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Changes considered for senior bus plan

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township board Tuesday voted Tuesday against recommendations made through the Plymouth Community Council on Aging to streamline the Plymouth Community Senior Transportation Program before they really had a chance to get off the ground

The recommendations, made by program coordinator Marsha Koet and forwarded through the Council on Agings Board of Directors to the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees and the Plymouth City Commission, were designed to enhance revenue and trim expenses for the program

Any changes to the system would likely have to be approved by both the township board and city commission However, City Manager Paul Sincock said Friday the city had only recently received the recommendations, and city commissioners have not yet had a chance to review them

The recommendations included replacing the suggested \$2 donation per trip with a mandatory \$1 fee, using a taxi for hospital trips to Canton and Ann Arbor, and shaving an hour off the time the busses are available

The Senior Transportation Program is a joint effort of the city, township, the United Way and the Council on Aging, funded primarily through grants The service, using two buses, provides some 15,000 trips per year, according to information put together by Koet

Though neither the township nor the city contributes significant general fund money to the program, with costs - primarily fuel - skyrocketing, officials are worried grant money will no longer be enough

"If finances are a question, which they seem to be because grants are shrinking, this is a direction to go, said Koet "Seniors have indicated they don't mind paying \$1 or \$2 each way, and that's a bargain

Koet's recommendations included Changing the fee from a "recommended donation' of \$2 to a mandatory fee of \$1 each way She said the change could generate some \$15,000 in revenue from the system

"This isn't outrageous," township Treasurer Ron Edwards said of the fee "Most people can afford \$1 each way, and those who can't have a way of being supplemented "

Plymouth resident Jackie Fink said a mandatory fee would be a "crock of bull

These people can't afford it," Fink said "There's a lot of people on Social Security who would not be able to ride the van'

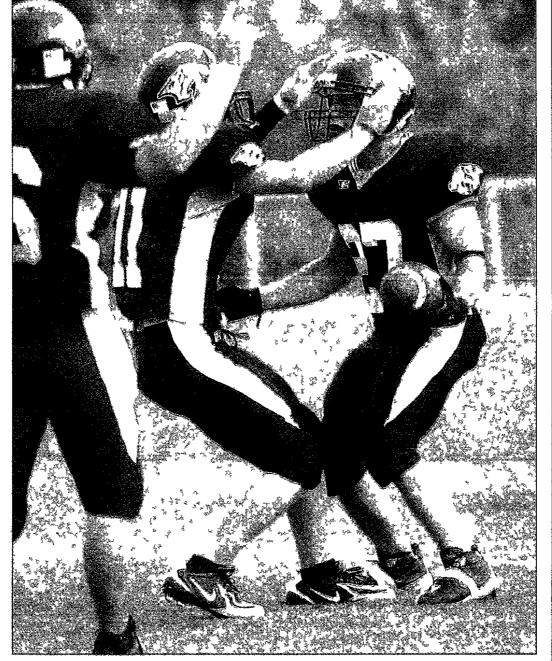
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Former fireman helps squelch garage fire

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Steve Caloia of Plymouth Township used his instincts from 14 years as a Plymouth fireman when he drove by the Elm Street home of Larry Rakozy in Plymouth Friday afternoon

"I was driving by in my van and saw some smoke, which at first looked like someone barbecuing or cutting cement block in the back yard," said Caloia, a former member of the Plymouth Community Fire Department "I've seen enough fires up-close and personal to know that if it was a barbecue it would be quick puffs of smoke This



Bus drivers set to be eyes, ears eyes, ears 8 for security 28 BY TONY BRUSCATO

STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school bus drivers, who are charged with the safe transportation of nearly 9,500 children to and from school each day, will now become the eyes and ears

was continuous and didn't seem to stop, so it caught my attention

Caloia, 41, stopped to investigate, and noticed from a side access door there was a fire in the detached garage

"The flames were rolling across the ceiling, so I got on my phone and called 9-1-1, pounded on the door and the homeowner came out, and I asked if he had a hose," said Caloia "We at least slowed it down enough so he didn't lose his whole garage"

Rakozy was upset about his loss, but grateful the entire structure didn't go up in flames

"I was painting the exterior of the garage, and when I finished put some tarps on top of some things and closed the garage door, and the next thing I know (Caloia) was beating on my door," said Rakozy, who has lived on Elm Street 15 years "Initially, I saw smoke, and then I saw flames If it wasn t for him, I could have lost the entire garage

Rakozy said there were thousands of dollars of wood and woodworking equipment and a train collection inside the garage that were damaged by fire and smoke

"I haven t a clue as to how it started,' said Rakozy "The important thing is that nobody got hurt

As of Friday afternoon, fire department Lt Don Hahn said the incident was under investigation

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Opening night

Plymouth quarterback Brent Jones (11) and Corey VanSpronsen (66) celebrate with Jeffrey Harrison after he scored the Wildcats' second touchdown in Friday night's season-opener. The Wildcats beat Livonia Churchill, 38-7 Please see page B1 for the story

to protect them from possible terrorist activities

The district's 150 bus drivers spent part of their preparation for the first day of school Monday taking part in the Highway Watch program, which trains drivers how to use their "road smarts" to recognize potential safety and security threats to avoid being a target of terrorist-type activity

"It's about getting as many eyes and ears observing anything out of the ordinary and reporting it," said Archie Denard, transportation director for West Bloomfield Schools who presented the training session at East Middle School in Plymouth on Friday "We want bus drivers to be extra observant, and look for things that don't appear as they should be

Every day, on their routes, bus drivers see the same things and the same people," said Denard "When they see something strange and out of the ordinary, they should be concerned and report it"

After the training, every bus driver was given an individual identification number

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Community Fire Department Lt Don Hahn (left) and Capt Jim Jury walk away from a garage fire

Golfers drive to record fund-raiser Thursday

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

A record \$160,000 was raised Thursday in the Plymouth Community United Way Tee Off for a Friend" charity golf outing at Fox Hills Golf & Country Club The seventh annual event had a

record 368 golfers representing mainly employees and suppliers of the three major sponsors of the event - Visteon Corp, Johnson

Great companies look at where they do business and think not only that it's necessary to do business, but it's also necessary to be a good corporate citizen and support where they live," said Steve Davis, Visteon's director of climate control product line for North America in Plymouth Township, and this year's golf chairman "That means taking care of not only their own

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employees and their customers, but taking care of people in their own communities

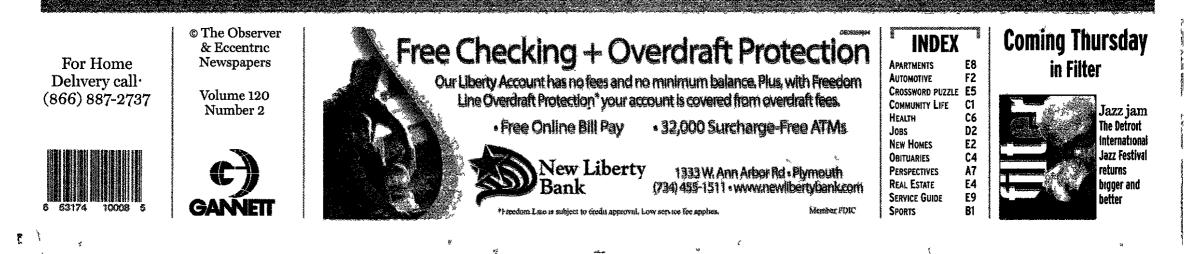
"If you look back to Henry Ford, where Visteon has its roots, it's the cornerstone of that history, and we've tried to continue it," he said "All three companies that sponsor this event have a dedication to support the communities in which they have significant operations and live'

The money raised, which is

about \$20,000 more than last year, will be divided between the Plymouth Community United Way and Community **Opportunity Center**

PCUW President Marie Morrow said the record number of golfers indicates the level of support the United Way gets from its corporate partners "Some of those who help run

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Cox hours

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox holds office hours 9 30-11 30 a m Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S Main St Cox will meet with constituents in the librarys Waldorf Room

I look forward to meeting with citizens and updating them on county projects and initiatives,' Cox said 'I will be able to provide citizens with an update on the county's budget for fiscal year 2005-06, which begins Oct 1

Cox represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township

For more information, contact Carrie Ryckman in Coxs office at (313) 224-0946

Abstract art

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents, 'Profiles, an exhibit of abstract art by Beverly Hills artist, Emily Patz, Aug 31-Sept 30

This body of work includes acrylic paint on wood canvas paper or diebond (aluminum) Collage materials such as fabric, paper, sand, and crushed egg shells, etc are used with

color to unify the abstracted shapes Use of color is an essential tool in the energized paintings and is highly influenced by the artist s many trips to the Southwest

A reception for the artist will be held 2 4 p m Sunday, Sept 18 The public is welcome The hours of the exhibition are 10 a m -5 p m Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a m -8 p m Wednesday and 9 a m -noon Saturday

The Arts Center 1s located at 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth Call (734) 416-4278 for additional information

New banker

Citizens Bank appointed Plymouth resident Peggy A Cummins as senior vice president, commercial business manager In this position, Cummins is

responsible for building and Cummins

Citizens Banks Novi office

Cummins comes to Citizens Bank with 22 years of com

mercial lending experience with Comerica Bank Bank officials said she 'brings a broad range of commercial lending and credit underwriting experience gained during her tenure at Comerica"

Cummins has held managerial positions in credit, asset based lending and middle market lending For the past three years she managed a middle market commercial banking group for Comerica Bank in downtown Detroit Cummins received a bachelors and master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan

Entertainment books

Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fundraisers The Plymouth Optimists

are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books, with all proceeds helping children throughout southeastern Michigan Price is \$25 Books are available at

Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth, or home delivery is available Call (734) 453-8253 for details

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities

The book offers 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment and sporting events

The book is being offered at a special fund-raising price of \$25, and can be delivered, if the purchaser desires Order books by calling Stan

Kovacheff at (734) 459 6829 Members of the Plymouth Symphony League are selling the 2006 entertainment book, offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events

The books is priced at \$25, with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony. Books can be picked up at the symphony office, next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth, or ordered by call-11ng Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016

For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 453-2112

Brick sale

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

ing

The bricks are 4-by-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 inscrip tion, to Lauren Cummings at Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187

Deadline for ordering the bricks is Sept 30

Fire hydrants

Beginning Sept 6, staffers from the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works begins the fire hydrant winteri zation program

Residents may notice a temporary discoloration of their water It should be for a short period of time, and DPW officials said prolonged problems should be reported

For more information, call the DPW, (734) 453-8131, Ext 21

Reading tutors

CORRECTION

The Community Literacy Council is looking for volunteer tutors in western Wayne County to teach adults to read No educational background is necessary, and the council will provide training and materials, then match tutors with students in their area. The next training session begins 5-9 p m Monday, Sept 26 at the Starkweather Center in Plymouth

For more information, call (734) 416-4906

Children's auditions

The Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts open auditions for children ages 6-14 for the Plymouth Uptown Players fall production

The play to be performed will not be chosen until after auditions so that Sharon Belobraidich, the director, can choose the best play according to the strengths of the group

Auditions take place 6:30-8 p m Sept 12 and 14 at the PCAC, 774 N Sheldon The auditions are free of charge, no special preparation is required and advance registration is not required The children should plan to choose one day and stay for the entire 'workshop" and all children who audition will receive a part

Rehearsals will be on Sunday evenings and run through the opening of the play Dec 2 For information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278

A column in the Thursday, Aug 25, Observer should have said it was the VFW Post 6695 on Mill in Plymouth that hosted a fund-raiser for Gulf War veteran Wade George, now

diagnosed with three inoperable brain tumors

The fund-raiser helped raise some \$2,200 to support the medical and legal battles George is facing

They were desperate for something, and we wanted to do that," VFW Rental Chairman Steve Bruton said 'Hes a veteran and he needed the help

"Hes a man who served his country, and we felt like it was time to do something for,him," Bruton added 'It was a big day, they were happy and we were happy'

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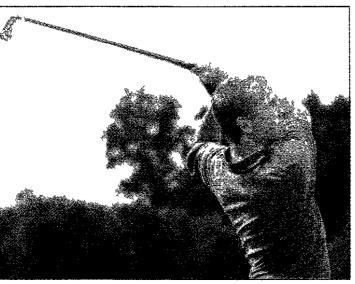




Larry Benson chooses a club during the golf outing

'We currently have about \$200,000 in the endowment, and we eventually hope to get it to the level that will support the overhead of the organization."

Marie Morrow Plymouth Community United Way president



Thomas Bischoff tees off for the next hole during Thursday's United Way golf outing

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the golf outing are also on some of our boards and committees, said Morrow They have a sense of commitment to those who are less fortunate, and the vendors of the corporations that participate are committed to helping philanthropic needs Morrow said the money

raised by the annual golf outings is being put into an endowment

"We currently have about \$200,000 in the endowment, and we eventually hope to get it to the level that will support the overhead of the organization, so that 100 percent of the total dollars raised go back into the community, she said

Community Opportunity Center - which operates homes for adults with developmental disabilities in Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Garden City and Redford - uses its share of



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Caroline Edwards putts toward the cup during Thursday's United Way golf fund-raiser Ken Kirk, Harry Crespy and Bryan Calloway wait for their turns

the proceeds to help eliminate

annual budget deficits "We've run deficits up to \$125,000 because we haven t had any increase in funding from the state in more than 10 years,' said Denise King, COC executive director 'When I

started with COC, we never did any fund raising Now, we have at least five fund-raisers a year to cover our expenses

For us, this golf outing is incredible," she said

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Jennifer Greening (left), a second-grade teacher at Eriksson Elementary, talks with Frances Smillie, a physical therapist at the Tanger Center, and Barbara Pastalaniec LEAP support teacher at the Curriculum Center, following the welcome-back address of Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan Thursday



Teachers back in classrooms as new year nears

"I've watched you step in to help parents, students and community members needs, Ryan told teachers I ve seen you sacrifice your own time, and - unfortunately sometimes your own personal money I've seen you sacrifice yourselves for the stu-



Painters find new spot for craft show

Arts and crafts aficionados looking for the Village Painters craft show during the Plymouth Fall Festival weekend are going to have to look at a new location

The Village Painters, a local chapter of the Society of Decorative Painters and their show is a boutique style show using various mediums of painting such as acrylics, oils and watercolor, host their ninth-annual craft show from 10 a m -4 p m Sunday, Sept 11 at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia

The Painters share the park that day with Greenmeads biannual flea market Admission to the craft show, set at the Victorian Judge Alexander Blue's House on the Greenmead property, located at 8 Mile and Newburgh

The artists are recycling old furniture into beautiful treas ures for the home Along with hand painted furniture, there will be seasonal decorations such as Halloween and Christmas decorations, seasonal wall hangings, painted ornaments, garden accessories, glassware, baskets and more



Tammy Gardner (left) and Ruth Schwarz of Plymouth pose with some of the items that'll be available at the ninth annual Village Painters Craft Show, which moves to a new location this year

A collection of prized decorative art will also be on display for your viewing During the show there will be a raffle of a handpainted quilt chest with an antique quilt, handpainted antique school desk and a handpainted antique sled

Outside the Judge Blue

House will be a free "Learn to Paint tent, where visitors can stop and paint a piece under the direction of Village Painter, members Face Painting will be available for children

For more information visit the Painters Web site at www.villagepainters net or call (734) 753-5232

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BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Thursday was the first "official' reporting day for **Plymouth-Canton teachers**

However, most have been in their classrooms since early this month getting ready for students, who begin the school year Monday with a half-day

"I've been in for the last couple of weeks tweaking schedules and making sure everything is ready," said Sheila Weber, a counselor at East Middle School "Now, it's official Were back and summer is over"

The more than 1,000 teachers -- which include more than 100 new hires attended one of three opening day welcomes by Superintendent Jim Ryan

dents, for your fellow staff members, for the community of this school district

"I just want you to know how blessed I feel to work with such a wonderful group of people who put it all together and show this state the results that have people want to be in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools," he said 'That's why we'll grow another 500 kids this year, because of each and every one of you

Bill Wooster, a West Middle School special education instructor, admits its time to get back to work 'It's always exciting work

ing with your colleagues and having new staff come in, having new students, new goals and something new to do," said Wooster "You're just full of energy and ready to go again'

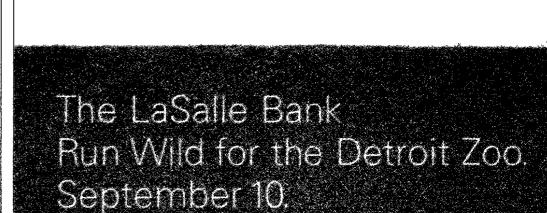
Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan welcomes back teachers who officially returned to work for the 2005 06 school year Thursday

Wooster said each year presents new challenges

'Trying to meet the needs of the students and parents at the same time is stressful, but the challenge makes it exciting,' said Wooster "Bringing the kids up to a level they can achieve at, to help them feel successful and feel they belong That's such a huge goal"

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City drivers to see construction sites

Drivers in the city of Plymouth are going to notice a few more orange construction barrels

A private contractor will be working to install new water and sewer taps for a new building construction on North Main near Union

Starting Tuesday morning, Aug 30 (weather permitting), the contractor will close southbound Main at Union, with no south access south of Union In addition, northbound Main will be limited to one lane between Church and Union

The road and lane closures are anticipated to remain in effect through Friday, Sept 2, to allow for road repairs to be completed This will affect traffic in the area of Central Middle School Southbound Main Street traffic will be diverted to Union to go around the construction area

SHELDON ROAD

Wayne County road officials are planning a road construction and widening project on Sheldon Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Farmer

Construction barrels and signs are currently being placed in advance of the contractor moving into the area, according to city officials, who say there will be construction delays once work begins For information on the project, residents should contact Wayne County or check the county's Web site at

www.waynecounty.com/dps _roads and click on the link for the list of roads under improvement The county's project manager for the Sheldon Road construction 15 Craig Wobrock, who can be reached by calling (734)595-6504

New officer

Patrick J Nelson, the son of Linda and Parnell Johnson, has graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga, and was com



Nelson instruction in leadership, professional ethics, soldier team development, combined arms tactics, weapons defense, combat water survival, squad drill, intelligence, field training exercises, navigation, maintenance, communications, staff and general military subjects and

tioning The candidate was tested on leadership skills and teamwork abilities required of a commissioned officer

physical training and condi-

Johnson joined the Army in Fall 2004 and is now joining the Air Defense Artillery Corps

MILITARY NEWS

learning the ropes of a platoon leader He and his new bride, Melissa, are stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas Navy training

Navy Seaman Apprentice Nathan E Anderson, son of Michael L Anderson, of Plymouth, recently completed US Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill

During the eight-week program, Anderson completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety, and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety An emphasis was also placed

on physical fitness The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations" This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet 'Battle Stations is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment Its distinctly

"Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor

Chaplain graduate

Army Pfc Allison L Bockstanz has graduated from the Chaplain Assistant Advanced Individual Training course at the Chaplain School, Fort Jackson, Columbia, S C

The course emphasized rehgious support, development of interpersonal skills, and unit ministry support to soldiers and family members The support training provided services in a battlefield environment and battle fatigue casualty care

Religious support classes instructed students to prepare altars for Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Orthodox worship services, and stressed the importance of being knowledgeable of all faith groups represented in the Army

She is the daughter of Janet F Bockstanz of Plymouth and Jack Bockstanz of Northville Bockstanz 1s a 1998 graduate of Canton High School

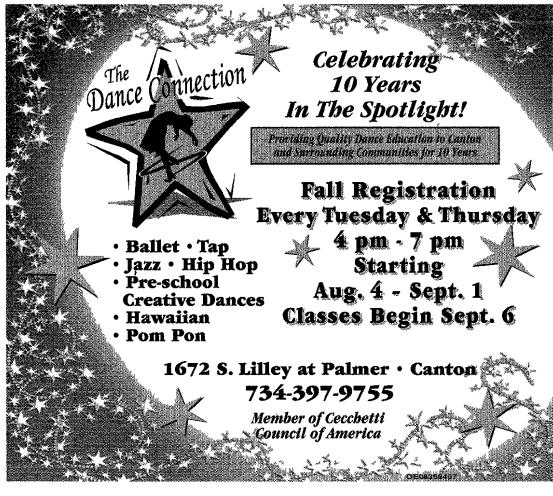
ROTC leader

Lucas H Stump graduated from the Army ROTC Leader **Development and Assessment** Course, also known as Operation Warrior Forge, at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash

The 33 days of training provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet s intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and stamına The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while attending the course

He is the son of Richard L and Anna M Stump of Canton He graduated in 2000 from Plymouth Salem High School and 1s currently attending Michigan State University

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BUS DRIVERS

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and the Highway Watch hothne number to call if they see something suspicious

They'll be able to describe, firsthand, what kind of activity they see,' said Denard "The Highway Watch center will then determine if that information will go to the local police or someone else, like the FBI

'The object behind it is to stop terrorist activity before it gets started," he said If you stop any part of the terrorist chain - assessment, casing, rehearsing and the attack - we can deter them"

Plymouth-Canton bus driver Maryanne Crawford, who has

driven a bus for nearly 20 years, says bus drivers have always reported strange activity to authorities, and the Highway Watch program will take it to a new level

'We take our individual routes the same way, every day, and when we see something out of the ordinary we call it in," said Crawford 'We've called in erratic drivers and their license numbers, we've seen fighting while people are driving, we've seen suspicious things while driving around

'This program helps us to really be in tune to what to look for concerning really dangerous issues," she said

Plymouth-Canton Schools Transportation Director Melvin Latnie says the program recognizes that terrorism doesn't always mean someone from another country

"We've seen kids and disgruntled parents who have hyacked buses, fired bus drivers who have come back to take over buses," said Latnie "According to homeland security, a school bus is a prime opportunity to inflict a terror-1st act because they are always moving"

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And, for drivers like Crawford, taking care of her young passengers is as important as being a parent "I care for them like I would my own,' Crawford said

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Koet said the United Way has an emergency fund that could subsidize seniors who can't afford the mandatory fee

We'd need proof of financial status, but making sure they have transportation is such a priority for the Council on Aging board of directors that this isn't going to be a problem," Koet said

Using a taxi service to take individuals to hospital appointments in Canton and Ann Arbor This change would allow the senior bus to continue operating within the community, generating additional revenue The program currently charges \$10 for a trip to Ann Arbor, and \$6 to Canton

Koet's recommendation would hike the fee to Ann Arbor to \$20 to offset the cost of the cab

Changing the hours the

service is available Currently, seniors can get rides 8 a m to 4 p m Koet recommended changing it to 8 30 a m to 330 p m

'The first half-hour and the last hour of the day are simply down times,' Koet said "If we can cut out an hour from our day, it saves payroll, it saves money we spend on gas"

At Tuesday's Plymouth Township board meeting, Edwards made a motion to accept Koet's recommendations, but the motion was voted down in a 4-3 ballot Edwards, Supervisor Richard **Reaume and trustee Charles** Curmi supported it, Clerk Marilyn Massengill and trustees Kay Arnold, Bob Doroshewitz and Steve Mann voted against it

I'm completely against diminishing senior transportation in any way, or increasing the cost," Mann said We worked hard to increase the routes and added a second bus

It's a great benefit for our seniors and I m completely opposed to this

Sincock said neither he nor city commissioners have had a chance to review Koets recommendations, but that they should be taken seriously

"The expenses of the program are skyrocketing, especially with the price of fuel,' Sincock said If (recommendations) are coming from Council on Aging, its something we'd look at They ve been very supportive, so any changes they'd recommend would certainly be significant

Koet said she felt the township board could still revisit the issue at a later date I expect the board of

trustees looked at it seriously and made their decision,' Koet said If they come to the point where they feel funding sources are drying up, here are some good options We ve done our part, and it's up to them

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Perennial exchange on tap Sept. 10

Trailwood Garden Club, a member of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, hosts a perennial exchange as part of the annual Plymouth Fall Festival

The exchange takes place 9-11 a m Saturday, Sept 10, in front of the Wilcox House at Ann Arbor Trail and Union Plants should be healthy and identified

It's a bring something, take something event

For additional information on the Fall Festival event, call (734) 459-7146

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Aug 17-23

🖩 Tuesday, Aug 23 — Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail, on Farmbrook, on Napier on Erin, on Greenview and on Sheldon, commercial rescue run on Concept, vehicle accident with wash-down at Beck and Powell, rescue run to a public building/school on Beck.

Monday, Aug 22 -Residential rescue runs on Filmore, on Blunk, on Northville Road, on Postiff and on Dogwood, rescue runs on westbound M-14 east of Beck and at Hines Drive and Plymouth, commercial rescue run on Mill, industrial rescue run on Haggerty, special run on Red Ryder, fire on Sumpson, vehicle fire at Sheldon and M-14

🔳 Sunday, Aug 21 —



Bakalar 68 of Southfield died Aug 23 Bessie Barber Barber 88 of Redford Township died Aug 23 Edwin N Buford Edwin N Buford 85 of Garden City

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Mary "Ginny" Bakalar

died Aug 21 Betty M Canever Canever 87 of Fenton died Aug 22

Ε **Dr Brownlee Wilmoth Elliott** Elliott 79 died Aug 21 2005

Mary Ann Floyd Floyd 46 of Westland died Aug 18 Sally F Fox Fox 80 of Farmington Hills died July 27 G **Opal B Grady** Grady 83 died Aug 15

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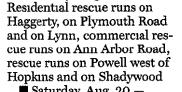
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Lewis Scallen Gwynn 75 formerly of B rmingham died Aug 24

Phillip G Moody Moody 55 of Lake Orion died Aug 16 Albert Otto Sakcriska

Sakcriska 72 of Canton died Aug 16 Edward A. "Eddie" Sawicki





📓 Saturday, Aug 20 – Residential rescue runs on Glenview, on Joy and on F Drive, carbon monoxide detector run on Southview

Friday, Aug 19 -Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Mill, on Liberty, on Tavistock, on Pointe Crossing and on Plymouth Road, commercial rescue run on Lilley, vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 at I-275, vehicle fires on westbound M-14 at Gotfredson and on Orangelawn, rescue run on Mill

Thursday, Aug 18 — Residential rescue runs on Brougham, on Lynn, on Woodgate, on 5 Mile, on Cambridge, on Postiff and on Newporte, wash-down on Ann Arbor Road, special run on Fellows Hill

🔳 Wednesday, Aug 17 — Residential rescue runs on Simpson, on Sheldon, on Newport and on Crestwood, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on 5 Mile, rescue runs on Dewey and on Ann Arbor Trail, rescue run to a public building/school on Plymouth Road





Come in for fall cosmetics event

MAKE IT UP

Crazy for cosmetics? Livonias Parisian store at Laurel Park Place will host TREND, a cosmetics seminar featuring the latest in fall colors and styles for early risers

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The seminar includes a contimental breakfast and tips featuring the newest trends in fall beauty and fashion Learn to create sparkling eyes, ultraglossy lips or creamy blushing cheeks Update your makeup bag or revamp that fall wardrobe Gifts and prize giveaways are included East entrance doors will open at 7 45 am Sept 10 for those who register Beauty con-

sultation appointments will be honored from 10 a m to 5 p m

Parisian is at Six Mile and Newburgh roads in Livonia For more information, call the store at (734) 953-7500

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes

about new and changing businesses for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers E mail tips on your new favorite Wayne County shop to scaso la@oe homecomm net or call (734) 953 2054

Vhat's in Store



Where the benches are

Following are the locations, artists and sponsors of the BenchArt Plymouth benches stationed around the community, listed by title, location, sponsor and artist

■ "Reef Party," Plymouth Township Hall, Herriman & Associates, Lu Autrey

Kiwanis Park (Auburn and Junction), Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, D Varga and the Plymouth Sign Painters

Twilight Magic,'
 Sheldon and Ann Arbor
 Trail, Nancy Petrucelli,
 Coldwell Banker Schweitzer
 Bake, Jennifer Ethier
 "Red Poppies, Old

Village (Park on Farmer near Mill), Avis & Associates, Deborah Schultz ■ Hilltop Golf Course

Powell and Ann Arbor Trail), Comerica Bank, Jeremy Rheault

■ 'Endangered Cats,' Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N Sheldon, Jo Hulce and Wilma Newton, Kathy Telfer

■ Penniman, Haven of Plymouth, Jennifer Imamura

■ Summer Night Penn and the Park,' Main and Ann Arbor Trail, Gerald Hug, Hug Center for Hearing, Debbie Malek

■ Birds Over Plymouth," Kellogg Park, Independence Village, Janisse Lahti Larsson

■ Pine Boughs Knife Art,' Plymouth Township Park, near the pond, Craig Dobias,

Garden Homes Ltd , Plymouth Woodcarvers

■ Checkers, Anyone? Fire Station, Beck and N Territorial, Mike and Mary Gladchun, RE/MAX on the Trail, Diane Harrison

■ "Save the Earth So We Have Someplace to Boogie," Plymouth Township Park, near the playscape, Bob and Michele Hill, Mikes Door Service, Paul Barbero ■ Sky Trees, Board of Education Building, 454 S



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Bench art like this painted by Jeremy Rheault is located in nearly two dozen locations around the Plymouth community

Harvey, Community Financial, Clevell Koon

 Ann Arbor Road and Main, Bank One, Carmen Johnson
 Love the Ones Who

Bug You,' Kellogg Park, Michigan Made & More, Nancy Long

■ Quiet Time," Plymouth Library, 223 S Main, Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors, Kathy Telfer

■ Dandelion," Plymouth Nursery, 9000 Plymouth Road, Donna Conger

 This is NOT a bench, Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N Sheldon, Dennis Jones
 Open Your Eves

■ Open Your Eyes, House of Fudge, 470 Forest Place Janette Fairbanks Paul

Tending Babies, Maggie & Me, 926 Ann Arbor Trail, Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel, CPA's LLP, Janisse Larsson

Musical Chair," Mia Bella, 853 Ann Arbor Trail, New Morning School, Kara Marsee

■ Zebra in the Grass " Kroger, 44525 Ann Arbor Road, Families of Red Bell Preschool, Daria Fileta

Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S Main,

Plymouth A M Rotary, Amy Leyden

Teaching Peace, ' Busch's, 15185 Sheldon, Families of Plymouth Canton Montessori, Beth McGinnis

■ "Frogs," Plymouth Veterinary Hospital, 725 Wing, Happy Hounds Doggie Day Care/Plymouth Veterinary Hospital, Cathy Dyer

■ "Flight, Frameworks, 833 Penniman, Mark J Baldwin & Associates/Gonyer Financial,

Ingrid Dikjers iii 'All That Glitters,"

Vıllage Shopkeeper, 470 Forest, Earl Hall, Jıll Andra Young

■ Gabrialas, 322 S Main, Robert and Cynthia Vercruysse, Sharon Holton

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Station 885, 885 Starkweather, Station 885/LaBistecca, Cheryl Hardin

■ Magic in the Garden, Plymouth Library, 223 S Main, Families of Fun Factory Preschool, Lesley Kabza Crisenti

■ Cute as Can Bee, 'Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, 40875 Plymouth Road, Russ and Bonnie King, Heidi Grybas

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Money woes threaten Gibson School's future

BY MATT JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

Deelining enrollment and a cash crunch have supporters of Redfords Gibson School for gifted children scrambling to raise \$300,000 before the end of the month

Gibsons board of directors has voted to close the school unless the money to erase a deficit and make up a shortfall for the upcoming academic year is found by Tuesday, said Suzanne Young, Gibson's principal

'We didn't want to start the year and not be able to complete the year. Young said School would start Wednesday if the drive is successful

The private school for students ages 5 to 14 was founded in 1972 and has been in Redford, on Fenton Street south of Schoolcraft Road since 1980

Parents and fans of Gibson are hoping the school can hang on Gibson is attended by students from throughout the Detroit area.

