

Classic cars

Station 885 in Plymouth's historic Old Village is the hub for a Classic Car Show 5-9 p.m. every Sunday.

And, on Sunday, July 15, the restaurant will be host to a Classic Car Show and Family Fun festival, a free event that will feature cold beverages and cheap hot dogs, with no admission fee. This special event, which runs 1-9 p.m., also features live music, food, fun and a cash prize.

Station 885 is located at 885 Stackweather. For more information, call (734) 459-0885.

Library closure

The Plymouth District Library will be closed until noon on Monday, June 25.

One of the final steps of the library's renovation project is the installation of sound-proofing equipment on the roof.

Library users are advised to call the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4, on Monday to determine when the building will reopen.

ID theft

State Representative Marc Corriveau, D-Northville, hosts an informational town hall meeting to discuss the threat of identity theft and how residents can protect themselves from this crime.

The meeting takes place 7:15 p.m. Monday, June 25, at Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road. Parking is available behind the building.

Residents are invited to come learn about a package of bills that passed the Michigan House of Representatives that will help combat identity theft, as well as what to do if you find yourself a victim of identity theft.

Corriveau also hosts residents for a cup of coffee and informal conversation during his coffee hour 8-9 a.m. Monday, June 25, at Jonathan's Family Restaurant in Canton Township.

Businesses or organizations who would like to schedule an event with Corriveau, can contact his office at (877) 20TH-REP (208-4737).

Ballet teacher

Holly Fusco, a dancer with the Miami City Ballet, will be a guest teacher at Metro Dance in Plymouth for the 2007 summer season. She will teach intermediate and advanced ballet and pointe classes for dancers ages 8+ during Metro Dance's six-week session.

Fusco grew up in Michigan and has been with the Miami City Ballet since 2003.

She has received numerous ballet scholarships and in 2002 was named Youth American Grand Prix Regional Finalist.

Kristie Wyler, studio owner says, "It's so wonderful to give the kids an opportunity like this, a chance to learn from someone who is in a place many of them hope to be someday," said Kristie Wyler, Metro Dance owner.

Classes begin the week of July 9 and registration is under way. Metro Dance is located on the corner of Mill and Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 207-8970, e-mail info@MetroDanceCompany.com or visit www.MetroDanceCompany.com

Fitness concept

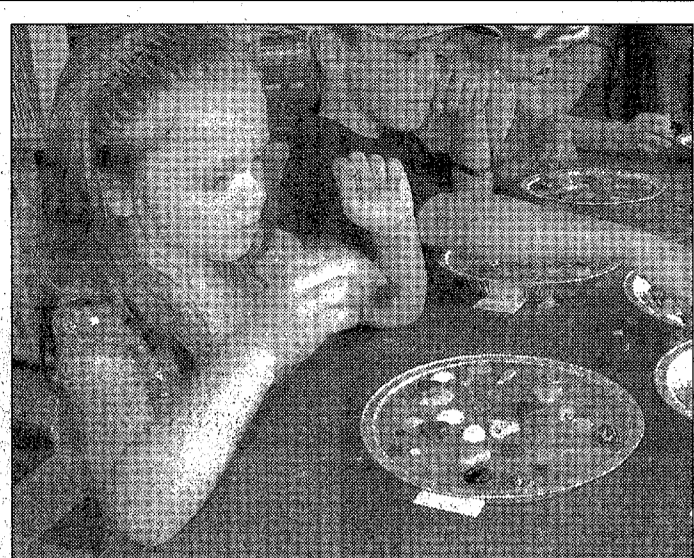
Looking for an early morning workout opportunity to add intensity to your strength training program? Fitness expert Jeanie Weaver, a certified personal fitness trainer, offers nine sessions Wednesday mornings at 6 a.m. through out the summer.

Total cost for either class is suggested, \$42 for all nine sessions or drop in sessions at \$7 each. Class sessions are held in Plymouth at the Metropolitan Adventist Jr. Academy Gym just north of Five Mile Road at 15585 Haggerty.

This will be an intense physical performance, strength and core training workout, using dumbbells and body weight to train. Jump rope will also be part of this program.

An Exercise Therapy class at a lower intensity will be given at 7:30 a.m., also on Wednesdays.

For more information, to register or for a specific class



One last craft

Charlotte Bruscato (from left), Liam Radomski and Lily Lesniak, students in Susan Justice's kindergarten class at Smith Elementary in Plymouth, make outdoor decorations using shells, buttons and cement. Students in the Plymouth-Canton school district enjoyed various activities as the school year came to an end.

scheduled, call (248) 446-9176.

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday July 14, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, please make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734)354-3243.

Ice cream social

Plymouth Community Council On Aging hosts its annual "Ice Cream Social" 1:30-3 p.m., Monday, July 9 at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Pavilion overlooking the pond.

Reservations are required, tickets are available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday at the PCCA Office, 201 Main, in downtown Plymouth. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for non-members. There will be a special demonstration by "PAWS With A Cause" dogs trained to provide lifetime team support for

people with disabilities and to encourage independence.

For any additional information call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Chamber golf

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual golf outing Monday, July 9, at Northville Hills Golf Club, an award winning Arnold Palmer Championship Golf Course.

The outing begins with free clinics at 10:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Dinner and cocktails will be immediately following in the Northville Hills Clubhouse.

Individual golfers are \$300 per person or \$1,000 for a VIP Foursome, which includes golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, dinner, cocktails and a tee sign.

The chamber's golf outing will also be the location of the 2007 Corporate Challenge.

Each participating foursome will be placed in one of four business categories to compete for top honors. There will be one trophy awarded to the winning foursome of each category. The four categories for the 2007 Corporate Challenge are Financial, Professional, Industry and Automotive.

This outing, sponsored by

Victory Honda of Plymouth, is one of the chamber's major fund-raisers and supports its community programs, including Plymouth 101, Walk of Trees, Scarecrows in the Park and Santa in Kellogg Park.

For more information, contact the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Suicide loss group

Dr. William A. Ritter, author of *Take the Dimness of My Soul Away*, speaks at an open meeting of the Suicide Loss Group sponsored by New Hope Center for Grief Support and First United Methodist Church of Northville (8 Mile and Taft) 7 p.m. Monday, June 25.

"In 1994 William A. Ritter's adult son committed suicide, sending Ritter and his family on a journey no family wants to face. *Take the Dimness of My Soul Away* collects the sermons he preached on the subject—the first one just three weeks after his son's death, and the final one nine years later—and chronicles his difficult and life-changing healing process."

For more information, call New Hope Center for Grief

Support, (248) 348-0115.

Summer cinema

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth plays host to a variety of summer cinema matinees.

Sponsored by Plymouth District Library, Wolverine & Spartan Shop, Michigan Made & More, Signature Audio Services, Book Cellar & Cafe, Bennigan's Grill & Tavern and Cold Stone Creamery, movies play Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

The schedule: July 19 & 21 - *October Sky*; July 26 & 28 - *Curious George*; July 3 & 5 - *The Secret Garden*; July 10 & 12 - *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*; July 17 & 19 - *The Goonies*; July 24 & 26 - *Mary Poppins*; July 31 & Aug. 2 - *Chronicles of Narnia*; Aug. 7 & 9 - *Spy Kids*; Aug. 14 & 16 - *The original Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*; Aug. 21 & 23 - *Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone*.

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Advertisement for New Babcock Homes, showcasing various home models and contact information for realtors.

Canton's Farmer Jack store locations not in Kroger's plans

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Here's the good news: Kroger has swooped in and purchased 20 Farmer Jack locations in metro Detroit.

Now for the bad news: The two Canton locations aren't included in the purchase.

But, there appears to be hope for the Joy and Morton Taylor store. Rumors are swirling that the Coventry Commons anchor is supposed to be purchased by an independent grocer, possibly Larry's Foodland.

It's unknown if a deal is in the works for the store at Cherry Hill and Canton Center. Larry's owner could not be reached for comment.

Township Planner Jeff Goulet said any deal for the Joy Road store hasn't been brought to the administration's attention.

"We've heard it through the grapevine but it hasn't been disclosed to us," he said.

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he's also heard talk that a deal was in the works for the Joy Road location but has yet to hear a buzz about the other site.

"I can't say that it's going to be leased (soon) but it's a great location," he said of the Cherry Hill/Canton Center location. "It's in the center of the community geographically."

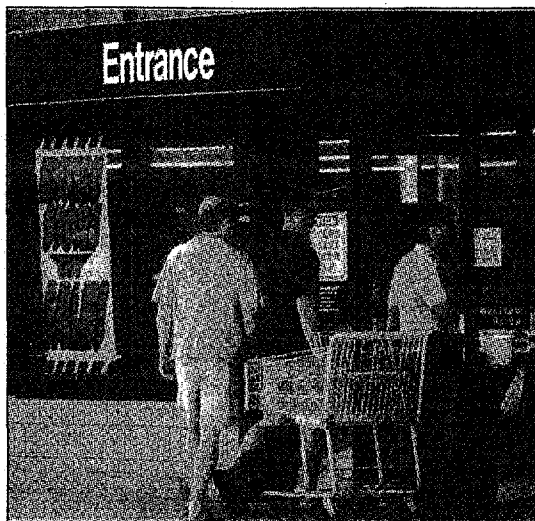
At both Canton stores, the buildings are covered with red, yellow and black signs announcing close-out sales. All items have been marked down 30-50 percent.

As pockets of shoppers breezed through the Canton Center Road store, they picked over a dwindling selection of canned soup, meat and produce. The bakery cases are empty, the pharmacy is closed and packages of diapers are flying out of the doors.

While shoppers loaded up on boxes of cereal and jars of baby food, Bonnie Archibald of Romulus said she'll miss the grocery chain and hopes that buyers pick up all of the franchise's locations.

"I hate to see them go," she said, loading generic white shopping bags into her car that read "Thank you" in black letters. "It's very sad, but I hope the stores get picked up. No one likes a vacant building."

Archibald, who shopped at the Canton Center Road store as well as a Belleville location about once a week, reminisced about the time her 36-year-old son dressed up as 'Farmer Jack' for a



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Everything is on sale at the Farmer Jack store located at Joy and Morton Taylor. There are rumors that it will be purchased by an independent grocer.

school play.

"That was years ago," she said. "I've shopped here for a long time."

All of Farmer Jack's 66 metro Detroit stores are owned by New Jersey-based Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company Inc. The future of the 46 locations that Kroger didn't opt to buy remains up in the air. The stores are slated to close by July 7.

Kroger spokesman Dale Hollandsworth said the company was careful in its selection of the 20 stores it wants to purchase.

"This gives us an opportunity to fill in some voids we had in the market," he said, adding that the grocer's new acquisition will produce 3,000 jobs. "We are going to interview every Farmer Jack employee possible."

The Kroger deal is expected to be final in July. Included in the purchase agreement are the Westland, Northville, Dearborn and Troy locations.

In April, A&P went public with its plan to sell off the Farmer Jack chain citing slumping sales and the desire to devote its resources to other areas of the country. The company bought the franchise in 1989.

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A heart for the arts

Former PCAC director lands post in Dearborn

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Former Plymouth Community Arts Council executive director Stella Greene has found a new home: The Ford Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

Greene, who had been associated with the PCAC for 16 years — serving seven of those in a paid capacity as development director and executive director before leaving in 2006 — has been hired as a co-director of the Dearborn Community Arts Council.

"It's 10 times the size of Plymouth, with the difference being the DCAC is the umbrella organization for 50 other cultural and civic organizations," Greene said. "There are a lot of diverse organizations we represent,

which is what is exciting and challenging about the job. And, it's all housed in the Ford Performing Arts Center, which is a phenomenal place."

As co-director, Greene and Carrie Hamilton will share duties in directing the DCAC, with Greene handling the grant writing and Hamilton the marketing and programming.

"I've known Stella for about six years and am aware of her grant writing background and her success and knowledge of the arts," said Teresa Lousias, president of the executive board of the DCAC. "I know when she took over the PCAC they were struggling, and when she left they were solid. I was impressed with the history of her background and her values and work ethic. It's the first time we've had co-directors, but we were looking for a lot in one person," she said. "We ended up with two people that made the complete job."

Green said the 20-hour position will allow her to spend more time with her family, while at the same time pursuing her love of the



Stella Greene

arts. "Once you take on the heart and soul of being involved in the arts, you never really get out of it," Greene said. "It's definitely a challenge, especially in this economy and the pressure of funding cutbacks from the state. We're looking every day at motivating people to give back to the arts."

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GRIEF SUPPORT

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the 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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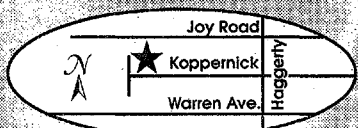
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Investors need to focus on low-cost investments

Q: After listening to your show I asked our financial adviser about no-load funds. He told me that all funds have fees, it's just that some funds call them different things. Is he telling me the truth?

A: Your adviser is partially correct. All mutual funds have fees. What he is not being straightforward about is that no-load funds or commission-free funds have substantially lower fees than the commission-based funds.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

And commission-based funds have additional fees not in the no-loads.

All mutual funds charge a management fee for the day-to-day running of the fund. The management fee is charged on an annual basis. It's not a fee that you write a check for; it comes directly out of your investment. In addition to the management fee, the commission-based funds have what are known as loads. Loads are sales charges. The load is paid

to the financial salesperson who sells you the fund. The typical load or commission is approximately 5% percent, however, it can go much higher. Loads come right off the top of the money that you invest.

For example, if you invested \$10,000 into a 5% percent loaded mutual fund, \$575 would be paid directly to the salesperson and the remaining \$9,425 would go into the investment. On the other hand, if you invested \$10,000 in a no-load fund, all \$10,000 would go to work for you.

In many mutual funds, in addition to the sales commission, they also have what are known as 12b-1 fees which are additional marketing fees. In some cases this fee is paid directly to the salesperson. This is known in the industry as "trails" or "trailer" fees.

I've always been a believer that investors need to focus on low-cost investments. That is why I always recommend commission-free mutual funds where 100 percent of your money goes to work for you. In addition, the typical no-load fund will also have a lower management fee than the commission based fund. When you go commission free

you have lower fees across the board, which means more money in your pocket.

Every independent study I have seen always reaches the same conclusion and that is the average no-load fund outperforms the average commission-based fund, even if you did not factor in the commissions.

When you are evaluating a commission-free fund you have one thing to sell and that is your performance. When you are a commission-based fund you have two things that you can sell - your performance and your commission and sales program.

One of my pet peeves with commissions in the mutual fund industry is that they are generally undisclosed. When I see that the industry intentionally tries to hide cost and fees from individuals, it generally leads me to the conclusion that it is a product that I should avoid.

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RESPONSE

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(team at Selfridge Air National Guard Base), and they called the state police bomb squad in Ann Arbor."

Through the wonders of the Internet, Carroll said he was able to send EOD a photo of the cannonball to make a quick assessment of the potentially dangerous situation. "They told me it was probably very stable, but to cordon off about 100 feet for safety reasons," Carroll said. "They came and picked it up, put in a box and went to blow it up somewhere."

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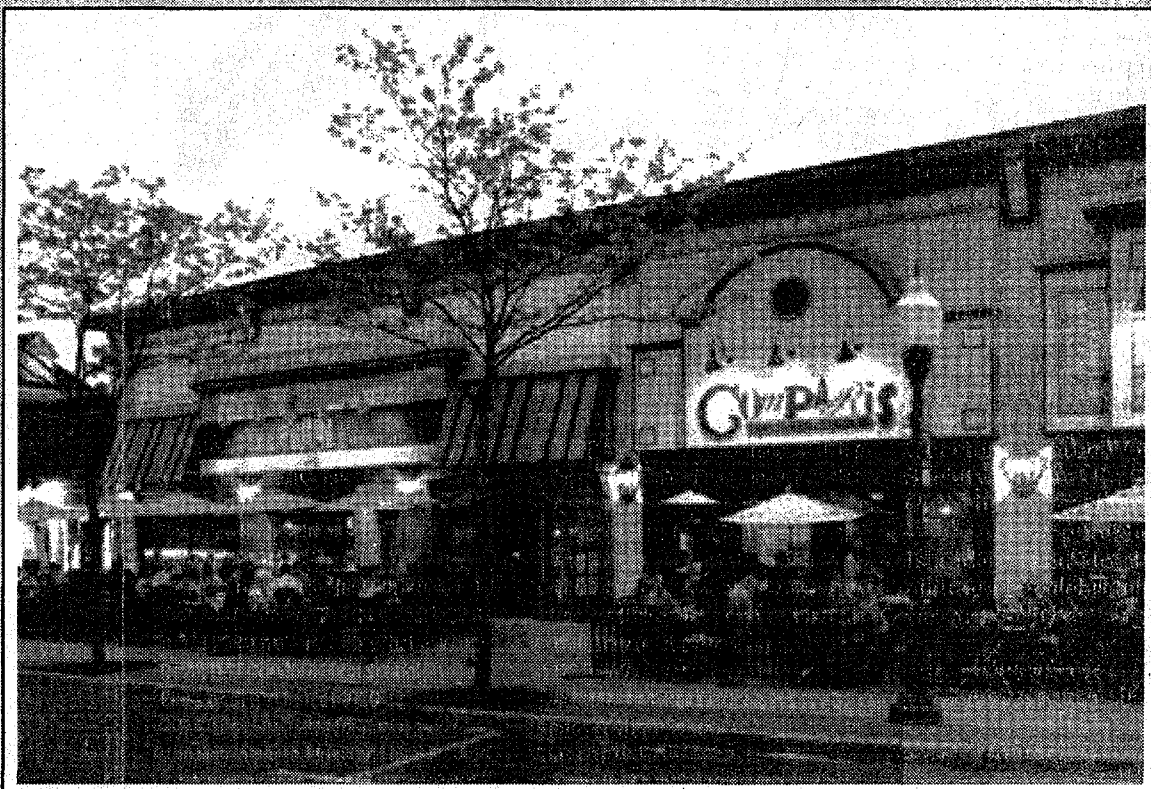


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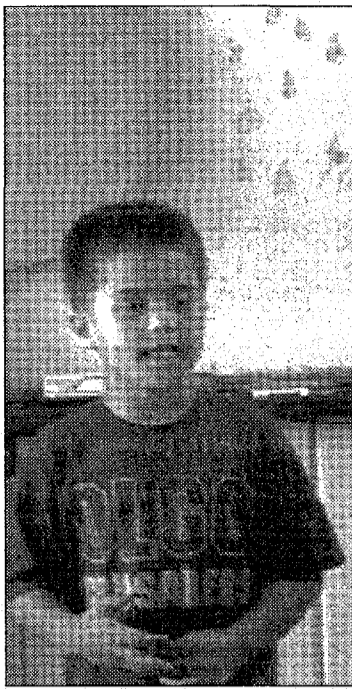
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Taking on the challenge

Gabrielle Georgeson (from left), Joshua Revnew, Natalie Wray and Jack Roney have fun with their scenes in one of the plays OLGC first-graders put on to raise money to help save the rain forest.



