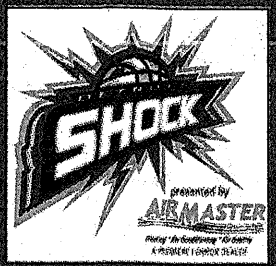


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State Rep. Phil LaJoy's supporters squeezed through the downtown streets toting a very large American flag. For more photos of the parade and Plymouth Fourth of July fun, please see page A3.

Patriotism on parade

Plymouth parade brings out national pride

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Beverly Stoops, who served in World War II, thinks young people today lack a strong sense of patriotism like they used to.

That's what she likes about the Kiwanis Good Morning USA Parade, which marches up Main Street every Fourth of July: It's a great reminder of national pride.

That's why Stoops and her husband, John, sat with three other generations of their family, including a trio of great-granddaughters, to watch Wednesday's festivities.

"I think it's good for the younger generation," said Stoops, who moved back to Plymouth from Livonia

about eight years ago. "I feel the younger generation is losing its patriotism. This is a great example for kids."

The elder Stoopses watched the parade with their son, Brent, and his wife, Debbie; grandson Jason and his wife, Kristin; and daughter-in-law Jessica, the wife of Plymouth police officer Matt Stoops.

Also with the family were great-granddaughters Gabriella, 2, Sophia, 3 months, and Ella, 5 months. Their presence, according to Jason Stoops, was important.

"It's about seeing the looks on my daughter's face," he said of Gabriella. "It's great to see the reactions of the young kids to all the floats."

The four generations of Stoopses were among the thousands of people who lined the Main Street parade route, dodging raindrops early on to see more than 100 floats make the annual trek.

There were some old reliables, like the Redford unicyclists; the Plymouth-Canton band and cheerleader and pompon squads; Steve King and the Dittilies and Mark Randisi and his Sounds of Sinatra; local veterans' groups; and the Aces High Monster Truck.

Among the more popular new floats were a three-car train representing the Plymouth Historical Museum, which will now be placed on "Main Street" in the museum's exhibit; a huge pink bunny representing Midwest Rabbit Rescue; and the Ring of Steel stunt-performing troupe, which specializes in re-enacting famous battles. Their sword fight aboard their float drew raves.

"It was awesome," one young viewer said. "It was like a cross between *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Star Wars*."

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Decision nearing on school pick

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

John Jackson has heard all the rumors — how he was hand-picked by Plymouth-Canton school board members to replace the departed Mark Slavens and how he was promised the job if he'd apply.

Jackson, 60, said the rumors all have exactly one thing in common.

They aren't true.

Jackson is one of four candidates being considered for the position, created when Mark Slavens resigned following his appointment by Gov. Jennifer Granholm as a 3rd Circuit Court judge.

Jackson, head of corporate training for GMAC Insurance, finished third in the 2006 election, behind Steven Sneiderman and Dianne Gonzalez. He said he didn't run this year because "there were two good candidates" — incumbent Slavens (before he knew about the judicial opportunity) and challenger Nancy Eggenberger (who won one of the two seats in the May election).

Once Slavens resigned, Jackson decided to get into the

application process. And the idea, he said, was all his.

"I've been on boards for the last 20 years. ... I think I have the ability to contribute as a board member and help make tough decisions," Jackson said. "I was going to run next year, but when (Slavens) resigned, it speeded up the clock. It's just sooner rather than later."

He contacted "a couple of board members" to let them know he'd be throwing his hat in the ring. While admitting board President Barry Simescu and Vice President Judy Mardigan are friends, Jackson said he didn't seek any sort of commitment from them.

"They have been very professional about this," Jackson said. "Did they say, 'You need to run, we'll vote you in'? No. None of that happened; in fact, it was just the opposite. It was always 'There are no promises.'"

Board members Tuesday night will interview three of the four candidates — Jackson and Kurt Heise and John Nichols, both of whom were interviewed in May to finish out Slavens' second term. A fourth candidate,

Please see **SCHOOL PICK, A6**

LUCKY 7s City man enjoys 77th birthday

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Ed Schomberger is the seventh child in his family. His eldest daughter is the seventh grandchild. And Ed and his wife of 53 years, Liz, have seven grandchildren of their own.

And Ed, a Plymouth native who was graduated from the old Plymouth High School that now houses Central Middle School, turned 77 on 7/7/07.

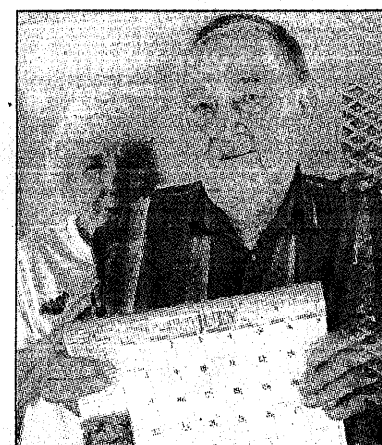
And seven isn't even his lucky number (for the record, he doesn't have one).

Ed Schomberger, born in Plymouth and a resident of the city since moving back in 1958, into the house his father originally bought in 1936, celebrated his 77th birthday Saturday without a whole lot of thought to the numerical significance.

"I haven't really given it much thought," said Ed, a machinist retired from Parker-Hennefin. Then, smiling, he added, "Maybe I should have played the lottery."

Schomberger was born in Plymouth July 7, 1930, and went to grade school behind the old high school, back when a tunnel connected the two — "I used to say I went in the back door and came out the front door," he said, laughing.

He spent nearly four years in



Ed Schomberger, here with wife Liz, will turn 77 on Saturday, 07/07/07.

the U.S. Army, serving in the Korean conflict; in fact, he spent his 21st birthday on a troop ship headed for Japan. He didn't really give a lot of thought to the fact he was going to war.

"I had all kinds of emotions, but I was just a 21-year-old kid going into a new adventure," he recalled. "The real emotions were coming home."

That was 1952, the same year he met the woman who would, two years later, become his wife. He didn't know it at the time, but Liz, a Columbus, Ohio, native, was sure when she was set up on a blind date with him.

"He had a beautiful smile, and his eyes were sparkling," Liz remembered. "I knew I was going to marry him the minute I saw him."

It wasn't that minute, but it wasn't long, either. The Schombergers married in 1954.

Please see **BIRTHDAY, A6**

Families find picnic a perfect place

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Elizabeth and Ken Gribble have lived in Lake Pointe for 39 years, and have come to the Good Old Fashioned Picnic, sponsored every Fourth of July at Plymouth Township Park, since the picnic's inception.

Marcie Foster, although she's lived in Plymouth since 1961, had never attended the picnic until Wednesday.

Both found the same thing: A family atmosphere that made for a perfect way to spend the Fourth of July holiday.

Foster had heard about the picnic from friends and had often considered checking it out. Since she had her grandsons visiting from Colorado, she figured, no time like the present.

"My friends always said it was lots of fun," said Foster, who brought



Dan Herriman and Tammy McLaughlin grill hot dogs for the Independence Day crowds.

grandsons Sean, 6, and Joshua, 5, to Wednesday's event. "Since the kids were visiting, I thought it would be fun to see what's going on."

What she found was what everyone

finds ever year: food, families and fun. The picnic, as it always does, featured a bike decorating contest, fishing derby, representatives of the township police and the community fire department, and lots of hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream, all for a nickel.

The event even featured live music for the first time, with Matt Watroba performing for about an hour.

The Gribbles attended with son Robert, his wife Bridget, and their children Colin and Erin, along with daughter Carrie Kramer, her husband Jason, and their son Will.

"This (park) is the most natural place to bring kids on a holiday," Elizabeth Gribble said. "Everything a kid likes to do, from music to the fire trucks, they have here. The facility is wonderful and it's family oriented."

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Coming Thursday in Filter

Your guide to local art fairs

Kiwanis moves

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club is moving its weekly meeting to the Canton Coney Island at 8533 N. Lilley Road in Canton. Club officials say the new meeting spot offers a very central location just south of Joy Road that is convenient to both the Plymouth and Canton communities. In addition to an excellent location, the restaurant has several rooms for various meeting sizes and offers the opportunity for breakfast for the "early birds." To kick off the new location, the club will host Brian Sullivan as a breakfast speaker July 17. Sullivan is the Director of Sales, Marketing and Communications for the Tooling Manufacturing & Technologies Association. He will discuss the "state of manufacturing" in the Michigan economy. The meeting starts at 7:15 a.m. and coffee is provided. Breakfast is available for purchase prior to and during the meeting. The club would like to encourage interested parties to attend. RSVP via e-mail at info@pckiwianis.org or call (734) 981-0460.

Senior Fest

Tickets are now available for the Plymouth Senior Fest Picnic, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council

on Aging.

The picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Waterford Bend Park, Six Mile and Northville roads. Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 6 at the PCCA office. Tickets cost \$6 for members, \$7 for guests. A box lunch, entertainment, prizes and vendors are included. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Delta Kappa Gamma show

Delta Kappa Gamma's 21st annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. The show will feature more than 100 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission \$2. Call (734) 254-0849 or e-mail sweisz59@comcast.net for more information on the show or about exhibiting crafts.

CSI workshop

The Teen Zone of the Plymouth District Library will present "CSI: Facts and Myths" 7 p.m. Monday, July 9. Forensic artist Barbara A. Martin of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will share firsthand experience in this



Missing Pixie

Pixie, a 3-1/2-pound female Yorkie, disappeared from Bella Mia, the downtown Plymouth shop where she served as the kind of 'mascot,' for owner Arlette Stobbe. Pixie was last seen the night of July 3. She has a little braid in her hair. Stobbe is offering a \$1,000 reward. Anyone with information can call Stobbe, (734) 656-0057.

investigative field.

Registration is requested; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or register on-line at plymouthlibrary.org

Entertainment Books

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Entertainment Books as one of its fund-raisers. For only \$20, buy the 2008 Entertainment Book and receive a 2007 Book free. The book offers 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and

events.

Buyers who pre-order now get the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton can purchase a 2008 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2008 Entertainment Book will be available for pick up in August. The BeckRidge Chorale is also selling the books for \$20 to support their educational and charitable activities.

a 2007 book free.

The 2008 books will be available Aug. 12. Call (734) 459-6829 to order.

Historical walking tours

The Plymouth Historical Museum, in partnership with the Plymouth Preservation Network, continues their historical walking tours with:

- July 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - The History of the Railroads in Plymouth. Plymouth is the only place in Michigan where you can find railroad tracks that travel in all four directions of the compass. Gary Stone, member of both the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Preservation Network, discusses how the railroads changed Plymouth forever. This tour will also cover historical sites located in the north end of Old Village. Tickets are \$10 per person.
- July 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - The Penn Theatre & The Albert E. Patterson House. Ellen Elliot, from the Friends of the Penn, will be the personal tour guide inside the historic Penn Theatre. Then it's just a short walk to the Albert E. Patterson House. Built circa 1930, this beautifully restored arts and crafts home is a treasure of the historic district. Due to small places behind the scenes at the Penn, this tour is limited to 10 people. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours (1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) or through PayPal at www.plymouthhistory.org/walking-tours.html

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.

Garden club estate sale

Plymouth Garden Club will be conducting an Estate Sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 12 through Saturday, July 14 at 42533 Postiff (southwest of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. The event will include antiques, collectibles, retro, furniture and miscellaneous household items. Proceeds from the sale will support the Club's college scholarships awarded to local high school students.

Yo-yo contest

The City of Plymouth, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Duncan Toys and other yo-yo manufacturers are sponsoring the Mideast Regional Yo-yo Contest, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 28, in front of the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Recent Catholic Central High School graduate and future CMU student Jake Maloney (www.yojake.com) is organizing these event. Jake, one of the top 10 yo-yo players in the world, is a member of the Duncan Crew (www.yo.com/). Children of all ages are encouraged to compete. There will be a sports ladder division with winners from all age groups - ages 2-102! Talented players may freestyle (one or three minutes to music) to show their best tricks and compete to win prizes. People are also invited to watch or learn these tricks. The Mideast Regional Yo-yo contest is part of the League of Regional Yo-yo Contests and includes the following states: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee. The winner of the single yo-yo three-minute freestyle competition will get a seed to the National Yo-yo Contest in Chico, California. Jake can be reached at www.yojake.com or by calling (734) 451-0115.

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Description of Project: Tear-out existing wood cabinets and fixtures and renovate the kitchen per the drawings and specifications.

Funding for the project work is being obtained through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, in accordance with Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity and Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity.

The Contractor must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, July 2, 1964 (Title 40 USC 276A), the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, September 28, 1965 No. 11246, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Standards Title 29, 1, 3 and 5, and Title 18, USC Section 874, known as "Anti-Kickback Act", and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 USC 1857 et seq., the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 USC 1251 et seq., and the regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency with respect thereto, at 40 CFR Part 15, as amended.

Plans and specifications may be examined on or after **July 2, 2007** at the Plymouth Township Hall at the Office of the Clerk, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Copies may be obtained for a cost of \$20.00 per set.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid, payable to the Owner, as security for acceptance of the Contract. A bid bond in The Michigan Standard Form issued by an approved surety company may be furnished in lieu of a Certified Check.

Please fax your intent to bid to Charter Township of Plymouth 734 207 2689 Attn: Mark Lewis.

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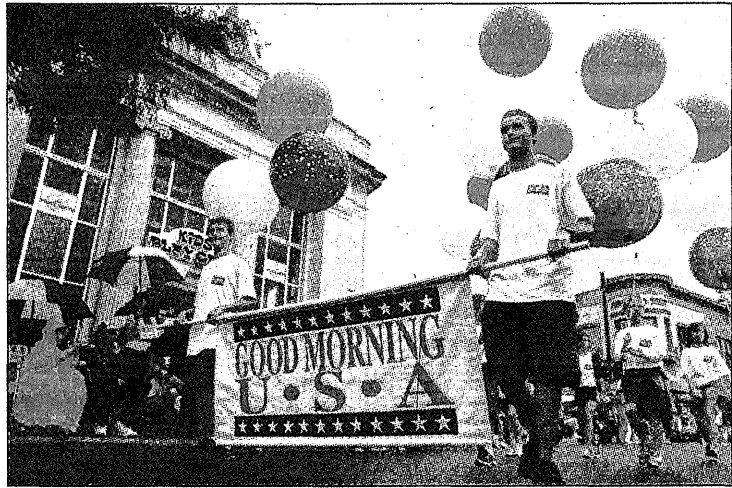
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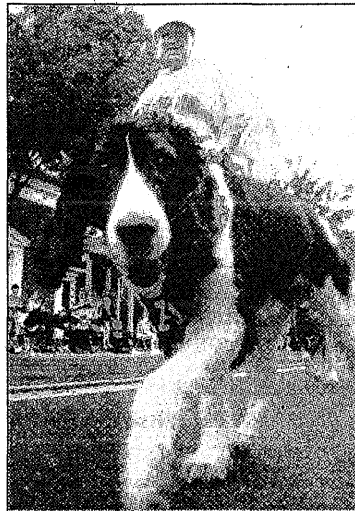
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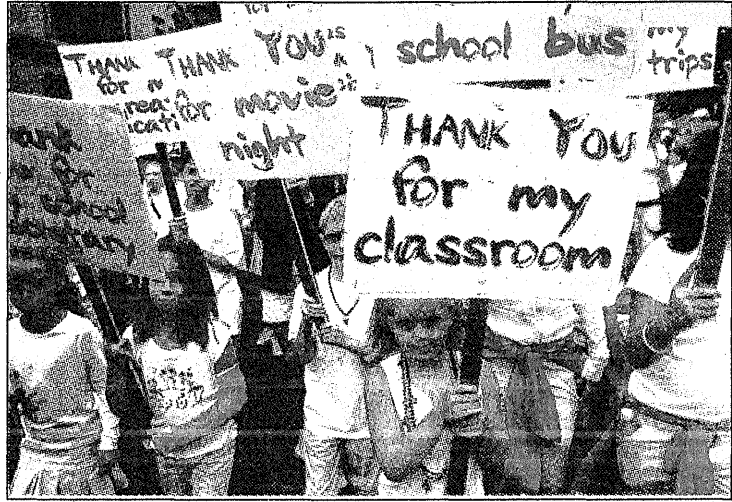
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An old parade favorite, the Michigan Wheelmen.



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The Plymouth-Canton Students' 'Thank You March' shows gratitude to the community for continued support of schools.

Ariel Kolton fishes in the pond at Plymouth Township Park.



Susan Ayoub, Bettie Runyan and Peg Britz, all of Canton, stay dry during a brief parade shower.



World War II veteran Tom O'Connell salutes the crowd.

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Write-in campaign adds to city commission race



Jason Vorva

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

A familiar name could find its way into the November election for two open seats on the Plymouth City Commission.

Jason Vorva, the son of former city commissioner and state representative Jerry Vorva, intends to run as a write-in candidate to compete with the five candidates on the ballot in the city race.

Vorva, who himself ran a failed bid for the Republican nomination to the 20th State House District, said this week he's disappointed in the field, which he said is made up of "status-quo politicians, including two incumbents who just raised our property taxes, even as our property lost more value this year."

Incumbents Gerry Sabatini and David Workman are on the November ballot, as are challengers Mike Wright, chairman of the

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority; former commissioner Anthony Guillom, and political newcomer Chris Lynn, a Realtor with Paramount Real Estate Services, LLC.

"As a local businessman, I am working harder than ever to keep going in our tough economy," Vorva said in a statement released Thursday. "My goals are clear and straightforward. We must roll back the 2007 property tax increase, and freeze assessments until the economy and housing market recover. We must stop spending our money on 'nice to haves' and save it for true city priorities, like fixing our roads."

In the statement, Vorva said he'd filed paperwork with the city clerk's office to make himself a write-in candidate. Such paperwork must be filed by the Monday of the week prior to the election.

However, City Clerk Linda Langmesser said Thursday Vorva had filled out the

wrong forms, and she was working to get the right forms. There is plenty of time; the form doesn't have to be filed until the end of October.

Vorva's larger problem, according to Langmesser, could be the fact he doesn't own property in the City of Plymouth. That requirement is laid out in Section 4.4 of the city charter, and supported, according to Langmesser, by a ruling in a 1969 lawsuit, Schweitzer vs. The City of Plymouth.

"According to the ruling that was made you have to be a property owner and pay taxes in order to be a viable candidate," Langmesser said. "I've been here going on 25 years, and everyone who has filed to run has owned a home. I've never had a renter file for City Commission."

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TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Molded Materials, Inc., for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption for the cost of new personal property to be purchased and installed within the existing facility located at 44650 Helm Street, Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
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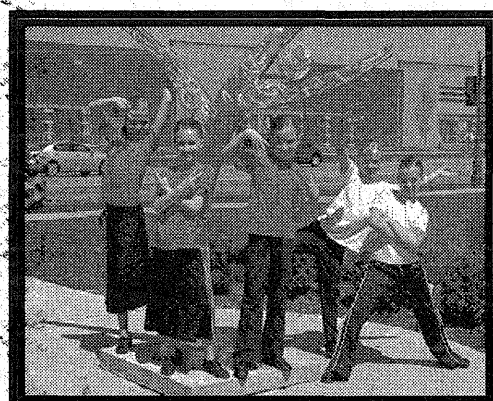
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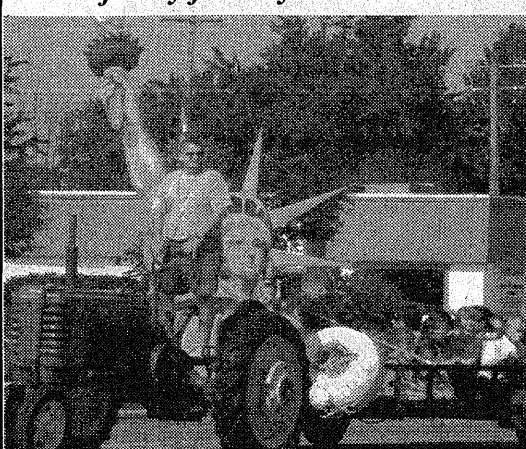
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■ **STARS, MOONS & PLANETS**, Monday, July 16, 7 p.m. - Join Plymouth resident Mike Best in this lively discussion group each month. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m. - Members of this book discussion group are invited to participate in this annual Book Lover's Choice. Bring a list of your favorite books and authors and take a list home after the lively discussion. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 241, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, July 23, 7-9 p.m. - Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required.

■ **PLYMOUTH GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m. - Mulching and maintaining color in the garden will be the focus of the July meeting. Share gardening concerns, solutions and ideas with other gardeners from the area in this informal monthly gathering.

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, July 26, noon - This month's discussion invites members to read *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Sue Patterson at the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 2241, or e-mail spatterson@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **INVESTING FUNDAMENTALS**, Saturday, July 28, 1 p.m. - Second in the Library's Money Management Series, this program is a free,

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■ **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** - Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 240 to enroll or go to plymouthlibrary.org and complete the homebound delivery service registration.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The Library continues the popular Summer Reading Program - Get a Clue @ Your Library - Books, reading, prizes and fun Help your child maintain reading skills while school is out. Participants should continue to read and bring their reading logs into the library. Weekly events round out this program. Check the Youth section of our homepage - plymouthlibrary.org for details and updates.