"It saved our lives,' said Irene Holst about Gibson School She and husband Hank send their sons, Eric, 9, and Dane 7, to the school

I think it would be a real loss 1f Gibson closes, Holst added For our family, for sure

Holst of Novi, is guardedly optimistic She has looked at options for her sons for the coming school year, but hadn t enrolled them elsewhere as of Thursday

"I believe if we can open this year it will remain open on an ongoing basis, she said

Its an institution that needs to stay in business, said Mike Moses of Brighton a Gibson board member whose son

Brandon graduated in 1989 "It would be just a

that has hurt Gibson's finances, Young said

Fund-raising and gifts haven t been able to make up the difference 'The phi-lanthropy, too, is challenged by this economy," Young said

Tuition at Gibson is \$8,900 a year Some financial aid is available, and, this year, new students were offered a one-time \$1,500 tuition discount as an enrollment incentive The school's annual budget is about \$750,000

About 35 students are enrolled for the upcoming year, Young said That compares to 46 last year, 58 in 2003-2004 before and 68 in 2002-2003, she said

The cost has forced some parents to withdraw their children, Young said, and kept other from enrolling their children at all

Young said the school community has been working hard since June to improve its financial picture The board's decision on Tuesday extended an ear lier fund-raising deadline, she said

Gibson has contacted supporters about the dilemma and has been approaching foundations, corporations and individuals for financial help, Young said

"It may take a lot of small donations It could take one large donation or three large donations or 12 large donations, she said "We're working at it every way we know'

Gibson generally enrolls students with a minimum intelligence quotient of 130 Some students have come from other schools that weren t able to meet their needs and where they may have been labeled as having behavioral problems

Gibson also has a program for preschool-age children, who don t need to be gifted to be enrolled If the hool closes. Young said

Police seek answers to 40-year-old mystery

BY LEANNE ROGERS STAFF WRITER

As a police cadet assigned as a dispatcher on the midnight shift 30 years ago, Robert Muery had a lot of time for reading

"I d pull out old case files and read the case notes I was a 19-year old kid and wanted to learn more about investigative techniques and thought reading closed cases would be the best way to do that," said Muery, now a Garden City Police sergeant

One old case that Muery never forgot was that of Mildred Zentner and her 28month-old daughter Patricia who disappeared from their home on Deering Aug 28, 1964 No trace of the mother and daughter has ever been found

"I adhere to the philosophy that the Police Department never forgets Police officers may come and go, but the Police Department continues to carry on," said Muery, who in February 2004 began trying to find out what happened to the mother and daughter

That quest led to excavations on the site where the Zentner family home had stood

When I retrieved this file, my original thinking was that here is one that I bet I can close pretty easy with all the information sharing we have today, said Muery I thought I d be able to report that they were alive and well But it didn t work out that way'

ABOUT THE FAMILY

Married in 1958, the Zentners - Mildred, 28, husband Jesse, Jr, 33, and their daughter called Patty Lou had moved to Garden City from Pennsylvania. Jesse Zentner, a metal pattern maker, had taken a job with Ford Motor Co Mildred Zentner had worked as a medical assistant and X-ray technologist

The last time anyone saw Mildred and Patty Lou at the home at 1214 Deering was Aug 28, 1964 The two weren't reported missing until two weeks later after Jesse Zentner, who had driven to Pennsylvania, contacted his inlaws to ask if they had seen his wife and daughter

The original missing person ported filed by Mile

Iris Stewart, was made in per son about 12 hours after the couple spoke with Jesse Zentner

According to the police reports, Jesse Zentner told his in-laws and detectives that he and his wife had argued Zentner told police he had spanked his daughter leaving bruises and his wife was angry Jesse Zentner told police

that he worked on Aug 28, 1964, and when he returned home, his wife and daughter were gone Mildred Zentner dıdn't keep a doctor's appointment she had that day

'In a second interview, Jesse told the detective again about the spanking and made a first mention of a typewritten note left by his wife," said Muery "The note said she needed some time on her own He said he had torn up the note He also said his wife had taken \$2,000 cash that he had at the house to purchase a car'

The Stewarts told police that a a child's table and chairs were missing along with a potty chair, but that clothing belonging to Mildred and Patty Lou was still at the home

Subsequently, the Stewarts gave police a red and white child's playsuit covered with a substance which the Wayne County Medical Examiner identified as human blood

Detectives did a search at the Zentner property which is 560 feet deep and was heavily wooded at the rear, including a garage with a dirt floor

By the end of 1964, Jesse Zentner was out of work due to a strike at Ford and had returned to Pennsylvania He retired in 1992 and moved to Florida where he lives today The Stewarts kept looking for their daughter and grand daughter, as did other family members In 1965, Garden City Police received letters from the Allegheny County Pennsylvania District

Attorney's Office and the Salvation Army on behalf of the family seeking help locating Mildred and Patty Lou, who never made contact

Before beginning to search the Deering property, Muery had attempted to find some record of Mildred and Patricia Zentner through birth and death records, Social Security, through the FBI, the Salvation Army and a variety of comput orizod coarches



Garden City Police searched and excavated the property where Mildred Zentner and daughter Patricia lived at the time they disappeared in 1964

members of her family but did talk with people from her hometown and at least one classmate from her high school graduating class, which recently had a 50-year reunion

In March, Muery took time out from a vacation to Florida and paid a visit to Jesse Zentner, now 74 and living alone in Spring Hill, Fla He never remarried or had another child

'He is still a person of interest He demed that he had ever disciplined the child He didn't call Patty Lou by name He kept referring to her as the child or that child," said Muery, who was accompanied by a Pasco County, Fla, Sheriff's deputy

After indicating he thought Mildred had left voluntarily, Muery said Zentner gave his theory that his wife and daughter had been killed by a neighbor, now deceased Zentner drew a map of the Deering property indicating where he thought the bodies had been buried

SEARCHING THE PROPERTY

Early this summer, Muery and other officers went to the now vacant parcel to begin a search with the permission of the current owner

David Hyndman, an associate professor of hydrogeology at Michigan State University, and a group of his students began examining the property with ground penetrating radar

When anomalies were found, core samples were taken to be examined by Michael Pratt of Heidelberg College at Arrowhead Park in

The radar was amazingly accurate It showed marbles (buried) and we found the marbles," said Muery "With the core samples, they looked for gross disturbance in the soil indicating a burial"

Using equipment loaned by Garden City Rental, officers began digging in areas highlighted by the radar Some larger bones, determined to be animal bones, were found but no trace of Mildred and Patty Lou

"The entire department has been extremely helpful in brainstorming, chasing leads and ideas We had a lot of support at the site," said Muery, noting that Officer Rich Harris brought his motor home to the site for use as a command center

Without being able to determine if Mildred and Patty Lou left home on their own, Muery said the detectives on the original case couldn't justify tearing. up the brand new home that had been built next door or excavating the Zentner proper-

ty "There was just not enough" there You can't compare the standard of police work now with 1964, things were grossly different," he said "With the \approx " push of a button today, we can send data to all 50 states with in a few seconds These peoples didn t reappear or wander off to start a new life in another state I feel very confident that they are dead

Muery doesn't plan to stop his investigation although he said the next step probably needs to be a trip to Mildred's hometown of Turtle Creek, Pa He's had trouble locating her younger brother and sister due to them having such common last names

"Several officers came out (to the excavation) on their own time They want justice for a beautiful 21/2-year-old girl and her mother," said Muery "This case 1s older than most of the officers in the department

"Mildred and Patty Lou are entitled to the best we can give them'

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He hasn't been able to locate



County budget includes some job cuts, benefit changes

Following what Commissioner Phil Cavanagh, D-Redford, called the toughest" budget meetings hes ever had to sit through, the Wayne County Commission unanimously approved a \$2 1 billion 2005-06 fiscal year county budget at its full board meeting Thursday

There was not a lot of revenue to work with," Cavanagh said

Commissioner Kay Beard, D-Westland, said the Ways and Means Committee worked extremely hard this year to get the budget done

"The budget is a living document, she said "There's not a meeting where we don't make an adjustment to the budget It's a constant juggling act

Wayne County Executive Robert A Ficano praised the commission for its hard work on the budget in the midst of poor economic conditions and huge cuts by the federal and state governments

"For three straight years, we made salary cuts, eliminated waste, and streamlined operations This year, we reached the painful point of layoffs, which everyone always hopes to avoid,' he said Unfortunately, we have only to look around us to see that Wayne County is not alone is trying to navigate as steadily as possible through some very rough waters I applaud the commission for working with my Administration to make the tough decisions we needed to make

The budget will save 35 union jobs in the county's roads division that were previously recommended to be eliminated In addition, the budget includes new initiatives that are designed to cut expenses and generate additional revenues

This has been a painful budget process, but my colleagues and I have worked diligently to minimize the pain and set the groundwork for future fiscal stability and economic growth, said Jewel Ware, chair of the commission

According to Commissioner Bernard Parker, chair of the Commission's Ways & Means Committee, 109 full-time and 92 seasonal jobs in the roads division were to be cut because of budget shortfalls But 35 jobs were preserved when the Commission identified road maintenance contracts that could be can celled 'We identified ways that jobs could be saved by having county work ers mow grass or sweep streets instead of outsourcing these functions, Parker said "We were hoping not to have any layoffs, but that isn't the reality of According to Commissioner Bernard Parker, chair of the Commission's Ways & Means Committee, 109 full-time and 92 seasonal jobs in the roads division were to be cut because of budget shortfalls.

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One of the county's biggest budget challenges continues to be the rising health care costs for employees

Cavanagh said he is proud of the leadership he took in proposing an across the board \$10 copay on pre scriptions and a 20 percent copay for health insurance premiums. The commissioners approved the prescription copay and a 10 percent copay for the health insurance premium for nonunion employees.

County retirees will now be required to pay a \$10 co-pay for prescription drugs This will result in a savings of \$1 million during the coming year A special hardship provision will be put in place for those retirees who fall below certain income levels

The commission also has recommended that non-union employees begin contributing to their medical insurance coverage

In fiscal year 05-06, the county expects to save \$227,500 by having 449 non-union employees contribute 10 percent of their cost of health and dental coverage Average monthly premiums will range from \$45 for an individual up to \$125 for a family

The 2005-06 budget also includes investments in new initiatives

The Children & Family Services department will invest \$600,000 on crime prevention and conflict management services for at-risk youth The county's Community Management System agencies also will receive a \$2 4 million funding increase to cover increased costs associated with housing abused and neglected children

"The investment we make today in our children will save the county millions and millions of dollars in future years," Parker said

Other elements of the budget are

designed to create efficiencies or help generate new economic opportunities These elements include

A \$315,000 copier center at the County Clerk's office that will significantly reduce the county's photocopying costs

\$1,086,500 for a housing rehabilitation program that will help stabilize and sustain neighborhoods

■ \$300,000 to open One Stop Business Centers at two Wayne County Community College District campuses to promote economic growth

■ \$140,000 for a Tourism & Convention staff position to help market Wayne County to generate new tax revenues that can be invested in County services

■ \$250,000 for a Grant Development strategy to identify new sources of public, private and foundation funds to support county programs

■ \$116,250 to create a Jail Medical Billing Specialist position to increase the amount of health care reimbursements the county is entitled to for treating inmates

The budget will go into effect on Oct 1

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Lawrence offers popular weekend M.B.A. at Schoolcraft

Lawrence Technological University will launch its popular Weekend Master of Business Administration program Sept. 21 on the Schoolcraft College campus, according to Charles M Chambers, Lawrence Tech president

We're delighted to partner with Schoolcraft College to make it more convenient for westsiders to earn Lawrence Tech's Weekend MBA, Chambers said The program is designed for experienced managers seeking to develop inter personal, managerial, and leadership skills in preparation for advancement to executive-level positions

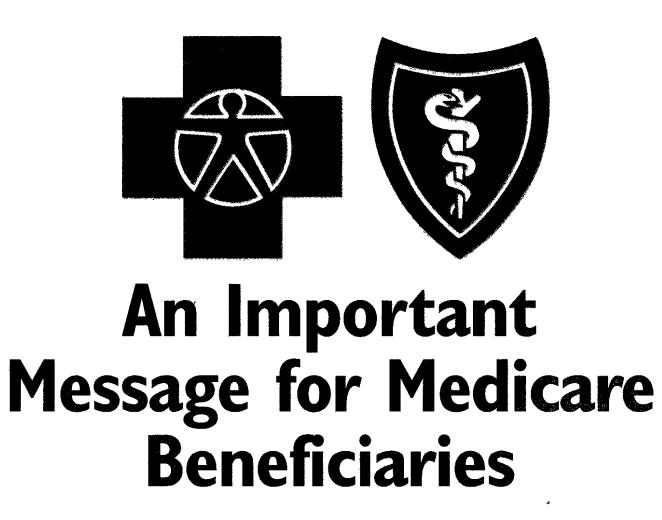
In just two years of Saturday classes, students can earn a Lawrence Tech MBA close to home'

Classes will meet in the VisTaTech Center on the north side of Schoolcraft's campus We are pleased and delighted to welcome Lawrence Tech to Schoolcraft, said Conway A Jeffress, Schoolcraft president "This is the first agreement, of what we hope to be many, with four year institutions that will be tremendously beneficial to students

This new agreement with Lawrence Tech is part of that effort to make education more accessible to students by virtue of our central location, in an atmosphere that was built to facilitate learning, Jeffress said

To learn more about Lawrence Tech's program, inter ested students are encouraged to attend one of the open houses Thursday, Sept 8, and Tuesday, Sept 13, in the Strategic Bay Room (VT425), Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center

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They both live in Chicago In a sensible world, they'd be friends

But one is an Israeli, the other is a Palestinian

Several weeks ago, I wrote a column about a meeting arranged for area journalists by the Palestinian Office-Michigan Two speakers argued that the American



media gives more coverage to Israel and misrepresents the Palestinian position Alı Abunımah, a Chicago based writer with family in Palestine, presented an impassioned talk on his view of the history of Palestinian-Israeli relations since 1948 and the coverage of their conflict by the American media

Gallagher

In the column, I supported the basic position that Americans need to know and understand the many conflicting views on this complex situation For various historic and cultural reasons, American media probably do present a predominantly "pro-Israeli view, though many

American Jews and Israelis are as equally critical of certain American media that they feel is pro-Arab The column drew the expected letters of support from people in the Arab community and criticism from the Jewish community,

most polite but some suggesting "anti-Semitism" in my comments Allan Gale, assistant director of the Jewish Community Council in Bloomfield Hills, called

to say that if I presented one point of view, I should also present the other point of view As the column said, we do not cover international news, but when speakers from Israel come to our communities, we cover them When Palestinian speakers are in the community, we cover them In this case, I used the meeting as a column subject, an opportunity to discuss the problems of trying to deal with such a complicated subject in a community newspa per that has both Jewish and Arab readers, but no foreign correspondents

Gale asked if I was willing to meet with someone who could present the Israelı view I said I was open to meeting with anyone

A few weeks later Gale brought Andy David, deputy counsel general of the Consulate General of Israel in Chicago, to visit the office This was a couple of weeks before Israel's evac uation of Israelis from settlements in the Gaza

strip and West Bank

The similarities between David and Abunimah struck me immediately It has also hit me over the last several months just how much this conflict over there is stirring up strong emotions here, especially as Israel has moved toward the dismantling of Jewish settlements in the Gaza

David argues that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's controversial decision favoring disengagement was essential to break the deadlock and move forward on the "two-nation solution David said the late Palestinian leader Yasır Arafat was a block to reaching a compromise that would guarantee the peace and security' that Israel wants He said the "problem' hasn't been with the Palestinian people, but with their leadership

David and Abunimah, of course, see history through two different prisms, each real to them The other view of 'history" is tinder to flare up old resentments about the meaning of occupation," refugees, "land confiscation," historic claims

Both say they support the 'two-nation' solution, but the boundaries and conditions of those nations are still matters of contention

Israel does not want control over thousands and tens of thousands of Palestinians, David said

David is cautiously optimistic about the new Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, usually called Abu Mazın Abbas has been called moderate in comparison to Arafat

'We dont know if hes more of a moderate and it doesn't matter if hes more of a moderate, the question is if he is a pragmatic person, willing to give up part of his dream as we are willing to give up part of our dream of the biblical Israel,' David said

David had strong views on suicide bombers and the constant violence that ordinary citizens face in Israel He said the idea that "desperation drives young people to become suicide bombers is wrong He believes these young people are being used as pawns by terrorists, who know exactly how to create the most damage with the sophisticated bombs these young people carry

As David argues, such violence needs to stop As Abunimah argues, Israel needs to show restraint in its use of power and also control violence on its side

Here we can only watch and hope that both sides work out a two-nation solution that provides real opportunity, stability, justice, peace, freedom and mutual respect In a sensible world

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Schools – not state – should set starting dates

📓 📓 appily, our corner of Michigan is bucking the national trend, which sees more and more school districts starting school before Labor Dav

Maybe it's because we ve been there, done that, ahead of much of the nation And we've learned from the experience

The Wall Street Journal reports that about three-fourths of the nation's public schools now start before Sept 1 The New York Times reports that surveys by Market Data Retrieval, an education research company, found that the number of public schools starting last fall's academic year before Sept

1 rose 11 percent, compared to those starting before Sept 1 a decade earlier

By contrast, 10 of Oakland County's 26 school districts will start classes after Labor Day, compared to four a year ago Berkley, Bloomfield Hills, Clarenceville,

Clarkston, Hazel Park, Holly, Huron Valley, South Lyon, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield all begin school Sept 6

There are several different reasons for the later starts, says Danelle Gittus, public relations specialist for the Oakland Intermediate School District

For some, it s a move to save money

For others, "They see the Michigan Legislature moving in that direction and they're doing it now so it doesn't become an issue, she said All really try to respond to their communities needs

Michigan is like 41 other states in which local school districts are in charge of their school calendars It is a bargained item, negotiated with their local teachers union

But that right could be in danger The Michigan House of Representatives recently passed H B 4308, requiring schools to open after Labor Day It has been referred to the Senate Economic Development Committée Gov Jennifer Granholm hasn t taken a

position on the bill, reports her press secretary, Liz Boyd "We're not inclined to support bills on traditionally local issues," Boyd told me 'This has only gone through one House It has many more steps She (the governor) does have concerns about it"

The Michigan tourism lobby has been after the Legislature to act for years It was not content with a 1999 compromise requiring school districts to offer at least a four-day Labor Day weekend

Dan Musser, president of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, recently testified before a state legislative committee He maintained that over 15 years, We have seen a decrease

of a little over 25 percent in revenues from the time Aug 18 to Aug 31"

My own late-August experience at the Homestead in the Leelanau Peninsula a few years back supports his stance It was relatively quiet Most of the children were preschoolers And the activities center that the resort ran for children of patrons using their facilities was shut down

But sometimes what goes around comes around And that may be just what is happening in Michigan - without the need for the Legislature to act

Walled Lake, Oakland County's largest school district, has been in the forefront of the move to the post-Labor Day school start Last year, Walled Lake schools opened the day after Labor Day, as they will again this vear

Walled Lake approached it as part of a cost-cutting move that shaved two weeks off its 2004-05 school year It also included increasing school days by 12 minutes and reducing the number of half-days

Bloomfield Hills had a different reason "Our parents have said they would like to have the summer extended to have more time with their children," said Jennifer Woliung, r community relations manager for the Bloomfield Hills Public Schools "This is our first year and we certainly are going to look at it carefully We've had both supportive and negative reactions'

West Bloomfield schools had a third reason The district, located smack between Walled Lake and Bloomfield Hills, admitted ly bent to the peer pressure

Quite frankly, when Walled Lake did it a year ago and Bloomfield Hills came up with it for this year, it caused a lot of conversation," said Steve Wasko, West Bloomfield's assistant superintendent of community relations 'In the longer term, it might create some cost savings, but that wasn't why we dıd ıt

'We communicated it widely and added some late summer programming though community education We feel this will serve our community well?

By contrast, the Legislature's proposed onesize-fits-all approach ignores the varying needs of individual school districts

Michigan tourism is all-important, but its success rests on a number of factors The price of gas comes to mind

State lawmakers should pull back on the school start issue It makes a lot more sense to let it resolve itself, one school district at a time

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What a difference 40 years make

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

There they sat, three proud women

They waited patiently to cut the cake to celebrate Westland Shopping Centers 40th anniversary

Marie Evans, Janice Fry and Mary Alice Simpson owned this moment It was theirs, for good reason

They ve worked in the same store – J L Hudson, now Marshall Field's – since the mall opened in July 1965

"It's still fun after 40 years, Simpson, 61, said during a recent anniversary party in the mall's East Court 'It feels good when you can help a customer find what they need and make them feel good about what they bought

Simpson, a Westland resi dent who works as a sales person, recalled what the mall area looked like when she started her job at age 21

There was nothing much out here, she said It was all farmland

Fry, a 61-year-old Plymouth resident, defended Westland mall against newer, bigger shopping centers like Novis Twelve Oaks She works in food preparation for a cafe inside Marshall Field's

'People still call us the coun try store," she said 'We're



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Denise Mills (second from left) marketing manager for Westland Shopping Center watches Marshall Field's employees Mary Alice Jan Fry and Marie Evans cut the 40th anniversary cake

down to earth here People love coming to this mall

Evans, a 59-year-old Canton resident, helped open the Westland Hudson store after working for six months at the company's Northland location

"I ve been here ever since, sne said She now works in the guest services department

Simpson Fry and Evans have two co workers - Candy Martin and Jenny Randazzo who also started their jobs when Hudson opened four decades ago, but they couldn t be at the celebration

We ve made a lot of good friends working here Fry said Westland Shopping Center opened its doors on July 29, 1965 as one of the nations first enclosed malls When Westland became a city the following year it was named after the mall

Denise Mills, the mall's markeing manager led the cele bration, accepting proclama tions from local county and state government officials Although Westland

Shopping Center has had some turnover of stores, it still has continued to attract shoppers Everyone in this area loves

this mall Simpson said

Local students earn Albion honors

Albion College recently announced several local students have been recognized for superior academic achievement with scholarships and awards from the college

More than 85 percent of Albion s entering first-year stu dents have earned a meritbased scholarship, a statistic college officials said underscores the high quality of Albion s students

Our growth over the last three years is due to what we call systems thinkers, students who excel in more than one academic area and have a complementary skill, talent or special gift that balances out their personality and professional goals, said David Hawsey, vice president for enrollment These students naturally earn more merit based, performing and visual arts, and academic departmental scholarships I m pleased to invest more of Albion s resources in these stu dents because of the contributions they will make in the years ahead

Anthony Bosco was awarded an Albion College Webster Scholarship worth \$11,000 This award is reserved for stu dents who earn a minimum ACT score of 25 (SAT 1140) or a minimum grade point average of 3 5

Anthony Bosco is the son of Donald and Gina Bosco of Plymouth and a graduate of Catholic Central High School

Jeffrey Lake and Ashley Van Esley were awarded Albion College Briton Awards worth \$10 000 each This award is reserved for students who earn a minimum ACT score of 22 (SAT 1020) or a minimum grade point average of 3 2

Jeffrey Lake 15 the son of James and Katherine Lake of Plymouth and a graduate of Salem High School

Ashley Van Esley 1s the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Van Esley of Plymouth and a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School



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Canton crushes Pioneer, 42-12, in opener

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

As expected, it took Canton's rebuilt, inexperienced offensive line some time to adjust in Friday night's season-opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer

Two whole possessions

Spearheaded by their new set of blockers, the Chiefs scored on five of their first six drives on the way to a a 42-12 victory over the visiting Pioneers

After sitting in the garage for over nine months, Canton's high-performance scoring machine picked up where it left off last

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year, going from 0 to 40 (points) in just under three quarters

Canton's defense was equally effective, holding the Pioneers to a measly 44 yards in the decisive first half

"It's just man-up, power football," said Canton quarterback Shawn Little, explaining his team's no-frills offense "Our offensive line is quick, strong and bigger than it was last year They did a great job of opening holes for the backs tonight" Little was nearly perfect after throwing a pick on his first pass of the game He finished 4-for-5 (48 yards) and added 49 yards rushing on five carries

"I think five passes is the most I've ever thrown in a game here," Little said, smiling, referring to the Chiefs' run-first philosophy "We don't throw much, but when we do it's almost guaranteed to work because the other team has to play our running game first"

The three-year starter at QB proved to be adept at running the option, a new wrinkle Canton has added to its offense On one play mid-way through the third quarter, Little kept the ball until the last millisecond before pitching it to Andy Rossow, who ran for 11 yards and a first down

Led by junior Deshon McClendon's 127 yards and three touchdowns, the Chiefs amassed 370 yards on the ground Matt Sweda chipped in with 61 yards on four carries, Rossow had 58 on 11 attempts and junior Chris Bogdanski chalked up 34 on six runs

"Our O-line was awesome tonight," McClendon said, echoing Little's thoughts

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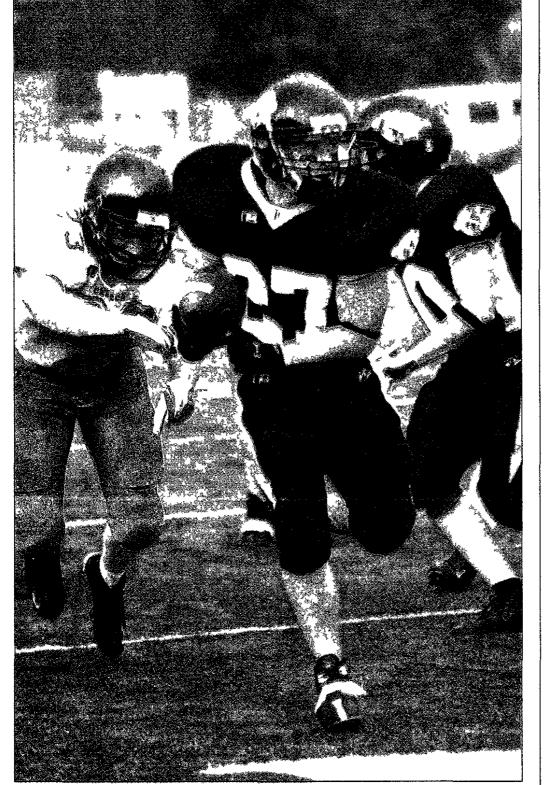
BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you add two platoons, 22 returning starters and a 99-yard touchdown drive?

If you're Plymouth's football team, you get a satisfying 38-7 victory over Livonia Churchill Friday afternoon at the P-CEP football field

The Wildcats, playing their first game with seniors, unveiled a twoplatoon system, which calls for players to play either offense or defense, but not both

"Every time we went on the field - both on offense and defense our players were fresh, even in this heat," said Blaylock, referring to the humid, mid-80s temperatures "It's going to help us this season, especially in the fourth quarter of



Seniors to lead Plymouth kickers

BY ED WRIGHT Staff Writer

This is the year — the first with seniors — that the foundation is finished for the Plymouth boys soccer program

Judging by the wealth of talent coach Jeffrey Neschich has returning from last year's 9-7-2 squad, the foundation will be sturdy

"The seniors all want to make sure that they set a good tradition this year for future teams to follow," said Neschich, who has guided the Wildcats through the first three years of the school's existence 'It will be nice having senior leadership this year I've seen a lot more maturity in the seniors compared to the previous couple of years'

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A good chunk of the senior leadership will be provided by tri-captains Sean Dillon, Jim Wilbur and Ali Youssef Dillon and Wilbur will anchor the Cats' mid-field line-up while Youssef will provide jawdropping skills from the forward position "Sean's skill have improved so much the past couple of years," Neschich said "He's a fantastic runner who gives us leadership at the mid-field position "Jim is a big, physical kid who has good possession skills He'll be the target of a lot of the stuff we do because of his great athletic ability

PCA golfers split

The Plymouth Christian Academy boys golf team is 1-2 following two matches this past week ‡ On Tuesday afternoon, the Eagles ousted Novi Franklin Road, 183-214, in a match played at **Hickory Creek Golf** Course in Canton Sophomore Ross Gerulis led the Eagles with a nine-hole total of 42 Also scoring for PCA were Mitch Geracz (45), Derek Elenbaas (46) and Aaron Lorincz (50). Jeremy Thayer's 49 paced Franklin Road On Thursday, the Eagles fell, 161-182, to **Grosse Pointe Woods** University Liggett Gerulis led the way with a 43. Also scoring were Jacob Hubbard (45), Geracz (46) and Elenbaas (48).

HVS offerings

Canton's High Velocity Sports is currently accepting registrations for fall flag football, dodge ball and roller hockey through Tuesday, Aug 30

The flag football program - which will include youth and adult leagues will run from Sept 6 -Oct 26 The entry fee is \$600 per team and teams will play an eightgame schedule

The Buffalo Wild Wings Dodge Ball program will run from Sept 7 through Oct 26 For the \$400 entry fee, teams will receive six games and a post-season tournament Buffalo Wild Wings of Canton is sponsoring the post-game parties Groups of six or more will receive a free 24-wing platter

close games"

Friday afternoon's game was close until the Wildcats orchestrated a nine-play, 99-yard drive mid-way through the second quarter that improved their lead to 14-0 The long march seemed to deflate the young Chargers, who had pinned Plymouth at its own one-yard line thanks to Josh Hubenschmidt's 39-yard punt

"We put a lot of work into sustaining long drives on offense," Blaylock said "That was a key point in the game It showed a lot of grit"

Churchill coach John Filiatraut,

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Plymouth's Jeffrey Harrison blows by Churchill's Eric Mozurkewich on the way to scoring the Wildcats' second touchdown in their 38-7 victory over the Chargers Friday night at the P-CEP football field Harrison finished with 30 yards rushing and a pair of scores

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Depth, size give Rocks reason for optimism

Please see additional prep girls basketball previews on Pages B2 B5

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Just as one triple threat graduates from Salem, another appears

Only this year's trio likes to work a little closer to the basket than the former one

Gone from last year's district-championship squad are multi-talented perimeter players Ellen Canale, Alyssa Guerin and Kathryn Wheatley

Stepping up to take over the bulk of the scoring load for the Rocks will be jumor lowpost players Teresa Coppielhe, Carly Sommers and Lauren Kurtz, all of whom are 5-foot-11 and multi-talented

"All three of these girls can do a nice job scoring and rebounding," said Salem coach Fred Thomann "We're definitely going to be strong up front But the key for us to be successful is to take care of the ball and play good defense"

The 2005 campaign will be the third as a varsity starter for Coppiellie, who put up solid numbers last year in a complimentary role next to the three departed seniors

"Teresa has been the consummate team player the last two years," Thomann said "She has done everything we've asked — score, rebound and defend This year, we're going to ask her to score more than she has before because we lost the three guards"

Unfortunately, Sommers will miss a few early games while recovering from a stress fracture

Three seniors (sound familiar²) will be logging the majority of minutes in the back-court for the Rocks Brianne Clarin (5-3), Becky Ward (5-9) and Keiyanna Arnold (5-5) will handle the

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Keyanna Arnold (left) and Alaya Mitchell (back) defend Becky Ward's shot at a Salem girls basketball practice earlier this summer Arnold, Mitchell and Ward will all be key components of the Rocks' backcourt this season "All is fast and very athletic We'll be counting on him to score a lot of goals for us this season"

The Wildcats' senior class is filled with six other dependable players, led by returning starting goal-keeper Nick Siekirk

"Nick is very solid in front of the net," Neschich said "He has catlike reflexes"

The other seniors are starting mid-fielders Justin Sheridan and Ryan Pritz, defenders Jordan Payne and David Lewandowski, and back-up goalie Robert Lovelace

"Robert is a solid goalie, but he'll also be seeing a lot of time at other positions on the field," Neschich said

The Wildcats' contingent of juniors will be led by defenseman Steve Schaeffler, a returning starter whose blend of speed and strength make him an effective player Jeff Lucco and Brad Brennan will also be key players on the defensive end of the field

Other key junior contributors include Anthony Sasinowski, Nick Plescia, Travis Norris, Robert Matar, Andrew Coet and Billy Etienne Coet found the back of the net a team-leading 17 times in 2004

Two sophomores — forward Colm Rolfe and mid-fielder Tyler Floyd — will be counted on heavily this year following stellar freshmen campaigns

"I think we're going to outwork a lot of teams this year," Neschich said, when asked about the Wildcats strengths "All of these kids work extremely hard"

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Both high school and adult leagues are available

The roller hockey program will run from Sept. 6 through Nov 13 The fee is \$1,000 per team or \$100 (plus a \$20 jersey fee) per individual Teams are guaranteed an eightgame schedule in addition to at least two playoff games Leagues begin at Cub (7-and-under) and go through over-30 Coed teams are also welcome Call (734) HV-SPORT or visit www.hvssports.com

Youth hoop league

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' Community Education Department will be hosting a youth basketbal league beginning in the fail for boys and girls in grades 3-8 The season will include practices, games and a post-season tournament for fifth grade and up

Teams will consist of up to 11 players and all players will receive a jersey to keep.