First-grader Noah DeGuzman does his part to help save the rain forest by performing in a play at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Students raise money to save the rain forest

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Marcie O'Malley's first-graders at Our Lady of Good Counsel read a *Time for Kids* story about other kids helping to save the rain forest, they decided they didn't just want other kids to do the job. They wanted to be a part of the solution, too. So O'Malley had her students make notes with ideas of how to help raise money to save the rain forest. The class got books from the library to inform themselves on the issue, and each child wrote a paragraph about

a different aspect of the rain forest. "We wanted to become knowledgeable, so we could teach others," O'Malley said. The ideas came fast and furious. The class decided to write a series of plays, and sold tattoos for \$1 each to kindergartners and first- and second-graders. "Tattoo stations" were set up with half-a-dozen parent volunteers tattooing the kids with different rain forest animals. "This was a pretty hot commodity, because it's usually against the school's uniform policy to wear tattoos to school," O'Malley said. The plays were equally popular with the students, who wrote, directed and starred in them. They collected recycled materials and cardboard to use for props and to make posters designed to raise

awareness about the destruction of the rain forest. Parents and grandparents were invited to the June 13 presentation of the plays, and asked for a \$3 donation. The school's technology coordinator recorded the plays for \$2 DVD's. The original plan was to use \$1 to cover the cost and donate the other \$1. But when Vision Computer Solutions of Northville donated the DVDs, students were able to donate all the proceeds to the cause. Anyone attending the play received a student-made label to wear as a sticker, with messages such as "I helped Save the Rain Forest," "Animals have feelings," "Trees are cool" and "The rainforest is beautiful." Students formed committees to work out details ranging from money collection to label designs. Working in

groups of six, the students ended up putting everything together. "It was amazing to watch them come together," O'Malley said. "I thought it would be a challenge at first, but all their ideas coming together and their personalities made the plays special." The end result? Students raised \$300 for their donation to an organization called Kids Saving the Rainforest. Students voted to use \$100 to build a monkey bridge, \$75 to feed an animal in rehab for a year and the rest to be used at the organization's discretion. "It was awesome to see 6- and 7-year-olds working together to accomplish something much bigger than themselves," O'Malley said.
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CHINA

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"He's a real independent kid with a good head on his shoulders," she said. Mary Couillard said her four boys all took four years of languages in high school, some pursuing it even further. While that's a good thing, mom —

who took a couple of years of French in high school — said it's also a disadvantage to her. "They all can speak Spanish, and whenever they don't want me to hear what they're saying, they speak it," she said. "I don't have a clue as to what they're saying."
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ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM

The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

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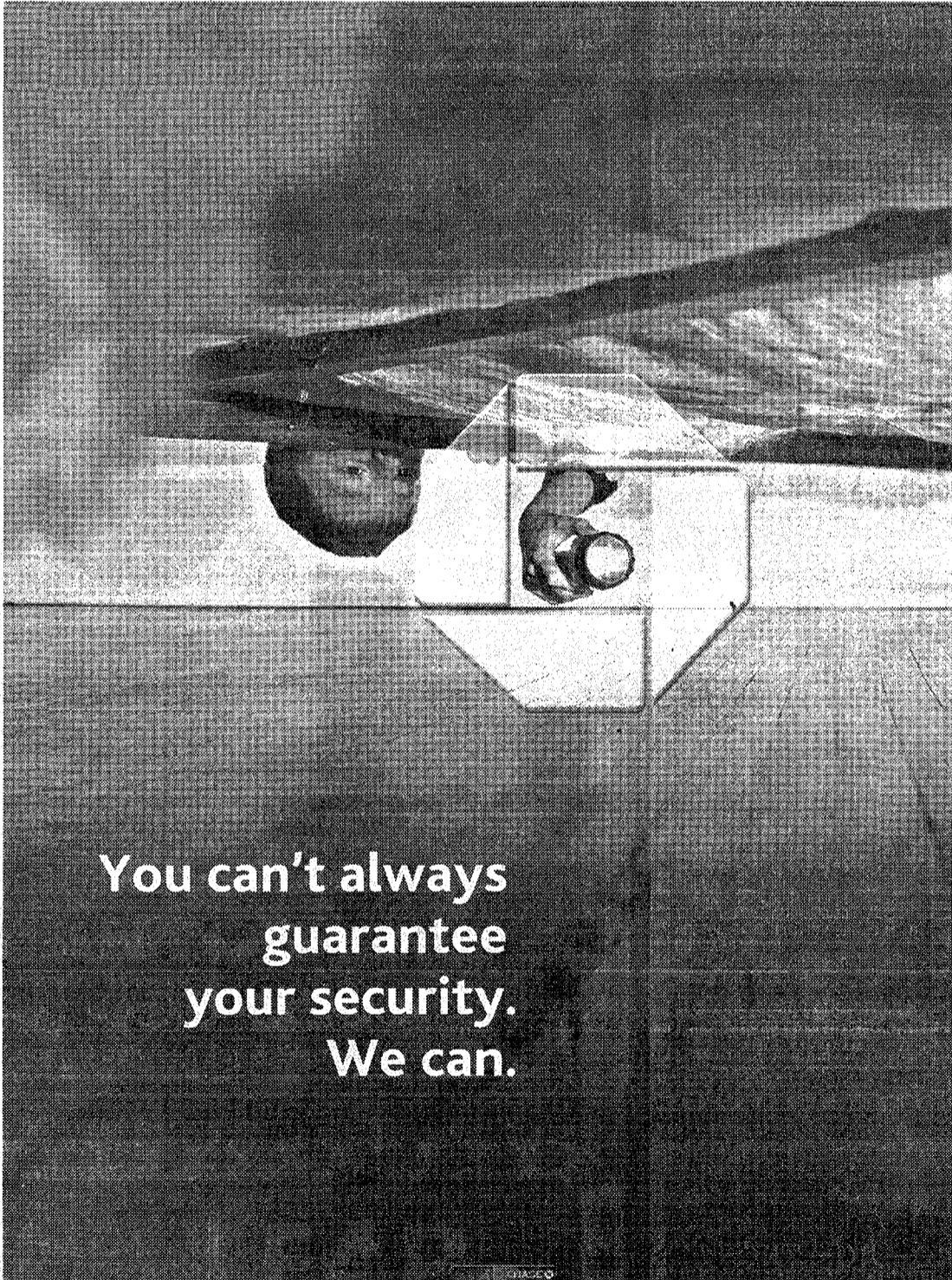
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School — to get to Isbister. And there's the problem of an already crowded Isbister parking lot, which doesn't have different loops for buses and parent traffic, frequently causing backups onto Canton Center Road. Rose Lafarga and her neighbors have begun collecting petition signatures, which will be presented to the school board Tuesday night. "I was so upset, I found out the day after Kindergarten Round-up when we talked about how to get kids from the buses to class," said Lafarga, who will also have a fourth-grader at Isbister. "I didn't know until I heard it from another parent." Lafarga said she will have to spend money on morning day care because it's not feasible to drive her children to school. "The traffic is horrendous at the school with the buses and parent cars," she said. "Parents back up on Canton Center and it can take 15 to 20 minutes to drop off a child. "You can't ask a kid to walk 1 1/2 miles with no sidewalks without a parent and without crossing guards," she added. "And there's a home on Joy Road that has a registered sexual offender living there. Walking past that isn't going to happen." Lafarga said her message to trustees will be clear. "Hopefully, they'll hear our side of the story and realize a safety issue does exist," Lafarga said. "I understand there's a budget crisis, but they should have allowed us to

give input into the process." Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations, said the district will not put children in unsafe situations. "We're looking at everyone affected by the change and we'll determine if the route

is completely safe to see if we will continue to bus them or add crossing guards to make the situation better," Ruggirello said. "The parents will be notified as soon as possible. If they aren't notified, it will be the status quo." The Board of Education is

expected to vote on a state-mandated balanced budget at Tuesday's regular meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, in Plymouth.
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- Aug. 22 - Laz and the Gemini Good Mischief Band

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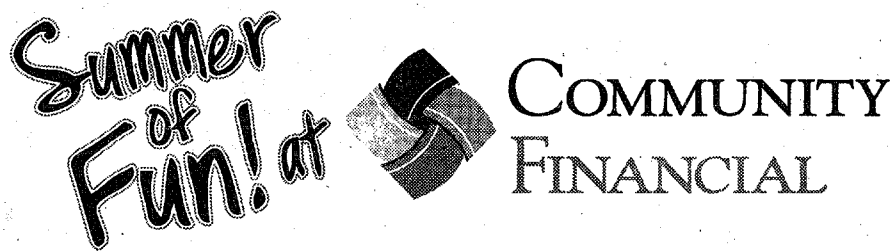
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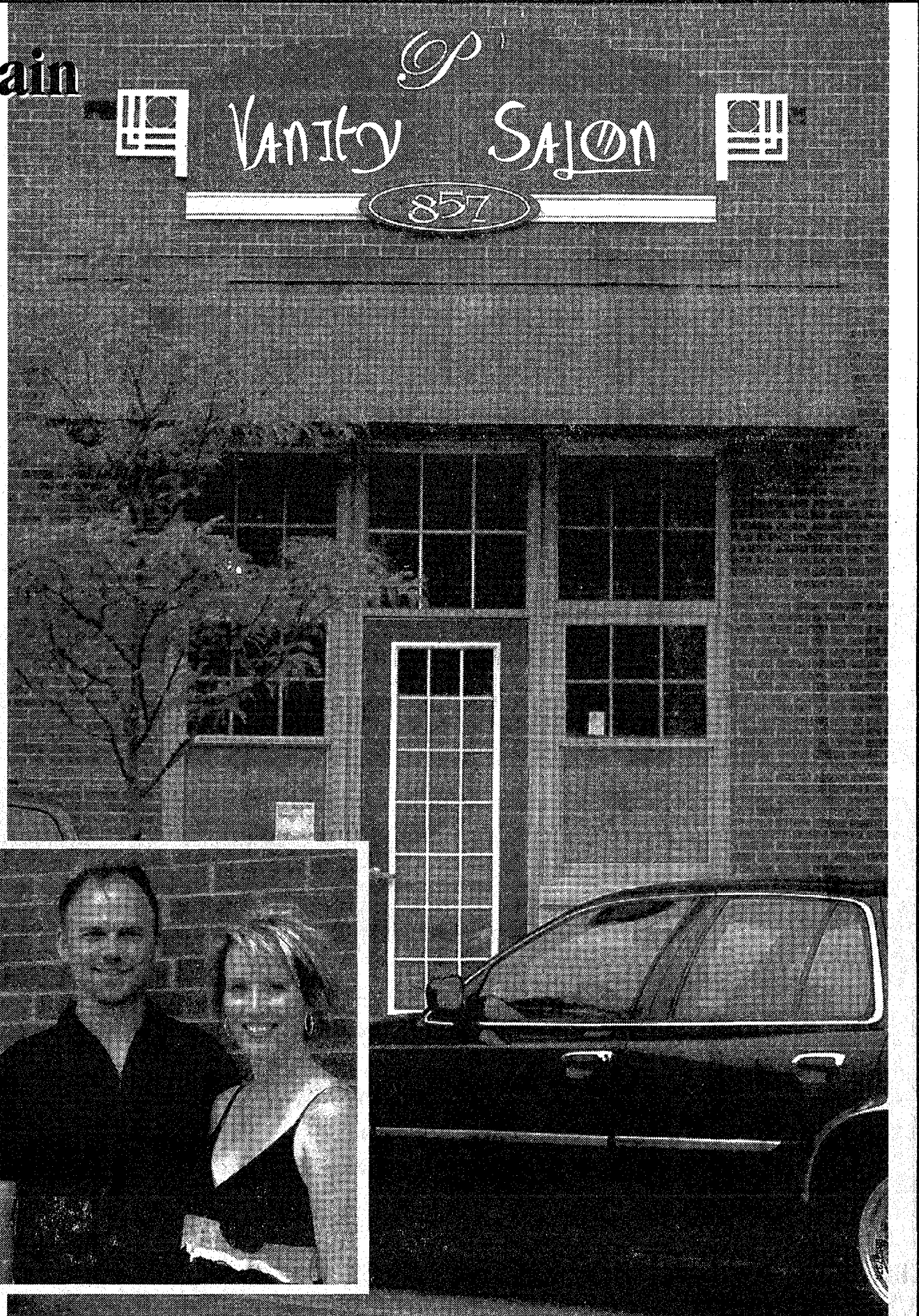
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Tom Watkins

If You Seek A Pleasant Peninsula, Look About You. We have "Up North" surrounding us in the Metro Detroit Region. Here are some of my favorite Michigan destinations close by:

Kensington Metro Park
www.metroparks.com

On the western edge of Oakland County is one of the jewels of the Metropark system, Kensington, a slice of "Up North" in our backyard. The lakes are dotted with canoes and sailboats, a par-3 golf course is speckled with duffers and over 4,000 acres of woods with paved bike trails and hiking paths this park has something to offer everyone. A trip to Kensington, or any of the many Metro parks adds substance to the old refrain: "Simple pleasures are the best!"

Hines Park www.waynecounty.com/parks

The Wayne County Parks slogan captures the essence of Hines Park with its slogan: "The Benefits Are Endless." I am fortunate to live in Northville, a starting point for Hines Park, a slice of beauty that meanders through western Wayne County following the Rouge River.

The Friends of Rouge Park (www.therouge.org) together with leadership from the County Executive and County Commission have done a wonderful job of educating people about the importance of this watershed and helping to clean up the park and the river. Have fun the old fashion way in the park with a hiking bike riding, throw a line in the river, toss horse shoes and bring friends and grill a few steaks with all the gas money you saved by enjoying the beauty only a few miles away for any neighborhood in the metro area.

Belle Isle www.ci.detroit.mi.us

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A favorite activity of mine is to follow the bike trails that meander along the edges of the Huron River. Gallop on over to the Gallup Park Canoe Livery and take in this 65-acre park on the Huron River.

Ann Arbor — It's more than just U-M Cross a County line and take in the beauty of Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County (www.a2gov.org).

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Other activities nearby:

Take in: The Henry Ford, (www.thehenryford.org) America's Greatest History Attractions is four distinct attractions in one: Greenfield Village, The Ford Rouge Plant Tour, the Henry Ford Museum and the Ima Theater. The New Detroit Science Center, (www.detroitsciencecenter.org), The Detroit Zoo (www.detroitzoo.org), The Detroit Historical Museum (www.detroithistorical.org/) and the Detroit Institute of the Arts (www.dia.org). Clearly there is nothing better than going to the ballpark to catch a Detroit Tigers game (www.detroit.tigers.mlb.com) and have a ballpark hot-dog smothered in mustard to make you appreciate your hometown.

OK, splurge!

There is no need to feel guilty from time to time to load up the car and leave the metro region and take in all the beauty our state has to offer. Go to www.michigan.org/travel to discover the many nooks and crannies that you can find all across the two beauty peninsulas that we call home. Michigan is surrounded by Great Lakes and rich in natural beauty, Michigan's two peninsulas are dotted with 97 state parks, four national and numerous, metro and municipal parks. We have more shoreline than any state in the nation with the exception of Alaska. In addition, six state forests plus nature preserves and refuges, gardens and arboretums provide plenty of opportunity for fun in the sun, snow and everything in-between. Recreation and relaxation, the good ole R+R is Michigan's middle name.

This is pure Michigan, get out and enjoy it in spite of the high gas prices!

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State development debate has no easy answer

There is a place in the Sleeping Bear park at the foot of Esch Road in Benzie County called Otter Creek Beach.

The pristine creek winds down to the beach where it then cuts a meandering trough through the sand toward Lake Michigan. The water is refreshingly chilly on a summer's day. The sand beach is soft, a washed yellow against the green dune grass and evergreen trees. It seems to go on forever and usually there are only a handful of people at any given time of day.



Hugh Gallagher

This is one of the many beautiful spots in northern Michigan that make Up North such a special place for those of us who toil most of the year in southeast Michigan. Sometime in the middle of April just as a warm weekend tricks us into thinking that summer may be just around the corner, my wife and I begin to yearn for those woods, creeks, lakes and beaches.

Often we are lulled into thinking of northern Michigan as our playground. We forget that people live there year round and have to deal with its problems as well as enjoy its beauty. But visitors and residents alike are constantly torn about what this wonderful place is supposed to be — home, recreation center, wilderness area.

This year, the National Park Service is struggling with these issues in trying to define the future of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and the decision they make will help all of us who love our great North to set a direction that makes some sense for the state's economy, its wildlife, its natural resources and the people who make a living and a home there.

The National Park Service recently took public commentary on three alternative general management plans and a no-action alternative. Each plan presents a different philosophical approach to managing the park and allowing park access. Alternative A: The Lakeshore is valued primarily for conservation of its natural resources. Alternative B: The Lakeshore is valued primarily for its recreational opportunities in scenic outdoor settings. The middle way is Alternative C: The Lakeshore is managed in such a way that most visitor use is concentrated in selected areas, with more natural, primitive conditions promoted in the rest of the Lakeshore.

These positions all have their advocates. Some want a strict control over human access to preserve the beauty and the wildlife that bring visitors to the area in the first

But there are no easy answers. The area depends on tourism to survive. It needs golf courses, it needs manicured beaches, it needs snowmobile trails through wilderness areas, it needs lakes where speedboats can zip across the water, it needs houses that will attract people with money who will spend some of it at local stores and restaurants as well as pay big taxes for part-time residence.

place. Others argue that overly restricting access is counter to the idea of a park where people can go to experience nature. A story in the *Leelanau Enterprise* reports that after public commentaries there is no consensus on these plans by the public or by local governments.

This debate over management of the National Lakeshore is part of a broader debate over land use in this prime and much loved section of the state. Developers have been building brick mini-mansions with fertilized lawns around lakes that were once home to simple cottages surrounded by natural growth. Forests have been replaced by manicured golf courses. Lakeshore owners resist government restrictions on use that are intended to preserve the shores they value. A proposed tax that would have helped preserve farmland in Leelanau County was defeated last year.

In many cases, we seem to be barging headlong into destroying the very thing we go North to enjoy.

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But at what cost? Are we destroying the magic that draws us there as residents and visitors?

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Buddy's dishes up pizzazz for 'Dining With Stars' winners

It was a star-studded night at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills when Virginia and John Koch of Canton Township dined with WXYZ-TV mother-daughter anchors and metro area stars Diana and Glenda Lewis.

Koch was the winner in the Buddy's Pizza and *Observer & Eccentric/Mirror Newspapers* "Dining With the Stars" contest for June.

"We had a totally awesome experience," said Virginia Koch, adding "both Diana Lewis and Glenda Lewis were so warm and gracious."

"We enjoyed good food, good conversation and good people — it doesn't get any better than this."

Tuesday's event was hosted by Buddy's Pizza owner Robert Jacobs.

Koch, a labor and delivery nurse at Oakwood Hospital, was selected by Glenda and Diana Lewis from among five finalists.

"Being the mother of five grown daughters I appreciate the elation Diana Lewis must feel knowing her daughter has succeeded in her chosen field," wrote Koch. "Glenda



Dining With the Stars contest winner Virginia Koch of Canton and husband John gather with Channel 7 News anchors Diana and Glenda Lewis.

Lewis has undoubtedly needed to work very hard simply because her mother has been such a commanding force on Detroit television for so many years. Together they display

an excellent mother/daughter role model for all. It would be a pleasure to share a meal of pizza (everything but anchovies and could you throw in an anti-pasto salad too?) with them."