■ **WEEKLY PROGRAMS** (for kids ages 5-12) - Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Registration for each program begins one week prior - call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5, or stop at the Youth Reference Desk.

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■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, July 23, at 10 and 11 a.m. and Saturday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m. - This program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interact with other children. Registration is not required.

■ The Library continues the popular Summer Reading Program for bigger kids Get a Clue @ Your Library - Books, reading, prizes and fun Special programs and prizes have been selected for this specific group of older elementary students. Participants should bring in their reading logs and earn bowling passes, roller skating, passes, gift certificates and other great prizes.

■ **CLUE AND OTHER MYSTERY GAMES** - Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m. - Figure out who committed what crime and where! Enjoy this classic board game and others. Bring a friend. To register call (734)

453-0750, Ext. 5.

■ **LIVE CLUE GAME**, Tuesday, July 17, 6:30 p.m. - Enjoy a live version of the board game - you'll solve the mystery and be a part of it. Registration opens on July 10 - call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

■ **MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION**, Saturday, July 21, 2 p.m. - Read *The Westing* by Ellen Raskin and enjoy a lively discussion of this famous children's mystery book. Registration begins on July 10 - call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

■ **SCAVENGER HUNT**, Saturday, July 28, 2 p.m. - Learn about all kinds of scavenger hunts, including letterboxing. Put your new scavenger skills to the test then in a special hunt right in the Library. Registration opens July 21, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 5.

TEEN PROGRAM

■ **CSI: FACTS & MYTHS**, Monday, July 9, 7 p.m. - Debunk the myths of crime investigation with forensic artist, Barbara A. Martin Bradley of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Registration is required; go to plymouthlibrary.org or call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **VIDEO GAMES**, Wednesday, July 11, 3 p.m. - Bring a friend and play your favorites. Sign up at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

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■ **SUMMER CRAFT PROGRAM** on Wednesdays at 3 p.m., July 18 - Make aromatherapy candles and bath salts July 25. Make your own dream catcher Registration is

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■ **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**, Saturday, July 21, 11 a.m. - Get a jump on your community service hours for the fall. Come to this orientation meeting to learn about volunteer opportunities.

■ **ANIME/MAGNA PROGRAM**, Saturday, July 21, 1:30-2:45 p.m. You'll do such things as sharing your favorite manga, watching short episodes of new anime from Viz, make a Japanese craft and have Japanese snacks. Register by calling (734) 453-0750,

■ **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**, Saturday, July 21, 3 p.m. - Are you looking for ways to make your voice heard in the community? Come and help make the Plymouth

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Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAllister

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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.

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

Other upcoming dining with stars include August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.1) and September: Chuck Gaicica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

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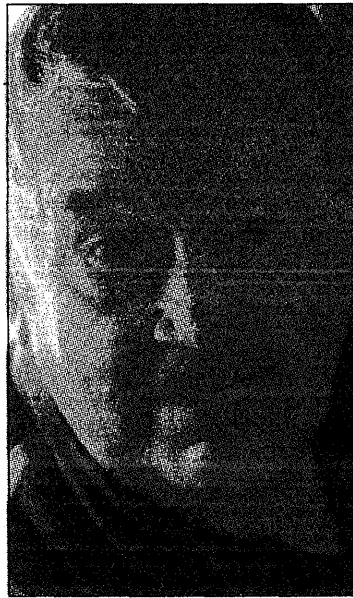
FROM PAGE A1

They built a family that now numbers four children and seven grandchildren. Ed whiles away his days on his porch, puffing away on cigars (without inhaling, he points out). He ponders how life has changed.

"This was all open," he said, including most of Hartsough with a sweeping motion of his arm. "We used to plug up Byron Creek and make our own swimming hole."

"The generations are different now. Back then, we never heard the words, 'There's nothing to do.'"

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Ed Schomberger was born in Plymouth July 7, 1930.



Ed Schomberger (left), celebrating with Army buddies, circa 1951.

Wife back to face renewed charges

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

A preliminary examination is scheduled for Monday for the Canton woman accused of attacking her elderly husband inside a local restaurant.

Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner, 46, is set to appear in court on a second set of charges stemming from an April 22 incident inside Max & Erma's in Canton.

Campbell-Baumgartner allegedly attacked her 86-year-old husband, William Baumgartner, with a knife or fork while the two were dining. Baumgartner was a longtime Plymouth resident before marrying his wife seven months ago and moving to Canton.

The first round of charges against Campbell-Baumgartner were dismissed after a judge tossed out the most serious



Kelly Campbell-Baumgartner

accusation of felonious assault for lack of evidence. Prosecutors then dropped the two remaining charges and opted to regroup and start over.

A deal was made last month between the defense of Campbell-Baumgartner and the state for her to turn herself in and face the same charges once more.

Campbell-Baumgartner, who pleaded guilty last year to stabbing her mother with a fork, will face the same three charges of felonious assault, domestic violence and assault and battery.

Maria Miller, Wayne County Prosecutor's Office spokesper-

son, has said the state believes it has enough evidence to move forward and get a conviction.

Miller said it's unknown if Baumgartner, who testified at his wife's previous preliminary hearing, will take the stand again.

"The prosecutor may use his testimony from before," she said.

Witnesses to the incident have testified that Campbell-Baumgartner yelled at her husband, dumped food into his lap and waved a sharp utensil near his face. After his wife was escorted from the restaurant, blood was seen on Baumgartner's face.

Baumgartner admitted that his wife had hit and pushed him earlier that day because they were arguing over a neighbor.

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SCHOOL PICK

FROM PAGE A1

Greg Morrison of Plymouth, also applied, but will be out of town on business when Tuesday's interviews are conducted.

Heise, head of the Wayne County Department of Environment, is the only one of the four who ran in the May election; he finished third behind Eggenberger and Slavens. Nichols initially entered the May election, then withdrew, but applied for the open position after Slavens resigned.

School officials acknowledged Morrison had told them he would be out of town when the board conducted its interviews.

"I have been regularly attending board meetings for the last year," Morrison, a graduate of the University of Michigan who owns his own yearbook company, Michigan Yearbooks, said via e-mail. "With the impending retirement of Dr. Ryan, and the severe budget cuts, the district is facing some very important decisions in the upcoming years. I believe I have a lot I could contribute to these decisions. I have my ear to the ground in the education community and that will be quite helpful in the search for a new superintendent."

The interviews, conducted in a forum format, start at 6 p.m. in the board room at the E.J. McClendon Center on Harvey. The board is expected to make its decision that same night, and the newest member will take part in his first board meeting, also that night.

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"Right to Work for Less" people at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy and various Chamber of Commerce are again hacking at unions with policy positions that are largely misleading. It is axiomatic with these groups that unions are undesirable because, in some instances, wages make them a costly condition of employment. Unions are monopolistic and coercive. They should be voluntary.



Al Churchill

In essence, they say, unions are driving employers to other states.

An independent study done by the Center for Automotive Research found that the hourly wage of UAW members at the end of the current contract, including benefits and overtime, will be around \$66 per hour. On the other hand, aside from the burden of health care costs, non-union transplants have comparable costs. What is never mentioned by "Right to Work for Less" advocates is productivity in the form of added value. In the domestic automobile industry, \$292,000 in value is added to production by each employee. Compared to the average \$73,000 of value added nationally, \$292,000 easily justifies a paycheck that allows for a diet beyond grits and bacon grease.

Market share loss has occurred, in part, because there are more choices available to consumers. It is a natural economic phenomenon that what was once a Big Three oligarchy will lose customers to increased competition.

Beyond that, the location of new plants has followed the population shift to the South. Indeed, incentives come only after a regional site search establishes a location. Southern states are offering incentives packages that are 70 percent more than states with established plants. They lean heavily to infrastructure changes, employee screening and recruitment rather than tax abatements. Less competition for skilled workers, freight and utility costs are also a primary concern.

Union labor costs are a non-issue. On the other hand, there are times when monopoly and coercion are useful and appropriate. Patent and copyright laws create socially acceptable monopolies intended to protect intellectual property of creative people and groups. Without patents, there is no incentive for drug companies to research life-saving drugs. Without copyright laws, writers would not be compensated adequately for their creativity. These governmentally induced monopolies are, oh my, coercive in the same sense that law generally is coercive. Obeying the law is not a voluntary activity. Not paying your income tax isn't going to be greeted with an "Aw shucks" from the Internal Revenue Service. Indeed, the intent

of American law is to create widespread fairness and civility. Prohibiting monopolies and laws that achieve that end is not good public policy.

Ask those who favor "right to work" laws if they would do away with legal monopolies created by patent and copyright laws. The answer, of course, will be "no." Then ask why labor unions should not have the same right to protect their members through a collective bargaining process that removes a gigantic imbalance of power tilted toward management.

Contrary to what the Mackinac Center and Chambers of Commerce say, American citizens would benefit if more people joined unions.

Here's why. Comparing the "free trade" situation today with Japan's earlier entry into America's market, Morgan Stanley chief economist Stephan Roach notes this distinction, "Today you have a different situation, with profits at record highs and the share of income going to labor at a 40-year low ... today, U.S. companies, as seen through the lens of corporate profitability, are thriving as never before while the American workforce is increasingly isolated in its competitive squeeze." *The Economist*, perhaps the most pro-business magazine in print, states that the United States "risks calcifying into a European-style, class-based society."

It is noteworthy that 42 percent of members of the House of Representatives who left office in 1998 became lobbyists, according to a report by Public Citizen, 50 percent of senators, ditto. With some elected representatives likely casting votes with an eye on their next job, Congress is now an apprenticeship on the way to journeyman status as financially lucrative lobbying shops. The end result is trade deals and other legislation that leave America's workforce hopelessly unprotected, while those with monopolistic copyrights and patents have ironclad protection.

Fact is, we are in the middle of the second Gilded Age, with an attendant disparity in wealth and power characteristic of the first Gilded Age.

One way to fight back is to unionize. Unions are among the very few fighting for people who have a cup of coffee and toast in the morning before going to work and contributing to America's well-being. The alternative is to watch an American democracy become a historical aberration, a pause between the passing of a hereditary European aristocracy to a moneyed global aristocracy. Solidarity and strength for American working people is found only in America's unions.

Al Churchill is a retired UAW autoworker and a resident of Livonia.

Investors need to know cost to buy, sell or hold an investment

I read your weekly column that talks about the five tips for picking a mutual fund. You indicate to watch for fees. When choosing a no-load, no-transaction fee fund, what would be considered an acceptable fee? What would you suggest to be the maximum number of funds in a portfolio to limit the affects of fees?

First, with regard to the maximum number of funds, I do not believe there is a magic number. There are so many variables involved when establishing a portfolio such as goals and objectives and comfort level that I believe it is impossible to say how many funds someone

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should own. For example, someone may not feel comfortable having more than \$10,000-\$15,000 in a fund. If that's the case and if they had \$45,000 to invest, there is no problem having four different funds. From a fee standpoint, when you use no-load, no-transaction fee funds, it is rare that having more or less funds will impact the fees in your portfolio. The exception to the rule is that in some fund companies, if you have a large amount of money invested in one fund, i.e. \$100,000, then it is possible to qualify for a different class share of mutual funds that would have a lower management fee. The area where owning less funds makes a difference is when you use commission-based funds. There are more break points so if you invest more in one fund, you potentially do pay a lower commission.

As more investment opportunities arise, it does require investors to diversify a portfolio by adding different types of funds into the mix. For example, adding an international real estate fund to provide further diversification and take advantage of certain opportunities is wise.

Don't focus on the number of mutual funds in a portfolio. Aim for a diversified and balanced

portfolio to achieve your goals and objectives.

In regard to fees, my general rule is total management fees of 1 percent or less. The exception is in international and specialty funds. In those types of funds, you typically will pay higher management fees. For those types of funds, I typically look for total management fees of less than 1.5 percent.

When it comes to management fees, I look at the bottom line number. One ingredient is to consider whether a fund has high 12-B-1 fees. These are marketing fees that companies sometimes tack on. If a fund charges 0.25 percent or less on a 12-B-1 fee, then it generally means the money collected is paid back into the fund. On the other hand, when you see high 12-B-1 fees, anything over 0.25 percent, you generally know that that money is being used for marketing purposes, including additional compensation to financial sales people.

I believe investors must always understand the cost of an investment. Know what the costs are to buy, sell and hold. Understanding these ingredients can make the difference of literally tens of thousands of dollars extra in your portfolio. Fees do matter. My question pertains to required minimum distributions for IRAs. My mother turns 70 on July 12, which means she will be 70½ in January 2008. Does she take her first RMD by April 15, 2008, and is that the only RMD she will have to take in 2008, or does she take her first annual distribution by April 15, 2008, and have to take another by Dec. 31, 2008?

Unfortunately, our tax laws are confusing and difficult which can lead to the situation where two qualified individuals have different opinions as to the state of the law.

Your mother will turn 70 next week and 70½ in 2008. Technically, her first required minimum distribution would be by April 15, 2009. The law says that required minimum distributions are due when you are 70½, however, there is an extension of time on that due date for your

first required distribution. You are allowed to take your first required distribution by April 15 of the year after you turn 70½.

The downside of following this provision is that if you wait until the year after you turn 70½ to take your minimum required distribution, then another distribution is due by Dec. 31 of that year. In other words, in the situation where you delay your distribution until April 15 of the year after you turn 70½, then in that year only you must make a double distribution.

My recommendation is to have your mother take her first required minimum distribution by Dec. 31, 2008. She will not have to take another distribution until Dec. 31, 2010.

Senior citizens must have an overall game plan regarding required minimum distributions. Many people believe that you should not touch your IRA before 70½ so that you can continue to let it grow tax-deferred.

I don't necessarily agree with that strategy at all times. For example, I sometimes have someone begin to withdraw money from his/her IRA when they first retire. This may keep them from paying exorbitant taxes down the road when they must take distributions. Remember, money outside the IRA grows at a capital gains rate which is a maximum of 15 percent. Money in the IRA does grow tax-deferred, however, when it is withdrawn it is taxed at the ordinary income bracket, which for most people is approximately 28 percent and can be as high as 35 percent. Therefore, sometimes deferring money only increases taxes.

When someone retires, he/she should begin to set forth a game plan on how to handle a tax-deferred account. There is no one strategy that works for everyone. The key is to have a strategy that works for you.

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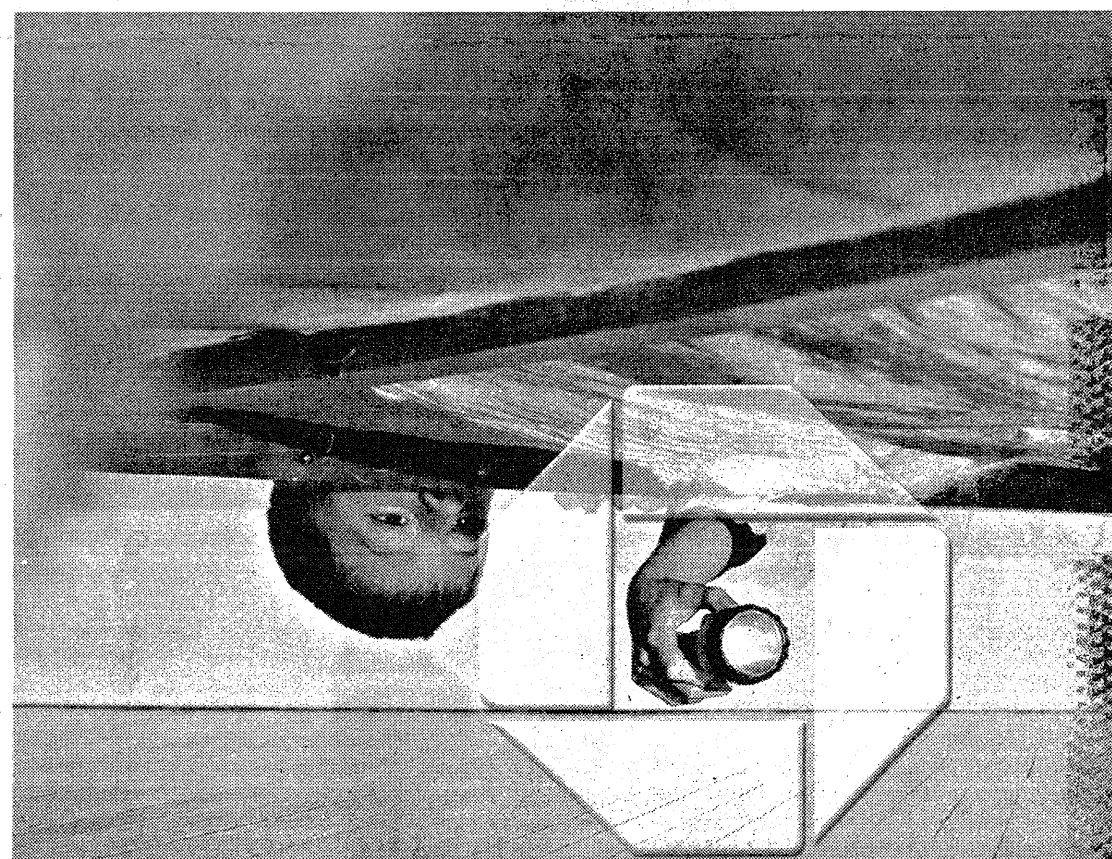
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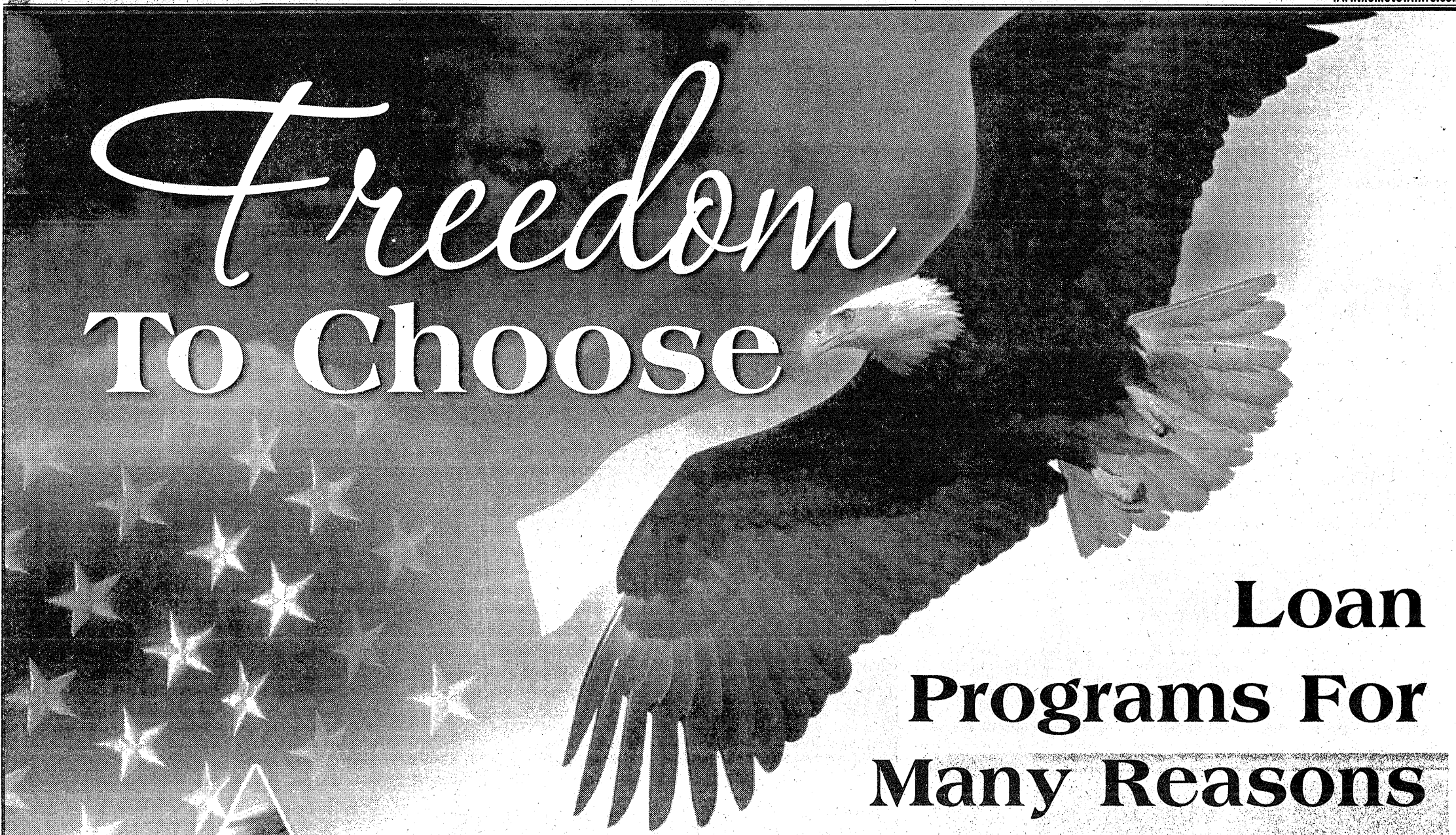
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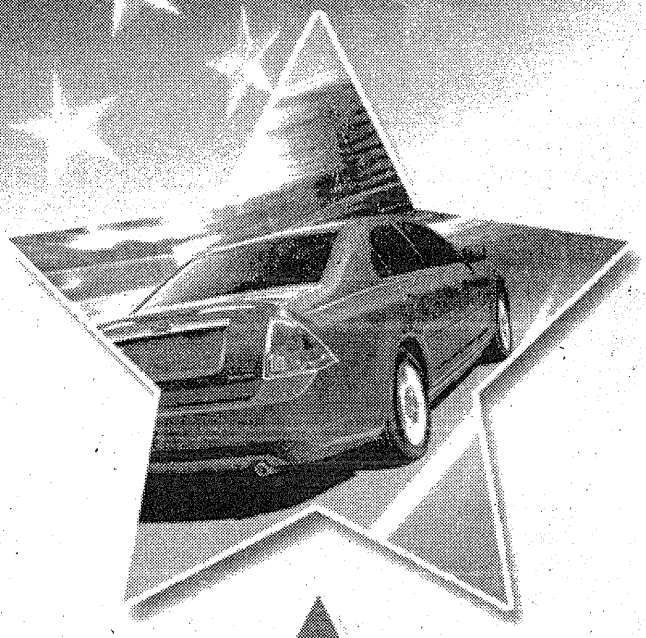
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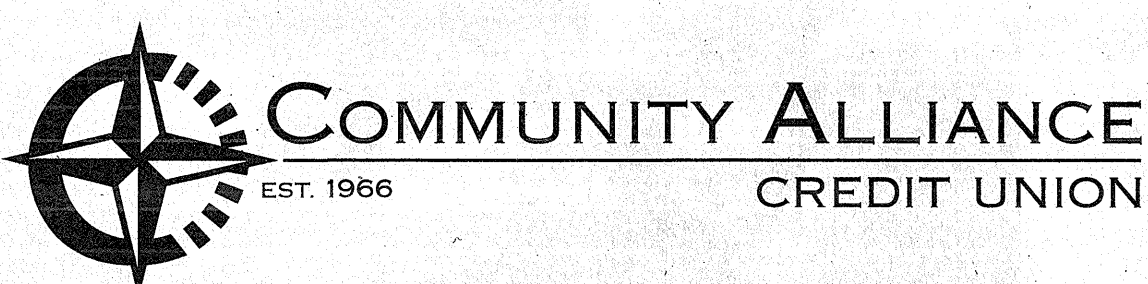
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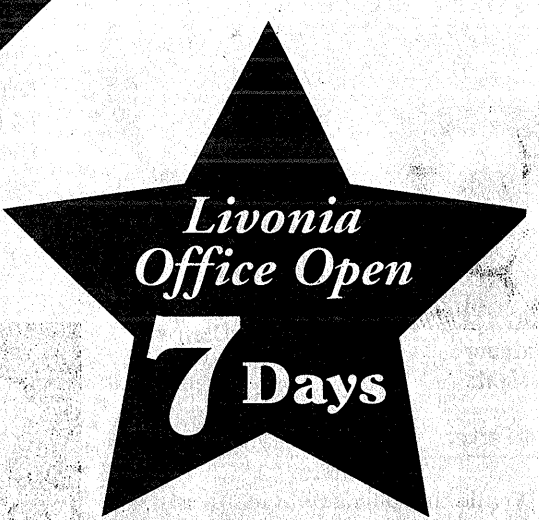
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Hawks thumped by Cleveland in 1st W-League loss