The Community Education Basketball League (CEBL) will have registration on Tuesday, Sept 13, at Pioneer Middle School. The registration period will run from 6-8 p m

Registration fees are \$85 for third- and fourthgraders, and \$95 for players in grades 5-8. There is a \$10 fee for non-residents E-mail cebl@pccs kt2 mi us

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Chiefs will rely on teamwork to replace Cezat's scoring

BY ED WRIGHT Staff wr ter

Canton's girls basketball team enters the 2005 season minus two key components from last year's ultra-successful team Bob Blohm the school's all-time leader in coaching wins, who resigned in May and Katie Cezat, the school's all time leading scorer who graduated in June

The responsibility of replacing Blohm falls into the very capable hands of Brian Samulski, who coached with Blohm for six years

Replacing Cezats 20-pluspoints-per-game scoring touch may not be quite as easy "Losing Katie means we re

going to have to make up a lot of points and rebounds which is something we re going to have to do by committee said Samulski, who played for Canton in the mid 90s "Everyone is going to have a bigger role this year

'We have a pretty quick team this year and we move the ball well But we re not real tall, so we're going to have to work hard on rebounding"

Samulski was encouraged by his teams off-season workouts

"We had a great summer he revealed "We participated in some summer leagues and team camps, which gave the girls an opportunity to play together'

Following a rough start the Chiefs were nearly unbeatable over the latter part of their 2004 schedule They tied for first in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 10-1 mark and their 5 0 record put them alone in first in the WLAAs Western Division

Despite Cezats departure, the Chiefs talent cupboard is

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far from bare Returning to the starting line up are junior point guard Becci Houdek a 5 foot-8 junior Lisa Ealy and Leslie Olech both 5 9 senior forwards

Houdek's lock down defen sive skills and ability to find open teammates make her a multiple threat. She also brings a wealth of experience to the point guard position having started there since she was a freshman

Becci has great vision when she has the ball Samulski said She does a good job of getting her teammates open shots She s also one of our best defenders

The always-hustling Ealy is teams top returning scorer and rebounder She garnered All Division consideration in 2004

Lisa is a very quick player Samulski noted Weie going to be relying on her to score and rebound more this year

Olechs strongest attributes are her willingness to defend and rebound Samulski said

Other returning contributors from last year s squad arc sen for guard Kelsy Zemanski (5 6) sophomore center Marie Martin (6 0) junior guard Lauren Delapaz (5 7) senior forward Ali Perry (5 8) and senior forward Amanda Sitko (5 9)

Kelsy is one of our best on the-ball defenders Samulski praised Marie is continuing to get stronger and quicker She's also working on finishing offen sively around the rim

"Lauren is strong quick and very athletic She does a good job of moving the ball and set ting screens

Two newcomers who will



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Canton s girls basketball team completes a shuffing drill earlier this summer. This will be the first season for new coach Brian Samulski, who took over for Bob Blohm in June

make their presence felt imme diately are junior guard Jan ee Morton a 5 8 transfer student from Detroit Southwestern and Geena Holman, a 5 5 guard who was a key member of the Chiefs junior varsity unit last season

Jan ee is a strong athletic player who can really finish Samulski said

Samulski said he expects the battle for the WLAA crown to go down to the finals days of the schedule Playing in the Western Lakes is always going to be challenging because there are so many quality teams," he said Plymouth should be strong this season with all their play ers back I think Salem, Northville Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Northern are going to be tough too Canton opens its season Tuesday when it hosts Novi Tip off is set for 7 p m





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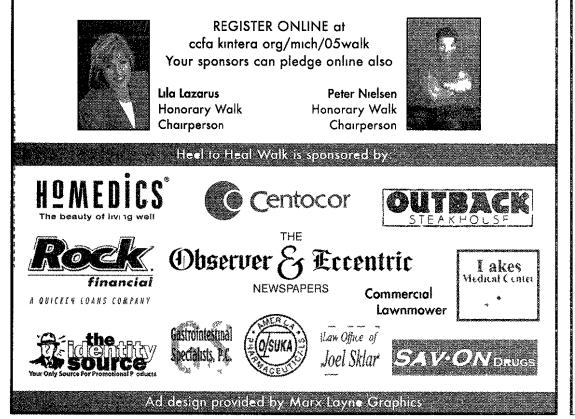
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Late rally pushes John Glenn past Belleville

Westland John Glenn rallied for 10 points in the final quarter Friday night to edge Belleville in the season football opener, 17-14

Junior quarterback Justin Reid's 70-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Smith down the adeline with only 2 04 remaining proved to be the difference as the Rockets christened their new field turf

Smith bobbled the ball momentarily, but held on while keeping his balance to haul in the game-winning score

Brandon Pratt, who rushed for 106 yards on 29 carries, added the two-point run That came after the Rockets forced Belleville into a two point safety with 6 40 to play, cutting the deficit to 14-9

Pratt opened the scoring with 6 08 left in the opening quarter on a 5-yard run to cap a 54-yard, nine-play drive Smith added the extra point to give Glenn a 7 0 cushion

In the second quarter, Belleville recovered a fumble in the end zone after quarterback Josh Lemons converted a 48 yard pass

But Glenn held onto the lead as the Tigers missed the PAT Carlos Clark added a 66 yard

TD run in the second quarter, and Lemons hit the two point conversion pass to give Belleville a 14 7 halftime lead

rushed for a pair of touchdowns, Glenn had a total of 13 first finished with 70 yards on eight downs, while the Tigers had 11 carries Troy Tidwell added a 70-yard

U-D JESUIT 40, WAYNE 0 University of Detroit Jesuit started its season with a bang Friday night spoiling Wayne Memorials season opener at home

The Cubs jumped out to a 27 Q first quarter lead and added six more in the second quarter before-invoking a running clock with another TD in the third

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'I just hit the hole hard and try to get into the secondary'

Canton scored first with 5 28 left in the first quarter when McClendon scampered 26 yards to paydurt. He shook off a facemask at the 13 before finishing off the run

Behind the strong running of junior Richard Franklin, Pioneer drove to the Canton 42 on its next possession, however, Canton's Matt Sweda scooped up a Franklin fumble to stamp out the drive

The Chiefs doubled their advantage nine plays later when McClendon carried three Pioneers into the end zone from two yards out to make it 14-0 Little keyed the drive with runs of 10, 11 and 17 yards

Rossow rumbled in from three yards out with 3 52 left in the half to pad the lead to 21-0

With 23 seconds remaining before intermission, Little hit a sliding Rossow with a 20-yard pass at the goal line to give the Chiefs an insurmountable 28-0 cushion Pioneer showed signs of life on its opening second-half possession, which was climaxed by Franklin's three-yard TD run; He set up the score on the preve ous play when he sprinted 72yards down the sideline The extra point was wide left, leaving the score at 28-6

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Canton retahated swiftly, scoring on McClendon's third TD this one from three yards out to make it 35-6

The Chiefs' final tally came on Rossows one-yard plunge with 58 seconds remaining in the third quarter

Canton kicker Colin O Shaughnessy was 6-for-6 on extra-point attempts

Jeff Piper, Donnie Laramie, Sweda and Ryan Jonik sparked the Chiefs' swarming defense Piper's hit on Pioneer quarterback Pedro Amuda as he delivered a pass mid-way through the third quarter resulted in a Bogdanski interception

Kyle O'Niel, Laramie and Rossow recorded sacks for the Chiefs Canton outgained the Pioneers, 418-218, in total yards Franklin finished with 118 yards on 10 carries Amuda went 8for-15 for 94 yards

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who led his team into the third round of the Division 1 playoffs last season, was impressed by the black-clad Wildcats

Plymouth is a pretty good team," he said 'They run the option very well They do a good job of getting you in oneon-one situations Their kids have matured a lot since last season This was the third time we've played them in two years, and I think I've had enough of them They were the better team today

'We re young and we played young today One bright spot was our quarterback (junior Tom Myers) I thought he played well'

Plymouths dominance was spelled out in the total yards category, which the Wildcats won, 419-122 Although he managed to make an occasional big play, Myers was sacked three times and he completed just 6-of-16 passes for 99 yards

Senior quarterback Brent Jones orchestrated the Wildcats offense, completing 7-of-13 throws for 103 yards and running nine times for 90 yards

Jones scored the games first TD with 2 08 left in the first quarter when he rolled right, eluded a pair of Charger defenders, cut back to the middle of the field and followed a clear path to the end zone 16 vards away

It was supposed to be a boot pass, Jones said, explaining his ice-breaking touchdown 'The defensive end ran outside and there wasn t anything (defensively) up the middle, so I cut back and scored" Senior running back

Anthony Green also enjoyed a break-out game for the winners, racking up 188 yards rushing on just 14 carries Included in his afternoons work were scoring jaunts of 56 and 61 yards

Jeffrey Harrison finished with 30 yards on eight carries with two scores

Jones hooked up with senior receiver Josh Le Duc four times for 93 yards, including a 28-yard, over-the-shoulder catch that showed why hes being recruited by Central Michigan University and Eastern Michigan University, among other schools

Le Ducs circus grab came one play before Harrison capped the 99-yard drive with a 28-yard sprint to the goal line

Plymouths final score of the first half required just one play — a 56-yard run by Green that made it 20-0 with 2 32 to go before intermission Kicker Kevin Minor ran in a twopoint conversion following Greens run to put the Wildcats up, 22-0

Minor booted a 40 yard field with 11 O1 to play to make it 25-0 After Nate McManus recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, Harrison's six yard TD run climaxed a two play drive to make it 31 0

yards on six carries He also hauled in two Myers passes for 46 vards Plymouth dominated the

first-down column, 16-6

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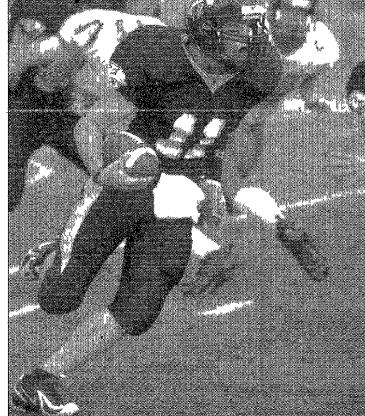
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THE WEEK AHEAD Wednesday, Aug 31 Brighton at Canton 4 p m WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Friday, Sept 2 Schoolcraft at Owens Tourney 6 p m (College of the Ozarks, Mo Tourney) Madonna vs. William Jewell (Mo.). 11 a m Madonna vs Evangel (Mo) 3 p m Madonna vs. Mid America Nazarene. 7 p.n. Saturday Sept 3 Schoolcraft at Owens Tourney 10 a m (College of the Ozarks, Mo. Tourney) Madonna vs. Baker Collége. 9 a m Madonna vs College of Ozarks 3 p m MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER Thursday, Sept 1 (Missouri JUCO Invitational) Schoolcraft vs San Jacinto (Tex) 8 p m Friday, Sept 2 (Missouri JUCO Invitational) Schoolcraft vs Marshalltown 5 30 p m Saturday, Sept 3 **Cornerstone vs Madonna** at Livonia's Greenmead Field noon (Missouri JUCO Invitational) Schoolcraft vs Illinois Central 11 a m **WOMEN S COLLEGE SOCCER** Friday, Sept 2 (at Fort Wayne, Ind)

Madonna vs Cumberland (Tenn) TBA (at University of Windsor) Schoolcraft vs Univ of Mich Club 4 pm Saturday, Sept 3 (at University of Windsor) Schoolcraft vs Univ of Windsor 11 a m Schoolcraft vs Ohio State Club 2 p m (at Fort Wayne Ind) Madonna vs Missouri Valley Baptist TBA

TBA - time to be announced



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth quarterback Brent Jones enjoyed a productive season opener Friday night, throwing for 113 yards while rushing for 90

Churchill scored its only points on Marcellus Howells 13-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter and Chris Barbass extra point Green finished off the scoring with his 61-yard run Howell was the Chargers

top ground gainer with 25



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responsibilities of providing perimeter scoring and getting the ball into the hands of the "Big Three

Brianne really came on this summer and 1s locked in at our lead guard spot, Thomann said Becky is a three-year varsity players who does a lot of things well, and Keiyanna will be vying for playing time as well

Thomann won t hesitate to insert sophomore Alaya Mitchell into either guard spot The speedy 5-3 guard was last year's leading scorer for Salems junior-varsity contingent Sophomore Megan Ward, the younger sister of Becky, will give the Rocks a spark off the bench

Providing depth in the front-court will be 5-9 junior forward Tayler Langham, a transfer student who was meligible to play last season, and 5 10 senior Christine Miller

"I think this team is starting to understand how important it is to play hard and be com petitive every time they re on the court, said Thomann, who is entering his 22nd season as the Rocks mentor Thats what we ve focused on a lot in practice

As usual, Salem plays a tough non-conference schedule that includes games against Brighton, Belleville, Howell and Farmington Hills Mercy

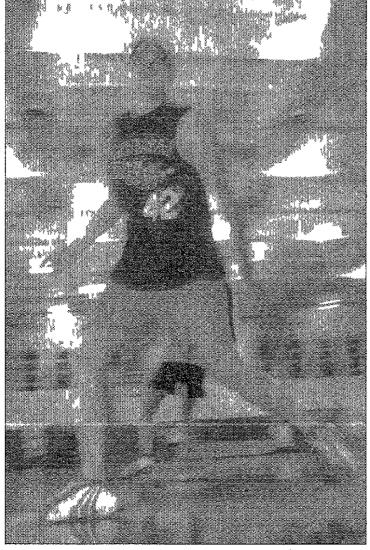
The Rocks open the season Tuesday in an unusual Western Lakes Activities Association showdown at Walled Lake Northern

"I think Northville, Canton and Walled Lake Central all have good teams coming back, said Thomann, sizing up the WLAA race "But there are a number of teams that are capa ble of making a run at it

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Plymouth High School has coaching vacancies for the fol lowing sports boys varsity hockey, girls varsity gymnastics, boys varsity track and girls varsity soccer Contact



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Salem's Teresa Coppiellie completes an agility drill at a pre-season practice Coppiellie will be counted on to provide plenty of points and rebounds for the Rocks this season



Lauren Kurtz

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UDM BASEBALL OUTING

Plymouth basketball team has power in the paint

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Like Sherwin Williams, Plymouth's girls basketball team has the potential to own the paint this season

With four starters standing 5 feet 9 or taller, the Wildcats will offer a formidable inside presence against most opponents

Along with the impressive height, Plymouth returns all of its key players from last years

PREP BASKETBALL PREVIEW

12-9 campaign — and it will suit up seniors for the first time in school history, a fact that has coach Richelle Reilly elevating the teams goals a notch or two

Its nice this year because we have four full sets of classes in place now, Reilly said It was a bit challenging last year without seniors One thing I d like to see this year is for us to take the next step Last year we won games we should have won, but we didn t play great against teams that were better than us This year we need to

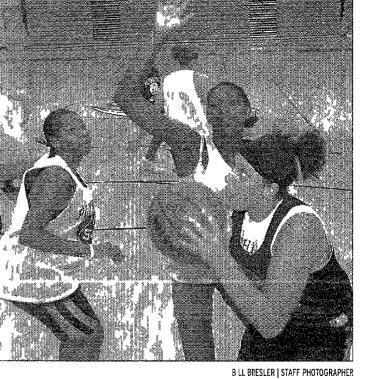
play better in the big games Plymouths starting line-up

will consist of a unique blend of four seniors and a fresh man Leading the upper-class quartet 1s 2004 All Western Lakes Activities Association selection Jeanine Moise, a 5 10 low-post player who overpow ered opposing teams at times last year

Moise dropped in an average of 15 1 points a game her jun ior season while pulling down close to 15 rebounds a contest

Obviously, we have high expectations for Jeanine this year, Reilly stressed Jeanine plays hard and 1s very athletic around the basket Jeanine and Kim (Olech) give us a very solid low post presence"

Olech, a 5 11 center was steady — if not spectacular as a junior averaging just over eight points and eight rebounds per game



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(CP)

Shaakira Haywood (left) and Amber Davis defend teammate Kim Olech in a recent Plymouth girls basketball practice



Jeanine Moise

Colleen has the ability to be a pretty good scorer this year, Reilly noted "She can attack the basket and shes probably our best perimeter shooter'

Kim Olech

Plymouths starting backcourt will consist of senior Janet Hanchett (5-9) and ninth-grader Jalesa Moise (5 2) the younger sister of Jeanine

Janet 1s one of our top defenders, Reilly stated She ll get the assignment of covering the other teams best perimeter player

Colleen Flaherty ate contributions off the

bench Shaakıra gives us some depth for our low-post players," Reilly said 'She should get a lot of minutes spelling the starters when they re tired or in foul trouble?

With teams focusing on the Wildcats inside threats, the perimeter players should see a lot of open looks outside Whether or not they bury the outside shots will play a huge role in how Plymouth fares this season, Reilly said

Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700

WHALERS GOLF

Individuals are invited to participate in the Plymouth Whalers eighth annual golf outing, which is scheduled for 10 am Tuesday, Aug 30 at Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville Proceeds from the outing will go directly into the Whalers Player Education Fund

All participants will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, a continental breakfast, full use of the golf range, putting green Murphy or Whalers Educational Consultant Andy Madden at (734) 453-8400

COAST TO COAST

Coast to Coast Athletics is recruiting baseball players. ages 11-18 to represent the USA in Puerto Rico, Australia and Hawan during 2006 The tour will last roughly two weeks with intensive training and cultural excursions Tryouts in Michigan will be held at Oakland Community College (Aug 26) Michigan State University (Aug 27), Central Michigan University (Aug 27) and Western

University of Detroit Mercy baseball alumni and friends will hold a golf outing Monday, Sept 12 at Glenhurst Golf Course, located on Six Mile between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads, in Redford Township A dinner will follow at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt Road, just north of Grand River, in Farmington Hills Call Bob Miller, Jr at (248)

568 2448, or e-mail millsr @aol com

Hands down, Kim is the hardest-working player on our team, Reilly emphasized Thanks to the hard work she put in during the off-season shes a much better player than she was last year, and she was good last year Shes much more confident too Filling out the Wildcats

front court will be 5-9 senior forward Colleen Flaherty an All-Division pick last year Flaherty put up solid numbers — 8 5 points and 5 9 rebounds $- \ln 2004$

Jalesa 15 a tenacious defender and she has great court vision when she has the ball She has one of the most complete games of any player in our program"

The Wildcats will have a strong reserve unit, led by jun-10r guards Amber Davis (5-3), Val Klemmer (5-6) and Chelsey Quinlan (5-8), and 5-8 forward Chrystien Guyton

Sophomore guard Megan Davis (5-5) and freshman center Shaakıra Haywood (6-0) are expected to make immedi-

"We're going to have to keep developing our perimeter skills and shooting, Reilly said

Reilly said Walled Lake Central and Plymouths two P-CEP neighbors to be formidable foes in the WLAA

'Central has a lot of players back, including their leading scorer, Reilly said "And, by nature, we ll have a rivalry with Canton and Salem every year They re both great teams

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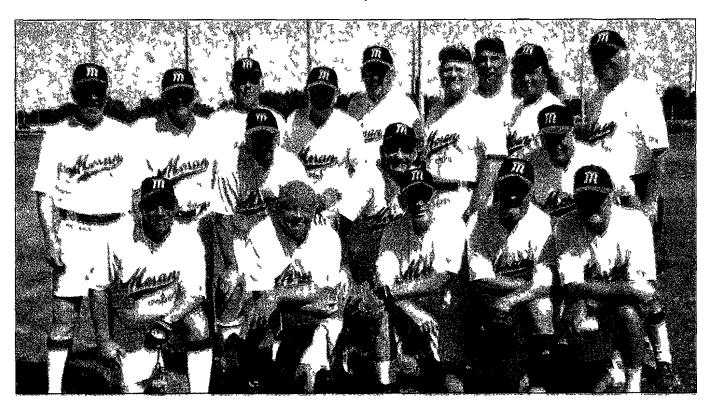


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Grey Eagles 1st

The Michigan Grey Eagles, sponsored by Moran and Co, captured the Senior Softball World Series Division AAA championship for ages 65-70 with a 37-18 win over Minnesota-Mikan, Aug. 22, at the Des Moines (Ia.) Softball Complex

Formerly the Livonia Cruisers, the Grey Eagles won five of six games en route to the title. They have won three of four tournaments this summer Members of the Grey Eagles include (first row, from left). Dom Dombey (Livonia), Glen Kemp (Windsor, Ontario), Bob Mullins (Flat Rock), Emmer Theriault (Windsor, Ontario), Rene Brooks (Clawson), (second row, from left) Hank Hoskins (St. Clair Shores), Nellie Brandt (Flushing), Jim Wisdom (Algonac), (back row, from left) Bob Delfgauw (Redford), Ron Hellier (Finger Lakes, The Villages, Fla.), former New York Met and Boston Red Sox player Al Moran (Farmington Hills), Chico Senczyszyn (Livonia), manager John Sprys (Novi), Jerry DiPaola (White Lake), Jim Raniszewski (Livonia), Gary Tracy (Waterford), Frank Vellucci (Northville). Not pictured is Jesse Soto (Farmington Hills).

Gavie Tournament memories remain vivid

t's been a long time The 69th John P Gavie Memorial Tournament held last Monday at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park takes us back in a time capsule to a totally different world, one in which you could hop on a streetcar and for six cents ride it to downtown Detroit

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Fred Wolf was an early supporter with his radio show, and WW Eddie Edgar carried the bowling message in the Observer newspapers

There were many legendary bowlers who participated back then including names like Joe Norris, Therm Gibson, George Young, Lee Jouglard, Tony Lindemann, Eddie Lubanski, Billy 'G' Golembiewski, Buzz fazio, Lou Ode, Joe Joseph, Harold Upshaw, Joe Paulus and the man himself, John P Gavie, along with his brother, Hank.

They made up many of the

Southfield, who in spite of two artificial knees and a very unorthodox approach, fired the first eight strikes, went wide left in the ninth and finished with a nice 277 game

Ed Dudek of Livonia won some jackpot money with 223-266-299 and a 788 series

Harry Sullins of Chesterfield and James King of Detroit each shot a 300 game, while Joseph Conflitti of Macomb rolled 296-233-279 for an 808 series

Rudy Bernard of Ypsilanti scored 290 with an 800 total

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and a life mem ber of the US Bowling Congress He can be reached at (248) 477 1839

Madonna settles for scoreless deadlock

BY TIM SMITH Staff Writer

Madonna University women's soccer coach Mark Zathey still thinks his team is on track toward attaining the goal of being a force to be reckoned with in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference - even though no goals were scored in Thursday's season opener

In a non-conference matchup, the Crusaders and No 11-ranked Houghton (NY) University battled to a 0-0 double-overtime tie at Greenmead Field in Livonia.

"We have a very tough schedule before we start our conference," said Zathey, following the contest "We're trying to play some top teams and this is part of it Our objective is to play against the best competition we can and Houghton is good."

Zathey added that the scoreless the turned out to be a "good step for us We worked out some of the kinks and I'm happy about it"

Solid goalkeeping and defense dominated the action with shutouts earned by Madonna freshman Brittany Cervi (Canton) and Highlander goalkeeper Meghan Radimer

The best chance of the contest for the Crusaders came late in the second half, when freshman midfielder and Livonia Stevenson graduate Cartlin Boyak drilled a shot from in front of the Houghton goal that Radimer managed to stop

"The game could have gone either way," Zathey said "We had a couple good chances and so did they"

Madonna also came close in the final minutes of the second OT Senior midfielder Lacey Catarino (Westland John Glenn)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

connected with an up-the-middle pass to junior forward Kelly Japowicz who in turn worked a mifty give-and-go with senior midfielder Liz DiPonio (Livonia Stevenson) before Japowicz booted the ball wide of the left post

It was the kind of play that perhaps will result in a goal after the team gets a few more games under its belt

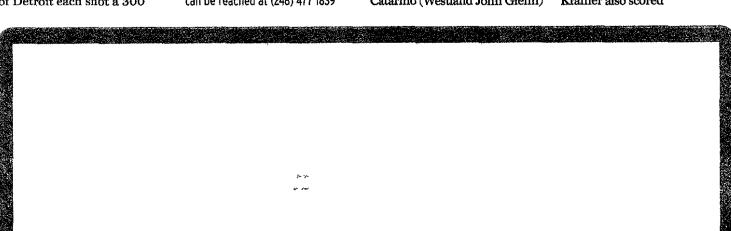
"We were just trying to trim up what we've been training," Zathey emphasized "It's just a matter of getting some exposure in game competition We didn't play our best game, but I thought I was proud of the way the girls did play"

Younger players getting used to the heat of competition as the season cranks up is another consideration the coach did not overlook. "The anxiety of the game, the pressures of the game, the girls aren't used to that yet."

Several players were cited by Zathey for having solid efforts, including Cervi, Japowicz, sophomore defender Julie Turner (Troy Athens), sophomore forward Liz Slebodnik and junior midfielder Katie Kramer

EXHIBITION TUNEUP

Four first-year Crusaders scored goals in Monday's 5-1 exhibition triumph over Findlay (OH) at Greenmead Field Finding the net twice for Madonna was freshman Dina Allie (Livonia Stevenson), while freshman defender Lacie Slebodnik, freshman midfielder Ashley Stoychoff (Salem) and Kramer also scored



Woogle instead of rap, the Detroit Tigers were

World Series champions, a gallon of gasoline was about 15 cents and there plenty of bowling alleys

The game was basically the same, one ball, ten pins 60 feet away and two chances to knock them all down

During those times, bowlers only carried one ball

The Gavie originated this tournament staged at different bowling alleys each year until it found a permanent home at Thunderbowl m 1961 Gavie initiated the Bowler's

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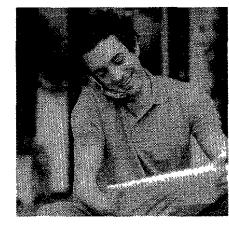
Today there are new stars, new sponsors different teams and much higher scoring as the game goes on and the greater Detroit bowling capitol of the world tradition keeps on going, thanks mainly to Frank Gavie, Dick Smith and the tournament committee

For the first time ever, a youth tournament was held prior to the main event with scholarship money awarded to Ken Wickmann of Macomb, who had a high game of 298 to go with a 743 series and first place

One senior bowler who really impressed was Leonard "Hit Man" Hampton of

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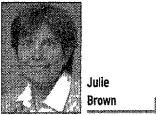
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Being there is what counts

t's tough to know what to say when a loved one is suddenly gone

It's been a month of loss for those we know A colleague, Chris Piazzi of Westland, died at age 40, far too young I'll miss our humorous workplace discussions and his observations

Longtime neighbors John and Beth Stewart coped with the death of John's mom, Virginia At 88, she'd lived a good long life, and that's what loved ones remembered as they gathered at Glenwood United Methodist Church in Wyandotte for the lunch after her service Even so, saying goodbye is hard

Chris' service was tougher to take, as its hard to find words of comfort for a good man lost so young The Rev Jack Baker of St Mary's Parish of Wayne did a commendable job at the funeral Mass, but it was still hard to see Chris' family suffer

A sad call came this month as well from longtime neighbor Jack Morrison, who lost his beloved wife, Betty, at age 82 after 63 years of marriage We d befriended Jack and Betty on our walks through the Lake Pointe neighborhood in Plymouth Township, often finding them outside their garage in lawn chairs and willing to pass some time with us

They were guests at our 15th wedding anniversary party last year at Joy Manor, and we were glad Betty could be there to celebrate despite having been in an earlier car accident with her grandson

We especially enjoyed hearing them talk about their days at Detroit Mackenzie High School, where my late dad also graduated in the same era We knew Betty was sick and in a nursing home, but it was still sad to get that call

The natural reaction is to want to do something when a loved one dies, so my husband decided to make a neatloaf dunner Jack's when I stopped by shortly after Bettys death, suggested we share that meal with him Jack wanted us to see Betty's glowing teacher evaluations from her years in the classroom at Farrand Elementary, the Plymouth-Canton school where she taught Death is sad for those left behind, no doubt about it, but a simple expression of sympathy can go a long way in easing the pain My childhood girlfriend from San Diego recently lost her sister, and we went to her cousin's Birmingham home to sit Shiva, as is the Jewish custom The Hebrew prayer was difficult for us to follow, but we managed and it was enough to be there and say we were sorry that Elizabeth Pierce had also died too young, only 45 I've been fortunate enough to live in a time when the hospice movement has grown, and reported on some of that growth I remember when my dad was at Beaumont Hospital and near the end of his life, having struggled with cancer for a number of years The doctors explained our options clearly, but one thing I remember most is the young resident standing behind them, being trained on how to handle such situations It's good to see that medical personnel are being trained to handle such difficult end of life decisions, and to make them easier for grieving families In the end, for those of us who share the pain of loss. it's enough to be there and say "I'm sorry Remembering the good times and how much the one now gone meant to you matters a lot, too

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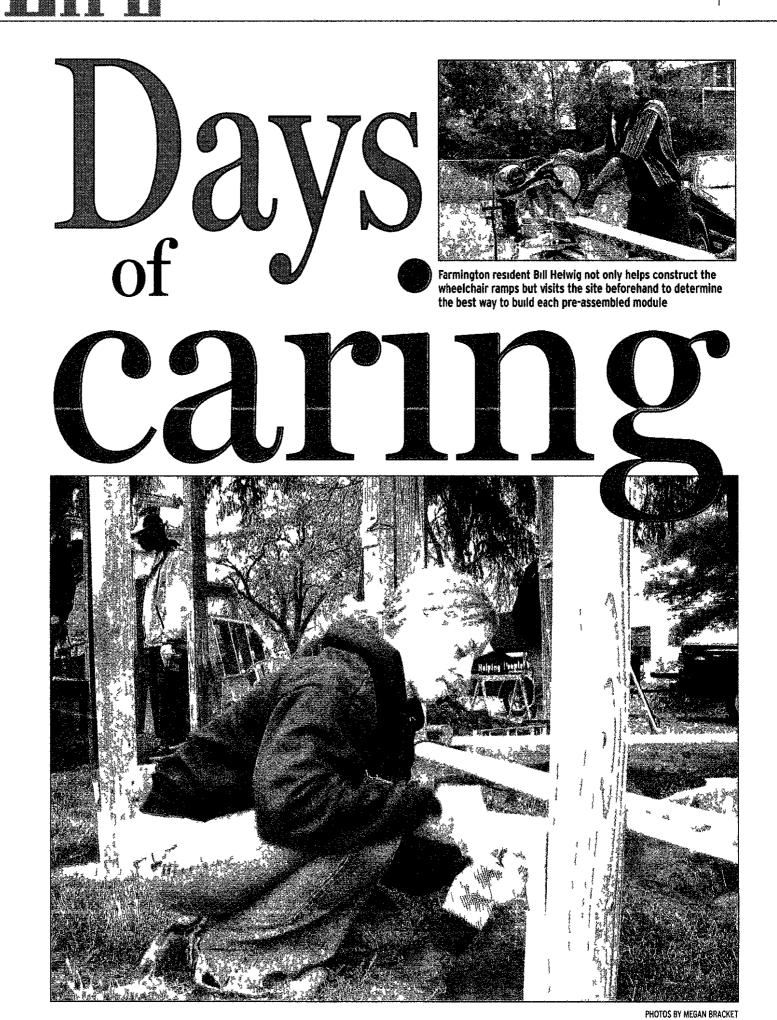
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Julie Brown of Plymouth Township is presentation editor for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers She can be reached at (734) 953 2111 or via e mail at ibrown@oe homecomm net Angle Rowe of Garden City works on a ramp for Mary Donald of Inkster Rowe was one of the employees from Best Buy store No 403 in Westland to work on the project

Volunteers help United Way kick off Torch Drive

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

Ill Helwig always ends the Ray West Memorial Ramp building projects by hugging the recipient At 6 feet, 5-inches that's quite a squeeze, but only part of his job as a United Way labor haison who represents the Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades and AFL-CIO

Last year alone the Farmington resident oversaw the building of 44 ramps in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties Helwig never dreamed after graduating from Redford High School that he would love helping others so much he'd devote seven days a week to building wheelchair ramps But he doesn't do it alone Helwig works Saturdays and Sundays to accomodate the 820 volunteers, who sawed and drilled wood other da to complete ramps last year can do t

On Friday-Saturday, Sept 9 and 10, the United Way of Southeastern Michigan needs 1,000 people to donate their labor for Days of Caring projects to kick off the 57th annual Torch Drive Contributions make it possible for United Way to provide wheelchair ramps to low-income people with disabilities Jim and Cathy Rosenthal of Bloomfield Hills donated lumber for the ramps for a second year

"Everyone who works on ramp projects is 100 percent volunteer," said Helwig, a member of Pipefitters Local 636 "We probably have 450 to 500 and we're looking for another 600 We never turn anyone down There's always a way to help We have people to show them what needs to be done A 72-year-old woman came out the other day We've made it so people can do this "

Prior to Sept 8, volunteers are building modular systems in facilities donated by DaimlerChrysler and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano On Sept 9 and 10, 1,000 volunteers will not only install 25 of the pre-assembled ramps but work on approximately 50 projects in the tricounty area, including beautifying the grounds of the nonprofit Boys and Girls Republic in Farmington Hills and sorting food donations at

Baldwin Church & Center in Pontiac Helwig's priority is the ramp project He learned compassion early on in life while watching his mother care for his wheelchair-bound father in their Livonia tri-level after his stroke That was the first ramp Helwig built

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Book takes readers on a journey from Comfortopia

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

The Search for Unrational Leadership begins with a treasure map, an invitation to take a journey from the safe harbors of Comfortopia to the rich rewards of Unrational Island

Management consultant Charles Fleetham takes readers away from the easy certainties of rational thinking into the dark waters of the unconscious to discover a new way to lead

Fleetham, the president of Project Innovations Inc of Farmington Hills, invites readers on a creative journey through fairy tales, plays and profiles to explore how the rational and irrational can both be used to solve management problems

The Search for Unrational Leadership (Right Brain Books, \$24 95) was written in part as a reaction to Stephen Covey and his influential The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

'The Covey material was great for one kind of problem and that problem is that you need to get yourself organized," Fleetham said "What about when the problem is centered in psychological resistance, fear, insecurity, doubt – then Covey's material and his style of leadership won't work"

Fleetham earned a degree in creative writing from Michigan State University in 1980 and "emerged totally unemployable" After a stint as a logistics engineer with the Army, he returned to civilian life and management consulting He founded Project Innovations in 1992

"The idea was I wanted to bring innovations to the field of project management When I saw major innovation, it was how leaders lead and how people accept or reject what that leader does to get things done," he said With his new book, Fleetham is able to merge his creative writing background with management consulting experience The book begins with a treasure map, showing the way from Comfortopia to Unrational Island and all the perils along the way This theme weaves in and out as Fleetham also retells a fairy about a brave hero and magic spells, explores the psychology of Carl Jung with a play and defines the unrational approach to leadership

"Unrational leadership is the balance between logical decision making and intuitive decision making. We do two different things – we look at the facts and then we question our gut," he said "Combine the two together to come up with unrational leadership – intuition and our logical, rational facilities"

Fleetham argues that a lot of Michigan's

Charles Fleetham with his book 'The PLEASE SEE JOURNEY, C3 Search for Unrational Leadership.'