Well, Koch got her antipasto and pizza (minus the anchovies) and dessert. Koch and her husband were treated to a limo ride with Diana and Glenda Lewis to and from Buddy's courtesy of Protran Transportation. They walked the red carpet into the restaurant where Virginia was treated to a special makeover (including styling by Sebastian and makeup by Marina Milfeh), courtesy of Ruby Blu Salon & Spa of Farmington Hills. The couple also received a special gift basket from Diana and Glenda Lewis.

The foursome watched a dance exhibition courtesy of Rhythm N Shoes of Bloomfield Hills. Other diners at Buddy's and fans also got a chance to meet and talk with Diana and Glenda Lewis.

"They were so gracious," said one fan. "They are the most real-deal people in Detroit. It was great."

"My husband and I want to thank Buddy's, Diana and Glenda Lewis and Marcy of Buddy's for a wonderful evening," said Virginia.

Buddy's Pizza donated \$500 to the Boys and Girls Republic in Farmington on behalf of Diana and Glenda Lewis.

Next month's Dining With the Stars features Jay Towers, Shila and Bill McAllister's host of Motor City Middays, on Live 97.1 FREE FM.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in July with the trio from 97.1 FREE FM.

Send your fan letter to BuddysDiningStars@gmail.com and be sure to include your name, address, daytime phone number and e-mail address. Deadline to enter the July contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

A photograph of you and your favorite stars will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at www.hometownlife.com.

"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

July winners will be treated to a limo ride, makeover and dance exhibition courtesy of Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Bloomfield Hills.

Other upcoming dining with stars includes: August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9) and September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

No purchase is necessary to enter. Buddy's Pizza will review all entries and select the top four "fan" letters. The star's featured for the month will make the final selection. Lunch and/or dinner date are to be determined with the winner and star by Buddy's representatives.

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Winner of the Dining with the Stars contest Canton resident Virginia Koch is joined by Channel 7 News anchors Diana and Glenda Lewis as they exit their limousine at Buddy's Pizza in Farmington Hills to have dinner.

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Hot as
grid-dle
at campBY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to football in June, they had a pretty hot time at Redford Union.

The annual Panther Football Camp, held June 14-15, drew 75 youngsters entering grades 5-12 in 2007-08.

With special instruction on stretching, speed and agility from Eric Newton of Xceleration Speed Training (also an RU assistant coach), campers received a pretty well-rounded learning experience.

All of that went against the backdrop of 80-degree heat and plenty of humidity.

"Camp went well again this year," said Redford Union varsity head football coach Miles Tomasaitis. "Although my uncanny ability to schedule things on the hottest days of the year held true yet again."

Tomasaitis said the camp was attended by "a mix of kids," with Colin Rankin taking part for a fifth consecutive year - the longest string among 2007 participants. Colin is entering seventh grade at Hilbert.

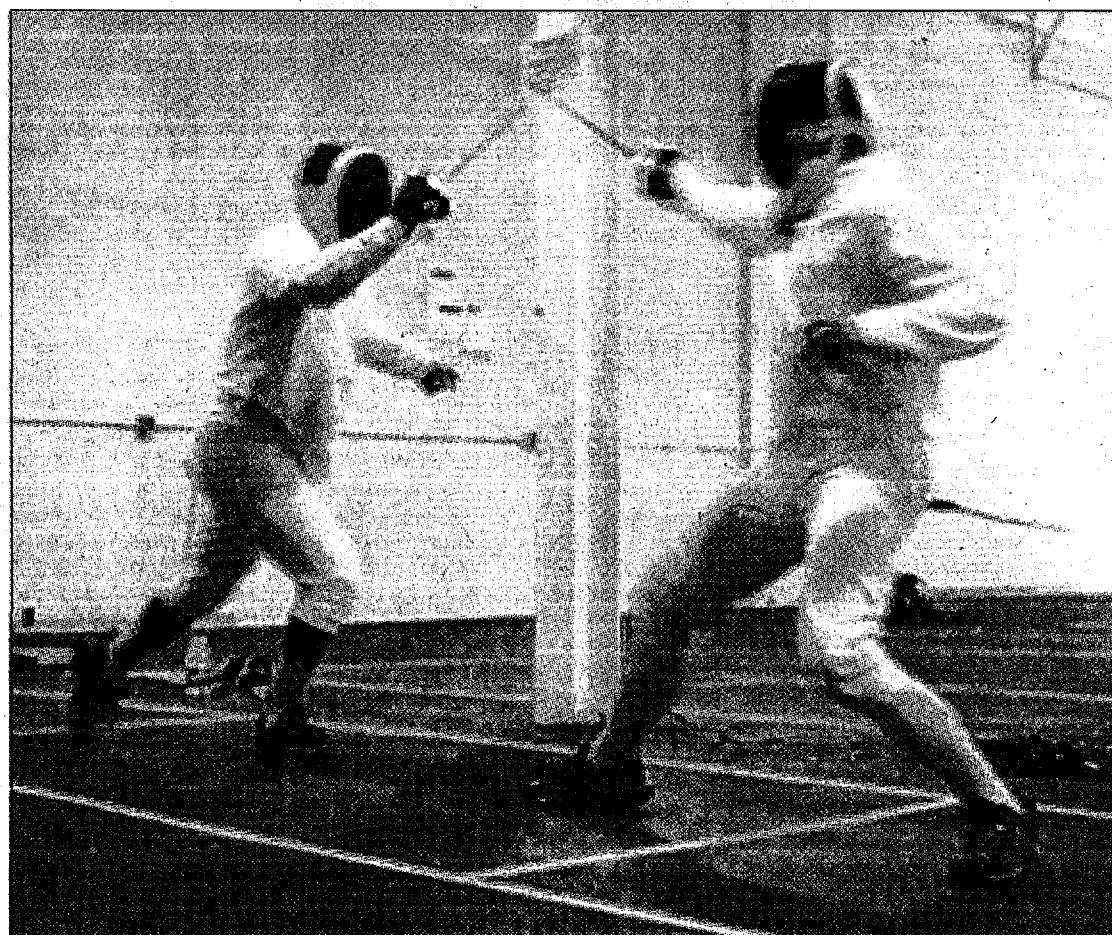
"The kids worked on new stretching techniques, learned new drills to enhance their speed and worked with resistance equipment," added Tomasaitis.

He emphasized that campers got quite a bargain for their fee of \$20 per day (or \$35 for two). "This (kind of) training usually is in the \$50 an hour range, so the kids got a good deal."

Meanwhile, Garden City's summer youth football camp took place Friday and Saturday.

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MILES TOMASAITIS, Redford Union varsity head football coach



Fencers square off in a duel recently at the Salle d'Etroit, a fencing facility located in the Amrhein Commerce Center in Livonia. The 6,600-square-foot building features a raised floor, pro shop and well-outfitted weight room.

Epee center
Fencers find oasis at Salle d'EtroitBY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There's been an ongoing fencing operation for over a year in an industrial corridor in Livonia.

But not to worry, it's all legal. Salle d'Etroit, southeast full-time sport fencing facility recently marked its one-year anniversary on June 6.

It's located in the Amrhein Commerce Center, located at 36745 Amrhein Road (between Newburgh and Levan). The 6,600 square foot facility features a raised floor, pro shop and a well outfitted weight room.

Salle d'Etroit is also home of the Underground Fencing

Organization (UFO), a U.S. Fencing Association member club which has been operating in the western Wayne County area since 2001.

If you've every wondered about the sport of fencing, it's most often described as chess at high speed. Fencing requires both physical and mental skills and can be undertaken at any age. One of the oldest sports practiced in the U.S., fencing is rooted in the art of dueling, though its blood-drawing days are long over. Modern fencing is one of the safest sports you can compete in.

There are three weapons used in fencing - foil, epee and sabre.

Fencers traditionally start

with foil and either stay with it, or progress into one of the other weapons. Foil is the most popular and a point weapon where opponents try to make contact against each other on the torso area to score a touch.

Epee differs in that the entire body is a valid target, making for a slower and more thoughtful bout.

Sabre is the fastest of the three, where the entire weapon can be used to score and the entire body is targeted.

If you are looking for something new to try and to get into shape, fencing may be the sport for you. It does not require a team or any prior experience.

Please see **FENCERS, B6**

Sidelines

Warner Miss Golf

Livonia Churchill junior Shannon Warner, two-time Division 1 state medalist, was named Miss Golf as well as being selected to the All-State Super Team by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.

Livonia Ladywood's Andrea Warzyniec, who tied for seventh in the Division 2 state tourney, also earned All-State honors as well. Teammate Kelly Thomas was named honorable mention All-State and All-Academic.

Ladywood coach Kelliann Nagy was named Division 2 Coach of the Year.

The Blazers' quintet of Warzyniec, Thomas, Erica Mazur, Rachael Fuller and Angela Jamrog were also Team All-State All-Academic.

Flames re-sign
Livonia's Moss

Livonia native David Moss (University of Michigan) signed a new contract Wednesday with the Calgary Flames of the National Hockey League.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The 6-foot-3, 203-pound forward, scored 10 goals and added eight assists in 41 games with the Flames. The former Detroit Catholic Central High grad appeared in all six playoff games against the Detroit Red Wings, recording one assist.

Velocity football
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Youth football players between the ages of 8 and 13 years old are invited to participate in a junior football conditioning camp at Velocity Sports Performance in Canton. The camp will run July 23-Aug. 3 (Mondays through Fridays) from 10-11 a.m. The cost of the camp is \$100 for a 10-session package or \$15 per single sessions (drop-in basis).

The goal of the camp is to prepare young players for their upcoming gridiron seasons. For more information, call (734) 485-2561 or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

All-Star Showcase

High school baseball players (in the 2007-2010 classes) are invited to sign up for the "Michigan All-Star Showcase," slated for Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3 near Grand Rapids at Fifth Third Ballpark, home of the Class A West Michigan Whitecaps.

For more information, call (616) 635-0010 or go to gvsulakers.com and go to baseball camps. There will be 12 Michigan colleges in attendance.

Canton youth
gains strength
from adversityBY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When life threw aspiring young pitcher Drew Cobb a curveball three years ago, he didn't bail out or back down one inch.

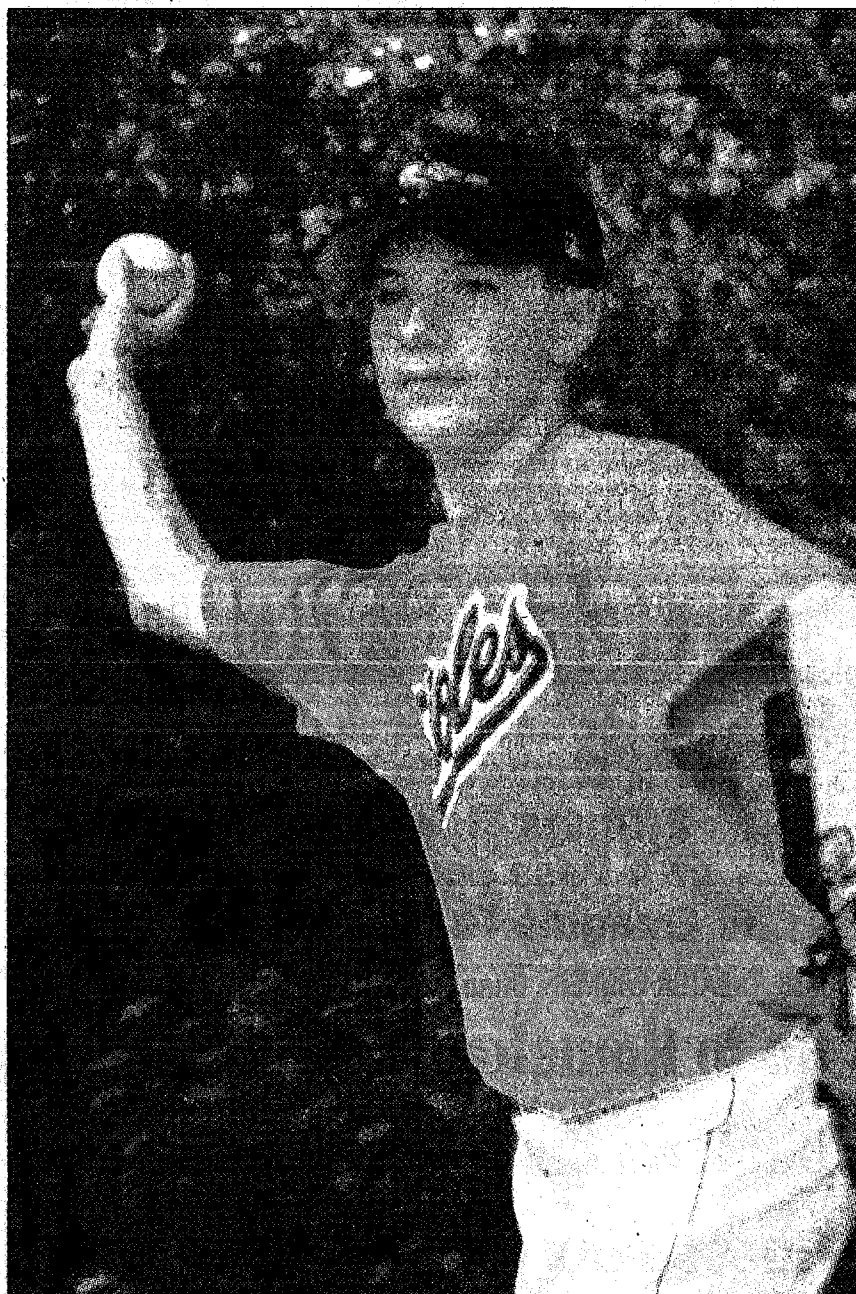
Instead, Cobb dug in, remained positive and displayed a level of perseverance that is seldom seen in a person so young.

On April 30, 2004, the then 9-year-old Canton resident slipped and fell close to 10 feet while playing on a piece of playground equipment at Griffin Park in Canton. The violent collision with the ground left the Canton Agape fourth-grader's right arm so severely injured that it was touch and go whether doctors would be able to save it.

"Right before I got hurt, I had started working on pitching with my dad because I wanted to try it that season (in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association)," Cobb said. "Then, after I got hurt, I thought, 'Well, this stinks.'"

"His right arm was like a trainwreck of broken bones," remembered Cobb's mom, Cassie. "Drew suffered from compartment syndrome, which occurs when someone has severe trauma in one location. When the arm swells from the injury, the muscles swell up and there's no place for them to go. It cuts off oxygen and blood, and causes nerve damage."

Please see **COBB, B6**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

After nearly losing his right arm following a serious injury in 2004, Drew Cobb is back playing baseball, basketball and playing the piano. The 12-year-old endured several painful surgeries and physical therapy sessions to regain most of his pre-injury abilities.

Redford Junior
Olympics on tap

Wednesday, July 11, is the date for the 49th Annual Junior Olympics, hosted by Redford Parks and Recreation and slated for Hilbert Middle School.

Hilbert is located at 26440 Puritan, a half-mile north of Five Mile and a half-mile west of Beech Daly in Redford Township.

Ages for the competition include Bantams (ages 6-U), Squirts (7-8), Pee Wees (9-10) and Midgets (11-12). Registration will begin 9 a.m. July 11, with events to start promptly at 10 a.m.

Field events (starting between 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.) include long jump, softball throw and high jump while dashes and relays will take place starting at noon and continuing until past 2:15 p.m. (when the final race is scheduled to begin). Ribbons will be awarded to those finishing in places 1-6 in each heat, in each running event.

Rules include the following: no starting blocks, no spikes, no organized clubs/teams, children must compete in their age group, parents must be present at all times.

New this year, there will be a live DJ on hand to entertain participants and spectators. Additional "fun" events are planned for during the day.

Redford residents can participate free of charge, but non-residents are also welcome (\$5, along with proper identification).

Families are urged to attend and cheer on the participants.

For more information, call Theresa Burgess of Redford Parks and Recreation, at (313) 387-2650.

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Local golfers fare well at Michigan Amateur

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

High school golf coach Harry Lomason turned tournament participant this past week at historic Red Run Golf Club in Royal Oak.

The 31-year-old Orchard Lake resident was one of 156 golfers who teed it up Tuesday in the first round of the 96th Michigan Amateur Championship held at the challenging par-72, 6,773-yard course located on Rochester Road.

Lomason successfully scaled the stroke play field to land one of the 64 available match-play positions. Although he dropped his first-round match in an extended 21-hole marathon, Lomason could relate to many of the trials and tribulations his male and female golfers at Bloomfield Hills Lahser endure during the high school season.

"What I try and tell my boys and girls is try to think about strategy and where to leave yourself on the course, especially at a place like this and on these types of greens where you want to be below the hole and putting up hill," said Lomason, who will just coach the Knight boys next season.

"It can get tough, so you can kind of relate if they played poorly or if they played good," he said. "You can get a feeling of what it's like for them to be out there playing in tournaments."

Lomason had a bittersweet feeling after banging around the Red Run course for three days in his second Michigan Amateur.

The 1994 Detroit Country Day graduate reached match play after firing consecutive four-over rounds of 76-76 for a 152 total after 36 holes of stroke play. He qualified into match play with the 54th-best score and was paired against veteran Lake Orion linker Brian Miller.

Lomason managed an early 2-up lead after six holes in



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Livonia resident Paul Kolton found his first trip into Michigan Amateur match play a memorable one Thursday as he faced good friend Greg Davies of West Bloomfield. Kolton came up short in his bid to knock off the defending Michigan Amateur champion, losing 1-up.

their match that started late Thursday morning, but Miller caught up and the players traded leads throughout the remaining 12 holes of regulation. Trailing by one, Miller won the par-4, 16th hole to even the match.

Each player parred the final two holes to force a playoff. They played even through the first two playoff holes, then

Miller managed the 21-hole triumph by paring the par-4, No. 3 hole while Lomason missed a potentially-tying par putt. It was Miller's first match play win in three attempts while Lomason's tournament run concluded after three days and 54 holes.

"I would like to have played better than the first match-play match, but I just couldn't

finish it off," said Lomason, who did not reach match play in his first Amateur last summer at Boyne Resorts.

"I had a couple of three-putts at 13 and 14 that cost me, but other than that I played well," he said. "I was really looking forward to this and I just had a couple hiccups there in the middle rounds. But, it was a lot of fun and I enjoyed the course."

OTHER LOCAL PLAYERS: All totaled, 14 golfers from the Observer & Eccentric's Oakland County coverage area qualified for match play.

Rochester's Dan Doyle, a Stoney Creek graduate who registered an Amateur highlight with a hole-in-one on Wednesday, was the lone area player to reach the semifinals. He was scheduled to play Steve Cuzzort of Grosse Ile on Saturday.

West Bloomfield's Greg Davies, the defending Amateur champion, won three matches and advanced to the quarterfinal round before being eliminated by Cuzzort in 20 holes. Anthony Sorrentino and Jeff Champine - both of Rochester Hills - and Steve McKalko of Troy won their two opening rounds of match play before elimination.

Brian Miller (Lake Orion) and Matt Malloure (Farmington Hills) were first-round match player winners, while Eberley Stonestreet (Auburn Hills), Justin Hull (Birmingham), Gene Gizzarelli (Bloomfield Hills), Stephen DeMare (West Bloomfield), Ken Hudson (Bloomfield Hills) and Chris Vozza (Bloomfield Hills) joined Lomason on the sidelines after the first round of match play.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's graduate Mike Ignasiak (1984) won two matches, defeating Vozza (1-up) and Miller (2 and 1). Ignasiak, a six-time match play participant who once advanced to the Elite Eight, lost in the third round to Tobin Dunigan (3 and 2) of Jackson.