BY BRAD EMONS
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The Fourth of July fireworks apparently didn't quit exploding Thursday night as the Michigan Hawks Women got scorched in W-League soccer action by the host Cleveland Internationals, 6-1, at John Carroll University.

Under-21 National Team player Danesha Adams, who plays for UCLA, scored four times for third-place Cleveland, which improved to 5-2 in the W-League's Midwest Division of the

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Central Conference.

It was the Hawks' first defeat in the W-League. The are 6-1-1, a game behind the first-place Minnesota Lightning.

Cleveland also featured two other Under-21 National Team pool players in Amanda Cinalli (Notre Dame) and Jessie Rostedt (University of Virginia), each tallying a goal.

"It's a tough loss for sure," said Hawks assistant coach Amanda Wallo, who was filling in for head coach Doug Landefeld.

"They have the three U-21 players who play up-top. She (Adams) is quick. She broke through our defense and made it look easy. And we normally have a strong, tight defense. Hawks goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming found herself at the mercy of Adams' one-on-one attacks.

"Our defense did the best they could, but Danesha did a great job of playing and dribbled right through," Wallo said.

Northville's Lauren Hill (Michigan State) tallied the lone goal for the Hawks, who get another crack at the Internationals beginning 7 p.m. this

Friday at Livonia Churchill High School.

"It was a tough loss for the women," Wallo said. "We'll chalk this one up to experience. We'll move forward and learn from our mistakes."

The playing field for this Friday, however, will be more level as Adams and Cinalli will be away with commitments to the U-21 National Team in the Nordic Cup (being held in Finland).

"It will make for an interesting game," Wallo said.

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Sidelines

Deren promoted

Livonia Stevenson High grad Nick Deren as been promoted as a full-time assistant coach status for the University of Detroit Mercy men's soccer program.

Deren, who spent the past three seasons as one of Morris-Lupenec's top assistants, is a 1999 UDM grad.

The three-year letter winner scored seven goals and added five assists as a Titan. He has earned an Advanced National License from the National Soccer Coaches Association and has been a staff coach for the Michigan Rush and the Michigan Olympic Development Program.

During his time at UDM, Deren served as goalkeeping coach for both the men's and women's programs in addition to assisting with training sessions, travel, fund raising and recruiting.

MU inks Plinka

Madonna University baseball coach Greg Haeger announced the signing of two more players including Livonia Stevenson High third baseman Nick Plinka and Northville infielder Dominic Benavides.

Plinka, a second-team All-Observer and All-Lakes Division selection, hit .354 this season with 20 RBI while scoring 24 runs.

Benavides, a three-year letter winner, helped the Mustangs to a 29-5 record, including a 26-game winning streak, while hitting .360.

He earned All-Western Lakes honors and was named Northville's Best Defensive Player.

MU signs harriers

Three runners, including Livonia Churchill's Brian Robertson and Stevenson High grad Max Guy, signed NAIA letters of intent last month.

Coach Patrick Daugherty also announced the signing of Monroe's Jacob Burman, who ran a personal best 16 minutes, 58 seconds in the 5-kilometer run.

Robertson, meanwhile, earned three letters in cross country and four in track at Churchill.

He earned second team All-Observer honors and was a state qualifier in cross country. Robertson also qualified for the Division 1 state track meet in the 4 x 800-meter relay.

Guy, a four-year letter winner in track and cross country at Stevenson, is a transfer from Grand Valley State where he was named to Dean's List.

In the Lions' den



Fourth round draft pick A.J. Davis, a defensive back from North Carolina State, works with the kids during Friday's final day of the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp staged at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

Draftee Davis instructs campers

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

As Art Linkletter would attribute: "Kids Say the Darndest Things."

Fourth-round draft pick A.J. Davis found that out Friday as the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp closed Friday at Plymouth's Central Middle School.

Davis, a defensive back from North Carolina State, fielded questions from 106 campers, who weren't adverse to asking the darndest things.

Here's a sample:

"Do you think Jon Kitna could throw the ball over the roof of the

Silverdome?" Davis was at a loss for an answer.

"Are you famous?"

Davis replied: "Just a little bit."

"Did you play any other sports?"

Said Davis: "I ran track and jumped (he was an NCAA runner-up in the long jump). I played basketball, but I was fast. I couldn't shoot."

And then there was this one.

"When is your birthday?"

The NFL's 105th pick overall responded: "May 29. Did you forget to get me a gift?"

The rookie Lion, who stands 5 feet, 10 inches, and weighs a mod-

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Devin Cameron of Canton runs a defensive drill during the final day of the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp held at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

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Detroit River lures anglers in Chevy Open

Local waters of the Great Lakes here in southeastern Michigan will be teeming with some of the best professional bass anglers in the world July 12-15 as the FLW



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Tour holds its sixth and final regular season tournament, the \$1.5 million Chevy Open, on the Detroit River. Anglers will fish anywhere from the St. Clair River to the western basin of Lake Erie in both U.S. and Canadian waters.

While the tournament features some 400 anglers from 35 states, Australia, Canada, Italy and Japan, a couple of local anglers will have some pretty high stakes at hand when the tournament lands on their home waters.

Art Ferguson III, a Rochester native, and Kevin Long, who was raised in Bloomfield Hills, are each hoping the Chevy Open

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Michigan Bucks continue PDL mastery

BY DAN STICKRAT
STAFF WRITER

MEN'S SOCCER

Teams within the Premier Developmental League have been trying to crack the codes of solving on just how to beat the Michigan Bucks.

They have been trying for a year now - and counting.

The Bucks toppled the Chicago Fire 2-1 Thursday night at Toyota Park in Bridgeview, Ill., to run their franchise league unbeaten streak up to 19 games. The Bucks (8-0-3 in league games this year) have not lost against another PDL team since July 9, 2006, a 2-0 loss to Chicago. The Bucks have now defeated

the Fire on three straight occasions, twice this year and once last year in the PDL playoffs.

"We're just rolling right now," admitted Bucks head coach Dan Fitzgerald, whose team finished second in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL to the Fire last season. "We've got a solid group of 15-16 players and we've only had a couple of minor injuries, nothing major. That's been a key."

Super-sub Kenny Uzoigwe continued his hot streak with his third game-winning goal of the season, coming off the

bench at halftime to deliver some more heroics in the 86th minute.

"He's just so quick," said Fitzgerald of Uzoigwe. "We usually bring him on at halftime or early in the second half. The other teams don't usually sub their central backs, so with Kenny fresh in the second half, he causes problems for the other teams when they're getting tired."

The Bucks would strike first in the 19th minute against their arch-rival when Ty Shipalane (Lindsey Wilson) blew by two defenders and sent a cross along the six-yard box that was neatly slotted into the back of the net by Bucks leading scorer

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Chargers Grand Champs

The Livonia Churchill High pom pom achieved Grand Champion honors at the Mid-America Pom Camp held June 19-23 at Northwood University in Midland. Coached by Judy Nouhan and Vicki Middleton, the Chargers were also award first place in Senior Kick Line and Most Congenial team. Members of the squad include: Laura Adams, Krysten Barczuk, Jessica Brown, Lauren Campbell, Allison Estes, Katelyn Humphrey, Beth Kiurski, Sarah LaBerge, Christine Lang, Jessica McClain, Alic McGrorty, Kelsey McHugh, Amanda Rees, Brynn Rosbury, Kristen Schwarz, Katie Sedgewick, Stefanie Shepler, Chelsea Sieber, Annie Sobczak, Angela Swirles, Ashley Thomas, Alecia Tsermengas, Melinda Wagner, Mary Wojcik, Brittany Wood and Rachel Zarem.

Future basketball stars invade at AAU nationals

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

There's going to be some company in the area this week. Young, but good company.

The AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) will host its U-15 Boys Basketball National Championships with Lake Orion serving as the epicenter of the event, which is being held in conjunction with the Detroit Metro Sports Commission. The tournament will run July 10-15.

"This is the second straight year that this has come to the Detroit area, and that's pretty good company because it's never easy bringing these types of events in," said Kurt Kosmowski of the Kosmowski Group, a marketing and public relations firm that is promoting the event for the DMSC. "This is the second year that we've helped with this event. It's kind of a warmup for future events we hope to bring into the area."

The AAU tourney is expected to bring in close to 2,000 players, coaches and parents of teams from more than 30 states. There are 92 teams officially registered as of Friday. In past years, the event has served as a decent draw of basketball junkies wanting to gain a sneak peak of future collegiate stars today.

There will be even more this year. The AAU tourney is now a sanctioned event with the NCAA, which will allow college coaches to attend to view potential prospects. College coaches will still not be allowed to talk directly to student-athletes until July 1 before the start of their senior year, meaning it will be July 2009 until college coaches can talk to anyone in this age group.

In past years, several rising stars have made appearances at the AAU tournament in Oakland County. In 2000, current Phoenix Suns standout Amare Stoudemire played with a Florida-based team that participated in games

at Lake Orion, which will have three courts going through the first four days of the event.

Other sites in the area include the Lake Orion CERC building (the old high school adjacent to the current high school), along with Scripps, Oakview and Waldon middle schools in the Lake Orion district. Additional games will also be played at Lutheran Northwest High School in Rochester Hills.

"I think what might draw people is that this event is sanctioned, which allows college coaches to attend the event," Kosmowski said. "That was not the case last year. I expect there will be plenty of (college) scouts there this year."

As for spectators, it's a chance to see tomorrow's stars today. "You look at these rosters and five or six years from now, some of these guys will be tremendous college players or maybe even pros in the future," Kosmowski said. "There is already one kid from Ohio, Jared Sullinger, who has made

a commitment to Ohio State. These kids are only going to be sophomores in high school, but there are some very talented kids playing in this tournament. It's worth checking it out."

Several other of the top 100 rated players in the Class of 2010 age group, according to a variety of national recruiting sources, are expected to play, including some from Michigan. Among that group are Christian Vaughn (Saginaw HS), Jonathon Horford (Grand Ledge HS) and Patrick Lucas-Perry (Grand Blanc). Other top prospects from Michigan include Mohamed Conde (Belleville HS), Juwan Howard Jr. (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) and Evan Webster (Orchard Lake St. Mary's).

Rosters, brackets and schedules with times and locations of the tournament can be found on the DMSC's Web site at www.detroitssports.org/events.

"We'll have some of the best in the country here for this age group," Kosmowski said.

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est 191 pounds, told the campers he always dreamed about playing in the NFL.

"It wasn't about the money or the fame," he said. "I just love the game. I still feel like I'm playing a little kids' game. I'm living proof you don't have to be big, but I'm fast (he's clocked a 4.28 in the 40-yard dash). I'm just trying to remain humble and I'm thankful I have the opportunity to play. It's a blessing to play in the NFL."

Davis, who comes from a football and track family, has two cousins in the NFL (Jamal Brooks of the St. Louis Rams and Don Davis of the New England Patriots).

He got his first exposure to football through a camp in his hometown of Burlington.

"I went to a lot of them and I just loved it," Davis said. "I was bad when I started. I was an offensive lineman. I had to toughen up. Then I was a flanker. I also played quarterback and receiver. I went through the passing leagues. As far as technique for this age group (6-14), it really starts here, the little fundamentals, the footwork you get down that lasts a lifetime. It's also about having fun."

The Lions conduct 12 summer youth camps throughout the state. The cost is \$159 for 14 hours of instruction.

"We got two days of offense and two days of defense," said



Lions Youth Football Camp director Chris Fritzsching gets his players together.

Chris Fritzsching, Director of Detroit Lions Youth Football. "We go with position groups. We don't try to give them too much, just understand the game more. We give them a taste of every position that they can take with them whenever they decide to play in the fall."

Canton's Kyle Cameron, 12, goes to Discovery Middle School and plays running back. He picked up some valuable nuggets from the Lions Youth camp that he can use

this fall with the Plymouth-Canton Steelers.

"I learned you never give up and keep your eye on your goals," he said. "Always listen to the coaches because if you don't listen, you'll mess up in the games. It's all about mental toughness."

It's too early to tell if Kyle Cameron will become the next A.J. Davis, but Fritzsching is glad he has the forum to make a difference, not only through his 12 summer camps, but year-round programs.

"We have different 11 programs," Fritzsching said. "We do school assemblies. We have our Lions Leaders for Life. We do football education, coaching education and character education."

The Lions tap into different markets around Michigan each summer, but plan to return again next year to Plymouth.

"We've had this camp (Central M.S.) four years now and it's always active, high energy, and the bottom line is that they're having fun doing it," Fritzsching said.

Davis, meanwhile, is getting ready for the rigors of the NFL training camp, which is just weeks away.

He calls the Allen Park complex "Top of the line."

"I like it," said Davis of his new surroundings. "Being from North Carolina and going to school there, this is my first time being away from

'I went to a lot of them and I just loved it. I was bad when I started. I was an offensive lineman. I had to toughen up. Then I was a flanker. I also played quarterback and receiver. I went through the passing leagues. As far as technique for this age group (6-14), it really starts here, the little fundamentals, the footwork you get down that lasts a lifetime. It's also about having fun.'

A.J. DAVIS

home. I've only been back twice, so I must be getting pretty comfortable here."

And how about one more question? This was probably the most perplexing of all to the rookie DB.

"Who is the worst player on the Lions?"

Davis obviously danced around that one: "I really can't say. Everybody there has got to be pretty good."

(The next Lions Youth Football Camp in the area is July 23-26 at Lake Orion and July 30-Aug. 2 at Detroit's Ford Field.)

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will boost them into the FLW Tour's Forrest Wood Cup Championship, Aug. 2-5 in Arkansas.

In FLW Tour tournaments, professionals and co-anglers (amateurs) are randomly paired each day. Co-anglers fish from the back of the boats against other co-anglers. Pros fish against other pros. The top 10 amateurs and top 10 pros, based on an accumulative weight from Thursday and Friday, advance to fish on Saturday.

Weights are wiped clean and the co-angler champion is crowned following the weigh-in on Saturday night. Pros return to the water on Sunday for one more day of competition. Anglers also earn points for their finish in each of the FLW Tour events and the top 50 to 55 in total points at the conclusion of the six tournaments, advance to the championship in Arkansas.

Entering the Chevy Open, Ferguson is in 62nd place in the point standings and Long is in 71st.

"This is the most important tournament of the year for a lot of people who are trying to make the championship," said Ferguson, who runs Art of Fishing Guide Service (586-531-2821) when he's not competing. "I'm right on the bubble. I'm 62nd in points and the top 50 to 55 will advance to the FLW championship. I need a top 50 (finish) in this one to qualify for the championships in August. Of course, you always want to win

it, or to finish in the top five."

Ferguson, who fished his first tournament 28 years ago and has been a full-time pro since 1990, fishes in four professional series, including the FLW Tour, FLW Eastern Series, Stren Midwest Series and the BASS Southern.

He's had his share of good luck fishing his home waters, finishing in the top 10 twice, including a third-place finish in an FLW Tour event in 1999.

"It's on my home water, so I have no excuses," said Ferguson, who is sponsored by Marathon Oil and Kars Nuts. "The (week) leading up to the tournament I'll be out there trying to learn some new stuff to combine with what I already know. Your home water can be an advantage, but sometimes it can hurt you, too. Sometimes you'll be fishing (a pattern) you know will work, but if it doesn't you can be reluctant to make a change."

The tournament is equally important to Long, who is in his second year of fishing the FLW Tour.

"This is a big one for me," said Long, who runs Longcast Guide Service (888-536-3474) when he's not fishing in tournaments. "I've had three good finishes this year so far and two bad finishes. After all is said and done, I'm in 71st place, so I have a pretty good shot at making the cut. I think with a top-30 finish I might make it, and with a top-20 I'll probably make it for sure."

Long, who is sponsored by BF Goodrich, Evenrude and Ranger, agrees with Ferguson that it can sometimes be difficult to fish your home waters.

"I'm glad we're here. I love to fish at home, but to be honest,

I've done better on waters I'm not so familiar with. (For the Chevy Open) I'll have to keep an open mind and fish with blinders on as far as past history."

Anglers will take off at 6:30 a.m. each morning from the Elizabeth Park Marina in Trenton. Thursday and Friday's weigh-ins also will be held at Elizabeth Park Marina beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday's and Sunday's weigh-ins begin at 4 p.m. at the Cobo Center in Detroit.

FLW Outdoors is hosting a free Family Fun Zone and outdoor show at the Cobo Center from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The event includes a meet-and-greet with pro anglers, new fishing products, and fishing-themed games and rides for kids.

The first 300 children ages 14 and under to attend the event on Saturday will receive a free FLW Outdoors hat. The first 300 children ages 14 and under to attend the Family Fun Zone on Sunday will receive a free rod and reel combo. On Sunday, a member of the audience will also win a free trip for two to Hot Springs for the \$2 million Forrest Wood Cup championship, and a chance to win a \$53,000 Ranger Z20 bass boat and a Yamaha outboard. Participants must be present during the 4 p.m. weigh-in Sunday to win.