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NEW VOICES

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Emily joins big sisters and brothers, Ashley, 15, Brandon, 12, Alex, 10, and Kelsey 7

Her grandparents are Marion Postler of Redford, and Dan and Paula Petersen of Livonia Great-grandparents are Hartley and Marie Trygg of Inkster





Priebe-Terlosky Linda Marie

Terlosky, formerly of Rivesville, WV, and Scott Richard Priebe of Plymouth were united in marriage on Aug 28, 2004, at St Peters Catholic Church in Fairmont, WV before the Rev Robert Perriello A reception followed at the Lakeview Golf Resort in

Morgantown, WV Linda is the daughter of Ahce Terlosky-Bunner and the late John William Terlosky of Rivesville, WV She is a graduate of Rivesville High School and

Fairmont State College She is employed as a family service counselor at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland

Scott is the son of of Richard and Madeline Priebe of Livonia He is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Western Michigan University He is employed as a senior financial analyst at Blue Care Network in Southfield

Attending the bride was her sister, Suzanne Carosella, of Cleveland, OH as matron of honor Bridesmaids were RoseMary Fowler, sister of the bride from Morgantown, WV, Alicia Harker, niece of the bride from Fairview, WV, Kayla Terlosky, niece of the bride from Fairmont, WV, Susan Wheeler, friend of the bride from Allston, MA, Lenay Derry, friend of the bride from Lakeside Park, KY, Ann Marie Pado, friend of the bride from Northville, MI and Breanna Carosella, niece of the bride from Cleveland, OH as junior bridesmaid

Attending the groom was Steve Camilleri from Orlando, FL as best man Groomsmen were Paul Tibaldi from Farmington Hills, Tim Priebe from Livonia, Tom Sutherland from Livonia, Paul Speccarotella from Royal Oak, Tom Salvato from Farmington Hills, Jon Licovski from Allen Park and Stephen Meister, nephew of the groom, from Canton as junior groomsman

Isabelle Carosella, niece and godchild of the bride served as flower girl and Carmen Carosella, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer, both of Cleveland, OH

The new Mr and Mrs Richard Priebe took their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico They are making their new home in Canton

> Brey-Garza Mark Brey and Vanessa Garza were married April 16,

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2005, at St Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth before the Rev Tom Belczak An evening reception followed at Laurel Manor in Livonia

Vanessa 18 the daughter of Frederick and Julia Garza of Houston, Texas, formerly of Westland She is a graduate of the University of Michigan Mark 1s the son of Brigitte Brey of Farmington and the late Donald Brey

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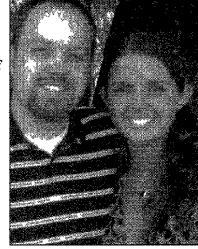
The new Mr and Mrs Mark Brey spent their honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico They are making their new home in Plymouth

ENGAGEMENT

Williams-Perrine

Walter Williams of Spring Hill, Tenn, and Elizabeth Larsen of Muskegon, Mich, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Williams, to Matthew Perrine of Gallatin, Tenn

Jessica is a 2000 graduate of Fruitport High School in Michigan She is a 2005 graduate of High Tech Institute, Nashville, Tenn, with a degree in radiology technology She is employed at Occupational Health and Rehabilitation in Nashville Her fiancé, Matthew, 1s



the son of James and Barbara Perrine of Canton He is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and received his bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University He is a systems technician with Corporate Gap in Gallatin, Tenn

Matthew and Jessica are planning an October wedding at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia, Tenn

How to submit announcements

Local engagement, wedding anniversary and birth announcements run in the Sunday editions of the Eccentric. There is no charge

Residents of Canton and

Plymouth can send it to Attn Brides, the Observer, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170 For engagement announcements, please submit at least 45 days before the wedding



Star (Aug 28 Aug 31) By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20) It's going to be an exciting bunch of weeks ahead for your goals especially if you're the kind of Ram who believes vou're destined for bigger and better things Now with taskmaster Saturn in your fiery element it's time to set your sights high and promise yourself that you won't give up

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

What you are told or discover early this week will give you all the information and ammunition you require to confront those who betrayed your trust or spoke behind your back. Don't pull your punch es over personal issues or long term financial interests now Bull

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Don't rely on your own (probably) dis torted view now Twin You may be your own best friend but you are also your worst enemy People aren't intending to hold you back- they're simply lazy Get back to being your own best friend Pucker up and kiss the face in the mir ror

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The only thing that might hold you back with the Moon in your sign 'til Wednesday is a fear that you re not good enough Logically you know that this is irrational but it will continue to haunt you until you do something about it Stop thinking and start acting MoonKidi

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Although a reappraisal of a situation will reap immediate benefits. Think twice Lion- you need to know why some are acting in a peculiar way before making any long term decisions. With the Moon in your opposite element now it's not the time to compromise your ideals

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Brilliant planetary activity is turning the unlikely into the possible now Beware however of overreacting to the sugges tions of someone who is less committed to 'the cause' Your own beliefs count more than those of someone whose opinions are tainted by insecurity kiddo

Dennis Fairchild is a Royal Oak astrologer and author of several books on divina tion For information about personal consultations phone 1 248 546 6912 or e mail DenFairchild@aol com

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

There will times this week when it seems as if you ve been deserted. You II won der where your friends and family are when you need them Perhaps it's the planets way of telling you that you've been relying too heavily on the support of others? Be self sufficient in the days ahead Balancer¹

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Blame it on the weather or your ruling planet Pluto going direct soon but as much as you are intrigued by confronta tion it's time to put a stop to the shenanigans of someone whose actions are more misguided than malicious A calm reaction will serve you better than an emotional explosion Scorp

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

Even if you hate to say you re sorry you'll find it easy to ask for forgiveness now The planets don t think that you have too much to apologize for mind you Don't let others play on feelings of guilt Archer Make amends ASAP speak your peace and face front

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

In the days ahead there will be times when you feel like the proverbial square peg in the round hole and you won t seem to fit in SeaGoat That doesn't mean that you re no longer wanted but it does suggest that you have to rely more on yourself now rather than approval from others

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

It s not like you to waste time looking back but you seem to be doing a lot of that lately This pre autumn planetary setup urges you to stop thinking about what might have been and start thinking about what is going to be No one expects you to do everything so don t expect it of yourself

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

it's time to shed your illusions look life in the eye and refuse to be intimidated Fish Don't worry- you won't have to do it all at once nor will you have to do it alone Saturn in fiery Leo and the Sun in your opposite element says that this is a challenging time but you will succeed!

Many worthy projects need teen volunteers

or the teen who complains about having nothing to do, some good causes would appreciate their help

The Juvenile Diabetes Research

Foundation's (JDRF) Walk to Cure Diabetes involves over 500,000 people at 200 Locations worldwide Funds are raised by individual

walkers obtaining donations from family,

friends, and neighbors Monies are also raised through corporate sponsorship and the sale of JDRF paper sneakers at retail outlets Last year, over \$80 million was raised worldwide for diabetes research through JDRF s Walk program In Southeast Michigan, the event welcomed over 14,000 people and raised \$1 8 million

This year s Walk to Cure Diabetes will take place on Sunday, Sept 18, at the GM Tech Center in Warren and at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor The event will consist of a Walk at each location

Both sites will provide family entertainment, special attractions, as well as a light breakfast and lunch There is no registration fee to participate,

JOURNEY

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economic problems can't be solved by the old rational methods

Rising gas prices, the growth of China's giant economy and the fierce demand for Michigan's water will create what Fleetham calls a 'perfect storm for Michigan managers

"The traditional fix of looking at these problems and analyzhowever, participants are encouraged to ruse pledges To register for t.us year s Walk, please visit www.jdrf org JDRF anticipates this year's Walk to Cure D abetes in Southeast Michigan will raise \$1 9 million for diabetes research Event proceeds will support research vital to finding a cure for type 1 diabetes Local sponsor3 include Children's Hospital of Michigan, Comerica Bank, EDS, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, Health Alliance Plan, Henry Ford Health System, Lear Corporation, M-CARE,

National City, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital, The Ann Arbor News, and the Lions Club of Michigan The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is dedicated to funding research to find a cure for juvenile diabetes, which strikes children suddenly, makes them insulin dependent for life, and carries

the constant threat of devastating complications Since its inception in 1970, JDRF has provided over \$800 million for diabetes research, more than any other nonprofit, non-governmental health agency in the world

JDRF 1s also one of the most trusted and cost-efficient nonprofit organizations in the world-in a typical year, over 80 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to research and research education

For more information contact Rita L Combest, development Director, Special Events,

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 24359 Northwestern Highway, Suite 225, Southfield, MI, 48075, (248) 355-1133, rcombest@jdrf org

THE SRI LANKA FOUNDATION

One more suggestion of a worthwhile cause in which to involve your teen the Sri Lanka Foundation (866-999-0379) As Ahssa Sears at Christie Communications (805-565-4122) reminds us, "Months have passed since the tsunami that devastated South East Asia, the majority of aid organizations having left, over 100,000 individuals are still suffering in tents along the coast of Sri Lanka People around the world were shocked at the magnitude of devastation, upwards of 300,000 people perished and more than 1,000,000 were left homeless Millions of Americans felt impelled to contribute, many traveled to South East Asia to offer their expertise, while across the nation, schools, businesses, and community groups rallied together to provide much needed assistance to the tsunami victims'

Sears describes the contribution of parents, faculty, and students at St Paul School in Brooklandville, Maryland These included Fun Nights for Families (\$5,000 raised), "dress down days,' Campbell Soup label collections, and bracelets with the fund name on them, \$10,000 in all has

been raised

The Sri Lanka Foundation has been at the forefront of relief efforts for the people of Sri Lanka following the devastation of the tsunami Efforts to raise money and awareness have been continual during the? past six months in order to speed the road to recovery for the the country For more information on the Sri Lanka Foundation and what you and your teen can do to help, please call (866) 999-0379 or visit their website at www.srilankafoundation org

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Your teen and your school can match the efforts of St Pauls school Think of the good this will do for a devastat-" ed land and its people

If you missed previous columns, you can access them at

www.hometownlife.com/Livon 1a/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 'When Parents Buy the Booze' 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 publica tions 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

ing those problems and giving them over to consultants, I don t think that works,' Fleetham said

Many intelligent, well-organized managers run into problems when they don't acknowledge their emotional concerns What unrational leadership

does is strip away the denial and gives people energy to face the fear and leads them to be part of the solution instead of backing into denial I wrote this for my kids, they need

something different," he said Fleetham said the first thing he does with clients is have them record their dreams He said the Swiss psychiatrist Jung "legitimized" the unconscious and showed how important dreams are in understanding our emotions

'Dreams give us figures and information that we can use to solve practical problems," he said

Fleetham said he hopes his book will be a complement to

Covey's best seller, giving managers another way to look their problems

Fleetham includes some examples of business leaders who have benefited from his approach to leadership, including Russ Gronevelt, president of Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment Inc of Livonia, a civil engineering firm, and Don Trim, co-founder of the engineering firm Wade-Trim Inc of Plymouth





and team Alice McCarthy

6th Annual **Remarkable Women** Luncheon

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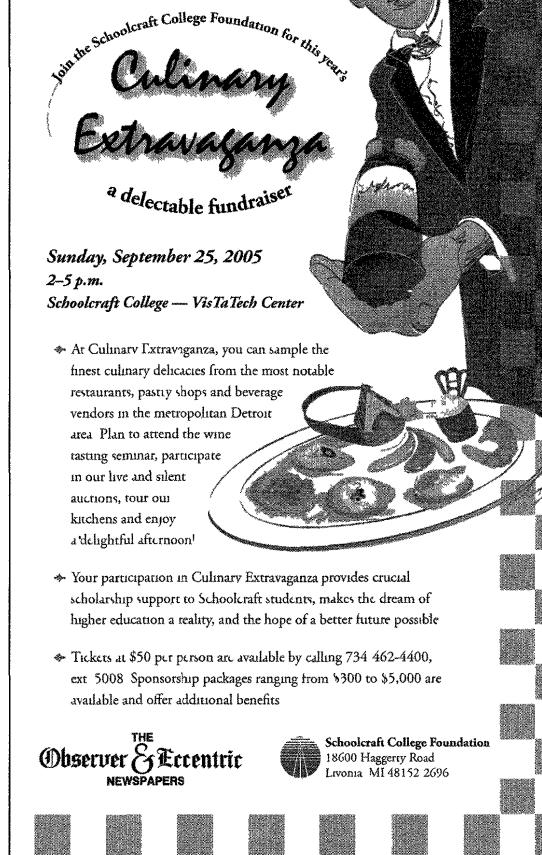
Speakers include psychologist Dr Sonya Friedman exercise guru Leslie Sansone state Surgeon General Dr KimberlyDawn Wisdom and media personalities Diana Lewis Lila Lazarus, Fanchon Stinger and Linda Lanci

Everyone who pre-registers will receive a Remarkable Women Goodie Bag, plus, you can purchase raffle tickets toward a chance to win a brand new Chevy Malibu!* Winner will be drawn and announced at the event

Standard tickets \$50 individual, \$500 table of 10 Weight Watchers Member tickets \$40 individual

To register online visit www.florineonline.com or call 1-877-99-WOMAN For more information email marketing@wwgroup.com





AROUND TOWN

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

Sally Ride Festival

Join hundreds of girls in grades 5.8 for a day of science and socializing at the Sally Ride Science Festival on Saturday Sept 24 at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor The festival fea tures a street fair with experiments food music and fun a chance to meet and listen to world famous ocean explorer Sylvia Earle and excit ing workshops given by women rang ing from veterinarians to aerospace engineers. The festival will take place in the Pierpont Commons Building (North Campus) The day begins at 11 00 a m with check in and the street fair and ends at 415 pm The cost is \$18 in advance and includes lunch and all festival activities and materi als Advance registration is required Teachers parents and students can register and learn more about the festival by visiting www.SallyRideFestivals.com or by call

ing (800) 561 5161 Solo exhibition

Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale hosts a solo exhibition Linda Sterns Journeys Aug 30 Oct 1 with an artist's reception set for 6.9 pm Friday Sept 2 Included in the mixed media solo show will be watercolor paintings and collages. For more information call the gallery (248) 544 0394 during gallery hours noon 5 pm Tuesday Saturday Lawrence Street Gallery is located at 22620 Woodward Suite A in Ferndale **Celebrate Your Spirit**

Stellar Gaia Alliances a not for profit educational and research organiza tion dedicated to expanding and empowering spiritual consciousness hosts its first Celebrate Your Spirit event at the Community Campus 23023 Orchard Lake Road just north of Grand River in Farmington The Sept 10 event is Celebrate Kids¹ and focuses on learning how to support your children and your inner child The event runs 11 a m 6 p m and is followed by the Happiness & Full Bliss Chanting Band from 6.8 p.m. For more information e mail stellargaia@com cast net visit www.bodymindspirit guide com or call (248) 478 2610

Outstanding women The YWCA of Western Wayne County is looking for nominations for its 14th annual YWCA Women of Achievement luncheon scheduled for Oct 27 at the Dearborn Inn The luncheon recog nizes outstanding women throughout western Wayne County Keynote speaker is 2005 Woman of the Year Kathleen Ligocki president and CEO

of Tower Automotive Women will be honored in the following categories arts/communications business/indus try government/law professions sen ior woman volunteer service and young woman. Nominations are accepted by calling the YWCA Women of Achievement Department (313) 561 4110 Deadline for nominations is Sept 30 Ticket's for the luncheon are \$40 per person

Wine event

The wine event 'Taste Michigan takes place 6 8 30 p m Wednesday Nov 16 to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Metro Detroit The Royal Park Hotel at 600 E. University Drive Rochester will host the Annual Taste Michigan A Wine Event with hors de' oeuvres musical entertainment and silent auction The cost is \$125 per person which includes tasting of sev eral different wines from Michigan wineries Tasteful and creative hors de oeuvres will be provided by The Royal Park Hotel along with musical entertainment by Dr Dave Bauer This event also features an impressive silent auction which will feature items from the tasting and other items Sponsorships are still available at several levels from \$500 to \$5 000 Anyone interested in purchasing tick ets or sponsorships should call Jill Katynski at the CF Foundation (248) 269 8759

Hospice volunteers

Arbor Hospice & Home Care announces volunteer training for any one interested in providing care and companionship to patients and fami lies facing the end of life Volunteer classes will be held on five consecu tive Tuesday evenings from 6.9 p m at the Ann Arbor office Through this training course volunteers are edu cated in providing comfort and sup port to families facing end of life issues Attendees gain valuable knowledge and expertise including a basic understanding of hospice and palliative care improved communica tion skills active listening identifying and respecting cultural differences spirituality as well as understanding the grief and healing process





Mama's Talkin' now boastin

Northville's Plazza Dance Company captured first place and a \$500 cash prize for their musical theater tap routine Mama's Talkin' in the junior division of the American Artistic Awards National Dance Competition in Sandusky Ohio Shown from left top row are Megan Ozimek, 11, Livonia, Abby Hunter, 12, Northville, Lauren Roumayah, 13, Northville Melaina Yono, 13, Novi The middle row from left, shows Rachael Jarzembowski, 12, Northville Gwynn Newton, (Mama), Plymouth, Tristen Asmann, 9, Novi, and Kaliana Basoukeas, 11, Northville In the front row are Castille Asmann, 11, Novi and Michelle West 12 Northville

Training takes place Sept 13 Oct 11 (five weeks) The Ann Arbor office is located at 2366 Oak Valley Drive To volunteer or for further information contact Kappy Pennington Director of Volunteer Services at (734) 662 5999 Ext 143 or via e mail at kpenning ton@arborhospice.org

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets at 7 pm Sept 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 Grand River in Howell Topic of the meeting will be The Family History in Salt Lake City It's the first of two presentations relating to Family History Library research The event includes a help session at 6 p m For more information call (810) 227 7745

Stars Guitars

Tickets are on sale for Stars Guitars a



JANET LOUISE LEWIS-SCALLEN-GWYNN

Age 75 formerly of Birmingham died August 24 2005 at her home in Florida Janet was born August 22 SU in Detroit She was a gradua

Redford High School class of 1949

and remained active in the alumni

rock and roll evening to benefit the Pediatric Cancer Survivor Scholarship Program at William Beaumont Hospital The event takes place at 7 pm Saturday Sept 24 at the Shriners Auditorium and Conference Center 24350 Southfield Road in Southfield Admission is \$75 per person. Dress is business casual and the public is invited For tickets adn general and sponsorship information visit the Stars Guitars Web site at www stars guitars org or call Melissa Downey (248) 541 4388 Ferndale art show

The Ferndale Fine Art Show and Food Festival is set for Sept 17 18 at 9 Mile and Woodward in Ferndale The show runs 10 a m 8 p m Sept 17 and noon 7 p m Sept 18 The juried show features 100 artists from around the country For more information call (734) 216 3958

'Pooh' on stage

The Marguis Theatre in Northville presents Pooh and Friends live on stage through 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 perform ances are \$750 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

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 cock tails dinner is at 7 pm 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

Tai chi classes

Tai Chi beginner classes for health improvement are offered by the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Michigan a non profit charitable organization starting the week of Sept 5 Classes are held at 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday in Livonia at 38121 Ann Arbor Road (1 mile East of I 275) Classes are also available in Detroit Garden City and Bloomfield Hills Morning and afternoon classes are also available Registration is \$20 and monthly dues are \$40 Pre registra tion is not required. For further infor mation please call (248) 332 1281 or visit our Web site at www.taotaichi.org

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for car ing and dedicated people with an

States If you would like more informa tion or have any questions call Linda Leedy at (248) 349 5599 Madonna golf

Madonna University hosts its 10th annual 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) 1130 a m Lunch 1215 p m Shotgun Start (best ball scramble format) 5 pm Cocktail Hour with a Live Auction (fea turing a vacation to the Providenciales Island in the Turks and Caicos Islands British West Indies fine jewelry din ners 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 vaca tion 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 four some 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 avail able 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 aifts 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 chil dren 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 special

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68 of Southfield, entered into eternal rest August 23 2005 She is the loving wife of 41 years to Francis and mother to Bernie Susan, and Nicole Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday August 27th at St Michael Catholic Church in Southfield Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery A full obituary with on line condolences is at www.haleyfuneraldirectors.com



BESSIE BARBER

Bessie was in the Redford Twp com munity for over 50 years Åge 88 passed away on August 23 2005 Wife of the late James L Mother of Dr James L (Prudy) & Judie (George) Coon Grandmother of James D Barber & Michelle Guerra Sandy Coon & Casey Byrnes Great grand mother of Jerry & Samantha Baugh Ben & Moe Coon Kevin & Tynan Byrnes & Elena & Laura Guerra Also leaves many step grandchildren & step great grandchildren Sister of George Zivkovich Mildred McConnell & Ruby Devitt Dear friend of Larry Setter Visiting Thursday 3 9 00 pm Eastern Star Service 7 00 pm Service Friday 11am at Charles Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (between 6 7 Mile) Interment Cadillac West

PHILLIP G MOODY

August 16 2005 Age 55 of Lake Orion Beloved husband of Deborah of 16 years Loving father of Christina Groninger of Lake Orion Grandfather of Griffin and Delaney Dear son of Ruth Moody of Birmingham and the late Robert Moody Also survived by his father in law Floyd Lewis of Bloomfield Hills and the late Kathleen Lewis Mr Moody owned and operated a Landscape Company called PG Moody & Co Funeral serv ices were private Memorial contribu tions may be directed to ITL Cancer Clinic Grand Bahamas C/O Deborah Moody 260 O Connor Lake Orion MI 48362 Arrangements entrusted to Lake Orion Chapel of the Sparks Griffin Funeral Home

BARBARA JANE LUNDGREN

Our dear Mother and Grandmother Barbara Jane Lundgren died Augus 4th with her entire family by her side Gram as she was known to her fami ly didn t have any grand titles but she was truly the spirit of our family She was open to new idears and liked to laugh drive fast travel explore nature sleep on the screened in porch and splurge on her loved ones with her mad money Known as Gram for good reason she was the best grandparent her grandchildren Rich Erika and Reid could have wished for and she also adored the newest member of the family her great grandchild Oliver Originally hailing from Lexington Mass achusetts she always loved the ocean and some of her best times were spent at her beach house in Florida Her home was very special to her and she took pride in filling it with fond mem ories of family and travel Barb pos sessed the rare combination of physi cal beauty and a kind heart neither of which were lost on those who knew her Robert Lundgren Barb s husband of 60 years mentioned shortly before he passed in February that his wife had been the light of his life After a brief stint in San Francisco Bob and Barb settled In Michigan where they raised their three daughters Sherry Sandy and Sue A tremendously ener getic woman she was very active in her children s lives and gave back to the community through her volunteer service at St Joseph's Hospital Though Bloomfield Hills was always home upon retirement they spent winters in Florida and a few years ago moved to Scottsdale Arizona to be near their daughters and their son in law Harry Any person who came into contact with Barb was changed for the better and Christmas will never be the same



association until her death After high school she went to work for the Ernst Kern Co Department Store where she worked her way up from secretary to Richard Kern to assistant sportswear buyer Armed with the valuable experi ence she gained at the Kern Co Janet was hired by former Detroit personali ty Louis J Gordon as a sales repre sentative for White Stag Sportswear Eventually the White Stag Company hired her directly as their sales rep for the state of Michigan where she thrived until 1972 Janet was a real pioneer in the women's work force since the 1950 s In 1959 Janet mar ried Paul F Scallen and in 1965, they had a daughter Lisa Marie whom she considered a dream come true After a 10 year marriage they divorced In 1971 she married Robert D Gwynn formerly of Birmingham Together they opened a fine women's clothing store called Nell Gwynn which Janet ran for 7 years After it closed she went to work for their men's clothing store Gwynn's In 1989 Janet and Bob retired to Pompano Beach Florida where she became very active in the Republican Party for which she received many awards and accolades She ran for and was elected to the office of precinct committee person by 77% She was also appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board as well as the Education Advisory Board of Pompano Beach After a 25 year mar riage Janet and Bob divorced and she moved to Melbourne Florida to start fresh and live a quiet life She consid ered it great country living Janet was a very ambitious artistic woman with many diverse talents She excelled in every endeavor she undertook She loved entertaining and was known by her friends and family as a great cook Janet loved working with stained glass and needlepoint and made many lovely things She had a special passion for gardening especially her beautiful roses which she cultivated and cared for until her death Janet lived her life to the fullest Everything she did she did with great passion. She was an accomplished businesswoman an artist a political activist and most importantly a wonderful mother Janet will be greatly missed by all who knew her Janet is survived by her daughter Lisa Marie Miller (nee Scallen) of Lafayette CO sister Beverly Jane Powell of Villa Rica GA 1 niece 2 nephews 2 step children and former husbands Paul Scallen and Robert D Gwynn She is preceded in death by her parents Inez and Charles C Lewis Funeral from St Alan Church 2345 Coolidge Troy Monday August 29th at 11am Friends may visit at the church beginning at 10 30am Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 1368 N Crooks Road (between 14 15 Mile Rds) Saturday 5 8pm and Sunday 3 8pm Interment in Sydney Cemetery Greenville Michigan Memorials appreciated to Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. PO Box 631047 Baltimore MD 21263 1047

Grief support series

Coping with the death of a loved one can be very difficult for many of us Heartland Hospice offers a six week series Living with Grief from 4 5 30 pm beginning Thursday Sept 22 through Oct 27 The series will be held at Heartland Healthcare Center in Ann Arbor and is open to anyone in the community For more information or to register contact bereavement coordinator Ann Christensen (734) 973 1145

Holiday craft show

The 19th annual Holiday Magic Craft Show at Leonard Elementary 4401 Tallman in Troy (north of Wattles west of Rochester Road) is set for Saturday Nov 5 Admission is \$2 The family oriented juried show is seek ing crafters and artists but doesn t need jewelers Cost is \$50 per space food is available. Contact Pat Larson via e mail at patlarson@sbcglobal net or call (248) 689 6944 **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 pm 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 four some 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 oppor tunities are also available. The dead line 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

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 train ing 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 coun ties 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 envi ronment vision muscle strength and medications A sedentary lifestyle multiple medications visual impair ment 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 8755

Walk for Diabetes

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

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ized 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

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Rotary A M

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A M meets at 7 a m every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer New members are always well come Contact Tim Phillips président Rotary Club of Plymouth A M via e mail at tim@phillipshg.com or call (734) 451 8267

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering We present speakers on child & family issues have small group discussion time crafts and brunch Childcare is provided

We meet at Plymouth Baptist Church (42021 Ann Arbor Trail) on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month September to May Contact Resha at 734 207 0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities For more details call Birthe (734)458 8143 or Martina (734)464 0481

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The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month except January July and August A group with ancesters who fought in American Revolution Members partici pate in community work involving vet eran s hospitals schools and commu nity service Call 734 420 2775 for fur ther information

German/American Club of Plymouth Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road Plymouth Call Mary Ann at (734) 420

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Beasley Zalesny Post 112 meets at the 100F Hall on the third Monday of each month at 7 30 p m All veterans that served during any of the wars are eligible Contact (734) 459 7324 for further information

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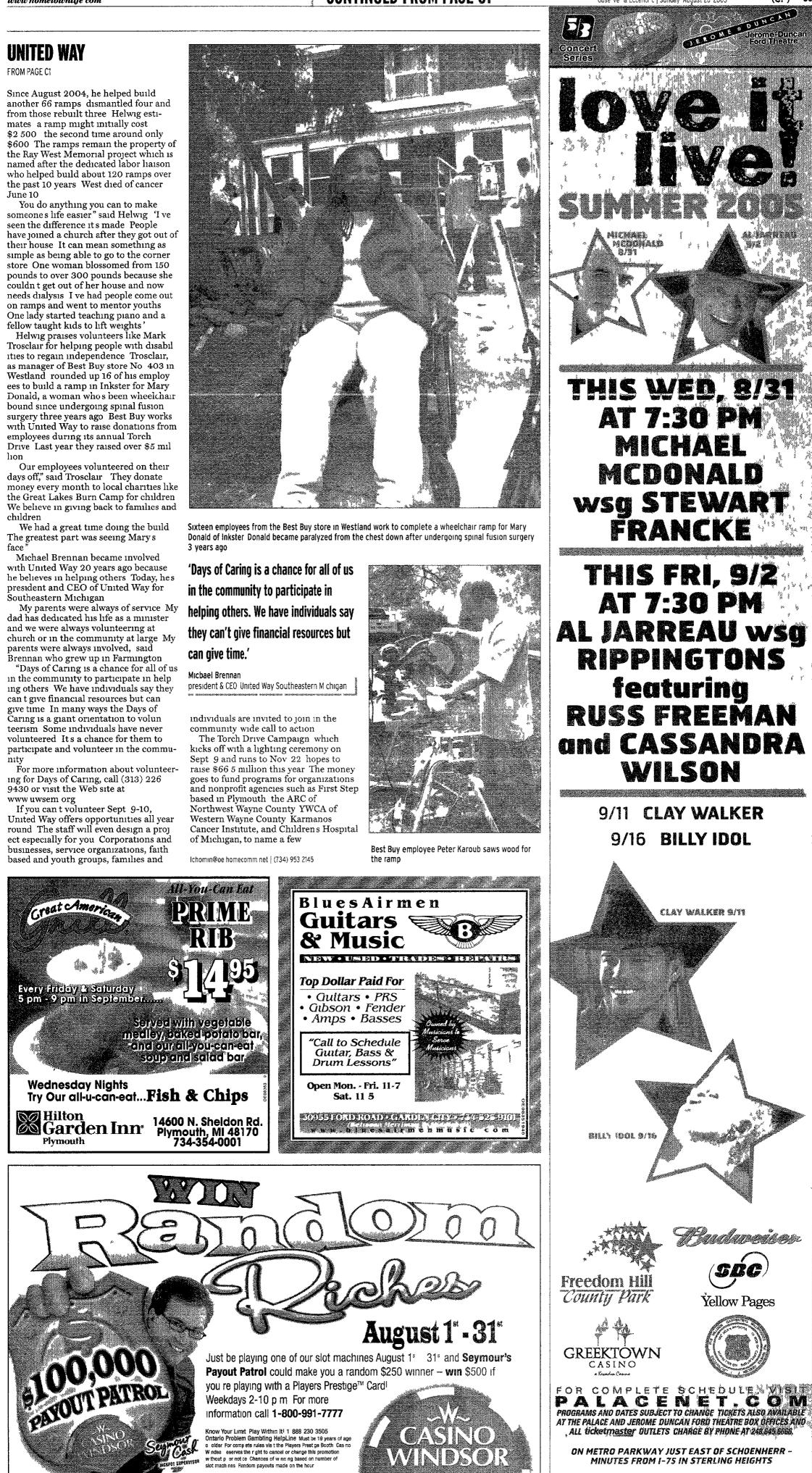
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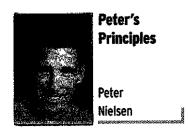
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Tips to prevent Alzheimer's

Carl from Rochester Hills e-mails asking for a strategy to make it less likely for him to get Alzheimer's, even though it runs in his family Carl, did you know nearly five million Americans currently suffer from Alzheimer's? By the year 2050 that number is expected to increase by at least 10 to 15 million' Here are some tips to help keep you from becoming part of that frightening statistic

First, control your blood pressure Untreated hypertension can increase the chances of dementia A good way to do this is the 'dash diet' and regular use of your high blood pressure medication Next, prevent and control the two types of diabetes There is strong evidence that the damage done to blood vessels by diabetes can trigger Alzheimer's In addition, use cholesterol lowering medications High cholesterol will lead to hardening of the arteries and then to the kind of brain plaque that is typical in Alzheimer's patients At the same time, try to raise your body's levels of HDL, the good cholesterol Tests have shown that subjects with the highest HDL levels performed best on cognitive tests For more information on Alzheimer's prevention, it's best to talk to your doctor Don t forget that plenty of exercise and the right foods are the key to good health

Sharon from Novi e-mails telling about the history of hypertension (or high blood pressure) in her family and asks for tips on natural ways to prevent this dangerous health condition.