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Rams put Hurtt on Detroit Eagles, 9-2

The Michigan Rams laid out the heavy lumber Wednesday with an 11-hit attack en route to a 9-2 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League victory over the Detroit Eagles at Ford Field.

Kyle Hurtt led the way going 2-for-4 with three RBI and a run scored as the 20-and-under Rams evened their LCBL record at 6-6-1.

Max Kelmigian added two hits and two

RBI, while Frank Persichino and Drew Churchward each added two hits and knocked in a run. Nick Urban went 2-for-2 in scored twice as the Rams tallied three runs in the second, two in the third and put it away with four in the seventh.

Winning pitcher Shane McCatty pitched six strong innings, allowing just one run on three hits and four walks. He fanned six.

Losing pitcher Keith Archer lasted 2.1 innings for the 22-under Eagles, who slipped to 0-12-1 overall in the LCBL. Archer gave up five runs on five hits. He walked three, hit two batters and struck out two.

Plymouth High grad Alex Harvey went 2-for-3 and scored a run for the Eagles. Livonia Franklin High grad Otis Young added a hit and scored a run.

Bucks deadlock Edge to keep streak intact

The 2006 North American champion Michigan Bucks matched their 12-year history unbeaten streak at 17 games with a 1-1 men's soccer tie Wednesday night with the host West Michigan Edge at Crestwood Middle School in Kentwood.

The Bucks are now 6-0-3 in the Central Conference's Great Lakes Division of the Premier Development League, while the Edge is 4-4-3.

The Edge jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the 37th minute on

Tom Oatley's goal off a nice feed from Jake Stacey.

Speedy Bucks winger Ty Shipalane (Lindsey Wilson, Ky.) was then taken down the penalty box and captain Mike Holody (Michigan) was awarded a penalty kick, which he buried in the 47th minute to knot the count at 1-1.

Both teams continued to battle throughout the second half with the Bucks nearly pulling off their usual late heroics. Kenny Uzoigwe, who has made a living by scoring

second-half goals the past two seasons, was thwarted in stoppage time when his shot rang off the post. The Bucks' leading scorer, Khelli Dube, then broke in on goal, but his high drive tipped over the bar as time expired.

Edge goalkeeper Chris Austin, a Livonia Franklin High grad, made four saves, while Bucks counterpart Steve Clark (Oakland University) had two stops.

The Bucks went after their team record 18 matches

without a loss Saturday night against the visiting Indiana Invaders as part of the 14th annual Saginaw 7-11 Soccer Classic.

Former Bucks coach Steve Burns, now the men's coach at the University of Michigan, along with ex-player Benji Djeukeng and former general manager and co-owner Jim Duggan (Livonia) were inducted in the Bucks Hall of Fame joining former Bucks players Paul Snape and Redford native Tino Sciculuna.

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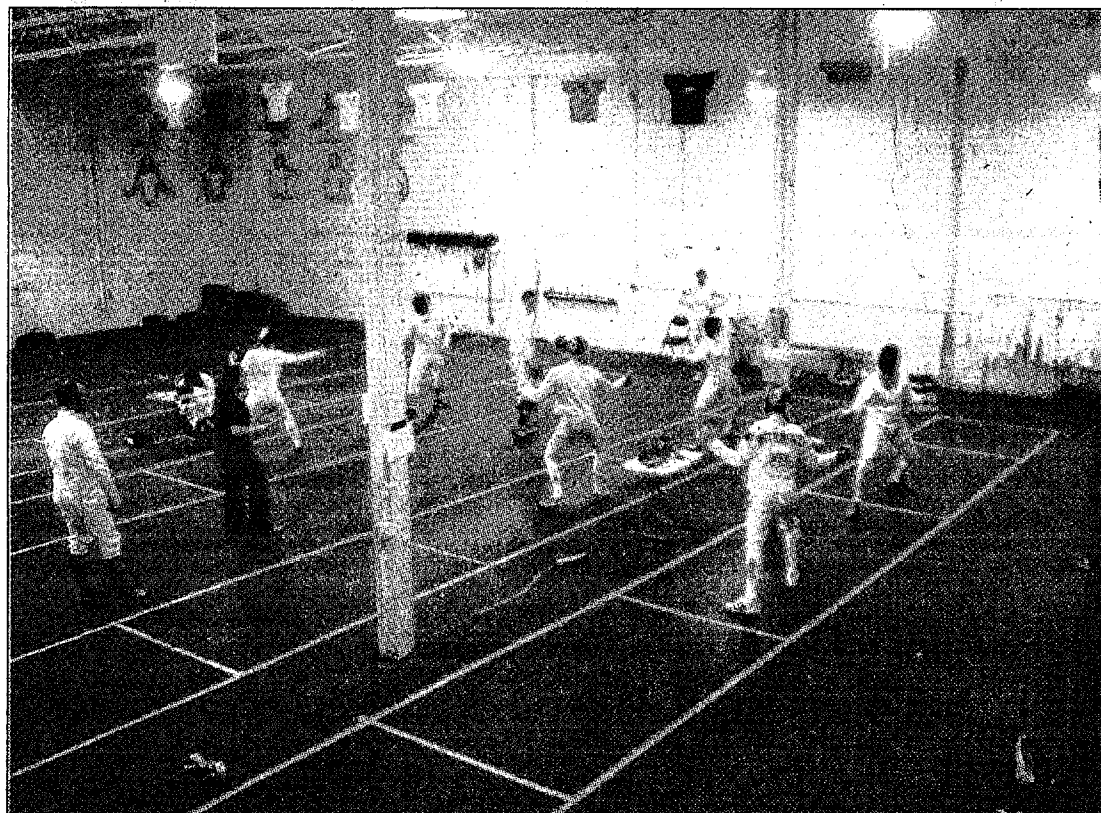
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FENCERS

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COBB

FROM PAGE B1

NO TIME TO WASTE

Cassie Cobb rushed her son to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti. Following a short stay there, he was transferred to the University of Michigan Hospital, where his serious condition was diagnosed by a heads-up resident doctor.

"Had the resident not realized Drew was suffering from compartment syndrome, things could have been a lot worse," said Cassie Cobb. "They told us that in a lot of cases, if it's not treated in 11 or 12 hours, you can lose the arm. We put our trust in the doctors and let them do what they needed to do."

The doctors rushed the 9-year-old into emergency surgery, during which they cut the injured arm open from the wrist past the elbow. The procedure allowed the muscles some room to swell outside the cramped confines of Cobb's damaged right arm.

"It was very scary at first because Drew had no feeling in his arm for a while, which is a symptom that the nerves are dying," said Cassie Cobb.

BUMMER OF A SUMMER

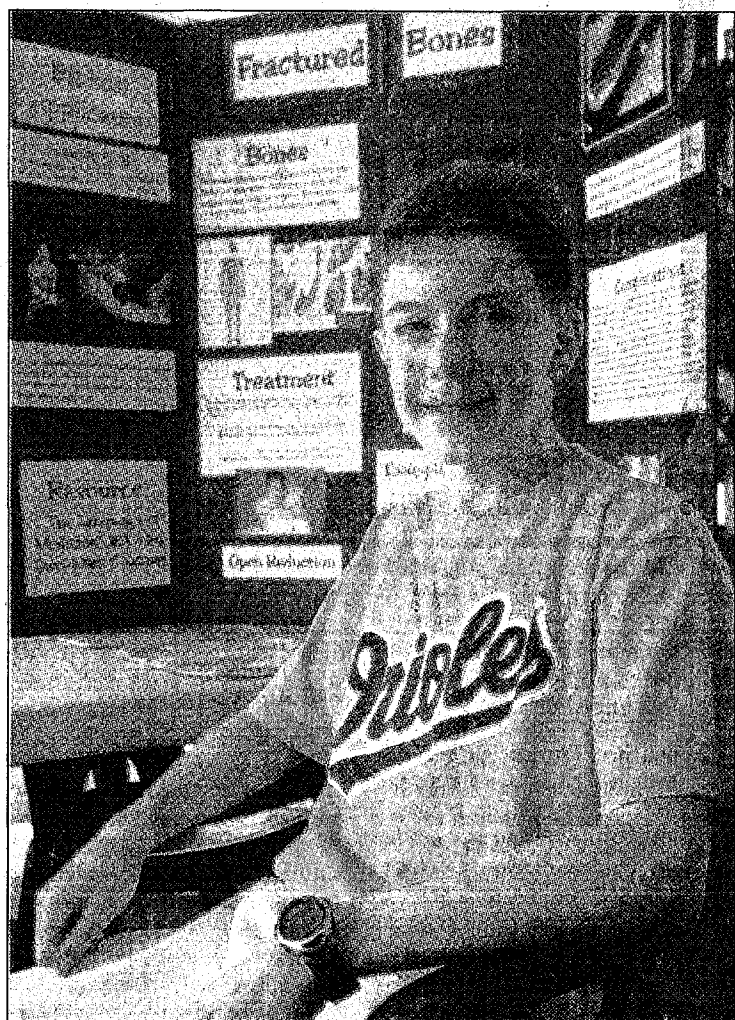
For the next three months, baseball was replaced by a series of surgeries and painstaking physical-therapy sessions, which Cobb endured with the courage of a superhero.

"It hurt even when we had to do something as simple as change the gauze on his scar," said Cassie Cobb. "It's never easy to see your child suffer like that. Drew was amazing, though. We'd remind him that if he was going to reach his goal of getting better, he'd have to work hard at the physical therapy, and he'd smile and nod."

"I had to go to physical therapy twice a week for two months," said Drew. "It was boring and it was hard, but I knew it was something I needed to do to get better."

The combination of hard work, perseverance and faith paid off for Cobb later that summer when he began regaining use of his arm.

"They told us that if his arm wasn't permanently damaged, it would start coming around 12 or 13 weeks after the injury and that's about how long it



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Drew Cobb sits in front of a science project he completed that explains the serious arm injury he suffered three years ago. Cobb, a student at Canton Agape, received an "A" for his effort.

was when we started noticing improvement in Drew," said Cassie Cobb. "The injury and the recovery shaped Drew's character into a stronger person. When you have to work harder at everything, it will definitely grow your character."

INSPIRING RETURN

By the following spring, Cobb was ready, able and more than willing to make his return to the baseball diamond.

"I was a little rusty because I hadn't played in so long, but it felt good to be able to get back out there," he said. "I had some issues with the longer throws because my arm hadn't fully recovered yet, but I could get the ball over to first from just about anywhere on the infield."

"It was awesome when he started playing baseball again because we didn't know what to expect," said Cassie Cobb. "But he had a great group of coaches — they were the same ones he had had since he started playing — and they were a great help. They let him do whatever he

was capable of doing."

OUTSTANDING ORIOLE

Drew Cobb is currently thriving as a second baseman for the GCYSBA's 12-and-under Orioles squad, which was in fourth place in its division as of Friday afternoon.

"Our family's motto even before Drew's injury was, 'Have faith, work hard and never give up,' and he definitely followed that," said Cassie Cobb.

Cobb's recovery has amazed doctors, Cassie Cobb said. He still has troubles with some fine motor skills in the wake of the injury, but that doesn't keep him from competing in baseball and basketball, and from playing the piano.

Unfortunately, Cobb has not realized his dream of being able to pitch due to the severity of the injury.

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List what makes you so great

All of my friends are usually outgoing, but when they socialize with other people in class, I just hang back and watch. What can I do to put a burst in my confidence and be more outgoing? **Boring and Left Out in Garden City**

It sounds like you're feeling insecure when your friends socialize with other people besides yourself. When your friends talk to other people, you might be feeling threatened. This

may be coming from a core feeling that you're not good enough in some way. Are you afraid your friends won't be your friends anymore if they start socializing with others too much? This is



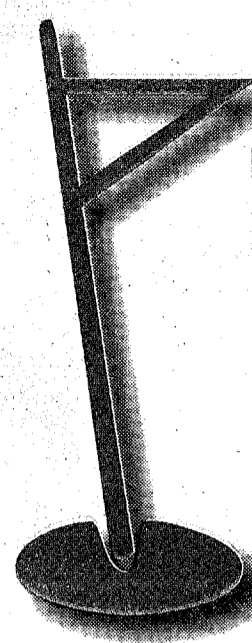
Monica Fulton

very common ... but not always right. To give yourself a shot of confidence, make a list of all the great things about you ... what makes you a good friend, a responsible daughter, a helpful sister? What are you good at ... sports? School? Drama? Then, turn this list into a daily meditation ... something that you can read to yourself every morning that reminds you of all your good qualities. The next part is a little more difficult. Make a list of all the things you're interested in or like to talk about. Jot down some bits of information that you already know about each of the things on this list and some questions you'd like to get answers on. The next time your friends are socializing with a group of people, sit down next to your friends and listen. One of the subjects you're interested in might come up and give you the chance to pipe in and add some information or ask a question. But, if you find that the people your friends are socializing with don't really have anything in common with you, it might be time to branch out and find another group of people that share your interests.

What should I do when my girlfriend and one of my other friends get into a fight? I want to side with my girlfriend, but I want to keep my other friend and not lose her. **Angry but Confused in Garden City**

First, it's important not to take sides unless you really know all the facts. The problem with this is, there are usually two sets of "facts" in every argument. I tell people that there are three realities in life ... mine, yours, and The Truth. What I mean is this ... The Truth usually lies somewhere between the way I see it and the way you see it. So, taking sides with either one probably isn't a good idea. One of them will be angry with you no matter what. Here's the deal, you need to tell these two that the fight is theirs and not yours. Make it clear to them that you're staying out of it and that you're not taking sides. Your girlfriend needs to hear that you will remain friends with your friend. Your friend needs to hear that you will continue to date your

Please see **FULTON, C3**



Fore kids



Dylan (left) and Marki Tillotson, their father, Ken Grifka, mother Daena Grifka, and sister Paula Tillotson are working together as a family to host a golf outing to benefit Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

Golf outing to raise money for foster program

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

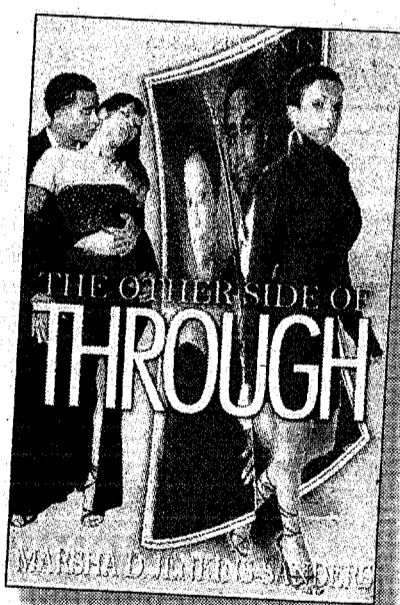
Other families can't quite compare when it comes to the loving camaraderie in the Grifka-Tillotson home, at least in the eyes of 17-year-old Marki Tillotson. Two seconds later, the 17-year-old Livonia girl is asking her parents, "Do you think I'll get more allowance" for that comment? All kidding aside, Marki and her sister, Paula, and brother, Dylan, are grateful for the second chance Ken and Daena Grifka gave the three Tillotson teens by fostering them adopting them last June.

Please see **GOLF OUTING, C2**



John McCurdy takes a swing at last year's Uniting Families Golf Scramble to raise funds for the foster program at Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

Author's first novel reveals steamy side of Hollywood



Marsha Jenkins-Sanders' new novel exposes the scandalous side of the Hollywood entertainment industry.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Marsha Jenkins-Sanders prayed her first novel would not only entertain readers, but help them learn from her failed marriage to rhythm and blues singer Keith Washington. Although she has changed the names, the story remains true to life in *The Other Side of Through*, published by Strebtor Books International (an imprint of Simon and Schuster) this spring.

Fourteen years after tying the knot with Washington, Jenkins-Sanders would leave the glamour of Hollywood behind and return to her father's home in Westland. Hollywood hasn't forgotten her though. *Sister 2 Sister*, a Hollywood entertainment industry magazine, reviewed the new novel in its July 2007 issue.

"I received an e-mail from an Atlanta man thanking me for the book. After

23 years in a relationship, he said he learned how to treat a woman," said Jenkins-Sanders, who returned home Monday from a three-day book signing in Virginia.

Jenkins-Sanders admits she was ill-prepared for Hollywood and fame when she met Washington during a Peabo Bryson concert. "He was way too short and pretty for my taste," she said, but that evening he sang a song for her over the phone and "that was it." Two years of dating followed until Jenkins-Sanders refused to live with Washington outside the institution of marriage. Before long, they took their vows.

"I built a home studio in our condominium," said Jenkins-Sanders, who had been promoted to management from a position as a flight attendant. "11 p.m. one night I awoke to music Keith had written. It was the most beautiful thing he'd ever written. He said why don't you try writing the lyrics? The end

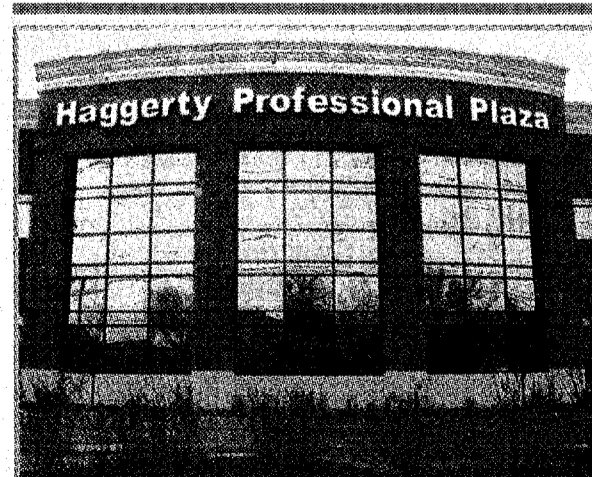
result was *Kissing You*."

Washington was nominated for a Grammy and received the Soul Train Music Award for Best R&B Single for *Kissing You*. Jenkins-Sanders received the ASCAP music publishing and writer award for Song of the Year. For six months, it was used as background music on the afternoon soap, *General Hospital*.

"This was Keith's introduction to Hollywood and a record deal. Our relationship changed. Infidelity is big in the music industry. I had women showing up at my door, calling, sending me notes that we have to talk," said Jenkins-Sanders, 52. "I finally made the decision to leave in '92, '93, but didn't leave until 1995 because I didn't want to lose all the trappings of Hollywood and my friends."

Jenkins-Sanders finally walked out on Washington after realizing she was

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losing herself. "I had become cynical and mean. I left and came back poor. We became legally separated in 1999. In 2001 I divorced him," she said. "In 1995 when I left, I hated him and started journaling my bitter thoughts. Gradually I started to heal and saw the makings of a novel. It's not male-bashing. I wanted to tell a story that there's life after a breakup, life after a divorce. Katlyn (the character named after her in the book) finds herself. By the time I'd finished the book, I didn't hate him anymore."

Almost weekly, Jenkins-Sanders is asked to speak to groups at churches and book clubs about the novel. She is constantly being contacted by fans of the book as well.

One woman was ready to leap from a window ledge after a relationship soured. Jenkins-Sanders counseled her.

"I asked where did it go wrong with you? What's the life lesson? Don't focus on what he's done. I had to fix Marsha," Jenkins-Sanders said. "God puts speed bumps through your journey. Through is a place of peace, contentment, fulfillment you reach. The other side of through is

where you are now. It's an arrival. The journey is not easy. The journey starts back in childhood."