Coverage of the Chevy Open will be broadcast on FSN (Fox Sports Net) on Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 as part of the "FLW Outdoors" television program.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact him c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.



Wishes on Wheels

The Foresters Group, along with Compuware Corp. and Credit Union ONE, have teamed up for a common goal when they embark July 27 on the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan 300-mile bike ride throughout the state. Team WOW (Wishes on Wheels), with over 80 area registered riders, is striving to raise a total of \$100,000 to grant wishes for children who suffer from life-threatening medical conditions. This year's Team WOW will be riding for 19-year-old Lyz Schultz of Grosse Pointe Woods, who was diagnosed in Dec. of 2005 with Acute Lymphoblastic/Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL). Currently undergoing chemotherapy at the Van Elslander Cancer Center, Lyz is a student at Macomb Community College. Prior to her diagnosis, Lyz was a goalie on the Grosse Pointe South High girls lacrosse state championship teams (2005-06) and rowed for the Blue Devils girls team at the former Detroit Boat Club (Belle Isle). Among the riders for Team WOW includes Kevin Degen, who lives with cerebral palsy. His determination and enthusiasm continue to inspire the entire team. The Foresters (Branch Benevolence of Livonia) hopes the community will match the \$650 it has already pledged to sponsor Degen. Recently, the Foresters' (Branch Arrowhead) Fran Teeple (front row, center) presented Compuware's chief administrative officer, Denise Knoblock-Starr (top row, second from right), with a check for \$12,800. Also joining in the efforts are (front row, from left) Tom Hutson, Fran Teeple and Howard Teeple, all of the Foresters; (back row, from left) Tom Hutson (Foresters), Krista Snow (Compuware), Amy Casey (Credit Union ONE), Gary DesChenes (Foresters), Starr and Tom Anderson (Compuware). If you would like to help Team WOW reach its goal, visit www.wishmich.org. (Click on events, then click and WAM 300 Bicycle tour; or you can make a general donation to Team WOW.)

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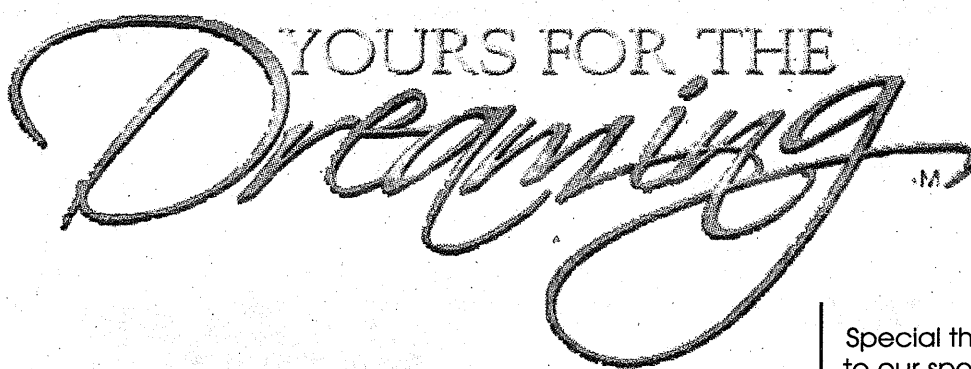
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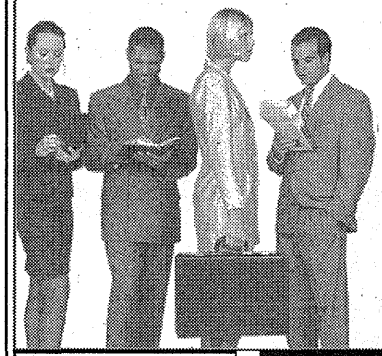
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The men's 36-hole medal play is 18 holes Saturday at Whispering Willows and 18 holes Sunday at Fox Creek. - Maximum handicap is 20 and you must have a current USGA index to participate. The women's 18-hole medal play is Saturday, Aug. 11 at Whispering Willows. The fee is \$50. Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.

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

2-woman scramble

The Michigan Women's Golf Association two-women scramble is Saturday, July 14 at Sugarbush Golf Club in Davison.

The shotgun start is slated for 9 a.m. The entry fee is \$64 for MWGA members; \$84 for non-members. Included in the cost is golf, cart, range, continental breakfast and prizes.

For more information, call tournament director Deb Horning at (248) 642-7834; or e-mail clubchaser@comcast.net.

CYO golf outing

The 2007 Catholic Youth Organization Friends Athletic golf outing will be Monday, July 16 at St. John's golf Center in Plymouth.

Hole sponsorships are also available.

For more information, call CYO athletics at (313) 963-7172, Ext. 149.

Judo juniors

The 2007 U.S. Judo Federation Junior Nationals will be Saturday-Sunday, July 14-15, at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center in Ypsilanti.

For more information on the Junior Nationals, visit www.MichiganJudo.org.

Motor City Jr. Golf

The Motor City Junior Golf Championship for ages 12-17 is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia.

The 18-hole event is sponsored by Caddy Shack and Top

Flite Golf. Included in the \$49 entry fee is one practice round (prior to the event), one bucket of driving range balls (the day of the event), lunch ticket and gift pace.

Entry forms must be fill out in full, signed and returned by Wednesday, July 18 to Whispering Willows, located on Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile Road.

Tee times will be announced after noon on Sunday, July 22. For more information, call (248) 476-4493.

Baseball lessons

The Bernie Carbo Pro Secrets Baseball Academy will be staging individual, small group and team skill sessions in power pitching, hitting and fielding.

Marketing showcase sessions for high school players are available.

Former Phillies minor league All-Star Mark Rutherford will be the featured instructor.

Call (734) 421-4928.

Soccer openings

The Waza FC Soccer Club has open positions for the following teams: under-8 (boys and girls), under-10 (girls); under-11 (boys); under-12 (boys and girls); under-13 (boys).

Practices will be held at Livonia's Bryant Field, located on Merriman between Six and Seven Mile roads.

For more information, call Jim Debolski at (734) 637-1730; or visit www.WazaFC.com.

High Velocity soccer

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering summer soccer clinics after the 4th of July.

The clinics are once a week for eight weeks.

The cost and day of the week for each class varies per class from \$60 to \$90. All classes include a free T-shirt.

Schedules and fees are available on www.hvssports.com.

The available clinics include "Future Stars" (2- and 3-year-olds), "Small Stars" (3-4), "Kicks With Kids" (4-5 and 6-7), a Skill Acceleration Camp (8-9 and 10-12), "Beginning Booters" (8-11) and a women's clinic for adults. Call (734) HV-SPORT.

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Finally, HVS will offer a summer soccer camp for kids between the ages of 5 and 12 June 25-29 from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$110. All HVS summer camps are buy one, get one half off.

3-on-3 hoops

The first annual Hoopin' for the Sal' 3-on-3 double-elimination basketball tournament will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 10-11 at Salvation Army parking lot, 2300 Venoy, Westland.

The cost is \$80 per team. Registration starts at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11.

Divisions for co-ed include Open (adult ages 18 and up), Middle (15-17) and JV (12-14).

Awards included a 20-inch flat screen TVs to the Open Division winners; trophies and T-shirts to all other divisions.

For more information, ask for Captain Matt at (734) 722-3660.

WMGA tourney

The Michigan Women's Golf Association 22nd annual state championship is set for Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29, at Hunter's Ridge Golf Course in Howell, voted in 2005 as the top "female friendly" public golf course in southeastern Michigan.

Players of all experience levels are welcomed, especially junior girl golfers. There will be three division of competition including Regular, Senior and Junior.

Juniors will play only on Sunday, July 29. The fee is \$59.

The Regular and Senior divisions will have a 9 a.m. shotgun start on both Saturday and Sunday.

The cost is \$140 for MWGA members; \$160 for non-members (includes golf, cart, range, prizes, continental breakfast both days, and lunch after play on Sunday).

Call tournament director Sonia Pysh-Denison at (586) 212-6639; or e-mail Pysh-Denison@wmgolf.org. An entry form is online at www.mwgf.org.



Cyclones win title

The Livonia Soccer Club Cyclones, an under-13 boys recreational team, recently finished 10-0 during the spring season in the Great Lakes Soccer League's Superior Division. The Cyclones also captured the U-13 division at the Canton Cup, defeating U-13 Western Suburban Soccer League champion Farmington in the final, 4-0. The Cyclones have compiled a 32-7-1 mark during the last four seasons of play and a 79-11-2 record in five full years. Members of the 2007 spring team include (from left) Kevin Louwers, Matthew Sankey, Chad Evans, Robert Schramm, Peter Eri, Stephen Marchio, Tyler Reetz, Derek Covert, Derek Wenderlich, Karl Tiama, Scott Horger, Matt Kruppa, David Koponen, Jayson Gibson, Stephen Bank, Alex Hassa, Chad Lipinski, Sean Goulette and Craig Lefevere; coaches Tim Evans and Jim Kruppa, along with team manager Ben Bank.

BUCKS

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Khelli Dube (Coastal Carolina).

Dube's ninth goal of the season would not hold up into halftime as Chicago won a goal-mouth scramble in front of Bucks goal netminder Steve Clark (Oakland), who made two fine saves before the third rebound was put by him by Chris Jackson for the 1-1 tie late in the first half.

With the win, the Bucks (27 points) move further ahead of the Fire (6-3-4, 22 points) in the eight-team Great Lakes Division with the season sweep of Chicago. The Bucks are one of only three unbeaten teams of the 63 clubs in the PDL.

"I think we pretty much have it sewed up," said Fitzgerald. "We would have to fall apart not to make the playoffs. I think we might start resting some guys to get ready for the playoffs. Other teams come out and play us hard every time."

CAMPS/CLINICS

MU cross country

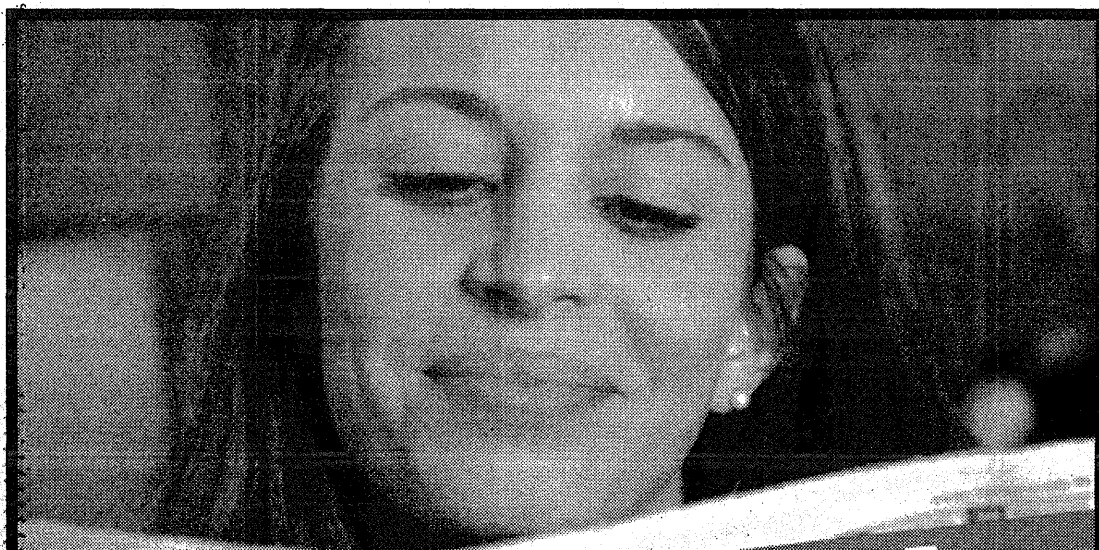
Madonna University will stage a base camp for the serious high school cross country runner from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, July 30-Aug. 3, at Cass Benton Park, part of the Hines Park system just south of Northville on Hines Drive.

The cost is \$95. MU will also stage a series of long runs from 7:30-9 a.m. on Saturdays, July 14, 21, 28; Aug. 4 and 11, at Cass Benton. The cost is \$2 each Saturday.

For more information, call camp director and MU head coach Patrick Daugherty at (734) 658-0226 (evenings) or the MU cross country office at (734) 432-5634. You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

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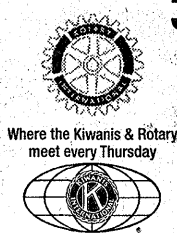


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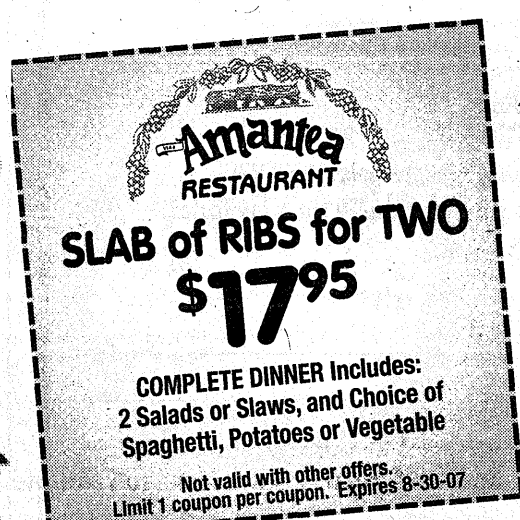
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What's up with Webkinz?

Sophia left for camp today, entrusting me with the care of her 1-week-old Persian cat. Over the next three days, I must feed my 7-year-old's kitten, give it love, and make sure it takes a few spins on its skateboard. Quite a to-do list for a stuffed animal.

But Princess is no ordinary plush. This furball has a virtual persona as well. In cyberspace, Princess can jump on a trampoline, eat popcorn, and cheer for Sophia as she plays games to earn so-called KinzCash, with which she'll buy cute kitty clothes and, undoubtedly, more popcorn.

My two kids recently purchased Webkinz pets — the super-popular, super-hard-to-find toys that come with a secret code used to register at Webkinz.com. It's easy for kids to fall head-first into Webkinz World, I've discovered. And their parents aren't far behind.

I have a friend who, after tucking in her kids for the night, logs on to their Webkinz accounts and cleans up their toys. Their virtual toys. In their virtual rooms. I teased her — until I became a Webkinz Mommy myself. Now I've given enough thought to these \$12 toys to have compiled a pro and con list. First, Things I Don't Like About Webkinz:

■ **The Entire Premise Is Materialistic.** Almost everything kids do on the site earns them KinzCash, which they must save and spend on things their pets want and need. On the one hand, I appreciate this early lesson in capitalism. (Watching 5-year-old Jackson set aside funds for a virtual swimming pool gives me hope that 16-year-old Jackson won't fritter away his entire McDonald's paycheck on dollar store miscellany when he's actually saving up for an iPod or iCar or whatever iThing Apple will be selling in 2018.) But it seems a sad reflection on society that a pre-K kid should be indulging in retail therapy.

■ **Greed Is Encouraged.** I assumed that once each kid had a Webkinz, we'd be set for life. But one pet equals one year of membership. When that year is up, the child's account is deactivated — unless he registers a new pet. With each subsequent adoption, kids get more KinzCash and finer welcome gifts. There are not-so-subliminal messages everywhere on the site encouraging multiple acquisitions, such as, "Adopt a new Webkinz. You can never have too many furry friends — or too much KinzCash!"

■ **It's Addictive.** And not just for the kids but for their mom as well. I test-drove several games — all in the name of research for this column, of course. Two hours and multiple Solitaire sessions later, I had accumulated a few hundred in KinzCash for each kid but felt a little sheepish about the whole thing. Especially when my husband remarked, "You're on fire over there; do you have a story due tomorrow?" and I had to admit I'd actually been playing Lunch Letters, a speed-typing game.

■ **But then there are Things I Like About Webkinz:**
 ■ **The Parental Propaganda.** Jackson's pet utters missives such as: "It's good to know how to swim!" and "Healthy food makes me happy!" He seems to take these nuggets of wisdom more seriously when they're exclaimed by an adorable black bear rather than droned by a grouchy mother.

■ **Readers Are Rewarded.** The great majority of material presented in Webkinz World is written rather than spoken. My pre-K son is quickly accumulating words he recognizes by sight, and Sophia is keeping her skills sharp this summer not just during her turns but also as she helps her brother navigate the site by reading aloud to him.

■ **It's Safe.** Once a child logs on, Webkinz World exists in a self-contained window that doesn't include an address bar — meaning younger ones can't accidentally end up in unsavory sections of the Internet. What's more, the site is designed to keep personal information such as e-mail addresses, hometowns and even names private.

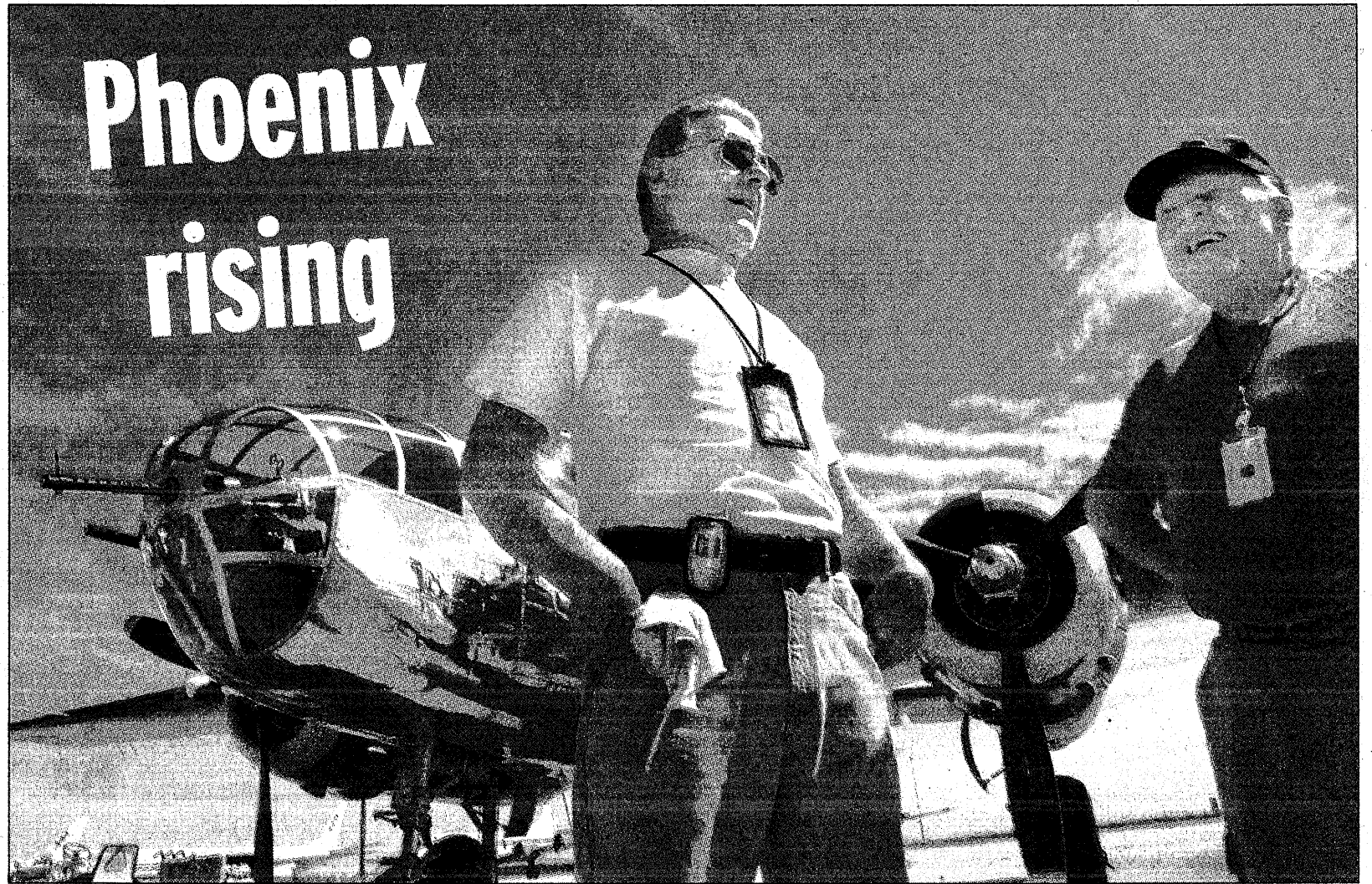
■ **Inspires Imaginative Play.** One day, Webkinz World was down for repairs. Although initially disappointed, Sophia redirected her enthusiasm. Instead of decorating her pet's online rooms, she got motivated to build a cardboard house for her plush Webkinz. Cost: 0 KinzCash!

Rebecca Kavanagh is a Farmington Hills freelance writer who interrupted the creation of this column to log on to Webkinz.com so she could earn a bonus spin on the Wheel of Wow for her daughter, who couldn't do it herself because she was too busy having a life. Write to Kavanagh at momsthewordcolumn@gmail.com.



Mom's the Word

Rebecca Kavanagh



Bob Paul of Garden City, and Dick Sprague of Livonia both work on the B-25.

