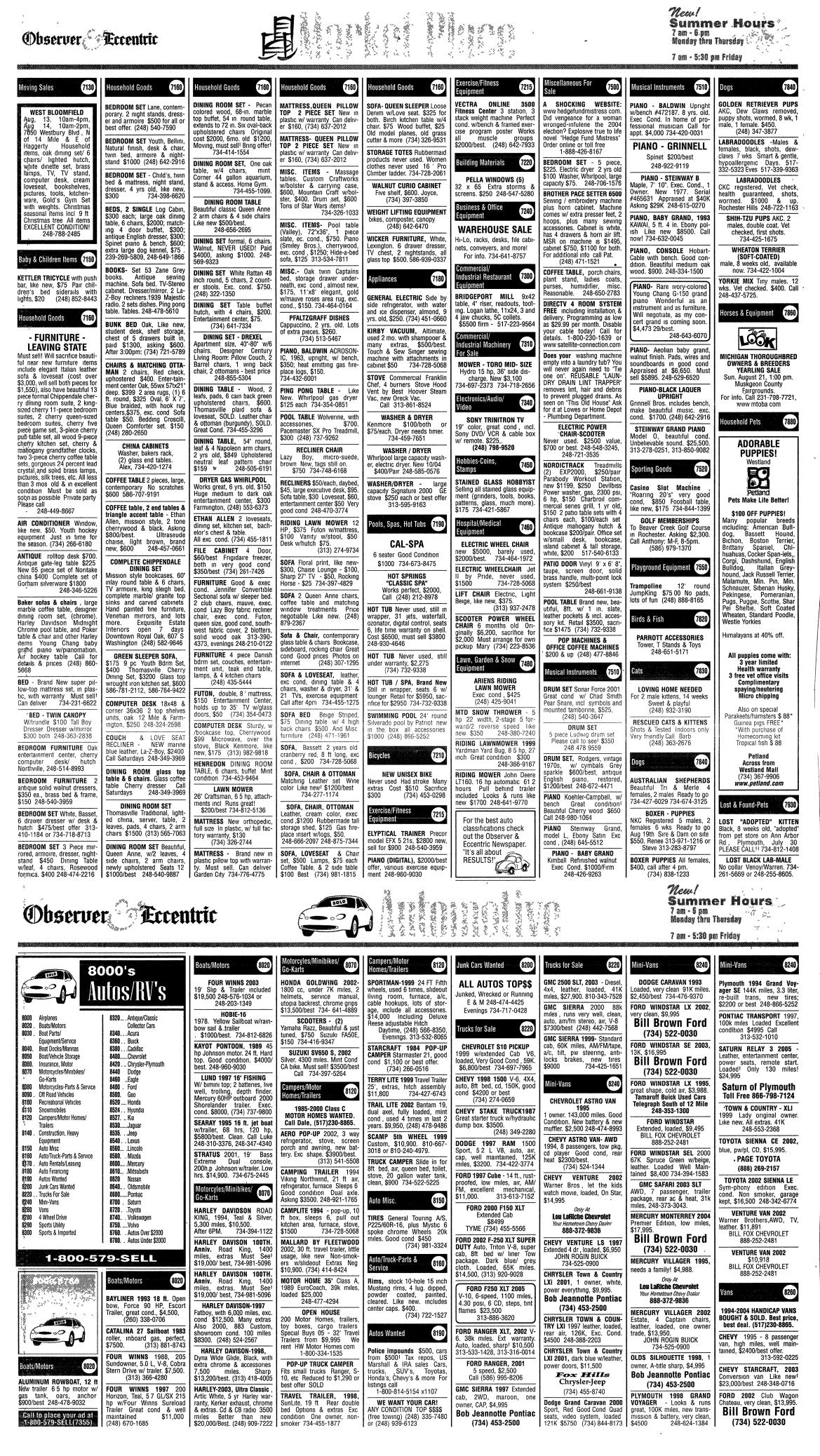
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Sirius, yes, as in the dog star.

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I have fallen in love with satellite radio. It's a great

And the two major satellite radio providers have gained phenomenal gains in their subscriber base

this year. No wonder. It's the best thing since canned

The two satellite providers in the U.S. are XM and

XM Radio Holdings Inc., based in Washington, has

more than tripled its subscriber base this year, while

Sirius, based in New York, has nearly quadrupled its

XM is clearly the largest, with subscribers topping

out at more than 3 million last year. Sirius is lagging

behind at just a million subscribers. I suspect cost is

But the two companies have been trying to outdo

the determining factor -- in equipment, in ease of

one another in a big way. Sirius signed a five-year

contract to broadcast shock-jock Howard Stern's

show starting next year, while XM secured a deal

Sirius also carries NFL games and the Big Ten college

The major draw behind satellite radio is the basic

fact that it's 100 percent commercial-free. That does-

n't mean there isn't any talk between tunes, however.

listening to, maybe what you just heard or what you'll

There are more than 120 digital channels on XM,

for example, which focuses on music, music, music.