Jenkins-Sanders was only 9 when her mother, a nurse at Wayne County General Hospital, died from a heart attack at age 32. The young girl was thrust into taking care of her father and three brothers, the oldest of whom was 10, the youngest only 6 months old.

"I missed doing all of the things teenagers do. Dad had to work," said Jenkins-Sanders, who managed to not only graduate with honors from high school, but be crowned first runner-up in the Miss Westland pageant.

Afterward, she studied nursing at Michigan State University for a year before transferring to the nuclear medicine program at the University of Michigan. For a short time, Jenkins-Sanders worked as a technician in a hospital, but left for a position in medical sales and management.

From there, she became a flight attendant before marrying Washington.

Today, Jenkins-Sanders writes books when not caring for her 83-year-old father and her two step-children. Book two, *Jealousy: A Strange Company Keeper*, is due out in fall 2008. Book three, *God's*

Loudest Whisper, is in the works, as is book four, a sequel to *The Other Side of Through*. Jenkins-Sanders has also promised one of her young step-sons that she would write him a children's book about taunting, bullying and self-esteem.

When she isn't putting pen to paper Jenkins-Sanders is recruiting students for the Inkster Vocational Academy, an alternative education program for dropouts ages 16-19. She works one-on-one with kids, encouraging them to return to school to earn diplomas or GEDs.

"During my failing marriage, God became paramount in my life," said Jenkins-Sanders, who joined a Bible study group in Hollywood. Her maternal grandfather was a pastor in Inkster. "I never forgot the seeds that had been planted (during childhood)."

"I didn't know who I was and lost myself in who I made myself to be for him (Washington). I went through a spiritual rebirth. I was a chameleon. Whatever it took to make someone smile or be what they wanted me to be, everyone else came first."

For more information or to order *The Other Side of Through*, visit www.marshajanders.com.

GOLF OUTING
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But enough about them, the Grifka-Tillotson family is more interested in talking about a golf outing to raise money for the foster care program of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, the nonprofit organization that brought them together.

Paula, 18, and Ken came up with the idea for the event last year. The second annual Uniting Families Golf Scramble takes place Saturday, July 14, at Fox Creek Golf Course, 36000 Seven Mile, Livonia. Tee time is 8 a.m.

"We had a bad life and miraculously made it, but we felt we were getting way too much attention considering there were so many kids out there not being as lucky," said Paula Tillotson, who graduated June 8 from Stevenson High School.

Paula wanted other children to have the same opportunity as the Tillotsons for a future. Until the Grifkas began fostering them in September 2004, Paula and Marki were living in a Detroit shelter, Dylan in a different shelter.

Three years later, Paula is preparing to enter the pre-med program at Wayne State University in hopes of becoming an emergency room physician.

"It's the type of normality this gives you," Paula said. "We wouldn't be able to have a regular teen life with curfews and chores."

"Before we worried about paying bills and if we were going to have food," Marki added.

The Grifkas gave Dylan, 16, the opportunity to keep playing clarinet. He joined the school band in fifth grade, but had to quit in seventh grade when he couldn't afford to rent a clarinet.

Today he owns two clarinets, takes private lessons, marches in the Stevenson High School band and looks forward to joining the school's symphonic band in fall.

In the meantime, he's excited about landing his first job. He works at McDonald's with Marki. Paula works at Cold Stone Creamery in

Farmington. The ice cream store holds special memories for Paula. It was the first place the family went on their first night together.

The Tillotson teens enjoy doing activities as a family, but also one-on-one with their parents. Marki found a new interest since moving to the Grifka home. She trains and competes in agility with Kess, one of the family's two Australian shepherds. Daena competes with Cayenne, making it a mother-daughter activity, one relationship Daena would have missed out on if she hadn't considered fostering then adopting the teens.

Daena was adamant about not fostering a child over age 5 when she first contacted Lutheran Social Services. Then she received a call from the Holmes Middle School vice principal about fostering Dylan, a student. The Grifkas had previously fostered another Holmes student.

"I love the family we have. I obviously didn't know what I wanted," said Daena Grifka, a special education teacher in Garden City. "When Ken and I got married, we weren't going to have no dogs, no kid. Then I turned 40 and said I want to have a baby."

Instead, the Grifkas got a dog then another dog to keep that dog company. Still longing for a baby, Daena suggested fostering so the couple would have a better chance of adopting a baby.

"The vice principal said we've got these three kids," said Daena, 46. "They're still in shelters. Dylan wasn't in Livonia schools, but the girls were. The girls somebody would take them, but not Dylan. I contacted Lutheran Social Services and all within a matter of days we thought we would take the girls temporarily because our home wasn't large enough. Within 24 hours, the staff at Holmes had two twin beds delivered to our home."

Before long, Dylan would join his sisters at the Grifkas.

"There were too many things falling into place for me to say God didn't have a hand in this," Daena said. "Their father died and the foster home that was going to be licensed was 10 houses away. We let the kids

make the decision of whether to stay with us."

Ken is grateful to Lutheran Social Services for coordinating the fostering and adoption. He's hoping golfers turn out for the outing that raised \$2,800 last year.

"Lutheran Social Services helped Daena and I build our family," said Ken, 45, who's employed by Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn. "I've probably had as much growing to do as the kids. I was not experienced with kids. It's kind of fun and scary when you skip the young part and go to the scary teens."

John DeVivo, director of foster care and licensing for Lutheran Social Services offices in Flint, Saginaw, Ann Arbor, and Jackson, is just as appreciative of the Grifka-Tillotson family. Last year as this year, the money will be used to recruit and train foster parents, and provide ongoing parenting classes for biological parents to reunite the family whenever possible.

Lutheran Social Services is always looking to recruit foster parents in the state. DeVivo said prospective applicants should have a stable income and household, be over age 21, love children, be able to provide a house that is safe and secure with lots of opportunity for play as well as study, and should have a willingness to interact with the biological parents because the goal is to reunify whenever possible. For more information, visit www.lssm.org or call (877) 971-5776.

"They've been a wonderful family from the start," DeVivo said. "The money they raised last year was used for Flint and Saginaw foster care regions which are much newer. We just opened a region in Saginaw two months ago to help support the Flint program, which was opened around two years ago. It's exciting to be in these communities that are very challenged and have a lot of needs."

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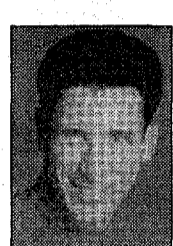
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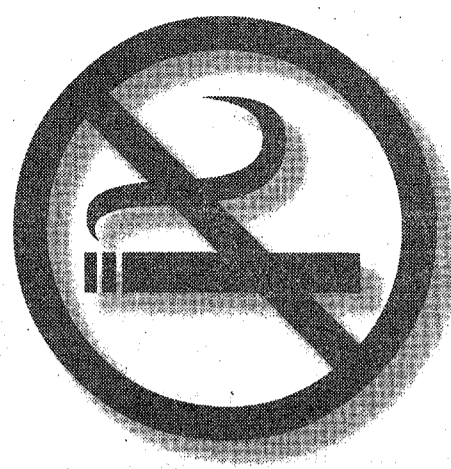


Peter's Principles

Peter Nielsen Jennifer from Farmington Hills is dieting to lose weight, but she heard it could be bad for her bones.

Jennifer, that is a possibility. A new study found cutting calories alone could lead to bone loss. Researchers compared 2 groups of people. One group dieted to lose weight while the other exercised. While both groups lost about the same amount of weight, the dieting group also lost 2 percent of their bone density. The exercisers showed no bone density loss. Cardiovascular exercise and strength training increases the mechanical stress on the skeleton and that stimulates production of new bone. So don't just diet alone! You need exercise as well!

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Hospitals go smoke-free

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Ken Antczak realizes how difficult it is to quit smoking, so he gladly volunteered for the committee to make the transition to a smoke-free environment at St. Mary Mercy Hospital easier. The Michigan Health & Hospital Association has issued an advisory for hospitals to ban smoking by Jan. 1, 2008. As of July 7, smoking will not be allowed inside or outside St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Although Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills has been smoke-free inside the building since the late 1980s, the new policy expands the no-smoking zone to exterior grounds. St. Mary Mercy and Botsford are just two of the area hospitals preparing to clear the air in the next several months. Garden City, Providence and Beaumont's Royal Oak and Troy hospitals' no-smoking policy takes effect July 1, Crittenton Hospital in Rochester July 9.

For the last 16 months, a group of employees, smokers and nonsmokers has been talking about the changes at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

In addition to posting no-smoking signs and offering cessation programs to employees at no cost, the hospital is hosting a Clear the Air fair

Clearing the air



Garden City Hospital transportation assistants Dave Fenech (left), Bill Leach, Roy Richardson III and Matt Kasprzyk quit smoking as a department.

12:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, in the south lobby at 36475 Five Mile in Livonia. Representatives of the American Lung Association, Wayne County Health Department and pharmaceutical companies will be available with information on nicotine replacement therapy. For details, visit www.stmarymercy.org.

"There will be no smoking in cars, outside the front door. Our intent is to create a clean air environment for patients and their families as well as our associates and physicians," said Antczak, vice president of human resources at St. Mary Mercy. Antczak quit 15 years ago after smoking for 25 years. "I'm a reformed smoker. Smoking is the most addictive substance there is. I will be honest, there are days standing downwind from a smoker, it's difficult. Every

day is a new adventure to make sure you don't smoke. So far we've had two lunch and learns for associates around tobacco free and the type of products for those who want to quit. We offer a number of community programs for individuals who want to quit."

Twenty-two-year-old Roy Richardson III took oral medication to kick the habit in time for the start of Garden City Hospital's ban. Employees have been offered quit smoking products at a discount since they will not be allowed to smoke during their shift.

"We decided as a group to quit smoking, the whole department," Richardson said. "It really did help. We kind of turned it into a competition to see who could make it the longest. Three of us took medication.

The other quit cold turkey."

Terri Stupyra and the rest of the tobacco-free task force took the extra step to prevent employees from smoking during Garden City Hospital shifts, although the ban doesn't call for it.

"We took away ashtrays in areas slowly, purchased new garbage cans without ashtrays on top. We feel it's important you don't smell like smoke when caring for a patient in this setting," said Stupyra, a nursing coordinator. Stupyra was a longtime smoker who quit in February. "We feel this should be one place that doesn't allow smoking."

Dr. Ayman Soubani commends the advisory to ban smoking in hospitals. As a pulmonary specialist,

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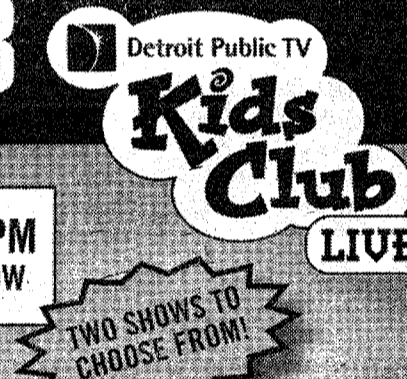
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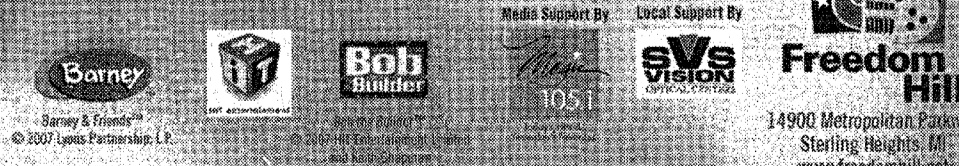
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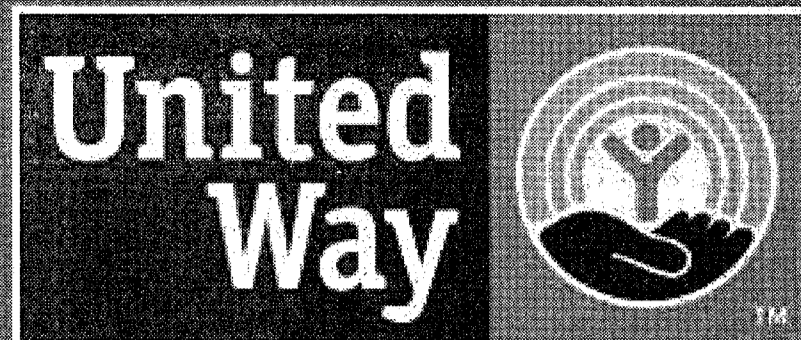
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These business people focus on customer satisfaction

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

If you work for a living, or own your own business, chances are you've dealt with an irate customer or two. Business people in the know agree that good customer service goes a long way in keeping the customer satisfied.

"Not a lot of them, really," Kate Rosevear, owner of Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Plymouth, said of unhappy customers. "Most of the folks in our area, they're reasonable consumers."

Rosevear, a Plymouth Township resident, finds starting out with topnotch service is the best way to head off problems.

"I think it starts out with a friendly greeting, a smile and willingness to help," she said. Listening and asking appropriate questions is essential, "trying to match their wants

Rosevear noted it's vital to address difficult situations promptly "and get them resolved as quickly as possible." She's been impressed with customer service through the years at Gould's Cleaners in Plymouth, and likes their "We can do that" attitude.

and needs with what's available in the marketplace."

She recommends business people follow up and call back customers. "Following up after the purchase, it's an educational process," the business owner said. She asks travelers if they had a good time on their trip.

Terry Laginess of Canton owns Laginess Insurance Agency Inc. of Plymouth, working with his daughter. "It's just whatever comes from

doing the best job you can every time," he said of customer service. Laginess has dealt with infrequent irate customers.

"I think probably everyone does," he said, noting a good sense of humor helps. "Treat people the way you yourself want to be treated."

Laginess remembers learning to get along with his brothers and sisters growing up in a large family. "Most of us learn that at an early age," he said of treating others well.

Laginess, as a consumer, notices when he walks into a bank the friendliness of the teller "reflects the attitude of the company as a whole." He appreciates staffers who are friendly, outgoing and helpful.

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Gerry Sabatini of Plymouth's a financial analyst for Ford Motor Co., and has seen some customer service standards decline.

"There doesn't seem to be an appreciation of the customer,"

he said. Sometimes, when making a purchase, Sabatini finds himself saying "thank you" when the clerk or store owner should be doing so.

"Anyone who's working for the company is representing their company," Sabatini added. "I think people forget that when they're working

with a customer.

"Sometimes, you get good service, sometimes you don't, depending on the staffer reached. It's not consistent. You would like to have consistent service."

"The customer is always right' is still true today," Sabatini concluded.

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This position is responsible for overseeing, growing and managing a number of banking products and services including investment and insurance sales, business account activities, and other ancillary banking products. This will involve developing and maintaining retail sales and business services programs for current and potential memberships; monitoring the development of business partner relationships and acting as a liaison for expansion of service usage and membership growth; generating commercial accounts and loans. This position will also be responsible for designing a yearly written business plan, documenting annual goals, and tracking market penetration.

The ideal candidate will possess a bachelor's degree and three to five years of banking sales experience. Excellent verbal communications skills and customer service skills are critical to this position. This person must be creative, self-motivated, and able to work independently without direct supervision. Must be able to work outside of normal business hours if needed.

Salary range: \$48,000 - \$68,000/year

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Help Wanted-General 5000

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FORD LIVONIA
Northwood University is seeking a Program Center Manager for the non-traditional program for the Ford Livonia and Van Dyke plants. Manager will be responsible for day-to-day center activities for our students from arrival to graduation. Manager will be required to meet annual enrollment and budget goals; insure a high level of student satisfaction; measure results against established plans; focus on student recruitment and admissions. Requires: multi-tasked individual who is highly organized with demonstrated written and verbal skills; Bachelor's degree; sales experience; travel. Prefer experience with non-traditional educational programs. Send cover letter and resume to hr@northwood.edu subject line: PCMF or Northwood University, Human Resources-PCMF, 4000 Whitcomb Dr., Midland, MI 48640. EOE

RECEPTIONIST

Fantastic Sams. Day shift 30-35 hrs /week \$7.50 /hr. Plymouth: 248-798-6598

RECEPTIONIST

W/exp, needed for busy Farmington Hills salon. Must be computer savvy, outgoing, multi-tasker, team-oriented, & willing to work evenings and Sats. Email: studioforhair@salonbudi.com www.thestudioforhair.com

RETAIL HELP

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Is seeking Cashiers and Deli Sales Clerk candidates. Become a part of a fast growing super-market retailer! We provide top-notch service to our guests. Experience preferred but not necessary. To learn more about Busch's and apply online visit our website at www.buschs.com or at one of our store locations.

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SALES HELP WANTED

LP, Gas distributor seeks motivated, self starter for outside sales position. Some exp. preferred. Send resume to jobs@propaneservices.net or fax 313-292-5950

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NEW SALON IN WESTLAND BELLA MENTE
Looking for Massage Therapists & Hair Stylists. Any other Salon service providers, please call for more details. Low Booth or commissions avail. 734-293-5159; 8060 Merriman Rd

Help Wanted-General 5000

SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
Lincare, leading national respiratory company seeks caring Service Representative. Service patients in their home for oxygen and equipment needs. Warm personalities, age 21+, who can lift up to 120lbs should be available. Growth opportunities are excellent. Fax resume to Attn: Kris Radke 734-459-2519 Drug-free workplace EOE

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Experienced ONLY. Must not be afraid of heights. Courtney, 248-579-3348

SHIPPING ASSISTANT

With exc driving record. Heavy lifting, packing parts, banding crates, preparing shipments, loading & unloading, delivery & pickup. Apply at Livonia 13017 Newburgh, Lyon MI

SPRING MAKER-Exp'd

Fulltime position. Benefits. Part time also avail. Call 313-580-1407

SUMMER WORK

\$14.25 base/appt. Immediate openings this wk. Customer Service/Sales, conditions apply. Must be 17- (248) 426-4405 Visit: workforstudents.com

TEACHER/ART (part-time)

Independent 6-12 school seeks instructor for art history, drawing, painting, 3D art to start in fall, 2007. Degree required, experience preferred. Submit cover letter and resume to adamsapps@yahoo.com (subject: Art) or fax to 248-642-8619 by 7/2/07

TEACHERS

Lower, upper Elementary teachers & Middle school teacher with strong math background. Experienced Lead Daycare teacher for ages 1-3 yrs. old. Fax resume to Crescent Academy Int'l in Canton, 734-729-1004

TELEMARKETERS

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TOOL & DIE MAKER

Tier One Metal Stamper requires a tool & die maker for the afternoon shift. Candidates must possess journeyman certification and be capable of progressive die maintenance, repair & in-process trouble shooting. Mail Resumes to: HR Dept 15050 Keel St. Plymouth, MI 48170

TREE SERVICE

looking to hire experienced Tree Climbers, Ground Crew & CDL Drivers. 248-352-0263

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No lawn, Super dependable, great work ethic, strong arms, physically fit, good driving record, chauffeurs lic. or 9c. Seasonal, hot weather, 9-13 hrs/day. Call 248-476-3483

VALET MANAGER

Needed for prestigious five-star Downtown Detroit location. Must have 2 years of Valet Managerial experience. Excellent customer service & communication skills required. Salary plus benefits. Fax resume to 313-963-4469

VETERINARY ASSISTANT/TECHNICIAN

Exp preferred but not req. Dependable & flexible. Part/Full-Time. Fax resumes 734-326-3234 or mail: 37697 Ford, Westland, MI 48185

WAREHOUSE

Mechanically inclined (hands on) individual to work in production type plumbing & electrical warehouse environment in Livonia, MI. F-8, 5p. Benefits & 401K program. Please send resume to: 734-744-2071

WAREHOUSE/TRUCK DRIVER

Alsido, a manufacturer and distributor of exterior building products, has an immediate opening for a Warehouse Worker/ Delivery Driver. Responsibilities include warehousing and material handling, loading and unloading trucks (includes lifting in excess of 100 lbs.), and delivery, loading customer orders, processing returns, and unloading trucks. Candidates must have a B CDL License, high school diploma, and minimum two years of warehouse/driving experience. We offer a complete compensation package with pension plan. Please fax resume to Alsido, Attention: Operations Manager 734-467-1907

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

ACCOUNTING

National Developer / Property Management Co. offers opportunities to join team in Livonia. We offer competitive pay, health insurance, 401k, paid vacations and holidays, & exc. growth potential! Construction/ Property Mgmt accounting exp. a plus.