Phoenix rising

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dick Sprague raises his right arm signaling the pilot to start the B-25 bomber. Sprague was part of the Yankee Air Museum crew that spent hundreds of hours replacing then testing the number 2 engine in time for the public to purchase rides on the World War II era aircraft during Thunder Over Michigan. The event features performances by the Blue Angels U.S. Navy Aerial Demonstration Squadron Saturday-Sunday, July 7-8, at Willow Run Airport in Belleville. Proceeds from the performances and rides in the B-25 and B-17 go toward a fund to rebuild and expand Yankee Air Museum.

Like the mythical bird the Phoenix, the museum is rising from the ashes after the 1941 hangar housing vintage aircraft was destroyed by fire in October 2004 at Willow Run Airport. Earlier this week, Hangar 2 was a hub of activity. The museum is temporarily located in the hangar.

"The B-25 Bomber is the only Model D still flying in the world," said Sprague, 80, of Livonia. Sprague used his skills as a master modeler for Ford's Design Center for 38 years to build the bomber's machine guns. "This is the first flight since changing

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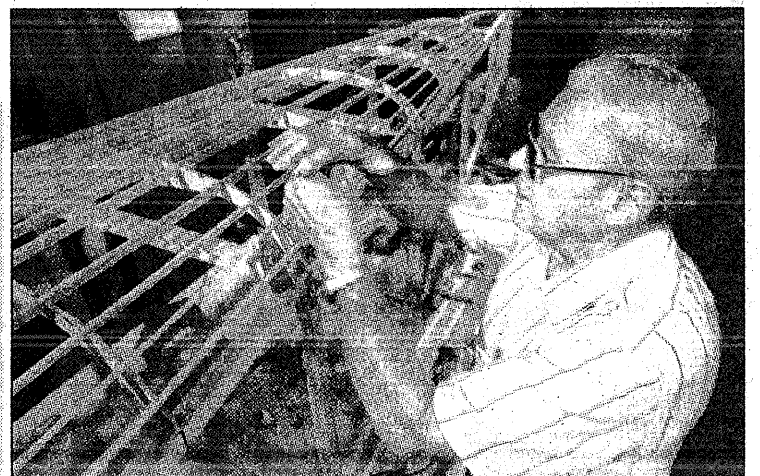
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the engine. We started building in the old hangar and rebuilt the entire plane in five years. I'm anxious about the new museum. We want to get a hangar of our own."

A GOOD PLAN

Bob Paul is as anxious about putting up a new hangar for the museum's historic aircraft. Paul, a 64-year-old Garden City resident, worked seven days a week to change the B-25 engine. Over the last two years he helped restore the bomber's tail. A member of the museum since 1996, Paul served in the Marine Corps and was crew chief on the F-4 Phantom and A-4 Skyhawk

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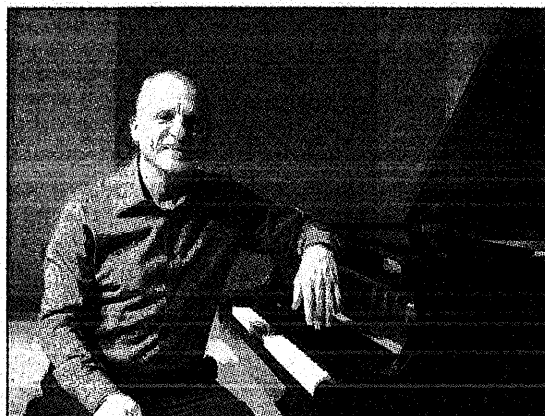


Westland resident Joe Kosek works on the airframe for a World War I era Spad.



Dick Sprague's model maker's skills enabled him to build the machine gun and turret.

Michigan Jazz Festival educates young and old as well



Dennis Tini of Farmington Hills performs selections from his new CD at the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 15, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Tini is organizing a Playing with the Pros session to encourage young jazz musicians.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
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Dennis Tini is the perfect choice to direct the newest element of the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 15, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Playing with the Pros provides an opportunity for gifted young musicians to play with professionals such as Tini.

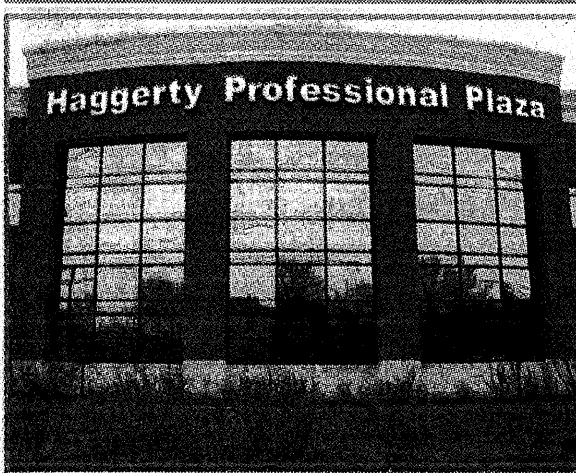
Not only has the Farmington Hills pianist taught music for 33 years at Wayne State University where he co-founded the jazz studies program, but Tini's releasing a third CD as leader, *Global Peace & Understanding* with his trio — Jeff Halsey, bass, and David Taylor, drums. Joining them on the album were the Rucner String Quartet of Croatia and Peter Soave, accordion/bandoneon of Farmington Hills, among others.

The CD was recorded in Switzerland, Croatia and Detroit and commemorates the South African AIDS pandemic, the

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Dennis Tini's new CD commemorates the South African AIDS pandemic, the Tsunami and Hurricane Katrina disasters, world peace, and the Lake George, New York boat tragedy that killed 21 people including Charles and Louise Greenwald of Livonia in October 2005.



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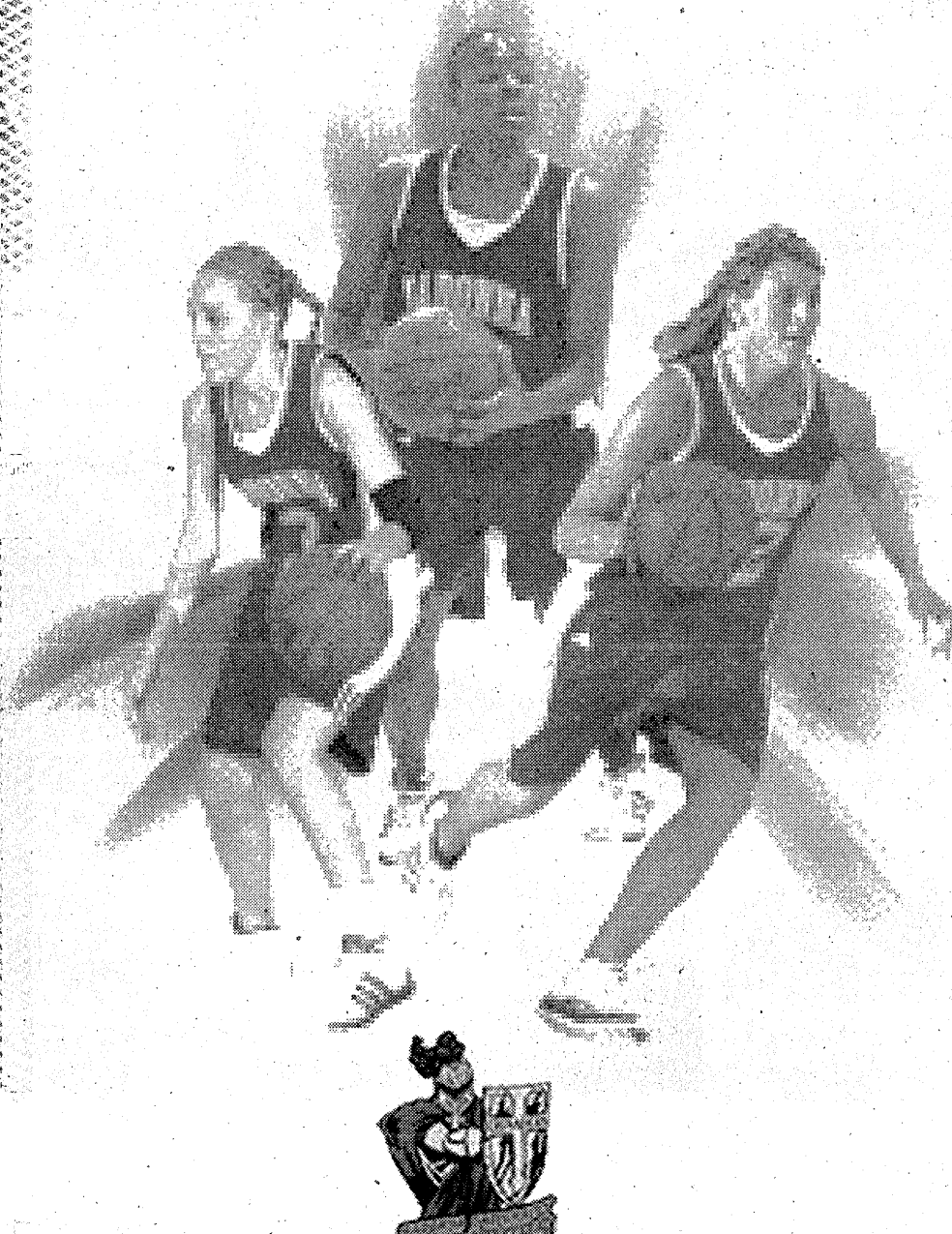
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Learn basic motorcycle safety

Do you want to learn to ride a motorcycle safely or see if motorcycling is for you? Henry Ford Community College's Center (HFCC) for Lifelong Learning is offering a Basic Rider Course to help beginning motorcyclists develop basic skills including shifting, braking and turning. Upon successful completion of the course, the Secretary of State will waive the riding skills test required for motorcycle endorsement.

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23. The final intense session meets 6-10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 8-9. Riders will be assigned range time on the first class meeting, but must be available throughout the entire stretch of time.

All sessions take place at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. The course provides 16 hours of instruction and costs \$25. The course is conducted with state funds from a motorcycle safety grant. Limited space is available and classes fill quickly. To register, call (313) 317-1500 or 1-877-855-5252.

Motorcycles will be provided. Riders must supply their own protective clothing and gear for the course including a Department of Transportation-approved motorcycle helmet; eye protection; full-finger gloves; sturdy, over-the-ankle boots; heavy-duty pants; heavy-duty, long-sleeved shirt or jacket, and rain or cold-weather gear.

Participants must be at least 15 years old. Participants under 18 years old must bring a waiver signed by a parent/guardian on the first day of class.

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tsunami and Hurricane Katrina disasters, world peace, and the Lake George, New York, boat tragedy that killed 21 people including Charles and Louise Greenwald of Livonia in October 2005. The Greenwalds were longtime volunteers with the Michigan Jazz Festival. The first track, Unexpected Passings, is dedicated to the victims. Beautiful, lyrical selections definitely convey peacefulness throughout the CD.

"Why global peace? I've spent almost 40 years on concert tours in Europe, guest conducting choral concerts, teaching in South Africa. I've seen a lot of problems and difficulties in the world. I've been concerned and committed to having people understand each other and it evolved into this new album project," said Tini, distinguished professor of music at Wayne State University. Tini returns to Europe the day after the festival for a three-week tour with Soave. He performs 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16, at a B'jazz Vespers concert at First Baptist Church at Willits and Bates in Birmingham. "Throughout the world we're not viewed as positively as in the past. I became part of the music relief effort in South Africa in 1992, bringing textbooks and equipment. I'm trying to use positive ways to use music to inspire peace and a more cohesive existence."

Tini took on the challenge of organizing Playing with the Pros at the request of Eileen Standley, a professional pianist and jazz festival volunteer. The session takes place 3:30-4:30

p.m. on the Inmart/CRH stage in the Presentation Room of the VisTaTech Center. Bob Harsen (drums) and Jeff Halsey (bass) join Tini in welcoming Matt Ryan, bass, of Livonia and saxophonists Evan Pedder of Troy and Victoria Williams of Detroit to the stage.

"I'm a past president of International Association for Jazz Education so I was all for it," said Tini. "The idea was they're going to come up and give us the music to play with them. It's going to be a performance clinic and they're going to be featured playing with a trio. The whole process is going to unfold before the audience right in the moment. It's going to be spontaneous and creative."

Festival goers of all ages can learn about jazz as well at the hourlong Cohen/Steinway Jazz Cafe educational sessions featuring Buddy Budson, Bess Bonnier, Alma Smith, Bob Seeley, and Taslimah Bey, beginning at 12:15 p.m. Tini shares the concept for compositions on his new album 6:15-7:15 p.m. More than 215 musicians perform a variety of jazz styles from noon to 9:15 p.m. including the Johnny Trudell Big Band, Los Gatos, Chris Collins Trio & Jazz Harp, World's Oldest Sax Section, saxophonist George Benson and his quartet, Tom Saunders Detroit Jazz All Stars, Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz, Jim Ryan Trio, and the Richko/Keller/Siers Trio with a tribute to Oscar Peterson. The Schoolcraft College and Wayne State jazz lab bands also perform at the 13th Michigan Jazz Festival which takes place on five stages and is free.

"It's a fantastic festival," said Tini. "They've really worked

hard to feature Michigan, Detroit area artists. The venue they've chosen makes it easy to hear on the various stages."

Lynne Standley is especially excited about seeing her 14-year-old son, Matt, play with a professional trio. Matt and brother Brendan volunteer at the festival every year.

"He loves jazz," said Lynne Standley. "He was accepted in Wayne State's Jazz Week, a new initiative with the Detroit Jazz Festival (Labor Day weekend). He's at Blue Lake (music camp) until Sunday night. This is his second year in the jazz program there."

Eileen Standley is equally as proud of her grandson, Matt Ryan. Eileen has been playing show tunes and jazz professionally since the 1970s. She taught classical piano for 20 years.

"I suggested Playing with the Pros because I love young people," said Eileen Standley of Plymouth. "Two-thirds of our audience is over the age of 50. The festival committee agreed to give me one hour and I called instructors looking for exceptional students. They did their own arrangements. They will call the tune and set the tempo and it's their time but there will be no rehearsal. We want to show other people that the Michigan Jazz Festival is interested in educating the public about the music and being able to educate young musicians. I would have loved to have had that experience."

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, visit michiganjazzfestival.homestead.com or call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720 or Eileen Standley at (734) 459-2454.



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MUSEUM

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jet attack aircraft. "It's a good plan for the museum," said Paul. "It's just going to take some time to get money." Dick Stewart estimates the entire project will cost more than \$100 million and take at least 15 years to complete. An official groundbreaking for a temporary visitor center and classroom located in an about to be restored school house took place April 16.

Stewart as museum president is working with Prentice Co. museum consultants in Illinois, URS (Grand Rapids) and Quinn Evans (Ann Arbor) architects, and Exhibit Design Central (Illinois) to come up with plans for the 12-building campus by the year's end.

A concept drawing features the main museum, galleries, historic aircraft hangar and restoration facility with machine shop, visitor reception building with corporate offices, theater, aviation theme restaurant, banquet facilities, and aerospace charter high school.

A private individual has donated \$650,000 for the restoration of the Willow Run School House built in 1938 by Henry Ford for workers' families and kids who attended Camp Ford for disadvantaged and at risk youth who would then go on to trade school. Stewart expects work to begin in the next 90 days and continue to early winter.

"A classroom will be used for educational programs. We now go into schools to teach kids about aviation history through the Wright Flyer Program," said Stewart, a Vietnam veteran. "We're partnering with Eastern Michigan University for the education program and school districts and the state to update all of our programs. We want to let kids know what really goes on with aviation and what it took. Our main museum is going to tell the story. President Roosevelt called this the arsenal of democracy."

Stewart says plans call for reproducing Henry Ford's Willow Run bomber plant during World War II. Many Michigan companies took part in the war effort as plants changed over from making cars to aircraft. An influx of people came up from the South to work

in the plants, creating a melting pot of peoples.

The museum will educate visitors about the Victory Gardens, the drives for rubber, gasoline rationing, the sacrifice of people at home and the Boy Scouts who delivered messages for civil defense.

Gallery buildings will tell the stories of pilots and aircraft mechanics with exhibits of tools, equipment and uniforms. The history of aviation continues through the space program. Stewart refers to the overall concept for the museum as, Moments in Time.

"We're going to have our historic aircraft in building No. 1. Hopefully we can get someone to donate the steel for it. That's 75 percent of the cost. One company has already donated landscaping for the campus. Someone else has promised a steel roof for the school house," said Stewart. "About 300 volunteers give their time on a fairly regular basis. Almost \$1 million of volunteer hours were donated last year."

A TON OF HISTORY

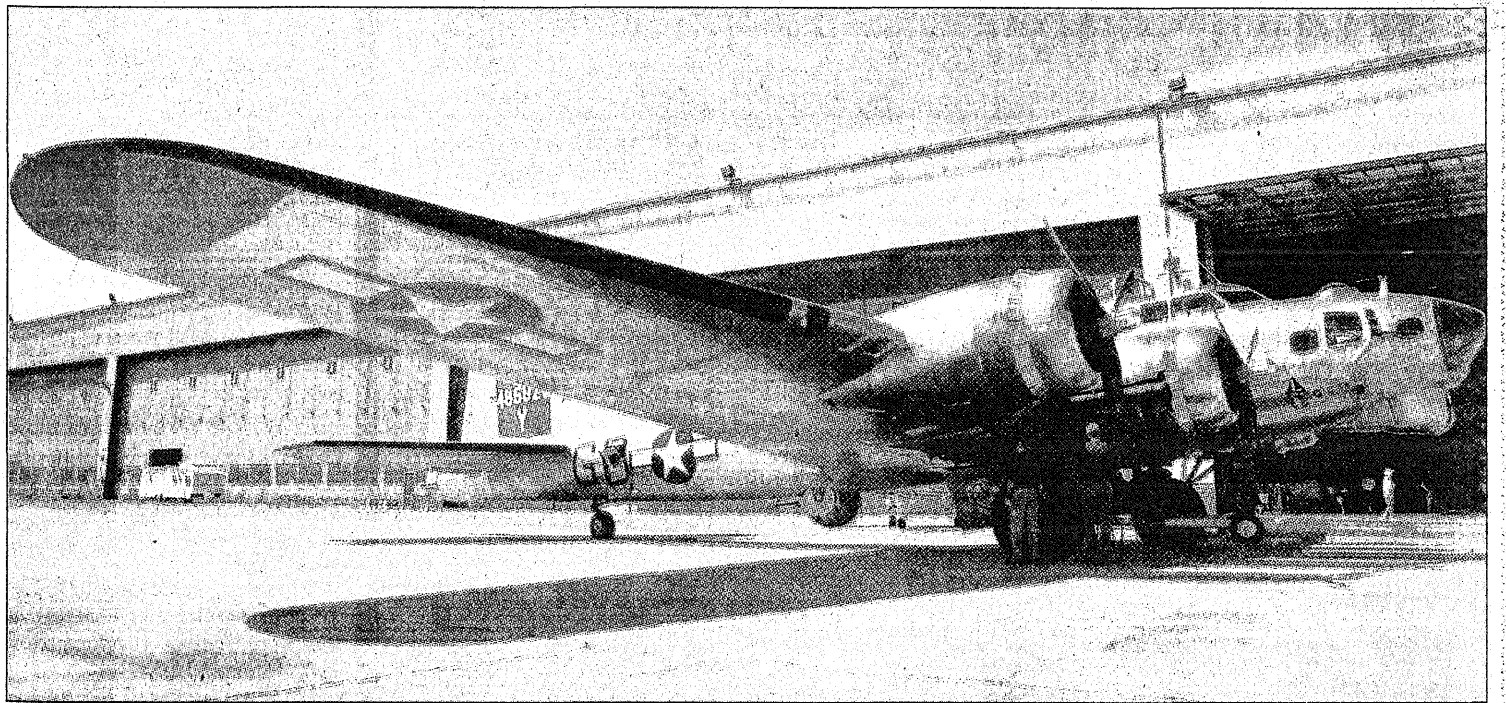
Doug Duff of Amherstberg, Ontario, comes twice a week to volunteer as a B-25 crew member with Paul and Sprague. He explains the crew is testing number 2 engine to check for extreme temperatures and rattles.

"For every one hour flown, we have about 10 hours of maintenance," said Duff. "It costs about \$40,000 for a typical engine rebuilt. This plane saw combat in Corsica with the 340th Bomb Group of the 12th Air Force in the Mediterranean. After the war it was used for training in Canada. The new museum is dedicated to veterans of World War I and World War II, Vietnam, Korea, all of the veterans of all the wars. There are a lot of air museums in the U.S. but Yankee is an international museum. This area has a lot of history. Willow Run built B-24s during World War II, GM built Bearcats. There's tons of aviation history."

"And it's one of the few museums that you can touch the airplane and take them into the (B) 25," said Paul.