Sharon, new research from Harvard may hold the answers you're looking for They have found that folate, a B vitamin, may help lower high blood pressure Folate is found in several kinds of everyday foods It's most abundant in leafy green vegetables, produce, fortified cereals, and whole grains Researchers also have been investigating and tracking 150,000 subjects for eight years All of the test subjects were women under the age of 45 They found that women getting at least 1,000 micrograms of folate per day cut their hypertension risk by up to 46 percent' Women over the age of 45 cut their risk by an average of 18 percent In order to hit your goal of 1,000 micrograms you'll need to take a good supplement Talk to a nutritionist 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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Extreme makeover

Family goes the distance to regain health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

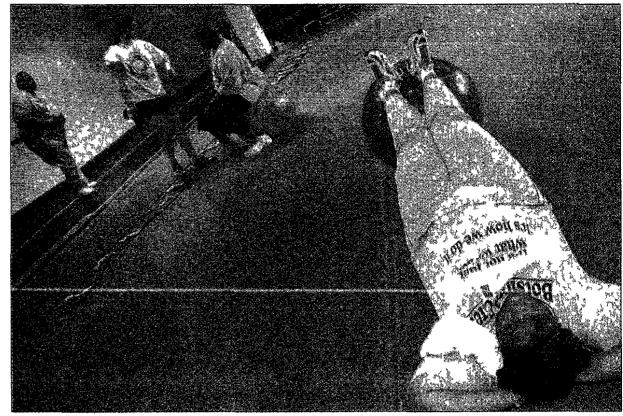
Monica Pagels was watching one of the reality TV shows when her thoughts turned to health An exercise physiologist at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, Pagels enjoys assisting patients with rehabilitation but what if she could take a family struggling to regain their overall health and give them a fitness makeover

After sending out filers to announce a contest, Pagels sat down to the task of choosing a family – then Gail Taylor called from her Southfield home anxious to find out if she, husband Gary and 12-year-old son Jaleel were in the running

Motivation is key to weight loss Pagels could tell from the phone call that Taylor was serious about trimming down The working mother had tried before to lose weight but was unsuccessful This time would be different All three members needed help Their combined body weight totaled over 1,000 pounds and it was affecting then health Gary at age 36 1s an insulin-dependent diabetic and Gail, 35, and Jaleel have high blood pressure On her application, Gail wrote Jaleel wants to play football but 1s too heavy

'CHANGE THEIR LIFE'

"I thought can you imagine what would happen if we could change their life," said Pagels "We had a lot of great applications They all touched us Once they did it was difficult to let those other families go, so we decided to offer them a four-week introductory



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Gail Anderson Taylor works on some abdominal exercises while her husband. Gary Taylor works on squats at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement as part of their makeover. Their 12 year old son. Jaleel. takes to the barbells

program including 30 minutes of exercise one day a week and a session with the dietitian to change their eating habits "

Pagels and registered dietitian Denise Holmes created a more intense program for the Taylors For the next three months the family would visit the center three times a week to exercise, and meet with Holmes to learn about fixing healthy meals and snacks The center is certified through SHAPE DOWN (TM), a nationally recognized family-based weight loss program developed by faculty at the University of California, San Francisco. School of Medicine It focuses on nutrition, exercise and behavioral changes

'They're today's working family

URINE LEAKAGE

It's go go go from the time they get up in the morning They don't have time to make a sensible meal from scratch,' said Holmes "I was talking to the family last week and told them its not just up to the mom to go to the grocery store They have to go choose fruits and vegetables they'll eat They need to eat a variety of food in moderation and eat as naturally as you can, fresh fruits first then frozen, veg etables, whole grains, lean meats I recommend people start with Quick & Healthy, a cookbook with basic recipes, not a lot of exotic spices"

CARDIOVASCULAR EXERCISE

Along with learning to eat healthy the Taylors began with 15 to 20 minutes of cardiovascular exercise then added five minutes per week They're now up to 30 minutes or more Gary has lost 18 pounds and regained control of his blood sugar Gail's lost seven pounds, Jaleel less than 10, since beginning the program on July 6 Pagels rates their fatigue and pain levels for each session in addition to monitoring heart rates Gary suffers from asthma and knee pain so walking on a treadmill is difficult, but he overcame the pain by starting out slowly

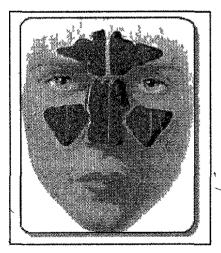
'They begin to want to push themselves harder,' said Pagels "We don't rush it We want them

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This fall, take first step toward regaining health

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement a total rehabilitation and athletic conditioning facility offers fitness programs for anyone wanting to regain their health While physicians are referring many of their patients, individuals are signing up as well Women who want to learn about weight management can attend a two week session with Monica Pagels, an exercise physiologist, registered dietitian Denise Holmes and Dr Marsha Billes, a family practice physician The workshop is presented by the center and city of Farmington Hills 5 30-7 p m Monday, Sept 19 and 26, at the Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

'On Sept 19 well concentrate on what is a healthy body weight, what is lean body mass and fat weight,' said Monica Pagels "It's not just pounds on the scale that determines a healthy weight Were going to measure peoples body mass with skin fold calipers On Sept 26 well be talking about

achieving healthy body weight" The cost for the Women's Health Workshop on Weight Management 1s \$10 residents, \$12 non-residents For more information, call (248) 473-1830

Or take advantage of the free Women's Health and Fitness Day 8 30 a m to 1 p m Saturday, Sept 24, at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River in Novi Ask questions of an expert panel consisting of a dietitian, cardiac and diabetes nurse, Pagels, and Dr Adrienne Stanley, an OB/GYN who will give a lecture on weight gain and hormonal changes A variety of activities will be available from cooking demonstrations and taste tests to free screening for blood pressure, blood sugar and body fat There will be a \$10 fee for cholesterol screening Fasting is recommended for anyone wishing to take advantage of cholesterol screening

Free mini-classes of yoga, pilates and strength training can help individuals choose the exercise program right for them For more information, call (248) 473-5600

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Gary Taylor does a few miles on the bike during his family's workout program at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement

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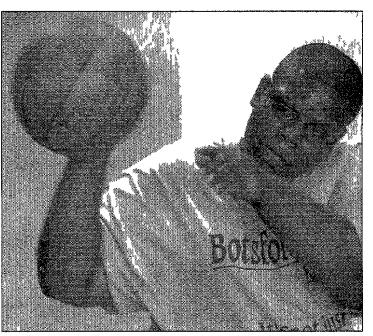
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to associate exercise with a positive feeling Jaleel loves basketball and we found that's a great way to motivate him We put on his favorite music It's important not to get caught up in traditional exercise modes The programs are individualized Gail is working on core strengthening Women have to think about bone density"

"The different types of exer cises make it interesting, said Gail Taylor, who leaves her job as a project leader for EDS in downtown Detroit, picks up Gary and Jaleel in Southfield then comes to the center Gary works as a special education teacher for Detroit Public Schools and will soon be headlearn how to make dip for vegetables so hes not reaching for a bag of chips when he walks in the door

'But we want to focus away from food and sedentary activities Families can be together not just at the dinner table or in front of the TV My 2^{//2-}year old daughter already understands her parents are active She sees us in our running clothes It looks like part of a lifestyle

Botsford Center for Health Improvement is at 39750 Grand River in Novi The center 1s part of the Botsford Health Care Continuum including the general hospital in Farmington Hills For more information, call (248) 473-5600 or visit www.botsfordsystem org



Twelve year old Jaleel Taylor works with some basketball drills to help keep him moving and burning calories as he and his parents work out as part of their makeover



MEDICAL DATEBOOK

AUGUST

Walk for women's cancer

The National Arab American Medical Association and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute are team ing up for the Walk for Women's Cancer 8 11 a m Sunday Aug 28 at the Detroit Zoo 8450 West 10 Mile Royal Oak Registration is \$10 for adults and children over 13 years of age and \$5 for children 12 and under Parking for the event is free NAAMA's annual walk raises public support and awareness for all women's cancers including ovarian cervical vaginal and breast cancer The goal is to celebrate those lives saved from the disease and to remember those who lost their battle with cancer

Cancer prevention cooking

Classes run 6 30 8 30 p m Mondays through Aug 29 at Whole Foods Market 3135 Washtenaw at Huron Parkway Ann Arbor No charge To reg ister call (734) 975 4500 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 wwwCancerProject org or call (202) 244 5038

Therapy choir

Of Broe Rehabilitation Services Inc located in Farmington Hills is opening membership to volunteers from our community The choir is comprised of men and women recovering from trau matic brain injuries. Volunteers with or without disabilities are welcome as singers or helpers. Good singing abili ty not required On Aug 28 the choir performs at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Cardinal Adam Maida in an 11 a m. Mass for people with disabil ities The event is free Call (248) 474 BROE for details

Blood drive

2 8 pm Monday Aug 29 at the Boca VFW Post 9885 6440 North Hix between Ford and Warren roads Westland to schedule an appoint ment call (734) 728 3231 or (734) 377 8329

Free workshop

The Doctor's Speakers Bureau spon sors Alternatives to Vioxx/Celebrex and Naproxin Treating Arthritis with Natural Medicine for the New Millennium 7 pm Monday Aug 29 at the Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road Guest speaker is Dr William H. Karl. DC a nutrition expert with over 25 years experience Seating limited Reserve your place now Call (734) 425 8588

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Free seminar

Urinary incontinence currently effects 13 million Americans 85 percent of which are women Many women are simply not aware that a minimally invasive procedure is available that may prevent them from leaking urine+ every time they laugh sneeze or cough Through the Trans obturator Technique using Aris™ Dr Kleer is able to offer many women a solution to stress incontinence that puts them back in control of their lives Dr Kleer is holding a free seminar Tuesday August 30th at the City of Plymouth **Recreation Department** 525 Farmer To RSVP call Steven at (800) 525 8773 Ext 5502

Mobile learning center

Visits Crittenton Hospital Medical Center 7 30 a m to 7 30 p m Wednesday Aug 31 learn about the latest orthopedic programs and the treatment of generative joint disease minimally invasive surgery for the knee spinal surgery treatment options for arthritis of knee and hip carpal tunnel syndrome and small incision total hip surgery in the semi trailer parked in front of the hospital facing University Drive in Rochester No charge Call (248) 652 5269 Life Line Screening

Begins 9 a m Sept 8 at Woodhaven **Retirement Community 29667** Wentworth Livonia Screenings range from \$109 to \$129 Call (800) 697 9721 Pre registration required

Group fitness classes

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ing back to the classroom That means on many nights they eat late so Gail changed her work hours to start at $\overline{6}$ 30 a m and prepares meals the day before so they can eat earlier

"We put other things ahead of this and now we're putting ourselves ahead, said Gail That's how we got off track"

Gary was a defensive end at Central State University in Ohio and was constantly weight training but gradually quit over the years Gail rides an exercise bike at home but didn t do it all the time She and Gary met in college where she burned calories walking across campus They gradually gained weight over their 13 years of marriage

ADJUSTING RECIPES

I like to bake but now I'm learning to adjust recipes, said Gail I love ice cream but now buy no sugar Popsicles We're eating a lot more fish and skinless chicken breasts, a lot more fruits and vegetables I did have high cholesterol for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ years My main goal is to stop taking medications'

Losing weight is important for health, said Jaleel, a student at Thompson Middle School in Southfield 'I learned pizza is not healthy for you"

"The goal is to become healthy said Gary I gave up the filet of fish sandwich and order a salad instead I m staying away from pizza until I can handle it "

Gail is steaming vegetables like broccoli and stocking the kitchen with apples, plums, grapes, peaches, and nectarines from Eastern Market Shes using fat free refried beans to make dip With six weeks to go, the program seems to be working "I just wrote a letter to their

physicians and we re thinking they're right on track," said Pagels They re very motivated and haven't missed a session Jaleel and Gary are going back to school and working with Denise to fix healthy lunches It's important that they eat enough food throughout the day so they have the energy to exercise Denise helped Jaleel

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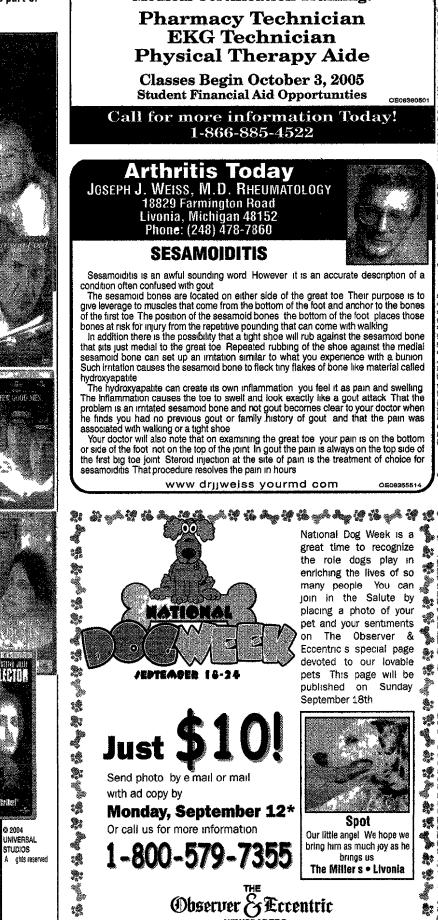
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Suite 200 in Canton Dancers will audition according to age - noon to 1 p m for ages 7-9, 1-2 p m ages 10-12, and 2-3 30 p m ages 13 and up Bring a resume, photograph and \$5 audition fee Girls should wear a solid leotard, pink tights, ballet shoes,

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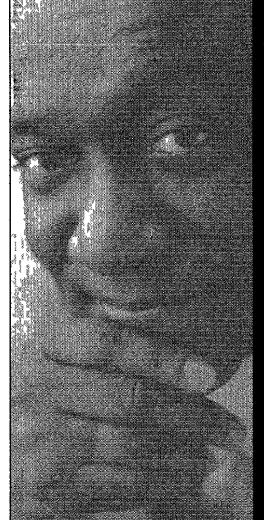
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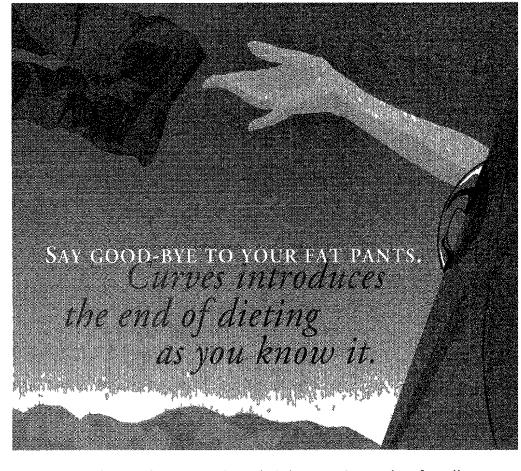
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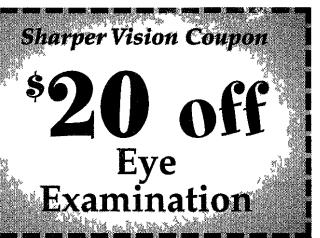
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High Wire Girls venture into Novi

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igh Wire Girls is a must-see shop in Royal Oak that carries an eclec-Let the mix of accessories, home decor, trendy clothes and more that will have you buying gifts for friends, family and yourself before leaving Owned by friends Kara Laramie and Lisa Groth, the shop has been a huge success since opening its doors in March 2002

The business venture began when Laramie started fashioning accessories out of old costume jewelry her grandmother had given her

Now the two high wire girls" are preparing to open their second store in Novi mid-September

PINK sat down with them recently to find out how the former stay-at-home mothers turned a hobby and passion into a successful business

How did High Wire Girls come to be?

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Kara Laramie: I started making eyeglass cords for my sunglasses [out of grandmother's jewelry] I was selling these eyeglass cords like hot cakes I dabbled in shows, did home shows Then I met Lisa at [my children's] play group She took over from a business point of view

Lisa Groth: I had worked as a pharma



The original High Wire Girls Kara and Lisa, are set to open their second shop in Novi

ceutical rep and a real estate agent, but I was home at the time with my children I wanted to become involved because I don't do 'home" well I love it I love coming to work.

How do you choose your merchandise?

KL. Ninety-plus percent is what we like We span all age groups because there really is something on the floor for every age One of the things we take pride in is that our prices are so reasonable We rarely have anything over \$100 Our friend had a 40th birthday party, and 10 to 12 of the gifts were from our store

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You also offer "bead parties?"

KL. We offer a party experience We do bead programs, for girls 6 years old to adults, bachelorette parties We bring everything they need, a huge variety of supplies [to their party site] It's very social, and they leave with a completed professional piece of jewelry

How is it working with a friend?

KL Lisa jokes that she s like my second husband Were different enough that it works perfectly We definitely get along great as business partners and friends If there's a problem between us, we put it out there We dont hold grudges

LG. When one of us goes on vacation we can t wait for her to get back To have a partner is enormously helpful

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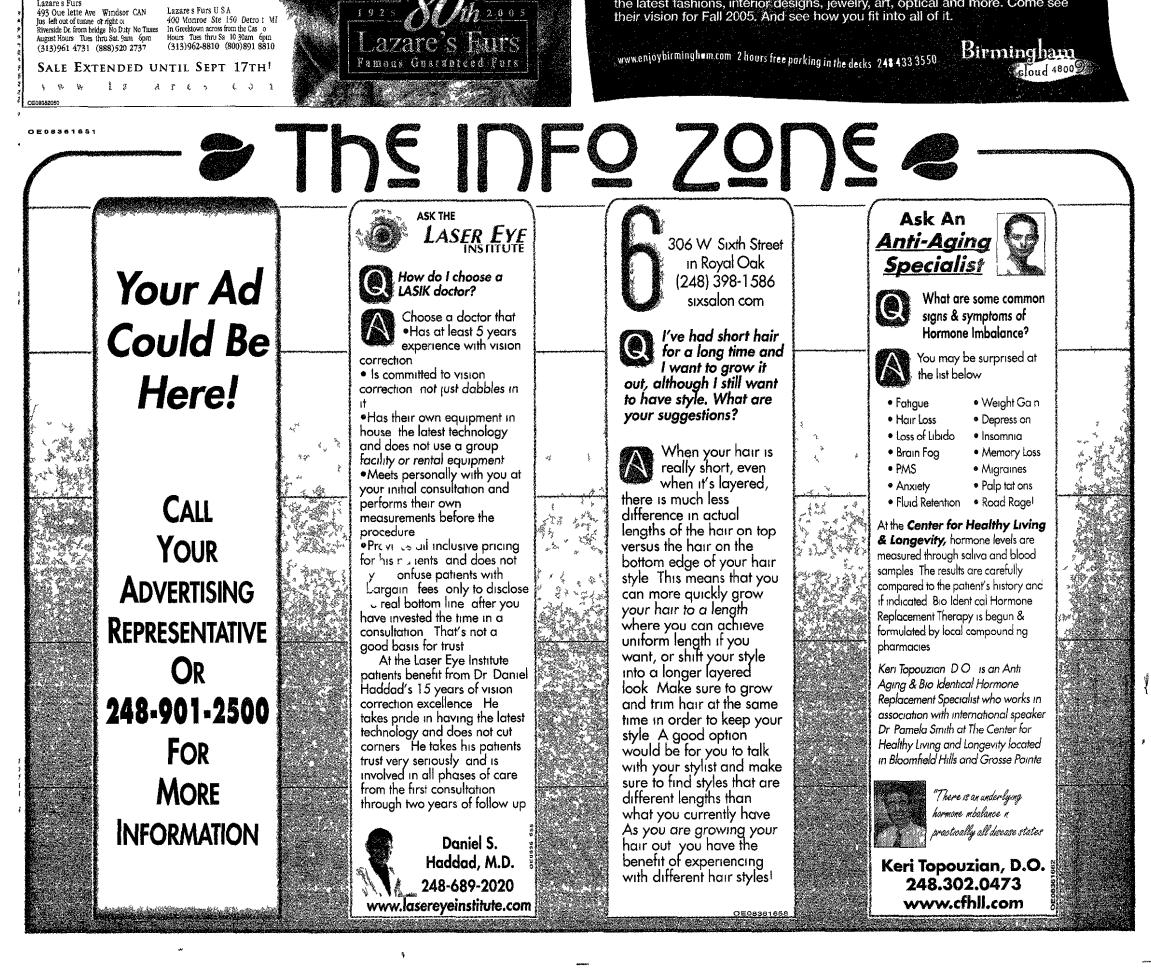
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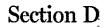


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Landscape architects find a balance between people and the environment

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If you answered yes to these questions, you may be suited for a career in landscape architecture

Landscape architecture has strong roots in the US Early examples range from private estates like Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, to entire city plans like Pierre L'Enfant's design of Washington DC, to public gathering places like San Francisco's Pershing Square The actual term landscape architecture" became common after 1863, when Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux designed New York's Central Park. Landscape architects plan and design traditional places such as parks, residential developments,

parks, residential developments, campuses, gardens, cemeteries, commercial centers, resorts, transportation facilities, corporate and institutional centers and waterfront developments They also design and plan the restoration of natural places disturbed by humans, such as wetlands, stream corridors, mined areas and forested land

Members of the profession can work on a variety of projects, such as the development and preservation of open spaces, recreation areas, wildlife refuges, zoos, parks, golf courses, transportation systems and more

It is a growing profession and in such demand that the average salary is more than \$75,000 — although experienced landscape architects and firm principals can make much more

The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) has created an online resource that provides information and assistance to individuals who want to investigate a career in the field. The site includes

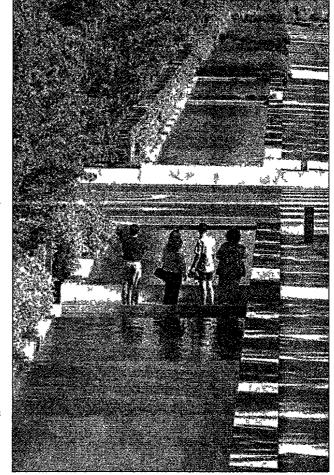
an online brochure and articles about the field,

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Founded in 1899, the American Society of Landscape Architects is the national professional association representing landscape architects To learn more, visit the Web site at www.asla.org



Landscape architecture firm Peter Walker and Partners won a 2004 ASLA award for the design of Copia The American Center for Wine Food and Arts in Napa California

The ongoing evolution of the administrative professional

(NAPSI) — Take a memo the role of the secretary has changed First and foremost, hardly anyone uses the term "secretary" anymore Yesterday's shorthand-taking, intercom-answering, mostly female typewriter jockeys have received a serious upgrade for the 21st century

The staffing industry's market leader, which places thousands of candidates each year in administrative positions, cites three key characteristics of today's administrative professionals

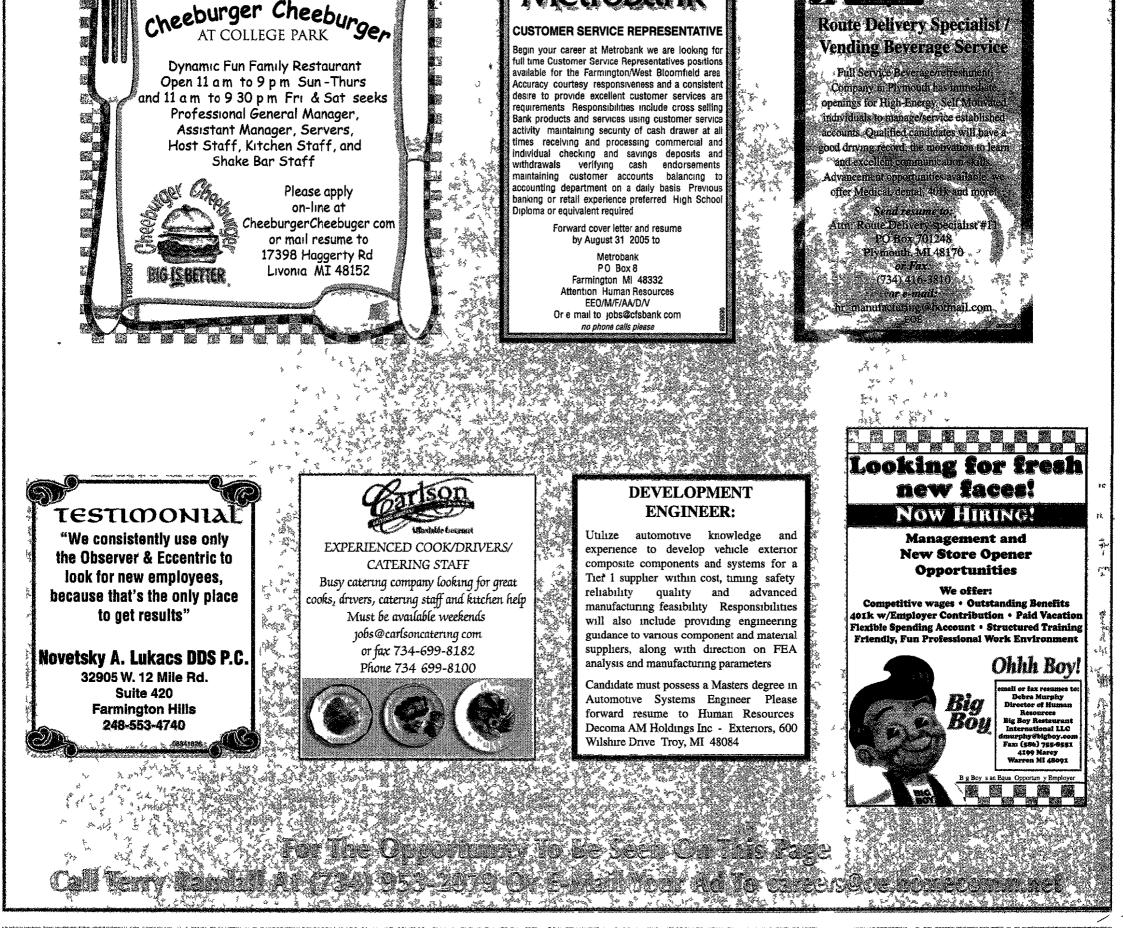
1 They embrace technology In the information age, top-level computer skills are a must Knowledge of software applications, database management, PDAs and the Internet is a basic requirement in most situations

2 They get noticed In the past, many administrative professionals were high school graduates with little hope of advancing much further than the receptionist desk Nowadays, many admin professionals are college grads with a solid career path

3 They are seen as partners In today's evolving work environment, many administrators have broadened their scope, supporting entire teams rather than a single executive

If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing or enriching a career as an administrative professional, signing up with a staffing firm such as Adecco (www adeccousa com) can be an excellent way to start Admin professionals are in demand throughout much of the country and many temporary assignments become permanent within a few months





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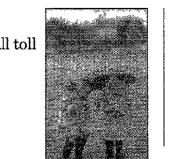
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Cleaning up for the big move

(NAPSI) - Whether it's across town or across country, each year millions of people make the big decision to pack up their stuff and move, which, according to many professional organizers, provides the best opportunity to finally get organized

"Moving time is the best time to install that new master bedroom closet, kitchen pantry, garage storage area or laundry room," said Linda Koopersmith, author of the new book Home Organizing Bible and co-host of Style Network's television show Clean House

"That's the beauty of moving, the new place is completely empty, a blank slate

waiting to be created, and organized," 'Koopersmith encourages people moving to envision their dream storage solution, then create it before the new place becomes even more cluttered than their previous house

"Before packing, carefully evaluate all household items, like that never-beenused garden tool," said Craig Moeller of ClosetMaid

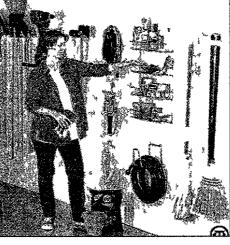
Another key to organizing the new home is developing a detailed "home organization plan" for each new room One effective tool for storage and organi zation planning is the ClosetMaid Visual Storage Planner, an interactive program on the company s newly revamped Web site

"Being organized in your new home means having a plan that includes taking only what you need from the old place, said Linda Rothschild, former president of the National Association of Professional Organizers

"Homeowners can dispose of clutter by simply giving things to friends or local charities, having a garage sale or throwing out all unwanted household items Otherwise people find themselves right back where they started, with tons of outof-control clutter filling up their new place'

What about homeowners who after disposing of clutter still find themselves with a lot of stuff going to the new house?

'That's simple,' said Barry Izsak, current president of the National Association of Professional Organizers Before the move begins, homeowners should designate all



items they plan to take but won t initially be using in the new home, such as out-ofseason clothing, sporting items or holiday decorations Such items are perfect for storing in the garage

If properly planned, the new garage can be the perfect storage solution by installing products such as garage hooks, racks and shelving

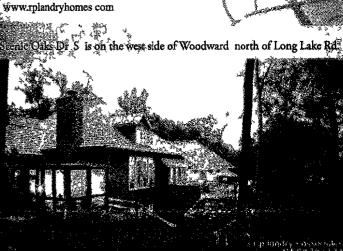


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I don't think there is a better time to buy a home than now The peak of the real estate season is in the summer One reason for this is that many parents want to purchase a home and get settled before the school year starts Another explanation why this occurs is because people don't like to move in the cold of the winter It's almost like buying a snow blower During the beginning of the winter snow blower prices are usually at their highest Why? The reason for this is because there is a great demand for them during the start of the winter However, if you wait until the end of winter, there is a much smaller demand for snow blowers and retailers are anxious to get rid of them Therefore, they reduce the price of snow blowers to the point where the supply meets the demand, which means that you can buy them at a reduced price This is how the real estate market works, as well During the beginning of the peak of the real estate season, which is the start of the summer, sellers are the most enthusiastic about getting the most money for their house By the end of the summer there is a smaller demand and sellers must adjust their asking prices accordingly

To make things even better for the buyer, there has been a slow real estate market There are a tremendous amount of homes on the market with a relatively small demand This



means that a lot of the sellers who were enthusiastic about getting top dollar for their home in the beginning of the summer have had to steadily reduce their asking price to keep up with competitors Pretty soon the summer 1s going to be over with and the height of the real estate season is going to be gone The sellers that have had a tough time selling their home will have lowered their prices to the point where their homes will be sold This means that there

will be fewer to pick from Also, interest rates are still very low and are predicted to rise A 0 5% increase in interest rates, for a \$250 000 home, over a 30-year mortgage, can cost you an additional \$37,500 That is a nice chunk of money for many folks

I don't think there is a better time than the present to buy a house Many sellers are also willing to paying buyers closing costs and make deals in order to sell their house Michael Aldouby is a columnist and a Realtor with ERA Alliance Realty He has an MBA with a concentration in Marketing He is happy to answer any real estate questions you may have or to receive any comments about the column Please free to call him at (248) 848 5710 or e mail him at michael aldouby@era.com

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Getting value: Appreciation a top consideration for buyers

PRNewswire – When buying an existing home metro Detroiters are most interested in its potential to appreciate in value according to a new RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan study of area residents

According to the study the top 10 characteristics metro Detroit buyers assess when buying an existing home are home appreciation potential taxes, roof age school system storage space furnace age, home wairanty location and garage size

Most home owners are only in a home an average of 5 to 7 years" said Jeanette Schneider vice president and co regional director of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan It makes

sense then to begin analyzing resale values from the very first day you set out to buy a home

According to the National Association of Realtors, the median US home price jumped to \$206 000 ın Aprıl 2005 — up a stunning 15 per cent over the past year and 55 percent over the past five years

Even if you re not contemplating buying or selling anytime soon, today's home values are changing the way we think about the roof over our head, said Schneider Real estate is becoming less about longevity and more about value

Overall, the most common reason for moving is to find a larger home or a more updated home with additional features

"Past generations thought of their house as an investment, but a passive one, said Schneider But now people track their home values almost daily And thanks to home-equity loans and refinancing the home is an easily tapped source of cash



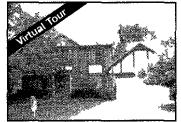
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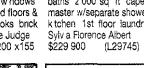