ACCOUNTANT:

Job Costing, General Ledger, Word & Excel experience along with strong analytical abilities required.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

A/P processing & payments, generating purchase orders, & overall office/accounting assistance; 2 yrs exp. required.

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

Accounting Clerk
Bloomfield Hills law firm seeking organized, reliable and detail oriented candidate to perform client billings, invoice and payment tracking and related summaries and duties, as well as serve as support for Accounting Manager working with accounts payable, receivable and payroll. Must have minimum of Associates Degree in accounting and/or business related course of study and at least two years of full-time experience in an accounting position. Please send resume to: Davids Mary Mulcahy & Sadler PLC 39533 Woodward Ave. #200, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Attention LER

Accounts Payable Clerk Part-Time

Property Management Co. located in West Bloomfield seeks a part-time Entry Level Accounts Payable Clerk. Duties include organizing and entering utility bills into a paperless invoicing system. Knowledge in MS Excel is a must. This position will pay approximately \$13/hr. (20-24 hours per week) with no benefits. Please email resumes to: resumes@singmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Thriving Troy law firm seeks full-time assistant to Partner in charge of marketing. Duties include handling telephone calls, scheduling appointments, compiling reports, coordinating meetings, preparing marketing materials and additional support as needed. Excellent people skills as well as communication, organizational & computer skills required. Competitive salary and benefits. Fax resume to: 248-641-7073 or email to: mwellington@rmlmaw.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Male or female. Degree required. Neat appearance, with superb written & oral communication skills, and knowledge of basic computer. Fax resume to: 248-553-5840

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ASSISTANT

Small office in Livonia. Good telephone presence, basic computer skills & ability to multi-task necessary. Please fax resume 734-425-0809

BOOKKEEPER/PAYROLL

Exp with Pro-series, Excel & QuickBooks. CPA office exp a plus. Please send resume to Human Resources 25201 Michigan Ave, Dearborn 48124

BOOKKEEPER/SECRETARY

General office bookkeeper. Accounts payable/receivable, QuickBooks. Property Mgmt. Southfield. (248) 352-2550

CAR BILLER

Exc. pay and benefits. Exp. required. Send resume to Varsity Lincoln Mercury Inc., P.O. Box 633, Novi, MI 48376-0633 Attn: Kevin

CLERICAL

Plaintiff Personal Injury Law Firm. Duties: claim processing, reviewing files, submitting claims on-line. Good computer skills a must. Prior office experience helpful. Fax resume: (248) 552-8575

DATA ENTRY/GENERAL OFFICE

Multiple Store Fast Food Operator in Troy, MI. Accounts Payable & Payroll. Full-time benefits & 401K. Fax: 248-528-1549 Email: micolaci@mtlking.com

DISPATCH/CUSTOMER SERVICE

Good computer & phone skills. 2 weeks of training-2pm to 8pm. Then 4 to 5 hour shifts between the hours of 12pm & 9pm. Performance Personnel (248)968-9040 For Full-Time Results

LEGAL SECRETARY

For small law firm. Multi-tasking at answering phones, typing dictation, depositions & scheduling apps. Must be computer literate & type 60 wpm. Send resume: Paskel, Tashman & Walker, P.C., 24472 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield, MI 48075 Attn Sherri

LEGAL ASSISTANT

Personal injury. W. Bloomfield law office, exp., P/T. Non-smoking. Resume legritt@att.net

LEGAL SECRETARY

Exp preferred but willing to train the right individual. Position includes drafting legal documents, complaints, motions & discovery. Salary commensurate with exp. Benefits avail. Fax resumes Attn: Chris (734) 261-4737

OFFICE

Busy real estate agent looking for upbeat, organized person to help with office work 20-30 hr/wk. Knowledge of real estate business helpful but will train right person. Apply in person at Remax Prestige, 25050 Ford Rd, Dbn Hgts. No phone calls please.

OFFICE CLERK/ COLLECTION SPECIALIST

Fulltime for auto dealer in Troy. Phone & computer skills required. Call 734-946-0011 or fax 734-946-0084 Attn: Eugene

Help Wanted-Office Clerical 5020

PARALEGAL
Position open in boutique Birmingham law firm. Suitable candidates will be upbeat, hard-working, dependable, organized, detail-oriented and quick learners. Candidates must have proven computer skills including experience with Word, WordPerfect, Excel, Outlook, Internet Explorer and other computerized litigation software. Other qualifications and duties include strong written and verbal skills, client contact and confidentiality, establishing, organizing and maintaining client files, drafting of pleadings and correspondence, reviewing and analyzing of case material to assist in case management. Please e-mail resume with salary requirements to paraposition@comcast.net

RECEPTIONIST

for retirement home in Northville. Apply in person: American House, 42000 Seven Mile.

RECEPTIONIST

for small mortgage office. Typing & computer skills \$8-\$10/hr. Mon-Fri. Fax resume: 248-557-8328 or call for appt: 248-557-0780

RECEPTIONIST

Outgoing, phone oriented person to help in small Livonia manufacturing co. Must be able to multi-task for busy & hectic front office. Computer & multi-phone line exp. a must. Mon-Fri. 8-5. Fax resume to: (734) 744-2071

RECEPTIONIST/FILE CLERK

Needed full-time for luxury car dealership. Receptionist experience a plus. Benefits and 401k available. Please email your resume to Kerstyn: kporent@jaguaronfoxy.com

RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY

Travel medicine clinic looking for a receptionist to work in Farmington Hills. FT. Req: telephone, typing & computer skills. 248-851-5633 or fax 248-851-5634.

SALES SUPPORT CLERK

Steel Industries Inc., located in Redford is looking for a dependable team player to be responsible for a variety of clerical duties, including data entry, filing, attention to detail, pleasant phone voice, and other various job duties. Experience in Accounting and computer knowledge preferred. Work hrs will be from 8am to 5pm, Mon. thru Fri. We offer a competitive salary and benefit package. Please send your resume and salary requirements to: Steel Industries, Inc., 12600 Macch Day Rd., Redford, MI 48239.

SECRETARIAL

Position, full-time. Good benefits & pay. Must have office experience, computer, filing, accounting. Apply in person: Brose Electrical 37400 W 7 Mile, Livonia. (734) 464-2211

Help Wanted-Engineering 5030

Engineering Manager

Wendit Diacraft, a worldwide leader in precision superabrasive grinding products, is seeking an experienced Engineering Manager to lead our Engineering, Product and Process Development, and QC department activities.

Responsibilities Include:

- Oversee, direct & manage all standards including formulation, drawings, specifications, approved methods, procedures, practices and systems.
- Responsible for the development of all product drawings, routings, and bill of materials.
- Direct department activities in designing/modifying product designs, improving production techniques, and developing test procedures.
- Review current manufacturing processes & practices and implement lean strategies & concepts to eliminate waste and design cost out of product while maintaining product quality, functionality, and performance.
- Support sales efforts by providing product cost and lead-time estimates for use in customer quotes.
- Provide daily technical support to manufacturing

Requirements:

- BS degree in Mechanical Engineering, Material Science, or related discipline
- Experience in metal working industry; machining and grinding.
- 5 yrs. exp. in a lean manufacturing environment.
- Project Management exp. (Manufacturing Process).
- Recommendation, justification, purchase & implementation of Manufacturing & Engineering Capital Projects.
- Provide technical engineering support for Manufacturing
- CAD/CAM, preferably AutoCad

The successful candidate must be highly motivated,

and able to work jointly with engineering & manufacturing departments to achieve departmental and company objectives.

Interested applicants please send resumes to:

Wendit Diacraft
Attn: Jeffrey S. Wirth
30975 Century Drive
Wixom, MI 48393
Jeff.wirth@wdc.wenditgroup.com

Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT
12 Mile & Evergreen. Great office. Friendly & exp. 2 or more yrs. X-ray certified. (248) 353-4747

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST

Needed for a fast paced, state of the art dental practice. Experience preferred. Knowledge of Dentrix System helpful. Please call: 734-844-1300

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Exp'd chairside, roving position, large group practice. Call Shere at (734) 420-2326

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Part-Time. Experienced. Mon-Thur. w/flexible 20+ hr/wk. Fax resume to Lisa: 248-593-1061

DENTAL: Modern cosmetic

Dental Practice, located in Birmingham, seeks an enthusiastic, motivated, articulate, dependable person with dental knowledge to enhance & coordinate all aspects of our growing practice. Fax resume: 248-922-1686

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

ATTENTION ALL LPN's

Health Partners Inc. needs you! For home care case located in Livonia. Part time every other weekend 9am-5pm. Great pay, some benefits. Please call Mon. thru Fri. 248-423-3466 ext 102

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT

Permanent part-time position. Mon., Wed & Fri. 2:45-7:30pm & Sat. 8:45-1:30PM. Clerical skills & computer knowledge required. Willing to train qualified person. 27527 Joy Rd., 1/2 blk W. of Inkster, Westland. 734-522-5501

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT

2 afternoons per week. 2:30-7pm. Experience helpful but not necessary. Must have 4 arms & 6 legs and be able to do 10 things at one time. Leave the kids at home and come talk to adults for awhile. Tepper Chiropractic Clinic, 6/Newburgh. (734) 464-9595

HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP POSITION

Tri-County Pain Consultants is currently recruiting an experienced manager for its growing practice. The successful candidate will need to develop and maintain an outstanding clinical environment for our Royal Oak specialty practice. We expect a high level of commitment to quality patient care and to the sustained growth of our practice. Qualified candidates will be an RN with demonstrated strengths in staff development, customer service, education, communication, and fiscal responsibility. Please send resume and salary history to: Attn: Michele, S/MPC, PO Box 120070, Grand Rapids, MI 49528, fax: 616-940-0826, email: employment@procaresystems.com

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Medical Assistant

Medical office seeks experienced Receptionist. Must have strong computer & medical insurance knowledge. Full time with exc. pay & benefits. Ann Arbor area. Fax resume to: 734-996-8767 or Email: a2derm@aol.com

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Internal medicine office seeking fulltime employee. Fax resume 734-522-7686

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

For office in Southfield. Mail resume to: 19335 Allen Rd., Trenton MI 48183

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Full-Time. Busy dermatology office in Livonia. Fax resume Attn: Mary 248-474-5714

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

NURSE MANAGER
IHA's Cherry Hill Associates in Internal Medicine is seeking a full-time highly-skilled and experienced Nurse Manager. Candidates will possess strong interpersonal skills, excellent clinical skills and be project/goal oriented. This position will provide professional clinical leadership and oversight, supervise the existing nursing staff, be self directed and able to work with team members to reach common objectives. MSW required. Send resume only (no phone calls) ALS of Michigan 21311 Civic Center Dr Suite 200, Southfield MI 48076 or Fax to 248-479-0377

Tri-County Pain Consultants, PC

Tri-County Pain Consultants, a well established interventional pain management practice with an outstanding reputation, is expanding and currently recruiting for the following positions in our Novi, Farmington Hills, Livonia and Royal Oak locations:

RN's (FT/PT):

Outstanding team attitude and a minimum of 2 years clinical experience, preferably in an outpatient procedure setting.

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Exciting opportunity to be a part of a quality interdisciplinary team. Experience operating a C-arm is helpful but not required.

ASSISTANT CAMPUS NURSING DIRECTOR FT opportunity

We are looking for a candidate to work collaboratively with the Campus Nursing Director in the oversight, management, evaluation and direction of the nursing program and faculty. Must have a minimum of a BSN (MSN preferred), 3 years' clinical experience, 3 years' teaching experience, and previous management experience.

NURSING INSTRUCTORS FT and P/T opportunities available

We are seeking dynamic and caring RN's to share their knowledge and experience with our students. Candidates must have a BSN, 3 years' clinical experience in area of expertise, and be licensed in the State of Michigan. Masters degree and teaching experience a plus.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/LPN FT opportunities available

We are seeking a dynamic and caring person with strong organizational abilities and excellent communication skills. Licensure as practical nurse desired. Candidates must have a high school diploma and 3 years of experience performing administrative duties. Computer skills using Excel and Word are also required in this position.

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<p>Help Wanted-Sales 5120</p> <p>DETROIT BRANCH FAST TRACK MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE</p> <p>START \$1500 weekly++</p> <p>National company restructuring its Detroit branch, fast track management opening available. Must be highly motivated & coachable. Company car & benefits provided. Ambition is more important than a resume. For further details & personal interview, call office between 9:30-3p (734) 464-0115 (office) or (248) 921-8566 (cell) Ask for Al</p> <p>DOOR TO DOOR SALES Hourly wage + commission. Apply in person: 32700 W. 8 Mile, Farmington 48336.</p> <p>MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICERS Give yourself a raise. We pay up to 100% commission. Please forward a resume & letter of interest to: mortgage.summit@gmail.com</p>	<p>Help Wanted-Sales 5120</p> <p>ENJOY PEOPLE? COMMUNICATE WELL? Become an important member of a team that strives to improve customer relations. 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The candidate needs to demonstrate excellent communication skills, be self-motivated and results oriented with an on going ability to close sales. Ideal candidate should have a bachelor's degree in business or marketing or equivalent experience with major customers. Excellent benefits with base salary plus commission. Fax resume to: Marketing Director at 313-581-6827. E.O.E</p> <p>SALESPERSON/BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT For an International Marble Company. Customers will be interior designers, architects, and builders. Excellent customer follow-up and people skills. Previous sales/customer service preferred. Ethical, honest, and professional. Apply to: Arbor Mines Minerals and Metals Trading Ltd. 25820 Orchard Lake Rd. Suite #1 Farmington Hills, MI 48336 Phone: (248) 426 0400 Fax: (248) 426 0441 E-mail: m.okuyucu@arbor-stone.com Website: www.arbor-stone.com</p>	<p>Help Wanted-Sales 5120</p> <p>Service Sales Person Candidate to sell our industrial calibration services in Detroit Metro area. Prospecting from many sources, utilizing a company truck. Familiar with ISO standards a plus. Typing/computer skills req. Salary/benefits & 401K. Advancement into equipment sales possible. Resume: cechsag@cech.com or fax: 989-792-4340</p> <p>Help Wanted-Part-Time 5200</p> <p>AVON NEEDS Representatives Now! Call 734-425-1947</p> <p>RECEPTIONIST Wanted for real estate office in Livonia. Experience preferred. Call Barbara at ERA Country Ridge Realty 248-474-3303 x121</p> <p>Help Wanted-Domestic 6240</p> <p>CHILDCARE NEEDED 2 adolescents, JULY 2 - AUG. 7, no weekends. Exp. & refs. req'd. Livonia. (248) 888-0733</p> <p>Observer & Eccentric Classifieds Just a quick call away..... 1-800-579-SELL</p>	<p>Help Wanted-Domestic 5240</p> <p>HOUSEKEEPER Great opportunity for self-motivated, hard worker with good judgment to work for family as a part-time housekeeper. Duties encompass general housekeeping skills (vacuuming, mopping, dusting, windows, bathrooms, etc.). Must like animals. Non-smoker. 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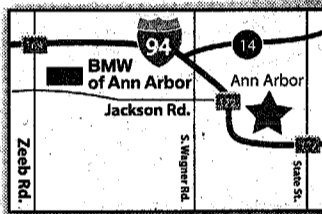
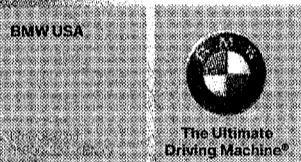


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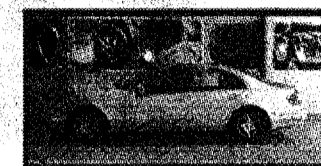
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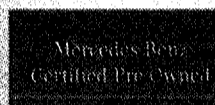
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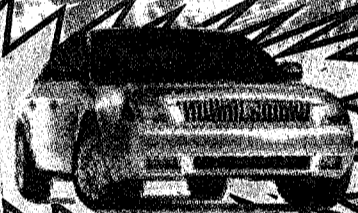
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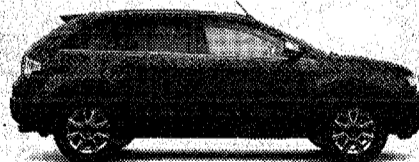


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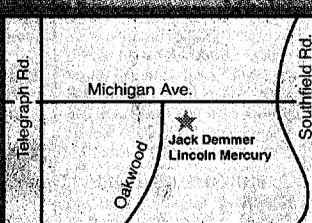


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Way to live: Van a perfect fit for smaller city lot

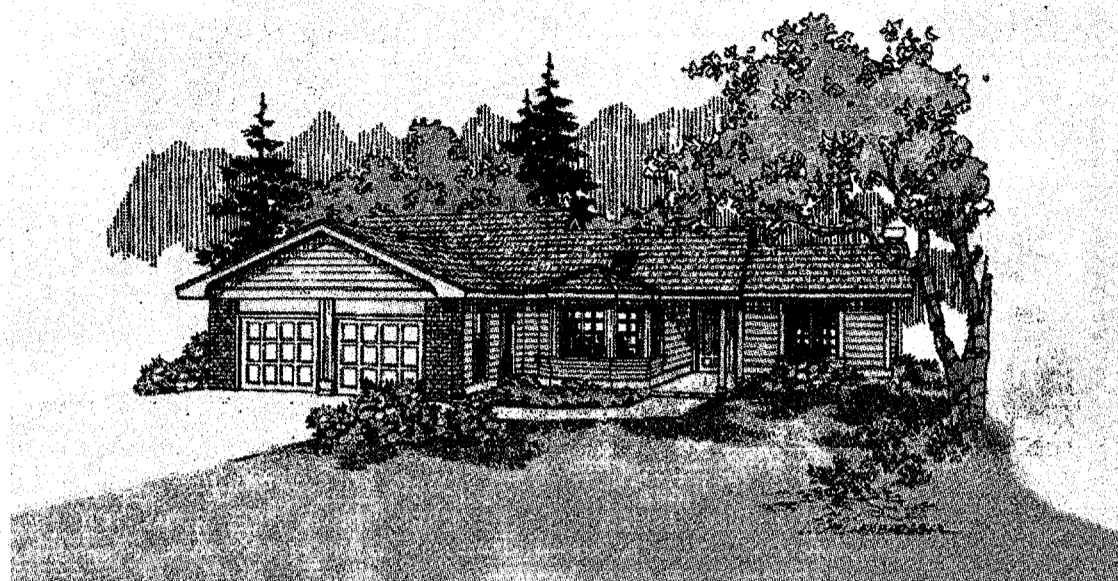
The 1,672-square-foot Van (403-08) is a medium-sized home that is perfect for a city lot. Ideal for those with school

age children or empty nesters whose kids come home for extended visits, the Van truly makes the family the

cornerstone of this design. The attractive brick and wood front, including either tile of shake roof, adds to the curb appeal of this eye-catching home.