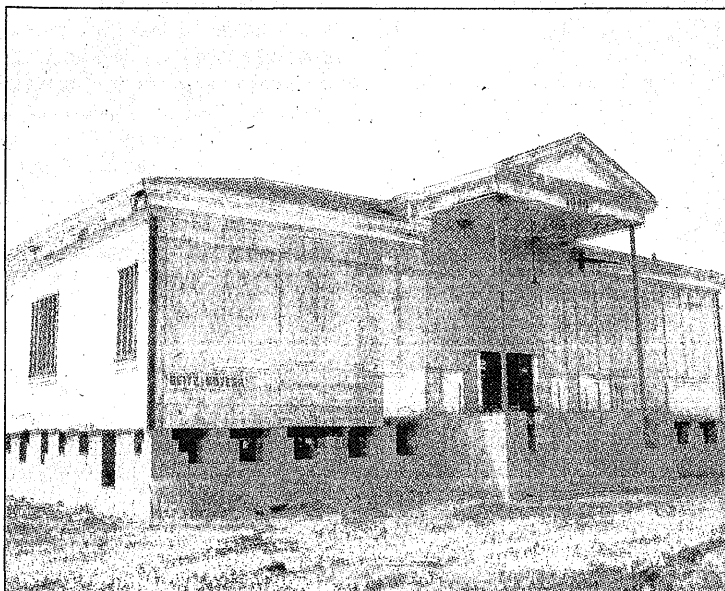
"It's a live museum," added Duff. "We work, restore and fly the aircraft."

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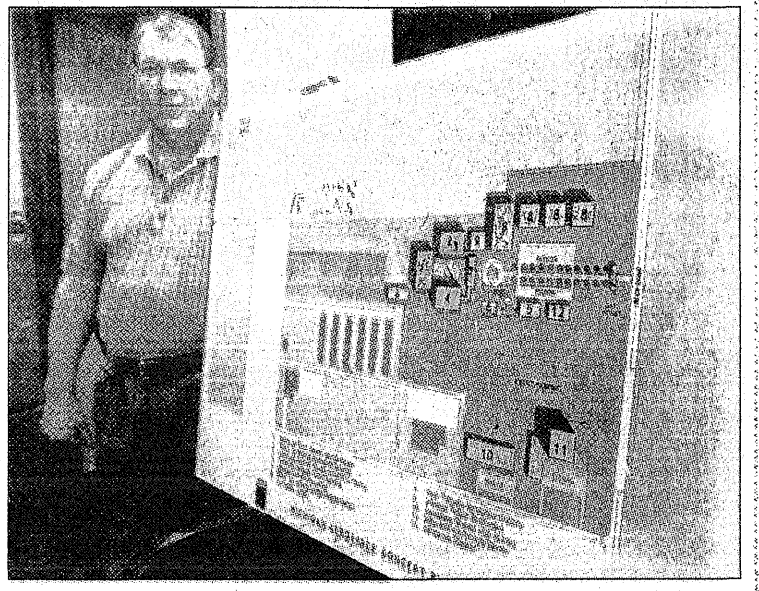


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The B-17 had been used by the US Coast Guard for search and rescue operations and then by California, fighting forest fires.



The old school was moved to the site.



Dick Stuart is pictured here with plans for the new Yankee Air Museum campus. Stuart is the museum's president.



Dick Sprague signals to the crew of the B-25. The Yankee Air crew replaced the number 2 engine on the bomber. This ground test and flight would test the new engine.

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REUNIONS

Andover High School
Class of 1987

7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, 2007, The Fairlane Club in Dearborn. Please register at Classmates.com for more details!

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Class of 1957

A 50-year reunion is planned for Sept. 15, 2007, at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Looking for alumni. Call Mary Lou Norkiewicz (Ehrmann) at (248) 375-5406, Jim Greenless at (248) 642-0290 or Janice Turnbull (Lane) at (248) 627-2447.

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A 20-year reunion is planned for Nov. 24, 2007. Looking for all current contact info for alumni from class of 1987. Contact Kim (DeWilde) Everingham at (734)422-0087 or e-mail info to kimsilasophia@gmail.com. Reunion website is www.BHReunion1987.com for further information and details.

Birmingham Groves
Class of 1977

A 30-year reunion 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Camp Ticonderoga, Troy, \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Contact Dan Nelson at (248)433-3742 or e-mail: Groves77reunion@hotmail.com.

Birmingham Seaholm
Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion is planned for 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant, Troy. For information: www.seaholm62.org. Contact: Greg Frontier at gfrontier@aol.com or Charlotte (Bosworth) Follis at cafollis@mybluelight.com.

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A 30-year reunion Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at George Murphy's, Livonia. For more information, call (248)685-8747 or by e-mail hanging@yahoo.com.

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Class of 1967

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Clarenceville High School
All classes

Sunday, July 29 at Kensington Metro park, shelter T, open to all Clarenceville alumni - grads and non-grads. Not open to current students unless they are the children of attending alumni. Lunch is potluck (e-mail for division of stuff to bring). For more info. contact: clarenceville_alumni_reunion@yahoo.com

Clawson High School
Class of 1962

A 45-year reunion, 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Hilton Detroit-Troy on Crooks Road in Troy. Dinner, dancing and cash bar. Other weekend events will begin on Friday, Sept. 21, and will continue through Sunday, Sept. 23. For information, e-mail ClawsonHS62@aol.com or call Mary at (248)593-6182.

Dearborn High School
Class of 1952

A 55 year reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5, at the O'Kelly Banquet Hall, 23663 Park St., Dearborn. Reunion begins at 2 p.m. with buffet dinner at 4 p.m. Call Marianne Hoak (313)274-9064 or Carolyn Haseltine Chambon (734)420-2591.

WEDDINGS

Born-Augustyn

Michelle Ellen Born of Chicago and Michael Augustyn of Chicago were wed March, 10, 2007 at the Swissotel in Chicago.

The bride is the daughter of Pat Born of Lombard, Ill., and Ed and Barbara Born of Naperville, Ill. She is a graduate of DeVry Institute of Technology and president of Brandables LLC.

The groom is the son of Ken and Rita Augustyn of Plymouth. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master of business administration from Loyola University of Chicago. He is regional sales manager of Nuplex Resins.

The bride was attended by Peggy McEachen, Lauren



Augustyn and Alicia Dobryk. The groom is attended by Dan Wronski, Mark Augustyn and John Born.

The couple honeymooned on safari in Kenya, Africa. They are making their home in Chicago.

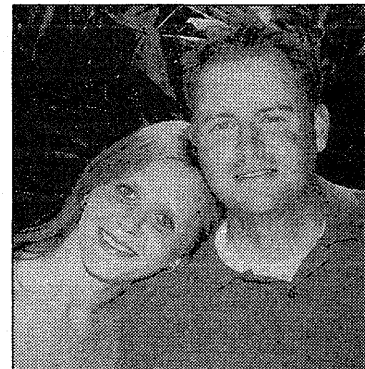
Peterson-Wickham

Rebecca Ann Peterson of Brandon, Fla., and Scott Robert Wickham of Brandon, Fla., were wed June 23, 2007, at The Athenum Hotel and International Conference Center in Detroit, with the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Downs officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Stacy and Christine Peterson of Livonia. She is a graduate of Stevenson High School and Western Michigan University. She is employed as a teacher at Hillsboro County School District.

The groom is the son of Steven and Ellen Wickham of West Bloomfield, Mich. He is a graduate of Walled Lake Central High School and Western Michigan University. He is a professional golfer at the Inner Circle of Golf.

Attending the bride were Debbie Stevenson, Erin



Carroll, Sue MacShara, Leah McGrath, Teresa Ozog, Colleen Peterson, Lora Peterson and Mary Wickham.

Attending the groom were Brandon MacShara, Jason Emerine, Ras Mittra, Dan Drapal, Matt Karsten, Ryan Linski, Jeremy Motz and Mark Peterson.

The couple honeymooned in Los Cabos, Mexico. They will make their home in Brandon, Fla.

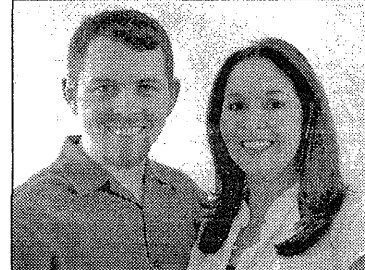
ENGAGEMENT

Stoll-Miller

Tom and Donna Stoll of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Nicole Stoll, to Robert John Miller, son of John and Elaine Miller of Canton.

The bride-to-be is employed by Chase Bank.

The prospective groom is a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, Dearborn with computer and electrical engineering degrees.



A Sept. 22, 2007, wedding is planned for St. Matthew's Methodist Church, followed by a reception at Laurel Manor.

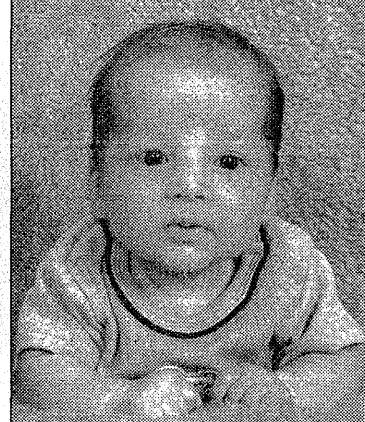
BIRTH

Nolen Michael Klassa

Nolen Michael Klassa was born on May 10, at Providence Hospital in Southfield, MI. He weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Trina and Michael Klassa of Livonia. Nolen has one brother, Elliot Smith.

Grandparents are Ken and Donna Klassa of Livonia, Carl Schreffler of Herndon, PA, and Nolen's maternal grandmother, the late Janet Schreffler.



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Humane Society launches Cat Independence Days

With cat intakes at record levels, the Michigan Humane Society (MHS), the state's largest animal welfare organization, is adopting a cutting-edge program to place more cats in responsible, loving homes.

Dubbed the "Cat Independence Days" program, the Michigan Humane Society is launching an initiative that will waive the adoption fee for cats age six months and older for a limited time.

"The 'Cat Independence Days' program is cutting-edge with the specific design to generate awareness regarding the severe and ongoing cat overpopulation problem within our communities," said Mike Robbins, director of marketing and communications for the Michigan Humane Society. "By bringing attention to the significance of the issue and the reality that cats make great companions, we're optimistic that we, as a community, will create more good homes for these fantastic four-legged friends."

Throughout "Cat Independence Days," MHS' same thorough adoption process will take place to ensure each cat is placed in a loving, responsible home. Adoptions will still include the same great adoption package: sterilization surgery,

age-appropriate vaccinations, a medical check-up, the Michigan Humane Society 10-day health plan and much more.

MHS' adoption fees help cover a portion of the costs MHS incurs while caring for an animal - including shelter and food, medical treatment, sterilization surgery, vaccinations and much more. The adoption rates have never been a reflection of the value of an animal, as no price can be put on the lifetime of love and devotion a companion animal provides.

Regarding the financial impact of the "no cost" adoption, Robbins added, "Without doubt, the funds from our modest adoption fees are critical in supporting MHS' programs and services, but right now finding homes for more cats is paramount. In turn we will need the support of our concerned citizens more than ever."

Cat overpopulation in our communities is a concern many animal care organizations throughout southeast Michigan face every spring and summer season. Last year, almost 20,000 homeless cats and kittens were sheltered and cared for by the Michigan Humane Society.

Ultimately, the "Cat Independence Days" program is the first major step in a series

of MHS initiatives designed to aggressively address the cat overpopulation problem within Michigan.

"Even with the success of this program, we cannot adopt our way out of the overpopulation problem. Education, sterilization and the overwhelming support of our communities are critical components to long-term success," Robbins concluded.

To help more cats find loving homes, MHS encourages the community to visit our three metro Detroit adoption centers, or visit www.michiganhumane.org to "meet" their potential new furry family member. MHS adoption and veterinary centers are located in Detroit at 7401 Chrysler Drive; Rochester Hills at 3600 W. Auburn Road; and Westland at 900 N. Newburgh Road.

All three adoption centers are open Saturday/Sunday/Monday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

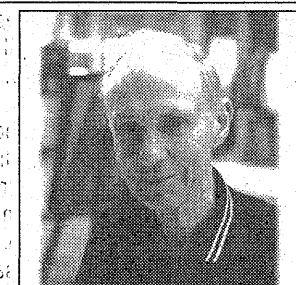
If you are unable to open your home to a new family member, MHS needs your support. To help support the "Cat Independence Days" program and help more cats find loving homes, call 1-866-MHUMANE, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

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WILLIAM R. CORLISS

Age 73. July 5, 2007. Former owner of Corliss Brick Cleaners. Former President and member of the Farmington Board of Education. Beloved husband of Jessie for 51 years. Loving father of the late William J. (Deb Kirby), Steven (Sandra) and Gregory (Edna) Corliss. Cherished grandfather of Kyle, Kenneth, Tyler, Jordan, Mia and Luka. Memorial Service Monday 11 a.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington (1 blk. W of Farmington Rd.). Visitation Sunday 2-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bill Corliss Bicycle Advocacy Fund or St. John Hospice.

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ESTHER KELLY WILLIAMS

Was born on October 8, 1931, in Blythewood, South Carolina to Mood Kelly, Sr., and Jessie (Durham) Kelly. Esther is survived by her husband of forty-seven (47) years, Willie Lee Williams of Detroit, Michigan, and her daughter, Jacqueline ("Jackie") Denise (Williams) Knuckles of Manassas Park, Virginia, her son-in-law Thomas Michael Knuckles, and grandsons Benjamin Thomas and Victor Michael. She is also survived by brothers Mood Kelly, Jr., of Brooklyn, New York, Dolphas (Claudia) Kelly of Brick, New Jersey, Dr. Joe E. Kelly of Hinesville, Georgia, and special niece and nephew Jeanette and Melo Jones ("MJ") of Mount Vernon, New York. Also surviving are her brothers-in-law Rev. Roy (Ada) Williams, Gregory Williams, and sisters-in-law Katherine (Williams) (Nat) Hudson, Minnie (Williams) Haynie, Barbara (Williams) (Booker) Weaver, Rev. Carolyn (Williams) (John) Butler, all of Huntsville, Alabama; and her daughter's in-laws, Thomas and Margaret Knuckles of Fayetteville, North Carolina. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family and friends who loved her. She is predeceased by her brother Clark Kelly of Columbia, South Carolina, and two (2) sisters Kathleen (Kelly) Phillips of Atlantic City, New Jersey, and Ollie Mae (Kelly) Armstrong of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In addition, Esther leaves behind countless students and fellow colleagues from the schools where she has taught for over forty-nine (49) years. She accepted Christ and joined Roundtop Baptist Church in Blythewood, South Carolina, at a very early age. Upon marriage, she and Willie moved to Detroit in 1960. At which time she joined Hartford Memorial Baptist Church and remained a faithful member for over forty-five (45) years. Esther retired from Livonia, Michigan Public Schools as a teacher and principal. She also taught briefly in Milan, Michigan, and in Calhoun Falls and Blythewood, South Carolina. Esther strongly believed in education. She received her Baccalaureate degree from Benedict College in South Carolina, her Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University, and her Doctorate of Education from Wayne State University. One of Esther's proudest moments was when her daughter Jackie chose to follow in her footsteps as a career educator. Some of her professional accomplishments and recognitions included: Golden Apple Award for best teacher of the year; Congressional Letter of Appreciation from United States Congressman Joe Knollenberg, and Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students. Esther enjoyed gardening and maintaining her lawn with Willie for all of their forty-seven (47) years together. They had one of the most beautiful gardens and lawns in all of Detroit. Their neighborhood community awarded them the Residential Beautification Award - Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision Award in 2004. City of Detroit Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick also issued a City of Detroit Certificate of Appreciation that same year. Aside from her professional and community work, Esther remained strongly committed to her husband, daughter, and entire family. Everyone looked to Esther for her quiet leadership, dedication and advice. She was always there for everybody. She loved everyone. Viewing was held at Stinson Funeral Home, 1939 South Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan, on Thursday, July 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, 18700 James Couzens Hwy, Detroit, Michigan. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan.



MARY BLAKE LODGE

(87) passed away July 2, 2007 in Longmont, Colorado. She was born to Ruel W. Blake and Shirley Thompson, December 22, 1919. A memorial service will be held October 5, 2007 at First Congregational Church Boulder, UCC, 1128 Pine St., Boulder, Colorado. Raised in Grass Range, Montana, she received her BSN from Montana State University. Following her service as a nurse in the United States Army from 1944 thru 1946, she moved to Michigan where she raised her family. It was there she received her MSN from Wayne State University. Always a working mother, she retired from Sinai Hospital of Detroit as Director of Nursing and enjoyed a second career as Inspector for the Michigan Department of Health. Mary was active in the Auxiliary of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Michigan, The Girl Scouts of America, PFLAG and The American Association of University of Women. Devoted Mother, nurse, private pilot, patron of the arts, and avid supporter of liberal causes, Mary was first and foremost a child of the American West. Mary's lifetime achievements and activities are a clear reflection of her strong personality, her ability, and her commitment to improve herself and the lot of those around her. She encountered many hurdles but none that her persistence and her ability could not overcome in her pursuit of doing what was right and what she knew should be done. She was highly respected by professional colleagues, recognized for her tireless efforts to help others through her various organizational affiliations, and greatly appreciated by her friends and relatives who sometimes benefited from her personal efforts always enjoyed her friendship and company. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by many. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Esther Hulsing and brother William Blake. She is survived by her son's JC Lodge (Tom), Kenneth Lodge (Patty), Larry Lodge (Linda), and Mark Lodge (Theresa), Grandchildren Nicole, Kassandra, Dominic, Kyle, and Jasmine, and her former husband John Lodge. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in her name to the AAUW or PFLAG.

WILLIAM MURPHY

Age 74 of Plymouth Twp. July 4, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Carol. Dear father of Kevin, Brian (Donna), Karen, Darin (Anne) & David. Dearest grandfather of five grandchildren. Survived by one brother, Frank Murphy. Family received friends at a memorial visitation on Sat. July 7, 2007 from 11am until 3pm at the Ziomek Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd. at Joy, Livonia, MI.

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MILDRED R. HEIST

Age 83. July 4, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Burton. Dear mother of Gary (Gail), David (Debra), Janet and Dick Heist. Loving grandmother of Julie (Michael) Rothweiler, Brad, Karie, Kevin and Jason Heist. Mildred retired from the Farmington Public Schools. Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice Services of Ann Arbor or the American Cancer Society.

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EDWARD F. HUNT
(aka Hunt)

Age 74. Died July 5, 2007, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Betty. Dear father of Jim (Patti) and the late John. Brother of Irma Hunt, Kay Green and the late John. Grandfather of Kyle and Lindsay; and adopted father of Connie. Funeral service at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Saturday 9:30 AM. Visitation Friday 1-9 PM. Donations may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Please sign the online guest-book at www.rgharris.com

SHIRLEY A., KRUEGER

of Bloomfield Hills, died June 30, 2007, age 76. Beloved wife of the late Carl M., Jr. Dear mother of Karen Duval (Roger) and Kathy Byers (Dane). Grandmother of Carly and Grace Byers. Sister of Patti Palmer. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Thursday, July 12, from 3-7 PM. Memorial Service Friday, July 13 - 10 AM at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial Tributes suggested to Leader Dogs for the Blind, or Salvation Army Kroc Match.



DARIA ANN KAMINSKI

Age 55, July 3, 2007. Loving wife of Michael. Dear mother of Lauren. Sister of Stephen (Gwen) Kilijanczyk and Francis (Debbie) Kilijanczyk. Loving daughter in law of Rose Kaminski and sister in law of Thomas (Noreen) Kaminski. Daria was actively involved in fundraising and auctions for St. Michael's Grade School in Livonia and Mercy High School. She expressed herself artistically through her needlework and crafts. She valiantly battled breast cancer for eight years. Services were held last week through the Harry J. Will Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Daria's honor to the American Cancer Society.

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

AROUND TOWN

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m., July 12, at the Hamburg Historical Museum, 7225 Stone, Hamburg. A member of the Hamburg Historical Society will talk about the history of the Hamburg area and a visit to the museum. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

Academic Pathways preschool.

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, offers classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-year-olds. Kindergarten readiness class will meet afternoons, Monday to Friday. Potty training not required. (734) 459-6689 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

Blood drive

Divine Savior Catholic Church will hold an American Red Cross blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix, in Westland. Walk-ins are welcome or donors can call (734) 455-3620 and leave their name.

Mercy scholarships

Mercy High School is granting \$170,600 in scholarship money to students for the 2007-08 school year. Ten full-tuition scholarships from the Sisters of Mercy and 19 named scholarships are being awarded along with \$20,000 in scholarships provided by the Mercy Alumnae Association. Scholarships are awarded based on applications and student-written essays. For information on donating to the Mercy High School Tuition Assistance Fund, or establishing a new named Mercy scholarship, contact Director of Development Nadine Maynard at njmaynard@mhsmi.org or call (248) 893-3538.