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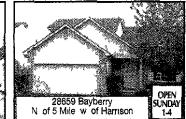
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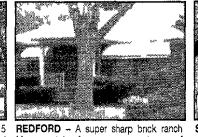
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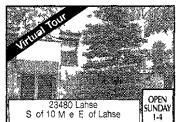
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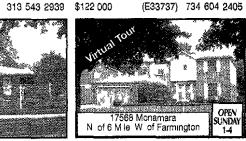
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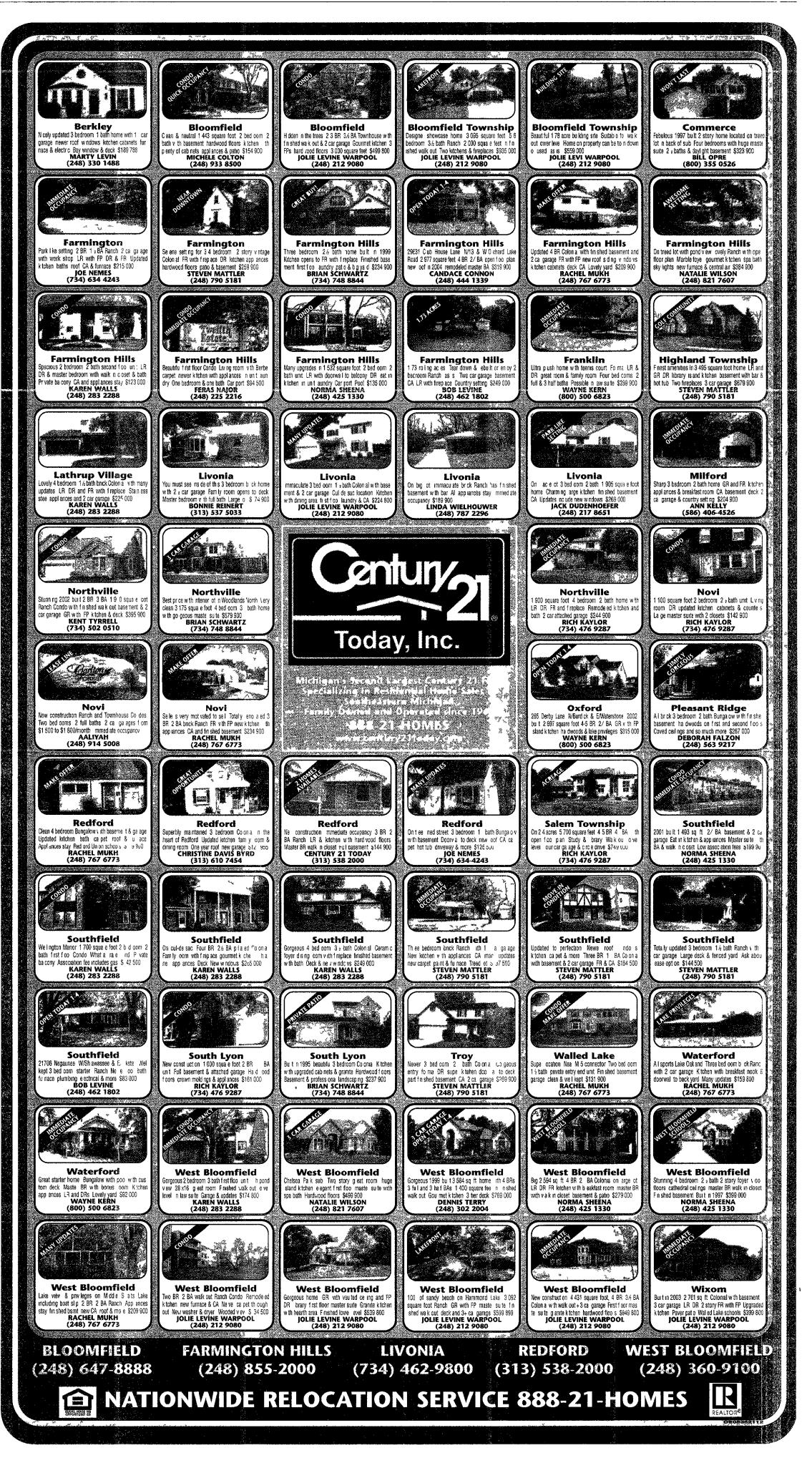
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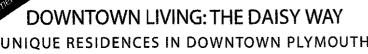
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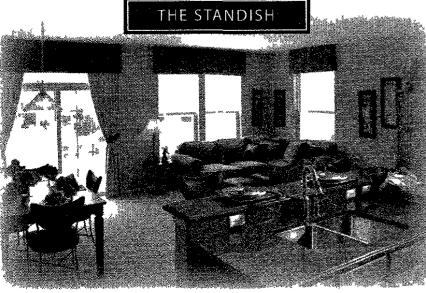
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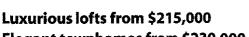
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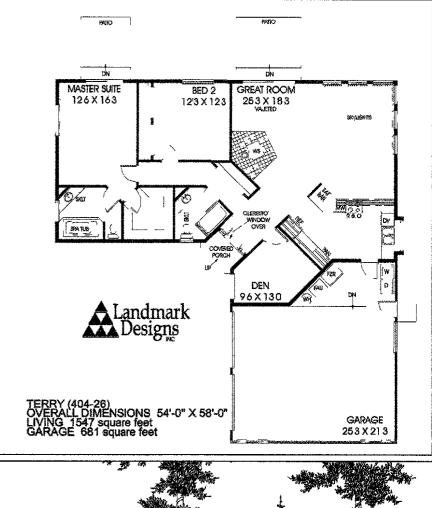
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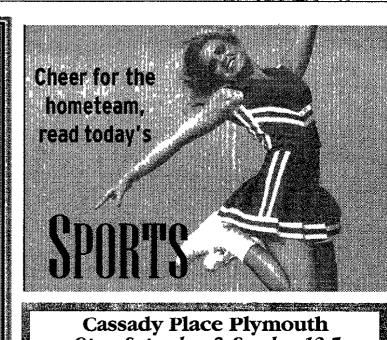
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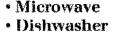
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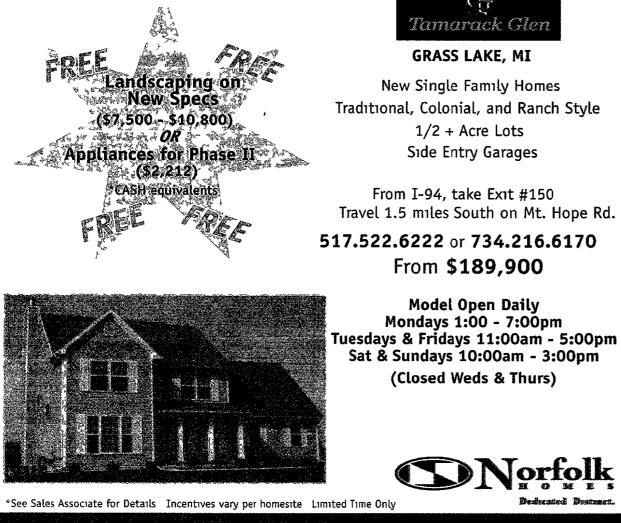
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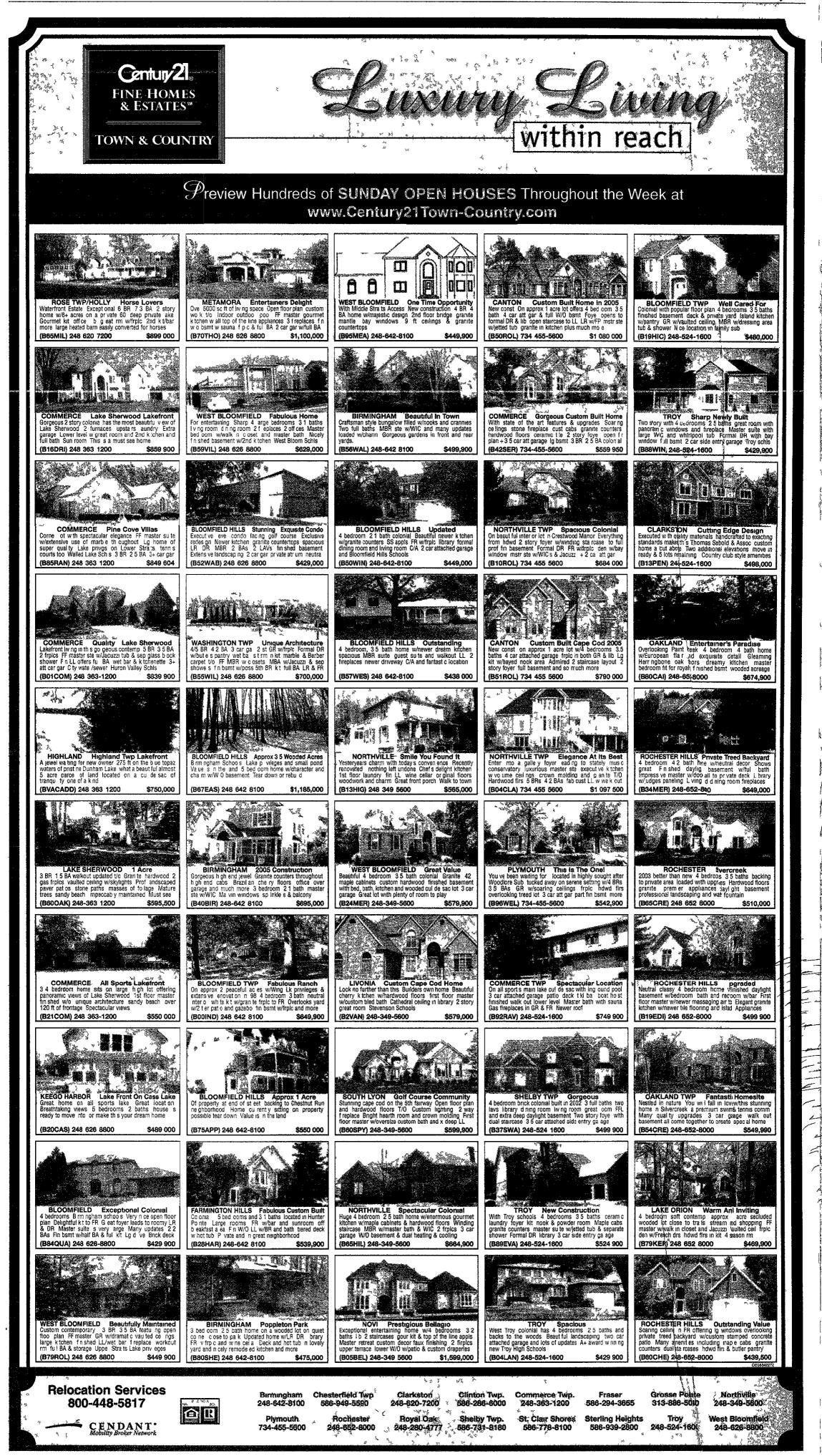
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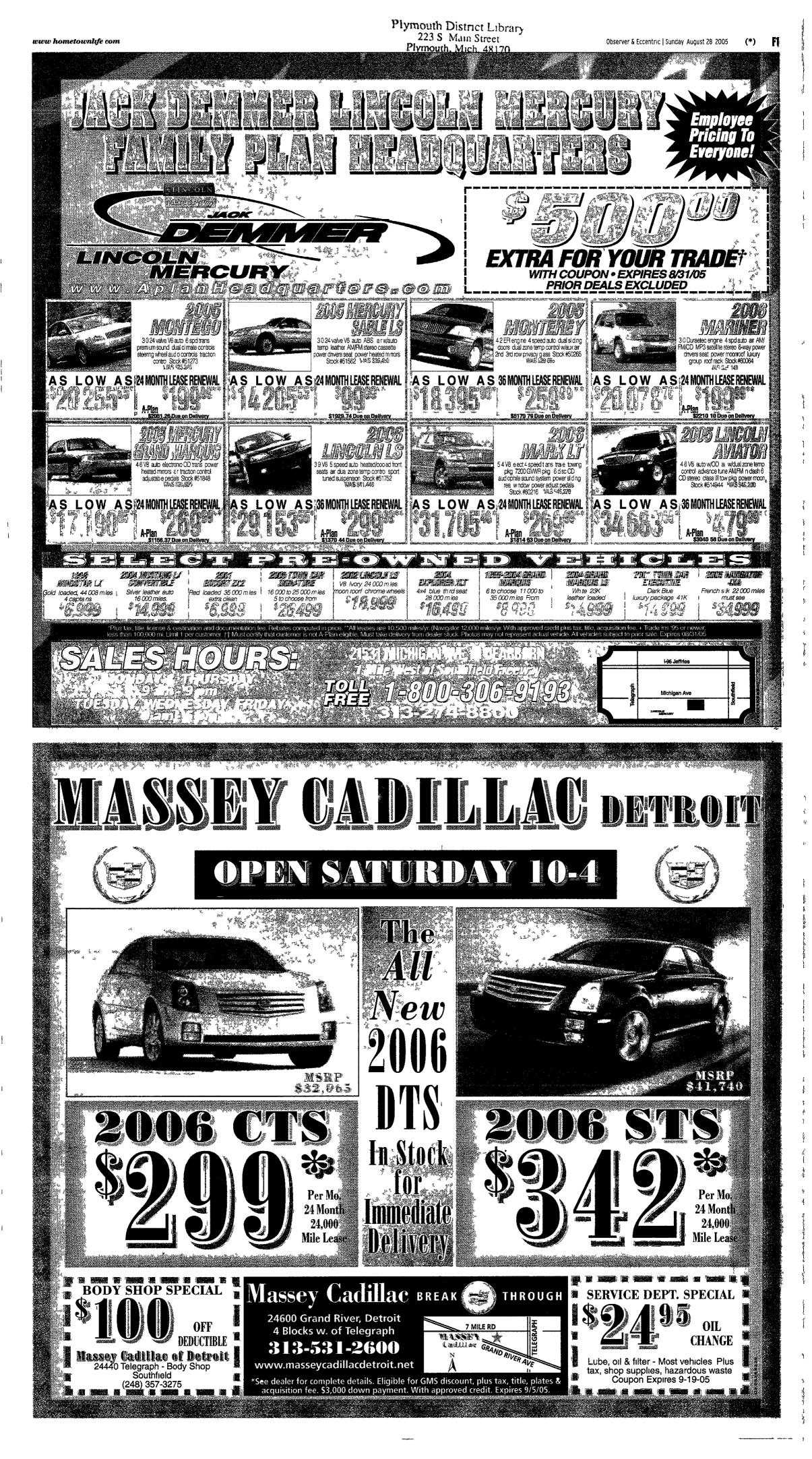




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DWF 49 Taurus N/S seeks serious relationship with man 48-55 N/S N/Drugs who values time away from work and has sense of humor **7**766084

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Attractive charming ex business woman 60 loves movies plays concerts dining dancing traveling financially comfortable gourmet **27**743556

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59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR Pretty charming SWF successful kind compassionate lots of fun looking for her knight in shining armor Any sincere caucasian gen tiemen 55 80 please respond Ho pefully well be each others soul mates \$\$592074

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MUST LOVE ANIMALS

WF 53 54 blonde/blue full-figured

likes travel fine dining shows plays

animals children picnics boating

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slow dancing Seeking good kind hearted man 50 62 with integrity

GREAT COMPANION

SF 65 looks 55 52 unique bright w/many talents and interests i m

well-traveled very attractive health

conscious How about you? Seeking

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FORMER MODEL

SWF 50 56 slender intelligence

creativity passion for music and

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Youthful blonde 60 52 with family values shapely medium build pro

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more Seeking well groomed finan

cially secure gentleman 55-68 similar characteristics 2697194

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 142lbs 56 enjoys blues

animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5"10 + N/S social drinker for LTR 2548938

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF early 60s feels much younger N/S loves music and danc-

ing stays physically active would like

to hear from friendly honest man 56-

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF 61 54 average

build happy independent humorous

enjoys boating cards music dining

walks travel golf Seeking good humored SM w/similar interests for

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO

fun male 60+ who likes bridge ten-

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

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N/S, seeks special no games WM

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THICK AND HEALTHY SWF 48 5 115lbs petite dark/dark SBF 30 55 240lbs N/S N/D no SBM kids employed Seeking nice looking

SM 20 35 w/no kids N/S for friend-ship possibly more 2534802 SOULMATE SEARCH Slim attractive 57-yr old JF looking

for her soulmate any sincere suc cessful JM between the ages of 54-64 please respond \$\$589875 LET'S RV!!

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SWF smart fun easy to be with suc cess attractive petite looking for a soulmate SWM N/S 55 67 S Oak land area \$\mathbf{T}738822

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SEEKS SPECIAL LADY SWPM 49 tall dark/dark N/Drugs N/S seeks attractive sensitive kind hearted good natured SF 42 52 N/S N/Drugs who enjoys home cocked meals nights on the town or home for dating possible LTR 2765893

NEED 2 BE TREATED LIKE . a lady? I m your man DWM 49 6 190lbs easygoing fun loving seeks romance with 30 50 year old wo man Don't miss your opportunity to be treated the way you deserve **2781311**

PATIENTLY WAITING SBM 37 185lbs 5.8 no kids never married Seeking caring attractive SF no kids never married for great relationship 2710917

BELIEVE IT

SWM 37 Arres marriage minded N/S seeks WF 25 50 N/S for possi ble romance \$\$754524

LOOKING FOR ROMANCE ISO attractive sexy fit caring woman 30 40 Must love beaches Harleys romance laughter hanging at the pool Me 43 original nice guy attractive very handsome fit single father \$\mathbf{T}774183

TRY ME

SBM 41 looking for a woman 18-30 55-57 120 130lbs who stays in Detroit on the east side If you feel that this is you get in touch **3774240**

MUSCULAR & FRIENDLY SWM 45 62" 209lbs N/S enjoys conversations college football and new activities Seeking a down to earth SF Age/area open 27982364

WELL, HELLO SM very young looking 50 57 180lbs medium build employed self reliant D/D free easygoing and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DWF 40 55 200 350lbs 2597126

JOY Retired widower 80 likes movies SWF 63 56 average build Aries walking eating out would like com

TRUE GENTLEMAN SBM 37 Leo smoker seeks wo man 29.38 for possible romance **2754960**

TRUE GENTLEMAN SWM 42 62 average build Cap ricorn N/S seeks woman 28-35 N/S for friendship possible romance **2**755285

LOOKING FOR LOVE IN any place SWM 34 homeowner financially secure N/S seeks SWF 18 35 N/S for marriage and family in the future 2765482

HITHERE

SM 47 likes sports fishing working around the home Looking for a good hearted woman 47 53 to share lifes simple pleasures with Lets talk **2780932**

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gentleman SWM 42 6 195lbs au burn hair/beard affectionate and con siderate enjoys cooking gardening music fishing nature cats Seeking honest good-natured woman 35.65 race open who loves romance and affection \$\mathbf{T}693485

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SWM 40 61 155lbs brown/hazel just me and you! Sociable gentle manly SWM 40 likes to go to inter-N/S loves the beach shooting guns and dining out Seeking woman 18 45 for friendship possibly leading to more 2758605

SWM, DESIRES SBF

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HAPPY DAD

Single father of three 37 loves fami ly outdoors biking barbecues cook ing and more Looking for a lovely WF 30-45 to share happiness and life with 2715711

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC SWM 46 62" 209lbs brown/blue degreed outgoing personality enjoys outdoors workout new activities seeks friendly SF age/location open **2**531308

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED SBPM 36 56 Leo N/S seeks, attractive SW/HFage and height open who is outgoing honest and seeking friendship leading to LTR 7837750 SBM 46 looking for that special per-sona for LTR someone who enjoys walks movies sporting events cud dling at home Please be shapely independent and know what you want in life 2692418

LOOKING FOR SOUL MATE SWM 54 62 shoulder length brown hair enjoys outdoors camping fish ing Seeking SWF happy good sense of humor with similar interests for

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TRY ME! SBM, 22 5 7 slim build Capricorn, N/S seeks BF 19-25 for possible ro-mance 2756258

NOW S THE TIME SWM 58 Leo N/S seeks WF 35-

55 for friendship possible romance **2**775831 TAKE A CHANCE

Attractive SWPM 56 sensitive easygoing a good listener good-humored and fun enjoys travel sports music good food see Seeking

romance with shapely like minded SBF someone to share/explore life with 2761586 FLEXIBLE FELLOW

SBM 56' 150lbs beard piercings Sagittarius smoker seeks woman 22 40 4 11 57" race unimportant **2769056**

RETIRED BOATER

WM 60s enjoys the summer "dining out live shows music more Looking for a lady 59-58 N/S who enjoys the same for companionship \$\$772215

JUST PLAIN TALK

A strong shoulder to lean onl Nice-looking SWM 43 kind considerate romantic seeks feminine lady friend **1**733275

LET'S TRY IT OUT

Just call this friendly social easygoing SWM 40s humorous optimist seeks kind sociable lady for casual dating Age open 2513284

I LL HELP YOU finding true love Cynical yet hopeful SWM 43 seeks attentive WF for car-ing relationship \$\mi2568641\$

JUST SAY WHEN

Willing to go anywhere in the tri-coun-ty area SWM 44 articulate friendly and gentle Enjoys art nature dancand romancing Seeks sincere lady companion 27604683 STARTING ANEW WITH

esting places Seeking nice female companion LTR ok no marriage right now 2660062

I REALLY BELIEVE

Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM easy to talk to

active adventurous seeks pleasant playful SWF 35 50 26686509

FATHER OF ONE IN LIVONIA

Handsome fit fun honest secure SWM 40 61 190lbs w/daughter age 11 enjoys reading biking running family activities! Seeking positive fit SWF for great relationship! \$\overline{11245}\$

I PREFER KINDHEARTED

with a ladys touch SWM 45 seeks

good friend and true partner Looks

and age not that important I just want

ROMANCE AND YOU

over due? If you are a SWF 40 55

decent-looking and somewhat ro

mantic then we might connect This gentle optimistic SWM could make you really happy \$\overline{\pi}\$799032

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE

LIFE'S A CABARET

Classy romantic intelligent SWM 50 well-traveled with good taste, seeks a special caring friendly lady

36-55 Let's share life romance and

A SPECIAL GUY

laughter 2480718

someone real 2783752

child friendly man who loves life and having fun 12776587

MOTHER OF TWO SWF early 40s easy to get along with looking for a man 43 50 N/S who likes playing cards bowling ani mals biking going to movies **a**782843

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35 53 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family 2115795

LET S ENJOY LIFE SWF 57 N/S seeks intelligent kindhearted young at heart WM 57 68 N/S who enjoys traveling camping boating (Great Lakes or ocean) music book stores and laughter **2759907**

ARE U OUT THERE

Native American female 50s animal lover enjoys reading swimming travel more Seeking romantic active child friendly man who appreciates the same 2779060

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF 68 52 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

INTERESTED?

WJF 72 looking for someone to share all the good things in life mu sic dining out romance talks Will it be you? 2754750

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB Financially secure independent SB CF 31 57' 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SCM 30.45 with similar interests for possible LTR 2217475

EVERYONE NEEDS LOVE SWF 37 Capricorn N/S mother seeks attractive BM 35-45 N/S for possible romance 2756451

RESCUE MEI

SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43 47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman 2408635

WHERE ARE YOU?

Looking for a emotionally and financially stable man who is kind gener ous honest communicative for fri endship first possible marnage Me SWCF 55 brown/blue good per son gentle lady \$779434

A KIND HEART

SBF 56 mother enjoys dining in/out swimming horseback riding camp ing picnics Seeking sociable hon est fun employed man N/S to share happiness friendship and possible LTR 2780769

THE BEST OF TIMES

Optimistic healthy WIWF 68 brown/ brown 56 150lbs N/S N/D looking for that special man to share friend ship first 1 love fitness the outdoors long walks holding hands romance 2765933

a man 32-43 to spend time with ship first iends 9775 DANCE PARTNER

OUTGOING

BF 30 something career woman

serious yet has a sense of humor lots of interests, seeks a man 35-50 for dating possible LTR \$\$\$769270

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Attractive intelligent SBF 27 mature looking for educated honest attrac

tive male who is financially and emo

SELECTIVELY SEEKING

Easygoing WiWF 63 years young 53 135ibs great SOH looking for a sincere SWM 65 80 years young

that enjoys animals the water and

drives in the country Serious replies only \$729081

MOTHER OF TWO

Separated WF 34 would like to meet

tionally secure 2775005

SWF 57 Capricorn N/S seeks WM 50 62 N/S for friendship possible romance 2720594 romance \$773846

LONESOME

Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please So hurry up and call mel **2**449585

LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE

Active sociable SWF 44 54 size 10 auburn/green mother home/ business owner enjoys horror foreign films Middle Eastern cuisine the beach reading dancing cycling Seeking romantic sociable happy man open to life/love 2746704

VERY CARING

AF 45 53 110lbs attractive active, very independent loving down to earth health conscious vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining and travel ing Seeking W/AM 40-50 H/W pro portionate 2609537

WITTY IN WAYNE

Italian SWF 41 53 150lbs, dark/ dark N/S seeks WM 4570 N/S for dancing Seeks partner 38-50 who is attractive and fit to share this interfriendship maybe more \$\pi734502

SINGLE FEMALE IN

search of her first and last Single attractive African American female 39 in search of a marriage minded man who is ready to take that next level Race is definitely unimportant **2742971**

YOU MIGHT BE THE ONE SBF 44 N/S looking for an honest guy SWM 35-44 N/S 6-6'2 HPTW who likes walks movies simple things 2742085

EBONY SEEKS IVORY DBF 42 53 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40-50 in the Mount Clemens area 2455323

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 2692032

SOCIABLE SENIOR

SWPF 84 Leo N/S enjoys dining out casinos Seeking a fun-loving elder a WM 60+ N/S who can lead the walker 1755240

GORGEOUS SBF 31 51 petite athletic build big brown eyes N/S, enjoys music art and good conversation Seeking kindhearted intelligent down-to-earth WM 29 39 N/S 12757791

nis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then 2271793 LOVING LEO Widowed WPF 53 59" brown/ brown N/S nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating swim ming, and Michigan State football games Seeking WM 50 62 with si ted relationship Lets create sparks and watch them fly \$639272 milar interests 2759316

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentle man 50+ with similar interests 1 love logging walks concerts quiet eve nings 2574342

N/S enjoys dancing dining out seeks WM 58 75 N/S with a sense of humor for friendship possible panion 70 80 to share lifes joys **2750625** TRY ME!

SBM 42 66 athletic build Taurus

N/S seeks man 30 55 N/S for fri Attractive DWF 50 loving and sin endship possible romance 2754752 cere seeks same in non smoking TEDDY BEAR TYPE SWM 45+ for dating and relating

Self-employed easygoing DWM 40 57 brown/blue East Side N/S loves sailing and car shows See king S/DWF 28 45 N/S no kids **2**763755

LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER Lifes too short to be lonely Honest sincere nice-looking WM 47 510 180lbs seeks slim pretty female 30 53 N/S for one relationship Must like animals 2773705

LOOKING FOR A BEST FRIEND SWPM 44 57 dark hair mous-tache father of one loves children outdoors Seeking SWF 35 46 to enjoy life together I want to know your inner soul I il treat you right **3266345**

COULD WE MEET?

and have fun while getting acquaint ed? Good natured good-looking ed? Good natured good-looking SWM wants to meet interesting SWF 30s 40s 764071

TALL

DWM 47 65" 215lbs likes music camping jazz cooking sports brown/ brown seeking a woman with SOH compassion honesty 2765375

VERY FIT WM 29 6 170lbs light brown/ hazel athletic build looking for a SF 18 35 for dating Race unimportant **2**769924

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 NICE GUY

SWM 66 56 150lbs manufactur ers representative Libra N/S works out enjoys movies restaurants and summer festivals Seeking SWF 50 65 N/S 2708126

THE QUIET STORM

SBM 33 59" 175lbs N/S works out on a regular basis seeks single wo man 22-35 N/S 2740487

GENTLE & SINCERE

Compassionate masculine GWM 51 seeks gentle sincere compassionate masculine Italian Middle-Eastern or Hispanic GM 35-60 Hairy for fun friendship possible LTR **2**729085

A LOT TO OFFER Handsome SBM 45 6 enjoys mo

vies dinner travel seeking attractive SF age & race open 27450960 SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL

Good looking friendly SWM 41 511 180lbs no children N/S easy going enjoys movies music travel dining Seeking very attractive pretty SH/A/WF 28 39 friendship possible relationship 2760359

possible LTR 2619803

TRY ANYTHING ONCE Outgoing spontaneous SWM 50 6 3 N/S likes island getaways seeks SAF 45 60 N/S for LTR **2 632686**

SIMILAR INTERESTS? WM 6 172lbs likes golf bowling the outdoors camping movies din ing out more Would like to meet a 38-48 who likes to have fun **\$715842**

ATHLETIC & OUTGOING SWM 41 59 N/S steak lover into weight training and body building loves comedy and mystery movies Seeking woman 25-50 N/S for fri endship possible romance 2719915

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC Youthful easygoing SWM 46 likes movies concerts boating Seeking attractive SWF 40s 50s with a lively spirit, good sense of humor friendly positive outlook 2642092

PICK A WINNER

SWM 50 attractive healthy looking youthful light-hearted enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeking lady to spend time with 2730508

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'M . looking for SWM 62 smoker, seeks a respectful and respectable WF 58 62, close to 300lbs who loves Jesus Christ God and the Holy Spirit 2734503

GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

Easygoing agreeable cute SWM 40s eager to please willing to try new things seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF for dating and relating **2**210772

LOOKING FOR A GIRL

SWM 25 smoker black/brown likes hip-hop R&B and rock music wants to meet single woman 20 32 Po ssible LTR 2742655

AN EASYGOING GUY Attractive fun financially secure SWM 47 N/S seeks WF 35-50 who enjoys being romantic dining out movies and the outdoors friendship possible LTR 2862812

TALL DARK AND SEXY SWM 30s locking brown eyes brunette 61 180lbs physically fit ISO female for concerts any events and possible LTR You 25 40 race unimportant H/W proportionate **6**79780

LOVE HAPPENS SBM 61 athletic build Gemini N/S seeks woman 40 77 for possible romance 2754965

R U THE ONE? Attractive SBM 180lbs Leo N/S seeks BF 18-19 N/S for possible romance 2755788

MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW Open minded fairly articulate some 54 58° 148lbs fit financially so-what intelligent SWM 51 enjoys cure caring fun loving Seeks W/H/ tills and walks pets reading etc A/F 40-55 for friendship maybe MIDDLE-AGED MELLOW talks and walks pets reading etc Seeking SWF companion 20114862

DWM 56 510 handsome ano secure seeks honest S/DWF w/ sense of humor who enjoys travel candlelight dinners plays dancing concerts boating and movies Friendship possible LTR 2269646

ANTIQUES LOVER

BM 57 61, H/W proportionate, brown eyes beautiful smile communicative engineer loves vegetable and flower gardening Seeking wo man 40-63 Tr 628249

ONE-WOMAN MAN

SWM 50ish 510 165lbs brown/ brown employed homeowner no children looking for attractive woman 35-50, to build life long relationship **2**663251

GREET AND MEET

SWM 50 looks young fit active en joys fishing picnics water sports Seeking easygoing friendly, lighthearted SWF age open 2241526 ALL ABOUT ME

SWM, 70 58 145lbs employed N/S social drinker seeks SW/AF 61 68 N/S I like to work outside travel inside the country 2739963

WORTH THE WAIT SWM 53 Sagittarius N/S enjoys sports car racing seeks WF 45-55 N/S for LTR 12726641

WHY NOT CALL??? Your sweetheart is waiting! Good-looking all purpose SWM 49 has a plan if hes your man so why not call??? 2358502

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CUTE & CUDDLY

Nice SWM 50s with wisdom wit and warmth can be fun charming helpful and who knows what else would like to meet a nice lady and see what develops 2478746

JOIN ME

SM 59, 63 260lbs engineer likes the outdoors square dancing camp ing nature walks Seeking easygo ing active spontaneous fun-loving lady 56"+ proportionate N/S to enjoy travel talks dates friendship, fun LTR? 2634440

STRAIGHT UP. LOW-KEY Easygoing cute SWM 40s not into

loud noise and big crowds enjoys art, wine tastings charity seeks similar-minded lady for friendship maybe more 2548455

NEW DREAM TEAM?

Spend some time with this bright en thusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s 2550046

ATTRACTIVE SM 29 6 198lbs brown eyes goat ee loves sports, dining out and more If you want to know more call me

2767554 **POSITIVE PERSONALITY** Attractive romantic engineer Asian American male light complexion more 2514300

SINGLES LINGO: A-Asian 8-African American/Black C-Christian D-Divorced F-Female H-Hispanic J-Jewish M-Male N/S-Non-smoker N/D-Non Drinker N/Drugs P-Professional S-Single W-White LTR-Long Term Relationship

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This new Jaguar has a face and price every mother could love

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Anne Fracassa

By Anne Fracassa Avanti NewsFeatures

The moment I first set my eyes on the new Jaguar X-Type, thoughts ran through my mind that it was a work of art A fine work of art to be looked at -- at different angles, different ways, up and down, all around

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Automotive

Beautiful Just, beautiful From the tip of the jaguar's nose flying out of the hood to the rear tail pipe, this Jaguar X-Type is just plain beautiful in every way and at every angle

But it wasn't the looks alone that impressed me about this vehicle It wasn't even the great performance, the awesome comfort, the great mileage or the fabulous ride and handling characteristics of this Jaguar that did it for me It was the price

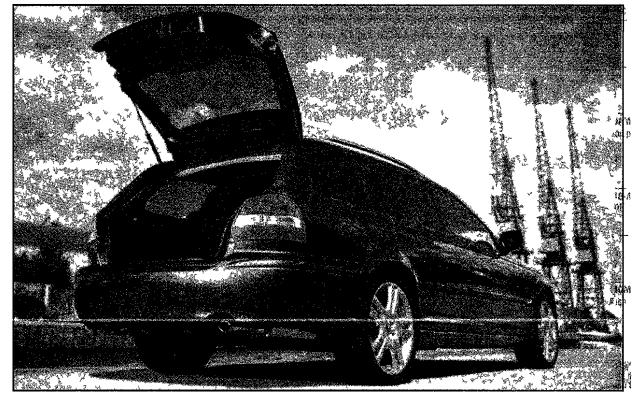
So much so that it is on the top of my new-car buying list right now Give up my huge sport ute? Sure For this, would do it in a heartbeat

Consider that it takes just a hair under \$29,000 for the opportunity to put a Jaguar in your driveway and nestle it in your garage every night And then to have the awesome opportunity to drive this vehicle every single day that you own or lease it Cool!

Value Man alive, the value you get for your money in this Jaguar X-Type Most of the stuff that you would really expect in a fine luxury automobile is right there, where it should be From the heated leather seats to the all-wheel-drive capabilities, the Jaguar 1s packed to the max with value

The X-Type driven this week was the one outfitted in the 3 0-liter engine, which actually stickers at just under \$34,000 Still, it's a value, considering most people spend that much -- or more -- on their sport utility vehicles

Let's slip inside the Jag Its seats envelope around you like a little baby swaddled in warm flannel Wood veneer is tastefully done and placed in logical areas



The Jaguar X-Type 3.0. Vehicle class: Luxury compact passenger car. Power: 3.0-liter 227-horsepower engine. Mileage: 18 city / 28 highway. Price: \$29,995. Where built: Merseyside, England.