Think food when entering the Van. The U-shaped kitchen, with built-in appliances, pantry and eating bar, is to the left of the entry. Casual meals can be served directly into the adjacent nook, radiantly lit from the front windows and overhead skylights. On more formal occasions, or just for a change of pace, dinner can be served in the vaulted dining room.

The living room, also with a vaulted ceiling, flows into the dining area to create a great room effect. This provides plenty of space for family and friends to gather for conversation, watching your favorite television show or playing the latest board game. A glowing fireplace keeps everyone toasty and able to enjoy the fun on cold winter evenings. A good-sized master suite,

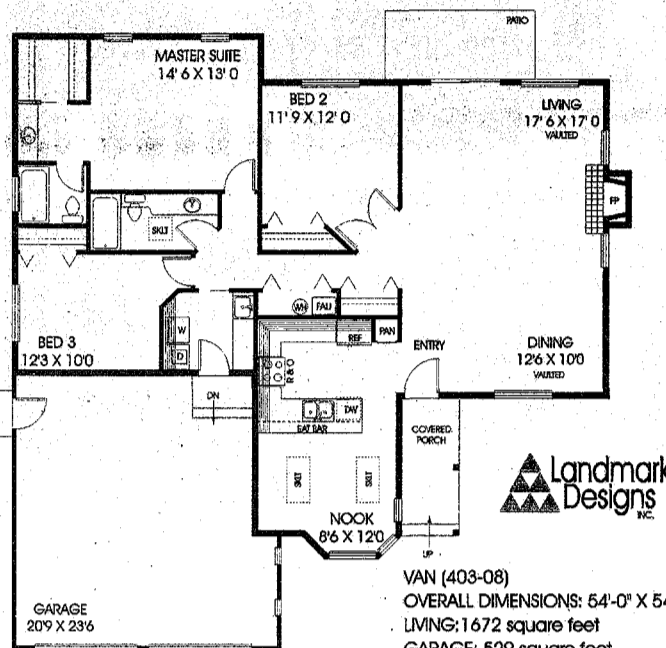


A good-sized master suite, located in the back left corner, is ideally situated for parents of young children.

This allows parents to maintain their own privacy, while still being able to keep tabs on nearby children. For retired folks, one of the spare bedrooms can be utilized as a sewing room; music room, home office or what have you.

The hallway between the bedrooms has a full, sky lit bathroom and a generous utility room with access to the two-car garage. Groceries can be easily brought into the house regardless of the weather.

For a study plan of the VAN (403-08), send \$15, to Landmark Designs, 33127 Saginaw Road E., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or call (800) 562-1151. Be sure to specify plan name and number. Compact disks, with search functions are free of charge, to help you search our portfolio for you dream home (\$5 shipping and handling will apply). Or you may order or search online at www.ldiplans.com.



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Neumann Homes Inc., a Chicago-based national home builder, has elected to auction these properties to reduce the marketing time necessary to sell them in a slow marketplace. "We have experienced the same slowdown that other

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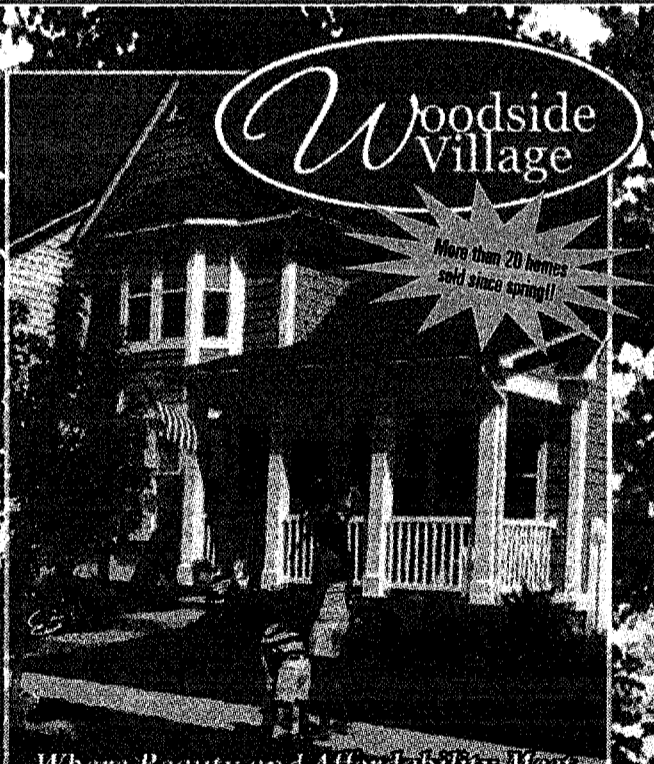
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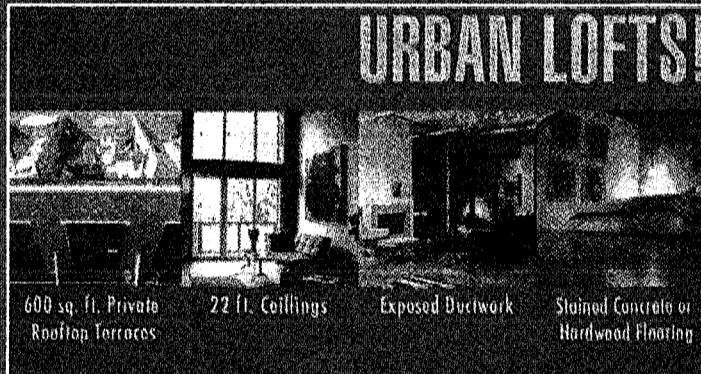
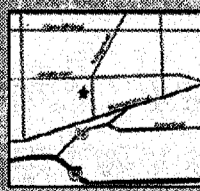
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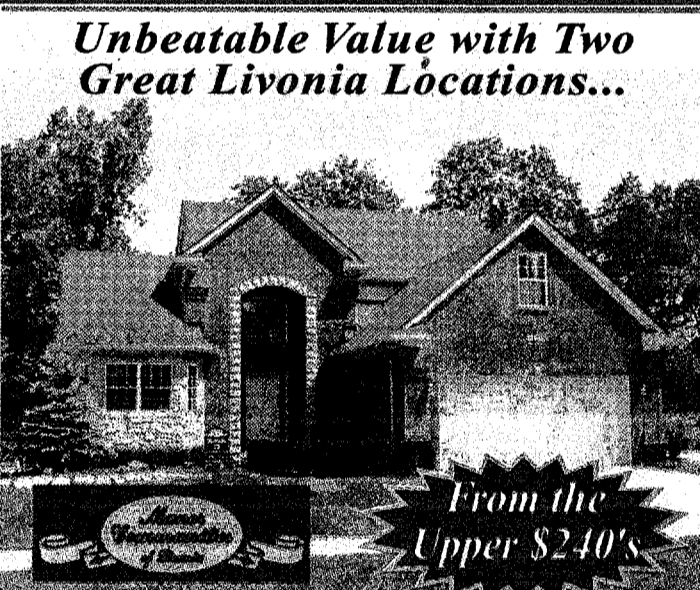


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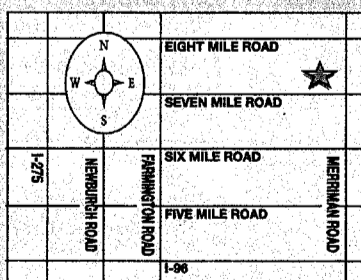
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- Engage in rivalry
- Goose liver delicacy
- "I came," to Caesar
- Formic acid producer
- OPEC member
- Quaint lodgings
- Last degree
- Yellow vehicles
- Fields of study
- Fix up
- Roman law
- Think the world of
- Atom fragment
- Pine cousins
- Moon ring
- With caution
- Like Dolly the sheep
- Tatum's dad
- Bird-feeder treat

DOWN

- Art category
- Wing
- Galileo's hometown
- Minibus
- Opening remarks
- Early anesthetic
- Typewriter type
- Fiery steed
- Indent key
- Annapolis grad
- Perfume bottle
- Lift anchor
- The gentleman
- Run through a kiln
- Bullfight cheer
- Get sleepy
- Surfer's warning
- Peppery
- Kind of humor
- Tar's reply
- Highly regarded
- Magna laude
- Not as great
- Tahini base
- Prairie st.
- Forum attire
- Corresponded
- Stan's partner
- Campbell of country music
- Nile goddess
- Kahuna's spud
- Place to park
- Trendy meat
- "So long!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Level: Beginner

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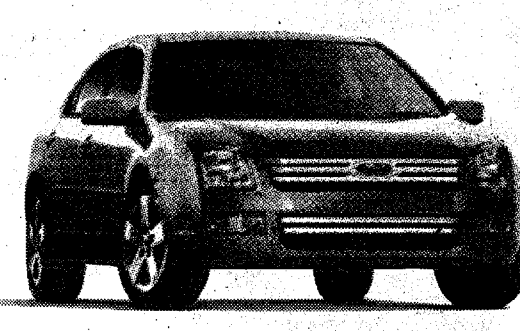


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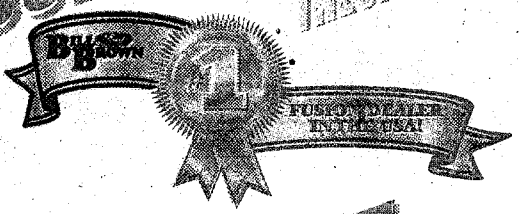


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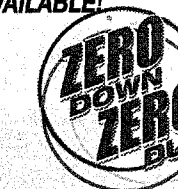


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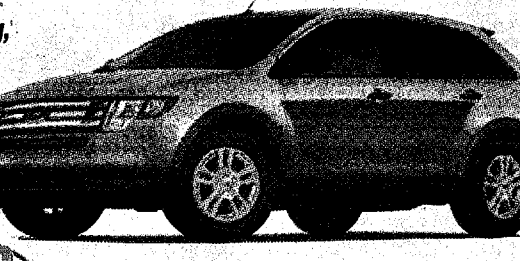


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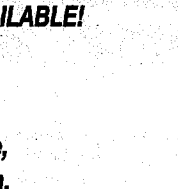
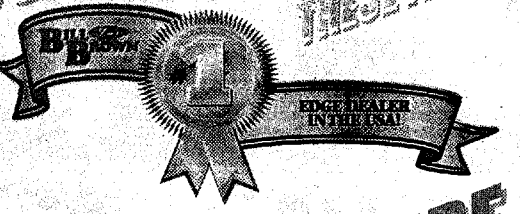


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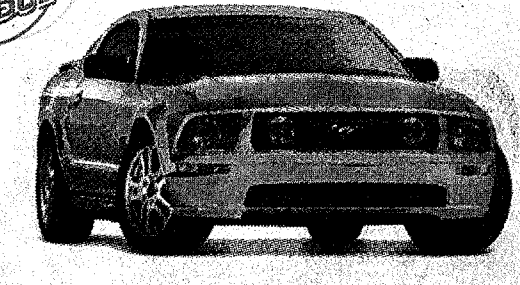


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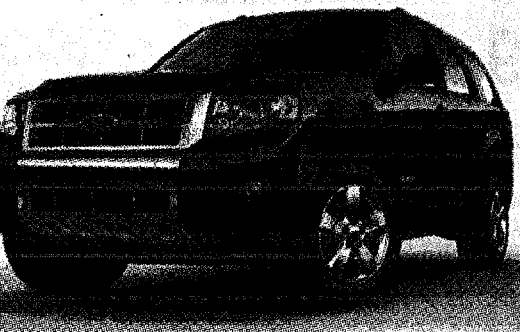


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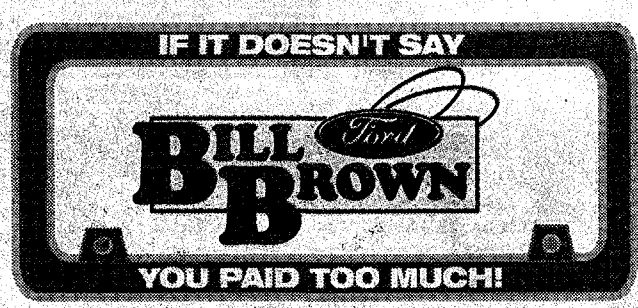


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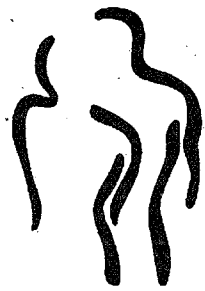
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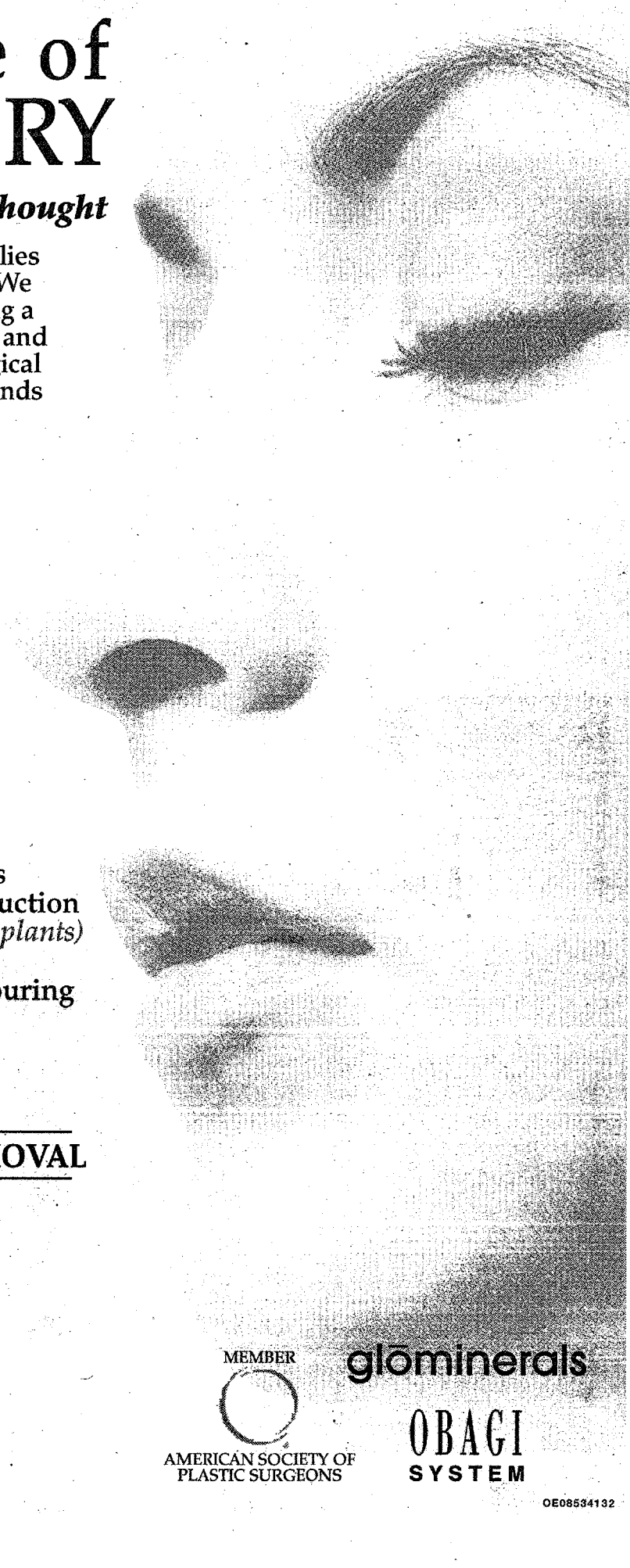
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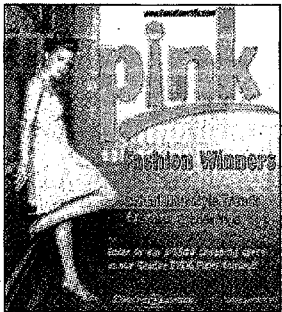
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On the Cover



Jennifer Noser wears a beaded silk chiffon halter dress designed by Kate Bennett. Noser and Bennett won the 2007 Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards. For more, turn to pages 6-7.

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PINK contests kick off this month

Life changes a lot when you have children, and your body changes too. PINK Mommy columnist Wendie DeLano and I had our first babies just a few months apart in 2005. Nearly two years later, we are still commiserating on the best ways to hide our post-baby bods with the most fabulous clothing of the season.

Even though empire waists and trapeze dresses are all the rage, enough is enough. Wendie challenged me to help her organize a PINK Mommy fitness challenge, thinking if we and other new moms agreed to post our weight and measurements in the paper, we would be shamed into losing our baby weight for good.

The result is an exciting six-week PINK Mommy Boot Camp that started June 9. PINK columnist and fitness expert Jennifer Gray is taking Wendie, me and five lucky readers through her intense Body Beautiful Boot Camp for free.

Throughout May we invited readers to enter to win a spot on the boot camp, and just as we suspected, there are many new metro Detroit moms in the same oversized boat as we are.

Even if you weren't picked, you are welcome to tag along on our six-week journey. Follow our team's progress, and find exercise and nutrition tips in upcoming PINKs as well as online. We would love to hear your stories about body-after-baby,



WENSDY VON BUSKIRK

The crew breaks during this month's PINK cover shoot at Playground Photographic Studios. Talent includes (standing, from left) makeup artist Jessy Trudell, model Jennifer Noser, photographer Christopher A. Jablonski, hairstylist Emily Heck and (seated) fashion designer Kate Bennett. See pages 6-7.

too, so post comments to our boot camp stories at www.hometownlife.com.

ENTER IT!

The season inspires a revamping of the

wardrobe as well as the figure. As summer gets under way, true fashionistas are already planning their wardrobe for fall, spotting the hottest cool-weather trends from the runway, and figuring out how to adapt them to their own budget and body shape. Wouldn't it be great to have extra cash for fall clothes? Well, the winners of our Third Annual Reader PINK Picks contest will get just that. Westland Shopping Center has generously donated a \$500 gift card for this year's top prize winner, which can be spent anywhere at the mall. Three runners-up will receive \$100 gift cards for use at the mall.

PINK Picks is a long-standing favorite in PINK. The column highlights the hottest in fashion and pop culture each week in a 'hit list' format. Now, we want to know what you think is cool in metro Detroit and beyond. To enter our Reader PINK Picks contest, turn to page 10 and take a stab at filling out your own PINK Picks.

Winners, as well as additional select entries, will be highlighted in upcoming issues of PINK. Even if you don't win, filling out PINK Picks is downright fun, so start picking!

Thanks for reading!