Travel clinics

When traveling to a foreign country, a vaccination and travel consultation could be just as important as a passport. From diseases you may have already heard of such as hepatitis, to the more exotic illnesses like Japanese encephalitis, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's TravelWise Travel Clinic can provide the vaccinations and information you need to consider. This new service from VNA provides inoculations for many common diseases including influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, tetanus and diphtheria, in addition to vaccinations specific to your travel destinations such as hepatitis A and B and typhoid. Additionally, VNA is a certified provider of the yellow fever vaccine. In order to prepare for VNA's travel consultation, individuals should bring their anticipated travel dates, itinerary and lodging plans. Past immunization records and a list of allergies and current medications will also help. For appointments, cost, on-site clinics and general information, contact the VNA TravelWise Travel Clinic at (248) 967-8755 or



Teaching honors

Sarah E. Palmer, a semi-finalist, and Melanie L. Fonseca, a finalist, each received commendation plaques and certificates for being selected as one of the Top 10 Student Teachers of The Year in a competition sponsored by the Michigan Association of Teacher Educators. Palmer and Fonseca, who received their awards during a special reception at Oakland University, were chosen from 100 of the best student teachers throughout the state of Michigan. To enter the contest student teachers had to be nominated by their university or school's supervising teacher. Then they had to submit lesson plans and a videotape or DVD of the lesson they did with the children in their classroom. They also had to do an introduction and reflective analysis evaluating their lesson. Both Sarah and Melanie student taught at Bentley Elementary for the Plymouth-Canton School District.

visit www.vna.org.

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice, located in Southfield and serving the tri-county area, is looking for caring and compassionate individuals to register for volunteer training. Evening and day-time classes are available for anyone interested in being a support person for clients and their families during their end-of-life journey. Office support is also needed. To register, call Mary, (800) 770-9859.

Register for St. Genevieve School

St. Genevieve Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2007-08 school year. The school, preschool through eighth grade, is accredited by the Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools. It's at 28933 Jamison in Livonia, east of Middlebelt, south of Five Mile, and offers full academic curriculum,

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

full- and half-day preschool and kindergarten, extended-day program before and after school, CYO program and more. (734) 425-4420.

Waste to Watts

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.

Card party/luncheon

Victoria Chapter #290, OES, Livonia Masonic Temple hosts a card party/luncheon noon-3 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. Admission is \$6; event features table prizes and door prizes. The temple is located at 27705 W. Seven Mile in Livonia. For more information, call (734) 459-6063.

Hospice training

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, western Wayne, Monroe and Livingston counties. Volunteers provide a variety of services including companionship, light housekeeping, errand running, grief support and clerical services. For more information, contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones, (888) 973-1145.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Toastmasters meet

Do you have a fear of public speaking? Do you need to do presentations at work and don't know where to start? Or are you terrified of the thought of standing in front of a group of people to present that report? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Toastmasters is for you! Canton Communicators Club meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Coney Island on Lilley, just south of Joy, in the Golden Gate Plaza. For additional information, contact Bonnie at (734) 646-2237.

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 widow-

ers 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.

Post Polio Clinic

Easily fatigued? New, inexplicable physical complaints? History of paralytic or non-paralytic polio? Contact the Post Polio Clinic, 13850 E. 12 Mile, Warren, or call (586) 778-4505. The clinic sponsors support group meetings the fourth Saturday of every month (March through October) at 4328 Livernois in Troy. You can also call (734) 765-8384.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Beth Stewart, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 420-4094.

Canton Newcomers

The Canton Newcomers meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) for an adult evening of socializing, a speaker or an activity. Additionally, the group hosts more than 20 events during the month including Book Club, Bunko, Playgroups, Creative Kids, Ladies Day and Night Out, Scrapbooking, Walking and many more. Request a complimentary newsletter at cantonnewcomers.org or call Jennifer at (734) 981-1715. You don't have to be "new" to be a Newcomer!

Kiwanis Club

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer. The Club invites you to their morning meetings to discuss community projects and activities. Be part of the solution and not just a spectator. For more information, call (734) 981-0460 or see the Web site (www.pckiwianis.org).

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. Call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms

and their children, newborn/Kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia-S/Plymouth, Canton and Westland offers a variety of activities for stay-at-home moms and their children. For more details, call Birthe at (734) 458-8143 or Kimberly at (248) 231-6120.

DAR

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

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for information.

American Legion

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

The Plymouth American Legion Passage-Gayde Post #391 conducts its monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Hall on Mill (next to the railroad tracks) in Plymouth Township. All interested military veterans should contact Commander Mike O'Malley, (734) 459-7890.

Women's Farm and Garden Club-Plymouth

Meets every second Monday of each month from September through June. Persons interested in joining may contact club president Linda Coughlin at (734) 459-7478. Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club Looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects. This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street. The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker. Call (734) 981-7259 for further information.

Mothers & More

The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140, Ext. 4329, or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

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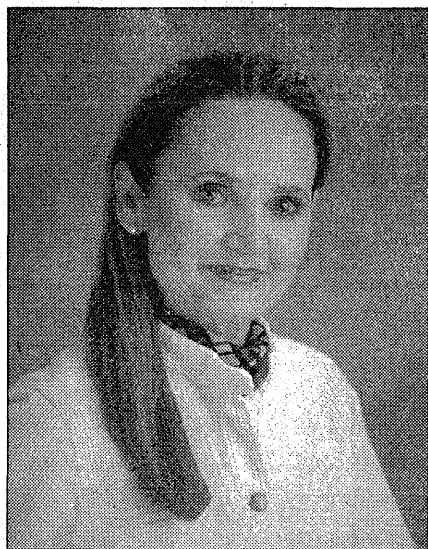
Fibromyalgia experts offer advice on managing mysterious syndrome

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Twenty years ago, Sharon Ostalecki went from doctor to doctor trying to find out what was causing her to hurt all over. Her decades of research since then resulted in the new book, *Fibromyalgia - The Complete Guide from Medical Experts and Patients*, published by Jones and Bartlett this spring.

Ostalecki called on physicians including pain specialists, physical therapists, psychologists, fibromyalgia patients, and her background as a nutrition counselor to assemble the medical resource for others who suffer from the syndrome. Ostalecki eventually received a diagnosis and found help for the fibromyalgia causing her muscle pain and fatigue. In addition to editing the book and writing chapters on self-management, nutrition and healing, Ostalecki stays busy scheduling speakers for the H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Pain & Exhaustion) support group she founded. The lectures continue in September at the Farmington Hills Public Library. A documentary on the disorder is scheduled to be released by the non-profit H.O.P.E. in early 2008.

"The purpose (for the book) was to help people. The lectures reach only a portion of people suffering with fibromyalgia," said Ostalecki. "I've received e-mails from as far away as England and Australia about the work. It's written at an understandable level and you don't have to read the book from cover to cover. You



Sharon Ostalecki gathered fibromyalgia experts to write a new book on the syndrome.

can read a certain chapter that pertains to you. Everyone with fibromyalgia is different. Every picture on the cover represents one of the issues I had."

Muscle and joint pain, insomnia, chronic headaches, forgetfulness, depression, back pain, fatigue, tingling, intestinal problems - fibromyalgia causes a variety of symptoms throughout the body. Ostalecki says people with fibromyalgia have to be their own advocate to find relief. She practices yoga and walks nearly every day.

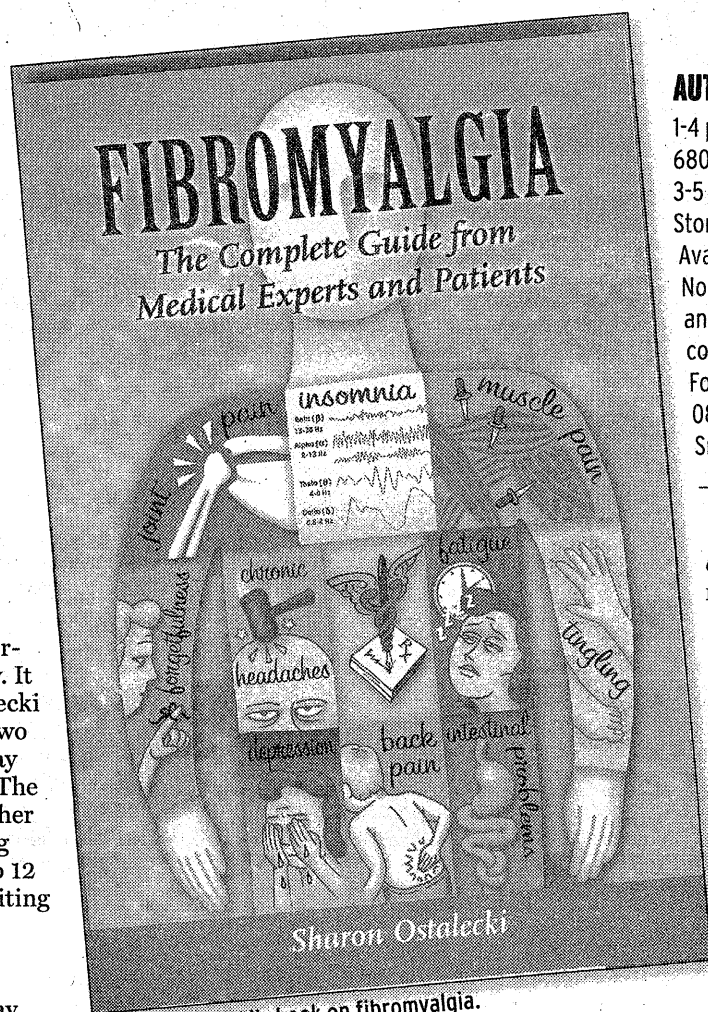
Stretching the muscles is important for fibromyalgia patients to relieve the knots or trigger points that develop when a muscle con-

tracts and fails to release causing pain. She recommends exercising, but cautiously. It took a year for Ostalecki to go from walking two to three minutes a day to 50 minutes daily. The routine helped calm her flare-ups from sitting at the computer 10 to 12 hours a day when writing the book.

KEEP MOVING

"My advice is to stay with a routine. Go to sleep at the same time. Get up at the same time. I have to move all the time," said Ostalecki. "They have to work with their doctor. Pick one or two problems at a visit. Try to help yourself. Get your sleep under control. I'm using hypnosis and meditation to help calm down. Medication is also available for sleep. Once sleep is under control people with fibromyalgia hurt less."

Diet can affect fibromyalgia patients as well. Ostalecki says while refined carbohydrates like sweets and munchies are soothing when people are in pain, she suggests avoiding treats in favor of a high protein diet rich in lean meats, tofu and beans, and high in complex carbohydrates. She recommends 60 to 90 grams of protein a day to fibromyalgia patients, but persons with a kidney disorder or cholesterol problem should consult their physician. Ostalecki refers to Dr. Joseph



Sharon Ostalecki's book on fibromyalgia.

AUTHOR BOOK SIGNINGS

1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 28, Barnes & Noble, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield
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diagnostic symptoms. There's no one specific test (for fibromyalgia). It is more prevalent in women 20 to 40, but I have seen patients as young as third grade."

LEARNING MORE

When Meerschaert began treating patients, about all he could do was write prescriptions for sleep and pain medications.

"Research is finding medications like anti-convulsant medication we never expected to work," said Meerschaert. "The theory is that the central nervous system is hypersensitive to pain. Originally we used medications to help patients sleep, Elavil, anti-depressants, pain management."

Rob Leider credits Meerschaert for diagnosing the cause of his pain and treating the trigger points with injections. The 56-year-old Bloomfield Hills resident suffers with post-traumatic fibromyalgia resulting from a 1986 automobile accident that left him with a head injury, broken bones and memory problems. At the time he was a high school drama teacher. Leider later went on to become the West Bloomfield High School principal before retiring in August 2006. In fall of 2005 he took a two-story fall that caused more broken bones which exacerbated the fibromyalgia.

Today Leider, an architectural consultant for educational facilities,

Please see FIBROMYALGIA, C7

Michigan Eye Doctor Helps Legally Blind Woman to See Again

Dr. Sheldon Smith helps those with low vision to enjoy daily activities like reading and driving.

By Elena Lombardi

Low vision is defined as vision that cannot be corrected with regular prescription glasses or contact lenses. For most people, low vision means they cannot drive or do daily activities like reading a newspaper. With specialized treatment people with low vision can get back to doing the things they enjoy.



Dr. Smith's Patient with Bioptic Telescopes for Driving.

Michigan Optometrist, Dr. Sheldon Smith helps people who have lost vision from macular degeneration and other eye conditions. Just like looking through a pair of field glasses or binoculars, telescopic glasses make things look bigger, closer, and much easier to see.

"Many of my patients consider me the last chance to help their vision," states Dr. Smith.

Macular degeneration is the most common eye disease among the senior population. Twenty five percent of people over 65 years of age have some degree of degeneration. When the macula, a small part of the retina, degenerates it leaves a blind spot right in the center of vision making it hard to recognize faces, read a book, or pass the driver's vision test.

The cause of macular degeneration is unknown. However, it has been shown that

UV light from the sun, smoking, poor nutrition and aging are contributing factors. In addition, 15% to 20% of macular degeneration cases have been shown to be genetic.

"People don't know that there are experienced doctors who can help them with low vision care," says Dr. Smith. "My job is to figure out anything and everything possible to help a person see at the best level possible."

Valerie Bassett, 79, a music teacher and church organist from Essexville, Michigan was turning down music students because she could not see the music from the teacher's position. Dr. Smith fit Valerie with telescopic glasses with an adaptor to read music. "Now I use my glasses to participate in worship service, sing hymns and read the bible. I can read music. It's wonderful to be able to see again. I have a new lease on life!" says Valerie.

There are as many low vision devices as there are various activities. Bioptic telescopes help some people continue driving, while special prismatic glasses can help for reading and other hobbies. Devices range in price from \$500 to \$2,500.

"Every situation is unique. Each person's level of vision varies and every patient has different desires," states Dr. Smith. "Our ultimate goal is getting patients doing those things they most wish to do. The impact on quality of life and independence is remarkable."

Dr. Smith has offices in Livonia, St. Clair Shores and the Lansing area. To see if low vision care can help you or your loved one call Dr. Smith today at Suburban Low Vision.

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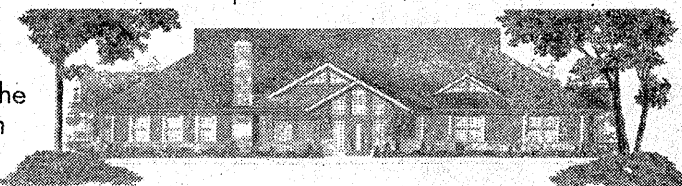
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HDL helps mental function

Dave from Ferndale e-mails asking about HDL, the good cholesterol. What are the benefits of keeping his good cholesterol high?

Well Dave, high HDL cholesterol could help fight Alzheimer's disease. A new study found high levels of HDL, the good cholesterol, appears to help preserve mental function in older people.

Now it is just the opposite if you have high levels of LDL, the bad cholesterol. Scientists learned some

damage from Alzheimer's comes from deposits of sticky protein in vital areas of the brain. They found people with high levels of LDL or bad cholesterol have more of these proteins and have an increased risk of developing Alzheimer's.

To keep your cholesterol in check, you should avoid saturated and trans-fat foods. Make sure you fill your plate with lean meats, fruits and vegetables.

Nancy from Howell e-mails saying she doesn't seem to have any energy. Is there anything she can do?

Fatigue is one of the most common reasons adults head to the doctor. Numerous studies found people who go to the doctor complaining of fatigue have suffered with it for a while, anywhere from six months to several years. Fatigue can be caused by numerous things, including stress, depression, inactivity or a bad diet, but there are things you can do to get your energy back.

First, eat a well-balanced diet including protein, fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Make sure you are drinking enough water. Some 75 percent of Americans suffer with dehydration. This can lead to depression, mood swings and fatigue. You should drink eight glasses a day. You also need to exercise! Even if you feel too tired, get up and get moving. It is one of the best ways to fight fatigue!

If you have a health or fitness question you would like answered in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, e-mail Peter through his Web site www.peternielsen.com. Contact him Peter Nielsen's Personal Training Club in West Bloomfield or Nielsen's Town Center Health Club in Southfield.

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Divorce support group

Group discussion 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, Patricia Kasody-Coyle will also be available to answer questions in a private setting on a first come, first served basis, in the Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. For information, call (734) 462-4443.

Treating allergies naturally

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the Alfred Noble Library, 32901 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

Camp Oasis

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) host its sixth annual Camp Oasis July 15-21 at Camp Copneonic in Fenton for children ages 7-17 who have Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. For information or to have application information mailed, send e-mail to michigan@ccfa.org or call (248) 737-0900.

Treating thyroid disorders naturally

Dr. William Karl, a certified wellness doctor, presents a workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, July 30, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Co-sponsored by the nonprofit Foundation for Wellness Professionals. No charge. Seating limited. Call (734) 425-8588 to reserve a seat.

Hospice volunteers needed

Looking for caring volunteers to provide in-home companionship visits to patients with life-limiting illnesses and/or respite support for their caregivers and families. Weekday availability preferred. St. John Hospice provides services in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair counties. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (800) 248-2298 or visit www.stjohn.org/hospice.

Volunteer training

Heartland Hospice Services is looking for caring and compassionate individuals for hospice volunteer training to provide companionship, support and friendly visits for patients and their caregivers. We are located in Southfield and serve the Tri-county area. Evening and daytime classes available. Office support is also needed. To register, call (800) 770-9859.

UPCOMING

Health camps

Students can learn about their bodies at two camps at the St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Center in Canton. For information and to register, call (734) 398-7518.

Amazing Me focuses on keeping the body healthy and features demonstrations, dissections, games, crafts, and activities Aug. 6-10 for students completing second to fourth grades. Awesome Asthma is designed to improve self-image and promote independence in kids with the disease. Campers learn about medications, risk factors and self-management Aug. 13-17 (students in grades 2-5).

Post-polio conference

Presented by Michigan Polio Network, a nonprofit providing information and education on the later effects of polio, Friday-Saturday, Sept. 21-22, at Soaring Eagle Casino Conference Center, Mt. Pleasant. Keynote speaker is Dr. Daniel Ryan, medical director, St. John Post-Polio Clinic. Cost is \$45. Pre-registration required. Call (248) 476-2477 or (313) 885-7855.

ONGOING

Our Body exhibit

Our Body exhibit tickets \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 children. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. Advance tickets on sale at www.detroitsciencecenter.org. Exhibit continues to Sept. 3, at Detroit Science Center. For information, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

MS support group

Family and friends of those with MS (multiple sclerosis) are invited to attend a new support group held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Botsford Hospital's A & E building in Farmington. For directions call (248) 231-1136.

Volunteers needed

Sandcastles grief support program for children and teens needs volunteers for Rochester, Southfield, Livonia and other sites. Sponsored by Hospices of Henry Ford Health System, the programs meetings are held biweekly. SandCastles also offers a weekend bereavement camp in August which is in need of volunteers. For more information or to register for training, call (313) 874-6881.

Hatha Yoga classes

Beginning and Intermediate continue 5:15-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays to May 22, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. To register, call (734) 655-1145. Hatha Yoga increases flexibil-

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ity, energy level and strength at your own pace in a non-competitive setting. Includes meditation and breathing techniques. Class participants need to be able to move between a standing position to a hands and knees position with ease.

TOPS

Stands for Take Off Pounds Sensibly, the group meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is from 6:15-6:55 p.m. It is a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Margaret at (734) 838-0322.

Running 101

Classes for beginning runner 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in Ann Arbor and Northville, Mondays in Novi, Wednesdays in West Bloomfield, five week course of five sessions presented by Running Fit. Cost is \$39. To register, visit www.runningfit.com.

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Eating disorders support

Weekly support groups take place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday at Beaumont Hospital, 3601 W. 13 Mile, west of Woodward, and 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road. Meetings open to all persons with anorexia, bulimia, binge eating, compulsive eating, etc. No registration required. Support groups for family and friends meet 7-8:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of every month, and for parents only on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at Beaumont Hospital. For information, call (734) 324-3089.

Grief support group

New Hope Center for Grief Support is starting a support group for adults who are facing the impending death of a loved one. It meets 7-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of

each month at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 16100 Haggerty, between Five and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For information, call (248) 348-0115. No registration required.

Hospice volunteer training

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan hospice program needs compassionate volunteers to comfort and support patients at the end of life in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. A free 15-hour comprehensive training program is provided. Training sessions are held at 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 600, Oak Park. For information, call (800) 882-5720, Ext. 8361, or visit www.vna.org.

Hospice volunteers sought

Hospices of Henry Ford is seeking volunteers who want to make a positive contribution to people in need. Volunteers are needed to offer companionship and family support for loved ones who are terminally ill in the patient's home, nursing home facilities or in the hospital. For information, contact 1-800-492-9909 or visit www.henryford.com/hospice.

Arthritis classes

Presented by the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter. For information, call (800) 968-3030 or visit www.arthritis.org.