There are so many places to store stuff, it's incredible Every nook and cranny of the X-Type is used to be able to store your car phone, cassettes, CDs, maps, Tim Hortons Ice Cap and just about anything else you can think of I didn't personally count each and every one, but Jaguar documents say there are 29 separate, individual storage compartments - 30 if you include the trunk

On the glove box you'll find a cool httle hook that allows you to place your purse or a small shopping bag suspended and off the passenger's-side floor where it may spill all over Don't you just hate it when your purse topples over, the phone slips out into the wheel well and then starts ringing? Won t happen again with that little retractable hook

There's a lot of space all the way around for your comfort and the comfort of your passengers Nobody complained all week about comfort The X-Type had enough room for everyone and everything I hauled around Jaguar calls it a 'compact-sized Jaguar' Let them talk like that We know better

Let's go back outside for a moment The lines, the shapes, the way it all flows together is a piece of harmony All of the work on the exterior lends the X-

Type to a huge cargo area under the rear deck hd If you want safety, you've got safety All-wheel drive, we mentioned already Then you ve got your basic anti-lock brakes, front seat side-impact airbags, side curtain airbags both front and rear, three-point belts all around and a collapsible brake pedal

Jaguar has incorporated its very own Dynamic Stability Control system as part of the sport package, but it's an option on the 3 0-liter model It uses sensors like steering angle, lateral-G and yaw and can minimize under- and oversteer conditions that could result in a skid It corrects all that and keeps you safe You haven't experienced ride and handling like this in any other vehicle, let me tell you Agility should be its middle name, thanks to its super-stiff body strugges ture, four-wheel independent suspension and topmounted struts Variable speed-sensitive steering rounds out the package by giving you fabulous response at every speed and turn of the wheel

Sounds like I fell in love with a vehicle I really didn't think I would? You bet Would I buy it? Sure would Now go get yourself one Now

Write Anne Fracassa at avanti1054@aol com

Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

By G Moore Independent ad features

Farmington

Hills, MI – A Farmington Hills dealer is selling 2005 vehicles for - one-half of the · original manufacturer's list price And they're offering many other 2005 models far below normal market values Employee pricing offered by GM, Ford, and Daımler-Chrvsler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking Cat pre-owned 2005 models

The Bob Saks `Superstore sold over 100 Buick -Centurys, Chevy Malibu Maxxes & · Pontiac Grand Ams in the first 60 days of their sales.

With finance rates as low as 4 9% on 2005 pre-owned program vehicles, financing half the amount of the cost of a new car can virtually cut your payment in half! You'll also be saving half the amount of sales tax paid (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%) Plus - all 2005 program vehicles

are GM certified the sales record and undergo a selling the most rigorous 110 point off-lease GMC Yukons safety inspection

A "program"

car is a vehicle

premium rental

maintenance is

required, and all

inspected upon

return In many

cases, these

program units

by private

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Today's real bargain can be found at Saks in the pre-owned 2005 vehicles The employee pricing on new 2005's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked So. with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows

again, Bob Saks has gone shopping for the

owners Saks Buick-Oldsmobile Used Car Superstore in Farmington Hills has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer Currently, they're selling more 2005 program cars than most other dealers in the nation (Over 100 program cars were sold during the first 60 days of their sale) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2004 **Buick Centurys** and Chevy Malibus in the

nation from their

single location

before they set

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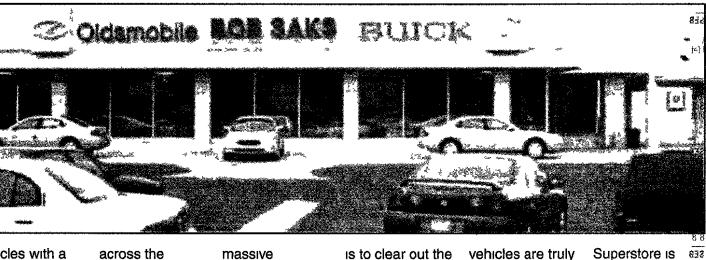
company through "program" from the manufacturer

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receive better maintenance than vehicles owned

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vehicles with a huge cart They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from General Motors, bringing in truckload after truckload from

country In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, Bob Saks had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their

acquisition of vehicles And they currently stock the largest inventory of 2005 program cars in Michigan The purpose of Employee Pricing

is to clear out the remaining new 2005's In another month or two. these vehicles will all be gone, along with the incentives In the meantime, the 2005 program

vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals The Bob Saks

located at 35300 Grand River Avenue at Drake Rd, Farmington Hills Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at 888-353-8492

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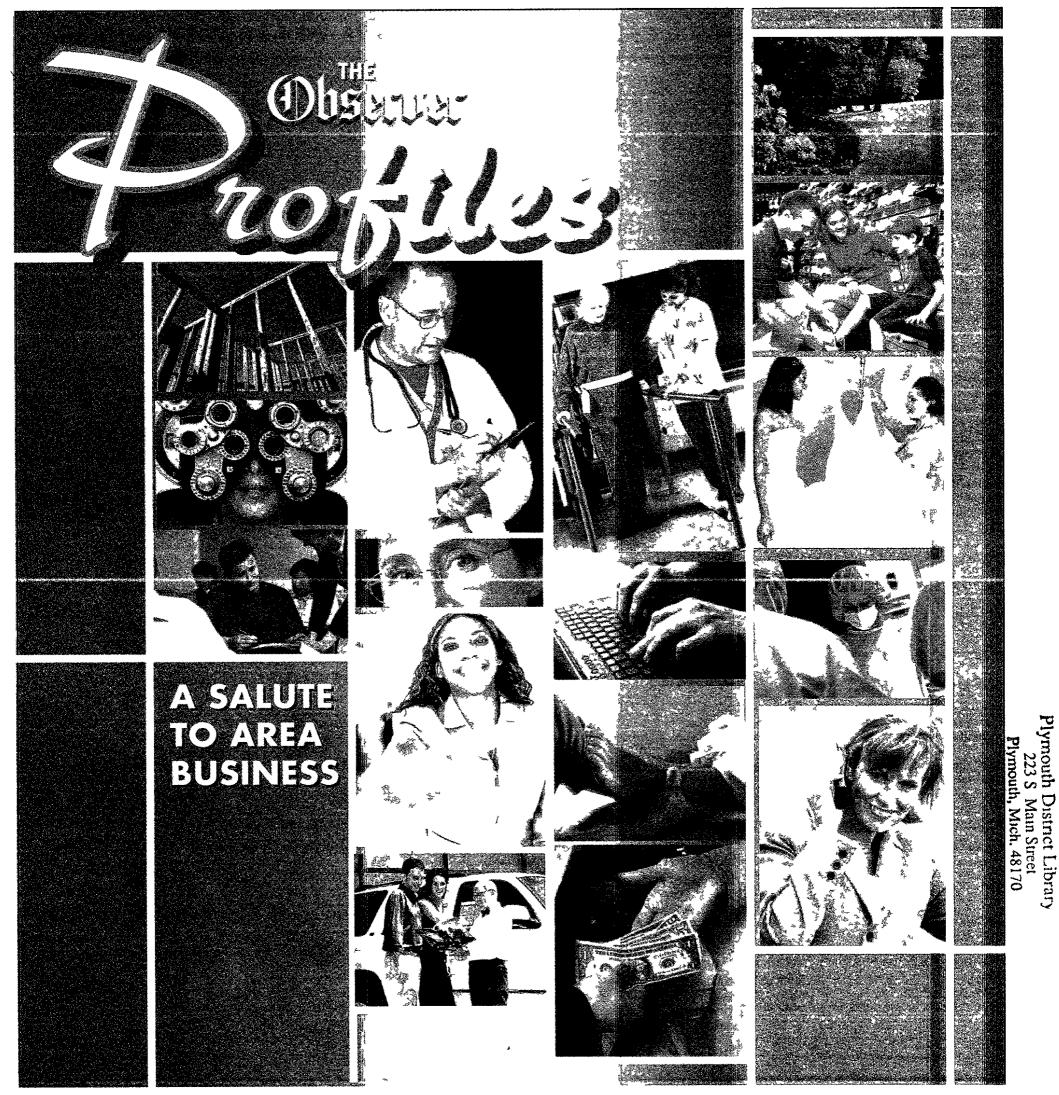




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SUPPLEMENT TO THE OBSERVER NEWSPAPERS SUNDAY AUGUST 28 2005 ■ PLYMOUTH CANTON EDITION

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Janet Distributors Celebrates Four Years of Quality Service

Janet Distributors, located in the TIG Industrial Center in Canton, is a granite and natural stone fabrication and installation company Since May of 2001, Janet Distributors has been offering the best in craftsmanship to its clients

Owned by Tom Colleran and his wife Erin, the company was formed as a spin-off of their remodeling company, Additions Plus "We were doing a lot of kitchens that had a lot of granite countertops," Colleran says "We decided to get involved in fabricating our own countertops Because we have the remodeling background, our service is so much stronger"

Traditional stone companies are limited in the kinds of services they can offer Usually, they don't tend to get involved in anything beyond the installation of the stone Janet Distributors, however, is full service "We are a licensed builder, so we can do more work for our clients than just the granite We can come in and tear out their counters, disconnect the plumbing, install the stone, and after it is installed, we'll reconnect the plumbing "

Colleran is a fan of natural stone, and has it throughout his own home "I just put in my kitchen recently You can get gorgeous looks," he says "Our feeling is that this is a high quality product Granite is natural, it's beautiful, and it's pretty much forever"

As far as the natural stone aspect of Janet Distributors goes, the options are endless Granite can be used in the fireplace surround, on kitchen and bathroom countertops, and even on a 3 foot vanity An advantage of using Janet Distributors is their extensive granite selection Unlike traditional granite companies that ask customers to select a piece of granite from their own inventory, Janet Distributors buys from local distributors to allow clients to select from hundreds of colors "We buy from four distributors in this area," Colleran says "Customers pick out the slab of granite they want, and we have it shipped to us, and then we fabricate it for the customer We cut the stone to size, give the slab rounded or straight edges according to preference, polish, and install it "

In addition to granite and marble, Janet Distributors also offers a product called Technistone Technistone is an engineered stone, a man made product that has a lot of the qualities of granite but is not made by Mother Nature

The advantages of having granite installed by experienced carpenters are endless "We try to install counters with as few seams as possible," Colleran says "We're more interested in the finished product I recently saw a 10b that had been done in a kitchen where the installer had done what was easter for them There were three seams where there easily could have been one" Colleran also takes the extra steps to make your countertops special He softens the bottoms of the slabs so they are finger friendly because, as he says, "It's just human nature to grip the countertop where it juts out, and you don't want to feel roughness on the underside of the countertop'

Janet Distributors also installs high quality stainless steel undermount sinks Undermount sinks mount from underneath the granite, rather than on top, giving the sink a more attractive appearance Janet carries the four major brands of plumbing fixtures, Kohler, Delta, Moen, and Grohe Colleran takes great care to install the sink so that it prevents cracking the countertops "We install epoxy in the stainless steel rods under the sink This is an extra step in the installation process that promotes longevity"

Colleran also installs moldings,

stair parts, and kitchen cabinetry "We are a direct distributor and dealer for Yorktowne Cabinetry, one of the oldest wood cabinet companies in the US It's a semi-custom line of cabinets in all the standard sizes It's custom without paying the custom price It's a very complete line of cabinetry Colleran truly believes in service above all else "This is a very skilled profession It takes a lot of effort to do a good 10b Granite is popular in the Midwest these days, and I hear a lot of horror stories about bad installation jobs This is something you will have in your home forever, and it is worth it to use a company that has the experience and the skill that we do"

When Colleran was deciding on a name for his company, he wanted to use something that represented the members of his family He came up with Janet, an acronym for his family, using the "Ja" from his son Jacob, the "N" from his daughter Nicole, the "E" from his wife Erin, and the "T" from his first name, Tom "People often ask me who Janet is," Colleran jokes, "and I tell them she's my mistress"

Janet Distributors is located at 8531 Ronda Drive in Canton They are open from 8 a m to 5 p m, Monday through Friday, and Saturdays and evenings by appointment



Parkside Gallery - a family shares their passion for art

Parkside Gallery anchoring the corner of the downtown business district at Ann Arbor Trail and Main, celebrates 25 years as a family owned business in Plymouth

Which is kind of strange, since Kal Jabara meant it to be just a temporary thing when he started it in 1980

When times got tough in the real estate business in the late 1970s, Jabara felt he needed something to fall back on, so he opened Wild Wings Gallery in downtown Plymouth, just in case Now the gallery renamed Parkside Gallery has turned out to be a pretty good fallback position

"The gallery 1s the result of a childhood love of wildife calendar art said Jabara who in 1971 became a serious collector of originals and quality limited editions lithographs He later turned that love into a gallery that makes affordable art available to others

The gallery originally opened further down Ann Arbor Trail near Harvey

Wild Wings lasted 15 years in that spot before the corner space came open In the meantime, the family also operated galleries in Birmingham and Grosse Pointe, run by daughter Louise DesChenes The family consolidated to the Plymouth gallery, and sold the



Kal Jabara (right) owner of Parkside Gallery and his daughter Louise DesChenes

Birmingham gallery to owners who moved it to Rochester

The gallery now is a primary outlet for the artwork of Thomas Kinkade, the world's top selling artist Also among the inventory are home furnishings and other gift items

"People asked us about (Kınkade's) work so we pursued it and got a dealership" Kal Jabara said

Thomas Kınkade will be releasing "Autumn At Mackinac" this fall! The full-size artist's rendering is now on display at Parkside Gallery, and the gallery is now taking reservations In November, Parkside Gallery will be hosting a Thomas Kinkade Highlighting Event On Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6, a specially trained artisan will add dimension through hand highlighting with oil paint, make each piece a unique work of art This will be available only for any limited edition canvas purchased or put in layaway prior to the event

Since 1994, daughter Louise has helped Kal run the Plymouth gallery, whose inventory also includes home furnishings and other gift items She said she learned a great deal from her father's work ethic along the way

"He gave us that foundation," she said Jabara said he's also drawn inspiration from his wife, Julia, whom he married 55 years ago She was instrumental as they were getting the gallery established 25 years ago

'Her enthusiasm for the gallery is amazing," Jabara said

According to Jabara, Louise DesChenes and her husband, Paul, are the primary reasons for the gallery's continued success Kal and Louise handle most of the purchasing, Paul DesChenes does the framing and shipping

'Dad has a gift for purchasing,' said Louise DesChenes, who possesses a degree in psychology from Wheaton (Mass) College "I share that, although I have a more feminine side to it "

Parkside Gallery has anchored the Ann Arbor Trail-Main Street corner for 10 years now, and anyone listening to the family talk about it has to believe the gallery will be there a lot longer

Said Louise "It's an honor to be part of a community, and a privilege to be part of a family business "

And this from Kal Jabara "As long as we're in Plymouth, that's all that matters This is a great town"

THOMAS KINKADE Painter of Light



Diet Center of Canton Celebrates Grand Opening

By Stephanie Kapera

Linda Aubuchon, owner of Diet Center of Canton, wants to invite southeast Michigan residents to find a diet plan that is right for them The franchise, headquartered in Akron, Ohio, has been around for 30 years, and has a proven track record of helping clients lose weight and maintain that weight loss

Aubuchon's facility opened on August 1st of this year, and she is looking forward to helping all of her clients reach their weight loss goals "This is a really unique solution for dieters," Aubuchon says "It's a weight loss plan that

combines customized meal plans with one on one counseling, and three weekly visits to the center for weighins and counseling "

One advantage of working with Diet Center is their Body Composition Analysis Technology Using this technology, Aubuchon and her staff can determine the lean muscle mass and body fat percentage of a client "We can tell, just by having a person step on a machine, how their body is getting healthier," she says "People will see their lean muscle mass numbers rise, and their body fat percentages go down It's a good illustration for how your body is getting healthier, a more realistic alternative to the traditional scale "

Another advantage of working



with Diet Center of Canton is that Aubuchon can identify with her clients' weight challenges "After trying and failing at almost every program or fad out there, I finally lost 70 pounds and have kept it off for two years," says Aubuchon "I took bits and pieces of various things I'd tried over the years and put them together in a plan that worked best for me I chose Diet Center for my business because its plans are flexible and are most closely aligned to what worked best for me "

Diet Center of Canton works like this Interested clients are invited to come in for a free initial consultation Clients are talked through the program, and a body composition analysis is taken From that point on, says Aubuchon, it's really all about finding the program that works for you

There are three core formats offered by Diet Center

Exclusively You is a meal plan based exclusively on grocery store food This is an ideal program for clients who prefer, and have time, to shop, weigh, prepare, and cook their food The weight loss on Exclusively You is up to two pounds per week

Instant Shape Up is a meal replacement program This is ideal for people who want to combine bars, shakes, and other meal replacement options, with traditional foods On this program, a client will eat a bar or a shake for breakfast, lunch, and the midday meal The client will eat a traditional dinner, either from the grocery store or from a restaurant All of the meal replacement options are created specifically by the Diet Center's certified doctors and nutritionists The weight loss on Instant Shape Up 1s up to 2 1/2 pounds per week

The 21 Day Thermogenics Plan is a more aggressive weight loss option for people who have 9 to 15 pounds to lose This plan is based on grocery store food, but consists of carefully selected foods that have a high thermic value A "high thermic value" means that these kinds of foods keep the body in a fat burning mode all day long Food selections on this plan

are more limited, but the weight loss can be from 3 to 5 pounds per week "You don't just have to do the 21 Day plan once," says Aubuchon "Some clients appreciate the structure, and do it over and over again until they've reached their goal weight"

The plans are not set in stone, however Says Aubuchon, "We can take different pieces of each program and put them in other programs If you're doing Exclusively You, we can bring in a bar or a shake from Instant Shape Up

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Diet Center of Canton is located at 7365 N Lilley on the northwest corner of N Lilley and Warren For more information call (734) 414-9200 or email Linda@DietCenterofCanton com

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Once in a while there comes a new product that makes you say "Wow! What a great idea!" Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating is a revolutionary meal program for weight loss, health and convenience that has swept the Chicago area, captured national attention and is now available right here in Michigan

Imagine the convenience of healthy, delicious meals delivered fresh to your home or office Whether you are trying to lose weight, or if you have diabetes, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure, or even if you're just too busy to cook, Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating has the answer

Registered nurse, Seattle Sutton, founded the company in 1985 With her husband as town physician, Seattle provided the nutritional information for patients who needed to lose weight or change their diet for health reasons



Pat Ulivi and Bill King Livonia North and Plymouth

Many patients found nutritional guidelines confusing and difficult to follow so she began handing out healthy recipes One day a patient commented, "If only you would make the meals for me, I would eat them " So she did

Today, Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating prepares over 150,000 fresh, healthy meals every week The plan



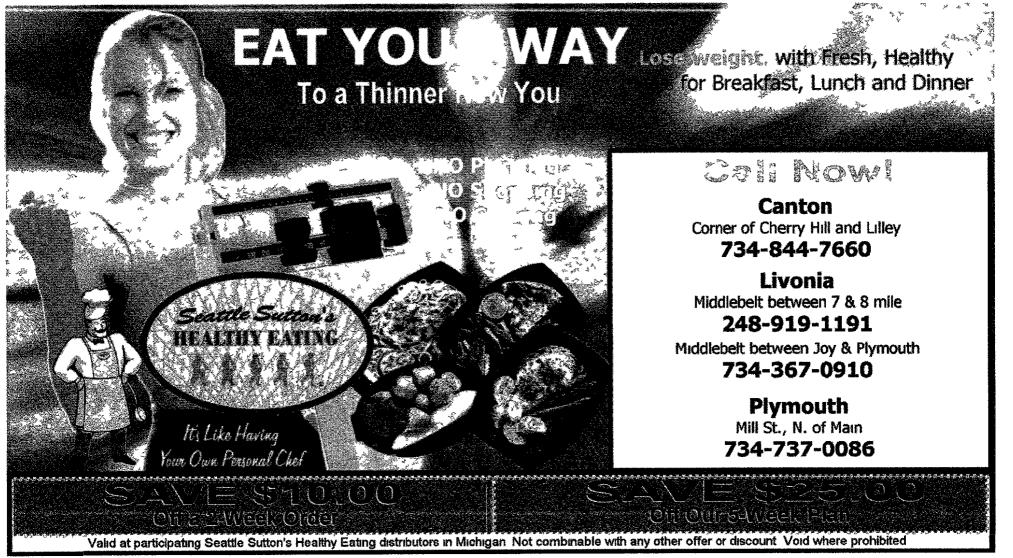
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includes three meals a day, seven days a week

Both 1200 and 2000 calorie-perday meal plans (average per day based on the five week menu cycle) are available The plan is low calorie, low fat, and sodium restricted The meals are prepared and delivered fresh, not frozen, and the five week rotating menu provides greater variety than most people would cook for themselves

Scattle Sutton's Healthy Eating is simple because they do everything for you! The meals taste great and are very economical Customers, especially those trying to lose weight or who have certain medical conditions, are assured of eating a healthy, balanced, low calorie, low fat diet There are no contracts to sign, no sign-up fees, and no embarrassing weigh-ins – just mouth-watering gourmet meals WOW!

Seattle Sutton's now has many convenient locations including Canton (734-844-7660), Livonia North (248-919-1191), Livonia South (734-367-0910) and Plymouth (734-737-0086) To find out more, call your nearest distributor, or visit www.meals21.com



Growing Soles Keeps Little Feet Happy

By Stephanie Kapera

The pitter-patter of little feet is a welcome sound to every mom in the world Yet, little feet require a great deal of care When children wear shoes that support their feet properly, they are more likely to avoid painful foot and heel problems in adulthood That's where Growing Soles Children's Shoes comes in

Growing Soles specializes in high quality children's shoes The store carries all of the premium brands, and dedicates itself to the correct fitting process Store owner Mike McIntosh says, "Normally, parents will just try to fit their own kids' shoes at the mall We have specialized fittings We carry everything from narrows to extra-extra-wides "

Stride Rite shoes make up 85 percent of McIntosh's stock Stride Rite is known as the premium brand in the children's shoe category, and Growing Soles stocks a multitude of styles, including sneakers, school shoes, sandals, flip flops, hikers, and winter boots McInstosh believes wholeheartedly in the benefits of a good pair of Stride Rites "They are a little more expensive, but they are known for their quality," he says "For the price of two or three pairs of cheaper shoes, you can get a pair of Stride Rites, and have them fit properly, and last longer" Not to mention the benefit of avoiding numerous trips to the mall

Ecco is a brand of shoes that may sound familiar to many adults Two and a half years ago, the high-quality, European-style brand introduced a children's line "I brought in Ecco to give a little flair to the store," McIntosh says "Ecco is more about fashion than function, but of course they are of the very best quality "



Tommy Hilfiger shoes are manufactured by Stride Rite, and Growing Soles carries this line-"more of the fashion side of Stride Rite"-as

well For wintertime, the store carries Kamık brand winter boots Kamık ıs a Canadian company that specializes in function and warmth "These are high quality winter boots for the kids," says McIntosh

McIntosh emphasizes that a slightly higher cost is not necessarily a disadvantage In fact, it is an investment in a child's health "This is an important time for the kids," he says, in his down-to-earth way "You can do a lot of damage to a kid's foot early on And contribute to lifelong problems "

Growing Soles has been around for 25 years, and was previously owned by Barbara and Don Kobeck The store-formerly called Kobeck

Stride Rite-was the very place where McIntosh purchased shoes for his own three girls while they were growing up

Two and a half years ago, McIntosh purchased the store from the couple "I finally chased the Kobecks down," he says, goodnaturedly

Typically, Growing Soles fits children from the time they are 18 months old to the time they are in about fifth grade Growing Soles is the only children's shoe store in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area

Another benefit of purchasing shoes at Growing Soles is the computer database that saves a child's information, including the last pair of shoes bought, the date, and the shoe size "We have a database of about 2500 customers," McIntosh says "Someone can come into the store and say to me, 'Hey, I came in here last April ' And I can say, 'Hey, actually, it was April 18th and you bought a 4 1/2 wide ""

The database is especially nice because the store has a very loyal customer base "That's really important to my business," McIntosh says "The folks that are coming back "

McIntosh lets us in on a little secret "Grandmothers are my best customers," he says "It's really a generational thing They want to put their loved ones' feet into the best shoes "

Growing Soles is located at 44427 Ann Arbor Road, across from the Blockbuster "You can't really see the store from the road I get a lot of folks who say, 'Hey, I didn't even know you were here But my girlfriend, or my brother, or my neighbor, told me about you!" McIntosh says "Word of mouththat's one way I get a lot of new customers "

Says McIntosh, "Really, in a nutshell, my store is based on quality fitting, knowledgeable sales people, and good shoes "

Growing Soles Children's Shoes is open from 10 a m to 6 p m, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a m to 8 p m Thursday, and 10 a m to 4 p m on Saturday Through September 18th, the store will also be open on Sundays from noon to 4 p m, to accommodate the back to school shoppers Contact Growing Soles at (734) 459-1070



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New Liberty Bank is a Cornerstone of the Plymouth Community

By Stephanie Kapera

New Liberty Bank is a Cornerstone of the Plymouth Community

Banking has never been more fun than this

The finance team at New Liberty Bank in Plymouth offers a personal touch--rare in the world today--combined with firstrate financial services and a unique approach to community involvement

Mike Weaver, President and C E O of the bank, says, "We are a community bank We're owned and operated by the community, and our staff is from the community The dollars that come into this bank go right back out into the community in the form of loans "Seventy-five percent of their loans have been in the immediate Plymouth area

But this is no puny corner bank branch In December of 2004, New Liberty celebrated the grand opening of its new headquarters and banking center, located at 1333 Ann Arbor Road The 20,000 square foot Colonial-style facility features a driveup ATM, three drive-through teller lanes, and unique amenities including a cyber cafe, a concierge, and a children's play area

Locally owned and operated since 2001, New Liberty Bank provides a full range of personalized services for business and retail customers The premium services they offer to their customers includes free online bill pay, "a very competitive overdraft protection product," and 32,000 surcharge free ATM s But what really differentiates

them from other banks is their superb customer service "Our customer service is unparalleled," says Sara Witt, the bank's marketing specialist "We work closely with our customers to meet their needs"

New Liberty Bank employs a highly experienced staff of twenty-seven Most of their lenders have between 17 and 26 years of experience, and the least experienced lender has a generous 16 years under her belt Unlike chain banks, which tend to



The New Liberty Bank building was completed in November 2004 The facility includes three drive-up lanes a 24-hour drive up ATM an internet banking center and a children s play area

have high turnovers, New Liberty Bank has almost none Many business may claim to be a tight-knit group, but the staff at New Liberty is truly like a family "All of our employees are people from the community who come to us with integrity and

character," says Weaver Sara Witt and her fellow employees are

excited about efforts the bank is making to

managers," says Witt "The clientele was made up of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders The students visited the tables, did transactions, and got to see their monthly account statements "

New Liberty Bank also participates in Teach Children to Save Day, a national effort to teach kids financial responsibility New Liberty, always pushing the envelope



Like Water Drum Works performs at Music in the Park. New Liberty Bank has sponsored the children s concert series four years

reach out to the community, in terms of education Last year, New Liberty Bank entered a partnership with Ridge Wood Elementary in Northville, offering an ongoing banking simulation for over 70 students Darren LaLonde, vice president and commercial lender, visited the school every other Tuesday to supervise the project "We set up tables in the cafeteria during the kids' lunch period, and the 4th graders work as tellers, bookkeepers, and

during New Liberty Bank's Neighborhood Picnic in July featuring entertainment a petting farm live band and mini golf



Local home-school children and their families toured the bank and recerved a lesson in saving money from President and CEO Michael Weaver at Teach Children to Save Day

of effectiveness and originality, took a unique approach to this opportunity for financial education Witt says, "Instead of visiting kids in an elementary school, we invited three groups of home schooled children to spend the day with us We were able to reach out to a group of kids who would have missed out on this opportunity otherwise "

Weaver spoke to the children about the importance of saving, and the kids then got

since '83 Being given the opportunity a to form New Liberty Bank has been

wonderful It's a very, very good thing for the community "

a complete tour of the bank Says Weaver,

equipment A customer visiting the bank

was so impressed with the event that he

savings account "

the lobby

gave each of the kids five dollars to start a

The children drew pictures of what

they are saving for, which are on display in

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Bob Neely, Executive Vice President, is on

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second generation banker His father, who

President and CEO Mike Weaver is a

year, benefiting organizations like

Council, to name just a few

vice president and commercial lender, is very active in the Canton Chamber of

past Volunteer of the Year in Plymouth

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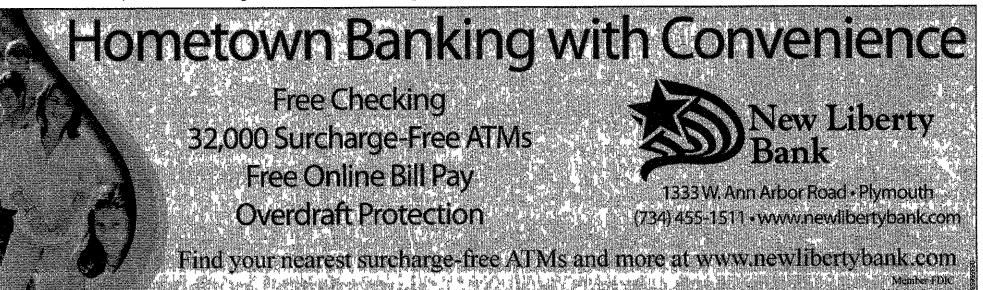
members of the community Margaret Slezak, Vice President and Senior Lender,

New Liberty Bank's

"They loved playing with the drive up

Adds Witt, "We have a friendly and upbeat atmosphere Our tellers know customers by name"

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also started a bank, serves as a mentor to him "We meet once a month for lunch just to talk about banking, and the ways we can continue to improve as a community resource," he says "I've been in big banking for years, and I've been banking in Plymouth since '83 Being

Modern Dentistry Keeps Katz's Patients Happy

By Stephanie Kapera

If the sound of a dentist drill makes you shudder, Dr Raymond Katz has some comforting alternatives available

"We have a lot of very modern technology here," Katz says "We try not to use the drill on any new tooth decay "

At his Livonia practice, where he has been practicing dentistry for 35 years, Dr Katz is proud to say that he does everything in his power to make his patients' visits as soothing and painless as possible

Unlike a lot of dentists, who have a mixture of state-of-the art and older technology, Dr Katz makes a point of staying abreast of what's new and important in the dental field "There are not a lot of dentists out there who have a lot of this technology," he says "We are probably one of the few offices that have all of this type of equipment and are educated to properly use it "

"This type of equipment" refers to a variety of new approaches to dental treatment "We do a lot of periodontal therapy with lasers," says Katz Periodontal therapy is the treatment of advanced gum disease Usually, it is treated with root planning/scaling and/or surgery Laser therapy used with ultrasonic' kills bacteria and allows gum tissue to heal, in many cases surgery can be avoided This is easier on the patient, because there is less postoperative discomfort Also used is Micro Air Abrasion for virtually pain free drill less fillings New cosmetic imaging software is available to show a patient what their "Picture Perfect Smile" could be Having done numerous cosmetic and full mouth reconstruction cases, utilizing this software is exciting



Back row (l-r) Connie, Vicki, Dr Katz, Cari, Amber Front row (l-r) Kim, Dawn, Emily

Another issue of concern for many of Katz's patients is disorders of the jaws Bite dysfunction contributes to migraine headaches, * cervical neck pain as well as mouth pain Katz and his staff use a computer (K7) to evaluate the relationship between a patient's jaws, which falls under the category of Neuromuscular dentistry Katz's expertise has helped many patients who suffer from TMJ/TMD

The science of the relationship between the upper and lower jaws is called Neuromuscular occlusion "A lot of people have gone into an acquired position, and we can return the jaws to the most comfortable position while relaxing their tensed muscles "

The dental practice uses a cavity detection laser called a diagnodent that reads decay on teeth "very early and very accurately," says Katz

Also available are digital x-rays, which are x-rays that show up on a computer screen, and require 90 percent less radiation than traditional x-rays "We have an inter-oral camera that allows us to put patients' teeth right up on the screen in front of them, which allows our patients' to see decay, fractures and leaking silver mercury fillings up close and personal "Katz says

Katz uses conscious sedation on major procedures upon request "We can relax a patient using pills," he says "The patient is awake but in a "sleep" state It helps a patient who has a lot of fear and anxiety"

The practice offers Invisalign invisible braces, which are popular in teenagers and adults who are past the age when they would normally see an orthodontist

Dr Katz has an experienced, gentle and amazing staff of seven working in his practice "Our staff is very caring and gentle," he says "They go out of their way to make sure that patients are heard If patients feel like they don't understand something, we make sure to explain it We take great care of them "

Katz's staff is highly trained in all of the latest technology "I take them to courses with me, so they are aware of what we're doing and why we're doing it "

The office is comfortable and clean Featuring a Clean air/Clean Water System that flushes bacteria out of our water lines within our dental unit "A lot of water lines are full of bacteria, but not ours" says Katz "Our office is as clean and sterile as possible "