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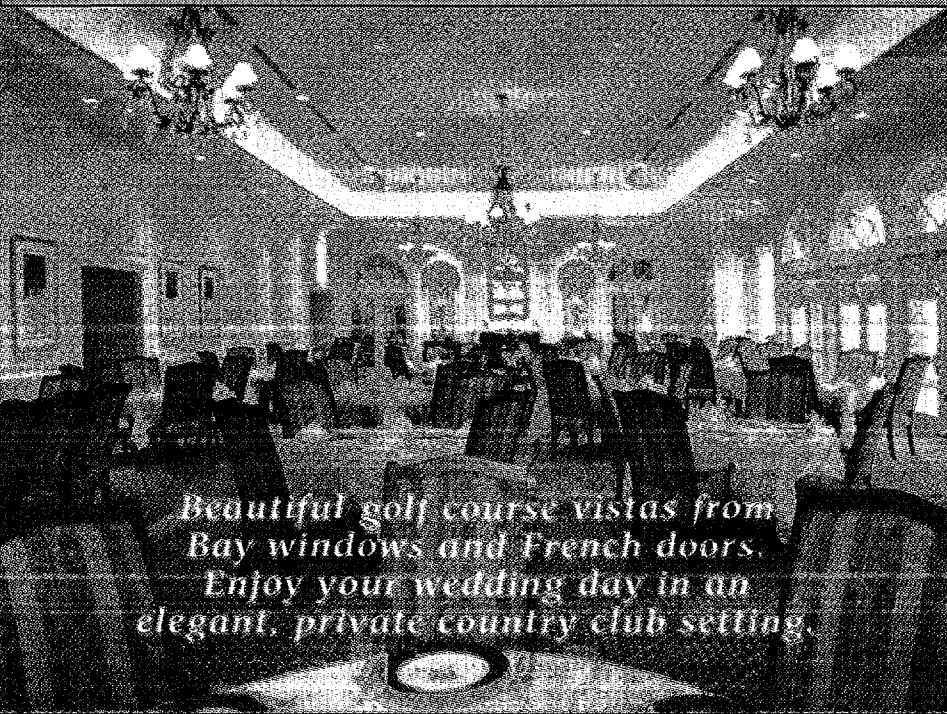


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It's wedding season, and brides everywhere are planning for their big day. Being a bride, you're the star of the show. All your guests want to see your dress ... and your hair. When a bride feels good about the way she looks, it shows; her beauty projects through her confidence and stature. Hair accessories can take your look to the next level and are the latest fashion statement for brides. Below find the top trends, along with tips on how to maintain the look yourself.

1 Rhinestone barrettes: One of the hottest trends in hair accessories for brides, they work equally well on short and long hair, and allow you to change your hairstyle without doing anything too drastic. **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** Avoid a hair disaster — like curls falling out in humidity and the resulting frizz — by strategically placing two chic rhinestone barrettes on each side of your hair and applying a little smoothing serum.

2 Tiaras: Borrow a trick from celebrity brides and add instant glamour and style with a tiara. Bridal tiaras and combs add endless amounts of allure. **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** Match the sparkle in your gown with a complementary tiara: gold-tone or ivory pearl-accented tiaras complement ivory gowns, while silver-tone, rhinestone, and white pearl tiaras best accentuate white.

3 Jewelry: Forego tradition by pinning a diamond bracelet, earrings or brooch into your hair. All brides can easily adopt this trend in a simple and elegant way. **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** Use beaded or rhinestone accessories in your bridal bouquet that match the sparkle in your hair.

4 Headbands: This must-have hair accessory of the season has even graced the red carpet! An iridescent gown topped with a sparkling headband is a contemporary and head-turning look. **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** Headbands work well for all hair types, but keep them about 1-1/2 inches back from the forehead so you still have some hair showing in front.

5 The Wild Side: Dramatize your look with an exotic pin or custom bridal accessory. Peacock feathers are one of the latest looks that convey a sense of style and mystery. **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** Harmonize your look by consulting with your hairdresser to create a unique accessory that that will match your dress design. Take an ordinary comb and use simple craft glue to adhere feathers, beads, colored jewels or even fresh greenery!

6 Ponytails: Yes, you can wear a ponytail on your wedding day! Half up/half down is always a popular look that features a soft ponytail nestled at the back of your crown. Ponytails also can be positioned beneath other strands to create instant volume and fullness. **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** Create your own variations: Use a crimping tool to add texture — crimp the entire tail, only the top or bottom layers, or random pieces. Braid it by experimenting with one main braid or two or three small braids.

7 Temporary Extensions: Whether you decide to attach add-on hair or invest in fun faux hair extensions, you can add length and volume with custom hairpieces that blend perfectly with your natural hair. Hair extensions come in lengths between 8–22 inches and can be worked into any length of hair to give you a completely new look! **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** Have extensions prepared for you by a professional first, so you can easily fit them on an existing ponytail. Simply secure the extension around your own ponytail with a bobby-pin for an extra-long, dramatic effect.

8 Classic Updos - Updated: The classic French twist is a fantastic, elegant hair style that can work well for all ages and occasions. **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** To update the look, simply pull a few hair strands loose from the side to create a sense of softness or add an elegant, antique or funky hairpin for a new twist on a classic style.

9 Blow-Outs: Sometimes a simple blow-out is all you need for a polished, sophisticated but uncomplicated look that is always current and “in the moment.” **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** This style allows you to be beautifully coiffed in all situations. It's easy to flip it up into a ponytail yourself after dancing at the reception. Or, pin a flower from your bouquet into your hair at the end of the evening.

10 Veils: This classic bridal accessory can add beautiful elegance to any bride of any age. Brides today are wearing smaller veils at the back of their hair for the ceremony, but removing them for the reception. Size matters! Be sure there is harmony between the dress, veil, and shape of your face. **Do-it-Yourself Tip:** After the ceremony, remove the veil or headpiece and add a pretty pin or brooch. If your hair is up for the ceremony, let it down at the reception for a softer look.

This column was submitted by Barsoum M. Bouchar, owner, Virtuoso Salon, 1050 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Call (248) 203-6888 with questions or to book an appointment.

Burn Fat Day and PINK Night

Ever walk into a gym and notice everyone waiting in line to use the equipment? That guy ahead of you is pushing past the time limit because he thinks that the longer he walks, climbs or pumps, the more he will lose.

The reality is that he — and you — can use time more effectively by changing the way you think about both exercise and nutrition.

To make our bodies the most effective fat burning engines they can be we all need to change our minds first, our metabolisms second and then our body composition. Increase the rate at which your body burns fat and uses fuel to get the body you want.

Stop counting calories and minutes worked. Focus not just on calories burned, but on the type of fuel you are feeding your body to begin with. Don't just work out longer, but work out smarter. Cardio workouts are best broken up over the day and separated by a healthy meal. Vary the intensity and do not do more than 20-30 minutes at a time. As you get more in shape (more muscle) you can decrease the time and increase the intensity.

Muscle It. The goal is to create more muscle. The more the muscle, the more you will burn fat effectively. Muscles burn fat! With each pound of muscle you add, your body will burn an additional 50 calories a day.

FIRST THE FUEL:

Every meal should have protein, carbs and fat in right the proportions.

• **Protein:** Get more of it. Make it lean and put it in every meal. Why so key? Protein helps form your muscles, organs, bones and connective tissues. It helps you digest, and helps protect against illness. Protein does the heavy lifting in the body, like transporting oxygen. And important to know for weight loss, protein tells your body when to use food as energy and when to store it as fat. Pretty smart, eh?

• **Fiber:** You need 25 grams of soluble and insoluble fiber a day and most of us get only 2-3. The best sources are beans, fruits and veggies.



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by jenn

• **Fruits and veggies:** Each day we learn more ways these delicious things protect us from illness. They are a great source of antioxidants and folic acid. Fill your plate. You need 10-12 servings a day! Remember the brighter and greener the better.

• **Carbohydrates:** The denser the better. Whole grain is best. Stay away from processed grains. The general rule is wipe out the whites — flour, sugar, rice and white potatoes (sweet potatoes are fab!).

THEN THE EXERCISE:

• **Change intensity.** Increase it and vary it. You want to keep your heart happy with cardio workouts, but that alone will not do it. Take that evening walk and add a jump rope. Don't let your body get used to a routine. Interval training is great for toning muscles.

• **Add weight/strength training.** There are many weight resistance exercises. Examples are Pilates and kickboxing. Don't be a dumbbell — the weight can be your own weight. Summer is the perfect time to take a dive — swimming is great weight resistance.

Keep in mind you are trying to build muscle so you can turn your body into a fat burning machine. For more ideas on exercises and the best sources of food fuel, visit www.bodybyjenn.com and remember before any exercise or weight loss plan, consult your health care physician. Enjoy the great weather and your new body.

Jennifer Gray is a fitness expert and founder of Body Beautiful Boot Camps. Read her column monthly in PINK.



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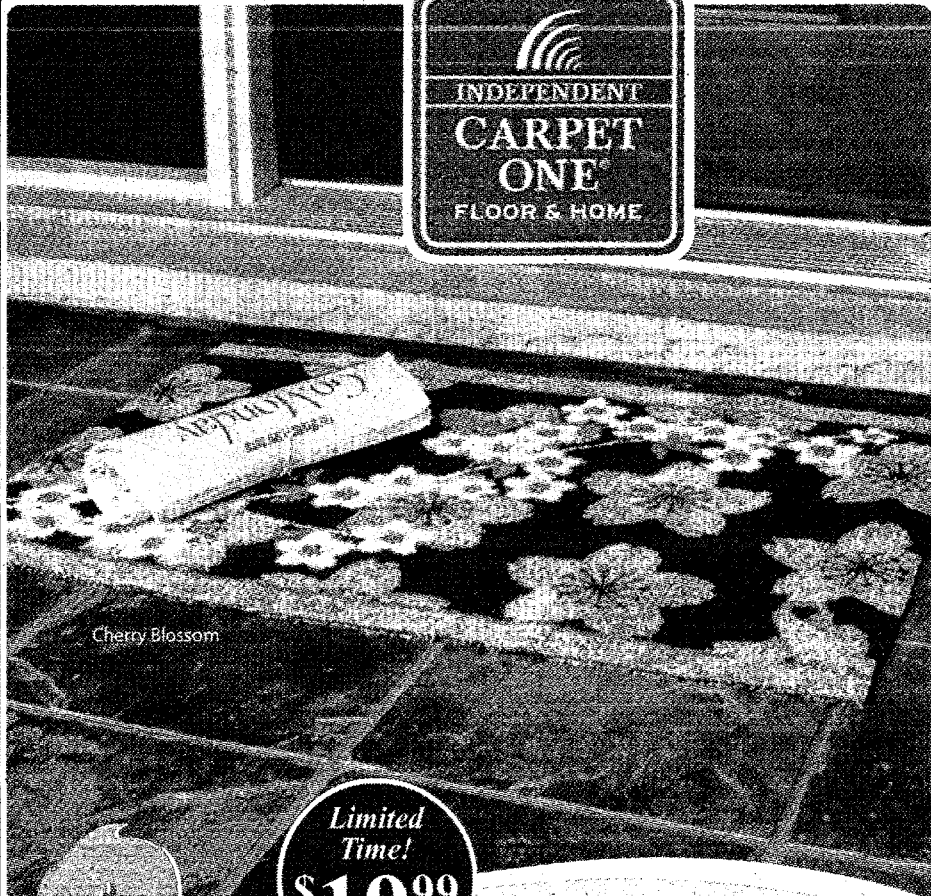
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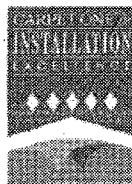
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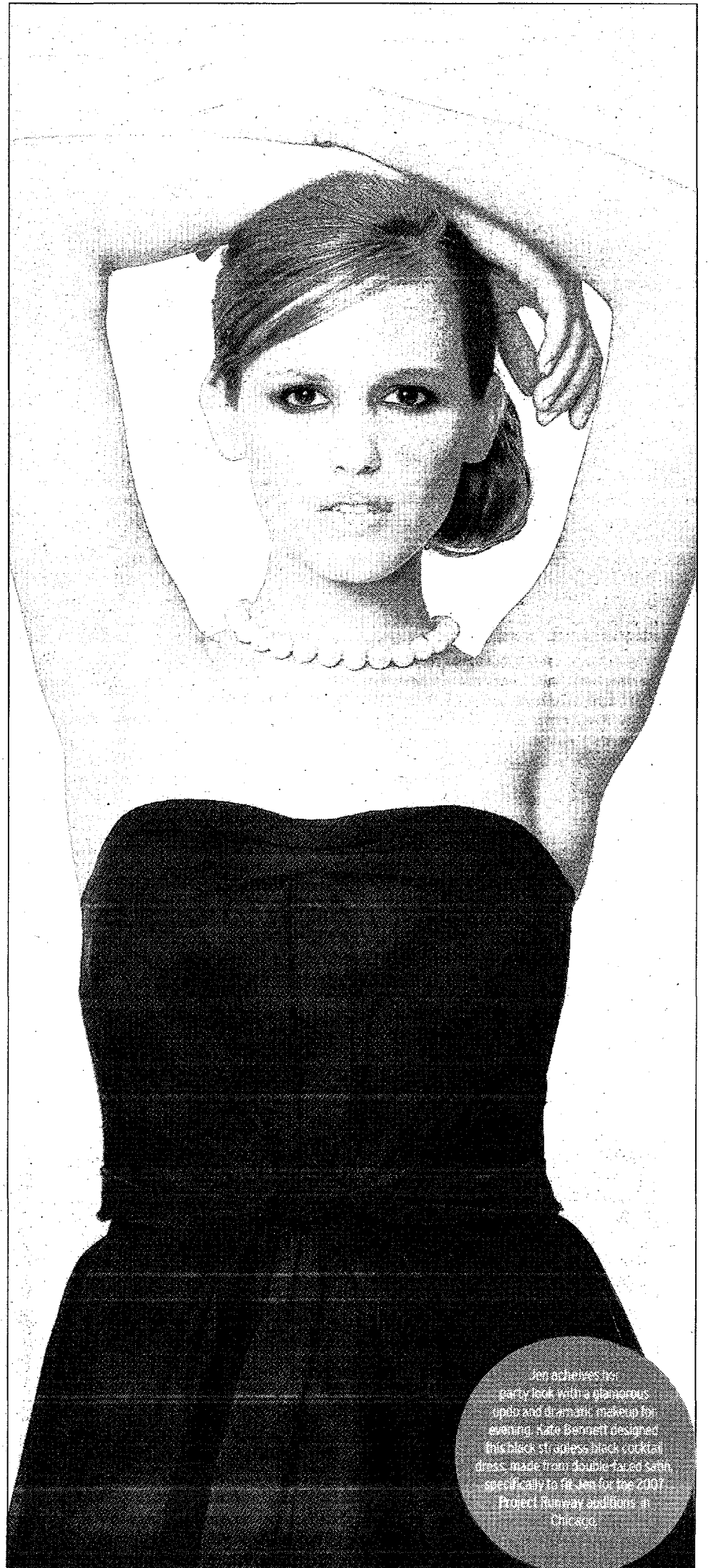


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Jan achieves her early check with a glamorous updo and dramatic makeup for evening. Kate Bennett designed this black strapless black cocktail dress, made from double-faced satin specifically to fit Jan for top 2007 Project Runway audition in Chicago.



Jessy Trudell used Napoleon Perdis cake liner and black color disc shadows to achieve Jennifer's smoky eyes. Emily Heck gave her sexy, texturized curls that tap into her wild side. Jen wears a hand-draped silk satin organza Goddess Gown by Kate Bennett (\$2,400).

Award-winning beauty

Model Jennifer Noser and fashion designer Kate Bennett, both of Rochester Hills, were winners of the 2007 Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards, sponsored in part by PINK Magazine and held at MOCAD in February. Both won a \$1,000 cash grant, and this photo feature in PINK, shot by FAFFA Committee Member Christopher A. Jablonski. Bennett specializes in bridal gowns, which are available for sale at Elegant Lady in Oak Park. Noser aspires to be an actress.

Photos by Christopher A. Jablonski
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Jen goes urban glam. Her hold, strong makeup features Divine Goddess lipstick in aphrodite, and sand beige loose eye dust from Napoleon Perdis. Her chic hairstyle was created by Emily Heck using Redkin products.

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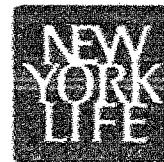
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blush beauty
By Christina Kallery

How to Discover Your Signature Scent

I'll admit it. I'm an unabashed sucker for product packaging — and my vanity table is littered with fragrance bottles of various sizes, configurations and colors to prove it. Still, the minimalist notion of having a "signature scent" has always sounded glamorous, self-assured and sexy. Imagine that famous sultry shot of Marilyn Monroe dousing her décolletage with perennial fave Chanel No. 5. So how does a girl go about finding her own defining scent? Sephora Fragrance Expert Balbi Bernhardt offered a few insider insights.

● Don't be afraid to experiment with different options before settling on The One. "The majority of people buy a few different trends or new launches every year to add to their fragrance wardrobe," says Bernhardt. "However, their favorite, 'signature scent' is what most people know them by."

● Switch it up for summer. "In the warmer months, choose a light fragrance

with more citrus or light floral notes so it won't overpower as the temperature rises."

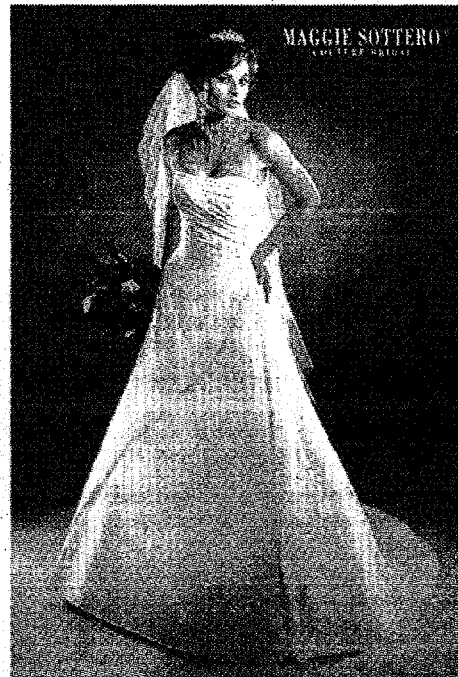
● Learn the right notes. "There are different major fragrance families," Bernhardt says. "Florals tend to be the most popular for women." Other main categories include citrus, chypre (woody, mossy and floral notes), fougère (named for a discontinued French scent, mostly used in men's fragrances) and Oriental (spicy and sweet, often with vanilla or sandalwood notes). But don't let the search stop there. "Newer fragrances contain fruity notes like green apple, apricots or pomegranate." Yum!

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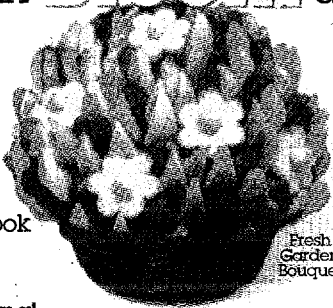
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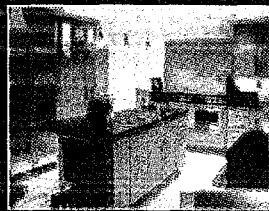
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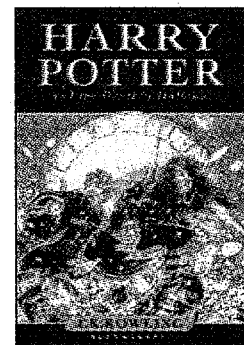
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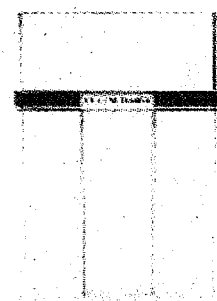
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