Group members sought

Panic Relief, Inc., a nonprofit educational corporation located in New Jersey, is seeking people to start a free local support group for those suffering from panic attacks and anxiety. The group needs a minimum of four people and will have a positive focus. To participate, call (732) 940-9658. For information on the program, visit www.panicreliefinc.com.

Support group

The Infant and Parent Support Group, Smoothing the Transition, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Community Room at Botsford Hospital's Ziegler Building, 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 442-2565. The group allows parents to share concerns about adjusting to the introduction of a newborn to their family dynamics and deals with issues relating to infants from 0-1 year of age. Possible topics include comforting a crying infant, feeding issues, sleep deprivation, coping with the new role as parents, and sibling rivalry. The group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month.

Caregivers support

St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association have collaborated to offer an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 3-4:30 p.m. on the first

Thursday of each month in Classroom 1 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile at Levan, Livonia. No fee. No registration required. For information, contact Audra Frye at (248) 426-7055.

Cancer support group

The Charach Cancer Treatment Center at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital hosts a support group for anyone dealing with the cancer experience including those with cancer, or those who are related to or know someone living with cancer, group meets the first and third Monday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in the cancer treatment center off of the hospital's South Garden entrance, 1 William Carls Drive, Commerce. For more information, call (248) 937-5163.

Support group

For persons trying to quit smoking, support group offers education on various methods of quitting including but not limited to nicotine replacement and medications, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital, 1 Williams Carls Drive, Commerce. No charge or pre-registration. For details, call (248) 937-3314.

Teen drug workshop

Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do series provides helpful information to families and others concerned about a young person who may be harmfully involved with alcohol or other drug use. The free workshops, are presented by Ronald Harrison, SW, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Parents, other family members, teens, and people who work with teens are welcome. Free literature about alcohol/other drugs, and teens is provided.

Part One: What To Know provides information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems. Part Two What To Do provides information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. Part One and Two are repeated 7:30-9 p.m. every first Tuesday of each month from October to June. For information, call (734) 973-7892, send e-mail to jessa@med.umich.edu, or visit www.teensusingdrugs.org.

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Substance abuse therapy Group for ages 18-25 who are sincere about recovery and have completed or are currently in a treatment program, or participating in AA or NA, at Birmingham Maple Clinic, 950 E. Maple, Birmingham. Meets 8-9:30 p.m. Thursdays. Intake evaluation required. For details, call David Garvelink at (248) 646-6659 or (248) 320-6700.

FIBROMYALGIA

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walks daily to alleviate the pain in his upper back, arms, neck, and head. He wrote the chapter on a male fibromyalgia patient's perspective.

INTENSE PAIN

"In 1986 things hurt and it was hard in the beginning to know what it was because I had so many physical injuries from the accident," said Rob Leider. "I got to Dr. Meerschardt and he identified it. The pain from the fibro became so intense. Between the brain injury and living in 24-hour pain it kind of makes you crazy. I continually invented new ways to keep going. When you're constantly busy it doesn't bother you as much as when you're still. I had to laugh at the seriousness of what was going on or fall apart crying. There was no other way to survive it. Coping with humor and keeping yourself busy is the key to it. If you give up you're finished." Fibromyalgia patients referred to Dr. Sander Paul of

Huntington Woods could possibly be on their way to reducing their distress. In many cases, fibromyalgia symptoms overlap those of hypothyroidism and adrenal insufficiency. An endocrinologist at Beaumont Hospitals, Paul says he can usually make a fibromyalgia patient feel 20 to 30 percent better by treating the hypothyroidism or adrenal insufficiency.

"Every person with fibromyalgia deserves a workup for hypothyroidism and adrenal insufficiency," said Paul. "Fibromyalgia is a diagnosis of exclusion. A person diagnosed with fibromyalgia may have adrenal insufficiency or hypothyroidism related to fibromyalgia."

Paul has already begun recommending the self-help book to patients with fibromyalgia.

"I think it's a good resource," said Paul. "Sharon addresses a lot of the issues such as does nutrition and acupuncture work? People with fibromyalgia are desperate to get help."

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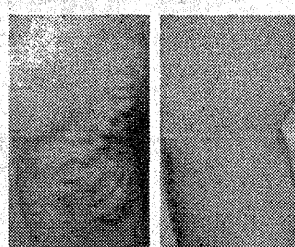
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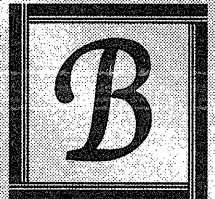
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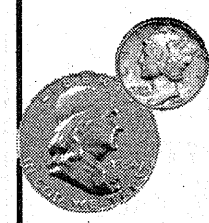
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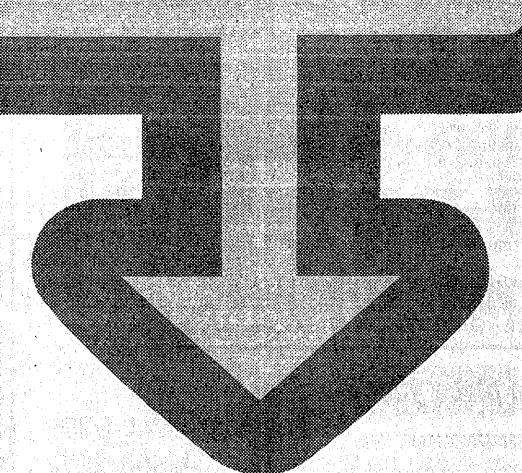
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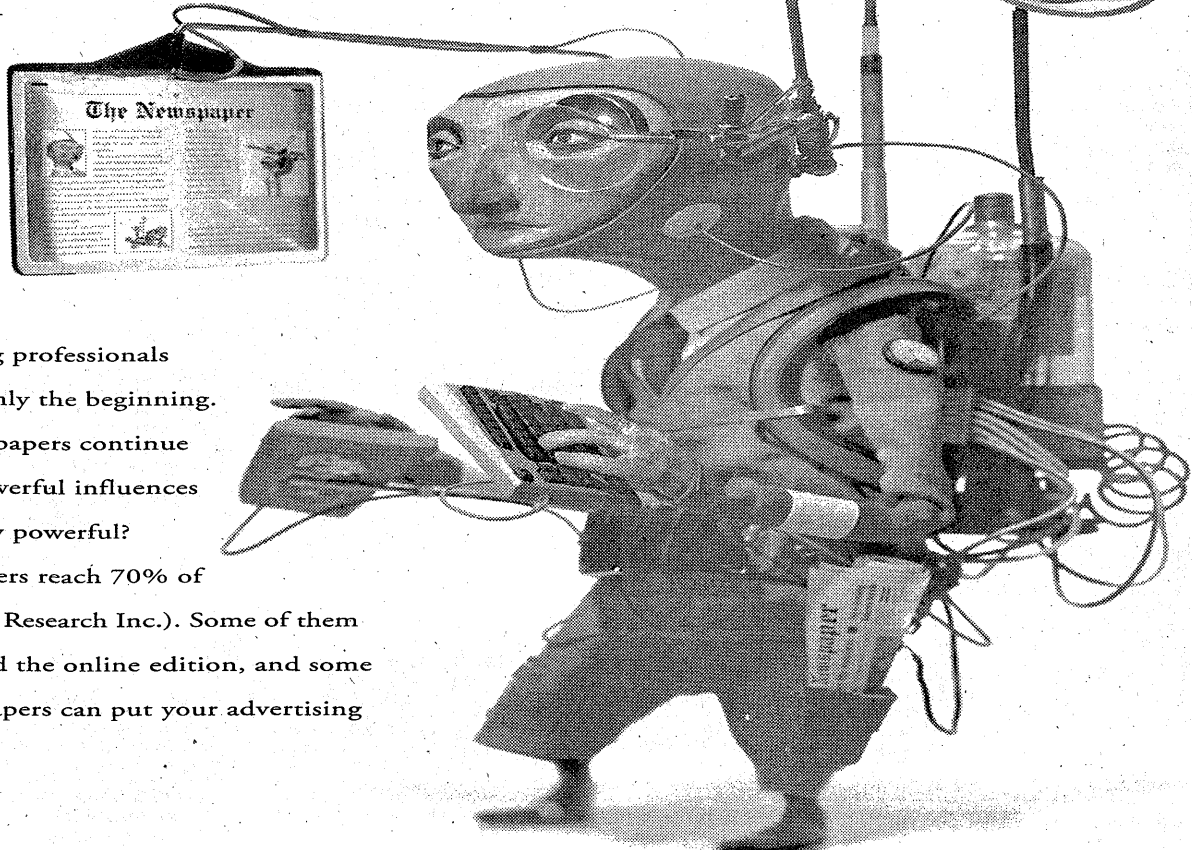
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SWF, 57, 5'6", attractive, intelligent, romantic, enjoys walks, dancing and singing, seeks a 5'8" to medium build, NS, gentleman, 48-65, 5'8"+, for companionship, maybe more. ☎175130

POSSIBLE LTR

SWPF, 58, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, NS, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks SWFM, 55-62, NS, college degree, healthy, SOH, possible LTR. ☎207161

SOUND LIKE YOU?

SF, 26, fun-loving, enjoys sports, romance and trying new things. Seeking honest, easy-going man to share talks, good times, friendship and fun. ☎209655

CALL ME SOMETIME

Loving, compassionate, romantic lady, 34, enjoys day trips, good talks, togetherness, casinos, time with family. Seeking a loving, respectful, level-headed man to share the good things in life. ☎209655

CURIOS AND ADVENTUROUS

SWF, 58', blond/blue, hwp, enjoys sincere friendships, good conversations, traveling, dancing and the beach, searching for a SWM, 52-58, with a warm smile and great personality. ☎206243

IVORY SEEKS EBONY

Honest, independent, separated WF, 47, 5'7", voluptuous, NS, N/D, DID-free, enjoys coffee shops, reading, walks, dining, movie nights, etc. ISO stable, sane, sociable, sweet SBM to share special times. ☎147676

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. ☎922242

WORTH YOUR CALL

SBF, 22, 5'4", light complexion, brown/hazel, dimples, 200lbs, enjoys horror films, hanging with friends. Looking for a nice, smart, compassionate, goal-oriented man to share the good things in life. ☎201967

OUTGOING AND OPEN

SBF, 19, 5'10", likes dining, movies and relaxing at home, seeking a SM, 19+, with various interests, let's get together and talk over dinner. ☎208077

QUEEN SEARCHING FOR KING

SWF, 23, searching for a SBM, 25-35, outgoing, sensitive, outgoing, understanding, good sense of humor, who likes to go out and have fun. ☎208814

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE

Cute SWF, mother of 2, enjoys movies and dining in/out. Seeking truly bear type SM, 35-45, race open, NS, attractive inside and out, humorous, cuddly, responsible, family-oriented, kids ok. ☎980301

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Employed, easygoing SBF, 48, mom, pretty smile, golden complexion, brown/brown, attractive, independent, warm-hearted, loves R&B, soul, classic cars/car shows, concerts. Seeking warm-hearted, independent SBM, intelligent and good-humored for companionship, happiness. ☎200928

SEARCHING FOR A MAN...

45-60, who's looking for commitment, love and laughter. I'm a 45-year-old who's bright, spunky and pretty. Only Jewish men please. ☎982317

READ THIS AD!

SWF, 61, NS, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎164114

ROMANTIC EVENINGS

SWPF, 53", 120lbs, auburn/brown, enjoys dancing, dining, traveling, antiques and long walks, would like to meet a SWM, 55-60, with similar interest or companionship, romance and more. ☎206203

OLD SCHOOL GIRL...

looking for old school guy. SBF, 41, has a good sense of humor, NS, seeks nice guy, for dating and possibly more. ☎195572

LIFE IS SHORT

SWF, 41, 5'7", outgoing, fun, enjoys all sports, the outdoors and warm climates, seeking a caring, romantic, honest, handsome SM, 35-70, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎189112

WANTING A MAN TO LOVE

SBF, 35, 5'9", 172lbs, brown complexion, homeowner, independent, goal-oriented, looking for a handsome, kind, respectful, monogamous, even-tempered SBM, 35-40, medium-dark complexion, available, loving and caring, for loving relationship. ☎184313

GOOD TIMES

Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, DID-free, search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159358

MATURE AND SEXY

Open-minded, mature, attractive SF, 49, knows when to be serious, but has a sense of humor as well. Live and let live is my policy. ISO understanding, fun-loving good-hearted guy. ☎199972

DON'T BE ALONE

SBF, 37, hard-worker, enjoys movies, dining and cooking, seeking a SBM, 37+, sincere, trustworthy, NS, for friendship, possible LTR if compatible. ☎193299

SEEKS NEW FRIENDS

Tall, sexy, ebony artist, enjoys culture, music, the outdoors, the ocean, bookstores, coffeehouses, biking, sports, searching for a SM, 18-45, who can enjoy the same. ☎198785

READY FOR A FRESH START?

DWF, 47, 5'5", 120lbs, long blonde/blue, well-proportioned, very feminine, attractive, self-employed. Seeking SWM, 45-57, 6'1", 225lbs+, good sense of humor, energetic, traveler, outdoorsman, adventurer, marly gentleman. ☎929249

WILD AND SOPHISTICATED

Ebony woman desires shared love relationship for mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and financial uplift. 40-50. ☎147056

FRIENDS FIRST

WIMF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

CLASSY LADY

SBF, 36, 5'3", NS, seeking a SBM, 35-49, who enjoys sports, dining, traveling and movies, for friendship first, maybe more. ☎192050

LET'S MEET

SBF, curvy, short, pretty, outgoing, self-employed, seeking a busy SBM, 48-60, who likes concerts, traveling and dining. Let's get together and talk. ☎205287

CLASSY LADY

SBF, middle-aged, attractive, enjoys dining, movies, plays and bowling, seeks a SM, 48-60, NS, good sense of humor and good values/morals. ☎207254

LOOKING FOR YOU

Attractive SWF, 59, 5'7", blond/green, with a loving heart, seeking a SWM, christian +, NS, DID-free, who enjoys the simple things in life. ☎206291

GIRL NEXT DOOR

SWF, 22, 5'5", brown/hazel, seeking a SM, 22-35, who likes movies, dining and more. Let's get together. ☎192872

THE GOOD LIFE

SBF, 25, 5'7", seeking a SBF, 20-36, who enjoys the simple things in life, to hang out with, go out to the movies, shopping or walks in the park. ☎198864

HOW ARE YOU?

SBF, 29, mom of 2, NS, fun-loving, caring, compassionate likes cooking, painting, walks, beaches, family times. Seeking a nice guy with zest for life, to share a little happiness. ☎200770

SEEKING SPECIAL GENT

DWF, 63, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes theater, travel, dining, fitness. Wishing to meet a non-smoking WM, 58-70, for possible romance. ☎630808

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?

Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

DO YOU EXIST?

DWF, 58, 5'7", slender, very attractive, college-educated, enjoys movies, theater, sports, concerts, dining and travel. Seeking widowed/divorced WPM, 55-63, athletic, healthy, tall, NS, DID-free, with good sense of humor. ☎200298

FIND ME

Attractive SAF, 49, NS, 5'3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, NS, for friendship, and more. ☎193921

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty, charming SWF, successful, kind, compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen, 55-80, please respond. Hopefully we'll be each other's soul mates. ☎920274

FORMER MODEL

SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎300106

TAKE ME GOLFING

Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower a plus. Honest, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

NO DRAMA

SBF, 28, outgoing, down-to-earth, loves shopping, bowling, shooting pool, more. ISO a special man, 20-38, with like interests, to share special times. ☎172726

SEEKING MR. RIGHT

Classy SBF, hoping to meet a SBM, 45-60, I'm a very passionate, affectionate, loving person, who enjoys a variety of activities. If you're seeking your soulmate, why not try me? ☎985794

GIRL NEXT DOOR

SBF, 22, 5'11", seeking a SM, 18-27, for dinner dates, phone conversations, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎188347

ARE YOU MY MATCH?

SBF, 29, 5'5", outgoing, happy, enjoys dining, DID-free, seeking a SBM, 21-36, honest, caring, for friendship, maybe more. ☎188807

LET'S TALK

SBF, 53, 4'11", likes romantic walks, dining and more, seeking a SBM, 45-50, who wants to commit to someone special. ☎190972

HOPE IT'S YOU

SBM, 30, 5'6", 180lbs, mom, dark complexion, brown eyes, medium length hair, seeks cool, handsome, down-to-earth SM, drama-free and considerate, to share all the good things life offers. ☎191375

SENT FROM HEAVEN

SBF, 21, loving, caring, kind, compassionate, generous, attractive, honest, seeking a SM, 25-72, with similar qualities, to spend time with, go out to dinner or the movies. ☎201388

GET TO KNOW ME

Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, NS. Possible LTR. ☎953760

VERY CUTE

SBF, 56, 5'3", 122lbs, interested in fit, good-looking, confident male, 45-58, NS, intelligent, sincere, down-to-earth SM, drama-free and considerate to someone special. ☎113198

I NEED A LOVE...

to keep me happy. Attractive, classy, delightful, charming WF, 49, no kids, seeks SWM, 45+, no kids, NS, fun, loving, caring. ☎568059

LOOKING FOR ME?

Energetic SBF, 52, NS, attractive, educated, sociable, 5'7", 170lbs, enjoys movies, reading, concerts, theater, dining, travel, trying new things. ISO intelligent, spontaneous, active gentleman, NS, to share these. Let's talk. ☎135617

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HOW ABOUT ME?

Loving, sociable, employed SM, 48, 5'9", 210lbs, dark complexion, well-groomed, DID-free, smoker, independent, affectionate, looking for a special lady I can treat like a queen. ☎210000

A SPECIAL GUY

DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎206246

NEW TO AREA

SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Handsome, mature gent SWM, 50, traditional values, romantic, and thoughtful, enjoys cultural events, antiquing, short trips, etc. Seeking SWF for friendship and companionship. ☎176497

A GOOD HEART

Easygoing, honest, simple man, 37, 6', 200lbs, healthy, loves sports, romance, snuggling. Looking to meet a kind-hearted, commitment-minded woman, curvy A+, to share companionship, laughter, possible LTR. ☎209203

HONEST AND COMPASSIONATE

SWM, 48, 5'7", brown/brown, masculine, handsome, honest, kind, compassionate, humorous, likes good conversations, long walks, movies, activities. Searching for the same in a woman, 35-55, for dating, fun, possible LTR. ☎205521

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE

Busy salesman, family-oriented, churchgoing SBM, 36, enjoys art galleries, cultural events, cooking dinner, movies. Seeking respectful, communicative lady, 18-45, for friendship that may lead to romance. ☎208676

AMERICAN MADE

WM, 45, above-average looking, brown/blue, athletic, honest, good sense of humor, seeks compatible woman, with same interests, age open. ☎131277

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

THE REAL DEAL

SWM, 59, handsome, NS, blond/blue, 5'9", 165lbs, Catholic, down to earth, easygoing, seeks WF, 42-65, NS, physically fit, with classy and style. ☎134068

WHY WAIT?

DWM, 43, 6', blond/green, smoker, with daughter, loves bike riding, reading, classic rock and symphony music. Seeking WF, 30-42, smoker, to share quiet evenings, for LTR. ☎175352

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

SBM, likes quiet times, basketball, movies and sporting events, seeking a nice, honest, caring woman, 26-48, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎204552

NICE LOOKING

SWM, 45, 6'2", 240lbs, brown/green, seeking a SWF, 38-45, hwp, who go out to get to know each other and go on dates. Let's see what happens. ☎205119

LOIS LAINE

Even a modern day superman needs a little help. SWM, 40s, fun, outgoing, adventurous, seeks SF, hwp, sexy, with similar qualities. ☎204455

CUTE, CUDDLY COWBOY

Wise and kind SWM, 46, enjoys simplicity, art fairs, flea markets, festivals. Seeking the company of a lady with similar interests. ☎200459

TAKE A LOOK

DWM, 46, 5'9", blond/hazel, NS, occasional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ☎163984

A GOOD CATCH

SBM, 35, 5'8", 220lbs, dark complexion, shaved head, mustache, correctional officer, father, looking for a loving, good-hearted, child-friendly lady with whom to share life and all it offers. ☎141719

EASYGOING

Sharp, sociable SWM, 45, with good character and pleasant personality, likes the outdoors, fishing, motor sports etc. W/MTM SWF, for dating and fun times. ☎187814

LET'S GET GOING!

SWM 40s, attractive, good shape, great listener, enjoys good conversation, friendship, spontaneous fun, and laughter, seeks reasonable SWF for dating and more. ☎128302

TALL, ATHLETIC

SWM, 47, 6'2", 240lbs, part-time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎251308

NICE LOOKING JEWISH GUY

Very honest S.M., 62', 225lbs, 46, business owner, attractive, enjoys life, loves bowling, open to LTR. Seeks attractive, slim, physically fit, emotionally open and intimate SF; 25-4