Sirius has just about the same number of digital

channels that do have music, but also has more talk

radio and sports radio to listen to. All of it is avail-

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There's also full-time instant traffic and weather for

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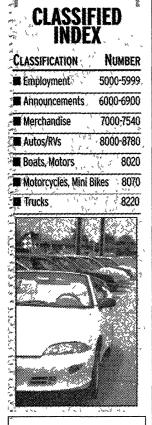
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We installed XM in our family's 2002 Ford Explorer, like this one.

Other major markets include Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Orlando, Miami, Atlanta, Tampa and most of the major west coast cities.

There are also premium channels, like the adultbased Playboy Radio channel that will cost you about \$3 a month more.

XM charges you \$9.95 a month for the subscription and can cut that if you pay on a yearly basis. Sirius has a similar deal, but you'll pay \$14.95 a month for its service. Pretty reasonable for not having to listen to 45 minutes of commercials after your "35-minute rock block."

More than 15 different automakers have XM factory-installed in their vehicles, while Sirius is counting on Ford Motor Co. to boost its sales.

The unit doesn't necessarily have to come installed in the dash to use it, however. You can purchase satellite radio and have it installed on the top of your instrument panel, like we did in my household on my husband Hawke's Ford Explorer.

On those models, you also have the option of also using in on your person, attaching it to your home stereo system or installing it on a different vehicle -switching between the two. In this case, buying aftermarket can have this distinct advantage

I had the pleasure of installing a portable system on my husband's Ford Explorer as a surprise -- and to my surprise, he loved it. He uses it exclusive apart from his factory-installed stereo system. The intent of getting a portable system is to install it into my sport utility when we need the room to travel up north.

I do have a caveat, however. There are some channels you'll want to monitor for your children. There are channels that tend to use some pretty nasty language you really don't want your kids to be hearing at a tender age. So, be a parent if you get this and be vigilant.

Other than that, I really enjoy satellite radio, even though it was my preference to choose XM to put in_{1832} his car. That's what I would rather have in my car, too. He's a music nut, not so much talk radio, so it was a perfect fit for him.

Take a look, I think you'll soon buy into it. Oh -one local radio and electronics giant had the system for under \$100 as part of a holiday sale. Glad it's getting even more affordable.

Go see. Go buy. Go enjoy commercial-free radio. It's fun

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol.com.

Choices of music you'll find on satellite radio Decades (1940s, 1950s, 1960s, etc.) Country (classic to folk) Pop and Hits (top 20 to Euro) Christian (Gospel to rock) Rock (hard to alternative) Hip-Hop and Urban (classic soul to top 40) 111 Jazz & blues (traditional to Latin Jazz) Dance (hits to disco) Latin (Spanish to Caribbean) World (African to Reggae) Classical (opera to traditional) Kids (Disney at XM Kids) News (Fox, DNN, ABC, CNBC, CNN etc.) Sports (NASCAR, talk to news to play-by-play) Comedy (extreme to light) Talk and Variety (MTV, VH1, Trucker's channel, etc.) Instant Traffic and Weather (21 major cities

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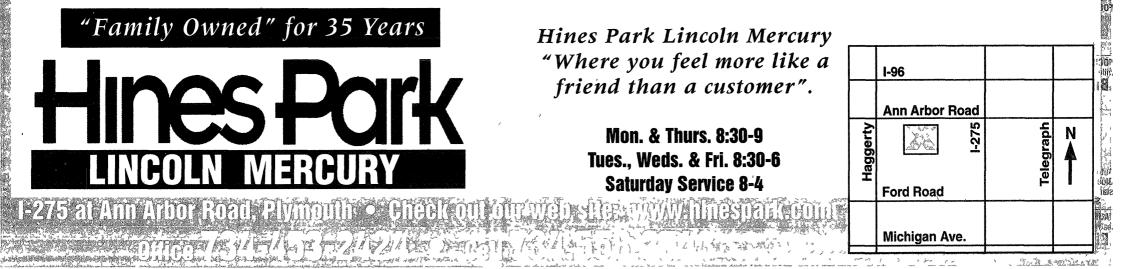
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