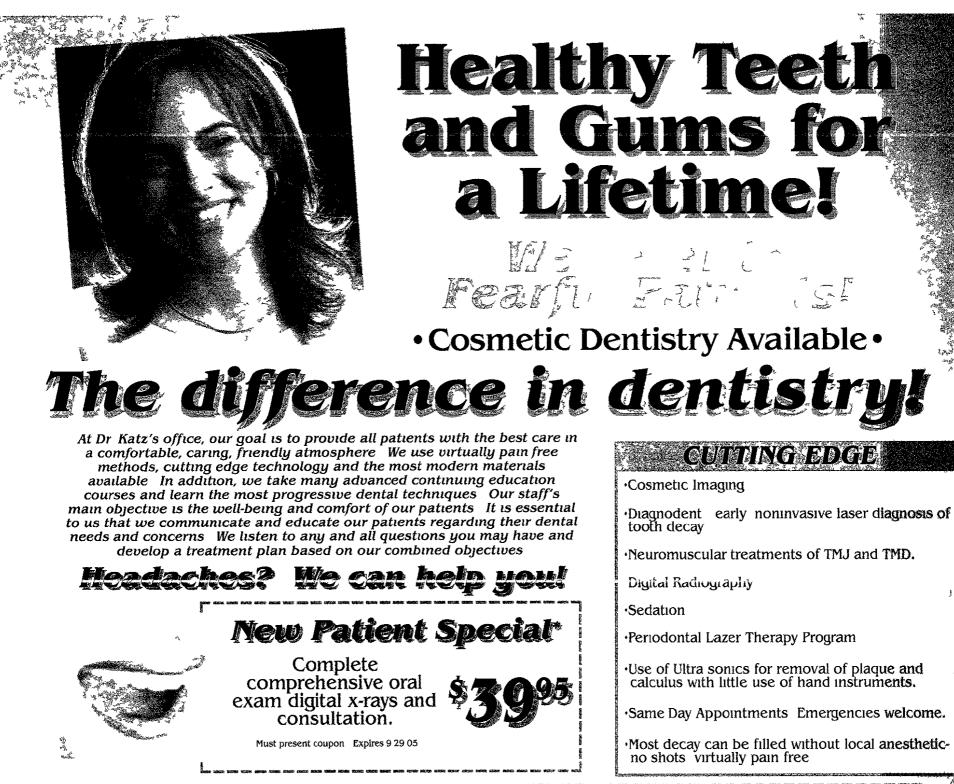
Dr Katz knew he wanted to be a dentist when he was ten years old After graduating from the University of Detroit in 1967, he spent two years in the Air Force Dental Core He has been trained at the Las Vegas Institute of Advanced Dental Studies (LVI), studying cosmetic procedures and Neuromuscular occlusion Further, he is a founding member of the Society of Advanced Dentistry, as well as an Associate of the Texas Institute of Conservative Dentistry

"Now, there are so many new and exciting things going on in dentistry," Katz says, explaining his endless interest in his field "It's just constantly new and revolving "

Katz enjoys practicing in the Livonia area, where he's had a strong community presence since 1969 He is married and raised two children, now grown Visit his office at 38145 Ann Arbor Rd, between Hix and Ann Arbor Trail He conducts office hours from 10 a m to 7 p m, Monday and Tuesday, and 9 a m to 6 p m, Wednesday and Thursday Dr Katz's office can be reached at (734) 464-2000 Visit his website at

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Cartridge World Offers Recycling Program in Local Schools



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Cartridge World of Canton is a onestop shop for printing requirements

Consumers and businesses can drop off empty cartridges to be refilled with the highest-quality ink This nifty process can be done while a customer waits, and often times the staff will have a pre-filled cartridge ready to swap for the empty one, reducing the waiting time to nothing

Everything under the sun that a printer needs is available at Cartridge World Owner and Manager Dhara Patel says, "Our core business is the refilling and remanufacturing of printer cartridges You, our valued customer, are being offered an alternative to purchasing very expensive new printer cartridges, resulting in huge savings-up to 50 percent of the new original equipment manufacture prices

The Canton store has three highly trained employees "We realize that people can be overwhelmed when they go into a large store to buy a replacement cartridge," Patel says "With so many brands and refill numbers, it can be easy to pick the wrong one Our technicians take the guesswork out of choosing the correct product for your printer"

In addition to servicing printer cartridges, Cartridge world also offers a multitude of printer products and accessories The store stocks new inkjet cartridges, copier cartridges, fax supplies, specialty paper, and high quality

photographic paper

Customers who may be wary of refilled cartridges versus brand new ones have no need to worry Cartridge World offers a 100% guarantee that their refills will work just as well in your printer as a brand new one would "We are not a 'drill and fill' service," Patel says "We fully test all cartridges to make sure they meet our high standards '

The quality of the technicians' work is only exceeded by the quality of the ink they use Cartridge World ink has the same physical and chemical properties as the original manufacturer's inks, ensuring premium print quality "If you don't believe your refilled cartridge is as good as the original, we will gladly refund your money," Patel says

Cartridge World takes their responsibility to the environment very seriously A portion of the company website lists facts about the dangers of unnecessary waste Try this one on for size In one year, if all of the earth's discarded cartridges were stacked end to end, they would circle the Earth three and a half times "Our motto is 'Refill not Landfill," Patel says "We are committed to supporting this community, to reducing waste and protecting the planet '

Cartridge World of Canton has a recycling program in local schools "The

schools are a convenient location to collect inkjet and laser cartridges," says Patel "The recycling program is not only an easy way to raise school funds It gives our students real-life, practical lessons about recycling, and it helps them develop lifelong recycling skills "

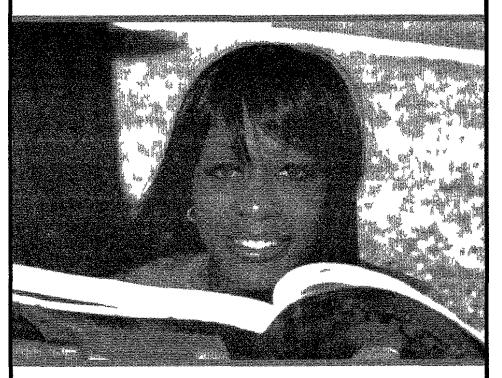
Patel found the prospect of opening a local Cartridge World store particularly appealing, precisely because of its socially responsible slant "Not many franchises can say that they are making money as well as having an opportunity to serve the community and save the environment '

The store opened in January of this year, and it recently celebrated its sixmonth anniversary Patel likes the fact that the store is relatively small and the staff extremely knowledgeable "The local aspect of the store means that you can meet us You can ask any questions, or discuss any issues you'd like We are not a faceless, impersonal company in an off street garage "

Cartridge World 1s located at 5924 N Sheldon Road in Canton, right behind the Bakers Square Restaurant The store is open from 10 a m to 7 p m, Monday through Friday, and 11 a m to 5 p m on Saturday Call Dhara Patel with any questions regarding the services and products offered at Cartridge World at (734) 254-0544



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By Stephanie Kapera

In 1976, when Plymouth Christian Academy opened its doors for the first time, it had a scarce enrollment of 64 students in grades K-7 In the school's second year, a small library opened Its card file was kept in a shoebox

Now, almost thirty years after the school opened, it has bloomed and flourished under the care of Dr Marilyn Meell, Head of School, and the rest of her staff The Plymouth Christian Academy of today boasts 750 students, 27 athletic teams, and a 98% college attendance rate And the shoebox? It's history The current library has over 10,000 volumes and state-of-the art media equipment

Located in Canton, Plymouth Christian Academy offers a quality educational program for pre-school through twelfth grade Dr Meell says, "Plymouth Christian Academy in partnership with parents, prepares students for a life of service to our Lord, the community and college through excellence in Bible centered instruction and through godly example "

The teaching staff is composed of 48

full time teachers and 4 part time teachers 70% of the administrators and teachers hold or are working toward advanced degrees A support staff of 24 people provides necessary services to meet the needs of the school family All teachers meet Michigan teacher certification and/or North Central Association of Colleges and Schools Certification standards The teachers average 20 years of teaching experience and 8 years teaching at PCA Meell says, "All teachers and staff know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord They are all active in a local Bible believing church " Academically, the school is

competitive with other institutions of academic excellence. It is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which "gives your child the credibility to attend any college they desire providing they have a good transcript" PCA is also a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) as well as a ministry of Calvary Baptist Church Members of the class of 2005 were awarded a multitude of different

scholarships, and the student body is in no way homogenous PCA students represent over 100 area congregations

The curriculum promotes the highest academic standards possible PCA never veers from its core values, and those values infuse the academic endeavors pursued by PCA students "We endeavor to help students gain a comprehension and command of the fundamental processes necessary in communicating with others develop good study habits that will follow them through a lifetime and recognize the beauty of God in the creation and creative abilities He has given man," says Meell

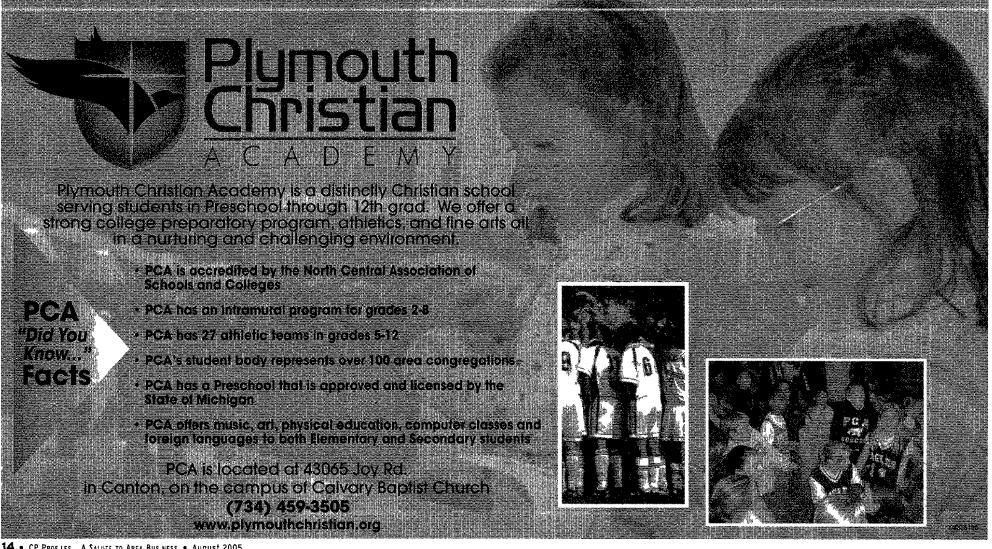
As far as growth goes, the school has undergone numerous expansions as the enrollment continued to rise A second lunchroom and gymnasium were added, along with a multitude of classrooms and science labs In the spring of 2000, a baseball field, soccer field, and softball field were constructed on the property The PCA/Calvary Baptist Church campus now covers 44 acres "Truly, we have seen God's faithfulness, provisions. and blessings during these 28 years,"

says Meell "We look forward to how He will lead in the future "

PCA students participate in a variety of extra-curricular activates, such as speech, music, math, spelling, and sports competitions There is an intramural program for grades 2-8 PCA's athletic teams have won District, Regional, and/ or State Championships in Cheerleading, boys and girl's basketball, soccer, volleyball, cross country, baseball, and softball

Dr Meell emphasizes the importance and value of a Christian education She believes strongly that it can only positively affect a person for the rest of his or her life "We are committed to encouraging growth in Christian character in each student and to helping each student accept his responsibility in faithful Christian service," she says "We continually strive to glorify God in all we do "

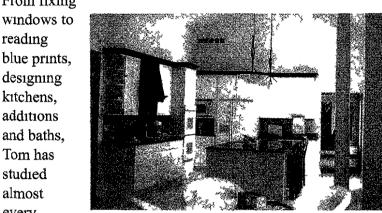
Plymouth Christian Academy 18 located at 43065 Joy Road in Canton The school's phone number is (734) 459-3505 To learn more about PCA. visit them on the web at www.plymouthchristian.org





Additions Plus Remodels with Style in Mind

Tom Colleran began his career at the age of 13, working at a hardware store He worked for 11 years in the hardware industry, and then 9 years in a local home center Learning directly from family owned businesses proved to be a great source of knowledge that now makes remodeling homes almost second nature for him From fixing fireplace mantles, moldings, laundry room updates, and custom closets "Our strong point," says Colleran, "is really in design We stress fresh ideas, fine details and high quality workmanship We'll custom design the project for the client, and then we'll build it for them, too It allows us to interact with customers to fulfill their wishes and dreams We



love a challenge that gets our creative juices flowing" No business is successful without great team members

aspect of building and remodeling Since 1995, Tom and his staff have served their clients needs as Additions Plus, Inc

In 1993, Colleran went to work for a local remodeling company as a salesman When he got an offer to do a large project for a friend, he decided to go out on his own He spent six months remodeling the home, inside and out The customer's interior designer on the project loved his work "He gave my name to another one of his design clients," Colleran says "And the business just went from there We have had a steady supply of referrals since then" Numerous projects have come from architects and designers since

Located in Canton, Additions Plus is a full service residential remodeling company Some of the projects the company takes on include home additions, kitchen renovations, bathroom renovations, finished lower levels, Avi Krieger has been working with Tom for over six years Krieger studied architecture at Lawrence Tech "He does a lot of our designs and drawings, and is superb with the clients" Colleran says "He has a lot of responsibility and is extremely capable" Liz, John and Phil round out the rest of the staff John, the company's lead carpenter, has been in the carpentry field for 20 years and with Tom for over 6 of those

Colleran is active in the professional community He is a member of the BIA (Building Industry Association), as well as a member of the Remodeler's Council Of the council, he says, "We meet every month to discuss professional issues in the remodeling business, and how we can all get better at what we do "

He also speaks highly of the city he lives in "I love the Livonia/ Plymouth/Canton/Farmington area," he says "It's a great family area" Additions Plus can be reached at 734-414-0448

TCI Travel-Experience making travel dreams come true

By Stephanie Kapera

Travel patterns have changed over the past few decades People are taking more cruises, more group trips, and more complicated multi-destination vacations Grandparents are treating their entire families to Disney Cruises Suburbanites are climbing Mt Kilimanjaro Our taste for adventure and variety has grown more and more longed-for over time, and booking through a travel agency is a wonderful way to make sure our vacations are everything we want them to be

TCI Travel has been located in Downtown Plymouth for the past five years They are a full service travel planning company TCI specializes in group travel, including weddings and cruises They also specialize in solving corporate travel needs, helping scores of Fortune 500 companies plan business conferences and increase profits with incentive travel

Valeria Vlcek, a Plymouth resident, has owned TCI Travel since 1999 She has over 18 years of experience in the business Previously, she operated two travel agencies in Livonia and Ann Arbor, but when the opportunity to run her own business close to home came up, she jumped at it "Plymouth is a great place to do business," she says "We love being on Main Street It's a great city "

TCI employs four travel agents, and adds a fifth during the high season, which in the travel industry is winter All of Vlcek's employees have traveled extensively, and can give customers first hand advice about the pros and cons of different destinations

"Between all of us, we have been on a total of 70 plus cruises," Vlcek says "One of our agents has been on every single Royal Caribbean ship at least once "This comes in handy, Vlcek says, when a customer wants to talk to someone who has seen the restaurants or the spa on a particular ship "We have customers who want to pick the right cabin for themselves, and our agents can guide them in a way that goes far beyond any brochure"



TCI only hires agents who have a particular area of expertise One of their employees has been to Las Vegas every year since 1979 and, "knows the strip up and down and inside out "The agents have been to Alaska, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and Europe multiple times "We get a lot of people who call and say, 'I want to talk to someone who has been to, say, St Bart's," Vlcek says "And we can pretty much guarantee that wherever you want to go, we have an agent who has been there and can help you tremendously"

TCI prides itself on good service "With so many companies selling over the internet these days," Vlcek says, "we can

actually match or beat those prices And there is personal service You can put a face to it You can

get help from a real person If something goes wrong, if you

lose your ticket, there's somebody who you can call That's something you can't get from the internet "TCI is also affiliated with vacations com, which allows them to "offer excellent pricing," Vlcek says "Combined buying power gets us excellent deals with preferred vendors "

Much of the business done by Vlcek and her employees is complicated travel planning With large groups, such



"For all you

as family reunions or weddings, TCI can plan the whole trip, including the special extras "If you want T-shirts with your family name on them, or little gifts on the hotel pillows, or you need a photographer to do a group shot, we can take care of all that," Vlcek says "We can do the extraordinary Right now I am planning a wedding for 50 in Mexico But I have worked with groups of up to 1700 people "

The work TCI does with companies usually falls into one of two categories There is Incentive Travel, which includes trips that reward customer loyalty or high sales There is also Business Conference planning This

includes everything from site location planning, meal planning, entertainment, recreation, securing rooms for the conference, and arranging of the corour

for the audio/video needs of the group Vlcek has personally been involved in meeting planning for over 20 years

"Sometimes companies think, 'Oh, my secretary can do it ' But if you haven't done it before, there are so many little details you'd need to know about One company wanted to plan a conference in house and the next year they came to us and we took up the project The woman who had run it previously called us and said, 'Oh, I am so glad you are doing this '"

Individual travel accounts for about half of TCI's business "We have found that people who are booking luxury trips, or complicated trips, don't feel comfortable booking over the internet Right now I am working on a \$17,000 00 Hawaii vacation "

TCI has many repeat customers "We have a list of clients who say, 'Hey, here's what I like to do If any good deals should come up, call me 'That's the kind of personal service we have to offer" There is also an email list customers can join by contacting Valeria Vicek at

VVlcek@TCITravel net

Vlcek's customers enjoy working with her and her staff She and her employees often receive thank you notes, candy, and flowers from clients who have returned from their vacations extremely satisfied

When asked where her favorite place to travel is, Vlcek pauses "You know, I get asked that all the time," she says "I love seeing new places I loved Australia I loved St Thomas And of course, I love Europe "Italy, she says, is her favorite country on the continent

TCI Travel invites the public to join them on September 18th, when they will host a Cruise and Tour night at the Plymouth Cultural Center It will feature presentations on Royal Caribbean, Carnival Cruise Line, Holland America Cruise Line, Princess Cruise Line, Collette Tours (speaking about Australia and Italy) and CIE Tours (speaking about Ireland) Each company will give a 15 - 20 min presentation and/or slide show, and representatives will be there to answer travel questions There will be refreshments and drawings for prizes throughout the night Vlcek says, "There is no charge but we would like people to RSVP as the room can only hold about 100 people We would love to invite people to join us "

You can visit Vlcek and her employees at TCI Travel at 238 South Main Street in Plymouth



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Julie's Bridal Makes Dreams Come True For Local Brides

By Stephanie Kapera

Scott Ross knows how to soothe the Sunday, morning nerves of an anxious bride

"Last week I had a girl call me at one a m," he says "I'm not used to getting work-related calls in the middle of the night She had lost her veil, and she was upset her wedding was Sunday evening I met her at the shop first thing in the morning and made her a new veil "

That's the kind of service brides get when they entrust their big day to Ross and his employees--five salesgirls and four seamstresses--at Julie's Bridal in Plymouth Internet sites and catalogues can't touch the expertise and assistance available at a full-service bridal salon Not to mention the enthusiasm

"All of my consultants treat every customer as if it were one of their own relatives getting married," Ross says "We enjoy coming to work every day We're playing a vital role in the biggest day of a woman's life, a day she's dreamt about for years "

Julie's Bridal has been a staple of the community for 25 years The salon offers an extensive selection of upscale wedding gowns, and boasts what brides say is the biggest bridesmaid selection in the area. The store also carries flower girl apparel and a wide variety of accessories, including tiaras, veils, and French combs as well as evening wear

When a potential bride walks in the front door of Julie's Bridal, Ross expects to be there for her from start to finish The selection process often begins with a conversation about the bride's needs "First, we review with customers what their desires are, and what their price range 1s," says Ross "Then we look at photographs We pull gowns for them according to what their tastes are "Ross says that, usually within the first 5 to 8 gowns, a customer will find the one she really likes

* The store offers a comfortable, welcoming environment for brides and their co-shoppers There are several podiums surrounded by mirrors, providing optimal viewing from every possible angle The store also boasts fifteen large fitting rooms All of the gowns are out for viewing, with newer gowns and staff favorites arranged in the center of the showroom "We have comfy chairs we can move all around for parents to sit in," Ross says "There is very much a homey feel in my salon"

New dress shipments arrive in late fall and late spring, but Ross says that there is only a short period of time every year when they are not getting brand new gowns from the latest designers The store carries lines by Alvina Valenta, Paloma Blanca, Mikaella, Ysa Makino, Mon Cheri, Impression, Watters and Watters, Stephan Yearick, and Perovonias, amongst others The prices range from \$500 to \$5,000 Ross says that the average gown runs between \$1,200 and \$1,500

The advantages of using a full service salon, rather than ordering over the internet, are stressed not only by Ross, but by the designers themselves "Designers warn brides against purchasing on the internet," Ross says "You could get the wrong gown or a knock off gown Also, they make you put down the full payment up front At Julie's Bridal, you put down a partial payment, and the rest is not due until the article arrives '

The average girl starts looking for a gown 8 to 12 months before her wedding, but, Ross says, "we've had brides who come in and say their wedding is in two months, and we've been able to outfit them in a brand new dress "

Ross makes sure to keep abreast of the latest trends "Brides are leaning towards simple elegance," he says "Classic lines with very little embellishment A lot more lace is being called for" In bridesmaid's gowns, he says the demand is for tea-length gowns, with lighter materials, like organza and chiffon "We have a team do the dress selections," he says "I have final say, but I take a lot of advice from my staff"

Ross has five "wonderful" consultants working in his store "We pride ourselves in the service," he says "My salesgirls all have been in the business for a minimum of two years I've done gowns for two of my employees It's one of the benefits My one young lady had a custom gown made just for her"

Julie's Bridal offers an email tracking service, in which brides can email the ordering department directly to get a response regarding the status of their gowns

Says Ross, "The biggest compliment you can get is when brides bring their friends in We have mothers who've gotten their dresses here, and then they bring their own daughters in So we must be doing something right"

Julie's Bridal is located at 570 S Main Street, between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road The salon is open from 10 a m to 8 p m on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 10 a m to 6 p m on Tuesday and Friday, and from 10 a m to 5 p m on Saturday Their phone number is (734) 455-1100

Livonia Children's Center Provides Solutions for Children with Autism, ADHD and Other Learning Challenges

Livonia, MI August 7th, 2005 – A new children s learning center has opened its doors in Livonia and it's bringing with it some new and innovative help for children with Autism, ADHD, Speech, Physical, Mental and Learning Disorders The center's focus is on providing therapies, interventions and learning programs that are not only effective but also fun

"The idea for this center was born many years ago in struggling to find good, high quality help for our son explains Staci Bockmann, one of the center's cofounders, 'As we found some great therapies, interventions and other programs that were highly effective we were frustrated that they weren't readily available in this area. Since we couldn t find what we were looking for we decided to open our own center and bring these technologies directly to the families who needed them. The response so far has been outstanding'

A couple of the therapies Great Expectations offers include

Sensory Training and Education Program—S T E P

This innovative therapy is widely considered to be one of the most powerful foundational program for working with sensory processing problems The Sensory Training and Education Program is a unique drug free non cognitive multi disciplinary approach that combines Vision Therapy (light), Vestibular Therapy (motion and balance) and Auditory Therapy (music) to improve a person's sensory and cognitive processing abilities S T E P therapy is helpful for a wide variety of conditions including Autism, Sensory Disorders, ADD / ADHD, Developmental Delays Brain Injury and Birth Trauma and a variety of Learning and Behavior issues or difficulties

' It s not a magic bullet or a miracle cure, 'explained Mrs Bockmann 'But it does help to retrain the brain - and the brain s response to different stimuli which in turn allows many children to do things they've never been able to do before while also speeding up their development in other skills areas With this therapy it s not unusual to see jumps in Speech, improved Fine and Gross Motor skills and a greater comfort level interacting with other children and adults especially in situations that the children found too overwhelming before Loud noises, large crowds and new situations frequently become far less intimidating and can actually become more manageable, which for children with Autism or other related sensory disorders 1s a huge hurdle

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Reading Plus

Reading Plus System is a unique program that improves reading skills and abilities by providing targeted development in the five critical elements of reading—Phonemic Awareness Phonics, Fluency Vocabulary and Comprehension It does this by not only working on the person's visual and reading skills but also by improving the mechanics of how they read Through an evaluation done with a pair of high tech goggles which scans their eyes as they read a sample story, the program literally graphs and breaks down the mechanics of how the person reads

"What lead us to choose the Reading Plus system is that unlike the other reading improvement programs out there this one has the technology to literally measure and determine the mechanics of how a person reads By analyzing those mechanics many times we're able to show people that their reading difficulties are not a result of poor memory, a lack of focus, or simply being a "slow" or a "bad" reader it's literally the mechanics of how their eyes move and process the information Then by going in and addressing those faulty mechanics they're frequently surprised at how quickly their reading comprehension, reading speed and reading retention improves" explained Steve Bockmann the

center's other founder

Play Attention

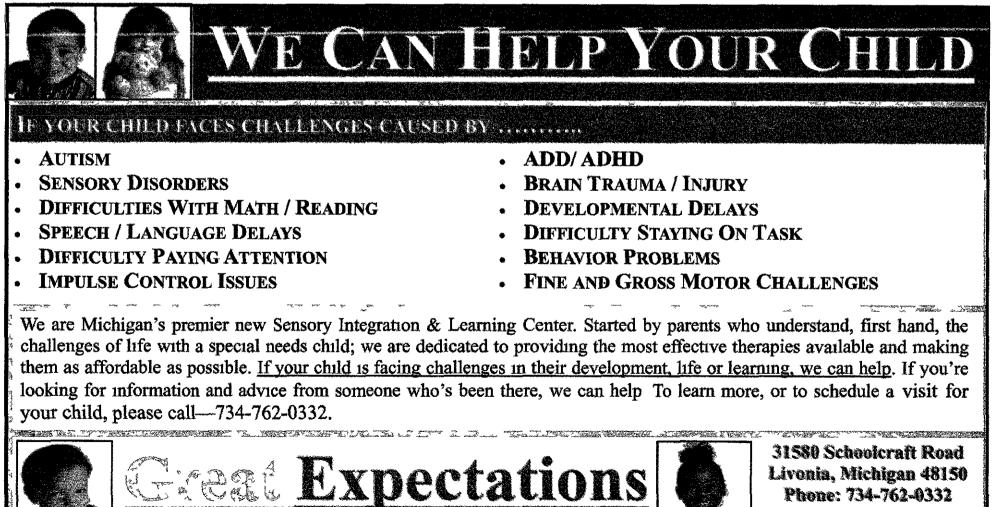
An innovative interactive learning program used to train the brain to overcome attention, concentration and focus challenges Play Attention makes use of NASA based technology, technology originally intended to train astronauts and test pilots, to improve focus and attention in a fun format similar to a modern "video game" Adapted for use with nonastronauts the program which was recently featured on Good Morning America has shown to be tremendously successful in children and adults with ADHD improve their attention spans

"The bottom line for us is providing highly effective therapies and learning programs to help children with special needs – whether it's Autism, ADHD or Learning problems get solid results in a fun environment, while still keeping it affordable and accessible for the parents" explained Mrs Bockmann

Great Expectations will be adding additional services, and therapies in the fall and is booking up quickly as parents prepare to give their children the best possible jump start on the school year For more information or to schedule an appointment for your child contact Great Expectations at 734-762-0332

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For instance, Albert says Room Additions have always been a popular remodeling project for homeowners What's different is the use of the new space that is created A kitchen expansion or "addition" is now very popular to create a larger space for gathering and entertaining The kitchen of the past was just that, a kitchen Today they are used for much more Often a kitchen remodeling job of today will include bumping a wall out that allows for a more efficient open layout, an island, gathering area, etc The kitchen in today's new homes have extra space for entertaining family and friends, our homeowners are creating these same features in their remodeling project

In-Law suites are room additions used to accommodate parents, this trend has big benefits for everyone involved Maintaining one home instead of two is a major incentive The parent(s) now have the opportunity to be near their family, creating a stronger relationship with grandchildren, enjoying their own suite, typically including bedroom, sitting area, bathroom and access to the yard Their children get to be closer to the parent and they can be available to help out if needed while still maintaining their own independence Investing in family and the home makes good sense for many of our customers

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Focusing on each individual patient with state of the art dental equipment

By Diane Gale Andreassi



Dr John Robison of Robison Dental Group in Canton has techniques that take the bite out of visiting the dentist

"We would like to change the perception of what people think dentistry is," Robison says "Dentistry is not a generic word The challenges are fascinating and the opportunity to be of service to people is phenomenal There are levels of dental care that people aren't aware of '

He recalls a patient whose teeth and jaw were terribly out of whack The patient faced a lot of dental work and had a paralyzing fear of dentists The best part of this patient's transformation from crooked, darkened teeth with an exaggerated under bite went deeper than giving him a next to perfect smile

"Dentistry can be pain free and fear free," says Robison a Northville resident who grew up in Plymouth

"I get to change someone's life and I have goose bumps right now thinking about cases I'm working on," Robison says "This man had fear beyond belief After we used sedation one time, we never had to use it again "

Robison is obviously moved by the memory of this man's reaction when he saw his new mouth and he talks with the same enthusiasm about a new smile he gave another patient who won a dental makeover by CBS last year Robison was picked to change this woman's gray inged, overlapping top and bottom teeth

"Look, even her eyes are open larger here," he says gesturing to the after picture that barely resembles the woman in the first picture

Her smile shows sparking white, straight teeth that could easily have been on a toolhpaste commercial Her teeth were straightened in two and a half months with a new rapid orthodontics technique

While her smile became model like, her personality also changed and she even presented herself in a more positive way, Robison adds explaining he clocked more than 2,500 hours of post doctorate studies around the country to stay fresh in new dental techniques to learn the many reconstructive techniques he used to help this woman and all his patients

They're doing much

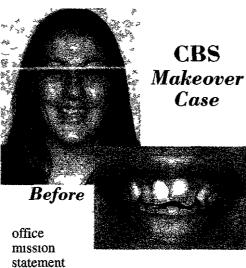
more than filling cavities at Robison Dental Group on Canton Center Road in the Canton Professional Park across from the high schools They re

providing new faces to people who

have been

devastated by their distorted smiles and they're trying to inform patients about the importance of dental health promoting general health

'We are dedicated to make a difference in the health and lives of those who have chosen us to serve them," an



says "You are our primary reason for being here, and we thank you"

Last spring Robison was joined by his son, Dr John Derrick (J D) Robison, a Plymouth resident who graduated recently from University of Detroit Mercy Dental School Robison's father, Dr John (also known as Jack) Monroe Robison, had a thriving dental office in downtown Plymouth on Harvey and Penniman where the Coffee Bean now serves java to customers John Monroe Robison died three years ago, but his son continues to credit him as the best father and mentor.

"We've been here for 60 years and plan on being here many more," says J D who worked as an assistant for his father on and off for four years and before that hung around the office as a young boy

J D says that while he never

witnessed his grandfather practicing dentistry, patients will occasionally come in and say, "'Your grandpa did this and grandpa did that," J D says pointing to

various parts of his mouth 'That's really cool It's just a heritage of helping people "

He gestures toward the waiting area that is tastefully decorated with plush sofas and chairs and features an

enclave with bar stools and tall table next to a coffee, tea and hot chocolate maker near a refrigerator stacked with waters and juices

"There's an inviting warmth here," J D adds

"It shows how we're focused on

each individual patients' needs," J D says explaining that the dental equipment is state of the art and includes instruments

Ajter like, lasers used for aesthetic gum

surgery and to

detect tooth decay far more accurately than x-rays, as well as patient interactive technology, like DVDs that explain and illustrate how various procedures are done

J D was born in 1979, which was five years after his father moved the practice to Canton

"They're (Robison and J D) both driven in what they do and they love their patients," explains Angela Avery, clinical coordinator who emphasizes their drive toward perfection

Today, Robison Dental Group also focuses on recent medical studies that draws a strong link between general health and oral health, says J D explaining that there's a relationship between periodontal disease and heart disease and a link between unhealthy gums of pregnant women and low birth weights in their newborns "Women who have periodontal disease give birth to babies that are under the average weight, because of the bacteria in the blood stream," J D says

People need to be aware that oral infections increase your chances of diabetes and stroke by 300 percent, explains John who attended Notre Dame, the University of Michigan and earned a masters in physiology at Creighton Medical School in Nebraska During his physiology studies he turned down an opening in the medical school class to pursue his initial passion of dentistry

The Robisons are doing a lot more work in reconstructive dentistry than ever before They're realigning jaws and building teeth that support joints so well that the joint stays seated They work a lot with patients who suffer from TMJ (temporomandibular joint), headaches, as well as facial, shoulder and neck pain

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"This is what is so fun," J D says "It s amazing There's a completely different person and not only just on the teeth It's crazy how someone will change the way they act, because they have a nicer smile I never would have expected it to have that kind of impact and I'm in the field "

There's no need for people to be embarrassed by their smiles, Robison says

says "A recent patient was relatively withdrawn, because of the way her mouth looked and after we restored her smile, she said, 'I have this beautiful smile and I want to show it off and take better care of myself," Robison says "That's the kind of life changing effect this dentistry can have on people and that's what is so exciting about it That's why I have more passion than ever after more than 25 years This isn't only for the person who wants an extreme change or only for the wealthy It's for people who have carried around garbage for years and they want to get rid of it They can come in here and we can do mock ups to let them see what they'll look like after the work 1s done The mission 1s to show people options that they never knew they had '



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